College of Graduate Programs and Honors Studies Newsletter - August 2023

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It's back-to-school time for many of us. The College of Graduate Programs and Honors Studies has moved to our new home in University Hall. We are excited to welcome over 10,000 new and continuing Wright State students. I hope you enjoy this newsletter and catch up with what happened on campus and in our community over the summer.

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News

Foundation board trustees

Led by Linda Black-Kurek, the Wright State University Foundation appoints six new trustees to the board: Michael Clark, Dave Dirksen, Janet Heppard, Vercie Lark, Peter Julian, and Natasha Sandella.

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National reaccreditation

Wright State receives reaccreditation from CAEP for its Educator Preparation Programs. This successful accreditation will remain in effect through Spring 2030.

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Lab visit

On June 16, 2023, the RISE (Raider Interdisciplinary Showcase of Excellence) Tour hosted Wright State Trustees in the digital microelectronics lab in the College of Engineering and Computer Science. Trustees enjoyed the visit and hands-on activities.

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Raiders for life

Kathy and Gregg Klein open Tom & Dot's gelato shop in Miamisburg. The shop offers 16 flavors of gelato, coffee, and artisan gelato sandwiches.

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Wright state alumnus, private investigator wins award

Francisco Marques, the owner of Centerville-based private investigation company, wins the Best Professional Services Business award. Marques has worked as a private investigator since 1990.

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Partner-in-charge

Danielle Rolfes is named partner-in-charge of WNT practice of KRMG. In honor of her mother, Rolfes has endowed the Rolfes Family Scholarship to support single parents pursuing an undergraduate degree or MBA.

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Tackling connections

Wright State alumnus Scott Steiner takes on a new role as the athletic director of Mad River Local Schools in Riverside. He obtained two master's degrees from Wright State to pursue his passion for teaching and coaching.

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Wright State student researcher takes honors

Kelia McMichael, a dual major honors student, receives three prestigious awards for her research presentations. She credits Clintoria Williams and Adaku Ume as her inspiration for a dual degree.

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A fellowship to help the underserved

Artesia Dunbar, SOPP student, is working with the APAI's Minority Fellowship Program. This will support minority graduate students who are involved in the mental health field, with a focus on assisting other minorities.

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Faculty of the Month

Dean Darryl Ahner

Darryl Ahner, Ph.D., was appointed dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science in 2023. Before joining Wright State, Dr. Ahner was dean for research at the Air Force Institute of Technology at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and led its Office of Research and Sponsored Programs.

Dr. Ahner's research centers around optimization of test and evaluation, autonomous systems, big data analytics, reliability, stochastic models, simulation and military research applications. He is also a professor of stochastic operations research.

Dr. Ahner retired from the Army in 2012 after serving for 22 years. In 2021, he received the secretary of defense's highest civilian award for workforce development and consulting activities.

Announcements

AES Energy Innovation Challenge

AES Ohio (formerly DP&L) is announcing its annual, nationwide Innovation Challenge. This is a prize-based competition for any graduate student interested in clean and renewable energy. This competition is open to all graduate students. Learn more [here](#).

Grant Writing and Fundraising

Graduate students can learn about grant writing/fundraising by enrolling in URS 4340/MPA 6340 (Fundraising and Grant Writing). The centerpiece of the course is a hands-on service-learning project. This class is offered each semester. Please email liberalarts@wright.edu for more information.
Responsible Conduct of Research Training

The Research and Sponsored Program will host Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) training in October and November. If you are funded by NSF and NIH, you are required to attend the training session. A total of 80 participants accumulated 200 counts of attendance in Spring 2023. Please register here.

Quiz

True/False: You can apply to the Honors Program as a continuing student at Wright State.

June 2023 Quiz Question: What are the three Honors Degree Designations? (University Honors, Departmental Honors, General Studies Honors)

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