

Last week a few members of the WSU Board of Trustees made some troubling remarks about the value of a liberal arts education. Be assured that these sentiments are not shared by the administration, and efforts are moving forward on multiple fronts to educate board members about the inestimable value of a liberal arts education.

One thing we can all do is remain abreast of the ever-growing literature testifying to the importance of the liberal arts. To that end, each *COLA Weekly* from now on will contain a link to a relevant source of information. This week's short article is called [The Most Unexpected Workplace Trend Coming in 2020: the Return of the Liberal Arts Major](#). It's encouraging, and I think you'll like it.



Please join me in congratulating **Ashley Hall** and **Jen Ware** who were each presented with a Veteran and Military Center Champions Award by the WSU Veterans and Military Center team. The award was designed to honor those individuals who have provided exemplary service to the Veteran and Military Center at Wright State University. In the case of Ashley and Jen, this award honored their long term commitment to the Veterans' Voices Project. Their work on the film *Veterans' Voices: Lives and Stories* saved this important project and expanded its scope as a learning tool for students at WSU, including other student veterans.



This April, our students will have the opportunity to present their research at a campus-wide symposium on Friday, April 17, 2020. Faculty Vice President Brian Boyd is coordinating a committee for the symposium at the Dayton Campus, and he could still use a few volunteers to help make it happen. Please contact him at [brian.boyd@wright.edu](mailto:brian.boyd@wright.edu) if you are able to assist. And while you are grading those end-of-term projects, keep an eye out for worthy candidates to present their work. They can submit a proposal [here](#).

Last week, the university posted a position for a new [Chief Financial Officer \(CFO\)](#) and recruitment efforts have begun. The university will not be utilizing a search firm, so we are all invited to spread the word about this opportunity and to reach out to our networks to help find the best CFO we can. Please consider:

- Sending a note to former CFOs that you've worked with. Even if they aren't directly interested, they may know qualified candidates interested in this opportunity
- Be willing to call someone you think is ready for this opportunity. People are always flattered to be called and invited to apply.



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 of proud Wright State alumni. I hope you will join me in celebrating their accomplishments and wishing them success as they continue their journey.

This week's featured DSAB member is **Lee Huntsberger**. A senior studying Classical Humanities, International Studies, and Chinese, Lee is very involved on campus as president of the Classics Club and Eta Sigma Phi Honorary Society, a member of WSU miracle makers, and a brother of Sigma Phi Epsilon. In the future, he would like to expand his linguistic prowess, and become a professor of Classical humanities and ancient languages.



The next **COLA Weekly** will come out on January 17, 2020. Have a wonderful holiday and relaxing break!

Linda Caron, Dean  
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#### [Upcoming Events](#)

Robert and Elaine Stein Art Galleries, Creative Arts Center

- '19-'19: **Women from the Permanent Collection, and Screening Series**, Monday, runs through Friday, April 24, 2020

- **Virginia Lee Montgomery: PONY HOTEL, 2018**, runs through Friday, December 20

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