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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.

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College Announcements

- It’s an exciting time for the Presidents as we start another academic year. As you know, fall is also the time we welcome home our graduates at Homecoming & Reunion Weekend! The Office of Alumni Relations would like to invite you to take part in Homecoming & Reunion Weekend by offering you two complimentary tickets for the following activities on Saturday, Oct. 21: Tailgate Lunch from Noon–1:30 p.m. (Under the Tent, Olin Lawn) and Fifth Quarter from 4:30–7:30 p.m. (Under the Tent, Olin Lawn). If you choose to take advantage of the complimentary tickets, please email alumni@washjeff.edu by Friday, Sept. 22. Once your registration has been made, tickets can be picked up on Friday, Oct. 20 from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. OR Saturday, Oct. 21 from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Barron P. McCune Alumni Center.

News

- Charlene Bedillion has accepted the position of Director of Financial Aid. Charlene has been with the College for 15 years and most recently was the Associate Director of Financial Aid.

- The 14th Annual Washington Literacy Seminar was held in Burnett Center on Aug. 1-2 and was co-sponsored by the Washington & Jefferson College Education Department. More than sixty teachers and administrators participated in the seminars. Several of the organizers and presenters of this event have close ties to the College, including Mandi Figlioli, former Benedum Master Teacher 2013, Zack Zebrasky ’09, and Lucas Rendiulc ’03. In addition, we were happy to see Kayla Kowalo ’15 as a participant in the event.

Library Times

What’s New in the Library?

Lots of stuff!! Here’s what we have been doing:

- New external HVAC-no more extreme temps!
- Door swipe installed for evenings to ensure safety
- Removal of all VHS and LPs
- All new computers on the main floor
- New updated televisions for viewing DVDs
- Two new librarians
- Whiteboards available for checkout
- Freestanding scanner-can send to your email or smartphone
- Maximize your gift to Washington & Jefferson College by donating through the Washington County Community Foundation’s (WCCF) Day of Giving on Sept. 12. During this one-day event, your gift to W&J via www.wccfgives.org will be matched proportionally from the WCCF Gives $100,000 pool of matching dollars! Funding for the pool is provided by WCCF Gives sponsors and anonymous Foundation contributors. To make your gift on Sept. 12, visit www.wccfgives.org.

- One Night Only! THEATRE SLAM! Saturday, Sept. 16, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. at Olin Theatre. W&J Student Theatre Company and Alpha Psi Omega Theatre Honorary present THEATRE SLAM – an entirely student-driven event! What do you get when you lock student directors, writers and actors in the theatre overnight? COMBUSTION! EXPLOSION! (or as the poets say) SLAM! Join us for the annual experiment in “dangerous” theatre. Within the space of 24 hours, our students will create and stage an evening of theatre. There is no predicting the end-results. Witness the dramatic product of their fertile, but sleep-deprived minds. It’s live theatre – anything can happen. Warning-possible adult themes/language.

- Scholarship
  - Dr. Candy DeBerry, Professor of Biology, gave a presentation on "Introduction to Pollination and Pollinators" for the 1st Annual Pollinator Festival at Powdermill Nature Reserve in Rector, Pennsylvania, on Aug. 5 and a presentation on "Thomas Jefferson: Advocate for Native Plants" to the Town and Country Garden Club of Greene County in Rices Landing, Pennsylvania.
Carolina Velez, J.D., will present a lecture entitled "Conflict Resolution: New Career Opportunities" on Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2017, in the Media Room at 6:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by the W&J Conflict and Resolution Studies Concentration. A Q and A session and reception will follow.

HR News

- We would like to welcome the following new employees to W&J!
  - Marissa Rush, Head Softball Coach (Sept. 5)
  - Angelica Petrisko, Assistant Director of Annual Giving (Sept. 11)
  - Kevin Totty, Senior Associate Director of Financial Aid (Sept. 28)

- We would like to congratulate the following employees who have milestone service anniversaries in the month of September!
  - Anna Koffler, Admission, Sept. 1—1 Year
  - Lisa Hamilton, Student Counseling Services, Sept. 24—10 Years

New Acquisitions

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

- The Blood of Emmett Till by Timothy B. Tyson
- The Black Presidency: Barack Obama and the Politics of Race in America by Michael Eric Dyson
- Fledging by Octavia Butler
- Kindred: A Graphic Novel Adaptation by Damian Duffy & John Jennings
- Virus: An Illustrated Guide to 101 Incredible Microbes by Marilyn J. Roossinck

The following new DVDs are also available in the New Book Corner:

- Ivory Tower: Is College Worth the Cost?
- My Life as a Zucchini
- Seed: The Untold Story
- Gender Revolution: a Journey with Katie Couric
- I Am Not Your Negro

Caelin Celani ('18) was recognized for his undergraduate poster, “Heavy metal levels in college drinking water,” by the Division of Environmental Chemistry. The poster was

- Assistant Professor of History David Kieran, Ph.D., presented a paper, “The Guys That Are Gonna Make a Difference: Masculinity and Suicide Prevention in the Army’s ‘Shoulder to Shoulder’ Campaign” and Console-ing Passions: International Conference on Television, Video, Audio, New Media, and Feminism, Greenville, NC.

- Assistant Professor of Music Kyle Simpson had a new work premiered at the Atlantic Music Festival, in Waterville, Maine, on July 18, 2017. The piece was entitled, "Never Stop Running" for flute, clarinet, violin, cello, piano, and percussion. The work was based on ideas present in the popular German-indie film Run Lola Run. The music festival attracted some of the nation’s top performers, composers, and conductors. Simpson was an invited composer/participant and had the chance to work with composers from around the nation, including those from Yale, Curtis School, Bard, Juilliard, UC Berkeley, and many others. The video of the premiere can be viewed here.
judged outstanding for material content and presentation at the 254th National Meeting of the American Chemical Society, Washington, D.C., Aug. 21, 2017.


College Archives

The U. Grant Miller Library welcomed the International students into the library for tours and an introduction to W&J's history through exploring the archives. The students prepared presentations of specific decades highlighting sports, student life, traditions, and historical moments.
Library Calendar

You can find our friendly Library staff at the following events in and out of -- the Library this month.

Wednesday, Sept. 6: Cool off in the Library, enjoy lemonade, the new AC, and meet the staff 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Come see what's new in the library!!

- Wednesday, Sept. 13: Library on Location, George & Tom's, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 20: Library on Location, George & Tom's, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 22: Feel Good Friday: Banned Books Week: Are you a Rebel Reader? 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 27: Library on Location, The Commons, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.