

COLA Monthly

October, 2020

Message from the Dean

Happy October—almost.

We are putting the *COLA Monthly* out a bit early so I can remind you of a couple of Homecoming events. On Wednesday, Sept. 30, at 5:30 p.m. via Webex COLA alumnus Eddie McClintock '91 will inaugurate the university's Virtual Alumni Speaker Series. McClintock, who graduated with a bachelor's degree in communication studies, will discuss his career as a TV actor and his experiences at Wright State. McClintock is best known for his role as Secret Service agent Pete Lattimer on "Warehouse 13," which ran for five seasons on the Syfy Channel.

[Event details and registration.](#)



Thursday, Oct. 1 is the annual Wright Day to Give. This is an online-based fundraising event on Oct. 1, the university's Founder's Day. For 24 hours, students, alumni, faculty, staff, parents, retirees and friends are encouraged to give back and support Wright State students. The university has received nearly 1,500 requests for emergency assistance from students experiencing hardship during the coronavirus pandemic, and this is a great way to make sure we can continue to respond to these requests. [Learn more about Wright Day to Give.](#)

Wayne Stark, our Career Consultant extraordinaire and director of the Center for Liberal Arts Student Success (CLASS), reports that he will be hosting a series of multiple COLA Internship Partner Expo *Spotlights* during a two week span, October 19-23 and 26-30. Internship providers will be individually showcased with information sharing and Q and A. Wayne has internship providers from non-profits, corporate, government, social services, health, and more. These individualized *Spotlights* will take the place of our annual Internship Expo, which brought together many of our internship partners in Millett Atrium. They exact dates for each Spotlight are still being developed, but will be communicated soon. Please let your students know about these great opportunities to interact with internship providers.

We have had a transition in leadership in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology. Dr. La Fleur Small has accepted the university-level position of Interim Vice Provost of Faculty Affairs: big congratulations!! She will be a huge asset to COLA in her new role.

Dr. Small joined the Wright State faculty in 2004 and is a professor of sociology. She has served as chair of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology and director of the Applied Behavioral Sciences MA program. In addition to these leadership roles, she completed the Southwestern Ohio Council for Higher Education (SOCHE) Leadership Fellowship Program and the Wright Leaders Academy development program at Wright State.

La Fleur earned her Ph.D. in the areas of medical sociology and epidemiology from the University of Miami. Her areas of research specialization include health care utilization, vulnerable health populations, international health, and HIV/AIDS.

I am very pleased to announce that Dr. December Green will step in as chair of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, beginning October 1, 2020. This will mean that the department has an experienced chair, and one with deep engagement in the social sciences as well as in interdisciplinary programs. It is a very good fit.

Dr. Green has a Ph.D. in International Studies from the University of South Carolina. Her areas of expertise include human rights, gender violence, and Africa. She is a prolific scholar, excellent teacher, and sought-after advisor. December is the winner of the 2016 Trustee's Award for Faculty Excellence, one of the highest awards offered by the university.

Dr. Green will also continue as the chair of SPIA.

Enjoy the beautiful fall weather, and also enjoy these articles about our COLA students, alumni, faculty and staff.



Linda Caron, Dean
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CLASS Programs and Events

NOTE: All are Virtual - WebEx

Interviewing for liberal arts students

Thursday, Oct 1, 3:30 - 4:15 pm

Manufacturing Day Expo

Friday, Oct 2, 11 am - 1 pm

Access in Pilot's Collaborate Ultra

Is graduate school right for YOU?

Wednesday, Oct 21, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Is law school in YOUR future?

Tuesday, Oct 27, Noon - 1 pm

In Raiders We Trust

The Wright State Alumni Association annually selects a series of winners in five award categories celebrating accomplished individuals with connections to the school who are selected from a pool of over 111,000.

The 2020 honorees have brought pride to the university with their achievements, longevity of success in their fields, and dedication to service. They also remain involved with their alma mater or professional home of Wright State and its spirit of innovation.



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Politically Precocious

Whitney Tyler is an Honors student at Wright State, has a prestigious Newman Fellowship and is a student democracy fellow for the Campus Vote Project.

Her passion for politics was born at the family dinner table when she was in fourth grade. Whitney Tyler would listen to her parents discuss the 2008 presidential election between Barack Obama and John McCain.



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Painting the Town

Wright State alumna Shirley Tucker helps youths use their artistic talents for city murals

“The Land of Funk” is one. “Signs to a Creative Future” is another. About 20 colorful murals on the sides of buildings and at community and other centers around Dayton have been brushstroked by youths in the juvenile justice system.



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Creative Arts Center goes RED

Glowing red, Wright State University's Creative Arts Center was part of a nationwide event to draw attention to the negative impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on the arts industry and appeal for congressional aid.

More than 5,600 theatres, performing arts centers, and other venues – including 18 locally – were lighted up to bring attention to the plight of entertainment professionals.



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