ASC Recognition Day 2013

The Old Testament Book of Ecclesiastes reminds us that: “There is an appointed time for everything...a time for sowing and a time for reaping...a time for planting and a time for uprooting what is planted...a time for tearing down and a time for building up...a time for weeping and a time for a laugh...a time for silent and a time for speaking...”

We ask you, O God, to help our students to always trust in your timing and to give them the courage and strength to follow you without hesitation. Lead them where you want them to go, live one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time and accepting your appointed time for everything as they journey toward personal, professional, and global responsibility. In Name we pray. Amen.

(Excerpt from prayer offered by Sr. Frances Murray)

DREAM. your Name we pray. Amen.

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In the Spotlight … Assistant Professor Bill Leamon

"Every Dream… Every Day." These words encapsulate the dynamic life principle of Bill Leamon, Assistant Professor of Marketing at Notre Dame College. As a faculty member of the school since 1998, he brings 20 years of business experience into the classroom.

Professor Leamon is also Managing Director of Cleveland Mentors, a social enterprise designed to start and grow youth mentoring programs through the use of enabling technology and social media marketing.

CM features the talents of several members of the NDC family, including the ASC’s Carla Ragu, its Director of Client Services, and IT Support’s Chris Riddle, who serves as its Director of Technology.

“Every student is a brand—a promise to deliver in the marketplace,” Professor Leamon says. “I see it as my job to help students connect with their own brand essence— the personal characteristics and professional experiences that make them unique, and ultimately, valued by potential employers.” To succeed, students need to do more than network; they need to surround themselves with a group of caring individuals committed to their success, persons who act as their personal board of directors.

Professor Leamon affirm’s: “While finding a mentor is the responsibility of the student, it should be the job of every faculty, staff, and alumnus of NDC to empower each student to overcome any barriers to reaching his or her goals, whether that be a learning difference, a financial challenge, or being the first one in the family to attend college.”

“There is no better return on investment,” says Leamon, “than helping a kid get to and through college.” Bill believes that the Academic Support Center supports a model for the rest of the college as to the type of mentoring all students deserve.

“Mentors, like those found in the ASC, help make possible every dream, every day.”

Spotlight on Summer Interns

Chris Bastianucci – Intern at RoviSys Co., LLC

Chris completed an internship program with RoviSys, a leader in the content management space, on managing content uploaded to the company’s cloud delivery platform. While managing the content, he learned the importance of understanding the customer’s needs, the ability to easily decode written language. Dyslexia is his special area of interest. He will continue with the company full time this fall.

Leamon says: “I have been working on a large project with a head of IT, but have given up the wonderful opportunity to continue experiencing RoviSys as a volunteer for the rest of the summer!” He has been able to share management of the project with a colleague and help make possible every dream, every day. He was reunited with the company after the internship and started as a full-time employee at RoviSys in August of 2013.

The data collected will be shared with the Alliance for the Great Lakes, and become part of a larger data base of information on all the Great Lakes. Dr. Tracey Meilander, professor at Notre Dame College, is working with the Alliance, using the data to write grants to study the effects of plastic pollution on lake organisms.

Delta Alpha Pi will be periodically repeating the beach clean-up as a community service project.

NOTRE DAME COLLEGE ASSOCIATE DEGREE SUPPORT CENTER PARTICIPATES IN BEACH CLEANUP

By Barb Kooser

Members of the academic honorary Delta Alpha Pi participated in a clean-up of the beach at Edgewater Park on May 8, 2013. We had a beautiful day – calm winds and sun. The group of students and advisors examined basic water quality and documented the types of garbage they found on the beach. Part of a sandlot, lots of small bits of plastic and cigar tips, and almost a complete change of clothes were some of the items found.

JUDITH BECKER is a native of Cleveland, Ohio, and has a certificate of Biomedical Ethics from Cleveland State University. She was a staff nurse at Hillcrest Hospital and The Mount Sinai Medical Center. At Cleveland Clinic, initially she was a Nurse Clinician in Ambulatory Care and then worked as a Clinical Research Nurse Coordinator. After the clinic, she worked as a Research Nurse Coordinator for Paramount Medical Research and most recently, as a Research Nurse Coordinator for the practice of David R. Mandel, M.D., Inc.

JENNIFER LOWERY is with sadness that I leave the Academic Support Center. I would like to thank you all for the 2 wonderful years that I spent with you. It was an amazing experience to work with each of you and you have all touched my heart in a special way. I will certainly miss working with the talented and fantastic ASC students and staff. You all mean a great deal to me. The ASC students, never stop working your hardest or being the best that you can be! I hope you visit me over in Career Services! Have a great school year and thank you for everything!

MATT WARREN – NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL

Matt is planning to continue his work with the company during the upcoming school year. Northwestern Mutual was founded in 1868 and continues to operate independently as a leading member of the insurance and financial services industry. It is the holding company for the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company and its subsidiaries. He enjoys working with the company and is looking forward to continuing his work with the company.

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From the Desk of Gretchen Walsh

Welcome to Notre Dame College, 2013-2014! We have had an exciting summer and we are anticipating a memorable fall semester. There are several reasons why this summer has been exciting: first, we have received the largest single grant in the ASC’s history! The generous foundation awarded the Academic Support Center a $375,000 grant for the expansion to Regina! A big thank you goes out to one of our ASC families for putting us in contact with the donor. This summer has also been exciting because of the record number of students taking classes and completing internships! On this same note, congratulations to our ASC students for the 90% retention rate and for an average cumulative GPA of 2.73 for 2012-2013. Furthermore, the excitement at Notre Dame College this summer includes the campus growth with new soccer and football fields under construction.

We are anticipating a memorable fall, 2013 as we have welcomed 45 new students into the ASC and have increased the hours of our ASC faculty. We have also added 3 full-time positions and a new graduate assistant to better serve all of our growing needs. Finally, we have increased the ease of scheduling for our students by adding the mobile app for TutorTrac that can be used on phones and by offering tutoring hours every Saturday from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. This will make it possible for students to work with a tutor seven days a week and to schedule appointments with greater ease. Lastly, we are looking forward to a memorable fall semester because we have received a grant from the Stolier Foundation to increase our partnership with the Cleveland Clinic as well as to expand our goal setting groups called Transfer to Action and the Summit.

Thank you to our students and thank you to our families for making this continued growth and success possible!

The Academic Support Center
Spring 2013 Awards - Congratulations!

The Elizabeth Unkefer Award-Management Information System
Christopher Batura
Art Show Honors
Second Place Ricky Valero
Honorable Mention Danny Breitenbach

“Whatever the mind of man can conceive and believe, it can achieve.” ~Napoleon Hill

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