March 2008
SCHOLARS PROGRAM
NEWSLETTER
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Graduating this May?
If you are graduating at the end of this semester, you must meet with Mallory, the Graduate Assistant, in order to update your DARS report and make sure that you get the proper notations on your transcript. If you have not already scheduled this meeting, you should contact Mallory at mallory.emerson@gmail.com immediately. If you are graduating in December, it is your responsibility to meet with the graduate assistant during the Fall semester. Graduating students: Keep your eyes peeled for information about the Scholars graduation celebration!

Mark Your Calendars!
(for more info about any events, please contact Mallory)

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<td>Last day for graduating seniors to meet with Mallory</td>
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<td>5/8</td>
<td>SCHL 227 Final Presentations - all students invited!</td>
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Special Thanks for this issue go to Emily Johnson & Daniel Winegard, student contributors. Find out how you can contribute...check out the back page of the newsletter!
Scholars Making a Difference

This semester, 78 scholars are enrolled in SCHL 227-Leadership and Achieving Goals. As many of you already know, this course encourages students to get involved in the community through service-learning experiences at various organizations. We are working with 14 different community agencies this time around, and the final presentations will be a great chance to share our experiences with other students and members of the university. Some of the agencies we’re working with include Habitat for Humanity, Rescue Mission, S.P.E.A.K. Animal Hospital, the Ross Park Zoo, and the Discovery Center. For more info, check out the Scholars website and come to our final presentations on May 8th.

Earn a Leadership Certificate!

The XCEL Center for Excellence in Student Leadership presents the new "Learn to Lead" Workshop Series! You can earn a leadership certificate by attending 7 workshops over the semester. There are eight workshops remaining, so step up to learn the skills to be a leader for today and tomorrow!

- 3/11, Tue, 5-6pm "What is Leadership?" UU 201
- 3/19, Wed, 6-7pm "Relational Leadership" UU WL
- 4/01, Tue, 5-6pm "Leadership and Diversity" UU 201
- 4/09, Wed, 5-6pm "Hurtful Words" UU 201
- 4/15, Tue, 6-7pm "Creating Change in Organizations" UUWL
- 4/22, Tue, 6-7pm "Leadership for Social Change" UU WL
- 4/30, Wed, 5-6pm "Leadership After College" UU 201
- 5/06, Tue, 6-7pm "Transitions in Organizations" UU WL

For more information and upcoming workshop details, visit xcel.binghamton.edu or contact Grace Fama, Program Coordinator for Leadership Development & Campus Activities Binghamton University, E-mail at gfama@binghamton.edu, telephone 607.777.7281, or visit campusactivities.binghamton.edu

Willow Point Volunteers Needed

"Hello Everyone! I hope everyone is staying warm on this frigid winter day! I have it from a reliable source that spring is just around the corner! In the meantime we’ll all enjoy the beauty of the snow. If you have a few minutes to spare you can certainly warm the hearts of the residents at Willow Point Nursing Home by spending some time visiting and sharing some friendly conversation. Let me know if you are interested!"

- Debra M. Broderick, Volunteer Coordinator

Volunteer Requests Schedule for March

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<td>Shamrock Shakes</td>
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<td>Wine/Cheese Party</td>
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<td>Swinging Seniors</td>
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<td>Thursday 3/27</td>
<td>Chili Prep.</td>
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Willow Point Nursing Home is located at 3700 Old Vestal Road, Vestal, NY. If available and interested, contact Volunteer Coordinator Debra Broderick at 607-763-4248, or e-mail at DBroderick@co.broome.ny.us
Believe it or not, early registration for fall classes is right around the corner! That’s right, registration for BU Scholars is **Monday, March 17 at 8 AM**, less than a week away. The Scholars Program will be offering a variety of different seminars next semester. And for those of you interested in SCHL 227: Leadership and Achieving Goals, check Banner for the individual sections and their times.

You can view the schedule of classes for fall 2008 beginning March 10 by going to the My Courses tab at BU BRAIN and clicking on Look Up Classes.

The following scholars seminars will be available for the Fall 2008 semester:

**SCHL 280A, Peace: A Historical Reflection GenEd (H, J)**
This course will be taught by Dr. George Catalano, and will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 2:50-4:15. The class will explore different philosophies and issues concerning peace and non-violence. This writer highly recommends the course, having taken it herself.

**SCHL 280C, Energy and...You! GenEd (O)**
John Fillo will be teaching this class on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:05-11:30 in TU205. This course will consider present energy consumption, predictions for future energy needs as well as the possibilities for alternative fuel.

**SCHL 280D, Great Ideas in Physics GenEd (J)**
This course will be taught by Professor Robert Pompi on Tuesdays and Thursdays 11:40-1:05 in TU205. Topics to be discussed are string theory, popular areas of cosmology, and the formation of the universe.

**SCHL 280E, Natural Hazards in the World Today GenEd (J)**
Taught by Jeffrey Barker, this class will be held from 10:05-11:30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This class will consider natural disasters such as earthquakes, wildfires, and hurricanes, their causes, effects, and expected government responses.

**SCHL 280F/Phil 210, Plato and Aristotle GenEd (H,J)**
This class will be taught by Professor Tony Preus. The lecture component of the class will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30-9:55, and the discussion section will be on Wednesdays from 8:30-9:30, in TU123. The course serves as an introduction to Greek Philosophy.

If you have any questions about the courses, contact Mary LaCourt. Any questions about program requirements should be directed toward Malloy Emerson, the Graduate Assistant for the BU Scholars Program.

**Good luck registering!!**

**Important Notice About Course Registration**

As you have probably heard, a new student system is being introduced, available online through BU BRAIN at [http://bubrain.binghamton.edu](http://bubrain.binghamton.edu). BU BRAIN will be ready for student use beginning Monday, March 10. It is important for you to go to BU BRAIN well ahead of registration and login using your pods user id and password. All students will need to complete the Code of Conduct acknowledgment process in the new system. If you have any problems logging in, please report them to the help desk by phone (*7-6420) or email (helpdesk@binghamton.edu).

Registration in the new system is very easy! If you would like to get a sneak peak at how the system works, go to [http://banner.binghamton.edu](http://banner.binghamton.edu) and make sure to read all information!
Events of Particular Interest to Scholars

How to Maximize Your Scholars Experience on your Resume
Sunday April 6th @ 1PM

Between SCHL 227, Scholars III and involvement in the Scholars Student Council, being a member of the Scholars Program gives you a ton of opportunities, but it’s not always easy to fully show these amazing experiences on your resume.

Co-sponsored by the Scholars Program and the CDC, this resume workshop is geared towards Scholars Program students! In order to make sure we have enough room, please visit the Scholars website to sign up by March 21st. Contact Mallory with any questions.

Wolf Conservation Center Visit

This program is a repeated favorite of the Scholars Program and is working with Team RST of the SCHL 227 projects. Tell your friends...we hope to see everyone there!

Binghamton University will welcome the Wolf Conservation Center of South Salem, NY and their five-year old Arctic gray wolf, Atka, on May 4th at 1pm. The program will include an awe-inspiring, up-close encounter with this important but misunderstood predator. Guests will learn about the history of wolves in the United States, the importance of wolves in a healthy ecosystem and the efforts to save these magnificent creatures for future generations.

Founded in 1999 the Wolf Conservation Center (WCC) in South Salem, NY promotes wolf conservation by teaching about wolves, their relationship to the environment and the human role in protecting their future. The WCC accomplishes this mission through onsite and offsite education programs. These programs emphasize wolf biology, the ecological benefits of wolves and other large predators, and the current status of wolf recovery in the United States. The WCC also participates in the Species Survival Plan (SSP) and Recovery Plan for the critically endangered Mexican gray wolf and the red wolf. For more information about the WCC visit the website at www.nyywolf.org or call (914) 763-2373.
The “Women’s Initiative Now!” (WIN!) event held in the Mandela Room on March 5th, co-sponsored by the Scholars Program along with the Women’s Student Union, and Hillel, was a huge success. Other participating groups included the Caribbean Student Association, REACH, the Muslim Student Association and Amnesty International.

The purpose of the event was to inform Binghamton University students of the many issues facing women locally and around the world, and ways to get involved. Amnesty International was spearheading a letter-writing campaign for a Chechnyan woman who has disappeared. The Binghamton Scholars Program provided students with materials informing them about fighting global illiteracy and the need for improved healthcare options around the world. One of the most moving moments of the program was when a woman from the Save Our Sisters shelter talked about her horrifying life under an abusive husband. This speaker served as a stark reminder that such injustices still exist, and unfortunately are widespread.

There was also a lighter side to the event. Many students enjoyed the organic food provided by the Food Co-Op which included cookies, coffee, bread, and different spreads. There were also performances by a belly dancer, student poets, and a guitarist. Students who attended the program seemed to enjoy the entertainment, the food, and most importantly walked away with a deeper knowledge of the many issues that impact women around the world. The message of the event was information and the ability to act as an agent of change. The Scholars Program hopes to make this an annual event, providing a platform for a diverse student body to spread awareness.

GET INVOLVED WITH THE COUNCIL
There are lots of ways to get involved! If you’re interested in helping with or participating in a student-faculty luncheon, just-for-fun book club, mentor/mentee program, bowling tournament...or if you’ve got ideas of your own...Contact the appropriate Scholars Council Coordinator about being a part of the fun!! Don’t forget, elections for E-Board positions will be coming up soon and you need to have some involvement in order to run!
Our website is completely renovated! Check it out at http://scholars.binghamton.edu

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Scholars Program Office Hours

Dr. George Catalano  
Director  
Wednesdays 1:00 - 4:00PM  
or contact the main office to schedule an appointment

Mary LaCourt  
Administrative Assistant  
Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:15AM - 2:30PM

Mallory Emerson  
Graduate Assistant  
Mondays 9:00AM - 3:00PM  
Wednesdays 8:00AM - 12:00PM  
Thursdays 9:00AM - 11:00AM

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