

COLA Weekly

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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

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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



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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 \(CLASS\)](#).