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FROM THE PRESIDENT



President David R. Hopkins (left) presents a commemorative print of the Wright State Nutter Center to Bob Nutter, son of the late Ervin J. Nutter

Welcome to this issue of *Wright State University Magazine*.

If you asked me to summarize Wright State in one word, I probably couldn't do it. Too many descriptions come to mind—innovative, diverse, transformative. But if there is one quality that definitely sets us apart, I believe it's our sense of community.

This issue beautifully and eloquently demonstrates how our students, alumni, faculty, and staff are making a difference in communities throughout our region. Take, for example, the work of Wright State student Connor Keiser. The descendant of a freed slave, Connor is determined to preserve Longtown, Ohio, an historic African American settlement and the hometown of his ancestors.

On campus, we recently celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Wright State University Nutter Center. This world-class facility has left an indelible imprint on our region over the last quarter century. The economic impact of the Nutter Center alone is cause for celebration. But what I think all of us appreciate most are the memories we've created at the Nutter Center over the years. From hosting concerts to commencements, presidential candidates to Raiders basketball games, the Nutter Center has enhanced the quality of our lives.

On September 26, the eyes of the world will be on the Nutter Center as Wright State University hosts the first presidential debate of 2016. In this issue, we'll give you the inside scoop on the work that went on behind the scenes to be selected for this incredibly important event, where our students will witness democracy in action. As you can imagine, collaboration across our campus and with communities and organizations throughout our region was absolutely key.

2016 has gotten off to a great start and the best is yet to come!

Warmest regards from campus,

David R. Hopkins
President, Wright State University

vanishing act

wright state's connor keiser works to preserve historic black settlement of longtown

BY JIM HANNAH

THE SHADOWS ARE growing long in Longtown, Ohio. Connor Keiser cracks open the blinds inside the Bethel Long Wesleyan Church, sending weak shafts of light into the sanctuary. He then settles into a pew, opens a photo album, and brings the historic black settlement to life.

The 22-year-old Wright State University student is a direct descendant of James Clemens, a freed slave from Virginia who planted the seeds of Longtown nearly two centuries ago in a rural patch of western Ohio. One of the state's first black settlements, Longtown became a pioneer in racial integration and a haven for interracial couples.

But today there is little left of the historic community. And if Longtown vanishes, Keiser says, a big part of American history will be lost. So he's trying to save it.

Connor Keiser is flanked by gravestones in a Longtown cemetery.

“A lot of times, African American history isn’t seen as American history. However, it is; it happened,” Keiser said. “We have something very special here.”

Clemens and his wife, Sophia, arrived in western Ohio in 1818 and soon became prosperous farmers. Their success attracted many other former slaves, and the community of Longtown—including schools and a church—sprang up near the Clemens farm.

Roane Smothers, a Longtown descendant and president of the Union Literary Institute Preservation Society, says Longtown was one of more than 70 African American settlements that existed in Ohio before the Civil War. He said about 10 percent of African Americans were free people of color before the war.

The Union Literary Institute was founded in 1845 near Longtown as a manual-vocational school for the children of freed slaves and became one of the first racially integrated establishments of higher education in the nation. It closed in 1914, fell into disrepair, and until recently was used to store farm equipment.

Floyd Thomas, Jr., curator emeritus of the National Afro-American Museum & Cultural Center, said that for generations of 19th century Americans of African descent, Longtown represented the opportunity to achieve the American dream of freedom, equality, and prosperity.

“At a time when black Americans were systematically excluded from educational opportunity—persecuted and prosecuted in many states if they were discovered learning to read and write—Longtown offered real hope for a brighter future,” he said.

The Afro-American museum, located in Wilberforce, Ohio, chronicles through its collections and programs the experiences of African Americans from their African origins to the present.





The farmhouse of Longtown founder James Clemens



The James Clemens barn then and now



The subjects of recent exhibits include the Civil Rights Movement, the Tuskegee Airmen—a group of black military fighter and bomber pilots who fought in World War II—and Buffalo Soldiers, all-black Army regiments known for fighting in the Indian Wars. The Longtown story will be included in an upcoming exhibit.

Thomas said Longtown is relevant to blacks who remain in the area and the many thousands of descendants of its residents and students scattered throughout the nation.

“Yet its significance is far greater as a sheltered island of humanity in the troubled waters of Antebellum America, where slavery and discrimination based on race was the tragic reality,” he said.

Thomas said archaeological research in Longtown and the surrounding countryside would yield considerable information about the history the community made as one of the earliest settlements in the country where interracial education was a reality.

Before it was named Longtown, the town was known as the Greenville Negro Settlement. But it needed a different name to establish a post office, so it was named after a respected blacksmith.

Despite its isolation, Longtown did not remain untouched by racism. Keiser said the Ku Klux Klan shot and killed his great-great-great-great-grandfather in 1878.

Today, it is difficult to visualize how much vitality once coursed through the capillaries of Longtown:

- The community was remembered by many people as being the home of a popular tavern.
- Churchgoers would shop around for the best sermon at two churches located across the street from each other. The competition became so intense that one church had to relocate.
- One of Keiser’s great-uncles was a pitcher on the Longtown Tigers semi-professional baseball team, once striking out 21 of the 27 opposing batters he faced.

“The Longtown players weren’t necessarily dark-complected,” Keiser said. “In one particular game, they showed up for the game and the opposing team asked, ‘Where is the colored team?’ They said, ‘We’re right here.’”

In 1880, nearly 1,000 people and hundreds of buildings made up Longtown. Today, only a few buildings and about 50 people remain.

The town’s population began to decline after World War II, when many residents moved to larger cities to find work. Those who remained grew old, many of them died and were buried in one of the town’s three

cemeteries, and their children moved away.

Thomas said very few historic sites related to African Americans have survived.

“Many such sites have been destroyed by urban renewal, gentrification, modernization, and a lack of understanding and appreciation for their significance,” he said.

Thomas said there is a great need to preserve and protect Longtown to ensure that it will be a positive educational and inspirational force in society. And he said it is this generation’s responsibility to ensure that Longtown survives.

Fred Clemens, Keiser’s grandfather, grew up in Longtown, spending more than 40 years of his life there before moving away.

“There used to be a lot of stuff around here. It’s about all gone now,” Clemens said during a recent visit. “It’s something to look back at and appreciate where you come from.”

Keiser—the great-great-great-great-great-grandson of James and Sophia Clemens—grew up in New Weston, Ohio, 15 miles north of Longtown. But he often visited Longtown, where his grandparents lived.

“We came here on the holidays and on the weekends just to spend time with family,” he said. “It was no different than any other town. I can remember playing out in the pasture with my cousins.”

Keiser’s father is white, his mother black.

“The term ‘colored’ isn’t used a whole lot anymore, but it is here in Longtown. It refers to the ethnic mix that we are here,” he said. “We are of European, African, and Native American blood. The word ‘colored’ encompasses all three of those ethnicities, and that is what I would like to be called.”

The Clemens farmhouse and barn are still standing, but have been ravaged by time, weather, and wild animals looking for shelter. Wind and rain have scoured the brick and clawed at the mortar of the farmhouse, which has classical Greek Revival details. Many windows are broken or missing; window openings are sealed with plywood that is beginning to warp. The barn is crowned with a roof of rusting metal.

The Clemens farmstead was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2001, an acknowledgment by the federal government that the structures are worthy of preservation.

Keiser, a board member of the Union Literary Institute Preservation Society, is trying to save Longtown by publicizing its history and raising money to renovate and preserve the existing historic structures. He wants to open the Clemens farmstead to the public.

“I’d like to share it because I’m proud,” he said.

On a hallway wall inside the farmhouse are



*left: Keiser's great grandfather, Maze Clemens
right: A signature from the past on a wall inside the Clemens house*

“We were so ahead of our time. We’ve lived here as a mixed-race community for nearly 200 years and we’ve made it work.”

the words ‘WRJ, 1860,’ apparently scrawled by William R. J. Clemens, one of James’ sons. As Keiser walks through the farmhouse, he seems to hear the echoes of history.

“It’s really a hard feeling to describe,” he said. “It’s just amazing to think that my grandparents were here and so much happened in this home over the years. It’s really neat to think that I’m here and I’m able to be here and stand in the home.”

Longtown was a stop along the Underground Railroad, a network of safe houses, churches, and shelters instrumental in helping an estimated 30,000 slaves escape to free states and Canada during the 19th century.

“My grandfather was a conductor on the Underground Railroad, so we can probably assume that slaves stopped here for a time,” Keiser said. “There was supposedly a tunnel from the house to the barn.”

Last year, the Union Literary Institute received a \$17,900 grant from the Ohio History Connection History Fund to help restore the farmstead. With an additional \$15,000 from the institute’s preservation society, work is under way to rebuild 18 windows, repair and replace front and side doors, and restore and paint soffits and fascia.

“We’re going to stabilize it the best we can now,” Keiser said. “But we’re going to have to keep raising funds. We are on the road to further saving what we have left.”

But there are still signs of life. The church, which has been rebuilt, holds services every Sunday, attracting as many as 30 congregants. And a recent Longtown homecoming drew about 200 relatives from around the country.

Keiser began his higher education at Edison Community College in Greenville, then went briefly to Wright State’s Lake Campus before transferring to Wright State’s Dayton Campus in September.

“I was drawn to Wright State because of the diversity,” he said. “My major in international studies is tailored toward working with the diverse population that is at Wright State and makes up the world today.”



The Clemens fireplace

Keiser became aware of the historical significance of Longtown about three years ago when one of his cousins gave a presentation on the historic community during African American History Month at the Garst Museum in nearby Greenville.

“The same cousin that I learned my history from had urged me to find my family history, to study it. Because of him I like to say I’m doing what I’m doing,” Keiser said. “I think that the past matters. It’s so empowering to know where you come from, who you come from.”

Smothers said Keiser has given presentations in the area and been very effective in educating the community about the historical significance of Longtown. Keiser’s efforts were recently featured in the *Washington Post*.

“Many of the African American farmers and residents of Longtown are dying and their descendants are selling the farms and land to white property owners,” Smothers said. “When this has happened at other African American settlements, the buildings and cemeteries were demolished and the story about these African American pioneers are forgotten and buried.”

Keiser refuses to allow that to happen to Longtown.

“We were so ahead of our time,” he said. “We’ve lived here as a mixed-race community for nearly 200 years and we’ve made it work.” **W**



Keiser with his grandfather, Fred Clemens

presidential prestige

wright state preparing to host first presidential debate

By JIM HANNAH



Members of the Wright State University family—students, faculty, former faculty, and staff—gear up for the presidential debate at the Wright State Nutter Center



THE NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT will shine brightly this fall on Wright State University, which will become the center of the universe in American politics when it hosts the first presidential debate.

“The first one is special,” said Donna Schlagheck, retired head of the Department of Political Science, who helped Wright State win the honor of hosting the debate. “It will be the American voters’ first opportunity to take full measure—head to head—of the finalists for the most powerful position in the world. This really is groundbreaking for the university.”

The debate, which will take place at the Wright State University Nutter Center, is expected to pump as much as \$14 million into the local economy. Requests for hotel reservations began pouring in the day it was announced that Wright State would host the debate, and officials are expecting more than 3,000 hotel rooms to be booked.

But perhaps more importantly, the debate will give Wright State students an up-close look at the candidates and a taste of democracy in action amid the blare of a media swarm.

Robert J. Sweeney, Wright State’s executive vice president for planning, said the debate will provide opportunities for students looking for on-the-job training, some of it helping the media members expected to cover the event.

“This event is logistics and supply chain management at its best, and we have a logistics and supply chain program,” said Sweeney. “There are so many ways we can tie what’s happening with the debate into the curriculum and careers.”

Schlagheck believes the debate will stimulate more civic engagement by students.

“Many of us across the political spectrum see people disengaged, disappointed, not participating, not voting,” she said. “In many ways, I think we’re at a point in time where we have to rebuild confidence with democracy from the grassroots up.”

The debate is already having an academic impact at Wright State.

The Department of Political Science is offering new courses on political parties and campaigns. The Department of History is offering a class called “Presidents and International Crises.”

Some of the academic departments at the Raj Soin College of Business are expected to infuse courses with debate-related material, and the college plans to host a debate watch party.

In addition, a campus film series on the American presidency is being organized. And Wright State is applying for a grant to work with K-12 teachers to educate their students about democracy and politics.

The idea of hosting a presidential debate first surfaced in 2008 after Republican presidential candidate John McCain announced Sarah Palin as his running mate at Wright State. But the initiative lost a little steam when it was learned that the application process to the Presidential Debate Commission could take years.

Then in early 2014, a chance conversation occurred

between Schlagheck, then chair of the Department of Political Science, and John McCance, a Wright State alumnus who had recently retired from the Air Force and was co-chair of organizing activities for the 20th anniversary of the Dayton Peace Accords.

The two decided to try to persuade Wright State officials to make another run at hosting a presidential debate. So Schlagheck pitched the idea to the administration.

“We knew the GOP Convention would be in Cleveland,” said Schlagheck. “And the road to the White House always leads through Ohio.”

A short time later, President David R. Hopkins committed to having Wright State apply to host a debate.

“The best part of it was hearing President Hopkins give his absolute, bar-none support to the idea,” said Schlagheck. “I have to admit, as a professor of political science, it was sweet.”

But she said the process of applying was like writing a telephone book. Schlagheck and McCance worked with Jim Brown, executive director of the Nutter Center, as well as the Greene and Montgomery County visitors bureaus to fill out the massive application.

Part of it was easy because the Secret Service had already vetted Wright State many times and was familiar with the Nutter Center. Barack Obama, John McCain, Joe Biden, and George Bush had all visited Wright State, with many of the stops at the Nutter Center.

But the specs had to be reviewed to ensure the wiring and fiber optics were in place to handle a nationally televised debate and the thousands of media members who would cover it.

Between trips to Washington, D.C., and site visits, the Presidential Debate Commission learned of the university’s close relationship to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and was given convincing data by the visitors bureaus of the area’s ability to handle such a national event.

During one visit, commission members had breakfast with a large group of local elected officials, who voiced their strong support to giving the Dayton area a national voice and exposure.

Finally, on September 23, the commission announced that Wright State would host the first of three presidential debates, on September 26, 2016. The announcement triggered a frenzy of national publicity and social media buzz for Wright State.

Wright State was one of 16 sites that applied to host a debate. Also hosting debates are Washington University in St. Louis and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Schlagheck believes the site visits clinched it for Wright State.

“I think it was the warmth, the enthusiasm visitors feel when they come to our campus and the impressive facility,” she said. “I am very confident that we’ll be looked at as having organized the best presidential debate. It is my hope that it will put a face to Wright State University.” **W**

stage of excitement

nutter center celebrates 25th anniversary

BY JIM HANNAH



“We’re an economic enhancer not only for Greene County, but for the state of Ohio.”

AS THE WRIGHT STATE University Nutter Center celebrates 25 years of operation, Executive Director Jim Brown needs only one word to describe the facility’s impact on the region—“huge.”

“What is the Nutter Center? We’re everything,” Brown says.

For the past quarter century, the Nutter Center has served as a stage for spectacular concerts, shows, and political events. But it also stands on Wright State’s front porch and has become a beacon and ambassador for the university.

“We are a key component of the university; we are Wright State,” said Brown. “Part of our mission is to be involved in the community. And I think we do a good job of helping with economic growth.”

The \$34 million, university-owned Nutter Center—an 11,000-seat sports and entertainment complex—opened December 15, 1990, with a show by the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra.

It has since become an economic engine for the region, putting money into the pockets of hotels, shops, and restaurants.

In 2013, the Nutter Center was third in the nation in attendance and gross sales for medium-sized venues at colleges and universities, according to *Venues Today* magazine.

From July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015, the Nutter Center had 275 event days, hosting 457 events in the arena, Berry Room, McLin Gymnasium, and the concourse. About 350,000 people passed through Nutter Center doors for those events.

When the Nutter Center hosted the Winter Guard World Championships, the Air Force Marathon Expo, and the Jehovah’s Witnesses’ district convention a few years ago, those three events alone had a \$42 million economic impact to the region.

“We’re an economic enhancer not only for Greene County, but for the state of Ohio,” said Brown. “We’re the economic enhancer and the quality-of-life enhancer.”

The Nutter Center takes its

name from the late Ervin J. Nutter, a Beavercreek industrialist and university trustee who donated more than \$1.5 million for its construction.

The first rock concert at the Nutter Center was held January 10, 1991, and featured ZZ Top with the Black Crowes. Over the years, the Nutter Center has played host to such top performers as Frank Sinatra, Elton John, Paul Simon, Tina Turner, Garth Brooks, Cher, and Jay-Z.

The Eagles concert in July had gross sales of \$1.3 million, the most the Nutter Center has ever had. Other popular events included concerts by Florida-Georgia Line and the Trans-Siberian Orchestra, as well as regular appearances by the Harlem Globetrotters and *Disney on Ice*.

The facility also hosts Division I college basketball games and practices, color guard championships, car shows, job fairs, religious conventions, graduations, science fairs, sports expos, state volleyball and high school wrestling, and basketball tournaments.

Over the years, the Nutter Center has been home to soccer, hockey, and indoor football teams.

In 2008, the Nutter Center hosted rallies for presidential contenders Barack Obama and John McCain, who announced running mate Sarah Palin. In September, the Nutter Center will host the first of the three presidential debates.

“It’s a tremendous opportunity not only for Wright State, but for the community, the region, the state,” said Brown. “The presidential debate is going to impact the world; it is a world event. The economic impact from that will be huge.”

For 18 years, Jehovah’s Witnesses from Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky came to the Nutter Center for their annual district convention. They filled the arena on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday over four weekends. In 2012, for example, the convention drew an estimated 30,000 people and pumped \$14.1 million into the local economy.

The Winter Guard World



left: Jim Brown

above: Jason Derulo, Elton John, and Disney on Ice are some of the hundreds of performers and shows that have graced the Nutter Center stage during the past quarter century.

Championships are usually held at the Nutter Center for two weekends each year, drawing an estimated 2,000 people from as far away as California.

The Nutter Center also enjoys spinoff from the annual Air Force Marathon, hosting both a 5K run and the Sport and Fitness Expo featuring scores of exhibitors displaying the latest developments in sports, fitness, and nutrition. The marathon and related races attract more than 35,000 runners and supporters from around the world and make a \$14 million splash in the local economy.

Brown said the 5K and expo demonstrate Wright State's involvement with the military and help recruit both traditional and non-traditional students by introducing people with a wide range of ages, backgrounds, and hometowns to the campus.

Some of the events at the Nutter Center, such as the Military Vehicle Preservation Society Conference and the Pontiac GTO Convention, last for days.

For the public announcement of Wright State's \$150 million *Rise. Shine.* fundraising campaign in 2014, the arena floor of the Nutter Center was transformed into a dazzling landscape that included a glittering chandelier and a kaleidoscope of towering video screens, one of which featured a message from Hollywood superstar Tom Hanks.

The Nutter Center also hosts academic events such as Science Olympiad, as well as robot, trebuchet, and Lego competitions.

"That's outreach for prospective students," said Brown. "Any time we can help the university, colleges, and departments bring in potential students, that's an awesome thing."

In addition, the Nutter Center plays host to more than a dozen high school graduations annually, showcasing the university to potential students and delivering celebrants to local hotels and restaurants.

"Try to go to a restaurant after graduation sometime," Brown said. "The folks over at Bob Evans get on my case sometimes, telling me, 'Man, you've got to let us know ahead of time.'"

Brown, who was hired as associate director in 1999, works days, nights, weekends, holidays—sometimes up to 60 hours a week. There have been times when he has worked from 7 a.m. one day until 1 a.m. the next.

The Nutter Center staff includes 10 full-time employees, four part-time employees, and 300 to 400 event workers, depending on the size of the event.

The Nutter Center operators are very community minded. They work with promoters on certain events to have some of the proceeds from ticket sales help local charities for everything from children's hospitals to cancer victims.

The Bob Seger, Jason Aldean, Rascal Flatts, and Zac Brown bands have all autographed guitars that were donated as part of the Nutter Center's charitable work. On one particular day, two guitars signed by country music star Darius Rucker and destined for charities were leaning up against one of Brown's office cabinets.

Even with all of the concerts, shows, graduations, and athletic competitions at the Nutter Center, there is room for more. For example, the facility is getting a lot more inquiries about hosting large banquets—of 600 to 700 people.

"The future of the Nutter Center looks very bright," Brown said. **W**

healthy communities

the center for healthy communities celebrates 25 years of bridging the gap

BY KAREN STRIDER-IAMES

LIKE AN ATTENTIVE GARDENER, Katherine Cauley, Ph.D., sows the seeds of possibilities and cultivates partnerships that produce healthier lives.

As director of the Center for Healthy Communities, Cauley is a true servant leader, creating a nurturing environment where ideas germinate and flourish.

“The Center for Healthy Communities is dedicated to bridging the gap between higher education, health and social service professionals, human services agencies, and the communities served by these professionals and institutions,” said Cauley, who is also a professor of community health at Wright State.

For the last 25 years, the center has worked with over 200 local, state, national, and international partners to expand the health care workforce, train future health care providers through innovative community-based interdisciplinary curricula, and demonstrate new models of care and care coordination.

The center grew from a partnership among local higher educational institutions and community-based health and social service agencies in 1991, with initial fiscal support from the Kellogg Foundation, the Ohio Board of Regents, the Ohio Department of Health, Community Mutual Insurance Company, the Dayton Foundation, Wright State University, and Sinclair Community College. Funded by close to 150 external grants and contracts, the center is administratively housed within the Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine.

The work of the center is rooted in both long-term and project-based partnerships. Its Community Advisory Board provides general direction for program development and implementation. Additional long-term center partnerships like the Kinship Care Coalition, the Medicaid Outreach Consortium, and the HealthLink Collaborative focus on specific patient populations and aspects of health care service delivery and finance.

Before the Center for Healthy Communities, there were no Community

Health Workers (CHWs) in Dayton. CHWs are a critical link between the patient and the health care system. They help community members enroll in health insurance programs, and then connect people to needed health and social services.

The center began its CHW program in 1991, and since then the role of the CHW has evolved significantly. As a result, community colleges throughout Ohio now offer certificate programs for CHWs, and CHWs supported by the center are currently working with numerous organizations and facilities across the state.

The Center for Healthy Communities also led the charge to develop Kinship Navigators in Dayton. The Kinship Care program began in 1994, and today Kinship Navigators work with over 700 area families per year. Relative caregivers reap the benefits from the Kinship Family Fair, Kinship Closet, and numerous support groups and education.

“Every family has a unique set of challenges that resulted in the children living with relatives and non-relatives,” explained Dionne Simmons, director of the Kinship Navigator Program. “As the Kinship Navigators are working with kinship families daily, they are reminded of the family dynamics which often create barriers for many families to access available services.” Kinship Navigators are just one piece of the puzzle that will help families obtain community services.

While community-based education has always been central to the health professions programs at Wright State, interdisciplinary and inter-institutional community-based education has been significantly expanded through the Center for Healthy Communities.

“We have been fortunate to bring external resources to the greater Dayton area through state and federal grants and contracts that help us to build on local success and expand existing resources both in health care delivery and health professions education,” Cauley said.

The center supports health professions students by providing community-based

clinical experiences and innovative models of care, inter-professional team training, service-learning, and community research opportunities in quality and clinical outcomes. Additionally, it provides quarterly continuing education programs for practicing health care professionals in the greater Dayton region.

“When students understand the needs and struggles of the communities they serve, they are better prepared to offer appropriate care and encouragement to the community,” Cauley explained.

Working closely with its local academic partners as well as colleges and universities across the country, the Center for Healthy Communities has also been engaged in piloting new models of care and care coordination over the last 25 years.

Seeds for programs like the Alliance for Research in Community Health and Montgomery County Reach Out Free Clinic were planted in the center. The center piloted electronic transfer of records from physician practices to the Social Security Administration for disability benefits evaluation using the Nationwide Health Information Network.

Current initiatives like the College of Nursing and Health Inter-professional Dedicated Education Unit, and the Boonshoft School of Medicine Wright Rural Health Initiative both involve the center. It also has worked to develop interdisciplinary care teams and patient-centered medical homes.

Since 1997, the Center for Healthy Communities has invited the community to submit nominations for its Annual Community Health Promotion Program Award, to recognize community-based health promotion programs that serve the citizens of the greater Dayton area.

“We want to thank the community and all of our partners,” said Cauley, “for working with us for 25 years to meet the mission of improving the health and well-being of the community, educating its health professionals, and serving as a force for change.” **W**

SOME OF THE CENTER'S COMMUNITY AND ACADEMIC PARTNERS

LOCAL

50 Plus Prevention Advisory Board Program
African American Wellness Walk
AHAVA
Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and
Mental Health Services Board
CareSource Community Advisory Board
Dayton Public Schools
Eastway Corporation
Greater Dayton Hospital Association
HealthLink Outreach Task Force
Kettering Foundation
Kinship Caregiver Coalition
Medicaid Outreach Consortium
Miami Valley Senior Independence
Montgomery County Family and Children First
Council Healthy Outcomes Task Force
Montgomery County Fatherhood Initiative
Montgomery County FCFC Service Brokers
Task Force
Montgomery County Food Coalition
Montgomery County Frail and Elderly Services
Advisory Council
Montgomery County Job and Family Services
Montgomery County Women in Action Network
Premier Community Health
Prevent Blindness Outreach Committee
Public Health Dayton—Montgomery County
Maternal Child Health Community
Advisory Committee
Sinclair Community College
United Against Violence Greater Dayton
Wright State HealthLink
Wright State University
Wright State University Independent
Student Network

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Nursing Institute of West Central Ohio
Ohio Area Health Education Center
Ohio Benefit Bank
Ohio Community Health Workers Association
Ohio Governor's Kinship Advisory Board
Ohio Grandparent/Kinship Coalition
Ohio Supreme Court Subcommittee on Responding
to Child Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency

NATIONAL

American Public Health Association
Community-Campus Partnerships for Health
Nationwide Health Information Network

INTERNATIONAL

The Network: Toward Unity for Health





civic duty

wright state graduates leading the way as mayors in the dayton region

BY SETH BAUGUCESS

THERE'S ONE IN Dayton and Beavercreek. Riverside and Vandalia have them too. In fact Enon, Oakwood, Brookville, and Bellbrook also make the list of cities and villages that have Wright State University graduates currently serving as mayor.

"I'm so glad you are doing this story because it did seem to me that there are a lot of us Raiders these days doing good work as mayors," said Brookville Mayor David Seagraves ('81, '82). "Wright State changed my life. My experience there is priceless to me."

Wright State has long prided itself on teaching the importance of civic duty to its students. Whether through community service, military service, or public service, Wright State students are inundated every day with examples of their peers, faculty, staff, and alumni making a difference in their communities.

The proof of this longstanding commitment is in the results. Raiders with degrees from the '70s, '80s, '90s, and



clockwise from left: David Seagraves ('81, '82), B.S.—Education in Natural Sciences, M.S.—Counseling, Business, and Industrial Management; Bob Baird ('90) B.S.—Economics; Timothy Howard ('88), B.S.—Mathematics; Bill Flaute ('89), B.A.—Organizational Communication; Brian Jarvis ('82, '97, '04), B.S.—Computer Science, B.S.—Environmental Sciences, M.S.—Computer Science; Nan Whaley ('09), M.P.A.; and William Duncan ('74), B.S.—Accountancy.

2000s are leading their respective communities today as mayors after having first shaped their commitment to others as students at Wright State.

Current students, faculty, and staff know that Wright State is committed to transforming the lives of its students and the communities it serves.

Wright State grads are also former mayors and city council members; Cliff Rosenberger ('12) is the 102nd Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives.

Oakwood Mayor William Duncan ('74) said he's not surprised at all that so many Wright State grads have become leaders in their communities.

"They encouraged me to embrace lifelong learning and to give back to our great community. Raider Nation!" said Duncan. "Now I have over 40 years of community service. I encourage young people to volunteer. Helping others is a very rewarding experience."

A commuter student when Wright State's campus had just four buildings, Duncan shares a story similar to those of his mayoral peers like Brookville's Seagraves or Riverside Mayor Bill Flaute ('89). Each chose to stay home and commute to college. That kept them connected to their local communities more than students who went away to school. When they earned their degrees, they turned around and put their skills and civic lessons to work in the places they knew best—home.

Many started serving first as college students and kept it going after graduation.

Seagraves has been on Brookville's City Council for 36 years.

"In 1981, I received my Bachelor of Education. That same year, I was elected to my first term as a Brookville Council member,"

said Seagraves. "My educational endeavors at Wright State provided me the discipline and guidance needed to function as a critical thinker, public speaker, strategic planner, and professional within a competitive workforce."

Bellbrook Mayor Bob Baird got his start with the Bellbrook Sugarcreek Area Chamber of Commerce when he was in his 20s. Flaute worked on campaigns for Congress and state office as a student before getting involved with the Priority Board and the City of Dayton after graduation. When Enon Mayor Tim Howard ('88) was a student, he served as a volunteer paramedic on the Emergency Squad.

"All of us have day jobs that keep us busy, you know. But maybe not busy enough because we're still called to do more. When I graduated at the Nutter Center in the '90s, I knew I wanted to do more for my community than just get a job," said Baird.

They've built lasting relationships in their communities, but these mayors have also stayed close to Wright State. Duncan is currently a member of the Planned Giving Advisory Council with the Wright State Foundation. Howard, Seagraves, Duncan, and Beaver Creek Mayor Brian Jarvis ('82, '97, '04) are lifelong members of the Wright State Alumni Association. Jarvis has hosted Wright State's On the Road in Raider Country event for Greene County alumni and often returns to campus to attend university events, including ROTC ceremonies and graduations.

"It's important to me to impart the same help that I got when I was a student, and I was a student for a long time (laughs), to the young people of today. When you reach out and really care for them, they learn to do the same for others," said Howard.

Fairborn Mayor Dan Kirkpatrick

attended Wright State and later became a long-standing faculty member in the College of Nursing and Health. Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley ('09) teaches a course at Wright State on Women in Leadership.

"I have always had a passion for community service and encouraging citizens to make their voices heard," Whaley said. "Wright State helped me focus my passion and sharpen my skills to ensure that the Dayton region moves forward."

A three-time graduate of Wright State, Jarvis is as visible and engaged as any mayor in the area.

"We have the ability to make a significant difference in people's lives, more than what can simply be accounted for in the sum of the things we do from our council seats," said Jarvis. "We have to use those personal qualities and characteristics that we've developed throughout life to reach out and touch people and make a difference."

Students working hard today to better serve the communities of tomorrow would be wise to follow the lead of these Raiders for life, who never stopped learning how to build relationships, solve community problems, and advocate for others.

"Wright State continues to flourish because they teach young people how to be leaders," said Flaute. "Attend Wright State and learn how to be a good leader. Be confident and work as hard as you can to make your goals a reality. Do plenty of volunteer work in your church or other community organizations. Enjoy being around people and help whoever you can to attain their goals. They will never forget your kindness and will spread the word about what you do and the kind of person you are." **W**

that's entertainment!

The Victoria Theatre has been dazzling Daytonians with more than a century of shows and events. Here's a brief selection of artifacts from the Victoria Theatre Association Collection, currently housed in the University Libraries' Special Collections and Archives.





Jan Kubelik

VICTORIA THEATRE, DAYTON
THURSDAY EVENING, DEC. 12th
 Local Direction: A. F. THIELE
 Prices \$2, \$1.50, \$1, 50c.
 Advance sale at box office Tuesday morning, Dec. 10, at 9 o'clock. Mail orders add. to A. F. Thiele, care Victoria Theatre (with enclosure) filled in order of rec't, and mailed on day of sale if self-addressed envelope is enclosed.



Form 10 B. E. W. 3-23

This Contract, made and entered into this _____ 9th _____ day of June 192 4 between SCHWIND REALTY CO. of the first part, and A. L. ERLANGER, the New Amsterdam Theatre Building, 214 West 42nd St., New York City, party of the second part.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the party of the second part is widely known as a theatrical manager of large experience, and entirely conversant with various details of said business; and

WHEREAS, the party of the first part, the lessee and manager of a certain theatre known as VICTORY THEATRE, DAYTON OHIO and is desirous of obtaining the services of the party of the second part; and

WHEREAS, the party of the second part agrees to render the service herein specified to said party of the first part, upon the terms and for the period herein contained.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and of the sum of One Dollar by each party to the other, in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and of the mutual promises hereinafter set forth, it is stipulated and agreed as follows, to wit:

FIRST. The party of the first part hereby retain the services of the party of the second part for a term of five (5) years, beginning Nov. 1st 192 4 and agree to pay to said second party for his services a yearly compensation of five per cent, of said first part's share of the receipts of each and every performance booked by party of second part, said second party agreeing to accept said compensation for services he may render hereunder.

SECOND. The said first part to keep just and true statements of the receipts of said theatre, copies of which shall be mailed to A. L. Erlanger at the end of each month, together with check for the amount due.

THIRD. The party of the second part, for the compensation aforesaid, agrees to book the attractions of said theatre and to use his best endeavors, skill and judgment in procuring for the said theatre the best attractions obtainable. It being understood that for the period mentioned the party of the second part is to have transcript of all bookings of said theatre.

FOURTH. It is further agreed, and this contract is made upon the express understanding that the party of the second part is held wholly harmless from all loss of whatsoever kind or nature appertaining to said theatre and its business, and that no co-partnership exist between the parties hereto for any purpose.

FIFTH. It is finally agreed that if, for any purpose, this contract is cancelled or annulled before its expiration, the party of the second part shall have the right, and is hereby given authority, to cancel all attractions booked for the unexpired term of this contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hands the day and date first above written.

WITNESS _____
 A. L. Erlanger
 W. A. Bays

1. Turner Music Hall, circa 1871-83
2. and 3. Victoria Theatre during renovations, circa 1988-90
4. Ethel Barrymore photo, allegedly damaged in one of the Victory's fires
5. Victoria Theatre lobby, circa 1916
6. Postcard of an advertisement for 1907 performance by Jan Kubelik, famous Czech violinist and composer of the day
7. After the fire of Jan. 3, 1919
8. Victory Theatre marquee, Oct. 28, 1984
9. Contract between Schwind Realty Co. (manager of the Victory Theatre) and A. L. Erlange, famous New York theatrical producer of the time
10. Property directly to the south of Victory Theatre on Main St., currently Uno Pizzeria and Grill



marriage medicine

wright state psychology researchers study whether early detection can head off problems in military marriages

BY JIM HANNAH

GETTING MARRIED YOUNG, long separations, high job stress. It's no wonder that many military marriages go off the rails. And the pressures that fracture these relationships sometimes lead to alcohol abuse, domestic violence, and even suicide.

A team of Wright State University psychology researchers has launched a project designed to develop an early-detection system for problems in military marriages and help prevent bad outcomes.

Funded by an \$878,000 grant from the Department of Defense Psychological Health Research Program, the study is led by Jeffrey Cigrang, associate professor in the School of Professional Psychology, in partnership with James Córdova at Clark University in Massachusetts—the author of *The Marriage Checkup: A Scientific Program for Sustaining and Strengthening Marital Health*. They are working with Air Force psychologists to see if marriage checkups—taking the pulse of couples' relationships—are the answer.

"The widespread use of regular dental health checkups began inside the military when it became obvious that the best way to maintain dental health was prevention rather than waiting until major repairs were needed," Cigrang said. "We'd like to see if we can accomplish the relationship health equivalent of a dental checkup."

Cigrang and Córdova conducted a pilot study that adapted the marriage checkup for use in military primary care clinics. Twenty couples showed significant improvement in relationship satisfaction.

Marriage checkups for the military involve three 30-minute appointments with a behavioral health provider in primary care. The brief intervention assesses the couple's relationship history, strengths, and concerns, and gives individualized feedback to the couple with a list of potential helpful options.

The current research study involves recruiting about 250 Air Force couples who have been in a committed relationship for at least six months. Half will get the marriage checkup at military primary care clinics right away; the other half will serve as the control group, being monitored for six months before getting the checkup.

Cigrang said that both military and civilian marriages suffer from a low use of marriage counseling.

"It is not unusual to see couples who delay seeking help despite having experienced severe relationship deterioration, including domestic violence, which hurts both the couples, the children, and the community," he said. "We are evaluating a less threatening option for couples to seek help early."

Graduate assistant Ashley Evans, who is working with Cigrang on the research, said it will be interesting to see the outcome of the study, and it will likely be the basis of her dissertation.

"I think it is something that needs attention," she said of military marriages. "They come to therapy when it's already broken and want you to fix it."

After getting his doctorate in psychology at Memphis State, Cigrang worked for 24 years as a clinical psychologist in the Air Force. He retired in 2014 and joined the faculty at Wright State.

During his Air Force career, Cigrang was deployed four times, including two deployments to Iraq. During his second Iraq

deployment, he led a team of 24 psychologists, psychiatrists, social workers, and mental health technicians in providing mental health services to U.S. service members in southern Iraq.

"It was an incredible privilege to have a role in supporting our military men and women who were deployed to a war zone in service of their country," he said.

Cigrang says a significant proportion of military members who kill themselves do so after experiencing some relationship loss or a relationship crisis.

"And there is growing evidence that relationship stress during deployment detracts a service member from their military mission," he said. "In that way it affects readiness."

Cigrang has seen deployed service members who paint the following picture: "They present with, 'My partner is seeing someone else. My partner is expressing some doubts about whether our relationship will continue. I'm here in Iraq. My world is coming apart, but I'm here for another six months and I can't do anything about it.'"

Cigrang is working as a principal investigator along with graduate assistant Nichole Kuck in a second, similar research project. They have applied for additional research funding.

"What I really value is being able to get research funding that supports graduate research assistants," said Cigrang.

The project focuses on young couples who are just transitioning into the military. They will complete baseline surveys about issues that may predict how their marriages will be doing two years later.

Things that can increase the risk level include history of depression, excess alcohol use, negativity in problem solving, argumentative natures, cohabitation before marriage, and negative family history.

Screeners would then tell the couples what their risk level is and give them tools to reduce that risk, such as better managing alcohol use or sharpening their problem-solving skills.

Kuck grew up in Idaho and enlisted in the Air Force when she was 19. During her eight-year Air Force career, she worked as a mental health technician and was deployed to Iraq.

Kuck said military couples often marry at a younger age because the spouse gets deployed and the couple wants to stay together even though they may not have known each other that long. In addition, there is the attraction of health benefits and better pay and housing for a service member who is married.

However, there is often a transient lifestyle, the added stress of caring for a baby, being apart from family, and little opportunity for the non-military spouse to develop a career.

"Airmen and soldiers have to balance high work stress, long hours, and then somehow manage family life," she said. **W**

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literature of peace

wright state faculty, staff, and alumni play key roles in the dayton literary peace prize

BY BOB MIHALEK



CAROL LORANGER BELIEVES that books can transform the world.

"I'm a true believer. I really do believe that books can change people's lives," said Loranger, chair and associate professor of English language and literatures.

"The idea that words can change things—that's certainly a university value and it's absolutely a College of Liberal Arts value," she said. "Nearly every one of our disciplines focuses on understanding how humans shape their world with language."

It's a big reason why Loranger leads Wright State University's involvement in the Dayton Literary Peace Prize, which commemorates the Dayton Peace Accords by annually recognizing literature that promotes the cause of peace. The prize honors adult fiction and nonfiction books that lead readers to a better understanding of other cultures, peoples, religions, and political points of view.

The prize was founded by Sharon Rab, who graduated from Wright State with a Master of Education degree in 1975. Rab also received an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from the university during fall 2015 commencement.

Negotiated at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, the 1995 Dayton Peace Accords ended years of ethnic warfare in Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Croatia.

Rab, who taught language arts at Kettering Fairmont High School and composition at Miami University, said she saw lives that were changed by literature. "Words can heal," she said during a 2013 TEDxDayton talk.

From the winning books, she said, "I've learned hope, I've learned wonder, and I've learned peace. I'm a better person for having read the books, for having met the authors, and for having listened to their stories."

Wright State has long had a strong connection with the Dayton Literary Peace Prize, which was first awarded in 2006. Wright State faculty and administrators serve on peace prize committees, help decide prizewinners, support the prize, and welcome authors to campus.

"It's consonant with what we try to do at universities: to ask tough questions that will ultimately lead to promoting understanding between and among people," Loranger said. "So literature about peace or social justice issues has an education function."

Chuck Taylor, dean emeritus of the College of Liberal

Arts, played an instrumental role in getting both the college and Wright State involved in the prize.

"From the beginning it was very clearly a Dayton community project," he recalled. "I thought it was absolutely essential that Wright State take part in this community project."

Both the literary peace prize and the Dayton Peace Accords bring a lot of positive attention to Dayton, Loranger said. "Dayton is a city that takes its place on the national stage seriously, and we're willing to put some skin in the game. We support these authors," she said.

Taylor and Henry Limouze, who was chair of the Department of English Language and Literatures, sat on the literary peace prize's planning committee in its nascent stage. Today, Loranger serves on the steering committee and the panel that oversees the Richard C. Holbrooke Distinguished Achievement Award, the peace prize's lifetime achievement award.

Many Wright State and College of Liberal Arts faculty support the prize by attending its annual gala, during which the winners are honored. Ticket sales from the gala help fund the prizes.

The gala brings together those in the Dayton community who share a passion for great literature about peace, Taylor said.

"Every time I attend the event, I'm reminded 'Books are important!' 'Literature is important!'" he said. "It is a collection of people from diverse parts of the Dayton community who have come together because of their shared love of literature. It is not a gathering for academics. I sat at a table at the latest event with an M.D., a journalist, and a fundraiser for a religious organization."

Every year, Wright State faculty serve as first readers for the prize, reading many nominated books and recommending which works the judges should consider.

First readers include Christopher Chaffee, professor of music; Jacob Dorn, professor emeritus of history; Lynette Jones, professor of English; Melissa Spirek, professor of communication; Sarah Twill, chair and professor of social work; and Mary Beth Pringle, professor emerita of English. Pringle also wrote the formal citation for Gloria Steinem, who received the 2015 Holbrooke Distinguished Achievement Award.



Left to right: Phil Donahue talks to University President David R. Hopkins and Angelia Hopkins at a peace prize gala; Carol Loranger leads Wright State's involvement in the literary prize; Gloria Steinem, winner of the 2015 Richard C. Holbrooke Distinguished Achievement Award.



English faculty members Lynette Jones and Drew Strombeck serve on a consortium that coordinates events held at local universities surrounding the annual awarding of the prizes.

The English department regularly coordinates with other Wright State departments—including African and African American Studies; History; Social Work; and Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies—to organize events related to the literary prize and bring authors to campus for public readings and to meet with students.

Taylor said he is proud that the peace prize encouraged collaboration among people from different disciplines. “It gets the people involved not only within the university across disciplines, but it gets people involved who are outside our university and outside universities as a whole,” he said.

Strombeck, an associate professor in the Department of English Language and Literatures, played a significant role last fall when he organized *Accords: Peace, War, and the Arts*, a collaborative, multidisciplinary event that celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Dayton Peace Accords and the 10th anniversary of the Dayton Literary Peace Prize.

Sponsored by Wright State’s Ohio Center of Excellence in Collaborative Education, Leadership, and Innovation in the Arts (CELIA), *Accords* included a photography exhibition, a concert, and a literary conference titled *Ten Years of the Dayton Literary Peace Prize*.

Strombeck organized the events as a CELIA fellow in spring 2015. He focused his fellowship on the literary peace prize because it supports and strengthens Dayton’s reading public and responds to a bright moment in international affairs that is also an important moment in Dayton’s history.

“Not only is the prize a crucial part of Dayton’s literary cultures, it also poses important questions about what literature might actually do to promote peace,” Strombeck said.

Along with the Dayton rock band *Guided By Voices*, the Dayton Peace Accords were one of the two things Strombeck knew about Dayton before he moved here to teach at Wright State.

“The idea that people who wished death on each

other could be brought together to work things out seemed so powerful to me as a young person in the 1990s,” he said.

The literary conference examined how literature engages war, promotes peace, and encourages conflict resolution. It featured numerous speakers, including several Dayton Literary Peace Prize winners, panel discussions, and theatrical and musical performances by Wright State students.

“Visions of Conflict,” the photo exhibition held during *Accords: Peace, War, and the Arts*, featured works by a photographer from Sarajevo, two war photojournalists, and a two-time Pulitzer Prize winner. The exhibition was curated by Benjamin Montague, associate professor of art.

Strombeck’s project attracted a Bosnian television news crew to Wright State. The crew filmed Wright State music students performing and interviewed faculty members as part of a Bosnian television program commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Dayton Peace Accords.

Wright State faculty also use works by winners of the Dayton Literary Peace Prize in the classroom.

Last academic year, Strombeck taught a course on *Literature and Conflict*, featuring works from some of the winners, while students in Loranger’s peace literature course wrote reading group guides for some of the winning books.

The Department of English Language and Literatures is creating readers’ guides for the 2015 prizewinners’ works.

Loranger also works with Wright State Libraries to create a searchable online accumulative bibliography of peace prizewinners and runners-up. She wrote the introduction, a brief history of the peace prize, and instructions on how to use the website and compiles the winning books for each year. The site can be viewed at corescholar.libraries.wright.edu/dlpp

An avid reader who specializes in 20th century American literature, Loranger said the Dayton Literary Peace Prize is a great way to find new important books to read.

“Here’s this reading list of good books selected by your contemporaries in Dayton,” she said, “and they can have a positive impact on your world.” **W**



growing into stardom

raiders' murphy is top draft prospect

BY ANDREW CALL

IT HAD BEEN A ROUGH DAY for the smallest kid at Greg Lovelady's baseball camp.

Wright State's baseball coach was a little worried about the 14-year-old catcher. He demonstrated an impressive grasp of catching fundamentals, but stood just 5-foot-7 and 145 pounds. Several fastballs had eluded the eighth-grader's glove and smacked off his wrists and forearms. He was brave, but battered and bruised, fighting back tears. Lovelady sought out the kid's father.

"Don't take it easy on Sean," Mike Murphy told him. "He doesn't want it any other way."

Sean Murphy certainly didn't take the easy way to college stardom and a potential shot at the big leagues. Hours of hard work and an incredibly well-timed growth spurt helped him become the player he is today—a 6-foot-3, 207-pound all-conference standout. Murphy will almost certainly be among the top catchers taken in Major League Baseball's June draft.

"I have seen a lot of college catchers and Sean is the best I've ever seen," said Lovelady, a former catcher and coach at Miami (Florida). "His arm strength is already at a big-league level. He can catch in the big leagues. There is no doubt in my mind."

Murphy has been projected by pro scouts and online publications to be taken anywhere from late in the first round to the middle of the third round. He was Horizon League Freshman of the Year and a freshman All-American during his first year at Wright State and All-Horizon League and a Johnny Bench Award semifinalist during his sophomore season. He was also picked to the all-star team in the Cape Cod League, the highest caliber summer competition for collegiate players.

A young man hitting a 6.5-inch growth spurt during his senior year in high school and first two years of college would shock most parents, but not Mike and Margery Murphy. Mike grew nearly 8 inches in the same time span and went from a freshman walk-on with the Manhattan College (New York) baseball team to an 18th-round draft choice by the Cleveland Indians in 1983.

"I did anticipate the same thing for Sean, but only God really knew," Mike Murphy said. "Sean's size was probably very frustrating for him. But he was tough and scrappy and never got injured. He was fearless."

Mike Murphy made it to Triple-A in the Cleveland organization before retiring in 1988. Sean was born in 1994 and the Murphys moved to Dayton in 1998.

Sean may not have been physically mature ("Everybody was shaving before me," he said), but was wise beyond his years in other ways. He mastered catching fundamentals, scored a 32 on his ACT exam, and became known for his work ethic. Lovelady said Murphy is still the hardest worker on the team—and he has maintained a 3.7 GPA in economics.

When Murphy grew from 5-foot-8 to 5-11 during the summer prior to his senior year in high school, Lovelady knew bigger things were yet to come. He asked Murphy to walk on at Wright State after he finished high school. Murphy accepted, then made Lovelady look like a genius in the spring by hitting .537 and earning all-state recognition on a Centerville High School team that finished 24-2.

When Murphy reported for practice the next fall, he had grown 3 more inches, to 6-foot-2, and developed enough strength to hit .301 as a true freshman. He added 20 pounds of muscle and hit .329 last season with even more power—18 of his 74 hits were for extra bases. Wright State won the Horizon League title and beat Notre Dame in the NCAA regional tournament before falling to Illinois in the regional finals.

"It was great," Murphy said. "The best part about it was doing it with your best friends. Those guys are like your brothers. When you can do something like that with those guys, it makes it extra special."

When Murphy returned for his junior year, so did the professional baseball scouts. So many of them, in fact, that Murphy has set aside every Monday afternoon to meet with them.

"They ask me personal stuff," Murphy said. "Some want to pick my brain a little bit. Others will bring in their laptops and do a visual acuity test. Others bring in personality tests along with medical and biographical questionnaires."

A representative of an American League team surprised Murphy with a question he hadn't anticipated—name as many fruits and vegetables as possible in 30 seconds.

"I did OK," Murphy said. "I missed an easy one, like 'banana' or something."

Before the draft, however, comes the season. Murphy and his teammates are focusing on another Horizon League championship and a return trip to the NCAA regionals.

Then, for Murphy, comes the business of professional baseball.

"Playing professional baseball is every kid's dream," Murphy said. "I have thought about it a little bit, but I don't want to get caught up too much in daydreaming. I have things going on here that need my attention." **W**



Students from Dayton Boys Preparatory Academy



Bailey Sturgeon



LaPearl Logan Winfrey

College of Education and Human Services honored for service-learning partnership with Dayton school

The National Network for Educational Renewal (NNER) selected Wright State University's College of Education and Human Services (CEHS) and the Dayton Boys Preparatory Academy partnership as its 2015 Richard W. Clark Partner School Award winner. The NNER is a membership network dedicated to the simultaneous renewal of schools and the institutions that prepare our teachers. Anna Lyon, associate professor in teacher education and early childhood program director at Wright State, has been the driving force behind the partnership with the academy that began in 2007–08. The academy is one of five Professional Development School sites the college and the host schools use to create impactful learning opportunities for students and professionals through service-learning curricula.

Valedictorian and salutatorian enrollment increasing

The number of high school valedictorians and salutatorians choosing to attend Wright State University has skyrocketed, with twice as many enrolling last fall as did just two years ago. A total of 159 new valedictorians and salutatorians—the very top academic achievers at their high schools—enrolled in Fall Semester, up from 119 last year and 80 in 2013. That boosted total enrollment of valedictorians and salutatorians at Wright State to 396, up from 318 in 2014 and 301 the previous year. Among the newest class of valedictorians and salutatorians to join Wright State last fall, education major Bailey Sturgeon was a valedictorian at Xenia High School and selected Wright State because of the university's full scholarship for high school valedictorians and salutatorians.

Winfrey named new SOPP dean

LaPearl Logan Winfrey, formerly interim dean of Wright State University's School of Professional Psychology, has been named the school's dean. Winfrey has extensive experience in doctoral psychology. Her work focuses on training and education in professional psychology, with specific attention to the integration of science and practice in developing cultural competency in psychology education and service delivery. She has served as associate dean at SOPP and chief psychologist of SOPP's doctoral internship program. "A national consultant in competency-based education, accreditation, and training partnerships, Dr. Winfrey has shown strong leadership ability," said university Provost Thomas Sudkamp. "She is the perfect person to lead SOPP to higher levels of excellence."

Student Success Center opens

Wright State University's new Student Success Center features high-tech, active-learning classrooms, writing and math support labs, and even an outdoor rain garden that underscores the structure's environmental embrace. A few students started using the three-story, \$17 million center June 1, when the advising, math, and writing support personnel moved in. But the building went full throttle when students arrived for Fall Semester, and was officially dedicated in October. The 67,000-square-foot building features oceans of open study space, including broad-shouldered hallways and corners populated with whiteboards as well as comfortable chairs and benches. Students who want to meet with team members following classes can slip into "huddle" spaces—small glass-enclosed rooms outfitted with tables and chairs. The building also features a 220-seat auditorium and four active-learning classrooms—two seating 108 each, one seating 126, and one seating 180. The classrooms are honeycombed with large circular desks outfitted with computer stations—more than 700 laptops in all.



Student Success Center

Kim Demmings shatters scoring records

Wright State guard Kim Demmings shattered numerous scoring records during her final season on the women's basketball team. Demmings broke the all-time career scoring record in Horizon League women's basketball history during a game January 21 at the Wright State Nutter Center. The previous scoring record was held by Milwaukee's Traci Edwards, who scored 2,340 points from 2005 to 2009. Demmings became the all-time leading scorer in Wright State basketball history on January 16, surpassing Bill Edwards' 2,303 points, which he set from 1989 to 1993. On November 19, Demmings broke Jodi Martin's Wright State women's basketball scoring record of 2,055 points, which she set from 1979 to 1983. At the end of January, Demmings had 2,406 career points.



Kim Demmings

Emily Bingham advances on Jeopardy!

Wright State University senior Emily Bingham competed in the *Jeopardy!* College Championship, thrilling a crowd of supporters who gathered to cheer her on at an off-campus *Jeopardy!* watch party. Sporting a green and gold Wright State sweatshirt, Bingham battled with students from Louisiana State University and Northeastern University in the episode that aired Feb. 2, finishing in first place on Day Two of the tournament's five-day quarterfinal round, advancing to the semifinals. Nearly 200 raucous supporters sardined into the party room at Fox & Hound Sports Tavern in Beavercreek to support Bingham as part of an event sponsored by the Wright State Alumni Association. A national viewing audience estimated at 8.2 million people also watched her thrilling run on the game show.



Emily Bingham and Alex Trebek

alumni association launches new website and e-newsletter

In January, the Wright State Alumni Association announced the launch of its new website, at the same web address—wrightstatealumni.com—but with a new look, design, and fresh content.

The new homepage features large photography, simplified organization and navigation, and social media modules that keep viewers connected. You will discover the new website is more visually appealing, more user-friendly, and easier to navigate.

The association's new e-newsletter, *Alumni Insider*, is a digital newsletter distributed to more than 40,000 alumni email addresses. Each month's edition will include news from the university, athletics updates, and pertinent information about exclusive benefits just for alumni.

"As the main source of information on Wright State University for our alumni across the world, it's important for us to make our news and information easily accessible for our alumni," said Greg Scharer, executive director of the Alumni Association. "We wanted to create a space for alumni to most easily access what we can do for them."

The website features an Alumni News section that will highlight recent news about alumni and the university, event information, and announcements from the Alumni Association. The home page also includes a new "How Do I?" section, featuring some of the most commonly requested services and frequently asked questions.

Visit wright.edu/alumniupdate to update your contact information and add news items about yourself

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alumni college highlights making a murderer and presidential debate



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Q: What does the Netflix documentary *Making a Murderer* have in common with the 2016 presidential election?

A: Both are topics at the 2016 Alumni College!

Alumni College 2016 is a chance for alumni and community members to come back to campus for a weekend of interactive learning with no quizzes, but lots of fun. Wright State's stellar faculty present sessions on everything from science, art, and politics to medicine and literature. Attendees get to ask the experts and interact with fellow lifelong learners.

Alumni College will be held August 6–7, 2016. Registration is open and session titles and descriptions will be updated as we receive them. To learn more, please visit: wrightstatealumni.com

alumni college '16

A sampling of topics include:

- *An analysis of the Steven Avery trial from the Netflix documentary Making a Murderer* – Dan Krane, professor in the Department of Biological Sciences and renowned DNA expert
- *Democracy at the grassroots: bringing the presidential debate to Wright State. How the university won the opportunity to host the debate and some questions and challenges the candidates may face* – Donna Schlagheck, retired chair of the Department of Political Science
- *Who have been our best presidents?* – Jim Sayer, retired chair of the Department of Communication and Lake Campus dean

2015 alumni achievement awards



Top row, left to right: *David R. Hopkins*, Wright State University President; *Ryan B. Godfrey*, '09 B.A.; *Brady Kress*, '96 B.A.; *Edwin Mayes*, '89 B.S.B., '96 M.A.

Bottom row, left to right: *Carolyn Wright*, '73 B.S.B., '78 M.B.A., Wright State Alumni Association Board President; *Erin Hoeflinger*, '90 B.A.; *Amanda Opicka*, '07 B.A., '07 B.A.

On October 9, 2015, during Homecoming Weekend, the Wright State University Alumni Association celebrated the accomplishments of seven Wright State alumni at the 2015 Alumni Achievement Awards.

The outstanding individuals, selected from a pool of more than 100,000 Wright State alumni, were recognized for achieving numerous accomplishments in their chosen fields and communities.

In addition to possessing high standards of integrity and character, they have also given their time and talent to benefit Wright State University and the Alumni Association.

Families, friends, colleagues, and peers of the honorees joined the Alumni Association in recognizing the seven notable alumni in the following categories:

- **Alumni Network Award of Excellence:**
Ryan Godfrey, '09 B.A.
- **Alumni Society Award of Excellence:**
Edwin Mayes, '89 B.S.B., '96 M.A.
- **Graduate of the Last Decade Award:**
Cliff Rosenberger, '12 B.S.
- **Volunteer Service Award of Excellence:**
Amanda Opicka, '07 B.A., '07 B.A.
- **Honorary Alumna Award:**
Amanda Wright Lane
- **Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award:** *Brady Kress*, '96 B.A.
- **Alumnus of the Year Award**
Erin Hoeflinger, '90 B.A.

alumni events calendar

June

26

Wright State Day at the Dayton Dragons

August

6-7

Alumni College 2016

29

40th Annual Legacy Golf Outing

September

26

Wright State hosts Presidential Debate

September 30–October 2

Homecoming Week!

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***rise. shine.* campaign wraps up national mini-launch tour**

In October 2014, Wright State officially kicked off the \$150 million *Rise. Shine.* campaign at a launch party in Dayton inside the beautifully transformed Nutter Center. Since then, President Hopkins and members of the alumni relations and advancement offices have been traveling around the country to host other mini-launches in various cities throughout the United States.

The campaign hosted grand celebrations in eight regions. Most either already have an established Wright State alumni network or are working to form a future network. They included Cincinnati, Houston, New York, Los Angeles, Columbus, Washington, D.C., St. Petersburg, and Cleveland. Alumni and friends were invited to hear about the new campaign and how to support the future of Wright State University.

Over the last year, more than 750 alumni and friends attended these regional events. From these eight regions alone, the *Rise. Shine.* campaign has raised more than \$28.3 million of our current \$126 million total.

Partnering with our alumni and friends in these cities, we will be able to invest in individuals, environments, and innovations to benefit our students.



The Office of Advancement staff at the Los Angeles Rise. Shine. regional launch event.



left to right: Laura Rhodes, Edward Rhodes, Dr. Stuart McDowell (Professor, Chair, and Artistic Director, Department of Theater, Dance, and Motion Pictures), Ian Rhodes, '02, and Kimberly Green at the Los Angeles Rise. Shine. regional launch event.

2015

Jared Puckett (B.A.) was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

Ettamarie Valdez (B.A.) was hired as a study support aide at Mills Lawn Elementary School in Yellow Springs, OH.

2014

Jean Goettemoeller Koth (B.S.) was hired as a mathematics teacher at Piqua (OH) High School.

Katie McGrath (B.A.) was named the Ruth Wills Volunteer of the Year by the Dayton (OH) chapter of A Special Wish Foundation.

Allen Thuma (B.S.B.) was hired by Buckingham Capital Management in Dayton (OH) as a portfolio and research analyst.

2013

Kurt Holden (B.S.)(M.S.)(M.S.L.D.), a police officer at Wright State University, received the Mark Losey Distinguished Law Enforcement Service Award from Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine for outstanding and dedicated service and contributions to law enforcement and the community.

Darsheel Kaur (B.S.), a first-year graduate student at Eastern Mennonite University's Center for Justice and Peacebuilding in Harrisonburg, VA, was awarded a Youth Humanitarian Award by the Greater Dayton (OH) chapter of the National Conference for Community and Justice.

2012

Julie Bonsall (B.S.) is the employee wellness coordinator at the Greater Dayton (OH) Regional Transit Authority.

Jennifer Couch (B.A.) was hired as client care manager by Home Care Assistance of Dayton, OH, a provider of in-home care for seniors.

Jennifer Dean (B.A.) co-owns and runs AleFest, an annual craft beer festival in Dayton, OH.

Troy Hayes (B.A.), a writer, arranger, producer, and singer in the musical group Vocally Challenged, was nominated for a Grammy for Best Arrangement, Instrumental or A Cappella, for his work on a medley of Bruno Mars songs.

Melissa Rau (M.D.) joined the Heritage Valley (PA) Medical Group and its family practices in Robinson and North Fayette townships.

Clifford A. Rosenberger (B.S.), Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives, received the Wright State University Graduate of the Last Decade Award from the Wright State University Alumni Association.

Rebecca Weaver (B.A.), a protected-species observer at RPS Group in Castalia, OH, participated in Miami University's Earth Expeditions global field course in the South American country of Guyana.

Ryan Whitt (M.D.) joined Franklin Health Pediatrics in Farmington, ME.

2011

Anthony J. Basirico (B.A.), U.S. Air Force National Guard airman 1st class, graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, TX.

Clint Davis (B.A.) co-hosts *The Stream Police Podcast*, a Dayton, OH-based bi-weekly podcast that focuses on movies, TV, and music and is available at the iTunes store.

Tanya Dreizin (B.A.), bookkeeper and office manager at Brothers of Industry in Carpinteria, CA, participated in Miami University's Earth Expeditions global field course in Belize, where she studied diverse terrestrial, coastal, and coral reef communities.

Kreg Hollenbacher (M.Ed.) was hired as principal at Fort Loramie (OH) Junior/Senior High School.

Laura Inkrott (B.S.Ed.) is math curriculum implementation coach and district testing coordinator for Northridge (OH) Local Schools.

Brian Morris (B.S.) was elected as a Franklin Township trustee in Warren County (OH).

Sylvie I. Sibomana (B.S.N.), who works at Kettering Health Network in Dayton, OH, is being published in *Worldwide Leaders in Healthcare*.

Charene Thornton (M.S.) received a professional development scholarship from the American Council on Education, ACE, Ohio Women's Network.

2010

Craig T. Albers (B.S.B.) was named an associate at the Sidney, OH, law firm of Faulkner, Garmhausen, Keister & Shenk.

Ian Fuller (B.S.) is vice president for business development and engineering at Angstrom Materials, a Dayton, OH-based producer of graphene nanomaterials.

David Kell (M.P.A.) is executive director, Madison County (OH) Future Inc. and Madison County Chamber of Commerce.

Lyndsey N. Stingel Miller (Psy.D.), a licensed clinical psychologist at Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center and American Medical Center on Guam, received a master's degree in clinical psychopharmacology from the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy.

Andy Sedlak (B.A.) co-hosts *The Stream Police Podcast*, a Dayton, OH-based bi-weekly podcast that focuses on movies, TV, and music and is available at the iTunes store.

Michael Squire (B.A.) was hired by the United Way of the Greater Dayton (OH) Area as director of resource development.

2009

Ryan B. Godfrey (B.A.), president of the Wright State University Greater Columbus (OH) Alumni Network, received the Alumni Network Award of Excellence from the Wright State University Alumni Association.

Shannon Schwartz (M.D.), a breast surgeon, joined the staff of Genesis HealthCare System's Genesis Medical Group in Zanesville, OH.

Courtney Stroble (M.D.) joined Community Physicians of Yellow Springs (OH).

2008

Mary McFarland (M.A.) is a winner of the romance industry's Golden Pen Award for her romantic suspense novel *Vengeance Is Mine: The Profiler's Passion*.

2007

Christina Carter (M.S.), a family nurse practitioner, joined Wright State Physicians Internal Medicine in Dayton, OH.

Heather Erickson (B.A.) completed all educational requirements to be a licensed minister with the Assemblies of God Church.

Ryan Foster (B.S.B.E.)(M.D.), a specialist in family and sports medicine, joined Kettering (OH) Physician Network Primary Care.

Todd Gossett (B.S.B.) was promoted to assurance senior manager at McGladrey LLP in Dayton, OH.

Amanda Opicka (B.A.)(B.A.), a victim advocate with the Victim/Witness Division of the Greene County (OH) Prosecutor's Office, received the Volunteer Service

Award from the Wright State University Alumni Association.

Melissa Vanzant (B.F.A.)(M.P.A.) was sworn in as assistant manager of the village of Yellow Springs, OH.

2006

Shon Anderson (B.S.B.)(M.B.A.) is president and chief wealth strategist of the Dayton, OH-based Anderson Financial Strategies, which provides concierge wealth management services.

Sharon Tjaden-Glass (M.A.), an instructor at the University of Dayton, published a memoir titled *Becoming Mother: A Journey of Identity*.

Brent White (B.S.Ed.)(M.Ed.), who teaches at CrossRoads Intermediate School in Columbia (SC), earned his certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

2004

Leslie I. Benson (B.A.), senior associate editor for *GX* magazine in Nashville, TN, reporting on the U.S. Army National Guard, is scheduled to release on Aug. 28 *Edge of the World*, an industrial synthpop music album, with her band The Sweetest Condition.

Bradey T. Kleman (M.D.) joined Franciscan Physician Network Heartland Crossing Pediatrics in Mooresville, IN.

Holly Olivieri (B.S.Ed.) was hired as director of Edison Community College's Early Child Development Center (ECDC) in Piqua (OH).

2003

Michael Belmont (B.S.)(M.Ed.) was named principal of London (OH) Middle School.

Roseanne Ellison Scammahorn (B.S.)(M.B.A.) graduated from Mississippi State University with a Ph.D. in agricultural and extension education from the School of Human Sciences.

Scott Van Loo (M.A.) was promoted to executive vice president at Ashland University in Ashland, OH.

Tina Warnecke (B.S.), an employee of the Van Wert (OH)-based Central Insurance Companies, was designated a Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) by the American Institute for Chartered Property Casualty Underwriters, a professional credential recognized throughout the risk management and insurance business.

2001

Joe Knopp (B.S.B.) is a producer on the feature film *Woodlawn*, an inspirational true-life tale of overcoming racial divisions on an Alabama high school football team.

Jonathan McNeal (B.F.A.) is manager of The Neon movie theater in Dayton, which shows a variety of independent films.

2000

Tyffani Monford Dent (Psy.D.), a psychologist and director of Monford-Dent Consulting & Psychological Services in Cleveland, was appointed chair of the Ohio Department of Youth Services' Juvenile Sexual Offender Treatment Certification Advisory Board. She has also developed Sisters of Tamar Support Circle, a faith-based sexual abuse support group guide.

TyKiah Wright (B.S.B.)(M.B.A.), CEO/founder of the Columbus, OH-based WrightChoice, was named among the 2016 Women of Achievement by the Columbus YWCA.

1999

Hannah Clayborne (M.A.) was named vice president for student affairs at Ashland University in Ashland, OH.

Christina Carter (M.S.), a family nurse practitioner, joined Wright State Physicians Internal Medicine in Dayton, OH.

Kara Tyree (B.A.) is director of men's basketball operations for the Atlantic Coast Conference and runs the ACC men's basketball tournament.

1998

Michelle Bridges (M.B.A.) was named executive chef of Wilson Health in Sidney, OH.

Loann Burke (M.B.A.) was inducted into the Society of American Florists' American Academy of Floriculture.

Christine Morrison (B.A.) was appointed president of the state Controlling Board of Ohio.

Terry Oroszi (B.S.)(M.S.), director of the Master of Science and CBRN (chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear) Defense Certificate Program in the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology at Wright State University's Boonshoft School of Medicine, co-authored and co-edited the book *Weapons of Mass Psychological Destruction and the People Who Use Them*.

1997

Gary Norman (B.A.), who co-founded the *Mid-Atlantic Journal on Law and Public Policy: Animal and Disability Reporter*, will be a Visiting Fellow at the Robert J. Dole Institute for Politics in Kansas, discussing civil rights and disability rights.

1996

Dr. Donato J. Borrillo (M.S.) joined the health and pharmacy law practice of FisherBroyles LLP as a partner in the company's Cleveland office.

Ryan Bricker (B.A.) is commander of the Maryland State Police Salisbury barracks.

Brady Kress (B.A.), president and CEO of Dayton (OH) History and Carillon Historical Park, received the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award from the Wright State University Alumni Association.

1995

Brice Thomas (B.A.) published *Committed to Love*, a handbook designed to provide opportunities for clergy and the same-sex couples they counsel to delve into the personal, societal, and spiritual obstacles that inhibit healthy relationships.

1993

Melissa A. Centers (B.A.) was appointed senior vice president, secretary, and general counsel of State Auto Financial Corporation, a Columbus, OH-based regional property and casualty insurance holding company.

1992

Ron Douglas (B.S.B.) was named president of TekCollect, a Columbus, OH-based accounts receivable management company.

Rich Gulling (M.B.A.) founded The Growth Coach of The Miami Valley (OH) and Indianapolis, a franchise that provides group coaching workshops for businesses, management and sales teams, self-employed professionals, and others.

David L. Harper (B.A.) was named director of athletics at Duquesne University.

Steven Miley (M.B.A.) was appointed director of the Office of Procurement at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, AL.

1991

Stacy Belcher (Gould) Lee (M.A.) is director of the University Archives at the University of Hong Kong.

1990

Erin Hoeflinger (B.A.), president of Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Ohio, was appointed to the board of directors of MainSource Financial Group, Inc., a Greensburg, IN-based financial holding company.

Charlotta Taylor (B.A.)(M.S.), director of admissions for recruitment and student engagement at the Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine at Quinnipiac University, completed a two-year term as president of the National Association of Medical Minority Educators, Inc.

1989

Edwin B. Mayes (B.S.B.)(M.A.), president of the Wright State University African American Alumni Society and director of First Year Experience and Family Programs at Case Western Reserve (OH) University, received the Alumni Society Award of Excellence from the Wright State University Alumni Association.

Marilyn McCauley (B.S.B.) won reelection to Fairborn (OH) City Council.

1988

Lloyd DeVault (B.A.) was elected chairman of the national board of directors and CEO of HOSA-Future Health Professionals, an international career and technical student membership organization.

Pauline A. Orcutt (A.A.)(B.A.), a major in the U.S. Air Force, was named chief of public affairs with the 910th Airlift Wing at Youngstown (OH) Air Reserve Station.

1987

Laura Benton (B.S.N.), a nurse at Soin Medical Center in Beavercreek, OH, received a Daisy Award from patients and family at Kettering Health Network hospitals for exceptional care.

Patrick Burkhart (M.S.), a professor of geography, geology, and the environment at Slippery Rock University in Slippery Rock, PA, was appointed chairman of the joint technical program committee for the 2015 Geological Society of America's annual meeting.

Layne Moore (M.D.), a neurologist, joined the Mayo Clinic Health System in Faribault and Owatonna, MN.

Gary C. Norman (B.A.), senior assistant attorney adviser for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in Baltimore (MD), serves on the Diversity+Inclusion Council.

Justin J. Trevino (M.D.) was appointed assistant medical director of the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

1986

Joseph Knopp (B.S.E.G.) has two patents for vibration control devices for laundry machines.

Sukanya Madlinger (B.S.B.) was promoted by The Kroger Company to become a senior vice president of retail divisions, placing her in charge of eight store divisions.

1985

Deborah Day (B.A.), a Tampa, FL-based psychotherapist, released a book titled *Be Happy Now! Become the Active Director of Your Life*.

1984

Gregory Archer (Psy.D.), a clinical psychologist, released *Private Heller and the Bantam Boys: An American Medic in World War I*. The book uses diaries to reconstruct Heller's time as an ambulance driver and medic on the Western Front.

Suzanne Buxbaum (B.M.) teaches and is orchestra director at Urbana High School in Frederick County, MD, where she has grown the orchestra from 18 members to 50.

Rhonda Finley (B.S.B.)(M.S.), purchasing and logistics consultant for Heidelberg Distributing Company, won election to Trotwood (OH) City Council.

Kathryn Sowers (B.S.B.)(M.B.A.) was promoted to director, financial management, and comptroller of the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center at Wright-Patt Air Force Base.

Kimberly Wiefeling (B.S.) is founder and CEO of Wiefeling Consulting, which uses a behavior-changing approach to help companies achieve desired results.

Evelyn M. Wills (M.S.) is co-author of *Theoretical Basis for Nursing*, which was selected as a book of the year by the *American Journal of Nursing*.

1983

Ted Gudorf (B.A.), managing attorney of the Gudorf Law Group, LLC, accepted a three-year position on the board of directors of Life Essentials, a Dayton, OH-based organization that focuses on helping adults with mental illness by providing advocacy services.

Thomas Sudkamp (M.S.) was named Wright State University's chief academic officer, serving as provost and vice president for curriculum and instruction.

1982

Bruce Cromer (B.F.A.) starred in the Cincinnati Shakespeare Company's production of *Death of a Salesman*.

Gary LeRoy (B.S.M.T.)(M.D.), associate professor of family medicine and associate dean for student affairs and admissions at Wright State University's Boonshoft School of Medicine, was elected to the board of directors of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Dale Stucke (M.B.A.) was hired as chief financial officer of Constellation West, a Fairfax, VA-based provider of technology solutions for the U.S. government in program management, cybersecurity, geospatial information systems, IT engineering, cloud computing, mobile applications, and process management.

1981

Sally Struthers (B.A.) was honored as professor emeritus by Sinclair Community College in Dayton, OH, for outstanding work in her years of distinguished service.

Mandy Wilson (B.S.Ed.), stacks manager at Wright State University's Dunbar Library, finished fourth out of a field of about 60 in the Senior Queens bowling tournament in Wisconsin.

1980

Pat Morris (B.S.Ed.), a retired teacher from Troy (OH) City Schools, celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary with husband, Jim.

Gene Randall (B.A.)(M.S.), who runs his own tax business, has achieved Enrolled Agent status, the highest designation for a tax professional.

1979

Gary J. Carter (B.S.Ed.), magistrate of the Shelby County (OH) Common Pleas Court, was appointed to be a member of the Council of Delegates of the Ohio State Bar Association (OSBA).

1978

Twyla J. Cummings (B.S.)(M.S.), senior associate dean and professor and graduate executive board advisor of Rochester Institute of Technology in Warrendale, PA, received the Printing Industries of America's 2015 Naomi Berber Memorial Award, which honors outstanding women in the graphic communications industry for their accomplishments.

Karen Elliott (B.S.Ed.) a sister of the Precious Blood and chair of the religious studies department at Mercy College of Ohio in Toledo, was promoted to full professor.

David Gray (B.A.)(M.A.), who retired as a captain in the U.S. Navy following a 27-year active-duty career, was appointed director of Library Services at the University of Mary in Bismarck, ND.

1977

Clint Bostick (B.S.Ed.), retired guidance counselor for the Piqua (OH) public school district, became a member of the Piqua Board of Education.

Tom Marks (B.S.) retired from the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts after more than 14 years.

1976

Dan Patterson (B.F.A.) presented *American Landscapes* at the Centerville (OH) Police Department Gallery, an exhibit about his own history as a photographer.

John E. Rhodes, Jr., (B.S.) is a member of the Montgomery County (OH) Board of Health.

David G. Wilhelm (M.Ed.), associate director of community support and substance abuse service for the Marion (OH) Area Counseling Center, announced his retirement after 39 years of service.

Robert Zellmer (B.S.) was named professor of the year at The Ohio State University.

1972

Anne Deam (B.A.) released *Last Dance of the Night*, an ebook novel available from Amazon.com.

1971

Linda Jungwirth (B.S.) is co-author of *10 Models of Teacher Evaluation: The Policies, The People, The Potential*, a book that provides insight into 10 case studies of models of teacher evaluation from diverse districts across the United States. She is also author of *Culturally Proficient Learning Communities: Confronting Inequities Through Collaborative Curiosity*.

1969

Tim Umina (B.F.A.) retired as a deputy with the Lincoln County (NV) Sheriff's Department after 15 years of service.



The 2014 Legacy Scholarship Golf Outing at Beavercreek Golf Club was a big success



Attendees in the Alumni Beer Tent at the Homecoming Festival



The Kate Hasting Band performed at Homecoming

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Students heading toward the Russ Engineering Center pass by "The Bent," the symbol of national engineering honors society Tau Beta Pi.

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