Tonight we honor some of our own outstanding graduates at the Alumni Association Achievement Awards Dinner. A warm congratulations to the four COLA awardees:

- **Hannah Beacher**, '05 motion pictures, Alumna of the Year Award
- **Jasmine (Easler) Schmenk**, '16 acting, Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award
- **Jennifer McDermott**, '09 social work, Graduate of the Last Decade Award
- **Zoe Dell Lantis Nutter**, friend and patron of Wright State’s arts programs, Honorary Alumna Award

This dinner kicks off the start of Homecoming Weekend. Learn more about the rest of the weekend’s festivities [here](#).

Kudos to Stuart McDowell who has received the Distinguished Citizen Award from his alma mater, Macalester College. As Stu acknowledged, this was where he cut his teeth as a stage actor, director, and producer, where he learned the value of collaboration, diversity and international understanding, and where he made friendships that have lasted a lifetime.

Next Wednesday, October 10, is a busy and exciting day for the college. COLA, CELIA, and the School of Music, in collaboration with the Dayton Performing Arts Alliance, will present Distinguished Visiting Artist in Residence Misha Dichter. Mr. Dichter will conduct a master piano class in Schuster Hall at 1:30 p.m. followed by a Q&A session at 3:00. This event is free and open to the public. Later that evening, we will host our annual Donor Appreciation Reception where we will honor the achievements of our outstanding scholarship recipients and recognize and thank the many donors who make these awards possible. This is always a wonderful evening full of celebration and gratitude.

Next week’s TEDxDayton on October 12 includes four people with a Wright State connection, one of whom has ties to COLA: newspaper veteran, Ray Marcano, who teaches digital media in our communication department.

Mark your calendars for An Afternoon of Sufi Mystic Music, Dance, and Poetry on Monday, October 15, 1:30-3:00 p.m. in Schuster Hall. Sponsored by the Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies Lecture Series, Division of Student Affairs, and School of Music, the event will feature Latif Bolat, a Turkish scholar and musician specializing in Sufi music, and Serap Yilmaz, a devotional dancer from Turkey who specializes in a mystical form of
dance known as Whirling Dervish. For more information, contact Awad Halabi.

This week’s featured DSAB member is Jackson Cornwell. Jackson is a second-year philosophy and political science double major with a minor in legal studies. He is the COLA senator for the Student Government Association and a delegate for the Model United Nations team. He is active in the Dayton theatre community, having appeared in shows such as Beauty and the Beast, Into the Woods, and Alice in Wonderland. Jackson is working towards becoming a civil rights attorney and loves fall, Disney, and musicals.

Next Friday we will take a break from the COLA Weekly to bring you our fall e-newsletter. I hope you will enjoy the many exciting stories featuring our students, faculty, staff, alumni, and programs.

Linda Caron, Dean
College of Liberal Arts

Upcoming Events

COLA Talks: Dr. William Irvine, You: A Natural History, Tuesday, October 9, 3:30 – 4:40 p.m., Allyn 128

Chamber Orchestra, Tuesday, October 9, 8:00-9:30 p.m., Schuster Hall

Panel on the Midterm Elections: How Will This Election Affect You?, Tuesday, October 23, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m., Fawcett 101

Men’s Chorale & University Chorus, Tuesday, October 23, 8:00 – 9:30 p.m., Schuster Hall
CLASS CORNER

MPA, Urban Affairs, and Geography Careers Event, Tuesday, October 9, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m., Millett Atrium

Preparing for a Career Fair – Liberal Arts Style, Thursday, October 11, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Millett 106

Internships for History Majors, Tuesday, October 23, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Millett Atrium

So You Want To Go To Graduate School?, Wednesday, October 24, 11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m., Millett 106

Please check out the many upcoming activities planned through our Center for Liberal Arts Student Success (CLASS).