Brian W. Casey is DePauw’s 19th president

After a nine-month international search process, Brian W. Casey, associate dean for academic affairs in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at Harvard University, was named DePauw’s 19th president, beginning July 1.

A native of New Jersey, he received a B.A. degree in philosophy and economics at the University of Notre Dame and law degree from the School of Law at Stanford University. A member of the New York and California bars, he practiced corporate law with the firm of Davis Polk and Wardwell in the New York and London offices. He left the practice of law to enter the graduate program in

the History of American Civilization at Harvard, where he obtained a Ph.D. and taught in both the History Department and in the History and Literature Program. While in graduate school, he accepted a position as special adviser to the president at Brown University and eventually became associate provost for academic planning. In January 2006, he started in his current position at Harvard.

Brian Casey will succeed Robert G. Bottoms, who will retire as president on June 30 after 22 years as the University’s leader. Bottoms will become Chancellor of the University and director of DePauw’s Janet Prindle Institute for Ethics.

Kiplinger’s again places DePauw among nation’s best values

DePauw remains among America’s 50 best values in liberal arts colleges, according to the April 2008 issue of Kiplinger’s Personal Finance. The magazine describes the list as “a range of schools with strong academics, generous financial-aid policies and, in some cases, a decent price to begin with.” Each college is ranked according to academic quality and affordability – with quality accounting for two-thirds of the total.

Visitors coming to campus

Deborah Bial, founder and president of the Posse Foundation, will be the principal speaker at DePauw’s 169th annual commencement on Sunday, May 18.

Jerry Fowler, director of the Save Darfur Foundation, will speak on April 7.

Jack Germond, syndicated columnist and a regular panelist on The McLaughlin Group, and David Keene, chairman of the American Conservative Union, will give the Gertrude and G.D. Crain Jr. Lecture on April 9.

3 Science Research Fellows receive Goldwater Scholarships

Three DePauw students in the Science Research Fellows Program – juniors Alexander P. Breitinger and Nicole R. Stone, and sophomore Kathleen E. Mittenord – are recipients of Barry M. Goldwater Scholarships, the premier undergraduate award of its type in the fields of mathematics, the natural sciences and engineering. DePauw is one of only two liberal arts colleges in America to have three Goldwater Scholarship winners. The Goldwater Scholars were selected on the basis of academic merit from a field of 1,035 mathematics, science and engineering students who were nominated by the faculties of colleges and universities nationwide. All three DePauw recipients are double majors: Breitinger in chemistry and history, Mittenord in biochemistry and biology, and Stone in biochemistry and biology.

Student news highlights

Senior Kate L. Ziegelgruber was the lead author of an article in the February 2008 issue of the Journal of Solid State Chemistry. The article, “Hydrothermal chemistry of Th(IV) with aromatic dicarboxylates: New framework compounds and in situ ligand syntheses,” was the result of Ziegelgruber’s work in fall 2006 during her Science Research Fellows internship as a junior. Ziegelgruber worked in the laboratory of Christopher L. Cahill, associate professor of chemistry at George Washington University.

Twelve DePauw students and 14 other undergraduates from around the nation were selected to participate in the inaugural Undergraduate Ethics Symposium held April 3-5 at the Janet Prindle Institute for Ethics. The students engaged in discussion about ethics-related work with leading scholars and creative writers.

Recent visitors to campus


Brenda L. Baker ’86, artist, activist and museum curator, spoke on Oct. 29.

Tony Blair, prime minister of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from 1997-2007, gave the Timothy and Sharon Ubben Lecture on March 3. Blair is the fifth British prime minister to speak at DePauw, and it was his first speech in the United States since stepping down as prime minister.

Angie Hicks Bowman ’95, founder and chief marketing officer of Angie’s List, gave the McDermond Center Lecture on Nov. 15.

Majora Carter, executive director of Sustainable South Bronx and recipient of a MacArthur Prize, was the keynote speaker for the Boswell Symposium Sept. 23-25.

Chinonye O. Chukwu ’06, filmmaker, spoke and screened some of her work on Nov. 16.


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Sports shorts

DePauw is the host for six of the eight spring championships in the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference. Men’s and women’s conference titles in golf, tennis, and track and field will be determined at DePauw.

The women’s softball team is ranked number three in NCAA Division III.

The DePauw women’s basketball team, the defending national NCAA Division III champions, reached the national quarterfinals for the third consecutive year. University of Wisconsin-Whitewater eliminated the Tigers 83-80. The DePauw women were ranked fifth in Division III by D3hoops.com and USA Today/ESPN Coaches’ Poll.

The women’s swimming and diving team placed ninth at the NCAA Division III Championships.

The men’s swimming and diving team, nineteenth-ranked in NCAA Division III, captured its fourth consecutive Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference championship. The team finished 11th at the NCAA Division III Championships.

University Professors for 2008-12

Four DePauw faculty members were named University Professors for 2008-12 in recognition of their sustained excellence in teaching effectiveness, professional activity and service. They are Istvan Caicsey-Ronyay, professor of English; Joseph W.Heidhues, associate professor of English; Cleveland T. Johnson, professor of music; and Glen D. Kuecker, associate professor of history. This is the 10th year that University Professors have been awarded. Since the program began in the 1998-99 academic year, a total of 31 faculty members have been recognized.

Recent visitors to campus (continued)


Patrick Dougherty, environmental sculptor, and DePauw volunteers used natural materials to construct a sculpture on campus as part of ArtsFest 2007: Art & the Environment, Oct. 25-Nov. 4.

The James and Marshall Kelly Writers Series featured Tony D’Souza, winner of the 2007 GLCA New Writers Award, on Dec. 5; Kent Haruf, award-winning novelist, on Oct. 3; Jay Hopler, author of Green Squall and winner of the Yale Younger Poets Prize, on April 2; Maurice Manning, award-winning poet and author, on Sept. 20; Susan Schafer Neville ’73, award-winning author of creative nonfiction and short stories, on Feb. 20; Stefing Plumpiy, award-winning poet and writer, on Nov. 17; Barbara Ras, award-winning nature poet, on Oct. 29; Samrat Upadhyay, the first Nepali-born fiction writer writing in English, to be published in the West, on March 5.

David Hackett Fischer, Pulitzer Prize-winning historian and acclaimed author of Washington's Crossing and Albion's Seed, gave the Walker Horizon Lecture on Feb. 21.

The award-winning Broadway composer-lyricist team of Nancy Ford ‘57 and Gretchen Cryer ‘57 met with students April 1-2 and participated in call-back auditions for one of their musicals that will be performed by DePauw Theatre in the fall.

Lisa Kuhn Fraioli ’89, senior technical adviser for microfinance for Freedom from Hunger and leader of the organization’s initiatives in Latin America, spoke on Oct. 11.

Aaron Gress ’05, an associate with Developing World Markets, gave the McDermont Center Lecture on Feb. 15.

bell hooks, scholar, feminist, social activist and author of more than 20 books, was in residence Sept. 17-21 as the Elizabeth P. Allen Distinguished University Professor.


Robert F. Kennedy Jr., environmental activist, author and one of TIME magazine’s Heroes for the Planet, was the keynote speaker for DePauw Discourse 2007: Sustainability and Global Citizenship, Oct. 4-6. DePauw Discourse participants also included: Beth Borchard, deputy director of the Indiana State Department of Agriculture; Juliet Eilperin, environmental reporter for The Washington Post; Jay S. Holzer ’89, assistant professor of biology at Juniata College and author of graphic novels on biology topics; Bill McKibben, environmental activist, and author of Deep Economy; Cristina Goettsch Mittermeier, executive director for the International League of Conservation Photographers; Wallace J. Nicholls ’89, senior researcher for Ocean Conservancy and founder of WILDCOAST; Kay E. Pasoh ’81, vice president for regulatory strategy at Duke Energy; Glenn T. Pickett, senior vice president for Conservation International; and Greg Watson, vice president for sustainable development and renewable energy, Massachusetts Technology Collaborative.

Fred J. Leighton ’85, slam poet and two-time Austin Ego’s Slam team finalist, performed at DePauw on Oct. 25 as part of the “Cabaret Works Unite!” Free Range Poetry tour.

Judith Malina, co-founder of the Living Theatre, delivered the keynote speech for the DePauw Undergraduate Honors Conference on March 13.

Ralph Nader, consumer advocate, presidential candidate for the Green Party and author, met with students and gave the Timothy and Sharon Ubben Lecture on Sept. 27.

Travis S. Nelson ’93, managing director of TowerBrook Capital Partners, gave the McDermont Center Lecture on Sept. 14.

Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, Grammy Award-winning ensemble recognized as one of the world’s great orchestras, presented a concert on Oct. 25 in conjunction with the dedication of the Judson and Joyce Green Center for the Performing Arts.


Bobby Scale, a legendary figure in the civil rights movement who co-founded the Black Panther Party for Self Defense 40 years ago, spoke on Feb. 28.

Thomas A. Shannon, assistant secretary of state for western hemisphere affairs for the U.S. Department of State, spoke on Oct. 7.

Mike T. Smith ’99, portfolio manager for Wells Capital Management, gave the McDermont Center Lecture on Feb. 21.

Leonard Sweet, founder and president of Spirit Venture Ministries, author of the best-selling FaithQuakes and operator of the Web-based preaching resource, WeChoose, gave the Mendenhall Lecture on Oct. 9.

Andrew T. Thayer ’92, manager of financial planning for ATA Airlines, gave the McDermont Center Lecture on Sept. 6.

Chen Yi, a distinguished Chinese-American composer, was the composer-in-residence for Music of the 21st Century, the DePauw School of Music’s annual program, Feb. 13-17.

Cultural anthropologist named Schaenen Visiting Scholar

Julie Hollowell, a cultural anthropologist who is currently a research associate with the Center for Archaeology in the Public Interest at Indiana University-Bloomington, will serve as the Nancy Schaenen Visiting Scholar for 2008-09 at DePauw’s Janet Prindle Institute for Ethics. Hollowell’s work spans anthropology, archaeology, ethics, art, cultural heritage law and policy, and museum studies to consider the broad implications of how people in the present value and use “the past.” Hollowell is co-author of Ethics in Action: Case Studies in Archaeological Dilemmas, and she serves as co-chair of the Committee on Ethics of the World Archaeological Congress (WAC).

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