

Great Happenings in Academics

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A Word from our Provost



Dear Colleagues,

Please join me in appreciating and celebrating the many accomplishments and activities of our faculty and students noted in this issue of “Great Happenings in Academics.” I am very pleased to share the exciting announcement on recently named ACE Fellow Dr. Angela Webster and the terrific stories on internships and awards from the College of Fine Arts and Communication.

As we move through the summer, many of you will be teaching in one or more of our summer sessions, and many others will be pursuing research interests or creative activities. I hope that all will have the opportunities to enjoy some well-deserved time off with family and friends.

We know that this newsletter contains only a sampling of the impressive accomplishments of our academic community, and we want to continue to spread the word about our activities. Please keep sending noteworthy items to Suzanne Massey at 450-3126 or smassey@uca.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve". The signature is stylized and fluid.

Steven W. Runge, Ph.D.
Executive Vice President and Provost

Angela Webster named ACE Fellow



The American Council on Education (ACE) announced that Dr. Angela Webster, vice president for Institutional Diversity and associate professor of Leadership Studies, was been named an ACE Fellow for the 2017-18 academic year.

Established in 1965, the ACE Fellows Program is designed to strengthen institutions and leadership in American higher education by identifying and preparing faculty and staff for senior positions in college and university administration through its distinctive and intensive nominator-driven, cohort-based mentorship model. Forty-six Fellows, nominated by the senior administration of their institutions, were selected this year following a rigorous application process. The program combines retreats, interactive learning opportunities, visits to campuses and other higher education-related organizations, and placement at another higher education institution to condense years of on-the-job experience and skills development into a single year. During the placement, Fellows observe and work with the president and other senior officers at their host institution, attend decision-making meetings, and focus on issues of interest. Fellows also conduct projects of pressing concern for their home institution and seek to implement their findings upon completion of the fellowship placement.

At the conclusion of the fellowship year, Fellows return to their home institution with new knowledge and skills that contribute to capacity-building efforts, along with a network of peers across the country and abroad. “I am joyful that I have this rich opportunity to study higher education with a diverse group of higher education leaders from a variety of colleges and universities across the U.S. and other nations that also have multifarious missions,” Webster said. “I look forward to the potential, the possibilities and the promise that this opportunity affords.”

Webster completed her doctorate in educational psychology and research from the University of Memphis. She is a PreK-12 licensed school administrator through the Tennessee Department of Education. She has also received seven years of training in coaching from Coaching for Results Global. In K-12 education, Webster served as founding principal of two independent schools, designer of a public charter school, an executive coach for public schools, and a board member of a public charter school. In higher education, she has served at several institutions, including a women’s university in Saudi Arabia, an art university and a historically black college/university.

Webster also serves as associate professor in Leadership Studies and as a member of several university committees. In addition, she received a 2016 National Role Model Administrator Award through Minority Access, Inc. and the President’s Award at the 2014 Association of Teacher Educators Annual Meeting.

“Fulfilling higher education’s 21st-century mission depends upon a visionary, bold and diverse global community of institutional leaders, and the ACE Fellows Program plays a key role in cultivating these leaders,” said ACE President Molly Corbett Broad. “The diverse and talented 2017-18 Fellows class demonstrates why the program has made such a vital contribution for more than a half-century to expanding the leadership pipeline for our colleges and universities.”

Announcements

Interprofessional education (IPE) faculty from occupational therapy (Dr. Lorrie George-Paschal), health sciences (Dr. Duston Morris), and physical therapy (Drs. Leah Lowe and Chad Lairamore) had two presentations accepted for the upcoming CABVI Collaborating Across Borders conference in Alberta, Canada. Assistant professor Dr. Leah Lowe will be the lead presenter for the interactive workshop titled “Advancing the Level of Measurement in IPE from Self-Report to Assessment of Behavior Through Sociograms.” Associate professor Dr. Chad Lairamore will present a lecture titled “Peer Teaching During an Interprofessional Simulation Experience.” CAB is North America’s premier interprofessional health care education and collaborative practice conference for educators, researchers, practitioners, students, and patients.

Ms. Brandye Bisek, UCA School of Nursing faculty member, was elected as Vice President of the CAPCA Head Start Health Advisory Committee.

Art professor Dr. Deborah Kuster and department chair and professor Dr. Jeff Young co-authored an article with University of Texas colleague Christina Bain titled “Finding the Right Fit: Three Art Teachers Discover Their Mentorship Style.” The article, published in the May 2017 issue of *Art Education*, tracks graduates of each schools’ art education programs who now serve as mentors for student teachers in the field.

Dr. Elson Bihm, professor of psychology, was recently honored by the Society for Counseling Psychology with the first Student Advocacy Award.

Achievements & Recognition

UCA Archivist and University Historian Mr. Jimmy Bryant was appointed by Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson to serve on the Arkansas History Commission. His appointment term will expire in January 2024.

Dr. Veronica Rowe, assistant professor of occupational therapy, recently presented a webinar on OccupationalTherapy.com titled “Task Oriented Training at Home.” She has also been asked to be the first author on a book chapter in a new book for neuroscience and neurorehabilitation in occupational therapy.

Dr. Doug Voss, associate professor of logistics and supply chain management, was recently featured in *Arkansas Business* in an article titled “Customer Demand Drives Final Mile Industry.” His contribution was also included in Lance Turner’s KTHV news report.

Dr. Darla Cathcart, clinical instructor I of physical therapy, was an invited course director for two clinical seminars at the 2017 ACOG Annual Clinical and Scientific Meeting in San Diego, California. Dr. Cathcart disseminated evidence-based practice information to OB/GYN physicians regarding their interprofessional collaboration with physical therapists during the two sessions.

UCA School of Nursing faculty Dr. Laura Hall, Dr. Julie Meaux, and Dr. Che Reed received acceptance of their manuscript, “Care-T: Reducing Readmissions on a Cardiology Unit”, to *MEDSURG Nursing*. The manuscript was based on Dr. Hall’s DNP capstone project.

Student Sets Fire

Taylor Helfrich, B.F.A. in Studio Art: Graphic Design Emphasis, is currently interning at the Through the Flower Foundation with Judy Chicago at the artist's New Mexico studio. The internship began on April 3rd and continues through June 2nd. Ms. Chicago, an internationally known artist, recently exhibited *Be No More*, an installation/performance work at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art. Taylor worked as part of Chicago's team at the Museum of Modern Art, helping assemble the word "TRUTH" out of 20 tons of dry ice, then setting it alight with embedded road flares. "Yes," Taylor said, "I got to light things on fire." In addition to assisting with *Be No More*, Taylor has been designing the payout for a booklet to accompany the touring of Chicago's work *Birth Project: Born Again*, along with editing images of the artist's work, designing e-blasts, and organizing her archive files.



(Above) Helfrich carrying a block of dry ice and (below) lighting the letter "T" in TRUTH.



Student Media Wins 5 Excellent Awards

University of Central Arkansas student media outlets won five general excellence awards at the recent Arkansas College Media Association (ACMA) conference.

UCA student journalists and editors swept awards for Magazine Editor of the Year, Newspaper Editor of the Year, Television Anchor of the Year, Magazine of the Year, and Television Outlet of the Year.

"The purpose of ACMA is to give college students working in media in Arkansas the opportunity to network with each other, to learn from each other and also to see how they stack up with other college journalists who work in the state," said David Keith, adviser of the UCA student newspaper, *The Echo*. "The competition gives them the chance to showcase their work at a professional level. The people who judge these contests are from out of state and are either working journalists or other college media advisers. It's a very balanced judging that you would expect to see at a professional media contest at any level."

UCA general excellence winners included:

- Newspaper Editor of the Year
First Place: Maggie McNeary (Charleston, Mo.)
The Echo
- Magazine Editor of the Year
First Place: Taylor Brady, Editor-in-Chief; *Vortex*
- Magazine of the Year
First Place: *Vortex*, Staff, *Vortex 42*.
- Television Anchor of the Year
First Place: Ashley Godwin (Little Rock) News6
- Television Outlet of the Year
First Place: News6, Chandler Watkins (Little Rock,) Mitchell Morgan (Little Rock)

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