10th Annual Research Forum Showcased Student Discoveries

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In its 10th year at The Ohio State University at Newark, the Student Research Forum showcased students and their research across all disciplines. The Forum, held in March, featured seventeen students displaying their cutting-edge research in the John Gilbert Reese Center. Student presentations were judged by a diverse panel of Ohio State Newark faculty in four categories.

For some students, it also served as valuable practice presenting in a formal setting before they presented at the nationally-renowned Denman Research Forum. “It’s all about our hard-working students presenting their research accomplishments,” says Dr. Nathaniel Swigger, Assistant Professor and co-organizer of the event.

The full list of winners and participants follows below:

Oral Presentation, Completed Research:
- Michael Piemonte, Education, Senior, “Mardi Gras Indian Council (MGIC) — The Best Kept Secret in America” (Winner)
- Erin McKenna, Psychology, Senior, “Attention Bias Reduction in Individuals with Williams Syndrome” (Runner-up)
- Debra Fitch, English, Senior, “Continuing Discourse Concerning Women’s Reproductive Rights in Dystopian Fiction”

Oral Presentation, Proposed Research:
- Chelsea Hinshaw, Anthropology, Junior, “Emersonian Spirituality and Latent Millennials in Western Environmental Discourse” (Winner)
- Lindsey Rike, Psychology, Senior, “Cross-domain Priming of Language and Motor Rate” (Runner-up)

Poster Presentation, Completed Research:
- Melissa French, Anthropology, Senior, “Preliminary Comparison of Subsistence Practices at Two Fort Ancient Villages” (Winner)
- Krysten Chadwick, Freshman Psychology Major receives congratulations on her research from Dr. Robert Cook.
- Krysten Chadwick, Psychology, Freshman, “The Effects of Music Training on Verbal Memory” (Runner-up)
- Kurtstie Bevelhymer-Rangel, Psychology, Senior, “Improving Decision Making”
- Ashley Cooper, Psychology, Senior, “Video Game Play Affects Executive Functioning in College Students”
- Brittany Elgersma, Psychology, Junior, “Influence of Birth Order and Number of Siblings on Decision Making”
- Lauren Evano, Psychology, Senior, “The Effects of Background Noise on a Difficult Word Learning Task”
- Kelsey Hall, Psychology, Senior, “Beware the Company you Keep: Emotional Contagion on Facebook”

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I am extremely proud of this campus’s continued commitment to sustainability. Both The Ohio State University at Newark and Central Ohio Technical College have received recognition from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education for these achievements toward sustainability. Ohio State Newark received a STARS silver rating. Only eleven Ohio colleges and universities have received STARS ratings and Ohio State Newark is the first regional campus of The Ohio State University to take this noteworthy step and we are happy to lead the way.

William L. MacDonald
Executive Dean of the Regional Campuses
Dean and Director of The Ohio State University at Newark

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- Bonnie Rinato, Psychology, Senior, “The Influence of Music Tempo and Lyrics on Decision Making”
- Alex Swearingen, Psychology, Senior, “The Effect of Speech Rate and Implied Motion in an Object Recognition Task”

Poster Presentation, Proposed Research:

- Jessica Dillow, Political Science, Senior, Comparison of a 60-sec Fluency Activity vs. a 30-sec Fluency Activity on Morpheme Definition Recitation by a Student with Dyslexia” (Winner)

Student participants gave a poster presentation followed by an oral presentation. Both were judged in separate categories divided between students who have completed research to show and students who only have proposed research to show. The Poster Presentation is the slightly less formal of the two types, where student researchers displayed their posters and gave brief overviews while face-to-face with judges. Meanwhile, the Oral Presentation demanded that students spend 15 to 20 minutes presenting from a podium. Each presentation had time reserved at the end for question and answer sessions.
John Berry Honored with Phillip A. Tripp Distinguished Service Award

John Berry, Ph.D., was presented the Phillip A. Tripp Distinguished Service Award from the Ohio College Personnel Association at their national convention in Indianapolis on March 30, 2014. Berry is the Director of Student Life at Central Ohio Technical College and The Ohio State University at Newark.

The Philip A. Tripp Distinguished Service Award is presented annually by OCPA to a student affairs professional in recognition of extended illustrious service to the field. The purpose of the award is to recognize seasoned members of the profession.

Berry has been with the COTC and Ohio State Newark for 14 years. As the director of student life, he provides leadership to the many units in student life including student activities, multicultural affairs, career services, athletics and recreation, and counseling services.

The Ohio College Personnel Association (OCPA) was created to stimulate cooperative professional relationships and communications among members interested in all phases of college student personnel work/student development in higher education in the State of Ohio. More information can be found at www.ocpaonline.org/.

National Marketing Awards Received by Ohio State Newark

The Ohio State University at Newark has been announced as a winner in the Twenty-Ninth Annual Educational Advertising Awards, sponsored by Higher Education Marketing Report. The Marketing and Public Relations department at Ohio State Newark received a Merit Award for its Progress Report, a high quality annual report to the community designed by Leslie Lenzo McLaughlin, senior graphic designer, with writing and editing by Andy Ellinger, assistant director.

In addition, the Marketing and Public Relations department received a Merit Award in the Outdoor category for its billboard campaign, designed by McLaughlin with copy written by Alice Hutzel-Bateson, director. The billboards were created to focus on the benefits of a small campus and featured current Ohio State Newark students.

The Educational Advertising Awards is the largest educational advertising awards competition in the country. This year, nearly two thousand entries were received from over one thousand colleges, universities and secondary schools from all fifty states and several foreign countries.

Twenty institutions were recognized by the judges as a “Best of Show” winner. Gold awards were granted to one hundred and sixty institutions, and silver awards were awarded to one hundred and forty six institutions.

Research and Innovation

COTC and Ohio State Newark Globally Recognized for Sustainability Efforts

The Ohio State University at Newark and Central Ohio Technical College have received recognition from the Association for the Advancement for Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE), for their achievements toward sustainability.

“Documenting continuous improvement in sustainable behaviors for our institution is a vitally important advancement for Ohio State Newark, and we are excited to be the first regional campus of The Ohio State University to take this noteworthy step,” said Bill MacDonald, Ph.D., Ohio State Newark Dean and Director.

STARS, the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System, is a program through AASHE that measures and encourages sustainability in all aspects of higher education. To be considered for the association’s rating, both COTC and Ohio State Newark submitted data in September about their achievements in a number of sustainability categories.

COTC’s Newark Campus has received a STARS bronze rating from AASHE. Ohio State Newark has received a STARS silver rating, as did the Ohio State University Columbus campus in December 2012. With this achievement, Ohio State Newark and COTC join over 250 higher education institutions from around the world that are working to understand their environmental and social impact, identify areas of strength and weakness, collect benchmarking data, and employ strategies based on those findings. In Ohio, only eleven colleges and universities have received STARS ratings.

COTC and Ohio State Newark have a history of commitment to sustainability. For example, both institutions’ leaders have signed the American Colleges and University Presidents’ (ACUP) Climate Commitment; together, they developed the Newark Campus Framework Plan in 2012 which references sustainability aspects; and, both institutions are committed to a long-term energy conservation plan.

“Preparing this report has clearly highlighted our institutional strengths...and we look forward to building upon the strong foundation we have documented with the help of AASHE and STARS,” stated COTC President Bonnie L. Coe, Ph.D.

AASHE’s STARS program is the only one of its kind that involves publicly reporting comprehensive information related to a college or university’s sustainability performance. Participants report achievements in three overall areas: 1) education & research, 2) operations, and 3) planning, administration & engagement.

For more information about the STARS program, visit www.stars.aashe.org.

Faculty Lecture Focused on Unknown Women of Mississippi-1964

The Spring Semester lecture in the Faculty Lecture Series at The Ohio State University at Newark, featured Tiyi M. Morris, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of African-American and African Studies.

The topic, “Unknown Women of the 1964 Mississippi Summer Project”, looked back at the Freedom Summer 1964 which marked a significant turning point in the civil rights movement, according to Professor Morris.

“While many students across the country risked their lives to bring equality to Black Mississippians, women of their mothers’ generation worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the project’s success, raise the activists’ visibility, and increase civil rights activism among their peers,” stated Morris.

A Mississippi native, Tiyi Morris has taught at Ohio State Newark for seven years. Her research has focused on the civil rights period and women’s roles in critical events throughout our country’s history. She formerly taught at DePauw University and served as a graduate instructor at Purdue. “My approach to teaching is to encourage students to challenge the traditional narrative,” stated the professor.
Teaching and learning

**English Major’s Real World Internship Experience Enhances His Classroom Education**

James Eblin is dedicated to the art of crafting fiction. An English Major in his junior year at Ohio State Newark, he aspires to start publishing novels after earning his degree. He knows he’ll need to find a solid career to support himself in this pursuit and knows his graduation is approaching soon in late 2015. With the deadline being a little over a year away, what could he do to start working towards a career for himself after graduation? His answer was to pursue an internship.

“I wanted a good experience writing in a professional workplace. My English classes gave me a broad and useful skill-set, but I need to demonstrate these skills outside the classroom. This internship was the golden chance I needed,” Eblin said.

Twice a week he works in the Marketing & Public Relations Office at Ohio State Newark, which is just a few doors down from some of his classrooms. Yet sometimes those teachers and textbooks couldn’t be further away from him. His daily routine involves writing articles that often take him to faraway places he didn’t even know existed.

“I recently had to write an article about an upcoming “spider convention” being held on campus this summer. I had no idea what it could be, so I had to do some research. It turns out that spider experts will come to Newark from all over the world to meet and discuss the issues surrounding them. The things that land on my plate are always new and interesting,” Eblin said.

In sharp contrast to these unique and enjoyable experiences, his internship also presents him with many difficult challenges. Writing in a workplace demands efficiently writing on a schedule. Articles are to be completed in an office setting within specified deadlines. This requires concentration and focus outside his student experience when writing lengthy essays at home. Eblin said, “You don’t get to leisurely sit at home in your pajamas when you write in an office. It might seem obvious, but the difference in difficulty is staggering.”

James C. Eblin plans to graduate in late 2015 with a Bachelor’s Degree in English and a Professional Writing Minor and pursue publishing fiction while actively working a day time job in a professional writing environment.

**Master of Arts in Education - Integrated Studies Offers Flexible Option for Working Professionals**

The Integrated Studies Master of Arts offered at The Ohio State University at Newark is a flexible and manageable classroom-focused degree option for the education professional. Degree requirements include the successful completion of 33 semester hours of credit and a Masters project.

The program at Ohio State Newark is comprised of:

- 9 semester hours of required core courses
- One 3-hour classroom-based inquiry course
- One 3-hour individual study
- One 3-hour course related to equity and diversity
- 15 semester hours of coursework concentrating on one of the focus areas offered through Ohio State Newark

Students select a focus area beyond the required courses for the remaining 15 hours. Other courses may be selected in each focus area and alternative focus areas are also possible. Such decisions are made in consultation with your faculty adviser (assigned at admission).

For information on the Integrated Studies MA program, please contact the Ohio State Newark Education Department Coordinator, Dr. Diana Erchick at erchick.1@osu.edu.
Newark Earthworks Center Holds Open House and Ceremony to Honor Students

Ohio State University’s Newark Earthworks Center held an Open House and special ceremony at the Octagon with guided tours of the site and family activities. The public had full access to explore the Octagon Earthworks at 125 N. 33rd Street in Newark all day Sunday and Monday, April 13-14, 2014. These are two of only four days each year that allows such full access to the public.

A ceremony to honor the 2006 Miller School Fourth Grade Classes came nearly eight years after this group of elementary school students had the Newark Earthworks officially declared Ohio’s Prehistoric Monument with the help of a Senator.

Numerous events were held including Native American arts and crafts, guided tours, and Atlatl throwing. Atlatl throwing involves using a primitive prehistoric tool to throw spears across hundreds of feet at high speed. An official center of The Ohio State University, the Newark Earthworks Center strives to protect and preserve Ohio’s ancient earthworks, and recognize Native American Indian achievements, past and present through public education projects. The Newark Earthworks are part of the Ohio Historical Society’s system of historic sites and museums across Ohio and are located at the Newark Earthworks State Memorial in Newark, Ohio.

For more information, contact the Newark Earthworks Center at 740.345.8224 or earthworks@osu.edu.

5th Annual Community Intercultural Relations Conference Highlights Challenges for GLBTQ Community

The 5th Annual Community Intercultural Relations Conference was held April 11, 2014 in the John Gilbert Reese Center on the shared campus of Central Ohio Technical College and The Ohio State University at Newark.

During the conference, civil rights activist and author Robert Graetz gave a presentation before local business and community leaders on improving interactions with the GLBTQ (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning) community. By raising public awareness of differences in sexual and cultural beliefs, the conference hopes to make Newark a community better able to support persons with diverse backgrounds.

People from all walks of life sometimes face challenges because of differences in belief, sexuality, and culture, creating misunderstandings that can even lead to discrimination. The Community Intercultural Relations Conference was held to help combat these problems and foster healthy relationships within the local community.

But diversity isn’t the only focus of the conference. “Sometimes we forget about all the similarities,” says Vorley Taylor, the Program Manager of Multicultural Affairs for OSU and COTC, who adds, “People who we think are most different from us often turn out to be the most similar, once we get to know them.”

For more information on the conference, visit newark.osu.edu/interculturalrelations or contact Vorley Taylor at 740-366-9443 or taylor.1051@osu.edu.
Men’s Basketball Team Makes Impressive Tournament Run

This year, The Ohio State University at Newark and Central Ohio Technical College Titans made a case for being one of the top programs in the Ohio Regional Campus Conference (ORCC). The Titans started the season strong, going 14-5 in their first 19 games.

Although the Titans stumbled slightly finishing the season losing two of their final four games, once the tournament started the Titans regained their stride making a run deep into the tournament.

“We are really proud of this group of student-athletes, they worked hard all season and it paid off with an impressive playoff run.” Assistant Coach Jason Durham said.

The Titans played Ohio University Eastern in the first round of the ORCC tournament. Having split the regular season series with one win each, it seemed fitting that the rubber match would be decided on a neutral court. Being one of the Titans last two losses in the regular season, the Titans wanted the opportunity to return the favor. OU Eastern jumped to an early lead and things looked bleak. The Titans countered and retook it and never looked back. Mycol Madison went 6-9 on 3 pointers for the game, helping lead the Titans to a 102-94 victory in the first round of the tournament.

Next up for the Titans was Wright State and this was the first time that these two met this season. In the first round of the tournament, Wright State pulled the surprising upset, knocking off #1 seed Ohio University-Lancaster, beating them by 20 points. Wright State jumped up to a 20-7 lead early in the game but the Titans dashed the dreams of the Cinderella team with 5 players scoring in double digits, winning by a final score of 107-80.

Having beaten Ohio University Eastern and Wright State Lake, the Titans had to get past Miami University Middletown. Looking to overcome an early season loss to Middletown, the Titans had revenge on their minds. Despite strong efforts from Anthony Dixon who scored 26 and Jordan Gibbs who scored 22, the Titans were unable to pull off the victory, losing to Miami Middletown by the score of 93-77.

Despite losing in the championship game, Head Coach Marcus White had nothing but praise for his squad. “I must say that I am proud of how those young men came together like a family, and it showed in their relationships with each other and in their play. That was the true success of this past season.” This marks the Titans third straight year in the ORCC Tournament Championship game.

The Newark Campus Athletic Department provides athletic, recreation, and fitness opportunities for students of Central Ohio Technical College and The Ohio State University at Newark.
Ohio State Newark Spring Choral Concert Held

The University Chorale at the Ohio State University at Newark performed a Spring program of choral works in Founders Hall Auditorium on Friday, April 18th.

Selections ranged from 16th-century Italian part songs to contemporary compositions and arrangements by Stuart McIntosh and John Leavitt. The performance also included three South African Freedom Songs in memory of Nelson Mandela.

The University Chorale is directed by Dr. Paul D. Sanders, Associate Dean and Professor of Music Education at Ohio State Newark, with piano accompaniment by Jackie Dawson. Participation in the choral music program is open to students, staff and faculty from Ohio State Newark and Central Ohio Technical College, along with community members. For additional information about the University Chorale, please contact Paul Sanders at 740-366-9315 or sanders.102@osu.edu.

Ohio State Newark Graduation Celebration

Ohio State Newark honored the accomplishments of all Master’s, Bachelor’s and Associate’s Degree recipients at its annual ceremony held in the Alford Performing Arts Hall in the John Gilbert Reese Center. There were 25 master’s degree recipients, 126 bachelor’s degree recipients and 186 associate degree recipients recognized during the ceremony.

The Lyric String Quartet and Newark Campus Chorale performed during the ceremony presided over by Dr. Paul D. Sanders, Associate Dean for Ohio State Newark. The Keynote Address was given by Dr. Wayne E. Carlson, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies for The Ohio State University with special remarks given by Bobby Persinger, the Newark Campus Representative for the Ohio State University Alumni Advisory Council.

The graduation ceremony celebrates the many thousands of hours that hard working students have put in over the span of their college careers. Students are encouraged to reflect fondly on their past experiences at Ohio State Newark while looking forward towards the future. The ceremony is held several days prior to The Ohio State University graduation on the Columbus campus, and marks an occasion for students to say farewell to the Newark Campus. All graduating students of The Ohio State University may also attend the Columbus ceremony, regardless which campus they completed their class work.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, June 22, 2014
Casual Night with Arachnids - Sponsored by the American Arachnological Society
6:00-9:00 p.m.; The John Gilbert Reese Center
Free and open to the public.
For more information: J. Andrew Roberts, Ph.D. at roberts.762@osu.edu or 740.366.9178.

Monday, June 23, 2014
Performance: The Lindsborg Swedish Folk Dancers
8:00 p.m., Black Box Theatre
Free and open to the public.
For more information: Edie Norlin at Norlin.123@osu.edu or 740-366-9252.

Thursday, July 3, 2014
Annual Independence Day Concert and Fireworks Display
6:00 p.m., Martha Grace Amphitheatre
Music by Sticks & Stones and Heisey Wind Ensemble
Free and open to the public.

Friday, July 25, 2014
Ohio Diversity Officers Collaboration 6th Annual Diversity Conference
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; The John Gilbert Reese Center
Cost: (includes annual membership fee) $25.00.
For more information: Vorley Taylor, Program Manager, Multi-Cultural Affairs at 740.366.9443 or taylor.1051@osu.edu.