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“When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed.”

— Maya Angelou

The Centennial Honors College, like other academic units on this campus, must rely on the generosity of contributors to augment our operating budget and replenish our scholarship accounts. Raising funds can be a daunting task, especially during rough economic times, but it is something we must do to advance our academic goals.

This year, the Honors College will host its first-ever “Scholarship Extravaganza.” This fun-filled fund-raiser will be at the American Legion Hall in Macomb (221 E. Washington Street—the first building east of the Post Office) on Friday, April 25 from 7:00 to 10:00 PM.

Admission is just \$10 per person, and *all proceeds will go to the Centennial Honors College’s Scholarship Fund.*

The event will feature a silent auction, excellent food, and musical entertainment donated by the Endnotes. The

Endnotes is comprised of WIU faculty and staff that have been playing myriad events for nearly eight years. The band offers an eclectic blend of classic rock, blues, jazz, country, standards and original music. Band members are Ken Mietus, Larry Balsamo, Diane Cumbie, John Simmons, David Rohall, Greg Hall, Brian Davenport, and yours truly.

So, everyone is invited to join in the merriment and support a great cause. Bring some friends. Dance or sing along to live music. Bid on a variety of goods and services. Enjoy great refreshments and your favorite beverages. Mingle with old acquaintances, meet our honors students, make new friends, and become a supporter of the Centennial Honors College.

If you cannot attend but would like to donate money or some items to our silent auction (e.g., fruit baskets, baked goods, tickets to events, time-shares, memorabilia, new books, donated services, musical instruments, electronics) please call (309-298-2228) or email us (Honors@wiu.edu).

Anything you can do to advance our scholarship fund will be most appreciated.

—Rick Hardy, Director

Dance to the Music of the Endnotes

Participate in a Silent Auction

Enjoy good food and your favorite beverages

Join in the fun!

All proceeds go to the Centennial Honors College’s Scholarship Fund

Friday,

April 25, 2014

7:00–10:00 PM

\$10 Admission

**Macomb American
Legion**

221 E. Washington



WIU Sends Three Students To 2014 Golden Key Regional Summit

G K R E G I O N A L S U M M I T



Submitted by Golden Key Public Relations Officer Ashley Luke

Golden Key International Honour Society held its annual Regional Summit for Region 5 (joined this year by Regions 4 and 6) from March 14th to March 16th in St. Louis, MO.

Western Illinois University had three student representatives from its Golden Key chapter in attendance: GK president Crystal Cho Jones, vice president Scott Baumbich, and secretary Hannah Porter. The event promised to be informational, and the participants confirm it was that and much more.

Before the event, participants were told they would learn about personal and professional development while also enjoying the city of St. Louis. Attendees went to various workshops, got the chance to listen to keynote speakers, and were able to socialize with other Golden Key members from around the Midwest.

“The event itself was well planned and exceptionally informational, not to mention it was a great way to socialize with individuals from all over the Midwest region,” said Baumbich. “It was a great way to learn how other people live and experience life, outside from what I was taught.”

This opportunity to learn and grow with other Golden Key members from different schools was invaluable. Though the members came from different places and varying backgrounds, their similar values made friendship and camaraderie nearly effortless.



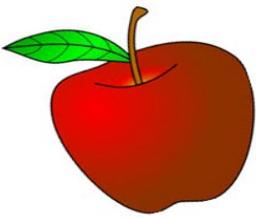
“Everyone was so different, but the commonality was a deep interest in scholarship, leadership, and service,” said Porter. “These people were fabulous. They all had such good minds and it was such a diverse group.”

“It was inspiring,” Jones added. “I had great conversations with people who seem to have like minds.”

Many things were taken away from this event, including new friendships, a hope for education, and skills for how to interact with people from different cultural experiences. WIU’s student participants were able to attend various workshops, including ones on marketing, recruitment, graduate school, leadership, stress management, emerging technologies, and the stages of group development.

This worthwhile, inspiring conference earned high praise from WIU attendees, prompting unanimous declarations of recommendation to those considering going to a Golden Key Regional Summit in the future. “All in all, I would recommend that all members try to attend the Summit at least once before they graduate,” said Baumbich.

For more information on the WIU chapter of Golden Key, contact Jennifer McNabb at JL-Mcnabb@wiu.edu, and for information on upcoming GK events and future Regional Summits, visit www.goldenkey.org.



Thank a Teacher!

Saturday, April 12th
1:00-2:00 p.m.
Grades K-4



Come join the fun at the Macomb Public Library! There will be reading aloud, writing center activities, and crafts focusing on teachers and teacher appreciation.



All this fun is free.
Hope to see you there!



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SHA/Golden Key Blood Drive, Take 2!

The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center Blood Drive co-sponsored by SHA and Golden Key originally scheduled for February and canceled due to inclement weather has now been rescheduled. Please stop by to give a pint on Friday, April 18, 2014, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Malpass Library Garden Lounge. Walk-ins are welcome; if you would like to sign up for a specific time to donate, contact Michele Aurand (MJ-Aurand@wiu.edu) or

SHA Vice President Tyler Czarnecki (TL-Czarnecki@wiu.edu). If you cannot donate but wish to help support the drive, please contact GK Advisor Jen McNabb (JL-Mcnabb@wiu.edu). The MVRBC is hoping for 25 donors: the Honors College now includes more than 700 students, and the number of WIU GK members stands at nearly 150, so we can make this happen with your help!



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How life flows through our community.®

A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots.

~ Marcus Garvey

Honors Student of the Month



Caleb Markey
Student Government
Association
President

Year: Senior

Major: Accounting &
Finance

Our Honors Student of the Month for April is senior Accounting and Finance major Caleb Markey. Caleb is one of the most recognizable students on campus thanks to his two terms as President of WIU's Student Government Association (SGA). Before serving as President, he served as the Director of Finance on the SGA cabinet. Caleb was also the founding Treasurer of the Iota Rho chapter of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity at WIU. Of his involvement with the Honors College, Caleb states, "I became involved in the Honors College because I deeply desired to supplement my education with additional studies. Through my Honors curriculum, I have learned things beyond what is taught in the classroom. This is immensely valuable to me."

Caleb points to Honors College Director Rick Hardy as a key influence. "My mentor throughout my college experience has been Dr. Richard Hardy. He has pushed me to find ways to develop myself—to learn and then impact the world. Dr. Hardy is knowledgeable about his curriculum and studying under him was an incredible experience." Caleb cites his

experience in Dr. Hardy's GH 299 "The Roberts Court" (Spring 2013) as a favorite Honors experience: "Through this class, I gained a deeper understanding of the Supreme Court of the United States. This class was highlighted by a spring break trip to DC to tour the Supreme Court building and meet with Justice Clarence Thomas."

To conclude an undergraduate career of academic achievement, Caleb is graduating this spring in possession of a trio of recent and impressive academic honors. He will serve as this semester's Departmental Scholar from the Department of Accounting and Finance and has also been named the College Scholar of the College of Business and Technology. Caleb proudly reports that he will graduate in May having earned the academic distinction of Summa Cum Laude. Beginning in August, Caleb will start the Illinois Legislative Studies Internship Program, offered through the University of Illinois at Springfield. He is enthusiastic about the opportunity to work on a partisan staff in the Illinois State Capitol.

Spring Scholarship Notices

The Honors College is pleased to announce the winners of two of its prestigious spring scholarship competitions. Datrese Hearn (featured as our Honors Student of the Month for October 2013) has been named the recipient of the Martin Dupuis Leadership Award in Historically Underrepresented Communities. The award, currently in the amount of \$1300, was created in 2005 in the name of former Honors Director Marty Dupuis to recognize Honors College students from historically under-represented communities who have excelled as both leaders and scholars. Datrese was selected on the strength of her resume, letter of recommendation, and a two-page essay explaining what she learned and gained from leadership activities.

The winner of this year's Cecile A. Christison Sterrett Scholarship is Crystal Cho Jones (featured as an Honors Student in the News in October 2013). The Sterrett Scholarship was established in December 1984 and re-directed to the Centennial Honors College in January 2013. Cecile A. Christison Sterrett was a 1918 and

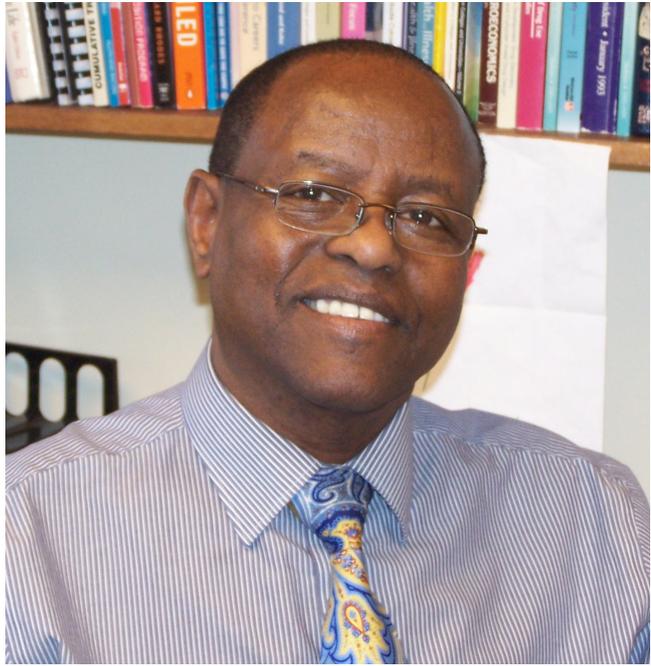
1926 WIU graduate. She died in 1983 and in accordance with the terms of her bequest, the Centennial Honors College annually awards this \$1500 scholarship to a resident of Illinois or Missouri who is a member of the Centennial Honors College in good standing; has a minimum 3.6 GPA; has completed the equivalent of one Honors class; demonstrates financial need and good moral character; and has demonstrated leadership or civic duty through activities or community service, with preference given to activities in the Centennial Honors College. Crystal was selected on the basis of her application form, letter of recommendation, and a letter highlighting financial need, leadership, and/or community service.

Additional information on the Honors College's awards and scholarships, as well as application forms, can be accessed at the Honors College website: http://www.wiu.edu/centennial_honors_college/forms.php

Honors Faculty Profile

This month's Honors Faculty Profile features Dr. Fetene Gebrewold of the Department of Health Sciences. Dr. Gebrewold has been at Western for 19 years, following a Ph.D. in Health/Environmental Health at Oregon State University. Professor Gebrewold's areas of expertise include Occupational Health and Safety, OSHA certification program, Environmental Health, and International and Multicultural Health, and he regularly offers courses in these areas to WIU students and shares his work through campus presentations, national and international conferences, and publications. His current research examines the prevalence of malaria in Ethiopia, East Africa, and he is working on a co-authored piece, "Emergency Health Communication Intervention for the Hard-to-Reach Homeless." Professor Gebrewold is a regular reader of the *Journal of Environmental Health* and the *American Journal of Public Health* and subscribes to *Global Health* and the journal of the Midwest Sociological Society. Among his favorite books Dr. Gebrewold cites Nelson Mandela's *Long Walk to Freedom*, describing it as "very inspiring."

In Fall 2014 Professor Gebrewold will be teaching his first course for the Centennial Honors College. He is no stranger to Honors students, however, noting, "I have been involved for several years in mentoring and supervising several students' presentations at Thomas E. Helm Undergraduate Research Day." His fall course, International Health, will be offered as a 1-credit hour GH 299. The course meets for the first eight weeks of the semester and includes a trip to New York City with a scheduled visit to the United Nations Headquarters during Thanksgiving Break. It is structured to provide students with a foundational knowledge and application of the international ele-



ments of health. This GH 299 addresses numerous topics including the global dimensions of chronic and infectious diseases and the roles of major global health organizations. Dr. Gebrewold identifies the World Health Organization, for example, which has become the international standard for clinical and epidemiological purposes and points to the role of the United Nations in maintaining international peace and security and to Rotary International Foundation's efforts to eradicate polio. He describes his class as a "timely, original, and challenging course well suited for Honors students."

GH 299 sec. 36, International Health (STAR no. 96896), will meet Monday afternoons from 2:00 to 2:50 in Stipes 222. If you have questions about the course, contact Professor Gebrewold at F-Gebrewold@wiu.edu; contact Honors advisor Molly Homer for permission to enroll.

Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.

~ Benjamin Franklin

Honors Alum Profile



Anne Millen

**B.S. in Biology
Chemistry Minor
with
Specializations in
Microbiology &
Molecular Biology
WIU—2008**

**Assistant Scientist
for
DuPont Nutrition
& Health
Madison, WI**

Western graduate Anne Millen is featured as this month's Honors Alum Profile. Anne, the upcoming featured speaker at this year's Thomas E. Helm Undergraduate Research Day, graduated from WIU with a major in Microbiology and expertise in microbiology and molecular biology. As an undergraduate at WIU, Anne was a member of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, Golden Key International Honour Society, and Tri-Beta, the biological honors society (she also adds that she was president of the women's Ultimate Frisbee Team). In recalling her involvement with the Honors College, Anne says, "When I enrolled at WIU and found out that I qualified for the Honors College, I knew that I wanted to be a part of it. I figured the benefit in terms of resume building and additional experience would be well worth the extra effort." She also points to living on the honors floor freshman year as a positive Honors experience.

Anne is currently working as an Assistant Scientist at DuPont Nutrition and Health in Madison, Wisconsin. She explains, "I work with the bacterial cultures that are used to make cheese. These bacteria are constantly under siege by viruses called bacteriophage. I study the natural immune systems these bacteria use to combat phage infection. We can use this knowledge to develop more robust phage resistant cultures for use in industrial cheese production. Additionally, I am studying one such immune system called CRISPR-Cas in greater detail as these systems have been

shown to have additional applications." She continues, "I have published one paper so far and have a patent application on a CRISPR-Cas system in *Lactococcus lactis*. I have been able to present my work at conferences both in the US and internationally."

Anne's emphasis on research began as an Honors student at WIU. When asked about the Honors memories she wished to share, she shared the following: "I remember it being difficult when I was looking for a faculty member to do my honors thesis with because at the time there were too few microbiology professors accepting students for undergraduate research. I had the weekly seminar in which the biology faculty would present their research to attract students interested in working with them right before I had lab with Dr. Scott Holt. The seminar would usually end early so I would always be early for lab. I used this time to discuss the seminar of the day with Dr. Holt and lament the lack of microbiology options. At the time he was not taking on any students, but he was helpful in offering suggestions of people to work with. Eventually one day he said something to the effect of 'Fine, I've got a project we can do.' The project turned out great, and I am incredibly appreciative that I was able to do a project more in line with my own research interests." Be sure to come hear Anne speak further about her research at Thomas E. Helm Undergraduate Research Day on Wednesday, April 16, 2014 at 3:00 pm in the Prairie Lounge of the University Union.

COFAC Honors Breakfast—March 25, 2014

On Tuesday morning, March 25th, nearly four dozen students in the College of Fine Arts and Communications joined COFAC Dean Billy Clow, several COFAC department chairs, and the COFAC Honors Committee to celebrate Honors at its second annual COFAC Honors Breakfast. Communications Professor Stacey Macchi, seen addressing the crowd, served as host. Pictures courtesy of Molly Homer.



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Tau Sigma Update



As first promoted last fall, Western Illinois University is establishing a chapter of Tau Sigma Honor Society. Tau Sigma is a national academic honor society designed specifically to recognize and promote the academic excellence and involvement of transfer students. Membership into Tau Sigma is conferred by invitation only, and eligible members should be receiving their invitations to join now. Our first induction cere-

mony for Tau Sigma will take place Saturday, **April 26th** at 3:00 PM in the Carl Sandburg Lounge of the University Union. If you have any questions regarding the WIU Tau Sigma chapter and its activities, please contact Michele Aurand either by phone at 309-298-2228 or by email at MJ-Aurand@wiu.edu. To learn more about Tau Sigma National Honor Society, please visit our web site at www.tausigmanhs.org.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6	7	8	9 Disability Culture Day 10:00 am–3:00 pm Multicultural Center	10 Visiting Artist Erin Raedeke Lecture 11:00 am–11:45 am Tillman Hall 212	11 Lead Series CTRL+ALT+deLEAD 4:00 pm–5:00 pm Student Org. Center	12 <i>Oklahoma!</i> Theater Production 7:30 pm Hainline Theater
13	14 Advance Registration for Fall/Summer 2014	15 Study Abroad Info Meeting 3:30 pm–4:30 pm Union–Chicago Room	16 Undergraduate Research Day 9:30 am–4:30 pm University Union	17 University Art Gal- lery Garden Party 5:00 pm–7:00 pm Art Gallery	18	19
20	21 OSA Leadership Award Ceremony 7:00 pm–9:00 pm Union–Grand Ballroom	22 LEAD Series Global Citizenship 6:00 pm–7:00 pm Student Org. Center	23 Kline Lecture Guillaume Apollin- naire "le mal-aimé" 7pm–Morgan 310	24 Grad Blast! 5:30 pm–7:30 pm Sports Corner 124 N. Randolph St.	25 Honors College Scholarship Extravaganza 7–10 pm Macomb American Legion	26 Purple & Gold Day Rocky Run 7:00 am Alumni House
27	28	29 Study Abroad Info Meeting 3:30 pm–4:30 pm Union–Chicago Room	30 COEHS Tech Fest 11:00 am–2:00 pm Horrabin Hall Gym	May 1 Bring Your Own Play 7:30 pm Simpkins Theater	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 Honors Convocation 2:00 pm Western Hall	10 Macomb Undergraduate Commencement



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