Select Mission and Goals of the University of Wisconsin Colleges

The University of Wisconsin Colleges is a multi-campus institution that prepares students for success at the baccalaureate level of education, provides the first two years of a liberal arts general education that is accessible and affordable, and advances the Wisconsin Idea by bringing the resources of the University to the people of the state and the communities that provide and support its campuses.

Important Dates to Remember

May 22—Graduation Ceremony—7 PM

May 27—Final Grades Due into PRISM

August 26—UW-Sheboygan Campus Opening Day

August 28—UW Colleges Opening Convocation (UW-Fond du Lac)

September 2—First Day of Fall 2014 Semester Classes

Germ Art Exhibit—Tom Uebelherr

Tom Uebelherr, Associate Professor of Art, and his students participated in a collaborative ceramics project exhibition at the UW-Milwaukee Union Art Gallery in March. This was part of the National Council on Education in the Ceramic Arts (NCECA) Conference.

The idea for this project was to collaborate with art educators from different teaching levels and high school and college art students. North High School art students interpreted germs into 3-dimensional clay forms, while Random Lake Middle School students then glazed the ceramic germ sculptures. All glaze fired ceramic works were then transported to the UW-Sheboygan 2D Design class for determining the best way to present them in a gallery setting.

According to Tom, “As I presented the ceramic sculptures to my 2D Design class we discussed various ways to exhibit the works. The typical pedestal and wall mounting techniques seemed easy enough, however, we were looking for innovative ways to display this work. As an example I showed the students the Judy Chicago installation entitled “The Dinner Party”. The students then began to think about the installation of the work as an art form in itself. At first the class discussed and agreed on a triangular shaped table to display the works, in a way, to quote the Judy Chicago piece. After further consideration, the students wanted to use the dinner party motif but with a different configuration, perhaps a shape that would be relevant to the subject of germs. The class then came up with the idea of using a table in the shape of the typical red cross.”

Tom also had a sculpture and some of his paintings recently accepted for a juried exhibition: The 29th International Chelsea Exhibition at the Agora Gallery in New York. This will be the first time he will be showing his art in New York.
Sociology Research Presentation—Dana Atwood

Dana Atwood, Associate Professor of Sociology, is beginning to engage in interviews for her research entitled “Entangled Victimization”. She will be presenting preliminary results to the Society for the Study of Social Problems (a national sociological organization) in August in California. In addition, Dana will also be revising another related paper to submit for journal publication this summer.

Math Presentation—Janette Miller

Janette Miller, UW Colleges Developmental Math Coordinator and Senior Lecturer, presented the UW-Sheboygan course redesign model for developmental mathematics in March at the International Conference on Technology in Collegiate Mathematics in San Antonio, Texas. The new approach for delivering developmental mathematics has been underway since Spring 2011, and utilizes an Emporium Model with on-demand, personalized assistance provided by instructors and peer assistants. The presentation highlighted the new design, modeled after national best practices for course redesign, and student performance data.

Science Research Presentation—Mark Schmitz

Assistant Professor of Biology Dr. Mark Schmitz and Dr. Wayne Schaefer, UW-Washington County Professor of Biology, along with colleagues from UW-Rock County and UW-Milwaukee provided a workshop last month showcasing their research on freshwater fish. Over the past 10 years, the research team has been investigating a novel blue colored walleye in freshwater lakes in Northwest Ontario, Canada. The workshop shared what they have learned about the causes of differences in color between blue and yellow walleye and how this relates to their biology.

Dr. Schmitz and Dr. Schaefer gave an update on their research project on McKim Lake, part of the Papaonga River system in Northwest Ontario. They showed how blue and yellow walleye differ in their growth rate and morphology, and discussed the most recent and ongoing research that investigates diet differences between the color forms, including minnows versus aquatic invertebrates such as mayflies and crayfish.

After the presentation, the guests were invited into the UW-Sheboygan Biology Lab to conduct hands-on experiments with walleye samples. According to Mark, “I am hopeful that this opportunity to conduct hands-on research in freshwater science showcased how impactful and interesting a career in the sciences can be. This research project is aimed at engaging students in laboratory experiences and remote wilderness research locales in an effort to motivate the exploration of undergraduate studies in STEM fields. We believe that by sharing our research and offering further hands-on exploration with area high school students they, too, can find a passion for a career in science.”

Astronomy Projects—Harald Schenk

Harald Schenk, Associate Lecturer of Astronomy, worked with UW-Sheboygan Astronomy students in March to conduct a successful test launch of the Wombat One Rocket at the Bong Air Base. The group then prepared for a presentation last month demonstrating their rocket in competition against other teams from Wisconsin, and took first place in the non-engineering category. They will go on to compete later this summer in the regional competition in Minnesota.

Harald Schenk and some UW-Sheboygan Astronomy students have formed a team to enter Cycle 22 of telescope time for the Hubble Space Telescope. Harald has used the space instrument five times, being one of only 13 amateurs who has been given discretionary observing time.

Work by Harald also continues on plans to add a high-altitude balloon component to the lab of the AST 291: Space the Final Frontier Summer class. Launches have to be conducted from the Madison area, because prevailing winds would send a Sheboygan payload over the Lake. Test launches have reached 100,000 feet (about 20 miles), and these will give students an opportunity to conduct real-time studies of the near-space environment.

Political Science Project—Don Schwartz

Lecturer of Political Science, Don Schwartz, has been working with a group he founded 11 years ago called Friends of Hales Corners Park & Pool on the latest public-private partnership with the Milwaukee County Parks Department. The group has begun phase two of the Alyson Dudek International Ice Center in Hales Corners, WI. The outdoor pavilion and the Olympic size ice rink for short track speed skating and hockey will be completed later this year.

Dissertation Defense—Becky Mullane

Becky Mullane, Associate Lecturer of Communications & Theater Arts, successfully defended her dissertation research entitled: "Student’s Perception of Teacher Immediacy Behaviors on Student Success and Retention". Becky has now completed all the necessary requirements to attain a PhD in Communication with specialization in Interpersonal Communication and Communication Education from UW-Milwaukee.