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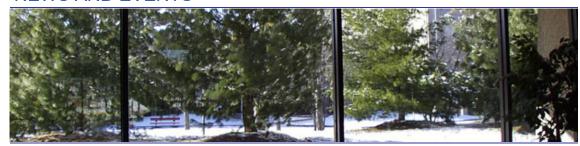
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Livingston College Monthly Update Summer-October 2006

Honors, Awards, Accomplishments

The National Orientation Director's Association awarded first place to the Livingston College Summer Orientation program in the Small School Category for Excellence in Thematic Programming. The theme for Summer 2006 was "A World of Possibilities." This marks the sixth time that the program, under the direction of Dean Robin Diamond, has been recognized for excellence by NODA.

Fellows

- Sarolta Takács (Classics, SAS) was appointed Dean of the new SAS Honors Program.
- Peter Klein (Philosophy, SAS) is the Acting Executive Vice Dean of SAS.
- The following Fellows were promoted to Associate Professor:
 - Ousseina Alidou (Africana Studies, SAS)
 - Julie Livingston (History, SAS)
 - Julie Phillips (Sociology, SAS)
 - Ana Yolanda Ramos-Zayas (Latino & Hispanic Caribbean Studies and Anthropology, SAS)
 - Phillip Rothwell (Spanish & Portuguese, SAS)

Alumni

- The LAA held its Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner on Oct. 14 in the Livingston Student Center. Distinguished Alumni awards were presented to the following:
 - Avery Brooks LC '73
 - o Colleen Fraser LC '74 (presented posthumously; Fraser died on Flight 93 on Sept. 11)
 - o Mark Helias LC '74
 - \Andrea D. Lyon LC '73
 - Liza Kirschenbaum LC '87

The Seth Dvorin Young Alumni Award was presented to Gregg Spiridellis, LC '93.

Kevin Apuzzio, LC '06, who lost his life trying to save the lives of others trapped in a fire in April, posthumously received the 2006 Edward J. Bloustein Award for Community Service. The award was accepted by his sister, Leila, at the Rutgers University Alumni Federation's Meritorious Service Award dinner on September 15.

Academic Programs

 Livingston College is running 23 sections of its first-year course, Building Community, three sections of the ASCENT (for transfer students), and three sections of the one-credit Building Community Colloquium.

Livingston College staff partnered with the Office of Instructional and Research Technology (OIRT) to develop Sakai web sites for the first-year Building Community course and its companion one-credit Building Community Colloquium, which is being offered for the second year to approximately 225 students. All 23 first-year sections have Sakai sites, and many instructors

are making extensive use of the communication features. The Colloquium has thoroughly integrated Sakai; as students are submitting work through the system.

The following faculty members have given presentations in the Building Community Colloquium:

- Ousseina Alidou (Africana Studies, SAS)
- David Bensman, Niki Dickerson, and Janice Fine (Labor Studies, SAS)
- Abena Busia (English, SAS)
- Jennifer Gibbs (Communication, SCILS)
- Walton Johnson (Africana Studies, SAS)
- o Jeff McMahan (Philosophy, SAS and LC Scholar-in-Residence)
- Lisa Miller (Political Science, SAS)
- o Barbara Reed (Journalism & Media Studies, SCILS)
- Marcy Schwartz (Spanish and Portuguese, SAS)
- Meredeth Turshen (EJBSPPP)
- The Honors Program Colloquium events for September and October included:
 - Screening of Kubrick's 2001: A Space Odyssey (Sept. 13)
 - Speaker: Joel Pare on Undergraduate Educational Experience at Rutgers (Sept. 20)
 - Trip to Levin Theater for Proof (Oct. 4)
 - Screening of Kubrick's Full Metal Jacket (Oct. 11)
 - Speaker: Camilla Stevens (Spanish and Portuguese, SAS) (Oct. 18)

Keynote and Major Conference Presentations

The first lecture in the 2006-2007 Global Futures Symposia was held October 11 in the Livingston Student Center. The speaker, Pablo Helguera (Director of the School of Panamerican Unrest), delivered a presentation entitled "Panamericanismo." The session was coordinated by Professor Hasan Elahi of the department of visual arts (MGSA). This year's series' theme is "Transcending Borders."

Other Noteworthy Items - Accomplishments/Activities

Fellows

Daniel Tichenor (Political Science, SAS) presented a lecture entitled "Tough Choices: The Politics of Immigration Reform," along with Christine Thurlow Brenner, at the Eagleton Institute of Politics on June 7.

Students

EOF

- Livingston College EOF held a workshop on personal statements designed to assist students in
 writing effective letters of intent for graduate school (Sept. 26) and a seminar on changes to the
 MCAT (Oct. 11). It also advertised Kaplan's Law School 101 Program, which gives students a
 realistic view of a day in the life of a law school student.
- Students-4-Students, EOF's service organization, conducted the following activities:
 - A total of \$646 in donations for the Susan G. Komen Foundation was collected during the Lee Denim Day national campaign to benefit breast cancer research from October 5-7.
 Sponsors received a pink pin to symbolize their support, and the students were recognized for their effort with a certificate from the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.
 - Members volunteered on Oct.13 and 20 at St. Peter's Hospital Children's Ward, bringing the children get well cards, and reading, coloring and talking with them.
 - Members volunteered at Elijah's Promise Soup Kitchen in New Brunswick on October 4, helping to prepare and and serve food.

Livingston Student Center

- The Livingston Theatre Company mounted five tremendous performances of its first production of the 2006-2007 season, *Urinetown*, from Oct. 19-22.
- LOCO sponsored concerts by Big D and the Kids Table on Sept. 7 and Men, Women, & Children on Sept. 28.
- The Livingston Commuter Program sponsored the following events:
 - Parking Lot O Love on Sept 5
 - Commuter Lounge reopening on Sept. 7
 - Softball luncheon on Sept. 9
 - Trip to a Yankees game on Sept.
 - o Trip to Broadway to see The Wedding Singer on Oct. 6
 - Bowling night on Oct. 11
 - LTC's Urinetown and dinner on Oct. 19
 - Halloween luncheon on Oct. 26
 - Ghost tour of Livingston and dinner on Oct. 30

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The LAA sponsored "Theater Night" on October 21 to see a performance of the Livingston Theatre Company's production of Urinetown.

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