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UPDATES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As the summer winds down we are looking forward to another exciting academic year. We now offer twelve programs. Majors include: accounting, business management, health care administration, health care informatics, human resources, humanities, legal studies, management information systems, marketing, nursing (RN to BSN), psychology and public relations and marketing communications. Certificates and/or minors are available in many of these areas as well.

RN to BSN: The Breen School of Nursing at Ursuline, which has been a mainstay of the College for thirty years, has offered the RN to BSN program for several years in the traditional format. To meet the needs of working registered nurses, UCAP provides an “adult-friendly”, affordable and accelerated option. Nursing courses will be taught in a hybrid format, with 1-2 meetings per course and much of the work can be done online. Some of the courses will meet every other Saturday for ten weeks to complement nurses’ schedules. Several support courses will be offered in the fall to enable nurses the convenience that UCAP provides.

Health Care Informatics: Health care informatics is another exciting development in UCAP. Nurses, physicians, administrators, pharmacists and insurance companies are focusing on automating medical records which will be required by 2014. Educated individuals will be needed to accomplish national goals.

35 Online and Hybrid Courses in UCAP: Over the past few years, the College has developed high-quality courses for online and hybrid delivery. For those who want or need the convenience, options are available.

Student Satisfactory Survey: Thank you for your responses to our survey, your comments and suggestions will be considered closely as our future planning continues. UCAP students rated the following:

- experience with admissions staff - 93% satisfaction
- experience with advisors - 90% satisfaction
- experience with the faculty/facilitators - 87% satisfaction
- curriculum - 89% satisfaction
- hours of operation and front desk information service - 87% satisfaction
- interest in taking hybrid and on-line courses - 69%

Alumnae and Student Get Together: We are looking forward to seeing you at our UCAP Wine and Cheese Social on October 7. The Bob Fraser Jazz Trio will play some beautiful music while we enjoy wine and appetizers. Save the date and watch for an invitation.

Keep an eye out for our upcoming connections on Facebook, LinkedIn, YouTube and Twitter!

Anne L. Lukas, J.D.
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ALPHA SIGMA LAMBDA

UCAP is thrilled to announce this year's inductees into the Alpha Sigma Lambda (ASL) Honor Society. Founded in 1945, ASL recognizes the special achievements of adults who accomplish academic excellence while facing competing interests at work and home. Sister Diana Stano, O.S.U., President of Ursuline College, was the keynote speaker at the induction ceremony that took place on May 5. Each of the following students maintained a 4.0 grade point average at Ursuline.

- **Lynn Congdon** began taking classes to complete her legal studies certificate in the spring of 2009. She attended UCAP with the intention of updating her skills and getting back into the job market. She has been offered a position at Zoller, Bi-asci, Co. L.P.A. where she interned.
- In the summer of 2006, **Ann Dudley** started pursuing her B.A. in management information systems. Dudley's supervisor encouraged her to continue her education, and she believes that a promotion is in her near future.
- **Mary Durkin** began working toward a certificate of completion in health care informatics in the fall of 2008. Durkin hopes that her certificate will help advance her career.
- **Rodger Frantz** began the accelerated program in the fall of 2004 pursuing his degree in business management. He formerly attended Kent State University and Stark Technical College.
- **Kimberly Janikovics** entered UCAP as an accounting major in the fall of 2007. She especially liked the flexibility of the accelerated program and found it to be a good fit for her.
- **Mary Ann Kudyba** began her studies in UCAP in the Spring of 2006 pursuing a B.A. in Business Management. She is excited to put her valuable degree to work.
- **Bryan Schwegler** began working toward his degree in public relations and marketing communications in the fall of 2008. Schwegler has been added to the College's "Wall of Fame". He is continuing his education at Ursuline and will begin the Master of Liberal Arts program this fall.
- **Tracy Stolitza** began UCAP in the spring of 2007 to pursue her degree in health care administration. She is now enrolled in the Master of Public Health program at Kent State University.
- **Lisa Uffman-Kirsch** began her pursuing her B.A. in legal studies in the fall of 2008. Kirsch intends to continue her education and is investigating law school options.
- **Eric Vaughn** began working toward his degree in humanities in the spring of 2007. Eric is continuing his education this summer at Portland, Maine's College of Art where he will be pursuing his Master of Fine Arts.
- In 2006, **Amy Yates** began her classes in legal studies. Completing her degree has been a personal goal.

CONGRATULATIONS UCAP GRADUATES

Jerome Bacho
Tyesha Beaver
Jeremy Bound
Laura Breyley (Mikus)
Kacie Butcher
Colleen Campbell
Rebecca Caputa
Irwin Caraballo
Carmen Carbone
Diana Cipriani
Yanela Clarke (Sims)
Lynn Congdon
Andrea Coon
Mirjana Covic-Kristo
Susan Daniels
Ann Dudley
Mary Durkin
Brandon Eller
Jillian Fout-Gregory
Rodger Frantz

Laurie Frantz
Tara Golem
Valadia Henderson
Shane Hladik
Kelly Hyland
Kimberly Janikovics
Titi Jarboe
Lauren Jaworski
Linda Jayne
Marcie Johnson
Shyla Jones
Jeanne Joseph
Donald Jungquist
Mary Ann Kudyba
Andrea Lavin
Regina Lewis
Justin McArthur
Nicholas McGlone
Satoria McDonald
Mahnaz Motlagh

Steve Moylan
Mary Neric
Walter Novak
Patsy Parrish
Jen Roman
Edward Ruper
Raymond Sabolich
Bryan Schwegler
Sharon Scott-Johnson
Kenitha Sims
Michelle Smith
Tracy Stolitza
Shelley Toney
Sonya Trower
Lisa Uffman-Kirsch
Michelle Valenta
Eric Vaughn
William Wielbruda
Amy Yates

UCAP STAFF ADDITIONS



Admissions Specialist

Denise McKenna has been named UCAP's new Admissions Specialist. She holds a Bachelor of Arts from Baldwin Wallace College. After several years of teaching junior high and high school health and physical education and coaching varsity level sports, she pursued her dream of starting her own business.

After 13 years of owning her own wholesale and catering bakery business, she worked in college admissions for ITT Technical Institute and in advertising sales for Advanstar Publishing.

She enjoys outdoor activities such as gardening, running and cycling, along with cooking, reading and time shared with family and friends.

Admissions/Advising Assistant

The Ursuline College Accelerated Program is pleased to welcome Blair Suttles to the new position of Admissions/Advising Assistant. Blair holds a Bachelor of Science in psychology from Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Prior to coming to UCAP, Suttles provided administrative and admissions support for All Saints' Carden Academy and All Saints' Episcopal Church in Riverside, California. Suttles has also worked at Xavier University in the departments of new student orientation and health services administration.

Blair enjoys spending time with her large extended family, watching Lakers basketball (being a Lakers fan in Cleveland is tough!) and playing difficult sudoku and kakuro logic puzzles.



FACILITATOR OF THE YEAR

Dr. Natalie Weaver was recently recognized as the 2010 UCAP Facilitator of the Year. Weaver received her Bachelor of Arts in classics and philosophy from John Carroll University, a Master of Arts in religion from Pepperdine University and a Doctor of Philosophy in constructive theology from Loyola University in Chicago.

Since Fall 2003, Weaver has served as an associate professor of religious studies at Ursuline and department chair from 2006-2009. She has also served as the coordinator of the humanities program at the College and spearheaded efforts to bring the humanities major and minor into the accelerated format.

Since 2006, Weaver has been teaching courses in UCAP. Her courses in UCAP include - Religion and Violence, Women and Christian Theology, Christian Theology and Belief, Values of a Committed Life, Humanities Senior Thesis and Theology of Suffering. Natalie is a published author, experienced lecturer and conference presenter. In her nomination packet, Dr. Weaver expressed the following, "My deeply felt awareness of our (UCAP) students' tasks leads me to perceive my work in adult education as a personal vocation."

One of the nominations for Dr. Natalie Weaver stated: "Natalie is enthusiastic, well-versed and knowledgeable about the subject matter of every course I have taken with her. She uses multiple teaching tools, books, videos, internet and articles. Her classroom teaching ability keeps everyone engaged, interested and informed. She listens to all, and everyone is an active participant in her classes because she sets an atmosphere/ tone that makes everyone comfortable and willing to speak and think critically."

A sincere congratulations for this prestigious award, UCAP is honored to have Dr. Weaver teach in the program! This year we had several outstanding nominees who also deserve special recognition: Anne Murphy Brown, Mary Green, George Matejka, Joel Nasman and Rob Verner. UCAP truly has an exceptional group of facilitators, thank you to all!



STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

UCAP student **Bruce Banfield**, technology director at Beaumont School, has developed a project plan and supporting documents for the school's technology upgrade in his MIS 460 (Project Management) class. Banfield believes the plan will provide direct benefit as he leads this important project for Beaumont over the next several months.

Led by Cleveland Plain Dealer journalist, Bill Lubinger, **Students in PR 220** (Journalism) had the opportunity to conduct a press conference with high-powered Cleveland lawyer, Fred Nance, on the very day he was named the chief legal counsel for the Cleveland Browns. Students interviewed Nance and wrote news stories based on the press conference. After the mock press conference Nance was quoted as saying, "I was blown away by the students."

When UCAP Student **Sharon Sammon** took PR 222 (Advertising), taught by Dee Dee Bober, M.A., she completed a project that required her to create a one-year advertising plan for a local organization or business. Her selection was Angels Haven Horse Rescue in Grafton, Ohio, because of her long-time friend Heidi Curtis-Sandrey, the organization's president and co-founder. Sandrey started the organization in 2006 to rescue abused and neglected horses, nursing them back to health and finding good homes for them. Sammon generated several low-cost ideas.

LaQuitta Hammett and **Brittany Phillips** have recently been accepted into Ursuline's MMT/MBA bridge program. Thirteen other UCAP students are already in that program. In addition, UCAP student **Bryan Schwelger** was accepted into the MALS bridge program.

Twenty-one UCAP students were recently honored at the President/Dean's List for the academic success they achieved in the fall. Sixteen UCAP students will be honored for their academic success this past spring semester. In order to be placed on the College's President's List, students must take a minimum of 12 credit hours and earn a 4.0 GPA. To be included on the Dean's List, students must take a minimum of 12 credit hours and maintain a 3.5 or greater GPA.

Janet Perryman, a health care administration major, was recently promoted at the Cleveland Clinic. Her title is now department administrator, with duties for all of the administrative aspects including budget, personnel and operations.

Annie Parker, psychology major, recently won an Alpha Sigma Lambda national scholarship. Way to go Annie! This is the first time a UCAP student has won an ASL scholarship.

UCAP REFERRAL REWARDS

Refer a student and receive a \$100 GIFT CARD! Open to current students and alumnae of UCAP. Prospective students must provide your name when meeting with a UCAP Admissions staff member. Once the referred student successfully completes a UCAP class you will receive your \$100 GIFT CARD.

