

# Save the Date! CHRISTMAS SPIRITS REVUE Saturday, January 30

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## Scholars Earn Their Wings

he Educational Foundation's highly anticipated Scholarship Recognition dinner, "Scholars Soar," took flight on September 23, at Allgauer's Restaurant in Northbrook, where students and donors walked the "runway of recognition." Thanks to the generous contributions from businesses, organizations, and individuals, 222 students received scholarships totaling \$324,000.

"We had a record number of students apply for scholarships this year," says Executive Director Dr. Carlee Drummer. "Now more than ever, students are relying on the dedication and generosity of Oakton's advocates. I am honored to present another year of unparalleled scholarship support, especially during this precarious economic time."

The evening's keynote speaker, Pam Jost, described the powerful impact scholarships make in students' lives. A current donor, Jost received an Oakton Excellence Scholarship while enrolled in the College's nursing program. Today, she works as an ER nurse at St. Francis Hospital in Chicago. In summer 2007, Jost endowed a scholarship in memory of her son who died in a drunk driving crash. This year, Marat Dzekevich is the third Oakton student to receive the Christopher Jost Memorial Scholarship.

Donors also funded five new scholarships for the 2009-2010 academic year, including:



From left: George Darrell, Florene Darrell, and Pam Jost present the Christopher Jost Memorial Scholarship to Marat Dzekevich.

#### **Annette Dewett Nursing Scholarship**

Annette Dewett, a treasured student employee at Oakton for more than 20 years, loved her career as a nurse and served the profession with distinction for 45 years. Established by her family and friends, this scholarship continues Annette's legacy for future generations of nursing students. The recipient is Jennifer Smuk.

#### Sylvia Footlik STEM Scholarship

Sylvia Footlik, one of Oakton's most generous benefactors, endowed this scholarship to assist a full- or part-time traditional student planning to major in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics. The recipient is Andriy Lysak.

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#### Oakton Hosts Resource Development Conference

This summer, Oakton hosted the annual Council for Resource Development\* Region V Conference, Yes, We Can Raise Money. Colleagues from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin, and Ontario, Canada, attended the two-day seminar to connect with fellow community college development professionals and share ideas about fundraising and grant writing.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to collaborate and learn new strategies," says Oakton Director of Grants and Alternative Funding Roxann Marshburn.

The program, chaired by Dr. Carlee Drummer, Executive Director of the Educational Foundation, focused on a variety of topics, including writing winning grant proposals, benchmarking, and fundraising in challenging economic times.

In addition to networking and collaborating, attendees experienced the Windy City with Frango Mint giveaways, dinner at Navy Pier, a Chicago River architectural cruise, and an authentic hotdog lunch sans ketchup.

\* Council for Resource Development (CRD) connects, educates, supports, strengthens, and celebrates community college development professionals. An affiliate of the American Association of Community Colleges, CRD serves more than 1600 members at 700 institutions.

## Scholars Earn Their Wings continued

#### Oakton Chapter AAWCC Scholarship

The Oakton Chapter of the American Association of Women in Community Colleges established this scholarship to help a woman pursue an associate's degree or certificate. The recipient is Jennifer Cruz.

#### Oakton Gold Scholarship

During the summer, 25 Oakton employees sold their gold jewelry to establish this scholarship to benefit a full-or part-time

Oakton student. The recipient is Voula Kakaletris.

## Francis and Anne Specht Memorial Scholarship

The Specht family established this scholarship in memory of Francis and Anne, who worked tirelessly to help others achieve their dreams. The recipient is Denise Clarke.

### Hartstein Award Winners Announced

Dr. Richard Stacewicz, professor of social science and history, and Dr. Larry Marks, adjunct psychology and global studies instructor, received the 2009 Ray Hartstein Awards for Outstanding Professional Excellence in Teaching, presented at the College's annual celebration to kick off the new academic year.

Joining the Oakton faculty in 1998, Stacewicz teaches two courses, the Individual in Modern Society and Introduction to Global Studies. He also served for many years as coordinator of Oakton's Honors Program. Stacewicz received his bachelor of arts from the University of Michigan and his master of arts and doctorate from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Marks, who earned his bachelor of science from the City College of New York and his doctorate from the University of Southern California, came to Oakton in 2002. He teaches Introduction to



From left: Richard Stacewicz; Tom Tippett, chair of the Educational Foundation Grants Committee; and Larry Marks.

Psychology, Social Psychology, and Introduction to Global Studies.

Named for the founding chairman of Oakton's Board of Trustees, the Ray Hartstein Award annually recognizes one full-time and one part-time faculty member.

## PLAYWRITING FESTIVAL

Enjoy an evening of one-act plays penned by Oakton and other local community college students at the second annual

Play On Playwriting Festival and Competition on Saturday, March 13, and Sunday, March 14. British theater critic Kenneth Tynan notes, "Theater cannot flourish unless there is an undeniable connection between what is happening on stage and what is happening in the world." By exposing previously silent voices, Oakton is unearthing fresh ideas and discovering new truths. All proceeds from the event support the Oakton Performing Arts Scholarship Fund. For more information, or to reserve your tickets, contact Kate Tillotson at 847.635.1976 or katet@oakton.edu.

## Arlington Ponies Up Dollars for Scholars

riends of the Educational
Foundation enjoyed a "perfecta" day at Arlington Park on Saturday,
August 29, to support Oakton's Student
Scholarship Fund. Auctioneer Ron Bernardi invigorated the crowd during the live auction and guests "fought to the finish" to bid on items including Cubs tickets, Bears tickets, and a Las Vegas travel package.

The annual event raised nearly \$32,000 and featured great food, fabulous auction items, and exciting thoroughbred horseracing. Oakton students were the biggest winners of the day, with new scholarships totaling \$10,000 established by Foundation Directors Pam Hermanek, Don Koop, Carolyn Parmer, and Fred Thompson; and friends Bob DeBaun and Larry Fields.

















- 1. From left: Foundation President Howard Singer eagerly awaits the start of the live auction with Foundation Director Jeffrey Rodriguez, John Coliton, and Jamie Rodriguez.
- 2. From left: It's a sure bet that Foundation Director Ken Daubenspeck and his wife Rima are enjoying the festivities with Laura Bobbit, Tony Bobbit, Anise Little, and Foundation Director Brian Little.
- 3. Clockwise from left seated: Auctioneer Ron Bernardi of Sunset Foods takes a break with friends Erv Geisler, Ron Revell, Dianne Revell, and Foundation Director Rosemary Geisler.
- **4.** Foundation Affiliate Betty Rosenblum (right) shares a laugh with Oakton President Peg Lee.
- 5. Odds are Oakton Vice President for Student Affairs Joianne Smith and her husband David (front) enjoy the trifecta of food, fun, and festivities with Oakton Vice President of Business and Finance Carl Costanza and his wife Debbie.
- 6. From left: The ladies of Wheels, Inc., Barb Knoeppel, Nancy DiMenna, and Diane Goedke relish a "perfecta" day at Arlington.
- 7. Foundation Director Harry Tankus and his wife Lila are all smiles during the races.
- 8. Clockwise from left standing:
  Sandy Wittman, Cindy DeBerg,
  and Oakton Dean of Languages,
  Humanities, and the Arts Linda
  Korbel discuss racetrack chapeaux
  with Professor of Education and
  Coordinator of Global Studies
  Katherine Schuster, Director of
  Student Engagement Donna
  Younger, and Oakton Assistant Vice
  President of Academic Affairs
  Nancy Prendergast.
- 9. From left seated: Oakton
  Director of Business Services
  Doreen Schwartz, daughter Holly,
  and husband Jonathan compare
  bidding strategies with Oakton
  Coordinator of Computer
  Information Systems Michele
  Reznick and her husband Michael.



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to Oakton Community College. Published three times a year, the Digest contains news about College programs and services and reports on Foundation accomplishments.

#### Save the Date

The Chicago Bar Association's 86th Annual Christmas Spirits Revue

Saturday, January 30, 2010 8:30 p.m., Footlik Theater Des Plaines Campus

This annual fundraiser showcases Chicago's best legal minds in parodies of political, sports, and show business celebrities.

A reception follows the performance.

For tickets, call 847.635.1893.

Proceeds benefit the Oakton Educational Foundation Scholarship Fund and the Charles N. Goodnow Chicago Bar Association Scholarship.

#### Foundation Welcomes Two New Directors

The Educational Foundation proudly announces the appointment of two new Directors, Vicki Prot and Dr. Joyce Rico.



A resident of Des Plaines, Prot has two decades of experience in drafting, analyzing, and negotiating legal contracts. She currently serves as Manager of Corporate Legal Services for Freightcar

America, Inc, where she is responsible for overseeing numerous multi-million dollar closings and providing primary legal support to the sales department. Previously she served as Vice President of Legal and Operations for SBC Capital and President of Wil-Pro Services. An active member of the Illinois Paralegal Association and Des Plaines Chamber of Commerce, Prot holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from Eastern Illinois University and a paralegal

certificate from Roosevelt University.

A resident of Glencoe, Rico is Vice President of Research and Development,



Medical Sciences, for Astellas Pharma, Japan's second largest pharmaceutical company ranked among the top 20 in the global market. She also teaches at Northwestern University School of Medicine, where she is

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Clinical Associate Professor of
Dermatology. Prior to moving to Chicago,
Rico served as Associate Professor of
Dermatology at New York University
and Assistant Professor of Dermatology
at Duke University Medical Center. A
product of Miami Dade Community
College, she earned her MBA from
De Paul University and her MD from the
College of Medicine at the University
of Florida.