The dance faculty and students enjoyed a wonderful visit recently by Mrs. Zoe Dell Nutter, a loyal friend of Wright State and generous donor to ARTS GALA and dance. Mrs. Nutter once danced with the San Francisco Ballet and at age 20 was dubbed the most photographed woman in the world by LIFE magazine. Mrs. Nutter was also honored earlier this fall with the university's Honorary Alumna Award. While on campus Mrs. Nutter spent time watching and talking with dance majors during one of their classes and got to visit with two of her scholarship recipients, pictured below: Jacob Shade, recipient of the Zoe Dell Lantis Nutter Dance Scholarship, and Kathryn (KC) Lyphout, recipient of the Zoe Dell Nutter ARTS GALA Scholarship.

Kudos to Damaris Serrano, Spanish, who was awarded the highest literary honor of the Republic of Panama, the Ricardo Miró National Award, in the category of essay, for her work Panama Post/Modernity/Post: (The journey of a Poetic-Narrative Strategy.) In her essay, Damaris traces the historic evolution of Panamanian poetry and literature from the Cold War to present day by analyzing the works of two avant-garde poets and the writings of a novelist. The competition, created in 1942, is named after the national poet of the Republic and is designed to promote, preserve, and disseminate Panamanian culture in the context of the Americas.
It’s always wonderful when Wright State and COLA can have a presence downtown, and we have a new one now thanks to Landon Crowell. Landon’s aerial sculpture is featured prominently in the new PNC Arts Annex, Victoria Theatre Association’s newest performance space located near the Schuster Center on the corner of Second and Ludlow. The sculpture features aluminum pipes assembled and painted in such a way that from certain perspectives, visitors will see what appears to be a floating colored disc. If you can’t see it in person soon, view this video to appreciate some of the illusion.

Last week I was one of the lucky bystanders present when Jim Tipps brought the Wright State Men’s Chorale caroling through Millett Atrium as they stopped at various locations around campus. Their songs of the season were a great way to wrap up the semester.

I look forward to tomorrow’s commencement where we will celebrate all the summer and fall students who will graduate and join the ranks as proud Wright State alumni. I hope you will join me in celebrating their accomplishments and wishing them success as they continue their journey.

The next COLA Weekly will come out on January 18, 2019. Have a wonderful holiday and relaxing break!

Linda Caron, Dean
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If you are interested in attending an upcoming WSU Men’s Basketball game, COLA has four free tickets available for the following games:

Tuesday, Dec 18, 2018, 7:00 p.m. vs. Morehead State
Friday, Dec 28, 2018, 9:00 p.m. vs. UIC
Sunday, Dec 30, 2018, 3:00 p.m. vs. IUPUI
Thursday, Jan 24, 2019, 7:00 p.m. vs. Milwaukee
Saturday, Jan 26, 2019, 7:00 p.m. vs. Green Bay
Thursday, Feb 7, 2019, 7:00 p.m. vs. Oakland
Friday, Feb 15, 2019, 9:00 p.m. vs. Northern Kentucky
Thursday, Feb 21, 2019, 7:00 p.m. vs. Cleveland State
Saturday, Feb 23, 2019, 3:00 p.m. vs. Youngstown State

Please contact Susan in the Dean’s Office to obtain tickets.