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University Honors Student Association: What Do We Really Do in the Basement?

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Every other Monday (usually the second and fourth week of each month) at 5:00, follow your nose toward the smell of Toppers pizza or a giant sub sandwich (our attempt to be healthier) on the lower level of the library and you will find yourself surrounded by other Honors students in Polk 17. University Honors Student Association (UHSA) members meet twice per month to plan service activities and social events, and as this year's President and Vice President, we invite you to attend and take part. Everyone needs to take a short break from studying now and then, and this organization is an ideal way to get to know other UHP members and to plan a variety of activities, including each semester's fundraisers and the annual spring trip. The food is free, and we are always interested in new ideas—so we hope you will join us at a UHSA meeting soon!

To start each meeting, Adam BellCorelli usually suggests an icebreaker. Many of you already know Adam as the UHP's Associate Advisor, but did you know that he has also served as the UHSA's advisor since 2006? He facilitates UHSA meetings, helps coordinate our projects and trip itineraries, and offers advice if we need assistance achieving our goals.

While the beginning of each meeting tends to be social, we then discuss the various events for the semester and the planning and materials that

are required for each of them. The UHSA's agenda this fall, for example, already included a bake sale fundraiser for the Oshkosh Area Humane Society (OAHS) on Thursday, November 11, in the Polk Library main entrance. As a group, we met in the Scott Hall kitchen on November 8 to make "puppy chow," "meow mix," and other goodies. We hoped to stimulate the generous spirit of everyone who stopped by our tables by urging them to buy our homemade snacks to support local puppies and kittens, and all proceeds from the sale (\$152.90) were donated to the OAHS.

Other agenda items for this semester include organizing the next Pizza with Professors, where an Honors professor is asked to speak at one of our meetings on a specific topic; reminding faculty and staff about our green collection boxes for Better World Books (our ongoing book drive that benefits needy schools and libraries); our next American Red Cross Blood Drive on November 30; and designing and ordering new Honors T-shirts. Future meetings will include a discussion about an end-of-the-semester social, volunteer events on campus, organizing the spring trip to Milwaukee, and the election process for the annual Honors Teaching Award. Dates for future UHSA meetings can be found on our Web page (<http://www.uwosh.edu/honors/studentassoc.php>).

There are no formal reports or attendance expectations at our meetings, and we welcome everyone

to stop in, enjoy some food, and see what we really do "down in the basement" or, to use the preferred term, "on the lower level" of Polk. To keep up to date on activities and other UHP-sponsored events, please visit www.uwosh.edu/honors/ or contact Adam (bellcora@uwosh.edu) or a UHSA Executive Board member any time (e-mails are listed below).

UHSA Executive Board members may also be consulted—either at one of our meetings or via e-mail—if you have questions about anything Honors-related or other campus matters. We are juniors and seniors with good resources and are more than happy to share advice and offer suggestions. If you have specific questions about Honors and your major, please contact the liaison in your particular college.

In closing, we hope you can attend the UHSA's next meeting on Monday, November 22, at 5:00 in Polk 17 when Dr. Larry Carlin will join us as this semester's faculty guest for Pizza with Professors (see page 3 for details). This is a great opportunity to learn about an Honors professor's specialty in a casual setting and to socialize with Honors friends before heading home for the long Thanksgiving weekend.

We hope to see you at Pizza with Professors on Monday and at other UHSA meetings, too!

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UHP ALUMNI—Where Are They Now?

🔥 **Dan Curran (BSE in Broadfield Natural Science [Secondary Education] and minor in Biology [Secondary Education], Spring 2010)** now lives in Baraboo, Wisconsin, where he teaches biology and physical science at Baraboo High School. In his spare time, Dan is a beekeeper.

🔥 **Lydia Doerr (BS in Biology [Ecology & Organismal], Fall 2009)** worked this past summer for an Ohio State University grad student in the coastal marshes of Lake Erie as a Secretive Marshbird Technician, which Lydia says “really means that I got up really early in the morning and either waded or kayaked through swamps where I played bird songs in the hope that birds of the same species would respond.” She also helped to collect data about the plants present in the swamps, which will help the grad student determine what type of vegetation is needed for the population of several bird species in Ohio. “As of now,” Lydia says, “I am volunteering in New Zealand as a Hut Warden in Tongariro National Park. I am responsible for greeting guests and maintaining the huts where people stay while they are hiking in the park.” Lydia is trying to find a biological research position so that she can work in New Zealand through next year.

🔥 **Katie Dahlvig (BS in Psychology and minor in Spanish, Fall 2009)** is attending graduate school in the Educational Psychology program at Loyola University in Chicago, Illinois. “I’ll be a school psychologist when I’m done in three years,” Katie reports. “I’ve been volunteering in the Chicago public school system and it is very interesting to see the schools here compared with the schools I’ve seen in Wisconsin. I wish I could say that I have a lot of time for hobbies but my life pretty much is consumed with grad school work and still finding time to come back to Oshkosh occasionally to see my puppy and boyfriend.” Other than that, Katie says, she is happily “learning to adjust to the big city life.”

🔥 **Jessica Gordon (BS in Journalism [Public Relations] and minor in Business Administration, Spring 2010)** recently accepted a position as a Marketing and Communications Assistant with Godfrey & Kahn, S.C., a business-oriented Milwaukee law firm. “I am currently living in Grafton and commuting downtown,” Jessica says. “I am happy to be working with this amazing company and look forward to the many growth opportunities it provides, and hope to become involved in outside activities in the area after I settle into my new surroundings.”

🔥 **Amanda Krohn (BSN, Fall 2009)** got engaged shortly after graduation. In addition to planning a wedding, she is busy attending graduate school in Ann Arbor, Michigan, which she describes as “a lot of work!” “What a challenge it is!” she exclaims. “This is my first semester attending the University of Michigan on a full fellowship while pursuing my PhD in Nursing. My research interests are currently focused on psychiatric mental health of military families and adolescents. I am enjoying living here and spend my time working on endless amounts of coursework and attending Big Ten football games on the weekends. Go Blue!”

🔥 **Julie Leibold (BS in Chemistry and minor in Mathematics, Spring 2008)** is a graduate student in the Geochemistry PhD program in the Department of Geology and Geologic Engineering at the Colorado School of Mines (CSM) in Golden. “I just switched departments from Chemistry to Geology and passed my comprehensive exams,” Julie says. Her thesis project is a geochemical study of a roll-front uranium deposit (a concentration of uranium that develops in a confined aquifer through the interaction between oxidized groundwater and the reduced sediment—we had to ask!) in northwestern Nebraska, which is funded by Cameco Corporation, an international uranium mining company. “The plan is for me to graduate sometime in 2012,” Julie hopes. “I would like to find a post-doctorate position after graduation and eventually teach at a university; however, I haven’t ruled out working in the industry first. CSM is a great school and I encourage all UHP students to

consider it when choosing a graduate program. It is very interdisciplinary and there is great interaction between the departments in regards to both research and teaching.” Julie also praised her professors, especially Thomas Monecke, her advisor, who “is wonderful to work with and is a great inspiration to me.”

🔥 **Bethany Lerch (BA in German and BA in International Studies, Spring 2009)** was awarded a Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholarship to complete graduate study abroad and is now a student at the Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence at the University of Saint Andrews in Scotland. Bethany’s studies currently include Fundamental Issues and Structures of Terrorism and Research Methods. “I have one sixty-minute lecture per class per week and one sixty-minute discussion per class per week,” she states. “We are given approximately twenty hours of reading per class per week so the emphasis is very much on independent learning.” Bethany plans to complete her dissertation and graduate in November 2011, and then hopes to work on national defense issues and policy in Washington, D.C.

🔥 **Sarah Roswell (BSE in Elementary Education; minors in French and Mathematics, Spring 2010)** is living in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, and is teaching fourth and fifth grade half-time at a private school. She also has a tutoring job in the afternoons where she works with first-grade students on remedial math and reading skills through the Chippewa Falls Area School District. Sarah also volunteers one day each week at a middle school library. “I’m very busy!” Sarah admits. “I’m still ruminating on the possibility of graduate school but am enjoying where I am for now.”

🔥 **Eric Stetler (BBA in Accounting, BBA in Economics, and BBA in Finance, Spring 2008)** moved from Milwaukee this past summer to downtown Chicago, where he is working as a senior analyst in the Investment Banking Division of Robert W. Baird & Co., Inc., an employee-owned wealth management, capital markets, asset management, and private equity firm that was awarded the #11 position on *Fortune* magazine’s 100 Best Companies to Work For® list in 2010. As a member of the Industrial Group, he provides analytical support on equity offerings, mergers and acquisitions, and other financial advisory services. Eric recently worked on the divestiture of two motors businesses from Emerson Electric Company that generated more than \$800 million in sales last fiscal year. Eric is a Certified Management Accountant.

🔥 **Alexander Zinoviev (BBA in Marketing, Spring 2007)** in early November took his last exam and is now completely done with his master’s of international business and master’s of commerce from the University of Sydney, Australia. “My graduation will not take place until April, though,” Alex explains, “because it is a large university. They cannot fit everybody at once so they have a lot of small graduation functions for different departments and faculty.” What was Alex’s greatest challenge in his final stretch at graduate school? “The biggest thing I have done since June is that I was hired as a project manager for the Philippine Airlines. I was in charge of a national event called Destination Philippines 2010,” he tells us. “The last time there was a campaign of such magnitude was 2003 so it was an important undertaking for the Philippine Department of Tourism and the Philippine Airlines to re-establish the Philippines in the Australian market and to encourage Australian travel agents to suggest the Philippines as a destination for their customers. The event was in the form of a trade show that took place in three cities—Melbourne, Sydney, and Brisbane—and was a huge success. If you have a minute, visit the Web site I put together where you can see the pictures and find more information about the event: <http://www.destinationphilippines2010.com>.” As for his immediate future, Alex plans to visit South America. “I will be traveling to Peru, Argentina, Brazil, and Chile,” he says. “Upon my return to Australia, I will be looking for opportunities to keep pursuing my career here.”

FALL 2010 HONORS THESIS SYMPOSIUM

The University Honors Program is pleased to announce that six UHP Seniors will present their projects at the Honors Thesis Symposium on Wednesday, December 8, beginning at 4:00PM in Reeve 306

PART I: 4:00-5:30

ALLISON BEHNKE "INTRA- AND INTER-TESTER RELIABILITY OF THE PASSIVE KNEE EXTENSION TEST WITH ATHLETIC TRAINING STUDENTS"
 Advisor: Dr. Robert Sipes, Kinesiology Department, College of Letters and Science

ADAM NOTHEM "THE OCCURRENCE OF MALARIA IN *ANOLIS POECILOPUS*"
 Advisor: Dr. Gregory Adler, Biology Department, College of Letters and Science

JEAN WESTERHAUS "STUDENT ANTI-WAR ACTIVISM AT UW MILWAUKEE IN THE LATE 1960S"
 Advisor: Dr. Stephen Kercher, History Department, College of Letters and Science

PART II: 6:00-7:30

CLAIRE STAATS "A COMPARISON OF PUBLIC EDUCATION IN CHILE AND THE U.S."
 Advisor: Dr. Don Hones, College of Education and Human Services

ABBEY THOMPSON "PEDIATRIC TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY"
 Advisor: Dr. Frances Rauscher, Psychology Department, College of Letters and Science

STACY PRINISKI "SYMPATHY AND TENDERNESS"
 Advisor: Dr. David Lishner, Psychology Department, College of Letters and Science

Oshkosh Scholar

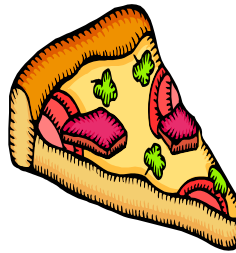
by Madison Pilarski, English (Secondary Education) major and UHSA College of Education Liaison

Honors students, are you looking for a way to bolster your résumé, portfolio, or grad school application, or do you wish to receive recognition for your hard work in a course? Consider submitting your work for publication in the *Oshkosh Scholar*! *Oshkosh Scholar* is our university's research journal devoted to showcasing the best work of UW Oshkosh students. Published each year, the *Oshkosh Scholar* includes several peer- and faculty-reviewed undergraduate manuscripts that stand out as excellent examples of the research students have completed at UW Oshkosh.

For those Honors students completing an Honors thesis, this is a perfect opportunity to have your hard work showcased! Additionally, if you have completed any major research project in any course, consider submitting your work to *Oshkosh Scholar* for publication. Most manuscripts we accept are fifteen to twenty pages in length.

Some of the benefits to submitting your work for publication include demonstrating to potential employers your ability to communicate complex ideas, making your resume and portfolio stand out from other undergraduate students, improving your chances of acceptance to graduate school, getting your ideas and research heard, and experiencing a sense of real accomplishment. The submission deadline for our next issue is **June 1, 2011**.

For more information and submission guidelines, visit www.uwosh.edu/oshkoshscholar or e-mail us at ugjournal@uwosh.edu. We look forward to working with you!



UHSA's Pizza with Professors Series Continues November 22!

The series continues this fall with Dr. Larry Carlin. Dr. Carlin is an Associate Professor in the Philosophy Department, author of *The Empiricists: A Guide for the Perplexed*, and is the recipient of the University Honors Program Outstanding Teaching Award for 2009-2010.

This afternoon's topic will be "Traveling through Intellectual History: What Is the Point?"

When: Monday, November 22, at 5:00PM

Where: Polk 17 (Honors Lounge)

Plus there will be FREE pizza (we couldn't call it "Pizza with Professors" without it!) courtesy of the UHP. See you there!



Campus and Community Events

Saturday, November 20, from 6:00PM to 10:00PM: Feed the Need, Oshkosh Convention Center, 2 North Main Street, Oshkosh. This is the first annual fundraiser for the Oshkosh Area Community Pantry, a large food bank located here in Oshkosh. Highlights include live music, raffles, food and beverages, and a guest speaker from Feeding America. In lieu of a silent auction, guests will have the opportunity to donate toward needed items at the pantry. Tickets are \$40 per person. For more info, call Steve at (920) 651-9960 or visit <http://oacptoday.org/index.html>.

Saturday, November 20, 10:00AM to 3:00PM: Every Woman Expo, 2350 Casaloma Drive, Wave Bar Ballroom, Appleton. This show will feature all sorts of goods and services that are marketed specifically to women. Meet with financial, fashion, fitness, and nutrition experts; sample gourmet foods and wine; enjoy a complimentary massage; and attend free seminars and demonstrations! Entrance fee is \$8. For a complete list of sponsors and vendors, visit <http://www.everyexpo.com/2010womenexpo.html>.

Wednesday, November 24, through Thursday, January 1, 5:00PM to 9:00PM: Celebration of Lights, Menominee Park, Oshkosh (entrance is at Irving Avenue and Hazel Street). Oshkosh's lakeside comes alive each evening with a mile of decorations and colorfully lit displays. When Santa's in town (see Web site for scheduled appearances), check out his workshop, purchase hot chocolate and other treats at Santa's Snack Shop, and visit the live reindeer. Horse-drawn carriage rides are also available; call (920) 743-4343 to make a reservation. Entrance cost per vehicle is \$8, or there is a reduced fee of \$6 with canned-food donations (all of which will stock local food pantries). For more information, call the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce at (920) 303-9200 or visit www.oshkoshcelebrationoflights.org.

Weekends from November 27 through December 19 (5:00PM to 9:00PM on Fridays & Saturdays; 5:00PM to 8:00PM on Sundays) and Monday, December 27, through Wednesday, December 29 (5:00PM to 8:00PM): Fourteenth Annual Wisconsin Public Service Garden of Lights, Green Bay Botanical Garden, 2600 Larsen Road, Green Bay. An icicle forest, blooming flowers, and colorful insects are just some of the botanical wonders illuminated with hundreds of thousands of lights in this spectacular holiday display. Note: the gardens will be closed December 24 through 26. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children, and children up to 4 years are free. Wagon rides are available for a few additional dollars. For information, contact the Event Services Coordinator at (920) 491-3691 or visit www.gbbg.org.

Tuesday, November 30, 10:00AM to 7:00PM: Oshkosh Public Library, Used Book Sale, 106 Washington Avenue, Oshkosh. Don't miss the Friends of the Library Used Book Sale! Every other month, the Oshkosh Public Library (OPL) transforms its lower level into a second-hand store where you can purchase a surprisingly wide range of good-quality, well-priced books, CDs, DVDs, vinyl, and other materials. The Library, which has served Oshkosh citizens since 1900, was designed by William Waters and is a beautiful example of neoclassical architecture. Proceeds from the book sale will go to Library improvements. For more information regarding the sale, please call (920) 236-5202 or visit www.oshkoshpubliclibrary.org/.

Tuesday, November 30, 11:00AM to 5:00PM: American Red Cross Blood Drive, Reeve Memorial Union (Room 227A). The blood drive is cosponsored every semester by the University Honors Student Association. To make an appointment, visit <http://www.redcrossblood.org/make-donation>.

Friday, December 3, from 6:00PM to 9:00PM; Saturday, December 4, from 10:00AM to 5:00PM; and Sunday, December 5, from 10:00AM to 2:00PM: Milwaukee & Northern Railway Historical Society, Inc. Annual Holiday Model Railroad, Historic Neenah Train Depot, 323 W. Forest Avenue, Neenah. Come see model trains in action and admire the intricate layouts and true-to-life landscapes. Guests are welcome to operate the controls! Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$5 per family. Call (920) 470-1241 for details.

Saturday, December 4, 10:00AM to 4:00PM, Tour of Ripon Homes, Ripon. Six beautifully decorated homes will be open to the public as part of Ripon's Dickens of a Christmas festival, which is celebrating its twentieth year. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$10 at the Ripon Chamber of Commerce (open Mondays through Fridays at 127 Jefferson Street) or at Ripon Drug (open daily at 328 Watson Street) and will be available for \$12 at the drugstore on December 4. For more information and for maps of the participating homes, contact the Ripon Chamber of Commerce at (920) 748-6764 or visit www.ripon-wi.com.

Saturday, December 4 (and every first Saturday of each month), from 6:00PM to 9:00PM: Art Walk, Main Street, Oshkosh. On the first Saturday of each month, Oshkosh galleries and businesses extend their hours, provide refreshments, and display local artists' creations. A relaxing way to start off your evening, tour our downtown, and appreciate the efforts of artists in the community, the Art Walk has become an

Oshkosh tradition. Check out the Art Walk's Web site and see which shops and galleries will be participating this month, print maps to plan your evening, and more: www.oshkoshgallerywalk.com.

Sunday, December 19, 10:00AM to 4:30PM: Free Admission Day, Oshkosh Public Museum, 1331 Algoma Boulevard, Oshkosh. The historic Sawyer House is accredited by the American Association of Museums and was founded in 1905. Today there is no admission charged to the museum dedicated to promoting Oshkosh's heritage. For a list of current and permanent exhibits, contact the museum directly at (920) 236-5799 or visit www.oshkoshmuseum.org.

Saturday, January 15, through Sunday, February 20 (Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10:00AM to 4:30PM; Sundays from 1:00PM to 4:30PM): Bergstrom-Mahler Museum Presents Artists of the New North, a Juried Exhibition, Bergstrom-Mahler Museum, 165 North Park Avenue, Neenah. This exhibition provides a creative dialogue that showcases the visual arts in the eighteen-county region of Northeast Wisconsin that encompasses the New North. The counties include Brown, Calumet, Door, Florence, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Manitowoc, Marinette, Kewaunee, Marquette, Menominee, Oconto, Outagamie, Shawano, Sheboygan, Waupaca, Waushara, and Winnebago. Artists who would like to submit their works must submit an application online at bergstrom-mahlermuseum.com and reside in the New North. Entry fees are \$20 for one to two entries per artist. Fees are due immediately after completion of the online application, are payable via PayPal or credit card only, and are nonrefundable. Categories include oil, watercolor, acrylic, gouache, pastels, collage, pencil, pen and ink, charcoal, photography, mixed media, digital art, original prints, clay, hand-wrought jewelry or metal work, glass, and sculpture in all media. Entry deadline is Friday, December 3, 2010. Three \$1000 awards will be sponsored by Community First Credit Union! Call the museum for additional information at (920) 751-4658.

Monday, January 24, from 6:00PM to 7:30PM: Fajitas and Salsa Cooking Workshop, La Avenida Mexican Store and Deli, 817 Oregon Street, Oshkosh. Dora Favian will demonstrate easy preparations for homemade fajitas and salsa with authentic ingredients from her delightful grocery store. The class fee is \$20. To reserve a spot, go to www.bailwickworkshops.com/Workshops or call (920) 379-3741. Note: if you have not yet visited La Avenida, stop by soon for hard-to-find fresh produce, spices, one of Dora's ready-to-go dishes in the deli/taqueria, and other Mexican specialties.

Ongoing Exhibits and Events

Through Sunday, January 9 (Self-guided tours Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, Christmas Eve, and New Year's Eve from 11:00AM to 4:00PM; Wednesdays and Fridays from 11:00AM to 7:00PM. Guided tours on Saturdays from 5:00PM to 8:00PM and Sundays from 12:00PM to 3:30PM): Nutcracker in the Castle, Paine Art Center and Gardens, 1410 Algoma Boulevard, Oshkosh. The Paine's dramatic interiors provide an ideal backdrop for its interpretation of E.T.A. Hoffmann's famous tale about the little girl whose beloved nutcracker doll comes to life and takes her on a magical, sensory-heightened journey. The guided tours are led by actors and include dancers who, costumed as representations of nature and confections, perform to Tchaikovsky's enchanting score. Tickets for self-guided tours are \$7; guided tours are \$17 and require a reservation. Call (920) 235-6903 or visit www.thepaine.org.

Through January 2011, Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10:00AM to 4:30PM and Sundays from 1:00PM to 4:00PM: Germanic Glass: From the Hapsburgs to the Czech Republic, Bergstrom-Mahler Museum, 165 North Park Avenue, Neenah. Known as Wisconsin's Glass Museum, the Bergstrom-Mahler is a converted mansion that houses an amazingly diverse collection of glass objects, including this exhilarating new exhibition of sixteenth- to nineteenth-century European works. Admission is FREE. For details, call (920) 751-4658 or visit www.paperweightmuseum.com.

Permanent Exhibit (Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10:00AM to 5:00PM; Sundays 11:00AM to 5:00PM): Pullman Porters: From Service to Civil Rights, National Railroad Museum, 2285 South Broadway, Green Bay. See a restored 1920s-era Pullman sleeper car and learn about the typical responsibilities expected of railroad porters, their role in significant labor and civil rights movements, and their cultural and economic influence in American society. Adult admission to the museum is \$9.00. Visit www.nationalrrmuseum.org for details or call (920) 437-7623.

Every Wednesday and Thursday: \$5 Spotlight Movie at Marcus Theatres (closest location to campus is 340 Koeller Street, Oshkosh). Did you know that Marcus Theatres offers \$5 movies on Wednesdays and Thursdays? The special ticket price is good all day toward each week's films. The featured movies change weekly so sign up now for e-mail alerts: <http://www.marcustheatres.com/Promotion/PromotionDetail/7/>. For general information and show times, call (920) 233-1570.

McNair Scholar Recipient Follows Up, Offers Advice **TRIO**

RONALD E. MCNAIR
POST-BACCALAUREATE
ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

In an announcement in *Illumination's* September issue, qualifying UHP students were urged to apply for the remaining openings in the McNair Scholars Program, a selective, competitive program that prepares qualified undergraduates for doctoral-level study. To follow up, we are happy to report that three UHP students have been accepted: Korin Franklin, Luis Granados, and Ted Robbins. An Environmental Studies major with a Business minor who joined the UHP after she transferred to UW Oshkosh in Spring 2009, Korin had a particularly enthusiastic response to this opportunity.

The summer research internship through McNair is a required part of the program, and students receive financial assistance for conferences so that they can present their findings. Using her situation, Korin explains, "I found out about my research grant through a professor in my department who thought that I might be interested. I received \$5000 for my budget. Most of this money is paying for my monthly stipend and the rest is for supplies, transportation, and a small amount for my faculty advisor's pay." She encourages students who meet McNair's eligibility criteria to apply—and to seek other research grants and internships—because "experience outside of the classroom will make you more desirable to future employers or graduate schools."

Korin suggests that students look for postings of available internships in their departments (and to inquire if they do not see any) and to check with professional associations and job sites, too. "Internships can be unpaid," she says, "but I would recommend that students look for one that offers some type of compensation such as AmeriCorps, SCA Student Conservation Association, which is environmentally based, but many opportunities exist from education to information technology; research with a faculty member; or a summer camp (there are always lots of choices for all sorts of disciplines)." Korin also encourages students to volunteer because "getting involved in campus clubs and organizations is a great way to network and meet people in your field. For example, for business majors this might be participating in the Accounting Club or assisting a nonprofit with administration tasks. When I say 'get involved,' I mean more than just sitting through a weekly meeting!"

Another great resource for grants, Korin advises, is to check with the UW Oshkosh Office of Grants. "The Web site (www.uwosh.edu/grants/) is a great resource and the director, Linda Freed, is a wonderfully helpful lady. There are both internal and external resources for research grants and opportunities to do collaborative work with faculty. I do want to point out that you don't need a grant to do research; however, it just makes it much easier to dedicate time to your project. If you apply for your own grant, you will need a faculty advisor and you will have to put together a proposal. The proposal can seem like a daunting task, but the grant department is there to help and there are many other resources out there to assist students."

Korin stresses that "almost all of the opportunities that I have had are because I took the initiative and made the connections. Students sometimes think that if they do well with their grades that it will be good enough and jobs will find them. That's not how life usually works! Network, network, and get involved. Get to know your professors and campus staff. Get to know your community, including local organizations and businesses. Grad schools and employers look for this stuff on applications and these experiences make you a well-rounded student and citizen." Finally, she offers, "undergrad research experience"—as for an Honors thesis, we might add—"is a big help to students who plan to attend grad school and apply for funding such as research assistant positions. Most of the time, the campus or department has a limited number [of them] so they are competitive. Assistantships are usually paid research or teaching assistant positions and they are usually relevant to your field." Plus, she added, there may be other benefits such as waived tuition and health insurance.

Korin concludes that working with the McNair Scholars Program "combined with the encouragement of some of my professors helped me realize that obtaining my PhD was actually possible and not just a farfetched dream. I am looking forward to the GRE preparation seminars, visits to grad schools, and the paid summer research position where I will be working with Dr. McPhee," she says. "It will also be nice to be able to note McNair on my application to grad schools. Hopefully this will set me apart from my peers when I apply for fellowships/assistantships as ways to fund my master's and PhD."

For more information about the McNair Scholars Program, visit www.uwosh.edu/mcnairscholars or contact Mary Seaman (seamanm@uwosh.edu), the program director.

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Titan Transit Continues Extended Bus Service.... FREE with Titan ID!

In case you haven't heard, extended evening bus service (Mondays-Saturdays until 10PM) and late night bus service (Thursdays-Saturdays until 3:00AM) will continue this year. The Oshkosh Transit Company offers students and members of our community a safe, convenient, and green mode of transportation to and from campus. Whether we drive, bike, or walk, the bus provides a much-needed alternative to operating a personal vehicle or traveling on foot—and it's free. Titan Transit is supported by the Oshkosh Student Association, Parking Services, and the City of Oshkosh. Don't forget your ID!

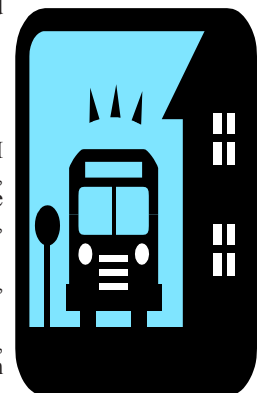
Extended Evening Bus Service is offered from 6:00PM to 10:00PM from Monday through Saturday during the fall and spring semesters and consists of two routes (West Side and Frontage Road).

Fares for Extended Evening Service:
UW Oshkosh faculty, staff, and students = **FREE**
General public: 6 years or older = \$1

Late Night Bus Service is offered from 10:00PM to 3:00AM on Thursdays through Saturdays during the 14-week semester, excluding major holidays. The Late Night service is one route that continuously runs every half hour, through the campus, northside off-campus housing, and downtown.

Fares for Late Night Bus Service: **FREE** to UW Oshkosh faculty, staff, and students as well as the general public.

For general information, schedules, and to access service maps, please visit www.uwosh.edu/stuaff/titan-transit or call UW Oshkosh Parking Services at (920) 424-4455.



CONGRATULATIONS, FALL 2010 GRADUATES!

This December nine students are graduating and will be recognized at the
HONORS GRADUATION CEREMONY
MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2010, AT 5:30PM
POLLOCK HOUSE

The following students, having completed the Honors curriculum and maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.2 to 3.49, will be awarded an Honors Program Certificate:

- ✦ **ABBEY THOMPSON - BA IN PSYCHOLOGY; MINOR IN FRENCH**
- ✦ **JEAN WESTERHAUS - BA IN HISTORY**

The following students, having completed the Honors curriculum and maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher, will be awarded the Honors Medallion:

- ✦ **ALLISON BEHNKE - BS IN ATHLETIC TRAINING**
- ✦ **KELLY BESASIE - BBA IN ACCOUNTING AND BBA IN FINANCE**
- ✦ **JILL HINSON - BBA IN ACCOUNTING; MINOR IN SPANISH**
- ✦ **LINDSEY JINDRA - BSN**
- ✦ **STACY PRINISKI - BA IN PSYCHOLOGY AND BA IN SPANISH**
- ✦ **BRIANNA RAPP - BBA IN FINANCE AND BA IN SPANISH; MINOR IN GLOBAL MARKETING**
- ✦ **ASHLEY ROMENESKO - BBA IN HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND BBA IN MARKETING**

