

**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION GRANT**

**OF NEARLY \$600,000 AWARDED TO WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY**

**FUNDING WILL PROVIDE APPROXIMATELY 14 SCHOLARSHIPS IN BIOLOGY AND BIOTECH FIELDS**

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U.S. Rep. Bill Pascrell, Jr. (D-NJ-8) today announced a National Science Foundation of \$590,521 has been awarded to William Paterson University. The funding will be used to provide approximately 14 undergraduate and graduate scholarships in biology and biotechnology fields during the 4 ½ years.

“This funding will help prepare students from our area not only to get jobs, but to become leaders in two fields projected to have significant economic growth in the coming years,” said Pascrell, a former educator who has worked on the front lines of the nation’s economic recovery as a member of the House Ways and Means Committee. “I am extremely proud of the William Paterson University faculty and administration for their dedication to cultivat-

ing challenging opportunities for the students they educate. I share their enthusiastic belief in the basic principle that education is the key to a more secure and prosperous future for us all.” “The University is very proud to have received this NSF grant,” says Edward Weil, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs at William Paterson University. “Once again the biology faculty have secured new opportunities for our undergraduate and graduate students to advance their career credentials by providing scholarships and participating in active research programs and internships.”

The scholarships will be awarded to academically talented, low-income biology and biotechnology undergraduate and graduate students at William Paterson University.

Among the program’s goals are increasing the number of biology and biotechnology majors entering research and education careers; increasing the retention and graduation rates of all biology and biotechnology students; increasing the number of minority students in the biology and biotechnology graduate programs by 25 percent; and increasing the number of biology and biotechnology masters degree recipients. The scholarships will support tutoring, mentoring, faculty-guided research experiences, career guidance and internships for the recipients. This program addresses regional and national needs, and enhances the biology and biotechnology programs at William Paterson University by providing opportunities for graduate education for traditionally underrepresented groups. The scholarship program’s results are being disseminated in various ways such as project reports and university publications and press releases.

**Commencement Ceremonies to Move Off Campus for 2011**

William Paterson University’s undergraduate and graduate commencement ceremonies will move off campus to the Izod Center in East Rutherford in 2011.

One ceremony will be held for both undergraduate and graduate students at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 18, 2011.

The change was made to make commencement more convenient

for students and their families, says Ed Weil, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs. “Moving the ceremonies to the Izod Center will eliminate the need for a rain date, which was previously necessary for the undergraduate ceremony,” he explains. “We also will not need to restrict the number of guests that graduating students may invite. In addition, there is ample parking available.”

Francisco Diaz, assistant vice president for campus life, and Pam Fueshko, director of telecommunications, will co-chair a University-wide committee of faculty, staff, and students that will handle logistics for the ceremony. In addition, an honorary degree committee, composed of representatives from the five colleges and the library, has been created to recommend candidates for honorary degrees to the Board of Trustees

## MSN Nursing Faculty Accomplishments

**Christine McSherry, PhD, RN, CNE** published in Sherman, D.W., Norman, R., & McSherry, C.B. (2010). A comparison of death anxiety and quality of life of patients with advanced cancer or AIDS and their family caregivers. *Journal of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care*. (pgs. 99-112). Dr. McSherry was approved her second Assigned Release Time (ART) project from William Paterson University to continue her end of life research. (2010-2011).

**Lisa Oldham, MSN, RN** has been appointed Director of Acute Care Services at Bergen Regional Medical Center in Paramus, NJ.

**Donita D'Amico MSN, RN** presented "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" Founding of Sigma Theta Tau International, Iota Alpha Chapter, November 11, 2010 at WPUNJ.

**Kem Louie, PhD, RN, PMHCNS-BC, APN, CNE, FAAN** was awarded the Advanced Nursing Traineeship in the amount of \$8,198 for the 2010 – 2011 academic year. Dr. Louie assumed the position of Faculty Counselor for the Iota Alpha Chapter, of Sigma Theta Tau International at WPUNJ.

**Karen Phillips, EdD, RN** earned her doctoral degree from University of Phoenix (Summer 2010)

**Elizabeth Van Dyke, DNP, RN** earned her Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University (May 2010).

**Julia Fitzgerald PhD, RN** is a participant in the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Academic Resource Center.

**Nadine Aktan, PhD, RN** presented "Social support and anxiety in pregnant and postpartum women" at the Second Annual Clinical and Leadership Conference of the American Psychiatric Nurses Association, NJ Chapter: Cranbury, NJ. (2010)

## Graduate Open House: Sunday, February 20, 2011

1:00-3:00 pm

University Commons  
Ballroom A-C

WPU offers more than 20 graduate degree programs, teacher certifications, and endorsement programs.

The Graduate Admissions open house will give prospective students the opportunity to explore the array of graduate pro-

grams while meeting program directors and graduate admissions professionals. This event will allow for personal one on one interaction with key administrators who can help assist potential students with their education pursuits.

Please refer individuals or join your colleagues at the February 20, 2011



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event. For more information visit our website: [www.wpunj.edu/graduate](http://www.wpunj.edu/graduate) or call 973-720-3641.

## College of Education: Master's Degree Graduates

Dean Candace Burns welcomes M.Ed. candidates and their families to the Graduate Programs Research Poster Session on December, 7, 2010.

**Roberta Bland**, M.Ed. in Curriculum & Learning, Early Childhood *How Jazz and Classical Music Affect Focus and Creativity During Writing Workshop in First Grade*

**Lesley Briggs**, M.Ed. in Curriculum & Learning, Early Childhood *Exploring Preschool Children's Understandings about Time*

**Giselle Buttler**, M.Ed. in Curriculum & Learning, Early Childhood *Investigating if Teacher Emphasis on Rhyming Impacts ELL Preschoolers' Phonological Awareness*

**LuAnn Cifelli**, M.Ed. in Curriculum & Learning, Early Childhood *Comparing Journal Writing in Kdpix2 to Hard Copy Journal Writing in Kindergarten*

**Pierangely Crespo**, M.Ed. in Curriculum & Learning, Early Childhood *Exploring the Relationship between Intentional Teaching That Focuses on the Forms and Functions of Written Language and Preschool Children's Writing*

**Veronica Dougherty**, M.Ed. in Curriculum & Learning, School Library Media *Using Online Social Networking and Socratic Seminar to Strengthen Student Connection to Text*

**Elizabeth Drennan**, M.Ed. in Curriculum & Learning, School Library Media *An Examination and Comparison of the Effect of Three Story-Sharing Methods on Students' Literal and Inferential Understanding of Folk Tale Characters*

**Alma Haixhu**, M.Ed. in Curriculum & Learning, Teaching Children Mathematics *Effects of Integrating Educational Technology on First Graders' Conceptual and Procedural Knowledge of Addition and Subtraction*

**Cathy Intravaia**, M.Ed. in Curriculum & Learning, School Library Media *The Effects of the Battle of the Books Reading Program on Students' Reading Motivation and Attitudes Towards Reading*

**Leslie Janevski**, M.Ed. in Curriculum & Learning, School Library Media *Comparing Graphic Novels to Traditional Texts and their Effects on Student Reading Motivation and Attitudes*

**Aliza Mayer**, M.Ed. in Curriculum & Learning, Early Childhood *How Teaching about Parts of the Body Impacts Preschool Children's Drawing*

**Ellen McDermott**, M.Ed. in Curriculum & Learning, School Library Media *How Media Literacy Instruction Affects Middle School Students' Perceptions of Advertisements*

**Elizabeth Morgado**, M.Ed. in Curriculum & Learning, Early Childhood *The Effects of Using Yoga and Deep Breathing to Help Preschool Solve Conflicts and Calm Themselves*

**Kerry Nicolich**, M.Ed. in Curriculum & Learning, Bilingual/ESL *Effects of Audio Scaffolding on Class Participation for English Language Learners*

**Elizabeth Tiernan**, M.Ed. in Curriculum & Learning, Early Childhood *Examining if Teacher Modeling Specific Play Strategies Affects the Pretend Play of Preschoolers with Disabilities*

**Diana Torres**, M.Ed. in Curriculum & Learning, Early Childhood *Examining the Effects of Using Visual Aids on Preschool Children's Block Building and Their Acquisition of New Vocabulary*

**Leslie York**, M.Ed. in Curriculum & Learning, Early Childhood *Exploring How Preschooler Use Digital Cameras in the Classroom*



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## RECENT HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR FACULTY AND STUDENTS

- ◆ Dr. Janis Strasser was the recipient of the National Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators Outstanding Early Childhood Teacher Educator Award for 2010. The award was presented to her on November 3, 2010 at the annual National Association for the Education of Young Children conference in Anaheim, California. Dr. Holly Seplocha, who nominated her, presented the award at a ceremony attended by more than 100 early childhood teacher educators. Also present at the award ceremony was WPU M.Ed. Early Childhood Concentration alum Lisa Mufson Koeppel. In addition to a plaque, Dr. Strasser received an honorarium from Pearson Publishers.
- ◆ Dr. Casey Lum, Professor and Director of the M. A. in Professional Communication program, has recently published the complex Chinese edition of his book on *Perspectives on Culture, Technology and Communication: The Media Ecology Tradition* (Taipei, Taiwan: Chu Liu Publishing Company, November 2010). Originally published by the Hampton Press (Cresskill, New Jersey) and the winner of the 2006 Lewis Mumford Award for Outstanding Scholarship in the Ecology of Technics by the Media Ecology Association, Professor Lum's book has also been translated and published in a simplified Chinese character edition by Peking University Press in Beijing, China (2007) and in a Korean edition by the Hannarae Publishing Company in Seoul (2008). The latter edition has been selected by the National Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Korea (South Korea) as one of the "excellent books related to the fields of humanities, social sciences, and other areas" in 2009.
- ◆ MSN student Kristin McNerney on being awarded The Ellen Casapulla Scholarship from Hackensack University Medical Center, The Promise of Nursing Regional Faculty Fellowship Program and The Edna Cadmus Scholarship

## PUBLIC POLICY AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

**Joseph Nestico**, a current student, has been an elected member of the Manchester Regional High School School Board of Passaic County since 2000. He also served on Congressman Bill Pascrell's student advisory committee while in high school.

**Austin Ayers**, a current student, and former aide to U.S. Representative Bill Pascrell, managed the regional office for Rep. Joe Sestak of Pennsylvania (D) who is ran unsuccessfully for the U.S. Senate in the November 2010 elections.

**Kristina Lopez**, a 2010 graduate, competed against 70 other candidates to win a position as a fundraiser with Team Fox, the fundraising arm of the Michael J. Fox Foundation which raises money for research to find a cure for Parkinson's Disease.

**Mark Major**, a 2006 graduate and current doctoral candidate in Political Science at Rutgers University edited a book entitled, *Where Do We Go From Here? American Democracy and the Renewal of the Radical Imagination* (Lexington Books, 2010). PPIA professors Sheila Collins, Michael Thompson both contributed essays to this volume.

**Karie Gubbins**, a 2008 graduate and current doctoral candidate in the school of Public Affairs and Administration at Rutgers, Newark, has had a book proposal accepted by the British publishing house, Pluto Press. The book, which grew out of work for her Master's thesis at WPU is a comparative study of public policy approaches to curbing global sexual trafficking. It is expected to be published in 2011.

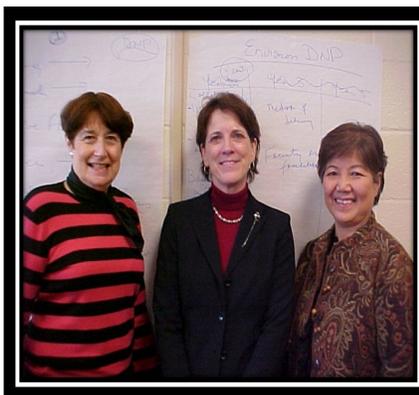
**Wendy Wright**, a 2006 graduate is currently completing her doctoral work in Political Theory at Rutgers University. She recently ran unsuccessfully for the NJ State Assembly.

**Martha S. Thomas**, a 2005 graduate, was hired this year for a tenure track position at the University of Vermont and is now an Assistant Professor of International Relations there. Ms. Thomas earned her doctoral degree from Pennsylvania State University

## Doctor of Nursing Practice

William Paterson University's nursing faculty came together to discuss it's first doctoral program with facilitator Mary Lou Manning PhD, CRNP. The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program will begin courses in Fall 2011 term and will pave the way as the university's inaugural doctoral program. During Dr Manning's visit she challenged the faculty to think big when developing their thoughts in becoming leaders who will in the future impact the nation's health.

Faculty engaged in an exercise that helped identify personal core values. This exercise helped faculty set the stage in regard to their values and assisted them to go beyond discuss the department



of nursing's values. Using this as the foundation to building a unique DNP program. In keeping with the university's mission, the vision for the DNP program states: WPUNJ will provide a premier academic and scholarly environment for nurses in advanced practice to pursue rigorous practice-focused doctoral study. Graduates of the Doctor of Nursing Practice program will be health care thought-leaders and change agents at the local, regional and national level.

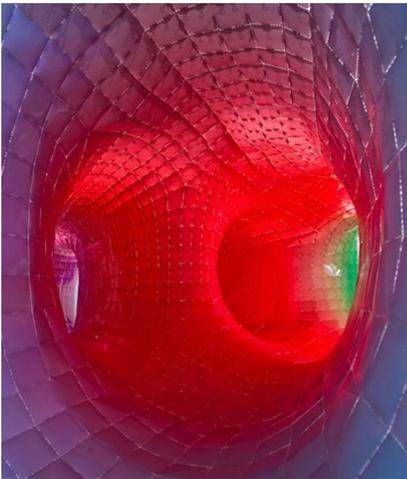
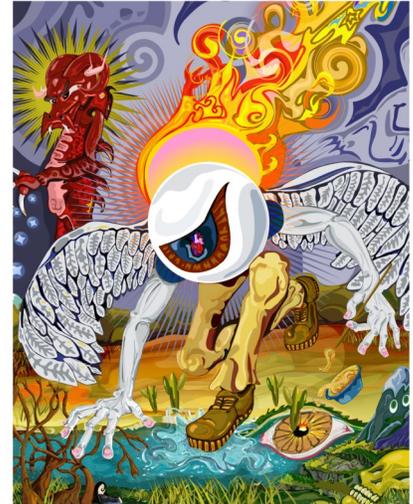
If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Kem Louie: Program Director at 973-720-3511 or [louiek@wpunj.edu](mailto:louiek@wpunj.edu).

## MFA THESIS EXHIBITS AND VISITING ARTISTS

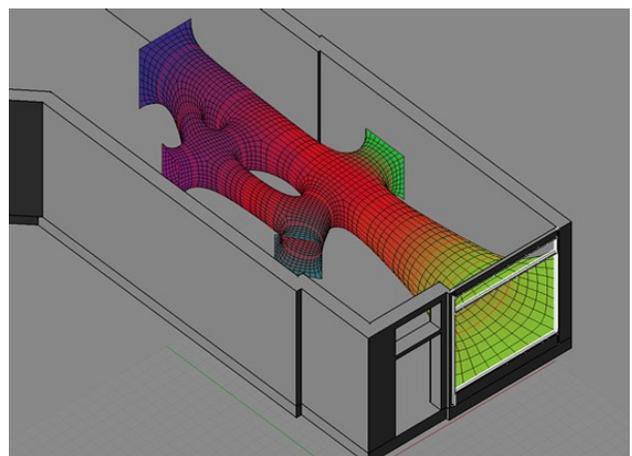
**Johan Palacio** is an artist who creates digital vector artwork that illustrates a narrative currently underdevelopment. The artwork illustrates the tale of a character named *Spiraleye* in his epic journey to save the world. Through these illustrations, Johan presents an epic narrative that explores his interest in ancient civilizations, mythology, cosmology, the supernatural, and other mysteries of the universe.

View his illustrations and learn more at <http://www.johanpalacio.com>.

**Kelly Dougherty:** "The photographs seek to explore human environments without people that are immediately recognized for what they are and the general sense of where it can be found (i.e. shopping carts lined up behind a retail store or boots left on a bridge). There is a sense of story, an unwritten visual narrative that can be specific or ambiguous depending on how the viewer interprets the photograph--what the photograph is "of" for one person may not be what it is "of" for another person--a mix of specificity and ambiguity."



Thursday October 14, 2010 – William Paterson University welcomed a visiting artist from SOFTlab Customize Design with a talk given by Mike Szivos. Szivos shared work, methods, technology and artistic insight with students, at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Softlab is known for their innovative work in new technology and design. Being educated as architects and Designers Softlab takes a different approach not only to their design projects but also their art. During his visit at William Paterson, Szivos met individually with graduate students to discuss their work and artistic vision. Szivos also met with a graduate interdisciplinary studio critique seminar class to briefly discuss SOFTlab's work and their place in the art world as well as up-coming projects that they have planed. SOFTlab has been involved in the design and production of projects with in almost every medium, from digitally fabricated large-scale sculpture, interactive design, to large-scale digital video installations. As the studio adjusted to a wide range of projects, it began to focus less on the medium and style and more on ideas. Through the studio's unique blend of backgrounds as designers, artists, architects and educators they are able to approach every project from a fresh perspective. The studio was created by Jose Gonzalez and Michael Szivos, shortly after receiving graduate degrees in architecture from the Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation at Columbia University. SOFTlab is currently located 34 west 27<sup>th</sup> street New York City.



## MFA STUDENT A PANELIST IN WALES

Adam Nowicki was invited in July 2010 to the International Contemporary Cast Iron Art Conference in Kidwelly Wales, UK to be a panelist on contemporary technology in sculpture.. The primary reason



he was asked to be on the panel was because of his experience with digital sculpture applications learned at WPUNJ.

MFA students, Alex Vicenzi and Adam have been interning for Konica Minolta in 3D Digital Imaging working with state of the art digital capture equipment developed by Konica Minolta. They will be continuing their work with them throughout the year as well as next summer.

## Featured Professor: Dr. Bruce Diamond

Prof. Bruce Diamond received the Distinguished Researcher of the Year Award on October 16, 2010 from the New Jersey Psychological Association.

Dr. Diamond received his B.A. from Ohio State University, M.Ed. from Smith College and his Ph.D. from University of Manchester, UK. He is a licensed Neuropsychologist specializing in clinical neuropsychology and rehabilitation. His research is in cognitive and clinical neuroscience. He has published in numerous respected journals, has written a number of chapters and has presented at many national and international conferences. Dr. Diamond has been a member of the William Paterson University community since 1999.

## William Paterson University's Cotsakos College of Business Named One of Best 300 Schools by Princeton Review

William Paterson University's Cotsakos College of Business is featured in the Princeton Review's 2011 edition of its book *The Best 300 Business Schools*. The annual guide to graduate business schools is well known for its college rankings based on how students rate their schools. This is the third year in a row that the Cotsakos College of Business has been included.

"In the profile on the Cotsakos College of Business, the Princeton Review editors noted that the College augments the traditional M.B.A. curriculum with a number of experiential learning programs, which add depth and relevance to the academic experience," says Sam Basu, dean of the Cotsakos College of Business. "The editors also noted other unique features, such as our internship program, the Russ Berrie Professional Sales Lab, and the Global Financial Services Institute, which includes the Financial Learning Center, one of the few active trading rooms found in an academic institution."

In order for a school to be included in the book, it must meet Princeton Review's criteria for academic excellence, as well as allow surveys of its students. The 80-question survey asks students about themselves, their career plans, and their school's academics, student body, and campus life. More than nineteen thousand students were surveyed for the 2011 guidebook.

William Paterson M.B.A. students described the program as led by "excellent professors who truly care about your success." One student described faculty as "accessible, helpful, challenging, and enlightening, and they all seem devoted to and knowledgeable in their subject area," while another said, "I love the new challenges I must face with each class because what I am learning, I use everyday in my profession." One student described the College as "a warm, friendly environment for learning."

The Cotsakos College of Business at William Paterson University is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International, the longest serving global accrediting body for business schools that offer undergraduate, master's, and doctoral degrees in business and accounting. Housed in the University's technologically advanced facility at 1600 Valley Road, the College offers undergraduate and graduate degree programs that help students develop the skills, knowledge and values necessary to succeed in today's highly competitive and complex business world. The College offers a master's degree in business administration, with concentrations in accounting, entrepreneurship, finance, marketing, and music management. For additional information, contact the Cotsakos College of Business at William Paterson University at 973-720-2964.

## WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY RANKS AMONG TOP-PRODUCING INSTITUTIONS OF FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS IN THE UNITED STATES THREE FACULTY AWARDED FULBRIGHTS FOR 2010-11 ACADEMIC YEAR.

William Paterson University in Wayne ranks among the top producers of Fulbright Scholars at master's degree-granting colleges and universities in the United States, according to the Council for International Exchange of Scholars, a division of the Institute of International Education. The Fulbright Program is one of the most prestigious scholarship programs worldwide.

Three faculty at the University were awarded Fulbrights for the 2010-11 academic year. Top producers were named according to their type of higher education institution: research institution, master's institution, community colleges, and bachelor's institutions. William Paterson's three Fulbright awards placed it among the top five master's degree-granting institutions whose faculty received awards.

The three faculty who received awards include Aaron Tesfaye, assistant professor of political science, and Melkamu Zeleke, professor of mathematics, who have both returned to their native country of Ethiopia to teach and conduct research at Addis Ababa University, one of the largest institutions of higher learning in Africa. Maureen Martin, assistant professor of English, will teach English literature at the University of Nizwa in Oman during the spring 2011 semester.

William Paterson's faculty currently includes 37 members who have received the prestigious awards.

"William Paterson University is very proud of these faculty members and our long tradition of participation in the Fulbright Program," says Edward Weil, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs. "It is a tremendous opportunity to be engaged in the scholarly activity of an educational institution in another country, and to return to our campus and our students with new ideas and a broadened perspective."

Tesfaye is expanding research he began in the early 1990s under a Fulbright Dissertation Grant, which resulted in the publication of his 2002 book *Political Power and Ethnic Federalism: the Struggle for Democracy in Ethiopia*. Tesfaye, who has been studying Ethiopia and the Horn of Africa for more than two decades, will conduct research for a new book focused on the experimentation and transition of new strategies of economic growth defined by underdevelopment and ethnic conflict. In addition, Tesfaye is teaching courses in comparative politics and international political economy and will contribute to the development of Addis Ababa University's newly established doctoral program in political science and international relations.

Zeleke is teaching courses in graph theory and combinatorics to graduate students at Addis Ababa University who are specializing in discrete mathematics, as well as supervising master's degree thesis projects. In addition, Zeleke is assisting the mathematics department there in reviewing its existing degree programs and development of new master of philosophy and doctoral programs in mathematics.

Martin will teach three courses in literature and conduct a seminar for faculty at the University of Nizwa in Oman, a six-year-old university with approximately seven thousand students, a majority of whom are women. She will also conduct a seminar for faculty at the university.

The Fulbright Program, America's flagship international educational exchange program, is sponsored by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Each year, the program sends approximately 800 U.S. faculty to faculty and professionals to 140 countries to lecture, research, or participate in seminars.



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## IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES AHEAD...

- ◆ **Information Table January 27**  
1:00-3:00 pm University Commons Lobby
  - ◆ **Application for May Graduation February 1**
  - ◆ **Information Table February 17**  
1:00-3:00 pm Atrium Lobby
  - ◆ **University Open House: February 20**  
1:00 pm-3:00 pm University Commons Ballroom ABC
  - ◆ **Last day for 50% refund: February 22**
  - ◆ **Last day for academic course withdrawal during Spring 2011: March 8**
  - ◆ **Spring Break ; March 13-19**
  - ◆ **Information Table March 22**  
1:00-3:00 pm Valley Road Lobby
  - ◆ **Information Table April 14**  
1:00-3:00 pm Atrium Lobby
  - ◆ **University Closed: April 22-24**
  - ◆ **Information Table May 10**  
1:00-3:00 pm University Commons Lobby
  - ◆ **Spring Commencement: May 18**
  - ◆ **Summer Sessions begin May 23**
  - ◆ **Application for August Graduation June 1**
- ⇒ **Online “chats” with Graduate Admissions professionals. Click “Chat with Us” on our webpage to view up to date topics and dates.**  
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