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DID YOU KNOW?

LAE ALUMNI LIVING OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES

- Canada = 15
- Costa Rica = 1
- Egypt = 1
- El Salvador = 1
- England = 3
- Finland = 1
- France = 1
- Indonesia = 1
- Iran = 4
- Japan = 4
- Korea = 2
- Liberia = 1
- Mexico = 1
- Nigeria = 1
- Norway = 1
- Pakistan = 1
- Singapore = 3
- Spain = 8
- Switzerland = 2

Tom Lo Guidice, professor emeritus in education, volunteered in the Mississippi Delta in February and March, working with the West Tallahatchee Habitat for Humanity chapter in Tutwiler and St. Francis of Assisi Grade School in Greenwood. “The most important part of all this continuing work is that everyday people are doing it,” said Lo Guidice. “The people coordinating the work in Mississippi, the people who live there and the people who come to work there are everyday people.”

Sydney Kronkow, UW-Platteville political science alumna and student at Drake University Law School, recently competed in the 2011 INADR Law School Mediation Tournament at Loyola University Chicago School of Law. Kronkow’s team placed third overall for mediation, second overall for attorney-client and received three outstanding attorney-client pair awards. Kronkow is pictured with Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson.

UW-Platteville Music Department colleagues Margaret Cornils Luke (flute), Rebekah Demaree (soprano), Barry Ellis (bassoon), John Marco (clarinet) and Laura Medisky (oboe), all performed together at New York City’s Carnegie Hall on March 11. Sharon Jensen of Dubuque, Iowa, accompanied.

Shaka Senghor and Yusef Bunchy Shakur, keynote speakers for Ebony Weekend 2011 at UW-Platteville, visited four of Karen Gagne’s sociology classes to talk about life and community in urban America, their personal experiences and their transformation to leaders, publishers, published authors and mentors in their city.
Jillian Eggert, senior UW-Platteville fine arts student, received the Student Best in Show designation at the American Advertising Federation ADDY® Awards banquet held at the Diamond Jo Casino in Dubuque, Iowa, for the posters she created for the Exposed – Photography Exhibit held on campus during the fall semester. Following her local win, Eggert then advanced to the district level in Des Moines, Iowa, where she received a silver ADDY® with an opportunity to advance to the national competition.

Thomas Hickey, professor emeritus in English, recently made a generous donation to the humanities department writing awards fund. Hickey, who also established the Thomas Hickey Musical Theatre Award and Thomas Hickey Theatre Performance Award scholarships at UW-Platteville, first donated to the fund in 2006.

Julie Phillips, UW-Platteville lecturer in the School of Education, will complete her doctorate in educational leadership at Edgewood College in May.


Geography professors Evan Larson, R.J. Rowley and Rich Waugh have coordinated a field mapping and data collection project through Sister Mary Louis Russley at Sinsinawa Mound that will begin this spring and include more than 50 students through fall 2011. “The people at Sinsinawa are an important part of the broader Platteville and Southwest Wisconsin community, and the desire to have the mapping done and our hope to find such a project for our students fit together nicely,” said Rowley. The project also received funding through the UW-Platteville Pioneer Academic Center for Community Engagement.

Belinda Sain-Cronin, 1973 UW-Platteville art education graduate, will be recognized during the May commencement ceremony as a Distinguished Alumna. Sain-Cronin was nominated by Alison Bunte, UW-Platteville associate dean of LAE, and Joe Lomax, UW-Platteville professor of criminal justice. “I loved being a principal,” said Sain-Cronin. “I think the difference I made in children’s lives was pretty profound because, as an educator, I had the power to reach out to them.”
The UW-Platteville Criminal Justice Association hosted CJ Career Days over March 7 and 8, which included guest speakers, workshops and a career fair. Many criminal justice graduates were present at the career fair, including Meagan Tews and Hannah Connolly, 2010 alumnae who are both employed in loss prevention at Kohl’s, and Kevin Olin, a 1992 alumnus who currently serves the Janesville Police Department.

Lindsay Fecht and Samantha Bykowski

STUDENT ORGANIZATION FEATURE:
UW-PLATTEVILLE PSYCHOLOGY CLUB

President: Samantha Bykowski, senior psychology major and sociology minor from Pewaukee

How many members do you have right now?
87 with 65 active

Are you active in the community?
Yes, 15 members recently volunteered at the Food for Kidz food bagging event held at the Evangelical Free Church in Platteville. We packed nonperishable foods in boxes for malnourished children from all over the world.

What off-campus experiences are available for club members?
We toured the Mendota Mental Health Institute in Madison, Wisconsin, and had the opportunity to speak to the director about the types of care that are offered there, and we also attended the Tri-State Undergraduate Psychology Conference and Graduate School Fair at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, in 2010.

What are your meetings like?
We hold study and movie nights, discussion panels and picnics. Recently, we had a graduate school panel where educators talked about how they got their degrees with tips on how to apply to graduate school. At another meeting, Elizabeth Gates came in to talk about the new substance abuse certificate. For our movie nights this semester, we are focusing on Disney movies and comparing our childhood memories with our experiences watching them as adults, looking at the themes that are present.

What is the biggest benefit in joining Psychology Club?
Networking. You get to know your fellow members, learn about jobs and volunteer opportunities, receive job search tips and it’s also a great resource for advice.

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