FROM THE DESK OF PROFESSOR ZIEGLER...

Hear from Professor William Ziegler, Director of the Binghamton University Scholars Program

Dear Binghamton University Scholars,

The success of the Binghamton University Scholars Program just keeps getting better all the time. Our Scholars Learning Community and Scholars Leadership Community are beyond anything I imagined, and I imagined they would be great. I have not heard even one negative comment, but I have heard dozens of wonderful comments regarding the communities. These communities were a first at Binghamton University and have now set the stage for the future.

I value and appreciate the work done by many Scholars for the benefit of all of the students in the Scholars Program. Many Scholars have helped enhance the program in a number of ways. I hate to mention names, because without a doubt, some people will feel hurt not to have been included. However, I would be doing an even bigger disservice not to mention those Scholars who seem to never stop working for the program. (continued on page 2)
Learning Community
About 50 new Scholars moved into Endicot Hall as the inaugural Scholars Learning Community. New leaders are already emerging and I am happy to recognize Bridget Murphy, Sarah Glose, Maura Lewis, and Megan Barry as rising stars.

Leadership Community
Four upperclassmen Scholars moved into Endicot Hall as mentors to the Learning Community Scholars. Eliza Anderson and Andrew Cholewa have been especially wonderful in this new role and have set a high bar for all those who follow in their footsteps.

Scholars Council
Council, under the direction of President Maura McDevitt, has been busy working on a variety of activities, many of which are mentioned here.

Scholars 127
Thinking Like Leonardo DaVinci will move up to a two-credit course beginning in Fall 2012. Pete Nardone and Steven Nowicki have been doing a great job teaching 127 in its new twice-a-week form this semester.

Scholars 227
We have been busy planning the service/leadership projects for spring 2012. Eliza Anderson, Aubrey Bertin, and the BU Center for Civic Engagement have been heavily involved in the planning. I think it will be a fantastic spring semester for 227 projects! Additionally, SCHL 227 will move up to a two-credit hour course beginning in Fall 2012.

Scholars Office
I could not get through the day without the help of Mary LaCourt, Scholars Administrative Assistant. Mary works non-stop even on her days off and even when she has been ill, she has worked from home. In the simplest of terms, without Mary, we would not be able to have a Scholars Program.

Scholars Advisory Board
I meet regularly with the Scholars Program Advisory Board consisting of a dozen faculty members, students and administrators from across campus. Every school/college at BU that has an undergraduate program is represented, as are the Division of Student Affairs, Admissions, and The Scholars Student Council. The Advisory Board provides guidance to the program from a perspective that covers the entire university. (continued on page 3)

PAST EVENTS AT A GLANCE

(Top) Nearly 30 Scholars enjoyed a trip to the Kopernik Observatory to see Jupiter
(Middle) The Learning Community Scholars prepared and enjoyed a Thanksgiving Dinner in Endicot Hall
(Bottom) The Scholars Council has put together several social events, including a bowling and pizza party

Scholars
Gather at Cram Jam Event
In Summary

Directing the Scholars Program is a wonderful experience and one of the greatest highlights of my career. I hope that all Scholars have observed the improvements continually being made to the Scholars Program, but even if you have not been in a position to notice, I can assure you that much work has been done and many people are working hard to constantly improve the program.

I hope you have received several emails from me announcing special opportunities for Scholars. I have been and will continue meeting with student Scholars, the Scholars Graduate Assistants, the Scholars Advisory Board, the Scholars Council, the Leadership Community, the Learning Community, 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 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 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

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Committee

(SCHL 127
Members
Participate in
Catapult
Competition)

(Top) Scholars Family Dinners have been held every Friday at 5:00 pm in Newing Dining Hall. Andrew Cholewa, Eliza Anderson, Aubrey Bertin, and Steve Nowicki are regulars, so head on over and meet up with everyone.

(Middle) Order Scholars Apparel, watch your emails for the new design!

(Bottom) The Scholars Print Station black laser printer in the CIW Scholars Office is open to everyone! The printer is not networked.
#1: Be Proactive
If you notice you missed points on an exam that you know you had the right answers, or the grade you received in the class is lower than your calculations, speak up! If you want to be more involved in a club or have a great idea for a group project, let them know. Remember, the answer to every question you do not ask is no.

#2: Begin with the End in Mind
Know the grade that you want in your class, and then study to reflect the amount you need on all of your exams/papers/quizzes. If you only put in the amount of effort needed for B, expect that grade. If you have an overall goal for the semester or year, such as getting a 4.0 or snagging a fantastic internship, write it down; you’ll be motivated to accomplish it when you see it every day.

#3: Put First Things First
Prioritize your studying! Make sure to adequately study for a test that accounts for 40% of grade, instead of agonizing for days over a paper worth 10%. Make to-do lists to ensure that everything gets done on time.

#4: Think Win-Win
Reciprocate with your study partners during the semester; split concepts for a study guide, make flashcards, and brief each other on different chapters of the textbook. You’ll both learn more!

#5: Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood
Learn to listen very closely to each concept being explained. If you fully understand something the first time, excelling in classes will become much easier. Always take advantage of office hours for more in depth explanations, and to build up relationships with professors for future reference letters!

#6: Synergize
Combine your strengths with fellow scholars! If you’re a whiz at Calculus and your roommate is a fantastic grammarian, swap papers and homework to check your work.

The most important trait of a scholar is learning from one another, so take advantage of the great resources that are just next door.

#7: Sharpen the Saw
Take the time to relax and rejuvenate during the week, in order to stay healthy during the semester! Make sure to exercise and eat a balanced diet, so that the stress of the semester doesn’t take a toll on your body. Your ability to do well increases exponentially when you feel well.

(Adapted from 7 Habits of Highly Effective People)

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Check out this website for the perfect amount of sleep!

Sleep is the most important factor in doing well during the semester. If you’re sleep deprived, you won’t be able to concentrate once exam time rolls around. When you’re exhausted, and need to fit in a nap before studying any more material, use http://sleepyti.me/ It lets you schedule full sleep cycles, based upon either the time you want to go to bed, or plan on waking up. By waking up in between sleep cycles, rather than in the middle of one, you wake up refreshed and ready to tackle anything!

Stressed out?

Make sure to take the time to relax between concepts, so that your brain can absorb all of the material. If you study for hours upon hours, but can’t recall it on the examination, it means your brain has been overloaded. Use this website to clear your mind by listening to waves crashing every once in a while: www.donothingfor2minutes.com

By listening to nature for just a few minutes in between homework problems, you’ll feel rejuvenated and ready to tackle any assignment!
**Possible Off-Campus Outings:**
- Museum of the Earth: Paleontology museum in Ithaca, NY
- Binghamton Senators hockey game
- Philadelphia overnight trip

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The Scholars Program has a variety of upcoming events/offerings...

An end of year **Scholars Recognition Ceremony** is being planned by the Council for sometime in April. Seven awards will be given to outstanding Scholars at the end of year banquet. Details will be announced.

**Scholars Graduate School Opportunity at Binghamton University**
This spring, I will be hiring two Scholars graduating seniors as Scholars Graduate Assistants for next year. The pay is $12,000 for the academic year. Details will be announced.

**Scholars Mentors:** Every freshman Scholar was assigned to an experienced Scholars Mentor. Thank you to all who volunteered. Continue to meet with your freshmen in the spring!

A host of **SCHL 280 courses** has been planned/ offered including a Winter Session and Summer Session. I am pleased that this spring, Brian Rose will be our first-ever BU Vice President and attorney to teach a Scholars course.

**Scholars 395: Scholars Independent Study** has been revived and two students will be working on projects during the spring semester.

Professor Ziegler is always eager to add new research, poems, and artwork to the **Scholars Gallery!**

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<td>A career panel and volleyball/softball tournaments are in the works with PwC</td>
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<td>Put your trivia skills to the test against other Scholars for prizes</td>
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MEET THE COUNCIL

Maura McDevitt, President
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I’m a senior studying English and Political Science. In addition to being a member of the Scholars Council, I am one of Cascade Hall’s Resident Assistants in Mountainview, a Tour Guide for Undergraduate Admissions, a member of the National Residence Hall Honorary and Sigma Alpha Lambda, and a Harpur Fellow. I love to travel, ski, go for long runs, and read. I am applying to law school for the next academic year.

Ryan Ganzenmuller, Vice President
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I am a senior majoring in Philosophy, Politics and Law. I like to stay very involved on campus. I’m a third-year RA in Mountainview College, I write sports for the Pipe Dream Newspaper, I play intramural basketball, and I am a member of National Residence Hall Honorary. I plan to graduate this year with my PPL degree, adding History and Spanish.

Bridget Murphy, Public Relations Coordinator
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I am a freshman studying Psychology. In my time at Binghamton I hope to help others and make a difference in my community. I’m a member of SUNY Kids, Student Psychological Association, an Endicott Representative for the Newing College Council, and an E-board member for Taste Buds.

Dana Wellesly-Stein, Community Service Chair
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I am a senior double majoring in Art History/Architecture and Chinese Studies. I have been very involved with Hillel at Binghamton throughout all four years at Binghamton University and have served in a number of different positions within the organization. I am also a co-founder of Tobacco Awareness & Reduction, a Shift Leader for Challah for Hunger and a Tour Guide for the Admissions Office. I am obsessed with all things Chinese and spent last semester in Beijing, China! In my free time, I really enjoy playing tennis, traveling and knitting.

Sukyong (Suki) Jung, Academic Enrichment Coordinator
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I’m a junior studying biochemistry.
Suki Jung: The Man.
   The Myth.
   The Legend.
Joe Carloni, Treasurer
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I am a senior studying Mechanical Engineering. In addition to my position on the Scholars Council, I’m also Community Service VP for "Tau Beta Pi" (the engineering honor society) and a Research Assistant for the "Advanced Materials and Mechanics Laboratory." I enjoy playing guitar and being outdoors. I hope to do Materials research in graduate school.

Jason Guss, Social Coordinator
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I’m a junior studying mechanical engineering with a minor in biology. In addition to being a member of the Scholars Council, I am the Internal Affairs VP for Tau Beta Pi. I enjoy playing guitar, tennis, basketball, and football. In the future, I hope to attend graduate school for biomedical engineering.

Maeve Murray, Secretary
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I am a senior double majoring in Economics and Comparative Literature. In my spare time, I play viola in the symphony orchestra and piano as a rehearsal accompanist and student assistant for the theater department. I am also a member of Hinman Production Company, a student-run theater group, and the honors societies Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Alpha Lambda, and PhiEta Sigma.

Maura Lewis, Freshman Representative
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I’m a freshman math major with a focus in actuarial science. I participate in various clubs such as Student United Way and the Actuarial Association. I am a prospective music minor and an active member of Binghamton’s all-new Glee Club. I am very excited to take part in this opportunity and can’t wait to go forth and be of assistance. Feel free to email me for any questions!

WANT TO JOIN THE COUNCIL?

Do you have ideas of how to improve the Scholars Program? Do you want to help organize both social and educational events? Run for a position on the Scholars Council for the 2011-2012 academic year. Stay tuned for announcements of how to submit your letter of intent.