Hi Colleagues,

As the semester draws to a close, I’m scrolling through the newsletters and recalling the proud, distinctive and just plain wild accomplishments we’ve had over the past four months. The School hosted local scholars, as well as an NBC Tonight Show producer. Faculty published books and articles; students and staff were awarded honors. Serbian journalists spoke to a large lecture class, and President Scott Scarborough was interviewed in a comedy sketch.

Thanks to all of you who welcomed prospective students during the summer and fall semesters. Throughout the semester, I’ve been pleased to meet with students for follow up visits from these initial contacts. One student who returned with his mother said he was back “because it feels like home.” We’ll look for the spring visit days to be equally as successful. All of the faculty preferences for the spring dates were able to be honored; the list is published in this issue for your reference.

Recently, I attended two events that showcased the talents of current students and alumni. The forensics team hosted two national tournaments in which, according to faculty and alumni judges, our students turned in award-winning performances. Likewise, the 2380 film club screened its independent films at Nightlight Cinema, Akron’s downtown movie theater that alumnus Rob Lucas opened, with a little help from the Knight Foundation.

Happy holidays,

Terry
Alumnus Scholarship Announced

The family of Ryan Chase Basora has established The Ryan C. Basora Endowed Memorial Scholarship in the School of Communication to be awarded to students studying Communication.

Ryan’s parents, Joseph and Rhea Basora, from Boardman, created the scholarship in memory of the 2010 alumnus, who died in a car accident in March 2013. He received his degree in mass media communication and included many semesters on the Dean’s List along the way. He was active in the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity and volunteered with Ronald McDonald House and Relay for Life.

The scholarship will be awarded to full-time students, with preference given to those who are involved in Greek Life.

Faculty Presentations


Faculty Publications

**Announcements & Reminders**

- Media student Jay Jackman was selected for a National Association of TV Programming Executives internship. The NATPE only awards 20 internships nationwide per year. He’ll have the opportunity to work with media industry leaders. Alumna Alaina Pinto was an honoree in 2012. She is currently working at Fox 44 in Vermont.

- Donations are still coming in from the United Way campaign that will go toward endowing the Ruth B. Lewis Memorial Scholarship. A pioneering woman in the broadcast industry, Ruth Bartlett Lewis became the general manager of WAUP-FM, the forerunner of WZIP-FM. Dr. Lewis was instrumental in forming what is now the School of Communication.

- Points of Pride Reminder: Let Brenda Reichert know of your former students who are working at the university, so she can add a “point of pride” to our campus map. While your thoughts are on alumni and you fondly recall others, please make her aware of them as well, even if they’re no longer on campus!

- The *Speak Off* will be held April 14 and the *Speech Contest* will be April 22 at the Quaker Square Grand Ballroom. The prizes will be: $1,000 for first place, $750 for Second, $500 for Third, $250 for Fourth, and $250 for Fifth. Those working the event will have an opportunity to win a gift card.

**Spring 2015 Visit Days**

**UA Scholars Day:** Beth Graham & Val Pipps

Saturday, January 24, 2015

- Primary Audience: Invitation only to scholarship eligible students from the class of 2015
- Academic Expo: 10:40 a.m. – Noon
  - Student Union

**Discovery Diversity Day:** Gabe Giralt & Kate Clark

Friday, February 6, 2015

Primary Audience: Class of 2015 and 2016; African American, Latino and Native American students.

- **Program Coordinator:** Courtney Johnson-Benson. Courtney will contact you at a later date with more information.

**Senior Day: A to Zip:** Sylvia White & Heather Walter

Monday, February 16, 2015

- Primary Audience: class of 2015 prospects, applicants and admits
- Academic Information Fair: 1:30 – 3 p.m.
  - Student Union Ballroom
**Senior Day: A to Zip: Dudley Turner & Tang Tang**

Friday, March 13, 2015

- Primary Audience: class of 2015 prospects, applicants and admits
- Academic Information Fair: 1:30 – 3 p.m.
  - Student Union Ballroom

**Spring Visit Day: Andrew Rancer & Yang Lin**

Saturday, April 18, 2015

- Primary Audience: Class of 2016
- Academic Breakout Sessions: 10:30 – Noon

**Fall 2014 Semester Calendar**

Dec. 8 – Dec. 14: Final Exam Week

Dec. 10, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.: The School of Communication Holiday Party, KO 111

Dec. 13: Fall Graduation

**Tues, Dec. 16: Final Grades Due**

**Spring 2015 Semester Calendar**

Jan. 1: New Year’s Day – University Closed

Jan. 12: Spring Semester classes begin

Jan. 19: Martin Luther King Jr Day – University Closed

Jan. 20: Last day to add classes

Jan. 24: UA Scholars Day

Jan. 26: Last day to drop without a WD appearing on transcripts

Jan. 30: Noon faculty meeting

Feb. 6: Discover Diversity Day

Feb. 16: A to Zip

Feb. 17: President’s Day Observed – Classes canceled
Feb. 27: Noon faculty meeting

March 1: Graduation applications due for Graduate students

March 2: Last day for course withdrawals

March 13: Senior Day A to Zip

March 16: Preliminary Master’s theses due to Graduate School for Spring 2015 graduation

March 20: Noon faculty meeting

March 23-29: Spring Semester 2015 recess

April 1: Undergraduate graduation applications due for Summer 2015.

April 6: Final submission of theses to graduate school for Spring 2015 graduation

April 18: Spring Visit Day

May 1: Noon faculty meeting

May 4-10: Final exams

May 8-10: Spring 2015 Commencement

**Faculty Matters Submissions**

After a presentation, faculty should submit the presenter name/s, the title of the presentation and the venue at which it was presented.

After a manuscript has been published, faculty should submit a copy of the article along with the bibliographic citation.

Corrections for the current issue along with new information intended for publication in future issues of *Faculty Matters*, should be emailed to Christina Marek: cm107@zips.uakron.edu

The interim director takes full responsibility for any errors or omissions in this e-newsletter. Thank you!