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This newsletter will communicate the news of faculty and staff, update everyone on campus events, and welcome new colleagues to campus. Use the online form to submit good news, achievements, and spread the word about important events to our community.


College Announcements

- On Thursday, March 2, 2017, from noon-1 p.m. in the Media Room, Dr. Mark Swift will kick off the spring faculty colloquium series with a presentation on his summer research project funded by the Kenneth M. Mason Sr. Faculty Research Grant. In his talk entitled, “Secrets These Rolling Hills Hide (and Tell): A Geologic and Geomorphic Story,” Mark Swift will give an overview of the work he has been doing in connection with his new degree in Fluvial Geomorphology (because Ethnomusicology just wasn’t enough syllables!). He will cover some of our region’s geologic history from the deep geologic past as well as more recent developments that have shaped our landscape and given our region such a distinctive geographic character. If you’ve ever wanted to get your hands on an actual chunk of Marcellus shale, then you should come to this talk!

- Divinity Roxx, music director and bassist for Beyoncé, will give a masterclass on March 13 at 4 p.m. in the Olin Theater. The whole campus community is invited to attend. (Unfortunately, non-W&J affiliated people are excluded by the terms of the contract.)

- W&J will host the annual Three Rivers German Day Competition for high school students on Thursday, March 16. Approximately 300 students from 15 different area high schools will be on campus to perform music, drama, and poetry in German. Members of the W&J community are invited to check out the art competition entries, which will be displayed in the Ski Lodge from 8 a.m. to noon that day. This competition is supported by generous grants from the Bayer Corporation and the American Association of Teachers of German.

- A big thank you to all faculty and staff members who joined alumni, students, parents, and friends by participating in our third annual Day of Giving on Presidents’ Day. We are excited to let everyone know that 535 members of the W&J community collectively donated $196,572.14 on Day of Giving. This not only marks the first time we’ve ever surpassed 500 donors in a single day, but clearly that kind of financial support will have a tremendous impact on our students and programs. More information and final numbers from this year’s Day of Giving are available at jayconnected.com/RedBlackGiveBack.

HR News

- Warm Welcomes:
  - Bob Day, Dispatcher (Feb. 14)
  - Yancy Yeater, Online Presence Manager (Feb. 20)
  - Jim Brewer, Campus Police Officer (March 5)

- Ford Farewells
  - Erin McGarry, Admission (Feb. 17)
  - Emily Payne, Communications (Feb. 24)

Library Times

Spring Break Hours

The Library will be open during Spring Break -- please see the calendar on our Home Page for specific hours.

New Acquisitions

The following titles have been added to the library's collection and can be found in the New Book Corner:

- Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America (Ibram X. Kendi)
- The Last Superpower Summits: Conversations that Ended the Cold War (Thomas Blanton)
- Patterns: Inside the Design Library (Peter Koepke)
- Hidden Figures (Margot Lee Shetterly)
- Stories of Your Life and Others (Ted Chiang)
- A Long Way Home (Saroo Brierley)

These Oscar-nominated DVDs are also available now:

- Loving
- Florence Foster Jenkins
- Hell or High Water
- Kubo and the Two Strings
- Zootopia

http://libguides.washjeff.edu/greensheet/March2017
From the Sustainability Committee

- Time for spring cleaning! Sell or donate your gently used household goods or office supplies on the W&J materials exchange site. Not a member yet? Simply search “Wash Jeff Exchange” on Facebook and request to join. Contact site administrator Rebecca McDonald with any questions.

- Join us for the Washington County Water Alliance Annual Meeting! Enjoy a light dinner, great conversation, and a night full of environmental inspiration! On Tuesday, March 7 from 5–7 p.m., the WCWA will be hosting its annual meeting, and the W&J Sustainability Committee is encouraging faculty, staff, and students to attend. Transportation will be provided from campus for anyone interested. If you would like to register as part of the W&J group, please email sustainability@washjeff.edu and indicate whether or not you will be using the W&J transportation. You can learn more about the WCWA on their website. Please RSVP by

- Join members of the Sustainability Committee for the Wild & Scenic Film Festival on Thursday, March 9, for free. The Wild & Scenic Film Festival—the nation’s premier environmental and adventure film festival—will stop in Pittsburgh in March as part of its nationwide tour to showcase environmental films that inspire action. PRC and Allegheny CleanWays will host the evening of short films that showcase breathtaking ecosystems and powerful stories of individuals and communities taking action to protect their health and the environment. The third annual Wild & Scenic Film Festival will take place on Thursday, March 9, at Chatham University. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the program begins at 6:30 p.m. The sustainability committee is sponsoring tickets and transportation will be provided from campus for anyone interested. If you would like to register as part of the W&J group, please email sustainability@washjeff.edu and indicate whether or not you will be using the W&J transportation. Please RSVP by March 7 at 5 p.m.

- Next Sustainability Committee—March 10. The mission of the Sustainability Committee at Washington & Jefferson College is to promote a shared sense of responsibility towards the social, economic, and environmental well-being of our campus, our community, and our world. Comprised of students, faculty, and staff, the Committee seeks to develop a campus-wide ethic of sustainability in order to educate our community and lead by example. The committee members are encouraging others to join us to meet our goals! Our next meeting is Friday, March 10 at 3:30 p.m. in Burnett 102. Come and join us! No need to RSVP! Can’t make the meeting but still interested? Email sustainability@washjeff.edu for more information.
W&J College Art Series

- W&J College Arts Series presents Caladh Nua on Sunday, March 12, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. Just in time for St. Paddy’s Day! Caladh Nua is a tightly-knit, vibrant and staggeringly talented band with its origins deeply rooted in the Southern counties of Ireland. Comprised of five versatile musicians and singers playing a wide selection of instruments—from banjo to fiddle, guitar to bodhran, and tin whistle to button accordion—the band has captured the essential qualities of traditional Irish music and balanced them finely with an innovative contemporary flair. Through a series of international tours and festivals across the globe, which saw the band take the stage in cities such as Paris, Vienna, Copenhagen, Berlin, Mumbai, and Vancouver, Caladh Nua has cast a uniquely captivating net of Irish music and song over an ever widening worldwide audience. A long list of TV and radio broadcasts of their performances and two acclaimed recordings includes American Public Radio, the BBC, and RTE. Performing a vast repertoire of haunting songs and evocative Irish tunes, Caladh Nua is a young ensemble on the rise.

Tickets required. Two FREE tickets per W&J Id. Call the box office M-F, noon to 6 p.m. to reserve at 724-223-6546.