

COLA Monthly

March 2021

Message from the Dean

I always think that February is the longest month of the year. It seems to run from New Years until spring break: a period of cold, snow and short winter days. Covid isolation hasn't helped make the time move any faster. But now we're beginning to see daylight lingering after the end of the working day, and temperatures are beginning to creep up. Hurray for Spring!



Last week I had the opportunity to do a presentation about COLA to the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees. I talked about our interdisciplinary programs, online courses, certificate programs, and internships. I presented national data on the critical strategic importance of liberal arts skills, and shared the results of our alumni survey. That survey demonstrated that our alumni have mastered critical thinking, communication, problem solving, research, and the ability to adapt to change. Our alumni are employed in a variety of positions and are making good salaries. We have many alumni employed at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, fulfilling a variety of roles. I also shared some research I'd done on the degrees of state elected officials. More than 50% of them held degrees in the liberal arts.

The data was important, and so were the student presentations that followed. Three students shared their inspiring stories, and the audience was mesmerized. Thanks to Rahima-Nour Hamadi, a student in the International and Comparative Politics Master's program; Tionna Clyburn, a Media Studies major; and Jackson Riffle, a Music Performance major. They were spectacular!

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Linda Caron, Dean
College of Liberal Arts



CLASS Programs and Events

How to Excel at Virtual Career Events as a Liberal Arts Student

Wednesday, March 10, 12:30 - 1:15 pm

Winning Interview Strategies for Liberal Arts Students

Tuesday, March 23, 10:45 - 11:30 am

Salary and Benefits Negotiation

Thursday, March 25, 2:15 - 3:00 pm

NOTE: All CLASS Workshops are virtual via WebEx:

<https://wright.webex.com/meet/wayne.stark>



Wright State Theatre will premiere 'KARENS,' a social satire by Bruce Cromer

Wright State University Theatre will premiere a video-only production of "KARENS: A Comedy of Very Bad Manners" on Feb. 26–28.

"KARENS" will stream for free on YouTube. Viewers can access a link to the production on YouTube through the website of the [Department of Theatre, Dance and Motion Pictures](#).

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Emerging Choreographers Concert will feature innovative works on video by Wright State dance majors

Seniors and juniors in the Wright State University Dance Program will premiere 15 original choreographic works during the Emerging Choreographers Concert 2021 on YouTube.

The concert will feature works specifically created for video and presented in an evening-length film on the Dance Ensemble YouTube channel from 7 p.m. on Feb. 26 until 11:59 p.m. on March 7.

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**Wright State art faculty Danielle Rante and Jeremy Long
win prestigious awards from Ohio Arts Council**

Wright State University art faculty members Danielle Rante and Jeremy Long have each received a top honor from the Ohio Arts Council for their visual artwork.

They received the council's 2021 Individual Excellence Award, presented to artists whose body of work "exemplifies their specific discipline and advances the larger artistic community."

Rante and Long were among 75 artists statewide and eight in the region to receive the awards and \$4,000 each to grow their body of work in the future.

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Honoring Black History Month

Celebrating the hustle and grit of a Wright State University graduate, Hannah Beachler, who is making history with her silver screen success.

"I'm a unicorn in this industry" says Beachler.

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Hitting the High Notes

Wright State University senior Jackson Riffle, an accomplished pianist and percussionist, has appeared with symphonies as a soloist, composed music for orchestras and bands, directed ensembles, attended prestigious national music festivals with well-known professional musicians and won a bundle of awards along the way.

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Model UN wins awards at Dayton Model United Nations Conference

This year's Dayton Model United Nations Conference (DAYMUNC) was held virtually, with half of Wright State's team members gathered in the Student Success Center. While on campus the students were physically distanced and required to wear masks..

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Wright State School of Music to begin offering performance specialist certificates

Performance certificates for advanced musicians seeking intensive musical study in instrumental, piano or vocal will soon be offered by Wright State University's School of Music.

The one-year, two-semester Performance Specialist Certificate program, which will roll out in the fall of 2021, is aimed at students wishing to pursue concentrated musical study at the pre-master's or post-master's degree level.

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\$4 Million Photo Collection

Hundreds of photographs estimated in value at over \$4 million taken by well-known photojournalists and fine art and documentary photographers have been donated to Wright State University, a gift that promises to put Robert and Elaine Stein Galleries on the map.

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Camera Angle

When he's not behind a camera at Wright State University, he's behind one at a television station. And he says he's getting a solid education at both places.

Joey Larkin is a junior in Wright State's Motion Pictures Production Program and works part-time as a photographer, editor and production producer on WDTN's "Living Dayton," a live news and lifestyle show that airs weekdays at noon.

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Voice Recognition

Wright State alumna Lauren Bernstein making a splash doing voiceovers from her studio in New York City.

Bernstein, a 2012 theatre graduate from Wright State, runs her own voiceover business. She's not only the talent but also does the marketing, accounting and anything else that needs doing.

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Wright State alumni play key roles in latest documentary
by Julia Reichert and Steven Bognar

From editing to filming to producing, nearly two dozen Wright State University alumni played key roles in "9to5: The Story of a Movement," the new documentary by Julia Reichert and Steven Bognar.

"The Wright State Mopix program has the high standards to forge young professionals, to challenge them, to help them develop that work ethic that we count on," said Bognar, a 1986 graduate of the Wright State Motion Pictures Program.

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