



CONVOCATION 2011

YOU ARE INVITED to President David R. Hopkins' State of the University Address and the Presidential Awards for Faculty Excellence at the University Convocation on September 13, at 2 p.m. in the Student Union Apollo Room.

University faculty will also make presentations and present exhibits in the Student Union Conference Rooms from 3 to 5:30 p.m., followed by a community reception in the Student Union Atrium.

The Presidential Lecture Series kicks off later at 7:00 p.m. in the Apollo Room with community transformation expert Barbara Holland, Ph.D.

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Dialogue

A NEWSLETTER FOR
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FACULTY AND STAFF

N E W L E A D E R S H I P

Three New Deans Named

THE 2010-11 ACADEMIC YEAR saw the birth of new leadership for two Wright State University colleges and one of its campuses. The College of Science and Mathematics, the College of Nursing and Health and the Wright State University-Lake Campus each welcomed new deans.

In July, Rosalie O'Dell Mainous, Ph.D., APRN, NNP-BC, associate dean for graduate programs and research at the University of Louisville, was named dean of the Wright State University-Miami Valley College of Nursing and Health.

"I am looking forward to working with Mainous," said Wright State Provost Steven Angle, Ph.D. "She brings a great depth of experience and energy to the dean's position at Wright State. Having excelled as a nurse, a nurse practitioner, a researcher and an administrator, she is well positioned to lead the Wright State University-Miami Valley College of Nursing and Health."

Mainous became an instructor at the University of Louisville's



Rosalie O'Dell Mainous



Yi Li



Bonnie K. Mathies

School of Nursing in 1987, an associate professor in 1993 and was named coordinator of the Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Program in 1998. She was appointed interim associate dean for Graduate Academic Affairs in 2006. She later became the associate dean for graduate programs and, in 2009, the associate dean for graduate programs and research.

"The College of Nursing and Health at Wright State University has benefited from the leadership of Dean Pat Martin and is now poised for movement towards a strong national

presence," Mainous said. "The faculty and staff are outstanding. I feel fortunate to have the occasion to work with this provost and to lead the college in a time of both challenges and opportunities."

In April, both the College of Science and Mathematics and the Wright State Lake Campus also adopted new leadership, as Yi Li, Ph.D., and Bonnie K. Mathies, Ph.D., respectively, were appointed deans.

Li came to Wright State from the University of Iowa (UI), where he served as the mathematics department

chair since 2007. During that time, he was also a professor in informatics and applied mathematical and computational sciences.

"We are very excited to welcome Dr. Li to the Wright State family," said Angle. "His wealth of experience in higher education complements the strengths of our university."

Under Li's leadership, the UI mathematics department made great strides in enhancing its diversity. In 2005, the department was honored with the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring from President George W. Bush for its work with minority students.

Prior to his appointment as department chair, Li served as the UI director of the Applied Mathematical and Computational Sciences program, associate chair/director of graduate studies and acting director of undergraduate studies.

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Q U A R T E R S T O S E M E S T E R S

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Semesters
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One Year and Counting . . .

Semester programs, courses, advising tools unveiled on TAP website

"THERE ARE A GREAT MANY PEOPLE WORKING VERY HARD to make the conversion to semesters a seamless process. Thanks to these people, I believe we are in very good shape as we move into the final year before the semester conversion. I also believe that the Transition Advising Page will be a tremendous resource for students, faculty and advisors. All the needed materials, programs and processes relating to advising and the academic transition as it relates to students will be found in one location. I think TAP will be invaluable to students as we convert to semesters and will continue to be a significant resource into the future."

—HERBERT E. DREGALLA, JR., PH.D.
DIRECTOR OF SEMESTER CONVERSION

Much of the work by faculty, staff and students that has taken place over the last two years to facilitate the conversion to a semester calendar in Fall 2012 is reflected in the new Semester Transition Advising Page (TAP). Along with important advising information and planning tools, it announces all of the semester curriculum and courses. Making these materials available is a major milestone in semester planning.

The TAP site is a one-stop shop for advising materials needed by transition students, those starting on quarters and finishing on semesters. Faculty and staff will find this website useful as well.

An important element is the instructions and resources transition students need to create an individualized advising plan called My Advising Plan, or MAP for short. Graduate students create a G-MAP. Students

work with their academic advisors to create these plans that map out the courses they need to take, and in what terms, to complete their degrees without delay.

The MAP is the official Wright State process for ensuring the university's Pledge to Students, which promises consistent application of credit, on-time graduation and no increased costs, if students follow their approved MAP or G-MAP.

TAP presents program requirements for majors, minors, certificates and endorsements under the current quarter system and the new semester system side by side. It also showcases the enhancements to the general education curriculum, which has a new name: Wright State Core. Details about Integrated Writing requirements in the Core and major are also explained.

You'll also find all the course

names, numbers, descriptions and prerequisites for the semester system, as well as the current quarter system. In addition, there are links to a course equivalency table and the Course Planning Guides, which show when courses will be offered through the 2013-14 school year.

New! GPS Degree Tracking Tool

Graduation Planning Strategy (GPS), a system designed to help undergraduate students stay on track for graduation, was also unveiled on the TAP site. It consists of Degree Paths, which show classes in a major arranged in a four-year term-by-term sequence, leading to graduation.

An important aspect is embedded Success Markers, critical milestones that need to be met at various points during a student's time at Wright State. Students not meeting Success Markers will be contacted by their advisors.

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Daniel R. Hopkins

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN. The excitement of Move-In Day. The energy of students returning to campus. The flurry of activity as students go to and from classes. The 2011-12 academic year is particularly significant, since it is our last year on the quarter system.

During this conversion to semesters, we have been working diligently to make the transition as seamless as possible for our students, faculty and staff. As always, our students remain our top priority. We want to make sure that none of our students are negatively impacted by this transition.

My thanks to Director of Semester Conversion Herb Dregalla, the entire Semesters Transition Team and our faculty and staff for their work in creating new curricula for the 21st century.

Fall Quarter also brings the announcement of our theme for the new academic year. I am pleased to tell you that this year's theme is "Changing Lives, Changing Communities."

While community engagement is nothing new at Wright State, this year we will have a renewed focus on our role in promoting economic development and enhancing the quality of life in our region. We will examine how we can best utilize our state funding to provide a return on invest-

ment and produce the human talent that is needed for jobs in our region.

In July, we announced two important developments in the role Wright State will play in our region's economic revitalization. For the first time, Wright State will embed a faculty member in a private company—Mound Laser Et Photonics Center, Inc. This novel business agreement will provide a lab at Mound Laser for our faculty member and, in return, Mound Laser personnel will have access to equipment at Wright State. Graduate students will also have the opportunity to work at Mound Laser, gaining real-world experience with cutting-edge technology.

The other exciting announcement involved the distribution of \$18 million in state funding to the Wright State Research Institute and Dayton Development Coalition to accelerate job growth in the aerospace and defense industries. This workforce development initiative is expected to create new jobs in the region, bring new technologies and products to the marketplace, and establish Wright State as the lead institution in aerospace curriculum designed to meet industry needs.

Our focus on community transformation also extends to service-learning to help solve the problems of our region. While there are already a

potpourri of ways in which we engage with the community, I want to make sure that we offer every possible opportunity for students, faculty and staff to become involved.



The We Serve U initiative is certainly a step in the right direction, offering a variety of opportunities for our staff to donate their time and skills to local nonprofit agencies. I plan to participate in some of these projects myself and hope you will join me!

As always, I look forward to working with each of you as we continue on our journey of "Changing Lives, Changing Communities." Here's to another great year!

2011 FACULTY AWARDS

For Excellence



ROBERT J. KEGERRIS
DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR OF TEACHING

TODD DEWETT

Throughout his career at Wright State, Todd Dewett has consistently been an outstanding professor, winning recognition for his stellar teaching, forging remarkable connections with his students, and enabling those students to apply his ideas to their business careers and to their lives.

"I believe teaching is a privilege," said Dewett. "I believe teaching is about changing lives for the better. I have no idea why you would be in the classroom if your goal were anything less."

In the last 10 years, Dewett has won no fewer than 10 teaching awards, including the Faculty Teaching Award presented by the MBA cohort class of 2010 and the Faculty of the Year Award presented by the Chinese MBA cohort of 2007. Twice he has won the Outstanding Graduate Faculty Teaching Award from the entire MBA program.

Dewett was recognized in 2006 with the President's Award for Faculty Excellence: Early Career Achievement for his teaching, research and service.

A professor of management, Dewett teaches a number of undergraduate and MBA classes, mostly on leadership topics. He routinely earns glowing student evaluations. He says there's never a week that goes by where he doesn't receive emails from former students wishing to reconnect.

"They say thanks for helping me land the job, receive the promotion, handle the conflict, improve my resume, start the company or change my career," said Dewett. "Nothing is more fulfilling than seeing these outcomes."

His influence goes beyond the classroom. He's an exceptionally active speaker, trainer and consultant. He has been quoted in media publications ranging from *The New York Times* and *Chicago Tribune* to *BusinessWeek* and *CNNMoney*. Dewett is the author of 21-refereed publications, a book chapter and two books on the field of leadership.

"In 30 years of teaching, I have yet to see a better classroom teacher than Todd Dewett," said Raj Sooin College of Business Dean Berkwood Farmer. "His enthusiasm, his excitement, his commitment to teaching all comes through loud and clear."



OUTSTANDING LECTURER

STEPHANIE DICKEY

Stephanie Dickey, a recently promoted senior lecturer in the Department of English Language and Literatures, is this year's Outstanding Lecturer. Whether for her students, her colleagues, her university or her community, Dickey contributes tirelessly with unrelenting enthusiasm.

Dickey teaches a host of composition classes, including special sections for freshmen, honors students and education majors. Designing relevant courses that allow students to critically analyze, debate and resolve is an invaluable technique that she employs often and well.

Dickey has spent countless professional hours incorporating service and civic engagement into her classroom. Through projects like tutoring disadvantaged children at Westwood Elementary and creating a LEAP partnership for cross-cultural enlightenment, Dickey has been a stellar model for how we can all do better and be better—in our classroom, in our university and in our community.

Her dedication within the university is also noteworthy. She has spent countless hours vetting and improving courses and syllabi for UCAP's Service-Learning subcommittee to ensure the university's SRV and SRV designation meets university standards of excellence.

Dickey's own SRV class on food insecurity led to the creation and opening of the Friendship Food Pantry on campus.

Also a regular on the Writing Programs Committee, she has provided indispensable work on placement, assessment and faculty review. As we move toward the conversion to semesters, she has co-created new syllabi for two English classes.

"The complete devotion to learning and teaching she exhibits daily can be summed up in one word: commitment—outstanding commitment to teaching, professional development and university service," said Carol Loranger, Ph.D., chair of the English department.

Dickey is a Wright State University alumna. She earned her B.A. in English and her B.S. in education here in 1990. She graduated from Wright State again in 1995 with a M.A. in rhetoric and composition.



EARLY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

VAUGHN SHANNON

An assistant professor of political science, Vaughn Shannon is now completing his third year at Wright State University.

Shannon has taught general education classes on the Middle East and upper-division political science courses. He has also assumed responsibility for teaching research design for the graduate program in international and comparative politics.

Across all levels, Shannon has received superlative student evaluations. Comments include "I did not believe Middle East politics could be taught in such a balanced and thoughtful manner," "Dr. Shannon's political psychology class was the most intellectually challenging course I have taken at Wright State," and "This professor showed a genuine interest in developing our critical thinking skills."

Shannon has distinguished himself in the classroom while pursuing an active research and publishing agenda. He wrote *Balancing Act: U.S. Foreign Policy and the Arab-Israeli Conflict* and co-edited *Psychology, Constructivism, and International Relations: An Ideational Alliance*.

He is currently working on a textbook called *Pathways to Conflict and Cooperation* with Glenn Hastedt.

"Shannon has developed a very good record of publications," said Ian Hurd, Ph.D., associate professor of political science at Northwestern University. "His work is diverse, interesting and careful."

"I have spent the past several months working closely with Dr. Shannon, who I hope will replace me as Model United Nations advisor upon my retirement," said Donna Schlagheck, Ph.D., chair of the political science department.

Schlagheck said that Shannon has provided helpful insight and constructive criticism of the system the team uses to train students in research, writing, speaking and negotiation.

"His commitment to student learning has been evident every day we meet with students," said Schlagheck.

Presidential Lecture Series 2011-12



Changing Lives, Changing Communities

The Wright State University Presidential Lecture Series was developed to advance human justice and promote the university's commitment to creating a diverse community and learning environment. This year's speakers bring unique insights and experiences to address social issues of our time.



Please also join us as we present

Eric Klein
Founder/CEO of CAN-DO
October 2, 2011
3 p.m.
Wright State Nutter Center

Gen Silent
LGBT Documentary
October 20, 2011
7 p.m.
109 Oelman Hall

21st Annual Conference for the Association for Black Culture Centers
October 27-30, 2011
Wright State Student Union

Symposium on Sustainability in Health Care-2012
April 12, 2012
Wright State Student Union

Quest for Community: A Call to Action Conference
April 20, 2012
Wright State Student Union



Barbara Holland
Community Transformation Expert

September 13, 2011
7 p.m.
Student Union
Apollo Room



Arlene Mayerson
National Expert on Disability Rights Law

October 12, 2011
7 p.m.
Student Union
Apollo Room



Robert Ballard
Deep-Sea Explorer, Discoverer of the Titanic

March 1, 2012
7 p.m.
Student Union
Apollo Room



Mark Johnson
Grammy®-Winning Producer/Engineer

April 18, 2012
7 p.m.
Student Union
Apollo Room



Daniel Hernandez
First Responder for Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords

May 2, 2012
7 p.m.
Student Union
Apollo Room



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FACULTY AWARDS *For Excellence*



BRAGE GOLDING DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR OF RESEARCH

TIMOTHY COPE

Timothy Cope began his time at Wright State University chairing the Department of Neuroscience, Cell Biology and Physiology. In the short span of six years, he has made a positive impression on the lives of many students and colleagues, as well as benefited his department.

Less than two years after Cope's arrival, Wright State neuroscience researchers successfully competed for funding as a National Institutes of Health Program Project, with Cope as catalyst and director.

"Tim has succeeded in leading neuroscience research at Wright State to unprecedented heights and to national prominence," said Robert Fyffe, associate dean for research affairs. "As department chair and academic leader, he has created an environment in which not just his own research program, but those of faculty throughout his department and across college boundaries, can thrive."

Cope is a rigorous researcher and scientist with a sustained track record of productivity and achievements in the fields of motor control, sensory feedback and nerve injury. His publications have frequently challenged long-held views and opened new areas of investigation. He is also a dedicated and joyful educator who still conducts "all night" experiments with his students, and a helpful and cooperative colleague to all who work with him.

"Tim Cope is deeply passionate about the success of others," said Dan Voss, the former interim dean of the College of Science and Mathematics. "[He is] always striving for ways to support and assist faculty in their research programs by providing support and encouragement as department chair, by helping a junior colleague write a stronger grant proposal, by building collaborations—whatever is helpful."

Perhaps drawn by Cope's spirit of cooperation, leading scientists from universities such as Case Western Reserve and Georgia Tech regularly visit Cope's Wright State lab to participate in collaborative studies with him.



PRESIDENT'S UNIVERSITY TRUSTEE AWARD

SHARMILA MUKHOPADHYAY

"From her early work with NASA on anti-gravity technologies, to her current research efforts with nanostructures, professor Mukhopadhyay has always been at the cutting edge of what is new and exciting in the world of high technology," said S. Narayanan, dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science.

Sharmila Mukhopadhyay, Ph.D., is a professor of mechanical and materials engineering and director of the Center for Nanoscale Multifunctional Materials. She has organized student symposia and competitions at national meetings, served on program and thesis review committees at international universities and participated in national leadership councils related to modernizing educational programs in America.

Mukhopadhyay is also dedicated to educating the public about science. "Professor Mukhopadhyay's passion for her field and education is evidenced not only by her dedication to developing the Materials Science and Engineering program at Wright State, but by fostering the interest of the general public as well," said George P. G. Huang, professor and chair of the Department of Mechanical and Materials Engineering.

One of Mukhopadhyay's greatest contributions to Wright State University is the Center for Nanoscale Multifunctional Materials. The center, founded in 2007, serves as a focal point for science and engineering research and education in the expanding field of nanotechnology.

"She has exemplified service at the regional and national level," said Huang, "and her extensive research has attracted the attention of government agencies and professional publications alike."



FREDERICK A. WHITE DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

JERALD KAY

Jerald Kay, M.D., is not only a talented psychiatrist: he is driven to help others. His drive is exemplified by his record of service at Wright State, where he has dedicated his time to bringing psychiatric care to students and faculty, as well as providing regional and national leadership for the betterment of underserved populations.

"He has grown a sustained and vibrant department which provides clinical care to our students, faculty and staff, as well as to the community," said Robert Fyffe, associate dean for research affairs. "He has been an authoritative and powerful voice in the realm of regional and state policy, particularly regarding mental health services and student mental health care, and has served in leadership positions for state and national commissions set up by government and national professional societies."

At one time, Kay chaired the U.S. Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education's Committee on Psychiatric Residency Training Programs. The committee is responsible for ensuring compliance with accreditation standards for all U.S. psychiatric training programs. Chairing this group serves a critical function and is incredibly time intensive.

"Doctor Kay's professional roots are firmly planted in psychiatric education," said Douglas Lehrer, associate professor of psychiatry, "so it is no surprise that as his talents and ambitions grew beyond the hands-on arena of teacher and student, he would choose to serve and improve the broader institution of psychiatric education."

Kay is also one of the university's best "recruiters" of candidates for leadership positions in the Boonshoft School of Medicine. His recruiting skills come from a background as a nationally recognized leader and from his deep understanding of university and hospital cultures.



OUTSTANDING INSTRUCTOR

ANDREA HARRIS

As an instructor whose responsibilities are split between the English department and the Women's Studies program, Andrea Harris has an interdisciplinary approach to teaching, research and writing that spans the fields of literature, philosophy, film and ethnic, gender and cultural studies.

Much of Harris' work is focused on exploring the complex phenomenon of violence against women, particularly sexual assault. She ultimately hopes to have an impact on changing the lives of survivors and facilitating societal efforts to put an end to this worldwide social problem.

Without a rape crisis center in the Dayton area, Harris has become well known in the community for her prompt and effective support of survivors of violence.

Director of Wright State University's Women's Center Amber Vlasnik called Harris "a valuable resource for academic research on the topic of gender-based violence, how to support survivors and how to create better structures and policies."

Last year, Harris was awarded the prestigious Heart of Gold Award from Dayton's Lambda Chapter of the Eta Phi Beta Sorority for her work helping others in the community.

Harris leaves an impact on students not only through the classes she teaches, but also as a co-coach for Wright State's award-winning Ethics Bowl Debate Team. In 2010, the team qualified for the national competition.

She also serves as faculty advisor to Women of Strength, a group she started in her first year as an instructor. The group provides resources and networking for survivors of violence. It sponsors several events each year including speak-outs, art exhibits and lectures.

Harris earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees in English literature at Wright State.

"The volume and quality of Andrea Harris' work speaks to her dedication, talent and constant commitment to students, faculty, staff and community members," said Kelli Zaytoun, Ph.D., director of the Women's Studies Program, and Carol Lorange, Ph.D., chair of the English department.

"She is a role model for us all and we are honored to be her colleagues," they said.



EARLY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

CHRISTOPHER WYATT

"Dr. Christopher Wyatt is an outstanding new faculty member at Wright State University," said Robert Putnam, chair of the Promotion and Tenure Committee in the Department of Neuroscience, Cell Biology and Physiology. "He has a well-funded and successful research laboratory, is an excellent, innovative and effective educator both in the classroom and the laboratory and has provided increasingly involved and productive service to the university and to the scientific community."

Christopher Wyatt, Ph.D., is a hard-working, nationally recognized scientist dedicated to research and education. In his four years at Wright State, he has published 15 papers in prestigious journals, been invited to give seven seminars across the country, and received \$1.4 million in grant money to fund his research.

"This is an amazing accomplishment in this day of highly competitive funding and is a testament to the importance and impact of his research," said Putnam.

Wyatt's research in the field of oxygen sensing holds great potential for being translational, leading ultimately to treatments for health problems such as sleep apnea and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. He has recently begun to collaborate with Galleon Pharmaceuticals, a company focused on respiratory disorders, receiving funding to study the effects of putative respiratory stimulants on carotid type-1 cells.

Wyatt consistently receives high scores on both student and peer evaluations, indicating he is both a superb teacher and a cooperative colleague.

"Chris thrives because of combined prowess in critical and creative thinking, clear and effective communication and a dedicated work ethic," said Timothy Cope, chair of the Department of Neuroscience, Cell Biology and Physiology.



EARLY CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

ANN STALTER

Ann Stalter, Ph.D., R.N., is an accomplished member of the Wright State University faculty. She is completing her second year in a tenure-track position, and "since her appointment, Dr. Stalter has diligently performed at high levels in the areas of teaching, scholarship and service," according to members of the Promotion and Tenure Committee of the College of Nursing and Health.

Stalter is the director of the R.N.-to-B.S.N. program, designed for nurses with associate degrees who wish to complete additional nursing education at the baccalaureate level. She consistently receives positive evaluations from participating students.

In addition to her academic endeavors, Stalter maintains expertise as a community health nurse. She led a team of faculty volunteers administering H1N1 vaccines over winter break, vaccinating 4,000 people. Stalter then collaborated with a group of nurses, nurse educators and public health officials to author an article later published in *Disaster Med and Preparedness* about her experience.

Recognizing that the shortage of health care professionals in the Miami Valley could lead to a drop in the quality of care, Stalter has been working to guide local youth into health professions through summer camps for all ages. Connecting children with undergraduate nursing students, Stalter hopes to foster their interest in medical careers.

"Dr. Stalter's accomplishments have been numerous in her short time as a new researcher," said members of the Promotion and Tenure Committee of the College of Nursing and Health. "She engages in scholarship and services related to the professional responsibility of a committed community and public health nurse, educator, scientist and university faculty member. Her teaching, service and scholarship are aimed at advancing the discipline of nursing."

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PRESIDENT'S AWARDS For Excellence



SERVICE (UNCLASSIFIED)

KATIE DEEDRICK

Katie Deedrick, director of Student Support Services, is a tireless advocate for Wright State students. She is on call 24/7 to help students who find themselves in difficult and sometimes dangerous situations. Deedrick has assisted the Wright State University Police Department in their investigations of sexual assaults. She works with victims, their families and the hospital to ensure that the victim receives treatment and feels secure.

"I feel the university benefits from Katie Deedrick because her professional attitude reflects on what people she encounters think of Wright State University," said Officer Dena Neal of the Wright State University Police Department. "Parents like to feel their sons and daughters will be taken care of and provided for while attending the university and in an emergency situation."

Deedrick provides students with learning opportunities through flyers, pamphlets, activities and guest speakers such as Keith Edwards, Ph.D., founder of Men Ending Rape. Deedrick organizes many events for Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and attends the events to make sure they run smoothly.

She serves on many campus committees, works with several offices around campus, including Residence Services, and is a dedicated and skillful fundraiser.

Deedrick regularly goes above and beyond the duties outlined in her job description, engaging with students, staff and faculty at many levels. If she has been up all night at the hospital helping a student, she comes back to the office on time the next day, ready to take on whatever task is at hand.

"It takes an unbelievable person to do Katie's job," said Jacqueline Neal, director of advising for biology and health professions, "and she does it with compassion, sincerity and determination. Her 'never give up' attitude is contagious and her support to students is admirable."

SERVICE (CLASSIFIED)

MARK BOGARD

"The first thing that strikes one about Mark is the pleasant way he greets everyone and his willingness to go out of his way to help anyone, to locate something or to work well beyond normal expectation to get a project done properly," said Kenneth Turnbull, chair of the Department of Chemistry.

Mark Bogard arrived in the Department of Chemistry 15 months ago and found it short-staffed and in the midst of renovation-induced moves. There was no departing administrative support coordinator to guide him. Bogard took this in stride and maintained a professional and personable demeanor, earning the respect of his colleagues and helping the department through a trying time.

"His pleasantness and courtesy in dealing with students, faculty and visitors has been a wonderful asset for the department in its relationships with the rest of the university and the wider community," said Turnbull. "Further, his personal integrity is nonpareil and I have never met anyone more vested in the department and his job."

Despite the steep learning curve, Bogard has become a skillful and enthusiastic administrative support coordinator as well as beloved colleague. Bogard never fails to recognize special events with cards or gifts, strives to improve the working atmosphere in the department and regularly shows up an hour early to prep the office for the work day.

"Mark's service to his position has kept the department functioning on a daily basis," said Angela Brookie, financial aid coordinator. "His willingness to learn and serve others has been demonstrated by his positive and caring attitude, pleasant demeanor, eager approach to problem solving and commitment to his position and the Department of Chemistry."

HUMAN RELATIONS (CLASSIFIED)

PATSY BAKER

As the first point of contact for the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, Patsy Baker interacts daily with prospective students and their families. With a smile and an excellent attitude, she represents Wright State University in the most positive way.

"Patsy handles each encounter with grace, professionalism and a true desire to help students and promote Wright State," said financial aid coordinator Joanie Hendricks. "She meets students from all walks of life and treats every prospective student equally."

Approached each day by an array of people, Baker offers a genuine sense of care, kindness and attentiveness to the concerns of others, said Marquita Manns, assistant director of undergraduate admissions.

Baker gives her undivided attention to each inquiry. After carefully listening and evaluating each situation, she often quickly offers a solution that is both effective and efficient.

"Baker sets a welcoming and professional tone for each visitor to our office," said Manns. "She promotes enthusiasm among the office staff and student workers and creates a sense of harmony within the workplace."

Baker goes out of her way to treat everyone with respect. She goes above and beyond the call of duty to ensure that each person is given correct and precise information.

She strives to give each prospective student a pleasant experience, often positively influencing his or her decision on attending our university.

"I know for a fact that Patsy always strives to relate to and meet the needs of everyone who desires her attention," said Manns.

HUMAN RELATIONS (UNCLASSIFIED)

JEFFREY COWGILL

Jeffrey Cowgill brings people together. He works at Wright State University's Joshi Center and at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, and is hailed by his colleagues as a man who can bring people together.

"Jeff consistently reaches out to his colleagues, other university departments, students and the community to offer assistance on a wide variety of technology issues," says Jerry Hensley, senior information technology analyst, Computing and Telecommunications Services. "He frequently works with individuals of differing nationalities and ethnicities in a way that is very welcoming and accepting of everyone's unique life experience and perspectives."

Cowgill provides a wide range of support services, including web design and development, hardware and software support, application consultation and deployment management, network infrastructure management and many other functions necessary to the relationships between Wright State and many outside entities.

"The relationships formed and maintained by Jeff and his willingness to provide outstanding customer service are the cornerstone of establishing good will and harmony within and outside the walls of our institution," says Hensley. "Going the extra mile to ensure the needs of a user are met is typical behavior for Mr. Cowgill and is clearly evidenced by the positive feedback and innovation achieved from the individuals and projects he works with."

Cowgill is not only a skilled worker, but a skilled communicator and colleague. Many people who have worked with him have remarked on his cooperative and team-oriented style. He is adept at working with diverse groups, and keeps everything running smoothly.

Cowgill "demonstrates excellent interpersonal skills, builds strong relationships with clients, is well liked by all who work with him, is trustworthy and is committed to finding a best-fit solution for everyone," says Jacqueline Neal, director of advising for biology and health professions.

LEADERSHIP (UNCLASSIFIED)

BARBARA BULLOCK

As director of Institutional Research, Barbara Bullock ensures that her office provides the accurate and timely data necessary for the university's various centers, departments and colleges to evaluate their programs and achieve their missions.

In the past, the Office of Institutional Research provided 30-day prior, as well as first-, seventh-, and 14th-day enrollment reports. However, as enrollment has increased over the past few years, the office has needed to provide greater historical data and trend analysis to help with university planning.

Under Bullock's leadership, the office now produces the traditional reports as well as monthly dashboards with historical data. This allows Enrollment Management, Student Affairs and Residence Services to better anticipate and respond to changes in enrollment.

Bullock ensures that the university's accountability reports are prepared and delivered to the Ohio Board of Regents. These reports allow Wright State University to receive proper funding and recognition. She also oversees the university's reporting to national college rankings such as *U.S. News and World Report* and *The Princeton Review*.

Bullock serves on several committees within the university, including the Quarters-to-Semesters Committee, the Classroom Utilization Committee and the Enrollment Management Data Committee. She is a former USAC chair and a co-founder of the Staff Council Human Resources Committee.

Finally, Bullock leads her staff by providing daily opportunities to coach and mentor them on the responsibilities of an institutional researcher. She models the qualities she teaches by listening and responding to clients with the data they need.

"Barb is well respected for the vital work that she does and the capable, cooperative and careful way in which she does it," said Joan Bernstein, communications manager in the Division of Enrollment Management.

LEADERSHIP (CLASSIFIED)

LORI METIVIER

Lori Metivier served Wright State University first as an administrative assistant when the Center for Global Health was launched, then as a grants and contract specialist and most recently as program coordinator for the second-largest Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) degree program in Ohio.

In all her roles, Metivier has consistently demonstrated energy, perseverance, creativity and superior acumen.

She has had a crucial behind-the-scenes role in every successful undertaking at the Center for Global Health in the last 11 years. She also worked on the details of the Certificate in Health Care Management program, which was recognized as the President's Collaborative Unit of Excellence in 2004.

She coordinated the interviewing and hiring of additional faculty needed for the launch of the M.P.H. degree program and provided close administrative supervision during the beginning of the dual-degree master's programs for medical students.

Metivier has been the operational manager for annual conferences on health systems management and public health for the last decade. She is also the go-to person for technology issues at the center's off-campus location, often solving problems single-handedly or leveraging support from CaTS.

Metivier has also served as an important catalyst in the integration of the Center for Global Health and the Center for Healthy Communities.

In her current role as M.P.H. program coordinator, Metivier is the point of contact for students wanting the most current information about their courses, schedules and requirements.

There is virtually nothing that Metivier touches that is not significantly improved by her stewardship and leadership.

"Lori is exemplary of what President Hopkins encourages us all to be," said Tami Smith, programs facilitator in the Office of the Registrar. "She works to make this the best institution of higher learning by assisting fellow employees, faculty and students to achieve success, grow professionally and to do so with the best use of the resources at hand."

OUTSTANDING COLLABORATIVE UNIT

SLASAC

The Service-Learning and Student Activities Committee (SLASAC) is an excellent example of campus unity, dedication and service. It meets regularly to coordinate service-learning and civic engagement activities.

SLASAC was responsible for the creation of the Wright State University Friendship Food Pantry, which serves students who are experiencing difficulty making ends meet and staying in school.

The committee discovered that many students experience food insecurity at some point in time while they are in college. SLASAC applied for an AmeriCorps VISTA position through Ohio Campus Compact, and Rebecca Fensler was hired to oversee the project.

As one of only two campus pantries in Ohio, the project is an example to other institutions around the country.

"SLASAC is an exemplary demonstration of Wright State caring for its own," said archivist and records manager Chris Wydman.

"They spearheaded an effort to address a largely unknown need at the university and should be highly commended for their spirit of caring and service to the campus community," he said.

OUTSTANDING UNIT AWARD

STATISTICAL CONSULTING CENTER

The Statistical Consulting Center (SCC) has worked with almost every college, school and center at Wright State University. It provides statistical consulting services to Wright State faculty, staff and students involved in research.

By providing high-quality statistical analysis and interpretation, the SCC has increased the stature of Wright State research. There is little doubt this contributed to the university's distinction of being ranked fourth nationally for research productivity among small universities by the Faculty Scholarly Productivity Index in 2007 and its designation as a university with high research activity by The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.



The SCC offers its expertise to area businesses and individuals, thereby strengthening the ties between the surrounding community and our university. This expertise and availability has helped establish the SCC as an important technological resource in the Miami Valley.

SPIRIT OF INNOVATION AWARD

BETH ANDERSON

As a reference specialist in the university libraries, Beth Anderson has a unique understanding of the benefits of technology to education. During the fall of 2007, Anderson decided to bring those benefits to students who might not otherwise have a chance to utilize them.

Anderson created the Wright State University Upward Bound Program to serve high school students from low-income families and first-generation college-bound students. The goal of the program is to increase

the rate at which participants complete secondary education and enroll in, and graduate from, postsecondary education.

"She not only created an opportunity to expose students to technological advances in digital media," said Brenda Dewberry, director of Pre-College Programs and the Upward Bound Program, "but she also opened a whole new college-based experience for students that would not have been made available to them otherwise."

NOTE: The Spirit of Innovation Award can be given to a unit or an individual. This is the first time it has been awarded to an individual.



The organizations' first fundraiser, We Serve U worked with Recreation Fitness at the Employee Fitness Walk last May to raise money for Hospice of Dayton. Pictured from left to right: Kim Everhart, Greg Coffey, Iris Mirelez, Connie Gehret, Fran Keeley and Linda Baker.



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WHETHER RAISING AND DONATING MONEY for Dayton Hospice and Ronald McDonald House, collecting school supplies for Dayton PreK-8 students in need, lending a hand to incoming freshman on Move-In Day or helping military moms send packages to soldiers, We Serve U is truly helping to transform the communities Wright State University serves.

In just its first year of operation, the Wright State Staff Council's program is building momentum after two successful fundraising events and a website launch.

We Serve U co-chair Jacqui Neal says the program is all about getting the staff more organized and integrated into an already-flourishing community service campus community.

"Students are already doing a lot on campus, but professionals can offer things in community service that stu-

dents often can't," said Neal. "We want to tap into that resource in a more organized way with We Serve U."

Primarily, We Serve U aims to organize at least four community service opportunities each year for Wright State professionals, posting essential information about the events on the We Serve U website. But the program aims to facilitate much more than that.

"We wanted to organize community service events on campus that faculty and staff could participate in, but also we wanted to collect information about other opportunities and share that on our website," said Neal.

The program's website was designed to become a source of information for community service

opportunities that originate from both on and off campus, from both students and staff. Program leaders also want the website to serve as a service hour tracking tool for university professionals too.

"It helps us to reaffirm our mission and vision to transform the communities we serve, and I think the site tracking will help us all see how much we really are doing and may inspire others to do more too," said Joanie Hendricks, We Serve U co-chair.

Tracking service hours is essential, not only for the information but also for recognition, which Wright State garnered again during the 2010-11 academic year.

For the second consecutive year, Wright State was named to the Presi-

dent's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for its support of volunteering, service-learning and civic engagement.

Wright State was listed on the Honor Roll with Distinction for "its strong institutional commitment to service and campus-community partnerships that produce measurable results for the region." Only 114 institutions across the country received such an honor.

The recognition only affirms what many on campus deeply believe: Working in higher education should also mean working toward a higher calling.

"We are an educational institution, which means we're all here for a purpose greater than just our jobs," said Jennifer Papadakis, We Serve U co-chair. "We Serve U highlights that."

Visit www.wright.edu/weserveu to learn more and get involved.



Wright State University Alumni Association's 40TH Anniversary

THE WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION will celebrate its 40th anniversary this month in true Raider fashion. The Alumni Association Dinner/Dance will be Friday, September 9, from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Fairborn Holiday Inn.

Then on Saturday, September 10, the Alumni Association will host its Legacy Scholarship Brunch at 10 a.m. at the Wright State Nutter Center Berry Room. Join the Alumni Association as it honors the scholarship donors and recipients.

Later on Saturday, September 10, from 2 to 6 p.m., come celebrate Alumni Daze at the Wright State Nutter Center McLin Gym. Make sure to bring back all those good vibes from the October/May Daze of yesteryear.

Alumni will enjoy basketball instruction from Raider greats while the kids can play in the inflatables in the kid zone. Come play the same festival games from when you were in college and get your taste buds ready for a chili cook-off and much more. Bring the family and show your fellow alumni how you're still rowdy after all these years!

Then that night, from 7 to 11 p.m., head to the Party in the Rath at the Wright State Student Union Rathskellar. It's your chance to relax after Alumni May Daze and reminisce with fellow alumni.

Visit the Wright State Alumni Association website at wrightstatealumni.com for more information.

THREE NEW DEANS *Continued from page 1*

Also in April, Mathies was elevated to dean from her position as interim dean. Prior to that she was the associate dean of the Lake Campus for three years.

"Dr. Mathies has shown her dedication to this university and its students for more than three decades," said Angle. "Her excellent reputation as an educator and administrator made her an excellent choice for this role."

Mathies came to Wright State in 1974 as an instructor in the College of Education and Human Services (CEHS). She became chair of educational technology and allied programs in 1988 and assistant dean for communication and technology in 1994.

Mathies served as associate dean of the CEHS from 2000 until her move to Lake Campus in 2007. She was responsible for overseeing the \$10 million renovation of Allyn Hall, Wright State's first building.

SEMESTERS *Continued from page 1*

Degree paths are available now for four colleges. Degree paths for all other colleges will be available Fall 2012.

You can find a link to TAP on Wright State's homepage and the Semesters website (www.wright.edu/semesters), or visit

www.wright.edu/semesters-advising.

The campus is invited to the first monthly update of the new school year.

Semester Transition General Meeting

Friday, September 16, 9-10:30 a.m.

Apollo Room B&C (refreshments will be served)

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