HARKER AND KRUGER REPRESENT LAE AT FALL COMMENCEMENT

Patrick Harker, UW-Platteville agricultural education major from Shullsburg, gave the student address at the afternoon graduation ceremony, and Sara Kruger, UW-Platteville criminal justice and psychology major from Mount Vernon, Iowa, served as the College of LAE banner carrier.

On Nov. 28, Dr. Eugene Alcalay (right), UW-Platteville associate professor of piano, and Dr. Daniel Dahlquist (left), UW-Platteville associate professor of speech, collaborated in a performance entitled “PianoPoetry.” During this first-time event, Dahlquist performed his poetry as Alcalay created and responded to the nuances, colors and tone of Dahlquist’s words in real time through classical piano repertoire and musical improvisation.

FACULTY AND STAFF COOK FOR POW WOW

This fall, several College of LAE faculty and staff members, including Dr. Rosalyn Broussard, Dr. Terri Burns, Dr. Karen Gagne, Dr. Melissa Gormley, M. Adrienne Jones, Shenita Ray, and Lillian Vasi, joined campus colleagues in preparing a meal for 125 at the Traditional Pow Wow, which is held each year in Williams Fieldhouse.

ALCALAY AND DAHLQUIST BRING POETRY TO LIFE

**STUDENTS TRAVEL TO ARGENTINA**

Sara Allen (right) of UW-Platteville and Leon Fowler (left) of the College of Menominee Nation, two members of a team of students who studied the impact of earthworms in the Menominee Forest earlier this year, traveled to Argentina in November to present their research at BIOLIEF’s Second World Conference on Biological Invasions and Ecosystem Functioning. Dr. Richard Waugh, UW-Platteville professor of geography, accompanied the students on behalf of Dr. Evan Larson, UW-Platteville assistant professor of geography, who is currently working on research in Sweden as a Fulbright Scholar.

**BOUCHETTE CHOSEN FOR ALASKA’S DENALI NATIONAL PARK ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM**

Deborah Bouchette, artist and UW-Platteville College of LAE alumna, has been selected as one of three visual artists-in-residence in Alaska’s Denali National Park for 2012. While in residence, Bouchette plans to hike with a backpack version of her “Chaucer” drawing-machine sculpture series, creating map-like seismographic records that recall the ordered chaos of animal tracks and the flock-and-flight patterns of birds. She will also make an audio journal of the area’s unique natural chatter.

**SOOFI BECOMES MEMBER OF EDITORIAL BOARD FOR SCIENCE JOURNAL**

Dr. Abdol Soofi, UW-Platteville professor of economics, recently became a member of the editorial board for the International Journal of Scientific and Statistical Computing. Additionally, Soofi will serve as a Program Committee member for an event that is to convene in Beijing, China, on May 17-20, 2012: An International Conference on the Singular Spectrum Analysis and its Applications.

**MCBETH RECEIVES ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD**

Dr. William McBeth (with award), professor in the UW-Platteville School of Education, was recognized with the Outstanding Contribution to Research in Environmental Education Award at the 40th annual North American Association for Environmental Education conference this fall in Raleigh, N.C.

On Dec. 1, McBeth was also present at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., where his work as a team member on the National Science Foundation-funded project, A Framework for Assessing Environmental Literacy, was formally released.
MEET THE FACULTY AND STAFF

Dee Bernhardt, philosophy lecturer

Years at UW-Platteville?
I have served as a campus minister since fall 2004 and have been teaching at the university since 2007.

Classes you typically teach?
I teach one class every spring: Introduction to the New Testament, which is under the philosophy program.

What projects are you working on right now?
Since my full-time “day” job is in campus ministry, I am always interested in helping students integrate their spirituality into their college experience. Therefore, when the campus climate surveys come out, and you are asked about religious preference, please fill it out. This really assists me and the other ministers in procuring resources and keeping services available for the campus through our ministry outreach programs.

BIGGIN AND STUDENTS CONTRIBUTE TO MEMORIAL IN NORWAY

Patrick Biggin, Delavan-Darien School District educator and alumnus of the UW-Platteville School of Education and College of Business, Industry, Life Science and Agriculture, is currently leading his technology education students in a steel-rose project that will be included in a memorial being built in Norway to remember the victims of the July 2011 bombing and shootings in Oslo and on the island of Utoeya.

GEOGRAPHY STUDENTS PRESENT IN CHICAGO

In November, geography students presented their research at the Association of American Geographers conference at DePaul University in Chicago. Following the presentations, Dr. J. Elmo Rawling III, UW-Platteville associate professor of geography and geology, and Dr. RJ Rowley, UW-Platteville assistant professor of geography, treated the students to a walking geograhical tour of downtown Chicago.

COLLEGE OF LAE HONORS FACULTY AND STAFF MEMBERS

On Dec. 8, the College of LAE honored faculty and staff members for their outstanding achievements. Lois Blackbourn, administrative assistant for the UW-Platteville Department of Humanities, received the LAE Excellence in Service Award; Dr. Alison Bunte, professor emerita in the UW-Platteville School of Education, received the LAE Outstanding Service Award; Richard Moninski, senior lecturer in the UW-Platteville Department of Performing and Visual Arts, received the Academic Staff Excellence in Teaching Award; and Wendy Perkins, lecturer in the UW-Platteville Department of Humanities, received the Academic Staff Excellence in Teaching Award.
**STUDENT CLUB FEATURE**

**Pioneer Players**

Dr. Ann Farrelly, UW-Platteville assistant professor of theatre and club advisor

**1. Who can become a member?**
Anyone and everyone. You don’t need to participate in productions to join. You can just come to the meetings and social events. All students who participate in productions (onstage, backstage, in the costume and scene shops) are members of Pioneer Players.

**2. How does it enhance a student’s college experience?**
Pioneer Players not only allows students to meet new and interesting people, but it also allows them to explore their creative sides. It teaches them the value of the arts in education, and being a part of this organization encourages the students to be more disciplined, more organized and more engaged.

**3. Next event?**
Pioneer Players performed “Macbeth” Nov. 30-Dec. 3. They also sponsored a trip to Milwaukee to see the musical “Next to Normal.” In addition to their busy production schedule, the group also makes time for a holiday gift exchange, movie nights in the theatre, scavenger hunts and an awards banquet.

**4. Meeting time and location?**
Pioneer Players meets once a month, on Thursday evenings at 6 p.m. You can become a member by attending a meeting, joining on PioneerLink, or by contacting the president, Erin McDermott (mcdermotte@uwplatt.edu), or the advisors, Farrelly (farrellya@uwplatt.edu), Dr. David Schuler (schulerd@uwplatt.edu), and Jeffrey Strange (strangej@uwplatt.edu).

**CRIME SCENE EVENT DRAWS MORE THAN 250 PEOPLE**

Dana Cecil, UW-Platteville criminal justice lecturer, and Diana Johnson, UW-Platteville assistant professor of criminal justice, recreated a 41-year-old murder case at UW-Platteville this fall. The event, Horrific Crime Scene Revisited, was held at UW-Platteville’s Forensic Investigation Crime Scene House, a 3,000-square-foot state-of-the-art teaching facility that offers training in entry procedures, photography, evidence documentation and collection, latent fingerprint development techniques, bloodstain pattern analysis and other aspects of forensic investigation.

**SCHULENBERG SELECTED TO SERVE AS WISCONSIN TEACHING FELLOW**

Dr. Chris Schulenburg, UW-Platteville assistant professor of Spanish, has been selected to serve as a Wisconsin Teaching Fellow for the 2012-13 academic year. In this position, Schulenburg will participate in a number of institutes in Madison and Richland Center that are scheduled for next summer and the following fall and spring semesters. These institutes include the presentation of Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Project research, and seminars involving colleagues from around the state of Wisconsin. Schulenburg will also be given research privileges at the UW-Madison Libraries as a part of his scholarly work.

**FUN FACT**

What was playing at the Avalon Theatre in Platteville in December 1973?
“Battle for the Planet of the Apes”

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