



Dr. Kendall Baker addresses students during the Presidential Scholarship Day. ONU's scholarship days continue Saturday when more than 200 students are expected on campus to interview for academic awards.



Academic Honor Scholarship Recognition Day Set

ONU's Academic Honor Scholarship Recognition Day will be Saturday, Jan. 24. This is the third of four on-campus scholarship evaluation days that attract high-ability applicants. These events involve accepted students who have achieved excellence during their high school careers.

About 220 high school students from Ohio and eight surrounding states are expected to attend the event. The students go through written evaluations and will be interviewed by teams of faculty, staff, current students and alumni.

The day kicks off with registration at 9 a.m. in the Freed Center for the Performing Arts. Dr. Kendall Baker, Ohio Northern University president, and Karen Condeni, vice president of enrollment, will welcome parents during an opening session at 10 a.m. At the same time, Dustin Jarrett, assistant director of admissions, will welcome the students in the English Chapel.

The parents will meet with college deans at 10:30 a.m., followed by a scholarship information session at 11:30 a.m. Students will begin the written evaluations and interviews at 10:30 a.m.

Lunch will commence around 12:45 p.m. in the ONU Sports Center field house. The students and parents will then have the opportunity to tour campus and meet with the student affairs staff. The University estimates that more than 900 accepted students will participate in the four on-campus scholarship days.



As part of scholarship recognition day activities, an accepted student interviews with a team including faculty/staff, current students and alumni. These interviews, along with written evaluations, are part of ONU's scholarship awards program.

'Building the Election System We Deserve'

Heather K. Gerken, professor of law at Yale University, will present "Building the Election System We Deserve" as the featured speaker for the final session of the Ohio Northern University Pettit College of Law Dean's Lecture Series in the moot court room on Thursday, Jan. 22, at 11:30 a.m.

The event is free and open to the public.

'Some Days You Eat the Bear ...'

Joseph Lisle Williams, BA '66, president of Jordan Marketing Associates, will speak at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 21, in the Biggs Theatre of the Freed Center.

Williams was mauled by a bear at age 20. This encounter inspired "Some Days You Eat the Bear ... Some Days, the Bear Eats You," a speech about resilience in individuals and organizations.

For additional information, contact the Leaders' Council at leaderscouncil@onu.edu

Coach Herman Boone to Speak

Herman Boone, football coach and motivator, will speak on "Remember! Celebrate! Act! The Importance of Observing the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday," at 7 p.m., Jan. 22 in the sanctuary of the English Chapel.

In 1971, Boone faced the challenge of a lifetime, and his inspirational story was captured in the Disney film "Remember the Titans," starring Academy Award-winner Denzel Washington. The film will be shown at 7 p.m., Jan. 21 in the Activities Room at the McIntosh Center.

The program is free and open to the public.

Teva North America's CEO to Speak

William Marth, president and CEO of Teva North America, will discuss "Teva in the Pharmaceutical Industry: 2009 and Beyond" at the Carroll V. Lovett Distinguished Lecture at the Ohio Northern University Freed Center for the Performing Arts on Thursday, Jan. 22, at 7 p.m.

The Carroll V. Lovett Distinguished Lecture Series was established by a bequest of Florence V. Lovett in honor of her son, **Carroll Lovett**, BSED '61, retired manager from the Xerox Corporation.

The James F. Dicke College of Business Administration sponsors the event, which is free and open to the public.

'The Dalai Lama Renaissance'

Khashyar Darvich, producer and director of the documentary "The Dalai Lama Renaissance," will introduce the film at its ONU showing, 7 p.m., Jan. 26, in the Dicke Forum. Following the presentation, he will answer questions.

The award-winning feature-length film debuted at the Roxie Theater in San Francisco on May 23, 2008, and is narrated by Harrison Ford.

Article Published

Ken Reid, director of freshman engineering and assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering, is co-author of "Implementing Rubrics as Part of an Assessment Plan," published in the September 2008 issue of the *International Journal of Engineering Education*.

The article describes the development and use of rubrics to assess qualitative characteristics such as communication, design, teamwork and professionalism/civility, with emphasis on how these characteristics apply to industry. The article was based on a workshop held at the 2006 Best Assessment Processes Conference.

The rubrics presented should be useful as an assessment tool for any program, not just programs within engineering. The rubrics and other information on assessment are available online at:

tinyurl.com/97qaff

Students to Help with Tax Preparation

Elderly and low-income tax payers in Allen and Hardin counties can find free income tax assistance from Ohio Northern University law and accounting students through Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA).

The VITA Program offers free tax help to low- to moderate-income (generally, \$40,000 and below) individuals across the country who cannot prepare tax returns on their own. As part of this program, ONU students have received training to help prepare basic tax returns and identify special credits, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), Child Tax Credit and Credit for the Elderly.

ONU students will offer free electronic filing (e-filing) services at several area locations during tax season. The sites are open from Feb. 7 until April 15 (excluding the week of Feb. 28-March 8). The following locations will be open at the designated times and staffed with IRS-certified volunteers:

ACCENT (Allen County Center for Employment and Training): 1501 S. Dixie Highway, Lima, Ohio. Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Phone: 419-999-0360

Hardin County Council of Aging: 100 Memorial Ave., Kenton, Ohio. Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Phone: 419-673-1102

Lima Superior Federal Credit Union: 4230 Elida Road, Lima, Ohio. Appointments are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. To make an appointment, call 419-223-9746 and press "0" for operator.

Taxpayers interested in these services should bring their Social Security card, driver's license or identification card, all forms sent from the IRS this year, W2 forms, any other pertinent income statements and copies of tax returns for the past two years, if available.

Additional information on VITA is available from the Internal Revenue Web site or call ext.: 2245.

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Polar Bear Nation Events

ONU has scheduled several events in January and February in honor of Polar Bear Nation. This yearlong series of activities and events raises awareness about ONU's mascot, the polar bear, which is now on the endangered species list because of climate change in the Arctic. Proceeds from all Polar Bear Nation events go to its designated charity, Polar Bears International.

"Environment Visions," displayed in the Elzay and Stambaugh Studio Theatre Galleries, exhibits a select group of artists and designers who share similar views about the environment and the challenges we face as stewards of the land, air and water. Featured artists include Kelly Adams, Bob Barancik, Koriel Jock, Lucia LaVilla-Havelin, Susan Strong Muir, Shelly Murney, Patricia Tinajero and Jing Zhou. The exhibit runs through Feb. 20, and is free and open to the public daily from noon-5 p.m. and before events at the Freed Center for the Performing Arts.

The Polar Bear Ball, an evening of dancing and fun for ONU students, faculty, staff and alumni, takes place Saturday, Jan. 24, from 7-11 p.m. at the Columbus Zoo. The Ball will feature a silent auction from 7-10 p.m., photography portraits from 7-10 p.m. and zoo animal visitors at 9:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$25 per person, and guests can walk through the zoo during the event. Call ext. 2727 for more information.

Polar Bear Day begins at the Freed Center on Saturday, Feb. 21, at 9 a.m. This exciting, fun day gives children and young adults (ages 3-18) the chance to explore the world of the polar bear with creative workshops that combine storytelling, art, music and theatre. Workshops are free. To register, call the Freed Center box office at ext. 1900.

Later that evening, "Silent Snow," with the ONU Symphony Orchestra, makes its world premiere at 8 p.m. in Biggs Theatre. Renowned composer Joseph Curiale presents his reflective symphony on the changing climate and its impact on the polar bear. General admission tickets cost \$15 and can be obtained by calling the Freed Center box office ext. 1900.

For more information about Polar Bear Nation and upcoming events, visit www.onu.edu/pbnevents

In Memory: Jennifer Viveiros

The University community is deeply saddened by the death of Jennifer Caitlin Viveiros on Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009, as a result of a weather-related auto accident.

She was a freshman at ONU studying biology in pursuit of a medical degree. A 2008 graduate of Hilliard Darby High School, she was a creative and talented musician who enjoyed playing piano and violin, and she was an accomplished cellist.

Calling hours will be held 1-3 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 22, at Underwood Funeral Home, 703 East Fifth Street, Marysville, Ohio. Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 23, at Marysville First United Methodist Church, 207 South Court Street.



Mock Trial Event Brings Students to Campus

Last weekend, the ONU Mock Trial Program, led by Dr. JoAnn Scott, professor of political science, hosted the third annual University Mock Trial Tournament.

Forty-six teams with 10 members each took part in the two-day tournament, with teams from as far away as California, Florida and Mississippi gathering to argue a civil defamation case.

The Ohio State University took top honors, with Case Western Reserve, Eastern Michigan, Illinois State, and the second Ohio State team rounding out the top five.

Ohio Northern fielded three teams with team 450 finishing 4 - 4, team 449 finishing 3 - 5, and team 448 finishing 4.5 - 3.5.

ONU forensic biology senior Katie Elsass, from Lima, Ohio, earned the award for best witness.

ONU's tournament provided a chance for the participants to warm up for regional competition leading to nationals. Unlike many mock trial tournaments, ONU's is not restricted by region and drew teams from across the nation.

Scott said, "This gives our students and other colleges a chance to compete against other top schools in the nation."

Campus Book Project

As part of ONU's Polar Bear Nation observation, the ONU campus is invited to participate in the campus book project.

The book, *Field Notes from a Catastrophe: Man, Nature, and Climate Change* by Elizabeth Kolbert, discusses what is going on with the global environment and what, if anything, can be done to save our planet. It will be used in on-campus classes and is available through the Ada library and area book clubs.

Copies of the book are on reserve at Heterick Library, or contact Carol Flax, ext. 2074, for more information.

To wrap up the book project, Kolbert will be on campus for a presentation and question-and-answer session at 7:30 p.m., March 12, 2009.

Northern Events Jan. 22-28

Arts and Lectures

Jan. 22

11:30 a.m., Law Dean's Lecture Series, speaker Heather Gerken, professor of law, Yale University, Moot Court Room

6:00 p.m., "Slacker," Student Art League Film Series, Wilson Art Center, Room 115

7:00 p.m., MLK Speaker, Herman Boone, Chapel

Jan. 24

2:00 p.m., New Music Ensemble Concert, Snyder Recital Center

8:00 p.m., "The Kite Runner," The Freed Center

Jan. 25

7:00 p.m., Women's Chorus Concert, Snyder Recital Hall

Jan. 26

Noon, Faculty Recital, Georg Klass, clarinet, Rebecca Casey, piano, Kristen Osbun-Manley, soprano, Snyder Recital Hall

Jan. 27

6:00 p.m., "Logan's Run," Art & Design Film Series, Wilson Art Center Room 115

Campus Events

Jan. 1 - Feb. 20

Noon-5:00 p.m., Environmental Visions, Elzay Gallery of Art and Stambaugh Studio Theatre Gallery

Jan. 24

9:00 a.m., Academic Honor Scholarship Day, Campus

9:00 a.m., SMArts (Saturday Morning Arts) Program, Wilson Art Center

Jan. 25

6:00 p.m., TNT Worship Service, Chapel

8:30 p.m., Catholic Mass, Chapel

Jan. 28

11:00 a.m., Faith Life, speaker, Dr. Juliet Hurtig, Engineering

Athletics

Jan. 23

Noon, Men's and Women's Indoor Track & Field at Findlay Invitational

7:30 p.m., Men's and Women's Swimming & Diving vs. Mount Union, ONU Sports Center Natatorium

Jan. 24

9:00 a.m., Wrestling at Wabash, Ind., Classic, Crawfordsville, Ind.



Noon, Men's JV Basketball vs. Primetime Athletics, ONU Sports Center

3:00 p.m., Women's Basketball at Marietta

3:00 p.m., Men's Basketball vs. Marietta, ONU Sports Center

Jan. 26

7:00 p.m., Women's JV Basketball at Bluffton

7:30 p.m., Men's JV Basketball at Findlay

Jan. 27

7:30 p.m., Wrestling at Baldwin-Wallace

Jan. 28

5:30 p.m., Men's JV Basketball at Heidelberg

5:30 p.m., Women's JV Basketball vs. Heidelberg, ONU Sports Center

For more events, go to:

www-new.onu.edu/event