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DePauw students shine Fulbright-ly

For the fifth time in the last six years, DePauw is recognized as a Top Producer of Fulbright Awards for U.S. Students. The Chronicle of Higher Education lists DePauw among the top bachelor’s degree-granting institutions that received Fulbright Awards for students to pursue graduate study.

Top 10 percent for providing academic challenges

Once again, a national study finds the academic challenges provided by DePauw are within the top 10 percent of colleges and universities. A large number of DePauw seniors report their educational experiences have been enriching. The report also indicates that DePauw seniors score significantly higher than those at both peer institutions and all colleges in the category of Active and Collaborative Learning and that DePauw first-year students encounter a higher Level of Academic Challenge than found on other campuses, the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), titled “Fostering Student Engagement Campuswide—Annual Results 2011,” is sponsored by The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

Visitors coming to campus

Joseph P. Allen ’79, 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.

Kevin Baier ’82, FOX News anchor, will give a 175th Anniversary Distinguished Alumni Lecture in April 2012.

Dave Deno, chief financial officer for the International Division of Best Buy Company, will give a McDermond Center Lecture on April 26.

Danielle Evans, recipient of the 2011 PEN/Robert W. Bingham Prize and author of Before You Suffocate Your Own Fool Self, will give a reading in the James & Marilou Kelly Writers Series on March 14.

Ian Frazier, writer acclaimed as one of the greatest living humorists and frequent contributor to The New Yorker, will give a reading in the James & Marilou Kelly Writers Series on Feb. 15.

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

Two DePauw students in National Ethics Bowl

Two DePauw teams qualified for national competition after making strong showings at the 13th annual Central States Regional Ethics Bowl held in Indianapolis. The National Ethics Bowl competition is scheduled March 1 in Cincinnati. DePauw teams have qualified for the national Ethics Bowl in seven of the last eight years.

Ethics Bowl team members include: senior Kartik K. Amarnath, sophomore Ethan E. Brazer, junior Benjamin C. Hoffman, junior Alexander M. Landreville, junior Nathan R. Lynch, junior Sara K. Scully, freshman Peter G. Stuart, freshman Mohammad Usman and junior Robert L. Watson. Coaches are E. Nicki Hewell, Prindle Graduate Fellow; Marcia A. McKelligan, Bl-air Anderson and Martha Caroline Barth Professor of Applied Ethics and professor of philosophy; and Robert D. Newton, professor emeritus of philosophy.

Recent visitors to campus

Karen Koning AbuZayd ’63, former commissioner-general of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, presented the inaugural Johnson-Wright Lecture in Conflict Studies to honor the late Russell J. Compton, professor emeritus of philosophy, on Nov. 8.

A symposium on “Ethical Inquiry through Video Game Play and Design” was held Oct. 10-12 at the Janet Prindle Institute for Ethics and featured the following speakers: Michael Abbott, who runs The Brainy Gamer, a popular video game blog; Edward Castronova, an author who established Synthetic Worlds Initiative; John Gosney, faculty liaison for learning technologies at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis and author; and Evan M. Skarin ’09, who led the team that created Inerita, winner of the 2011 Indie Game Challenge.

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 Smerz Grooms Cowal ’66, senior vice president, Population...
Sports shorts

Stefanie “Stevie” Baker-Watson, who has served as assistant athletic director at North Central (Ill.) College, will join DePauw on Feb. 20 as the Theodore Katula Director of Athletics and Recreational Sports. She will oversee 23 varsity sports that compete in NCAA Division III as well as DePauw’s intramural and club sports programs. Baker-Watson, who is the ninth DePauw director of athletics in the last 87 years, succeeds Page Cotton, who held the position since 1996. Cotton now serves as a senior advisor to DePauw President Brian W. Casey.

The women’s basketball team is ranked sixth by both D3hoops.com and the USA Today/ESPN Division III Coaches Poll. The men’s swimming and diving team is ranked 13th in Division III by the College Swim Coaches Association of America. The women’s tennis team is ranked 16th in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association’s Division III Preseason Poll. The Tigers host the ITA Division III Women’s Team Indoor Championships March 2-4.

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Students in the Media Fellows Program gain hands-on experience during semester-long internships at top media organizations around the globe – usually during their junior year. During the spring semester, Media Fellows and their internship sites include: Michael J. Appelgate, newspapers in Aspen and Glenwood Springs, Colo.; Emily A. Breage, C-SPAN, Washington, D.C.; Ryan T. Foutty, The Wire, Munich, Germany; David T. Jorgenson, The Colbert Report, New York City; Kelly L. Reeves, Haiti Mission Project, Okolona Christian Church, Louisville, Ky.; and Anastasia W. Way, United Nations World Food Programme, Rome.

Five members of the DePauw University Band were selected to participate in the Indiana Intercollegiate Band, a select ensemble that met during the 2012 Indiana Music Educators Association convention, Jan. 19-21. Junior Megan A. Benedict, flute; sophomore Maggie S. Epelheimer, trumpet; sophomore Siija Luo, clarinet; junior Patrick M. Speranza, percussion; and senior Chance S. Trottman-Huizet, tuba, performed under the direction of Allan McMurray, director of bands at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

The James & Marilou Kelly Writers Series included: Major Jackson, poet, on Sept. 14; Imanar Moses, a New York playwright and TV writer, on Oct. 5; and Antoyna Nelson, considered one of the leading fiction writers of the 21st century, on Nov. 2.

Mojiba Kahu, award-winning Syrian-American poet and author, gave a reading as part of the English Department Reading Series on Oct. 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 McDermont Center Lecture Series included: Scott MacGregor ’95, director of communications for Eli Lilly and Company, on Nov. 15; Kevin McCarty, co-founder and executive vice president of West Monroe Partners LLC, on Sept. 20; Jonathan R. Phillips ’95, managing director of Healthcare Growth Partners LLC, on Nov. 3; Peter Ruppert ’86, president and CEO of American Education Group, on Sept. 22; and Marshall Sims ’00, brand manager for Gillette Male Shave and Personal Care, Procter & Gamble, on Oct. 28.

Carrie Newcomer, singer and songwriter, performed at the DePauw Nature Park on Sept. 24.

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

Jonathan Velázquez, poet from El Salvador, gave a reading on Nov. 16.

Deborah Willis, MacArthur Award-winning artist and professor of photography at Tisch School of the Arts at New York University, was in residence Sept. 25-28.

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