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WELCOME FROM THE NEW SCHOLARS DIRECTOR

Dear Binghamton University Scholars,

I am very proud to have recently been named as the Director of the Binghamton University Scholars Program, and I want to assure you that my primary goal is to help provide you, our prized Scholars, the best possible experience during the time you are at BU. Assisting me with the Scholars Program will be Janice MacDonald as Administrative Coordinator and Mary LaCourt as Administrative Assistant.

I have been, and will continue, meeting with student Scholars, the Scholars Graduate Assistants, staff, faculty and anyone else who has an opinion regarding the Scholars Program so that I can learn as much as possible about what everyone feels it will take for BU to have a first rate program that is academically rewarding, enjoyable and fun. In particular, I want to know how

you, our prized Scholars, feel about the Scholars Program, including what is working well, what is not working well, and what new things I can do to enhance your experience as a Scholar.

I feel that my professional background has prepared me well to direct the Scholars Program. I have been at Binghamton University for over 30 years and I am an Associate Professor of Computer Science in the Watson School of Engineering. I am also the Faculty Master of Newing College (at BU), so I think I know my way around pretty well. I have spent my entire career as an advocate for undergraduate education and in fact, last year, two of my undergraduate classes each took first place in the Federal Aviation Administration Design Competition for Universities, where they competed in an area of airport design against over forty universities and col-

leges across the US. Additionally, I have placed and supervised several hundred undergraduates in internships in over 100 businesses and agencies.

On a personal note, I have three college-age children, so I think that will help me relate to all of you. My oldest child, Michael, graduated from Siena College, and is a Senior Auditor and Accountant in Albany. My son, Ryan, will be graduating from Siena College this year and will start Law School at Western New England College this fall. My daughter, Christie, is a sophomore at Siena College/Albany Medical College in a joint BA/MD program. My wife, Mary, is a Special Education Teacher in Endicott. We also have a dog, Blizzard, a Bichon Frise. When I have free time, I like to spend my time with my family, but I also enjoy cars, motorcycles, snowmobiles, boats, and sailing.

Within the next few weeks, I will be moving into an office in the CIW Library area. In the meantime, if I can be of any assistance, please email me at ziegler@binghamton.edu. For routine Scholars questions, Mary LaCourt is available in her office on the upper level of the CIW Library.

I am honored to be the Director of the Binghamton Scholars Program, and even more honored to be able to assist you - the best and brightest at Binghamton University (or anywhere else). I look forward to working with you to help provide the best possible experience during the time you spend with us.

Sincerely,

Professor Ziegler

Professor William Ziegler
Director – Binghamton University Scholars Program

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MEET THE SCHOLARS COUNCIL

Jennifer Slagus

Position: President

Major: Biology

Year: Senior

Hometown: East Meadow, NY

Hobbies/Interests: Running and napping

Favorite Quote: N/A

Daniel Winegard

Position: Vice President

Major: Anthropology

Year: Junior

Hometown: Cold Spring Harbor, NY

Hobbies/Interests: Work, Latenite, videogames, and killing time on youtube

Favorite Quote: "Time is an illusion. Lunchtime doubly so." Douglas Adams

Eliza Anderson

Position: Public Relations (Student)

Major: Molecular Psychobiology and Spanish with a minor in Global Studies

Year: Sophomore

Hometown: Plattsburgh, NY

Hobbies/Interests: Skiing, swimming, traveling, going to concerts, the human brain, Dannon coffee yogurt with wheat germ, giant trampolines, and mint cookie crumble ice cream

Favorite Quote: "Snails see the benefits, the beauty in every inch." The Format

Rianna Rosen

Position: Treasurer

Major: English and Com-

parative Literature with a minor in German

Year: Sophomore

Hometown: Farmingdale, NY

Hobbies/Interests: RA in Bingham Hall, TA for Watson and Graduate ESL

course, tour guide, SUNY Kids Co-director, reading, writing, traveling, and coffee

Favorite Quote: "Learning without thought is labor lost." Confucius

Abby Cohen

Position: Academic Enrichment Coordinator

Major: HDEV, PPL and Spanish

Year: Junior

Hometown: Merrick, NY

Hobbies/Interests: Clarinet, food, tennis, movies, reading, Guitar Hero, Student Conduct Board, Student Outreach Team, and Wind Symphony

Favorite Quote: "Carpe Diem."

Jessica Falzone

Position: Academic Enrichment Coordinator

Major: English and Women's Studies

Year: Junior

Hometown: Manhattan, NY

Hobbies/Interests: RA in CIW, Undergraduate Admissions tour program, reading, writing, and traveling

Favorite Quote: "Be the change you wish to see in the world."

Tom Basson

Position: Public Relations (Faculty)

Major: Spanish and Pre-med with a minor in Chemistry

Year: Junior

Hometown: White Plains, NY

Hobbies/Interests: Drums, psychology, dancing, RA, and MCATS

Favorite Quote: "All you need is love."

Rachel Szalkiewicz

Position: Social Coordinator

Major: Chemistry and Economics

Year: Junior

Hometown: New York, NY

Hobbies/Interests: Sports, cooking, movies and High Hopes (Binghamton's Crisis Intervention and Information Hotline)

Favorite Quote: "No regrets."

Stefanie Tignor

Position: Social Coordinator

Major: Psychology with a minor in Biology

Year: Senior

Hometown: Winchendon, MA

Hobbies/Interests: Skiing, cooking, coloring, coffee, and anything involving sunshine

Favorite Quote: "Grown-ups never understand anything by themselves, and it is tiresome for children to be always and forever explaining things to them." Antione de Saint-Exupery

ARE THERE ANY REQUIREMENTS FOR BEING ON THE SCHOLARS COUNCIL?

THE ONLY REQUIREMENT FOR A POSITION ON THE COUNCIL IS BEING A SCHOLAR! HOWEVER, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RUN FOR THE POSITIONS OF PRESIDENT OR VICE PRESIDENT YOU MUST HAVE SERVED AT LEAST ONE YEAR ON THE COUNCIL PREVIOUSLY.

WHAT DOES THE SCHOLARS COUNCIL DO?

The Scholars Council works together to bring the Scholars Students together as a group for academic, community service and social activities. Within the council the students are assigned to one of eight different positions. Each position has specific tasks that they are responsible for. Below you will see each position and a description of expected tasks from the person holding that position.

President

- Sets vision & goals
- Sets agenda and facilitates meetings for the E-board and the General body
- Generally oversees the council

Vice President

- Assist president with their duties
- Manages calendar of events
- Writes to Freshmen to Invite to Join Council
- Speaks to Freshman Class

Secretary

- Take minutes & attendance
- Maintain all records in hard-copy format to be filed and passed on
- Send Meeting Minutes to

be posted on the website each week

Treasurer

- Maintain accounts & budget
- Handle Reimbursements & tax exemptions
- Update President on account/money status monthly

Public Relations

- Liaison with Faculty
- Responsible for Faculty-Student Events
- Advertising Events for Students
- Flyers & E-mails about Events
- Maintaining Facebook Group

Academic Enrichment Coordinator

- Responsible for Academic Programs

Community Service Coordinator

- Responsible for Community Service Programs

Social Coordinator

- Responsible for Social Programs

INTERESTED IN
JOINING THE
SCHOLARS COUNCIL?

A LETTER OF INTENT FROM ANY STUDENT DESIRING TO RUN FOR A POSITION IS DUE BY APRIL 23RD BY E-MAIL TO KSHIRRE1@BINGHAMTON.EDU. LETTER SHOULD DETAIL WHO YOU ARE AND WHY YOU BELIEVE THAT YOU WOULD BE A GOOD CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION.

SCHOLARS WILL VOTE ON THE SCHOLARS COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR ON APRIL 30TH AT THE FACULTY-STUDENT CINCO DE MAYO PARTY



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COMMUNITY ~ PERSPECTIVES
ETHICS

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- April 1st - April 5th: No Classes (Spring Recess)
- April 6th: Classes Resume
- April 23rd: Letter of Intent Due for Students Running for Scholars Council
- April 30th: Student-Faculty Cinco de Mayo Party
- May 7th: Last Day of Classes
- May 10th - May 14th: Final Exams
- May 16th: Undergraduate Commencement

APRIL 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 No Classes	2 No Classes	3
4	5 No Classes	6 Classes Resume	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 Letter of Intent Due	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Student-Faculty Cinco de Mayo Party	

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SUBMIT YOUR IDEAS!

If you have any ideas for the Scholar's Program Newsletter, let us know!
E-mail your ideas to Kristie at kshirre1@binghamton.edu