

President's Memorandum to Faculty and Staff

Office of the President
March 23, 2015

Career Week

As a university that embraces careers in its mission statement, connecting students with employment and internships through Career Week is an important part of this process. Ferris' annual Career Week encompasses a number of events designed to help students prepare for their professional lives.

Events begin Monday, March 23, with a Business Etiquette Dinner. Wednesday evening there is a Town Hall Expo for students to explore volunteer, employment, and service learning opportunities with community agencies and non-profits. An impressive group of organizations is attending – the American Red Cross, AmeriCorps VISTA, Angels of Action, Big Rapids Jaycees, Big Rapids Public Library, Boy Scouts of America, Chippewa Watershed Conservancy, Cran-Hill Ranch, Crossroads Charter Academy, Community Mental Health for Central Michigan, Department of Human Services, District Health Department #10, Eagle Village, Experience Works, Inc., Family Futures, Family Health Care, Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore Council, Howmet Playhouse, Manna Pantry, Meceola Big Brothers Big Sisters, MOISD Great Start Collaborative, Mel Trotter Ministries, Michigan Nonprofit Association Civic Engagement AmeriCorps VISTA Program, Michigan Special Olympics, Muskegon River Watershed Assembly, Newaygo County Emergency Services and Osceola County Emergency Management, North Country National Scenic Trail Association, Osceola County Habitat for Humanity, Old Rugged Cross Historical Society Museum, Our Brothers Keeper Shelter, Planned Parenthood Affiliates of Michigan, Project Starburst, Remus Area Historical Society, Salvation Army, SLD Read, Spectrum Health Big Rapids and Reed City Hospitals, Ten 16 Recovery Network, United Way, Van Andel Institute, WISE, and the Youth Attention Center.

Also on Wednesday evening is Career Fair Take 1, a simulated Career Fair, where students can receive tips on how to successfully navigate the Career and Internship Fair.

The Career and Internship Fair itself takes place Thursday, March 26, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Ewigleben Sports Complex, with interviews scheduled for 4-9 p.m. on Thursday and 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday. Over 240 employer groups are scheduled to be on campus. A full list of events is available at <http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/news/archive/2015/march/career.htm>

Wege Prize

The 2nd annual Wege Prize, created with support from the Wege Foundation and hosted by Kendall College of Art and Design, has attracted some of the brightest collegiate minds in the country to tackle the question, “How can we create a circular economy?” Sixty-five participating students from twelve different colleges and universities across America have brought their skills to bear on envisioning how to build an economy that is restorative and sustainable, which is in keeping with the goals of Kendall’s Wege Center for Sustainable Design.

The original 13 teams have been narrowed to three finalist teams competing for the top prize of \$15,000, second prize of \$10,000 and third prize of \$5,000. Kendall College of Art and

Design students are on two of the final three teams. You can view the finalists' designs as well as all of the teams' designs by going to <http://www.wegeprize.org/teams> and clicking on the team's name. Each finalist team will select one member to present at the final event this Saturday at the Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts, starting at 10 a.m. Judges for this event are Gretchen Hooker, Biomimicrity Specialist with the Biomimicrity Institute; Ellen Satterlee, CEO of the Wege Foundation; Nathan Shedroff, Program Chair, MBA in Design Strategy, California College of the Arts; Colin Webster, Program Manager with the UK-based Ellen MacArthur Foundation; and Michael Werner, Green Chemistry and Restricted Substances Manager with Apple.

Through tomorrow, March 24, you can RSVP for free tickets to attend by going to www.wegeprize.org and clicking on the Final Presentation Event link part-way down the page.

Author Celebration

Ferris' third annual Author Celebration recognized the 2014 publishing accomplishments of our faculty, staff and students last Wednesday, March 18. The range of work included art exhibitions, books, book chapters, scholarly articles, paper presentations, posters and poetry. At the celebration, I very much enjoyed hearing many of these authors present synopses of their research, literary, and creative interests.

Included in the program booklet for the Author Celebration were faculty and staff members Kim Beistle, Michael Berghoef, Rhonda Bishop, Karen Carter, Sandra Cook, Christopher Cospes, Beverly DeMarr, Amy Dinardo, Daniel Ding, Terry Doyle, Lisa Eshbach, Greg Gogolin, Kim Hancock, Kathleen Harlan, Sarah Hinkley, Nancy Hogan, Jean Inabinett, Emmanuel Jadhav, Amy Johnson, Susan Jones, Hwee-Joo Kam, Amy Kavanaugh, Cheolwoo Lee, Paul Long, Charlie Malone, Connie Meinholdt, Jim Miller, Kristy Motz, Victor Piercey, Tim Powers, Avesh Raghunandan, Vandana Rajaram, Christopher Redker, Chris Richmond, David Russell, Lisa Singleterry, Brenda Sipe, Mischelle Stone, Mark Thomson, Greg Vander Kooi, Janet Vizina-Roubal, Mark Wilson, Danielle Wyckoff, Vanessa Wyss, Richard Yarhouse, and Greg Zimmerman. Also honored were students Paul Fang, Tyler Stephen Felty, Nilofar Khanbhai, and Melissa Jeanette Redman.

Phillip Renato, Director and Professor in the KCAD Metals and Jewelry Design program designed a special bookmark for the event, which was presented to the artists, scholars and writers who published work during the previous year. Congratulations to everyone who published and exhibited their work in 2014!

Events

Our university is hosting an interesting and thought-provoking series of events this week.

Remembering the Holocaust

This two-day event begins on Tuesday, March 24, with Professor Barry Mehler presenting "There But for Fortune: Tormented Memory," IRC 109, 11 a.m., and Professor Pasquale DiRaddo discussing "Understanding (?) the Holocaust through the Medium of Cartoon Imagery," Starr 120, 7 p.m.

On Wednesday, March 25 from 7:30-9 p.m. in BUS 111, Holocaust survivor Martin Lowenberg will share his experiences as part of "Remembering the Holocaust." Although himself a

survivor, Mr. Lowenberg's parents and younger twin brothers were among the six million Jews who were victims of the Nazis during WWII.

More information about these events and Martin Lowenberg is available at <http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/news/archive/2015/march/holocaust.htm> . "Remembering the Holocaust" is sponsored by the Department of Languages and Literature with support from the College of Arts and Sciences and the Office of Diversity and Inclusion.

Syrian Crisis in Photos

This Wednesday, March 25, from 11 a.m. to noon in UC217, photojournalist Jar Kholer will speak about the humanitarian and political crises created by the ongoing conflict in Syria. It is estimated that the fighting has created about three million Syrian refugees, with many more internally displaced, since the civil war began in 2011. This event is organized by the World Affairs Council of West Michigan.

Women's History Month

A number of events continue through this week and next to honor the achievements of women and explore hurdles that still need to be overcome:

- Gender Roles in America, Tuesday, March 24, FLITE 133, 11 a.m. Panel discussion with members of the university faculty and staff including Dr. Jessica Cruz, Latin@ Studies; Dr. Susan Morris, Humanities; Dr. Rita Walters, Social Work; and Angela Guy-Lee, Sociology. Sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Student Services
- BEYOND: Suffrage, Tuesday, March 24, UC 202A, 7 p.m. "Working for Women: Anna Howard Shaw and the Struggle for the Vote," with Trisha Franzen, professor at Albion College and author of a new biography of Anna Howard Shaw. Sponsored by the Diversity and Inclusion Office and the Office of International Education
- YBBW Women's Conference, Thursday, March 26, IRC 121 6 p.m. "Life after College: Finding Myself," with keynote speakers Gail Ford and Jamila Thomas.
- Student Tribute to Maya Angelou and Women's RSO Expo, Monday, March 30, UC 202C 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by the OMSS.

A flyer with a full listing of Women's History Month events is available at <http://ferris.edu/omss/WHM2015CalendarofEvents.pdf> .

Love, Life & Death

An evening of student-produced and directed one-act plays, entitled "Love, Life and Death" will be presented by FSU Theater running this Thursday through Saturday, March 26-29 at 7:30 p.m. in Williams Auditorium, with a matinee performance on Sunday, March 28 at 2:30 p.m.

Athletics

The men's ice hockey season came to an end Friday evening in a 4-0 loss to Minnesota State University-Mankato in the WCHA tournament semifinals at the Xcel Center in St. Paul, Minn. Congratulations to coach Bob Daniels and our team for a successful season. Special thanks go to Dale Skornia and the FSU Pep Band. Over the past three weekends they have travelled to the GLIAC basketball tournament in Sault Ste. Marie, the NCAA Division II regional basketball

tournament in Louisville, and the WCHA hockey tournament in St. Paul. I appreciate that these student musicians would give up much of their spring break to support our athletic teams in post season play.

David L. Eisler, president