

President Update June 2009

Dear Bellarmine Students, Faculty and Staff,

As I write this, we are busy preparing for what will be by far the largest freshman class in Bellarmine's history. The 615 confirmed freshmen far surpasses our goal of enrolling 590 and promises another exciting year of growth, excitement and challenge for all of us.

I hope the pace of summer and the warm weather offer you a chance to recharge your batteries and prepare for a successful and rewarding 2009-2010 academic year. "The President's Update" is taking a summer vacation and will return in the Fall. Here is the latest news from my desk:

Siena Quarto

We broke ground on May 6 to begin construction on the third building of the beautiful four-phase Siena Housing Project. Siena Quarto will have 129 beds in 68 rooms. The ceremony took place where Lenihan Hall formerly was located.

SGA Awards stipend to QEP Committee

This marks the second year that the Student Government Association is awarding study abroad stipends to support our Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) to internationalize the Bellarmine student experience. The 2009-10 winners are as follows:

- \$500 award – MaryAnne Bowlds, who will be studying in France for the 2009-10 academic year.
- \$500 award – Gabrielle Fuller, who will be studying in Italy in spring 2010.
- \$250 award – Jessica Sparks, who will be studying in London in summer 2009.

The QEP will support two more students with \$250 stipends each: Rachel Keyser, who will study in Paris this summer; and Jillian Redlinger, who will study in Greece this summer.

Biology student presentations

Two Biology students (**Sanda Zolj** and **Melissa Pawley**) presented their research at the 2009 Posters on the Hill event held in Washington, D.C. on May 4-5th. This conference was sponsored by the Council on Undergraduate Research who only selected 58 from more than 400 applicants this year. This is the first time Bellarmine students have been invited to this prestigious conference. The title of their poster was "Apoptotic Activity Induced in Female Lung Cancer by Bioactive Triterpenoid Components from *Ganoderma lucidum*". It is the culmination of two years of research on the use of reishi mushroom as a potential treatment for lung cancer. During the course of this conference students met with U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell and Senator Jim Bunning, as well as

with Representative John Yarmuth of the 3rd Kentucky District. The research was mentored by **Dr. Joann Lau**, along with **Dr. Dave Robinson**.

Congratulations to the 11 Biology and Biochemistry and Molecular Biology students who presented at the 5th annual Math, Engineering, and Science Conference held at the University of Evansville on April 4th. Several Bellarmine students won awards for their research presentations. **Mathew Galante** won 1st place for his talk on "Brain-Derived Neurotrophic Factor Protein Levels in Cells from Bipolar Patients as Influenced by Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms". **Becca Young** won 2nd place for her talk on "Are People Compromising Tooth Strength for a Whiter Smile?" **Melissa Pawley** won 2nd place, in a different section, for her talk on "Analysis of the Apoptotic Pathway Induced by Reishi Mushroom in Human Lung Cancer Cells." **Kelly Casey** won 3rd place for her poster on "Environmental Estrogens Cadmium Chloride and Sodium Arsenate and the Estrogen Receptor Pathway." Faculty mentors on these projects were **Drs. Mary Huff, Joann Lau, David Porta** and **Dave Robinson**.

Women's Council Show House

The Bellarmine University Women's Council is taking its 36th annual show house event downtown Sept. 12-27. The Fleur de Lis on Main is this year's featured property, located at 324 East Main Street, one block west of Slugger Field. Show House hours are Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Admission is \$12 at the door. All proceeds benefit the Bellarmine Student Financial Aid Fund.

New Photo Galleries

The BU photo galleries page has new additions, including photos of service trips to Appalachia, Belize, Guatemala, and Louisiana. Check it out [here](#).

Faculty and Staff News

Assistant Professor of English **Frederick Smock's** new book of poems, *The Blue Hour*, has been accepted for publication in 2010 by Larkspur Press.

Christina Bouras, Adjunct Faculty in Music, will be singing with The Louisville Orchestra on July 25 and 26. She will sing 4 Mozart arias from various operas. The 2 performances will be held at Ballard High School and Riverstage in Jeffersonville, IN. Maestro Jorge Mester will conduct.

Dr. Anne Raymond, Professor of Mathematics, and co-author Marilyn Leinenbach had a manuscript accepted for publication in one of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics journals, *Mathematics Teaching in the Middle School*. The article is entitled, "Using Multiple Intelligences to Make Connections and Reinforce Relationships Between Fractions, Decimals, and Percents."

Dr. David Mosley, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, will present a paper, "Nietzsche's Acoustic Philosophy of Education" to the Society for the Philosophy of Education at the annual meeting of the American Philosophical Association in February of 2010.

In the Biology Department this summer, **Dr. Tony Lentz** and honors student Chris Sims are researching learning and memory in insects. They are studying a major pest of corn and soybeans, which are the top two plant agriculture commodities in the U.S.

Carol Stewart (Theatre Program) has been chosen to participate in the SITI Company in Residence at Columbia University School of the Arts Summer Theatre Workshop, as one of thirty actors, directors, playwrights, dramaturgs, designers and choreographers. This is an intensive two-week program, training and rehearsing with the internationally renowned SITI Artistic Director, Anne Bogart, and the entire SITI company of actors.

Like Jacob's Well, the Very Human History of Highland Presbyterian Church, by **Linda Raymond** and **Bill Ellison**, has been selected for the James Angell Award, for best first book by a Presbyterian author. *Like Jacob's Well* was chosen from among 14 books, including some by scholars and one by a reporter who won a 1997 Pulitzer Prize in investigative reporting for *The Los Angeles Times*.

Dr. Mary Goral received a \$65,000.00 grant from the Norton Foundation. This grant funds the Waldorf-inspired Cadre Projects and provides scholarships for students who take courses in the Masters/Rank 1 program with an emphasis in Waldorf education. Dr. Goral's book, "Transformational Teaching: Waldorf-inspired Methods in the Public Schools" is now available through Steiner Books. Dr. Goral attended AERA (American Educational Research Association) annual meeting in San Diego April 10-16. She co-planned and served as a discussant for a pre-AERA session on bringing main stream educational research together with research on Waldorf education. She also presented a paper entitled "Teacher Support and Revival in 12 Case Studies of Waldorf-inspired Schools/Classrooms".

On April 24, **Dr. Dottie Willis** led a Writing Marathon at the National Writing Project's 2009 Urban Sites Network Conference. Teachers from seventeen states participated in this event conducted on the Belle of Louisville. On April 25, Dr. Willis delivered a presentation, "Discovering Their Values and the Power of Their Voices: Developing Resiliency through Reflective Writing," at the National Writing Project's 2009 Urban Sites Network Conference.

Dr. Bob Cooter has been elected vice president of the Association of Literacy Educators and Researchers (formerly the College Reading Association). This is one of the top three organizations in literacy education.

Dr. David Paige presented at a Pre-Institute Workshop on oral reading fluency at the 54th Annual Convention of the International Reading Association the weekend of May 1.

Dr. Joann Lau (Biology) recently published a research paper in the refereed journal *Plant Cell, Tissue, and Organ Culture* on "Analysis and Stability of the

Respiratory Syncytial Virus Antigen in a T3 Generation of Transgenic Tomato Plants.” (2009, Vol. 96, pp. 335-342).

On April 22, Bellarmine Education alum **Beth Reiss** was named an Excel Award Winner by WHAS 11.

It's a Girl

Congratulations to **Helen-Grace Ryan** and her husband Patrick on the arrival of their daughter, Lucille Beatrice. Lucy weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz and was 19-3/4 inches long. Both mother and daughter are doing well.

Spread the Word

Do you have news to share? Drop a line to lburns@bellarmine.edu.