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Save the Date!

CHRISTMAS SPIRITS REVUE

Saturday, January 29

(See details on back cover.)

We Are Oakton: 40 Years of Inspired Teaching

Bill Kurtis to Keynote Foundation Event

Return to the classroom for a morning on Saturday, November 6, and experience the joy of learning from keynote speaker Bill Kurtis, the celebrated CBS-2 news anchor, and eight distinguished members of Oakton's faculty.

We are Oakton: 40 Years of Inspired Teaching provides the opportunity for community residents to explore such timely issues as the impact of invasive species, Eastern medicine, life coaching, media literacy, and urban farming. Mr. Kurtis, who launched the grass-fed beef revolution in 2005, will be addressing the importance of "eating for the earth." (For complete program details, check out www.oakton.edu/newsevents/events/we_are_oakton.)

Faculty members participating include Denis Berkson, professor of speech and communications; Michael Carr, professor of biology; John Carzoli, professor of physics; Susan Doll, instructor in languages, humanities, and the arts; Tracy Fulce, assistant professor of marketing and management; Mohamed Mehdi, assistant professor of humanities; Luanne Olson, professor of physical therapy assistant; and Ron Thomas, professor of management.

The program begins at 8:30 a.m. in the Performing Arts Center with a Continental Breakfast and ends at noon. Tickets are $10. To reserve your place, call 847.635.1893. All proceeds support the Student Scholarship Fund.

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Foundation Welcomes New Director

The Educational Foundation proudly announces the appointment of Carol Wagner to the Board of Directors. President of Dimensions in Health, Inc., a corporate wellness and private practice based in Northbrook, Wagner serves as a consultant for Northbrook School District 28, where she provides nutrition counseling and education for students, teachers, and parents. Prior to starting her own business, she was Director of Leadership Development for Ameritech and Vice President for EnterChange where she offered career development consulting for senior-level executives. She recently captured a National Leadership Award— one of 80 from a pool of 3,200— sponsored by The White House Project and *O,* the Oprah Winfrey magazine. Wagner earned a bachelor of arts in English from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; a master of arts in counseling psychology from Georgia State University; and a master of science in holistic nutrition (with highest honors!) from Clayton College of Natural Health.

Fields of Dreams Honors Donors and Scholars

Fields of Dreams, the Educational Foundation's annual Scholarship Banquet, celebrated donors and scholars on September 28 at the Westin Chicago North Shore Hotel. Thanks to the generous contributions from businesses, organizations, and individuals, 444 students received scholarships totaling $510,000.

Donors Lila and Harry Tankus (far right, first row) hosted scholarship recipients Rayma Apacionado, Jeannine Perkins, Katherine Schilling, Jojee Trinidad, Jennifer Wallin, and guests Manuel Argueta, Reymark DeGuzman, Mary Ann Hills, Laurel Schilling, and Marie Wallin.

"As public funding decreases, we must find alternate sources of financial aid to make higher educational accessible and affordable for all students," said Dr. Carlee Drummer, Educational Foundation executive director. "Last year we awarded 323 scholarships, totaling $313,000. To offer 121 new scholarships and almost $200,000 more in financial assistance says a great deal about the benevolence of our benefactors who play a vital role in helping our students succeed."

Donors also funded eight new scholarships for the 2010-2011 academic year, including:

Bob and Jane Debaun Scholarship
This scholarship, established by Mr. and Mrs. DeBaun, supports a full- or part-time student.

Fields Scholarship
Established by Larry and Marilyn Fields, the scholarship provides assistance for a full- or part-time student.

Dr. Kenny Jackson Williams Scholarship
Former Oakton Board of Trustee member Emory Williams created this scholarship in memory of Dr. Kenny Jackson Williams to support a full- or part-time minority student.

Shan Nandi Memorial Scholarships
Established by the IEEE/PES Insulated Conductors Committee to honor its late chairman, Shan Nandi, a former adjunct professor at Oakton, these scholarships assist engineering students with at least a 3.25 GPA.

Buck and Ora O'Neil Scholarship
Bruce Oates, Oakton's Director of Athletics and Registrar Services, created this scholarship in honor of Buck and Ora O'Neil who were lifelong advocates for education. The scholarship supports an Oakton student athlete pursuing an associate's degree.

Skokie Hospital Health Careers Scholarship
Created by NorthShore University HealthSystem, this scholarship endowment supports a full- or part-time student pursuing a career in science or health care.

Kristen and Stanley Stevens Scholarships
Created by Kristen and Stanley Stevens, an Educational Foundation Director, the scholarships help full- or part-time students with at least a 3.0 GPA.

Women in Science and Engineering Scholarship
Established by Don Koop, an Educational Foundation director and Vice President of Human Resources at John Crane, this scholarship supports a female science or engineering student who has attained at least a 3.25 GPA.

Arlington Reins in Dollars for Scholars

Friends of the Educational Foundation enjoyed a "perfecta" day at Arlington Park on Saturday, August 28, to support Oakton's Student Scholarship Fund. During the afternoon, guests enjoyed a silent auction featuring Cubs, Sox, and Bears tickets; a London travel package; themed gift baskets; and fine wine. The annual event, which raised more than $38,000, also sported a scrumptious buffet, thoroughbred horseracing, and contagious camaraderie.

1. *Roxann Marshburn (right) and her sister Pamela Morgan celebrate their winning bets.*

2. *Oakton employees and their guests enjoy a day at the races. Seated from left: Sebastian Contreras, Jr., Ben Nicholas, David DeCoursey-James, Gregory James, Mum and Peter Martens. Back row: Betsy and Arnie Oudenhoven, Joianne and David Smith.*

3. *It's a sure bet that Foundation Director Brian Little (standing far right) and his wife Anise (seated far right) are enjoying the festivities with Jamie and Jason Berland, Cheryl and Bill Cassidy, and Stephanie and Jim Nallen.*

4. *Foundation Director Jeff Rodriguez and his wife Jaime (center) relish a "perfecta" day at Arlington with (clockwise from left) Kim and John Coliton, Carlee Drummer, Elizabeth Slager, Scott Cherney, and Rick and Patty Picardi.*

5. *Joining Foundation Vice President Gene Slade (seated at left) and his wife Tami (seated at right) are Ted and Pam Gilbert and Arthur and Ellyn Gold.*

6. *Foundation Director Don Koop and his wife Terri (right) enjoy their window table with Tony and Terry Bliudzius.*

7. *(From left) Sue Kravis, Foundation Affiliate, and her husband Allen, Foundation Director, watch their horse win with Timothy and Patricia Boyle, Kate Tillotson, Danny McCord, and Arlene Tillotson.*

8. *Don Hermanek enjoys Harriet Suberlak's glee.*

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The Chicago Bar Association's 87th Annual

Christmas Spirits Revue

Saturday, January 29, 2011
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.

Hartstein Award Winners Announced

John Carzoli, professor of physics, and Michael Madill, instructor of geography, history, and political science, received the 2010 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 2000, Carzoli *(shown above with Foundation Director Tom Tippett)* chairs the chemistry, earth science, and physics programs. Earning his bachelor's degree from Beloit College and his master's and doctorate from the University of Oklahoma, he frequently shares his passion for sky watching with the Oakton community.

A member of Oakton's part-time faculty since 2005, Madill *(pictured right)* holds a master of science degree from the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London and a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Michigan. He teaches a variety of courses—from American Government to the History of Contemporary Non-Western Civilizations—and has a particular passion for social justice.

Named for the founder of Oakton's Board of Trustees, the Ray Hartstein Awards annually recognize one full-time and one part-time faculty member. Nominees must demonstrate excellence in teaching and respect for students and peers. Following a review by the Board of Student Affairs, the Oakton Educational Foundation Grants Committee selects winners.