College Announcements

- Information on Safe Online Practices Available from IT Services -- You have probably read several emails from IT Services about phishing scams. Being able to recognize and prevent phishing scams is critical in an online age. You can learn more about how to protect yourself on the W&J ITS Internet Security page. This information is constantly updated and is available here.

- The 2014-2015 Energy Lecture Series continues Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2015 at 7:00 pm in Yost Auditorium, Burnett Center. Sarah O. Ladislaw, Director and Senior Fellow of the Center for Strategic and International Studies’ Energy and National Security Program, will present a lecture entitled "Energy Trends in North America." The lecture is free and open to the public.

- Washington & Jefferson College’s inaugural Day of Giving will be held on Presidents’ Day, Monday, Feb. 16. This one-day campaign is a celebration of the 234 years since our founding in 1781. The goal? To collect 234 gifts in 24 hours. All members of the W&J community are invited to show their #PrezPride by making a gift (of any size) to the W&J Fund on February 16. You can do so by visiting the Day of Giving table at George & Tom’s between 9:00 am – 4:30 pm or by making a secure gift online at jayconnected.com/PrezPride. All gifts made to the W&J Fund are made without restriction and provide the College with the flexibility to meet the ever-changing needs on campus and positively affect the lives of students every day. Pssst!… All those who brave the cold and make a gift by visiting us at George and Tom’s will be entered in a raffle for the chance to win gift certificates to the Barista Café and W&J Bookstore. For more information, contact Lindsey Daniello ’03 at ext. 6866 or ldaniello@washjeff.edu.

- If you would like an event promotion displayed on the campus storyboards, located in Swanson, Henry, Burnett and the Tech Center, please contact Morgan Mattingly at mmattingly@washjeff.edu.

HR News

- W&J’s 2015 Biggest Loser Competition began on Jan. 30. This a 10 week challenge to get fit in 2015 with your fellow co-workers. We are so excited that 30 employees will be participating in the competition! We will be measuring our goals on percentage of weight lost once a week for 10 weeks. The participant with the highest percentage lost at the end of 10 weeks will win a cash prize!
News

- Introducing Flat George & Tom, travel companions for the intrepid W&J President. Document your journeys by taking Flat George & Tom with you wherever you go! Whether you're traveling near or far, attending a special event or hanging out with friends and family - take a photo and share it on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook using #flatgeorgeandtom! We are excited to see what you share! Download here.

They already visited Platform 9 3/4 at Universal Studios, Orlando, Fla. with Nancy Killen Bryant '95.

- Presidents in the Press:
  - The intersession Candy Chemistry class was featured in the Observer-Reporter.
  - A new Computational Sciences concentration at W&J has been announced. Read more here.
  - Zoe Levenson '14 has been making an impact in her field as a Women in Transportation Fellow at CMU.
  - The Fullbridge Program in Entrepreneurship was on campus this Intersession for the first time. Discover more.

Database of the Month: Gale Virtual Reference Library

Please let you students know we now have the Gale Virtual Reference Library (GVRL) available for research. GVRL is exactly what it sounds like -- an online library of reference eBooks, including reliable resources from numerous academic book publishers. The database is multidisciplinary with strengths in world and American history, literature, economics, environmental science and cultural studies. You can search keywords in the full-text of an eBook title or across the entire collection of hundreds of titles. Some of the eBooks in GVRL may be books in our library, but now you can access and read them online, even remotely, anywhere and any time. Tune in to Library Land on WNJR on Thursday, February 5, to learn more!

New Acquisitions

The following books have recently been added to our collection:

- Car Country: An Environmental History by Christopher Wells
- Fascist Voices: An Intimate History of Mussolini's Italy by Christopher Duggan
- Johnny Mercer: Southern Songwriter for the World by Glenn Eskew
- The Riddles of the Fourth Gospel: An Introduction to John by Paul Anderson
- Introductory Food Chemistry by John Brady

We also added the following DVDs:

- Billy Madison
- I Love You, Man
- The Hangover
- Wanted
- X-Men III: The Last Stand
News (cont.)

- Thanks to the generous donors that have supported An Uncommon Bond: the Campaign for Washington & Jefferson College, we will break ground on six new tennis courts and viewing area this Spring! This will begin Phase I of the Athletic Complex Expansion and Renovation Project. For additional information, please visit anuncommonbond.org

CoLET Corner

The Committee on Library and Educational Technology is here to look at academic uses of library and technology resources. Visit our libguide to contact us, learn about technology inside and outside the classroom, and for room recommendations.

- If your students will be creating posters this semester, don't forget to schedule an InDesign training session with Mike Camden to help them prepare.
- Don't forget to schedule a session at the Library! Learn more about the services the Library offers.

Recent Donations

The Archives would like to thank Ken McKain '70 for his recent donation of a J.A. Caldwell map of Washington from 1876. The map shows W&J's campus, as well as the rest of the town.

Library Calendar

Find your friendly Library staff at the following events in -- and out of -- the Library this month.

Wednesday, Feb. 4
- Librarian on Location, The Commons, 11 am to 1 pm
- Archives Walk-In Hours, Library lower level, 3 pm to 5 pm

Wednesday, Feb. 11
- Librarian on Location, George & Tom's, 11 am to 1 pm
- Archives Walk-In Hours, Library lower level, 3 pm to 5 pm

Wednesday, Feb. 18
- Librarian on Location, The Commons, 11 am to 1 pm
- Archives Walk-In Hours, Library lower level, 3 pm to 5 pm

Wednesday, Feb. 25
- Librarian on Location, George & Tom's, 11 am to 1 pm
- Archives Walk-In Hours, Library lower level, 3 pm to 5 pm

Friday, Feb. 27
Library Hosts HUB Movie Weekend at Monti's: Come get a milkshake or a snack from your favorite librarian!

Reminders:

- CoLET's first meeting for the semester will be on Friday, Feb. 6. If you have suggestions or issues you would like us to discuss, contact any committee member:
  - James Benze
  - Mike Camden
  - Dan Faulk
  - Amanda Holland-Minkley
  - Robbie Iuliucci
  - Michael Lewis
  - Jamie March (chair)
  - Alexis Rittenberger
Scholarship


- Mark Swift sang with the Renaissance City Choir at Gov. Tom Wolf's inauguration ceremony on Jan. 20, 2015. The RCC was one of only three groups statewide asked to perform during the event.

The FDC is hosting two faculty colloquia in February:

- Dr. Todd Verdun—Department of English Wednesday, February 18th, 4pm in the Media Room "Keats, Psyche, and the Poetics of the 'working brain"
- Dr. Nobunaka Matsuno—Department of Chemistry Wednesday, February 25th, 12pm in TEK118 “Essence of Liberal Arts: A Chemist's way of approaching financial economics, stock trading, and computer programming to make MONEY (almost)"

W&J College Arts Series

- Christie Blizard will be featured in the Olin Gallery Feb. 6 - March 8, 2015. There will be an opening reception and Artist Talk: Friday, Feb. 6, 6-8 pm. Creating large-scale drawings and installations with tape, Christie Blizard merges painting and drawing with social engagement practices. Working on site and directing a crew of student volunteers, Blizard assembles a space that explores the connective tissues between painting and performance, public and private, and the spectacle and the hidden. Christie Blizard is an Assistant Professor at the University of Texas at San Antonio. Blizard received her MFA from Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA and her BFA from Herron School of Art and Design, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis, IN. This event is FREE and open to the public.

- It's back for the fifth time! Our popular Oscar® Nominated Short Subjects span two nights (Live Action Friday, Feb. 20 and Animated Saturday, Feb. 21 at 7:30 pm) leading up to the broadcast of the popular Academy Awards on Sunday, Feb. 22. Come walk our red carpet in your awards season finest, enjoy the short films and root for your favorites on Sunday! The single ticket price (or season ticket package) includes tickets for both nights. Individual tickets will be available at the door for each night, but at the full ticket price. “Oscar” is a trademark of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. [http://oscar.go.com/nominees](http://oscar.go.com/nominees)

- Winter Tales XIII will occur Thursday, Friday and Saturday Feb. 26-28, 2015 at 7:30 pm in Olin Theatre. The ever popular Winter Tales returns for an evening of short one act plays (ten minute plays, actually) drawn from original scripts submitted by members of the W&J community, including students, alumni, faculty, administration and staff. It is a fast-moving and diverse (sometimes very adult) entertainment from fresh voices. Our Thirteenth Year! This event is FREE and open to the public. No reserved seating

From the Sustainability Committee

The Mission of the Sustainability Committee at W&J is to promote a shared sense of responsibility towards the social, economic and environmental well being of our campus, community and world.

Please check out some of our initiatives at [http://www.washjeff.edu/sustainability](http://www.washjeff.edu/sustainability).

If you have any recommendations for the committee please send them to Jamie March.
Spotlight on Community Engagement

- **February Produce to People**
The Greater Washington County Food Bank Produce to People food distribution is in need of volunteers on Tuesday, Feb. 3 from 8 am - 1 pm at the Washington County Fairgrounds. Produce to People is the Food Bank's large-scale produce distribution program. Volunteers are needed to assist with anything from passing out the produce, to acting as runners and support. W&J is an active volunteer sponsor in this event, so staff can have time out of the office to volunteer for the event with supervisor permission. To register to volunteer, fill out the form [here](#).

- **Central Blood Bank Blood Drive at W&J**
The next W&J Office of Community Engagement sponsored Central Blood Bank Blood Drive is Thursday, Feb. 12 from noon - 6 pm in the Rossin Campus Center Ballroom. You can make an appointment at our registration tables at G&T’s Feb. 4-6 and Feb. 9-11 from 11 am - 2 pm. Or, you can schedule an appointment by contacting Justin Dandoy at (724) 503-1001 Ext. 3086, emailing volunteer@washjeff.edu or scheduling a time [here](#).

- **City Mission Sweet Sunday**
City Mission, a homeless shelter and support organization in Washington, is hosting Sweet Sunday, their largest annual fundraiser, on Sunday, Feb. 8 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Canonsburg, PA. The event is a dessert Festival for the entire family. Attendees can enjoy delicious desserts, live music all day, celebrity judges, Kid’s Korner, basket auction, silent auction, Wreath of Wealth, Sweet Sunday Cafe and more! All proceeds benefit City Mission programs. The event is $4 in advance or $5 at the door. Advance tickets can be purchased in the City Mission administrative building (the white house next to the Mission, 84 West Wheeling Street, Washington, PA). They are also in need of volunteers for two hour (or more) shifts from 7 am – 7 pm for set up, activities and tear down. To volunteer, fill out the form [here](#). We hope you will support by volunteering or attending!

- **Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl For Kids’ Sake W&J Team**
[ Bowl for Kids’ Sake (BFKS)](#), the region’s largest charity bowling event, is a fun-filled day of bowling, games, excitement and an opportunity for everyone in the community to make a difference in the lives of at-risk youth. Proceeds benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh’s one-to-one mentoring programs, serving more than 1,300 children annually in Allegheny, Washington and Greene Counties. W&J is looking to host a fundraising team or teams and participate in the West Pike Bowl in Canonsburg, PA on Sunday, March 8 from 1 pm - 3 pm. If you are interested in bowling on one of our teams, please email volunteer@washjeff.edu.

- **Dine & Donate for the United Way of Washington County at the Union Grill**
Dine out for the night and help benefit the United Way of Washington County, an organization that helps to fund services for 43 programs at 24 local Washington agencies. These programs work to improve education, financial stability and health in Washington County. If you dine out at the Union Grill (13 East Wheeling Street) on Thursday, Feb. 5, at any time during the day or evening, 10% of all the restaurant’s proceeds will benefit the United Way of Washington County’s Community Impact Fund for local charities.