Student playwright’s work to be performed at Kennedy Center
Senior Joan Catherine ’J.C.’ Pankratz, an English writing major and women’s studies minor, is one of four student playwrights in the nation selected to receive the John Cauble Award for Outstanding Short Play. The Cauble Award recognizes one or more outstanding scripts each year for presentation at the Kennedy Center American College Theater National Festival. Pankratz will have the opportunity to be in residence at the Kennedy Center during the national festival, April 17–21, at the Center’s expense. In addition, her play, Honest to God, will be showcased during the festival with a cast of professional actors and a director from the Washington, D.C. community.

Putnam Relay for Life among top 10 events in the nation
Putnam County Relay For Life, a collaborative effort by the University and community, was recognized by the American Cancer Society as one of the top 10 events in the nation for per capita fundraising. The 2011 event resulted in more than $126,000 in contributions. During the 16 years DePauw and Putnam County have combined to raise money for the American Cancer Society through Relay For Life, the events have raised a total of nearly $82 million to fight the deadly disease. The 2012 Relay for Life is scheduled on April 21 at Blackstock Stadium.

Visitors coming to campus
Joseph P. Allen ’IV/’59, former astronaut, will give a 175th Anniversary Distinguished Alumni Lecture on May 10.
Kay Anderson, marketing purpose program manager for Eli Lilly and Company, will give a McDermond Center Lecture on April 3.
Rev. Kevin R. Armstrong ’82, senior pastor at North United Methodist Church in Indianapolis, will give a 175th Anniversary Distinguished Alumni Lecture on June 10.
Dave Deno, chief financial officer for the International Division of Best Buy Company, will give a McDermond Center Lecture on April 26.
Judith A. Edstrom ’70, international development consultant and adviser to Partnership for Transparency Fund, and Mary C. Leonard ’70, deputy managing editor of Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, will give a 175th Anniversary Distinguished Alumni Lecture on April 11.
Mark D. Miles, president and CEO of Central Indiana Corporate Partnership, Inc., will give a McDermond Center Lecture on April 10.
William F. Rasmussen ’54, CEO of Intellinet and founder of ESPN, will give a 175th Anniversary Distinguished Alumni Lecture on Oct. 4.

Student team reaches semifinals of national Ethics Bowl
DePauw competed against 30 other teams from across the country and reached the semifinals at the national Ethics Bowl competition, held March 1 in Cincinnati. Ethics Bowl team members included: junior Kumar K. Amarnath, sophomore Ethan E. Brauer, junior Benjamin C. Hoffman, junior Sara Brooks and sophomore Mary C. Leonard ’70, president and CEO of Central Indiana Corporate Partnership, Inc., will give a McDermond Center Lecture on April 10.

Student team reaches semifinals of national Ethics Bowl
K. Scally and freshman Mohammad Usman. Coaches are E. Nick Howell, Prindle Graduate Fellow; Marcia A. McKelligan, Blair Anderson and Martha Caroline Riet Professor of Applied Ethics and professor of philosophy; and Robert D. Newton, professor emeritus of philosophy.

Recent visitors to campus
Karen Koning AbuZayd ’83, former commissioner-general of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees in the Near East, presented the inaugural Johnson-Wright Lecture in Conflict Studies on Nov. 8.
Lawrence Buell, award-winning author, professor emeritus of American literature at Harvard University and a pioneer of ecocriticism, was the Environmental Fellows Program speaker on March 5 and gave a faculty workshop on March 6.
William J. Clinton, founder of the William J. Clinton Foundation and 42nd president of the United States, spoke on Nov. 18 to mark the 25th anniversary of the Timothy and Sharon Ubben Lecture Series at DePauw.

DePauw Discourse 2011: Empowering Society Through the Arts featured world-renowned cellist Yo-Yo Ma in concert on campus as well as the following artists and leaders: Maxwell L. Anderson, CEO, Indianapolis Museum of Art; Brian W. Casey, DePauw president; Civic Orchestra of Chicago; Sally Smerez Grooms Cowal ’66, senior vice president, Population Services International; Simon Crookall, CEO, Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra; Willis “Bing” Davis ’59, president, Willis Bing Davis Art Studio and Gallery; Donna DiNovelli, Heart of a Soldier opera librettist; Judson C. Green ’74, former president and CEO, Navtex Corporation; Anne F. Harris, A. Reid Winsey Professor of Art at DePauw; Amy M. Hayes, adjunct professor of communication and theatre; Sara D. Horton ’12, DePauw School of Music student; Kevin D. James ’83, education director, American Composers Orchestra; David B. Lawrence ’90, CEO of Arts Council of Indianapolis; Michael “Mac” P. Mackenzie, DePauw associate professor of art and chair of the Art Department; Mark McCoy, dean of the DePauw School of Music; Case M. Nafziger ’12, DePauw School of Music student; Betty Perry, artistic director, Indianapolis Metropolitan Youth Orchestra; Deborah F. Rutter, president of Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association; James B. Stewart Jr. ’73, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and best-selling author of Heart of a Soldier, Christopher Theofanidis, Heart of a Soldier opera composer.

Charles Falco, professor of optical sciences and chair of condensed matter physics at University of Arizona, was in residence as the Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar Sept. 19–20.

Leymah Gbowee, a Liberian activist whose work on behalf of women’s issues and peace earned her the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize, gave a Timothy and Sharon Ubben Lecture on Feb. 15.

Priscilla Ruiz Guillen, human rights activist with Fray Bartolome de las Casas Human Rights Center in Chiapas, Mexico, gave a Conflict Studies Lecture on Oct. 27.

Brian A. Howey, publisher of Howey Politics Indiana, Republican national pollster Christine Matthews and Democratic national pollster Fred Yang announced the new Howey/DePauw Indiana Battleground Poll during a seminar on March 6.

The James & Marilou Kelly Writers Series included: Danielle Evans, recipient of the 2011 PEN/Robert W. Bingham Prize and author of Before You Suffocate Your Own Fool Self; March 14; Ian Frazier, writer acclaimed as one of the greatest living humorists and frequent contributor to The New Yorker, Feb. 15; Major Jackson, poet, Sept. 14; Imam Moses, a New York playwright and TV writer, Oct. 5; and Antonya Nelson, considered one of back
Recent visitors to campus (continued)

the leading fiction writers of the 21st century, Nov. 2.


Kristen Leslie, expert on religious freedom in the U.S. military and a consultant with the U.S. Air Force Academy, gave the Mendenhall Lecture on Oct. 6.

The McMordern Center Lecture Series included: Aaron M. Gress ’95, Sustainable Agriculture U.S. Peace Corps volunteer, Feb. 28; Jeffrey Harmening ’89, president of Big G Cereal Division, General Mills, Nov. 10; Scott MacGregor ’95, director of communications for Eli Lilly and Company, Nov. 15; Kevin McCarthy, co-founder and executive vice president of Partners LLC, Sept. 20; Jonathan R. Phillips ’95, managing director of Healthcare Growth Partners LLC, Nov. 3; Peter Ruppert ’86, president and CEO of American Education Group, Sept. 22; Marshall Sims ’00, brand manager for Gillette Male Shave and Personal Care, Procter & Gamble, Oct. 28; and Chris Stevens, vice president for corporate relations of Keurig Inc., Feb. 9.

Soumendra Patnaik, professor at University of Delhi, Fulbright Scholar and president of the Anthropological Association of India, gave an Asian Studies talk on Nov. 10.

Joseph C. Schwantner, prolific Pulitzer-Prize–winning composer, was guest composer for Music of the 21st Century hosted by the DePauw School of Music from Feb. 15–19.

Kyle S. Smiley ’07, founder and owner of Barley & Birch, gave a 175th Anniversary Distinguished Alumni Lecture on March 7.

Maestro Krzysztof Urbanski, world music phenomenon and conducting superstar, conducted the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra in Kresge Auditorium on March 18. It was one of only six programs that Krzysztof is conducting in the U.S. this year.

Keith Woods, vice president for diversity in news and operations at National Public Radio, spoke at The Janet Prindle Institute for Ethics on March 6.

More student news highlights

Junior Allana J. Johnson received first place for her undergraduate research poster, “Discouraging Electronic Distraction Using Persuasive Technology,” at the Indiana Women in Computing (INWIC) conference and earned a free trip to the Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing scheduled in Baltimore in the fall. Senior ShanKara Johnson was second. Sophomore Yanand Ni and Fei Wen won the Lightning Talk category.

The DePauw debate team – sophomore Ronnie D. Kennedy and junior James W. Kirkpatrick – won the national championship at the Pi Kappa Delta National Comprehensive Tournament, held March 18 in Overland Park, Kan. Pi Kappa Delta is the largest forensics honorary society in the United States.

Emily A. Smith, a junior vocal performance major, was awarded second place in the college division for both undergraduate and graduate vocal students at the 2012 Young Artists Competition for strings and voice sponsored by the Lima (Ohio) Symphony Orchestra. She studies with Caroline B. Smith, Cassel Grubb University Professor of Music.

How does a fish mend a broken heart?

Four students are listed as co-authors and two students are recognized for their technical support on a published paper written with Pascal Lafontant, assistant professor of biology. Their research on the giant danio fish as a model of cardiac regeneration was published in the February issue of The Anatomical Record. The researchers demonstrated that the heart of the giant danio, a three-inch fish, can regenerate itself after a heart attack in humans. If it can be determined how the fish achieve this remarkable feat, that knowledge might help reduce the threat of heart disease in humans.

The Anatomical Record

Four co-authors are Jamie A. Grivas ’10, currently serving as assistant director of on-campus programs at DePauw; Mary Ann Lesch ’10, a second-year medical student at Indiana University School of Medicine; Tyler D. Frouenfelder ’09, a third-year student at I.U. Dental School; and Tammy Lala Dus, a senior biology major. Benjamin L. Golden ’10 and Amanda R. Miller ’11 helped perform assays.

Faculty news highlights

Rebecca L. Bordt, associate professor of sociology, is recipient of the 2012 John F. Schnabel Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award, presented by the North Central Sociological Association, in recognition of her efforts to enhance the teaching of sociology.

Julia C. Bruggemann, associate professor of history, and Angela C. Castaneda, associate professor of anthropology, are recipients of the 2011-12 Exemplary Teacher Award, given jointly by DePauw and the General Board of Higher Education of the United Methodist Church.

Tim D. Cope, associate professor of geosciences, was awarded a $144,000, three-year grant from the National Science Foundation to investigate an ongoing project, “Tectonic Development of the Yanhan Fold-Thrust Belt, Northeast China.” Through the project, Cope will take approximately three students to China each summer of the grant period to assist with the research.

J. Eugene Gloria, associate professor of English, is author of a new collection of poems, My Favorite Warrior, which will be published by Penguin Books in May.

Joseph W. Heithaus, University Professor and professor of Biology, is author of a new collection of poems, Poisson Sonnets, published by David Robert Books.

Carl A. Huffman, University Professor, Robert Stockwell Professor of Greek Languages and Literature, and professor of classical studies, is editor of a new volume, Aristonous of Tarentum, published by Rutgers University in the Studies in Classical Humanities series.

R. Perry Pannell, dean of faculty; Q.G. Noblitt Professor of Economics and Management and an automotive management expert, was awarded a Great Lakes Colleges Association (GLCA) Teagle Pedagogy Fellow. She will have a key role in development of a new consortial program called the GLCA Lattice for Pedagogical Research and Practice, which focuses on liberal arts teaching and learning.

Sports shorts

DePauw won a league championship to go with one third-place finish and four fourth-place finishes and vaulted into the lead in the race for the 2011-12 North Coast Athletic Conference All-Sports Championship. The Tigers, who are in their inaugural season as NCAC members, won the women’s basketball title and also posted top-four finishes in men’s swimming and diving (third), women’s swimming and diving (fourth), men’s indoor track and field (fourth), and women’s indoor track and field (fourth).

As of late March, five of DePauw’s spring teams were nationally ranked in NCAA Division III. The women’s golf team was third, while the softball squad was seventh and women’s tennis team 11th. DePauw’s baseball team was 18th and the men’s tennis team 30th.

Senior Kate Baker earned a fourth consecutive invitation to the NCAA Division III Women’s Swimming and Diving Championships. The two-time Academic All-America® selection earned all-America honors in the 100-yard breaststroke and honorable mention all-America in the 200-yard breaststroke – both for the third consecutive year.

Nine student-athletes represented DePauw at the NCAA Division III Men’s Swimming and Diving Championships and led the Tigers to a 19th-place finish as a team. Freshman Casey Hooker earned all-America honorable mention in the 200-yard freestyle and swam on three of DePauw’s four relay teams, which also earned honorable mention all-America. The DePauw team finished 7-0 in dual meets for its second straight undefeated season and was ranked 10th in the Division III coaches poll.

With wins over the fourth- and 14th-ranked teams in NCAA Division III, the 16th-ranked DePauw women’s tennis team finished third at the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Division III Team Indoor Championship.

Senior Katie Aldrich, NCAC Player of the Year, was a third team all-America selection by D3hoops.com. Kris Huffman was NCAC Coach of the Year, marking her 10th honor in 19 seasons. She led the Tigers to a 27-2 season record, including the NCAC championship and conference tournament title. DePauw made its ninth straight NCAA tournament appearance and 13th in the last 17 seasons.

Carl Haas, previously head coach at NCAA Division III Saint Vincent College (Pa.), is DePauw’s first men’s lacrosse head coach. His teams finished in the top 10 in the nation in scoring during the last two seasons. Susanna Wilcox, girls’ lacrosse coach at Culver Academies, was named DePauw’s first women’s lacrosse head coach. Wilcox has taught and coached at Culver since March 2010. She was a starter and captain for the Mount Holyoke Lyons lacrosse team.