It has certainly been a challenging start to the semester for all of us. I hope you all had an opportunity for rest, relaxation and recharging during Spring Break, and are now ready for the sprint to the finish line.

This COLA Weekly highlights the great work of our faculty, staff, students, and alumni. Below are just a handful of examples of the positive impact COLA is making on a local, national, and global level.

You might have been watching the Oscars last month when our very own motion pictures graduate Hannah Beachler became the first African American woman to earn an Academy Award for Best Production Design for her work creating Wakanda in “Black Panther.”

CLASS Director of Workforce Development Wayne Stark recently hosted a successful Crime and Justice Studies Careers Event which brought together students from a variety of majors for a lively panel discussion and networking opportunity. The panel included 11 alumni and other professionals working in the fields of Corrections, Probation, Law Enforcement, and State/County government.

Scenes from music faculty Steve Aldredge’s opera The Hatfield-McCoy Triptychs were selected to be showcased at Fort Worth Opera’s seventh annual, critically-acclaimed new works series, Frontiers: New Works Showcase.
Communication studies graduate Calandra Tate is volunteering in Senegal as a member of the Peace Corps and wants one day to open a counseling practice for children with developmental disabilities.

English faculty Lynnette Jones has been selected to be Managing Editor for the College Language Association’s Journal. During the span of her two-year renewable term, her name and institutional affiliations will be displayed prominently in the front matter of each issue of the CLA Journal.

International Studies and Spanish student Megan McKarns was highlighted in the Wright State Newsroom for the exceptional mission work she’s been performing in El Salvador for the past six months.

Over spring break, political science faculty Tracy Snipe led 40 students on a Civil Rights Pilgrimage through landmarks in Alabama, Mississippi, and New Orleans. The trip focused on youth and how they have impacted the civil rights movement in the past and still have a platform today.

Linda Caron, Dean
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Upcoming Events

A Little Night Music, Friday, March 22 – Sunday, April 7, Festival Playhouse. Find show times and ticket information here.

Picturing Democracy: How the Visualization of Data Promoted the Free Exchange of Ideas in Democratic Society (The 2019 Banks Memorial Lecture), Tuesday, March 26, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m., 163 A/B Student Union (Discovery Room)

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Ace the Interview, Wednesday, March 27, 11:00 - 12:00 p.m., 106 Millett

ONU Pettit College of Law Information Session, Tuesday, April 2, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m., 106 Millett

Last Minute Job Searching for Graduating Seniors, Thursday, April 4, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m., 106 Millett