"Dress for Success" Wednesdays

The Business and Information Systems Department has instituted "Dress for Success" Wednesdays, as of November 7, and each Wednesday thereafter. Business majors are encouraged to show their department spirit by wearing business attire. So far, it has been encouraging to see Business students dress out and stand tall as many of them acknowledge that this is a good move that will help them transition to "the corporate world" as well as governmental and other positions in the near future.

Both faculty and students in the department appreciate the new business attire initiative. Dr. Theodore Brown, Associate Professor of Management, stated that dressing for success "makes students look more professional as they get ready to transition to the corporate world."

Accounting major Kimberly Kelly (pictured below, left - with William) said, "This is a great opportunity for
students to prepare for their professional careers." Kimberly further stated that this also helps with peer to peer encouragement because students complement each other on their attire each Wednesday. Abigail Albino, accounting, noted that she likes dressing for success because it will help students build their business wardrobe for the future.

The Department hopes to take this initiative a step further by encouraging students to purchase blue blazers with a department logo to wear on Wednesdays starting in the fall semester 2013. Either way, Business Attire Wednesdays will enable students to successfully transition to the workforce, as they continue to dress for success.
Big Things Come in Small Packages
By Carlie Aurubin

For a comparatively small university, Oakwood is blessed with talent, intelligence, and power. It seems that wherever we go, a sweet lasting impression is left. Recently, 18 students from the Department of Biology and Biochemistry gave a taste of the Oakwood spirit at the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS) in San Jose, California.

ABRCMS, the largest professional conference for biomedical students, attracts more than 2,000 students along with hundreds of research program recruiters and professors who lead seminars and judge competitions. Among the 2,000 students from across the nation, several of the Oakwood’s 18 students had the opportunity to present their research at this conference.

These students conducted research this past summer at the...
Cleveland Clinic, Duke University, John Hopkins University, Loma Linda University, Mayo Clinic, and more, through the organization of the Comprehensive Intergraded Biomedical Science Initiative Program (CIBSIP), and the funding from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) to the Biology department. ABRCMS allowed the students a chance to present their cutting edge research to others from around the United States.

ABRCMS was also an opportunity to display faith in action. Two of the 18 students were scheduled to present their research during the Sabbath hours; however, they opted not to present, and rather held fast to their beliefs.

Of the 18 students, 14 presented and three won awards: Carlie Aurubin in Immunology, Elysia Cohen in Neuroscience, and Marsha Wright in Biochemistry. That racked in a 21% win for Oakwood University, which is well above the national 5% winning average.

Albert Einstein stated, "If we knew what it was we were doing, it would not be called research, would it?" And so true are his words, even now. Through the efforts of many researchers over the years, science and technology have expanded exponentially. Yet, there are still many questions left unanswered.

Scientific research is a growing work that is aimed toward answering questions regarding the human body and the illnesses that plague it, and the Oakwood University students who attended ABRCMS are in the number of the future bright scientists who will answer these questions.
Officer Glenette James
*(photo by Colleen Eakins)*

**Educating Public Safety**

Glenette James, Public Safety Officer, is one of several department members who are working on academic degrees. Officer James just completed a Master of Science program in Studies in Human Behavior at Cappella University. With hardly taking a moment to take a deep breath, she has begun the Ph.D. program in Advance Research in Adult Human Development and Behavior.

Officer James' ultimate goal is to start a non-profit organization that focuses on parenting and pregnant teens, offering childcare support to enable them to finish high school and go on to college. James is joined by other department members who have completed or are working on a variety of terminal, masters, and bachelors level degree programs in Public Policy, Criminal Justice, Theology, Emergency Management, and other majors.

"It is very important that our workforce mirror the clientele we serve" says Lewis Eakins, Director. He continues: "A well-educated staff is able to use critical thinking skills in line with the institution's Quality Enhancement Program (QEP) to
address situations they are dealing with in a highly professional manner."

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**History and Political Science Hosts Video Conference with the University of Nebraska College of Law**

Promptly at 6:00 p.m. on November 14, 2012, members of the OU Pre-Law Society conducted a video conference with Ms. Christine Baughman, Assistant Director of Admissions at the University of Nebraska College of Law. Several students attended the session in room 207 of Moran Hall.

Drawing from her personal experience as a student and graduate of the University of Nebraska College of Law, Ms. Baughman provided pertinent information for aspiring law students. She showcased her institution, highlighting the affordability of Nebraska Law (in comparison with other law schools), the institution's high matriculation rate, as well as the relatively low cost of living in Lincoln, Nebraska. Ms. Baughman answered a variety of questions from the audience. Afterward, the Assistant Director of Admissions announced that Nebraska Law would waive the law school application fee for
all Oakwood University seniors.

During the academic year, the OU Pre-Law Society plans to have more video conferences with various law school representatives.

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**Oakwood Adventist Academy Groundbreaking Ceremony**

**Sunday - December 2, 2012**

**2:00 p.m.**
Please join the world Adventist Church for the day of prayer and fasting on Sabbath, December 1, as requested by GC President Ted N. C. Wilson and top church executives. This effort is to pray for the release of two falsely accused Adventists currently imprisoned in the West African country of Togo, in prison since March. Get the complete story and church bulletin inserts. MORE.