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Wright State to offer Ohio's first master's degree in renewable and clean energy

WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY, the University of Dayton, Central State University and the Air Force Institute of Technology have joined forces to start Ohio's first master's degree program in renewable and clean energy. Students can enroll in the two-year program on a full-time or part-time basis. Courses will be taught by faculty from the four institutions, and students will earn a degree from either Wright State or UD.

The program will provide students with knowledge of a number of renewable and clean energy technologies such as: solar energy, wind energy, hydropower, fuel cells, hydrogen fuel, clean coal and nuclear energy. The new master's degree will give Ohio a supply of future engineers and researchers in the critical field of energy.

The program will operate within Wright State's Department of Mechanical and Materials Engineer-

ing and the University of Dayton's mechanical and aerospace engineering department. The Dayton Area Graduate Studies Institute, a consortium of graduate engineering programs, will facilitate articulation and transfer to provide access to courses at all of the partner institutions. Classes will focus on the development of energy-reducing design techniques, renewable energy and manufacturing systems, and better forms of solar energy, fuel cells and biofuels.

Potential students include professionals looking to upgrade their skills, undergraduate engineering majors, current engineering graduate students and international students. Other engineering majors can also benefit by taking the program's courses as electives, bringing renewable energy to related engineering disciplines.

James Menart, professor of

materials and mechanical engineering at Wright State, and Kevin Hallinan, chair of UD's mechanical and aerospace engineering department, proposed the program to the Ohio Board of Regents. Both will direct the new program and teach classes at their respective institutions.

"It is very important that we start educating our next generation of engineers in how to power our society, other than through the use of fossil fuels," Menart said. "The United States has to develop a renewable and clean energy structure to grow its economy. This program is important to the future of Ohio's economy as it will produce tomorrow's trained workforce."

Other Wright State instructors include Hong Huang, Amir Farajian, Dan Young, Marian Kazimierchuk and Bor Jang, dean of the university's College of Engineering and Computer Science.

P A R T N E R S H I P

Choose Ohio First scholarships available for STEMM students

SCHOLARSHIPS totaling nearly \$4 million are now available for graduating high school seniors and current college students interested in pursuing careers in the STEMM fields of science, technology, engineering, mathematics and medicine.

These competitive scholarships are the result of a tremendous community partnership. Eight institutions of higher learning joined

together to form the Dayton Regional Collaborative, consisting of Wright State University as the lead organization, Central State University, University of Dayton, Wittenberg University, Clark State Community College, Edison Community College, Sinclair Community College and Southern State Community College, along with Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and more than 450 representatives from government, industry and health care.

In its proposal, "Growing the STEMM Pipeline in the Dayton Region—Becoming an International Center of Excellence for Human Effectiveness/Human Performance," the Dayton Regional Collaborative recognized the region's need for a STEMM-educated workforce and requested the Choose Ohio First funding to award scholarships in those areas.

By 2011, more than 1,200 jobs in the areas of human effectiveness/performance, sensors and information technology will be relocated to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base as a result of the 2005 Department

of Defense Base Realignment and Closure Act (BRAC).

"In the coming years, the Dayton region will need thousands of new employees to fill these and other anticipated openings in the STEMM fields, including aerospace, information technology, advanced materials and manufacturing, and human sciences and health care," said President David R. Hopkins. "Investing in people is crucial for our future success. These Choose Ohio First scholarships for students in STEMM disciplines represent higher education's contribution to the future of Ohio."



Representatives from eight universities and colleges, along with Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, celebrated the launch of the Dayton Regional Collaborative Choose Ohio First scholarships totaling nearly \$4 million. The scholarships are available to graduating high school seniors and current college students interested in pursuing careers in the areas of science, technology, engineering, mathematics and medicine.



To apply for a scholarship, go to www.wright.edu/chooseohiofirst

David R. Hopkins

P R E S I D E N T ' S P E R S P E C T I V E

HAPPY NEW YEAR! It is hard to believe that 2008 has come to an end and that 2009 is well under way. How time does fly!

With the sharp economic downturn, 2008 was a challenging year for people throughout the Dayton region and across Ohio and the rest of the nation. While 2009 will bring many of the same challenges, I am optimistic about the future and the role Wright State University will play in our economic recovery.

TODAY, WE LIVE IN A KNOWLEDGE-BASED ECONOMY WHERE TALENT AND INNOVATION IS KEY TO OUR FUTURE PROSPERITY.

On December 19, 2008, Governor Strickland ordered a third round of budget reductions for fiscal year 2009. The governor took an extraordinary step in once again exempting from reductions our core funding: the State Share of Instruction (SSI), the Ohio College Opportunity Grant (OCOG), and the Ohio Instructional Grants (OIG) for students. However, a total of \$25 million in reductions were made to other higher education line items. This will result in a loss of approximately \$900,000 to our FY 2009 budget.



Provost Angle is working with our deans and vice presidents to address this new challenge. Considering the severity of the state's budget situation, the governor's continuing support for higher education is a sign of his faith in our ability to help turn Ohio around. Certainly the greatest challenge will

be in the governor's FY10-FY11 biennial budget, to be released later this month. We will continue to work closely with the governor and the chancellor, as well as our deans and vice presidents, as we proceed through this budget cycle.

While budget cuts are always disheartening, it is important to

remember that we are part of the solution, not part of the problem. Higher education is the number one priority of the State of Ohio. Our state leadership recognizes the importance of higher education and how all of us can work together to rebuild Ohio's economy.

Today, we live in a knowledge-based economy where talent and innovation is key to our future prosperity. I recently read John Kao's book *Innovation Nation*. Kao describes how the United States is losing its edge in economic leadership throughout the world. But more importantly, he outlines a plan for a national innovation strategy that would empower the U.S. to actually innovate the process of innovation—to marshal our vast resources of talent and infrastructure in ways that lead to transformative results.

Wright State can be the most innovative university. Together, we can create an environment where people are empowered to come up with creative ideas—a place where people will want to come and innovate. It is this spirit of innovation that will get us through any tough times that may lie ahead.

I hope 2009 brings each of you personal and professional fulfillment. Remember, this is our time—a time to persevere, a time to hope and a time to think about the future.

A W A R D

Luehrmann receives International Education Award

LAURA M. LUEHRMANN, associate professor of political science and director of the international and comparative politics master's program, is the 2008 recipient of the International Education Award. President David Hopkins presented Luehrmann with the award on November 18 during an International Education Week reception.

The International Education Award, now in its seventh year, seeks to recognize members of the Wright State community who actively further international efforts on campus. The award was established to highlight innovations in international curriculum development, the operation of study abroad activities and the provision of services to international students and scholars.

"Laura has consistently worked to promote international awareness and understanding at both the undergraduate and graduate level at



Laura Luehrmann (center) receives the International Education Award from Associate Vice President for International Affairs Stephen Foster (left) and Wright State University President David R. Hopkins (right).

Wright State University," said Colleen Finegan, chair of the teacher education department, who nominated Luehrmann. "Additionally, she has been very active in the broader community, working to promote these same initiatives."

Luehrmann led the university's grant pursuit to promote Asian studies on campus and advocated for Mandarin language classes to be offered at Wright State. Luehrmann helped develop the international and comparative politics master's

program and was selected as the program's first director.

Luehrmann teaches two general education classes, which she often connects to the First Year Learning Community program. Since 2004, she has been a part of the Common Text Committee, becoming a co-chair of the committee in 2008. Luehrmann also co-advised the highly successful WSU National Model United Nations team from 1999 to 2005. She continues to remain active with the team, stepping in as a mentor or lecturer when needed.

Luehrmann earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Dayton in international studies. She went on to earn her master's degree and doctorate in political science from The Ohio State University.



I N T E R N A T I O N A L

Wright State's Model UN team travels to China

TWELVE WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS participated in the National Model United Nations (NMUN) conference in Xi'an, China, in November. This was the first international conference sponsored by the NMUN.

"The NMUN made this opportunity available as part of its latest strategic plan to continue to internationalize the learning experience and open it to more students," explained faculty advisor Donna Schlagheck, Ph.D., professor and chair of the Department of Political Science.

The fact that the conference was held in China made the event even more significant. "China is the great rising power of the 21st century and likely to be a major partner of the U.S. in economic, environmental and security matters," said Schlagheck.

NMUN•China 2008 was held in partnership with Northwestern Polytechnical University (NPU), which celebrated its 70th anniversary in Xi'an. According to Schlagheck, NPU is pursuing an internationalization plan, including improvement of its foreign affairs and English language programs. The NPU team, which has attended Model UN in New York for five years, proposed a conference in Xi'an and the NMUN's Board agreed.

At the conference, WSU students represented the countries of Germany, Belgium and Egypt and



addressed economic, environmental and security issues. They were recognized with the following awards:

- Distinguished Delegation—Germany
- Honorable Mention—Belgium
- Honorable Mention—Egypt
- Outstanding Position Paper, General Assembly Plenary—Egypt
- Outstanding Position Paper, Security Council—Belgium
- Outstanding Position Paper, Special Session on Global Warming—Belgium

For head delegate Marcy Marzola, participating in NMUN has helped her acquire "skills that will last me a lifetime in any aspect of my future career plans. Being dip-

lomatic, having excellent technical writing skills and public speaking will help me convey myself and my points in a courtroom and classroom with absolute clarity."

"The NMUN program was the stepping stone I needed to explore careers and majors in international relations," said delegate Ryan Godfrey. "Beyond its focus to the United Nations, this program provides students a chance for both professional and academic development. It was during my years in NMUN that I fell in love with the nuances of negotiation and the passion for achieving true compromise. With each new conference, I am provided the opportunity, not only to further my degree, but to get a rare glimpse into the challenges of making mean-

ingful change in the international community. It is this gained passion and perspective that has led me to apply for a joint Master of Arts in conflict resolution and diplomacy at Arcadia University for Fall 2009."

For some students, China was their first trip outside of North America. "China was one of the best experiences in my life," said delegate Justin Hoke. "I was able to climb the Great Wall, which was the hardest thing I've ever done in my life; the steps varied in height and width, switching to ramps that varied in steepness. The morning we walked to Tiananmen Square was incredible; we turned the corner from the subway station, and Mao Zedong's face was right there. The feeling was indescribable."

Hoke said his fondest memory is of spending time with a Chinese student named Juny. "Juny went with us to the Muslim Quarter of Xi'an to spend some non-tour guide time with us. She and I exchanged stories of college life and growing up in our respective countries; it was one of the most enjoyable experiences I've ever had."

Other members of the NMUN•China 2008 team included head delegate Bill Rief, Helena Traner, Alex Elkins, Pablo Banhos, Vanessa Walton, Tabitha Woodruff, Tiffany Carlson, Kait Herick and Tatiana Lurie.

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S

Wright State staff member receives diploma after 22 years

WRIGHT STATE'S 42ND semiannual commencement ceremony on November 22 was a long time coming for Wright State staff member Bonnie Owens. After chipping away at a college education for 22 years, she has been taking classes as long as many of her graduating classmates are old.

At 49 years old, Owens graduated with a Bachelor of Science in organizational leadership.

"Finally," said Owens, who has worked at WSU for nearly 11 years. She knows the stamina and determination required for working adults, who often earn their degrees "two classes at a time, under stress, juggling family and work."

"Three years ago I decided to just do it, just plow ahead and get it done," Owens explained. "I sure hope I can be an inspiration to others to achieve goals that we set for ourselves."

Owens is already an inspiration for her daughter, Danielle Booth, 29,

who is working on her bachelor's degree at WSU. "She didn't stop for any reason," Booth said. "She used all options available to her. I'm very proud of her that she stuck to it and didn't give up."

Three generations of the Owens family work at WSU. Bonnie's father-in-law, Roger Owens, Sr., is a carpenter for Physical Plant. Bonnie's husband, Roger Owens, Jr., is a painter for Physical Plant. Daughter Danielle is a grants accountant for Research and Sponsored Programs, and Bonnie is a customer services assistant in Physical Plant.

"I am very proud of my wife, Bonnie. The perseverance and stamina it takes to juggle a full-time job, home life, and achieve a college degree should be an inspiration to all of us at Wright State University. It is a privilege to have available to us the vast scholarly knowledge at our fingertips," said Roger. "By Bonnie completing her degree, this is the next chapter in

our lives together and will bring us closer to achieving our goals and dreams. She worked diligently and sacrificed many things to fulfill her goal of receiving her Bachelor of Science degree in organizational leadership. And for that we are looking towards an intriguing future."

GRADUATION AT A GLANCE

1,469 degrees including:
 784 bachelor's degrees
 626 master's degrees
 1 education specialist
 2 medical degrees
 25 philosophy doctorates
 20 psychology doctorates
 12 associate's degrees
 226 international students representing 25 nations
 20 Hispanic students
 44 Asian students
 144 African American students
 811 women
 658 men
 The youngest graduate is 21 years old and the oldest is 61.



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Adventure Summit offers fun for all ages and skill levels

From rock climbing and kayaking to skiing and snowboarding, this year's Adventure Summit offers something for everyone. "We have events for the very experienced outdoor enthusiast to someone who has never gone on a backpacking trip in their lifetime," said Amy Anslinger, assistant director of outdoor recreation.

This is the fourth year for The Adventure Summit, which will take place February 20–21 in the Student Union. The event is a joint production of Five Rivers Outdoors, the Outdoor Recreation Department of Five Rivers MetroParks, and the Outdoor Resource Center of Wright State University. More than 5,200 people enjoyed a full weekend of activities in 2008.

During the Adventure Summit, the Student Union is transformed into a venue for indoor and outdoor sports. Wright State's climbing gym is the site for a bouldering competition in addition to hands-on instruction. The pool is the place to be for kayaking and scuba. The real showstopper is outdoors where snowboarders demonstrate their tricks of the trade.

A variety of presentations will be offered on topics ranging from hiking the Appalachian Trail to spending the winter in Antarctica. An expo of vendors, clubs and organizations offers a wealth of information on outdoor equipment,



how to get involved in outdoor recreation, and nearby natural resources.

"If you have any interest in outdoor activities, this is for you," said senior Wesley Moosman, who attended the Adventure Summit for the first time last year. "From how to cook outdoors to how to pack lighter, it's all down to the basic level."

"For me as an outdoor person, I get to meet a lot of people who are really good in their fields," said senior Whitney Steiner, who has been to all three Adventure Summits. "You get motivated to try something different by people who are really excited about what they do."

Senior Chris D. Burk enjoys "the diversity of the activities represented, having so many of

the experts that you can talk to and learn from." Burk, who has seen the Adventure Summit grow dramatically over the last three years, enjoys the snowboarding demonstrations and competition, since he has been an avid snowboarder for the past 12 years.



Ann Bancroft, the featured presenter at the 2009 Adventure Summit, will speak on Friday, February 20, at 8 p.m. The event is part of the Wright State University Presidential Lecture Series. Bancroft is one of the world's preeminent polar explorers and an internationally recognized leader who is dedicated to inspiring women and girls around

the world to follow their dreams. Bancroft's teamwork and leadership skills have undergone severe tests during her polar expeditions and provided her with opportunities to shatter female stereotypes. She has been named among *Glamour* magazine's "Women of the Year" (2001);

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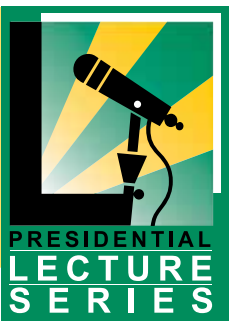
featured in the book *Remarkable Women of the Twentieth Century* (1998); inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame (1995); named *Ms.* magazine's "Woman of the Year" (1987); and honored with numerous other awards for her accomplishments.

The Adventure Summit provides a safe, comfortable environment to learn a new sport.

"It reaches people who have dreams of going out and doing these sports and helps give them the skills to go after those dreams," said Anslinger.

All events at the Adventure Summit, with the exception of the bouldering competition, are free and open to the public.

Presidential Lecture Series



Danny Glover
January 22, 2009, 7 p.m.

Presented in partnership with the Bolinga Black Cultural Resources Center in remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., with additional support by the College of Education and Human Services, the Office of Student Activities, and the Department of Theatre, Dance, and Motion Pictures.

Actor, producer, and humanitarian Danny Glover has been a commanding presence on screen, stage and television for more than 25 years, with film credits ranging from the blockbuster *Lethal Weapon* franchise to smaller independent features. Glover received the 2003 NAACP Chairman's Award and the 2006 Director's Guild of America Honors for his community activism and public service. He has served as a Goodwill Ambassador for the United Nations Development Program and currently serves as UNICEF Ambassador.



Nicholas Kristof
January 26, 2009, 7 p.m.

Presented as part of the University Honors Program's 2009 Honors Institute

Nicholas Kristof, two-time Pulitzer Prize winner and columnist for *The New York Times*, was one of the first to call attention to the genocide in Darfur, visiting that region nine times. He was also an early opponent of the Iraq War and is well known as an advocate of women's rights in the developing world. Kristof and his wife, Sheryl WuDunn, also a *Times* journalist, won a Pulitzer Prize for their coverage of China's Tiananmen Square democracy movement, making them the first married couple to win a Pulitzer for journalism.

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A R O U N D C A M P U S

Public art project brings stone sculptures to campus

SOME NEW FACES are greeting students as they walk to class. Wright State University's Garden for the Senses is now home to five stone sculptures, each weighing as much as 30,000 pounds. Students, faculty and alumni created the artwork as part of a public art project called Circle of Stone.

Wright State alumnus William Tudor organized the project in 2003 with the Department of Art and Art History to give artists their first experiences carving on a large scale. Artists were invited to carve from pieces of Indiana limestone totaling more than 94 tons. They sculpted

the artwork on campus outside the sculpture studio using chisels, hammers and grinders. Several pieces took more than 200 hours of work.

"I began the project hoping to afford students the opportunity to pursue their visions on a scale not typically available to them," Tudor said. "Circle of Stone is not about having prior experience, but rather gaining experience."

Given no theme or restrictions, the artists were free to find their own inspiration. *Stone Woman*, a piece carved by Leesa Haapapuro, adjunct assistant professor of art and art history, tells the legend of a

woman who turns to stone because of her sorrow. This sculpture is encrusted with colored glass geodes. Barret Ramey, a 2005 WSU graduate, explored his interest in interconnecting biometric forms for his work.

The project was funded in part by the Wright State University Foundation. More than a dozen local corporations provided materials and equipment.

Circle of Stone has yielded more than 10 pieces of art. Some are headed to a sculpture festival in Vermont, to an estate dedicated to large sculptures in Texas and to a

private residence in New Mexico. Two additional sculptures are scheduled to be installed in the Garden for the Senses next summer.

"Each of us has a need to live life a little larger," said Tudor, who intends to keep the project open. The title plaque in the garden reads, "Like ripples, may the circle continue to widen, increasing appreciation for art, as well as providing a rich learning experience and inspiration for those who visit the Circle of Stone."

Anyone wishing to become involved with Circle of Stone as an artist or donor may contact William Tudor at (937) 301-9638.



S E C U R I T Y

Wright State helps develop statewide network of Acute Care Centers for emergencies and disasters

IN THE EVENT of a large-scale emergency such as a natural disaster or terrorist attack, hospitals and health care facilities may struggle to meet the immediate surge in demand for vital medical services, especially if their sites and staff are also affected. Emergencies affecting remote areas or complicating the transport of patients can also present serious logistical problems.

To address these challenges and ensure care providers are prepared to respond quickly and effectively in times of crisis, the Ohio Department of Health collaborated with Wright State's Boonshoft School of Medicine to establish the Modular Emergency Medical System (MEMS). The primary purpose of the MEMS program is to develop and maintain a statewide network of mobile Acute Care Centers (ACC) and Neighborhood Emergency Help Centers (NEHC). The ACCs and

"WE ARE PROUD TO PLAY A ROLE IN SPEARHEADING THIS INNOVATIVE PROGRAM TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF ALL OHIOANS."

—GLENN HAMILTON, M.D., M.S.M.

NEHCs provide support to hospitals, primary care offices and other health care systems during emergencies.

"We are proud to play a role in spearheading this innovative program to improve the safety and security of all Ohioans," said Glenn Hamilton, M.D., M.S.M., professor and chair of emergency medicine for the Boonshoft School of Medicine and board chair of the school's

National Center for Medical Readiness (NCMR). "MEMS places our state on the cutting edge of modern emergency preparedness, disaster response planning and civil medical readiness."

"Ohio's public health and medical professionals are committed to helping protect and improve the health of the state's residents every day. This becomes even more crucial during a crisis when hospital resources may be strained," said Ohio Department of Health Director Alvin D. Jackson, M.D. "As an Ohio doctor and one who provided medical help to migrant workers in the field, I understand the importance of having mobile medical supplies and facilities."

Each NEHC can provide triage services and basic medical treatment for up to 1,000 patients per day, freeing hospitals to focus on more serious conditions rather than

case management or non-critical care. Each ACC can provide inpatient care for up to 250 people simultaneously, including hydration, bronchial therapy and antibiotics. Both types of centers are designed for rapid deployment and self-sufficiency, enabling them to reach emergency sites quickly and provide vital care during the critical first 72 hours following an incident.

The ACCs will be deployed to sites across Ohio and strategically placed throughout the state to allow for timely response to incidents wherever they occur. The MEMS will maintain a total of seven centers capable of serving up to 1,750 people at a time.

Funding for the program comes from the Ohio Department of Health and includes grants from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

P A S S I O N T O G I V E

Schuster gift benefits Creative Arts Center

IF THERE IS ONE WORD to describe Benjamin Schuster, M.D., it's passion. Whether it's saving lives as a cardiologist over the past four decades or generously donating to a worthy cause, Dr. Schuster lives his life with passion—a passion to help others, a passion for the arts, a passion for teaching and a passion to serve as a positive role model.

Wright State's Creative Arts Center is the latest recipient of Dr. Schuster's philanthropy. His substantial gift will be used for the modernization and expansion of the Creative Arts Center.

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—BENJAMIN SCHUSTER, M.D.

The Creative Arts Center opened in 1973 in what was then a state-of-the-art facility. As enrollment in the arts continues to grow and technology evolves at a frenzied pace, the Creative Arts Center must also adapt for the future.

In 2007, Wright State embarked on a campaign to raise \$26 million for the modernization and expansion of the Creative Arts Center. While most of the project will be financed with federal support, funds earmarked for the expansion by the university and support from the cor-



porate and foundation community, more than \$13 million of private support is needed.

Along with new classrooms, studios and rehearsal spaces, the project includes an in-house film studio for the Motion Pictures program; renovation, modernization and soundproofing of the concert hall; soundproofing of rehearsal facilities;

improvements in lighting, humidity and temperature control for the art galleries; a more prominent, accessible entrance to the Creative Arts Center; and additional restrooms for theatre, gallery and concert patrons.

Dr. Schuster and his late wife, Marian, have been leading supporters of the arts throughout the Dayton region. They were instrumental

in building the Benjamin and Marian Schuster Performing Arts Center in downtown Dayton.

Dr. Schuster also has strong ties to Wright State, where he has been clinical professor of medicine since 1975. “It was a natural thing to support Wright State's creative arts,” he said. “The creative arts elevate the whole spirit of a community. There is an old adage that industry feeds the stomach, but the arts feed the heart and soul.”

As someone who gravitated almost intuitively to the arts in his youth, Dr. Schuster attends Wright State's theatre productions whenever he can. “They have wonderful musicals and plays and a great art gallery,” he said. “The arts give the university a certain cachet.”

Dr. Schuster's contribution to the Creative Arts Center and his numerous other philanthropic efforts over the years are the result of his personal philosophy of *carpe diem*, the Latin phrase for “seize the day.” Growing up in Wisconsin, Dr. Schuster spent most of his youth in an orphanage and attended medical school at the University of Wisconsin-Madison on a scholarship and loan. These early years as a recipient of charity instilled in him a lifelong desire to give back and the hope to inspire others to do the same.

“We teach by being a role model in life,” he explained. “If you give with passion, you will receive so much more in return.”

B O O N S H O F T S C H O O L O F M E D I C I N E

Heroes of Emergency Medicine

THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS (ACEP) has selected three physicians and educators from Wright State's Boonshoft School of Medicine to be honored as “Heroes of Emergency Medicine.”

Glenn Hamilton M.D., M.S.M.; Joan Kolodzik, M.D., FACEP; and Jonathan Singer, M.D., FACEP, all faculty members within the school's Department of Emergency Medicine, were nominated by colleagues and members and recognized for their significant contributions to emergency medicine, their communities and their patients.

The “Heroes of Emergency Medicine” program is part of a yearlong celebration of ACEP's 40th anniversary. With 12 honorees selected from medical schools, hospitals and other health care organizations through-

From the left:
Glenn Hamilton, M.D., M.S.M.; Joan Kolodzik, M.D., FACEP; and Jonathan Singer, M.D., FACEP



out Ohio, the three WSU faculty members represent 25 percent of the state's “heroes” and the highest number affiliated with any single institution.

“Emergency physicians are on the front lines of America's health care system, providing the essential community service of emergency care,” said ACEP President Linda L. Lawrence, M.D. “The dedication, passion and commitment these physicians have shown embodies

the vision of ACEP's founders and the ideals of our specialty.”

Dr. Hamilton is professor and chair of emergency medicine and serves as board chair of the Boonshoft School of Medicine's National Center for Medical Readiness (NCMR), an innovative training center he co-founded to pioneer new approaches to civil medical readiness. Dr. Hamilton has served as department chair since joining Wright State in 1981.

Dr. Kolodzik is assistant clinical professor of emergency medicine, director of education/EMS for Premier Health Care Services and attending emergency physician at Upper Valley Medical Center in Troy. She coordinates annual continuing medical education (CME) programs and activities for approximately 600 practitioners across the Premier network.

Dr. Singer is associate program director and director of scholarly works for the Boonshoft School of Medicine's emergency medicine residency program and is one of the first professors in the country to specialize in pediatric emergency medicine.

S E R V I C E

New police dog to improve campus safety

A NEW OFFICER OF THE FOUR-LEGGED VARIETY has joined Wright State's police force. Tito, a 13-month-old yellow Labrador retriever, will serve as the university's first narcotics dog.

Tito, who is trained to detect illegal substances, will be considered an officer of the police department and will have access to all of the same areas on campus as his human counterparts.

"Tito will patrol all areas of campus and all buildings to create an environment that discourages the use, possession or sale of illegal drugs," said WSU police chief Michael Martinsen.

According to Martinsen, the purchase of a narcotics dog resulted from a number of incidents this past fall where non-students came onto campus to sell drugs. Tito's keen sense of smell enables him to detect illegal substances inside or outside of dormitory rooms and in parked or moving vehicles.

In November, Tito began training three days a week at K9 Solutions Center in Brookville with WSU police sergeant Richard Coy. Tito's program included 120 hours of narcotics training and 80 hours of handler training with Sgt. Coy.

Upon completion of his training, Tito will be tested at the Ohio Police Officers Training Academy in London, Ohio. After successfully demonstrating his ability to detect drugs in various environments, such as buildings, cars and lockers, Tito will be sworn in and certified as a law enforcement officer. Police dogs are required to undergo testing every two years to keep their certification. Even after he is certified, Tito and Sgt. Coy will continue to train for eight hours each week.

Meanwhile, Tito has been adjusting to life as a police dog. He and Sgt. Coy take the police cruiser to and from training and work so Tito can get his "cruiser feet"—the back of the police cruiser is a kennel for Tito.

Tito's home is with Sgt. Coy and his family. "He's a new addition to the family," said Coy. "He received Christmas presents like everyone else."

Tito's paycheck is a tennis ball and string. "We're trying to get him to use a pull toy or tuggie instead," said Coy. After a hard day's work, Tito is rewarded with some fun exercise and play in Wright State's Wingerd Service Dog Park. "He loves it," said Coy.

With good health, a police dog could serve from eight to 10 years.

Tito, who was purchased by Residence Services, will receive complimentary care by veterinarians in WSU's Laboratory Animal Resources. PetSmart will donate grooming services once a month, and a non-profit organization will provide a bulletproof police vest for Tito.

Tito and Sgt. Coy will begin regular patrols of campus in January or February. While people may instinctively want to pet Tito, Sgt. Coy cautions against this. "You can't really come over and pet him a lot, because he is a working dog," Coy explained.

Tito will work at sporting events or any other campus activities as needed. If he detects an illegal substance on a person, in a dorm room or in a vehicle, it creates probable cause for an officer to search. Tito's services may also be used by other local law enforcement agencies as Beavercreek is the only nearby vicinity with a police dog.

Martinsen and Coy hope students, faculty and staff will view the addition of Tito as a positive step towards creating a safer environment on campus.

"Having a narcotics detection dog on campus adds another resource to the tools available to keep the campus safe. It is important to remember drugs are the root of many secondary crimes such as robbery, theft and assault," said Coy. "By having a drug dog, we are addressing the root of any possible problems before they could happen."

Martinsen would also like to acquire a bomb dog for the Nutter Center later this year.



Small business center at WSU to lead regional SBDC centers

The Ohio Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Wright State University's Raj Soin College of Business has been selected by the Ohio SBDC to lead its five centers serving the nine counties comprising Region 4.

As Regional Lead Center, the WSU center will oversee the contractual subcenters located at Edison Community College, The Entrepreneur Center, Springfield SBDC, Inc., and the International Trade Assistance Center at EMTEC.

These centers reach out to existing and potential business owners to provide business development services in Montgomery, Greene, Miami, Clark, Shelby, Clinton, Darke, Preble and Champaign counties.

Michael Bodey, SBDC director at WSU, will become the regional director for Region 4 while continuing to direct WSU's center. Bodey, a Certified Business Advisor, developed several business assistance resources during his 13-year tenure at WSU focused on using student teams as well as his own expertise to assist Miami Valley businesses.

"The naming of the Ohio SBDC at Wright State's Raj Soin College of Business as regional lead center recognizes our history of providing the leadership and commitment to the economic growth of the region and our ability to develop and manage innovative programs," said Berkwood Farmer, dean of the Raj Soin College of Business. "This recognition also reflects our college's success in coordinating with many partners in the common goal of developing and supporting the region's business community."

In fiscal year 2008, the Region 4 SBDC program consulted with 923 existing and prospective business owners resulting in 1,044 jobs retained, 83 jobs created, \$6,310,000 in capital formation and \$7,179,000 in sales increases.

The overall objectives of the SBDC of Ohio Program are to strengthen the small business community, contribute to the economic growth of the communities served, make assistance available to small businesses in need and broaden the delivery system to the small business community.

The SBDC program is funded by the Small Business Administration, Ohio Department of Development and each host institution, such as the Raj Soin College of Business.

Yung awarded Ohio Health Policy Researcher Award

Betty Yung, Ph.D., a professor at Wright State University's School of Professional Psychology (SOPP), is among the four 2008 winners of the Annual Ohio Health Policy Research Awards, given annually by the Health Policy Institute of Ohio to recognize the best applied health policy research in Ohio.

Yung was awarded the Ohio Health Policy Researcher Award for researchers at tier 2-4 universities for the study "Capacity-building Needs of Minority Non-profits." Yung led a team of researchers from Wright State, University of Akron, University of Cincinnati and Case Western Reserve University in a statewide study of the capacity-building needs of minority health service providers. The research was funded by the Ohio Commission on Minority Health.

Yung received her award at a luncheon on December 12 at "Bridging Policy and Practice: The 2008 Ohio Health Data and Research Conference" in Columbus.

Yung is the director of the Center for Child and Adolescent Violence Prevention located at SOPP's Duke E. Ellis Human Development Institute on Edwin C. Moses Boulevard. She has done extensive research and publication on ethnic and cultural health issues, particularly violence affecting ethnic minority groups. She has had a major programmatic role in the development and evaluation of the Positive Adolescent Choices Training (PACT) program begun in 1989, an adolescent children's violence prevention program that has since expanded to 25 states.

"Dr. Yung's award illustrates the kind of impact the faculty at SOPP have on the community and the state," said Larry James, Ph.D., SOPP dean. "Our mission here is to serve the underserved and promote cultural sensitivity. Dr. Yung's research certainly accomplishes that."

The Annual Ohio Health Policy Research Awards prioritize health topics emphasizing community and population-based policy recommendations, including issues such as health care access, health care administration, health care financing, community health, health education, public health, health promotion, environmental health, behavioral health, mental health, applied epidemiology and allied health, according to the Health Policy Institute of Ohio.

The 2008 awards are funded by The Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati.



Betty Yung receives the Ohio Health Policy Researcher Award from Bill Hayes, president of The Health Policy Institute of Ohio.

Lake Campus awards more than \$200,000 in scholarships

Lake Campus and the Western Ohio Educational Foundation (WOEF) Board awarded \$211,818 in scholarships for the 2008-09 school year, making this a record year for the scholarship program. In a recent ceremony, 147 students were recognized as scholarship recipients.

Just 10 years ago, the WOEf board awarded only 37 scholarships totaling more than \$56,000. Since 1990, more than \$1.5 million has been awarded to more than 1,000 Lake Campus students seeking assistance for educational funding. Awards range from a few hundred dollars in book scholarships to full tuition awards.

"What you see here is a year of activity culminating with these awards," remarked Rick Giere, scholarship committee chair, at the ceremony. "Thank you, to our corporate sponsors and our community, and the parents who support this program."

Dialogue

F A C U L T Y A N D S T A F F N O T E S

Beth Sorensen, nursing and health, published "Social Support, Depression, Functional Status, and Gender Differences in Older Adults Having First-time Coronary Artery Bypass Graft Surgery" in *Heart & Lung: The Journal of Acute and Critical Care*. She also co-authored "NCAA Gender Equity: Pregnancy and Parenting Student-Athletes, Resources and Model Policies," published on NCAA's website.

Patricia Martin, nursing and health, presented "Best Practices in Implementing the Revised Baccalaureate Essentials" at the American Association of Colleges of Nursing's 10th Baccalaureate Education Conference, Keeping Pace with Rapid Change in Baccalaureate Nursing Education, in San Antonio.

Kristine Scordo, nursing and health, published "Mitral Valve Prolapse Syndrome and Magnesium Supplementation: A Review of the Literature" in *Clinical Scholars Review: The Journal of Doctoral Nursing Practice*.

Dionne Simmons, Center for Healthy Communities, Community Health, presented the poster "Substance Abuse Plays an Important Role in the Number of Children Being Raised by Grandparents and Other Relatives" at the 137th annual meeting of the American Public Health Association.

Kimberly Conner, Center for Healthy Communities, Community Health, led a roundtable discussion on the "New and Emerging Roles

for Community Health Workers" at the 137th annual meeting of the American Public Health Association.

William Spears, Community Health, Boonshoft School of Medicine, co-authored the article, "Initiation of and Barriers to Prenatal Care Use Among Low-Income Women in San Antonio, Texas," published in *Maternal and Child Health Journal*.

Will Davis, Student Technology Assistance Center, presented "A Stranger in the Library" at the Indiana Library Federation's annual conference in Indianapolis. The presentation focused on the best practices of the Student Technology Assistance Center.

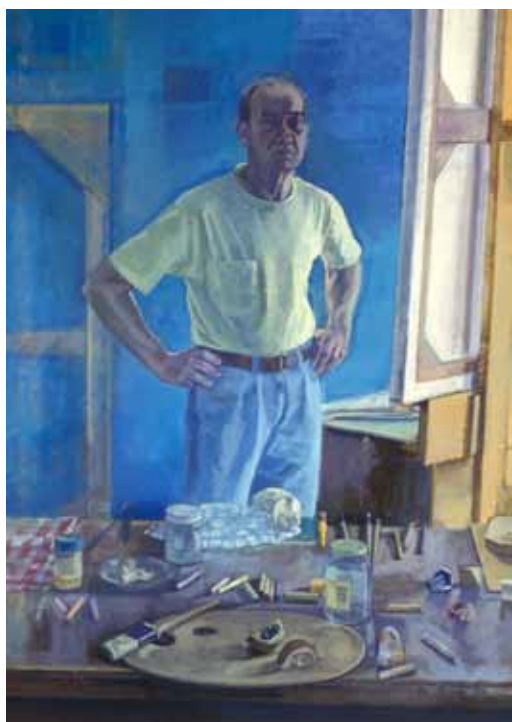
Mariana Morris, Boonshoft School of Medicine, was a review panel member for the Gulf War Illness Research Program in Reston, Va. Morris has received support from the Department of Defense for work on an animal model of Gulf War illness.

Sherrill Smith, nursing and health, passed the examination for Clinical Nurse Leader certification by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.

Mary Lynd, nursing and health, along with members of the National League for Nursing's Task Group on Excellence in Nursing Education, published "Tapping Into Your Center of Excellence" in *Nursing Education Perspectives*.

Art exhibition honors late faculty member

KIMMERLY KISER was an associate professor emeritus of Art and Art History at Wright State University. An active member of the Wright State and local arts communities until his passing in 2006, Kiser taught painting, drawing, color and figure sculpture from 1969 until his retirement in 1995.



Kimmerly Kiser, *Untitled* (self-portrait in studio), undated Oil on canvas, 36" x 50"

Opening January 25 in the Robert and Elaine Stein Galleries, the Kimmerly Kiser Memorial Exhibition will offer a selection of Kiser's still lifes, portraits and self-portraits—a comprehensive survey drawn from more than 30 years of his work.

Kiser described his working process as "an evolutionary and open-ended one. Problems encountered in one work determine the context of the next. Elements of a previous composition may be revisited, or revised. It involves addition and subtraction and a search for structure and meaningful nuance."

In a 1995 essay on Kiser's work, Robert Godfrey noted that Kiser "has spent a lifetime painting within a narrow scope or focus, stalking familiar, everyday objects and imbuing them with magic and mystery through a transcendental touch and light that extend the life of an object beyond its material existence. One feels that the act of painting for this artist is akin to handling and reading a familiar love letter over and over again and being able to glean new meaning and give ordinary words renewed significance."

Born in 1938 in Hagerstown, Maryland, Kiser received a B.F.A. in painting with a minor in humanities and art history in 1966 from the Philadelphia College of Art in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In 1969 he

received an M.F.A. in painting from Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. His work has been exhibited throughout the U.S. and abroad, including the National Academy of Design in New York, New York; Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, North Carolina; Rider University in Lawrenceville, New Jersey; Butler Institute of American Art in Youngstown, Ohio; and The Galleria in Melbourne, Australia.

The exhibition was curated by Julie Anderson, Professor Diane Fitch, and Associate Professor Penny Park. All proceeds from the sale of the exhibition catalogue will benefit

recipients of the Kimmerly Kiser Scholarship in Wright State's Department of Art and Art History.

An invitational exhibition of works by students of Kimmerly Kiser will also be on view.

In addition, the 2009 faculty exhibition will give students and the public a chance to see the work of new faculty member Stefan Chinov, as well as new works by Ron Geibert and Penny Park, completed during their sabbaticals.

The Kimmerly Kiser Memorial Exhibition and the 2009 Faculty Exhibition are on view through March 8.

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