



Justice Lanzinger to Speak at Law Commencement

The Honorable Judith Ann Lanzinger, current justice on the Supreme Court of Ohio, will deliver the commencement address for the Pettit College of Law at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 17, in the Sports Center.

Elected as the 150th Supreme Court Justice in 2004, Lanzinger is the only person elected to all four levels of the Ohio judiciary. She has served on the Supreme Court of Ohio, the 6th District Court of Appeals, the Lucas County Court of Common Pleas and the Toledo Municipal Court.

Approximately 95 students are slated to receive law degrees. Dr. Kendall L. Baker, Ohio Northern president, will preside. In addition to juris doctor degrees, ONU will confer LL.M. degrees to nine lawyers from transitional and emerging democracies who have completed a yearlong course of intensive study in the Democratic Governance and Rule of Law program.

Three ONU Law graduates will receive honorary Doctor of Laws degrees: Jerome L. Skinner, a 1979 graduate from Cincinnati, Ohio, Charles VanDyne, a 1954 graduate from Alger, Ohio, and Reverend Monsignor James L. Ruef, a 1967 graduate from Columbus, Ohio.

Academically ranked at the top of her class, Jana Shearer, of North East, Pa., will deliver the student address, and David C. Crago, dean of the College of Law, will give remarks.

The National Anthem and the benediction will be performed by Kenitra Alexandra Cavin, a graduating law student from Colorado

Springs, Colo., Crystal Okoro, a second-year law student from North Little Rock, Ark., and Lindsey Miller, a first-year law student from Vicksburg, Miss. Graduating law students Sean Martin, of Plain City, Ohio, and John M. Mujuma, of Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania, will give the invocation and the spoken benediction, respectively.

Crago, assisted by members of the tenured law faculty, will place the academic hood upon each candidate, followed by Baker's presentation of the diplomas.

The Sports Center is scheduled to open for the commencement exercises at 12:30 p.m. A musical prelude will begin at 1:30 p.m., followed by the procession of faculty and juris doctorate candidates.

A reception for graduates and families will take place in the College of Law immediately following the ceremony.



ONU Prepares Prison Management Program for Saudi Arabian Students

Ohio Northern University will conduct a two-year prison management certificate program for prison administrators from Saudi Arabia that will begin this summer.

Ohio Northern will offer 30 prison management professionals, who already have bachelor's degrees and training, the opportunity to study the English language and criminal justice in Ohio Northern University's Department of History, Politics and Justice.

These professionals will come to ONU to study corrections and prison management to learn about and experience "best practices" in the United States and prepare them to provide leadership in reforming their own system when they return to Saudi Arabia.

While at ONU, the students will have formal course work and practical experience opportunities, weekend seminars and many on-site visits with professionals in the field. The program will include an internship, and they will also have the opportunity to study at The Washington Center.

ONU will hire additional ESL instructors, an assistant program coordinator and an interpreter. Many of the visiting professionals will live in campus apartments or in University housing off-campus.

Prior to the arrival of the Saudi students, Michael Wilhelm, the director of the Office of International students and Scholars at West Virginia University, will visit ONU and Ada May 21-22 to meet with all involved in the program as well as the community. There will be four information sessions open to the community. Individuals interested in the program or anyone who has questions about the impact of the students and families are encouraged to attend.

Thursday, May 21

11 a.m. — First United Methodist Church of Ada

1:30 p.m. — McIntosh Activities Room

6 p.m. — Ada Visiting Nurses Community Room

Friday, May 22

1:30 p.m. — McIntosh Ballroom

Honors Day, 2009



Dr. Anne Lippert, vice president for academic affairs, was the featured speaker at this year's Honors Day Convocation, May 9.

With music by the ONU Wind Orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Thomas Hunt, and speeches by Dr. Lippert and Honors Council President Jeff Otte, a graduating senior in biology from Maria Stein, Ohio, the convocation was a celebration of the academic excellence and leadership of ONU's students and faculty.

More than 1,200 students, family members, faculty and staff took part in a luncheon in the field house following the convocation. Music was provided by the ONU Steel Drum Band, under the direction of Dr. Sarah Waters.

Throughout the day, college and department honors were awarded, honor societies initiated new members and numerous awards were presented.

For photos of the day's events, to www-new.onu.edu/node/18696

Gospel Legends Honored

Adrienne Thompson-Bradshaw, interim dean of students, was among those honored at the Gospel Legends Award Banquet March 21 in Lima. She was honored for her weekly gospel music show on WONB and collaborative work with the Lima music community.

'Study Around the Globe'

On May 14, 10 ONU students who have studied abroad will present slides and talk about their experiences from 8 to 9:30 p.m., in the McIntosh Activities Room. Refreshments will reflect the cultures the students visited.

The event has been organized by Phi Beta Delta members Stephanie Wells, a senior in international studies from Dayton, Ohio, and Ben Wollet, a senior in history from Strongsville, Ohio. Dr. Michael Loghlin is the Phi Beta Delta coordinator.



Medicinal Herbs

Under the direction of Vicki Motz, visiting assistant professor of biological sciences, and David Kinder, professor of medicinal chemistry, a medicinal herb garden has been planted on the south side of the Hakes-Pierstorff Family Pharmacy Center.

Next fall, the special topics in medicinal herbs class will harvest the herbs to make herbal preparations.

The garden includes a natural willow sculpture by ONU's First Lady Toby Baker and signs identifying the plants.

A formal dedication for the garden will be held at 4 p.m., Monday, May 18.

Paper Commended

A paper by Paul L. Govekar, assistant professor of management, has received a "Highly Commended" citation from Emerald Publishing Group.

His paper, "An historical perspective on the Sarbanes-Oxley Act," was featured in the "Journal of Management History" and was one of three to receive the "Highly Commended" award.

Emerald Publishing makes the award to recognize and reward the efforts of its authors and editors and celebrate the outstanding contributions made to its journals and to the body of knowledge.

The papers are available at tinyurl.com/cyglrz until June 16.

'Just Jazz Inn': Live Music, Food, Fun

The Inn at Ohio Northern University presents "Just Jazz Inn," a weekly series of live music and dining events at The Inn's outdoor garden courtyard, beginning every Friday at 4:30 p.m.

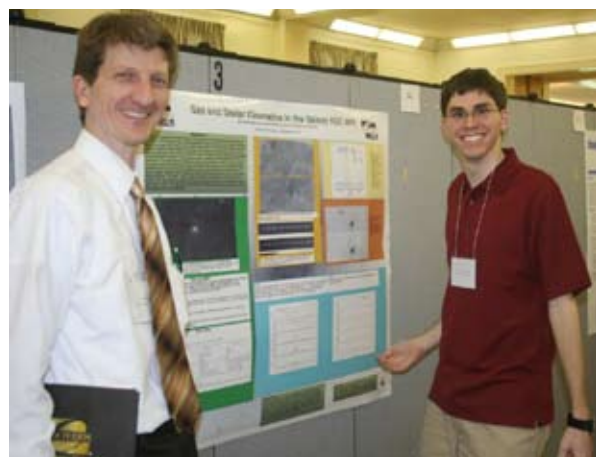
These weekly events are free and open to the public.

Musical guests on Friday, May 15, will be David Kosmyrna and Ray Heitger with the Cake Walkin' Jass Band.

To commemorate Just Jazz Inn, The Inn has developed a new outdoor grill menu, which contains burgers, salads, chicken and ribs. Entrée prices range from \$8 to \$12, while salad prices range from \$7 to \$9. The Inn's complete dining menu can be viewed at www.onu.edu/innmenu



From left, Lisa Meyers, a chemistry major from Leipsic, Ohio, and Sonya Adas, a chemistry major from Waterville, Ohio, pose with Melitta Caragiu, associate professor of physics, at the OSAPS spring meeting.



Jason Pinkney, left, associate professor of physics, and James Gallagher, a physics major from Medina, Ohio, review poster presentations.

ONU Hosts Physics Meeting

Ohio Northern hosted physicists from Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, West Virginia and Michigan on April 24-25 for the spring meeting of the Ohio Section of the American Physical Society (OSAPS).

Three ONU faculty members now serve on the executive committee of OSAPS. They are Vice Chair Jason Pinkney, Chair Terry Sheridan and Past Chair Mellita Caragiu.

The theme for the spring meeting was “Plasma FUNDamentals.” Four leading researchers in plasma physics gave invited talks. These included Earl Scime of West Virginia University, John Goree of University of Iowa, Linn van Woerkom of Ohio State University and Matt Goeckner from the University of Texas, Dallas.

Shorter talks and posters gave results on such diverse topics as dinosaur locomotion and extragalactic astrophysics. All of the talks and poster sessions were held in the McIntosh Center.

One highlight of the meeting was the Friday night banquet held at The Inn at ONU. The string quartet “Lighthouse Strings,” led by ONU’s Rachel Pinkney, provided the entertainment.

The meeting was attended by more than 120 people. There were 62 paper abstracts submitted; 27 were posters and the other 35 were oral presentations.

Many ONU students and professors participated. ONU students presenting research included: Sonya Adas, a senior in chemistry from Waterville, Ohio; Eric Gossett, a senior in mathematics from Canal Winchester, Ohio; Josh Stoffel, a senior in mathematics

from Reynoldsberg, Ohio; Craig Koontz, a senior in physics from Ottawa, Ohio; Andrew Magyar, a senior in mathematics from Saint Clairsville, Ohio; Lisa Meyers, a senior in chemistry from Leipsic, Ohio; and Brian Sacash, a senior in physics from Novelty, Ohio; and James Gallagher, a senior in physics from Medina, Ohio.

ONU faculty members Mellita Caragiu, William Fuller, Todd McAlpine, Jason Pinkney, Maria Sheridan and Terry Sheridan presented research or advised on student research.

Caragiu took the lead in organizing this meeting with the help of most of the participating ONU students.

OSAPS encourages student participation in its meetings to facilitate networking and research.

Meetings are held biannually and have recently been hosted by large institutions such as Ohio State University, Youngstown State University and Wright State University. This was the first time for ONU to host the event.

The next OSAPS meeting will be held at Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio.

Emergency Planning, June 3

ONU will be the location for an Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Ohio (AICUO) tabletop training session for emergency preparedness on June 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Teams from AICUO-member institutions will test their emergency plans for unexpected situations such as natural disasters, campus violence or health-related situations like a flu pandemic.

Teams of five from each campus will take on a mock campus disaster under the guidance of an institutional disaster-training consultant.

At a second session on June 16 at Hiram College, participants will focus on disaster recovery and business continuity post-incident.

To learn about ONU’s disaster plans, check your department’s Emergency manual, or for a brief overview, go to tinyurl.com/p5paxf

Symphony to Pay Tribute to Beethoven

The ONU Symphony Orchestra celebrates one of history’s most distinguished composers with an all-Beethoven program in the Freed Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday, May 16, at 8 p.m. with a pre-show discussion at 7:15 p.m.

Conductor Lloyd Butler will lead the orchestra through two of Beethoven’s greatest works: Symphony No. 3 “Eroica” and Piano Concerto No. 3, which will feature Dr. Rebecca Casey, associate professor of music, on piano.

Tickets are \$15 for general admission and are available online at www.freedcenter.com

Northern Events May 14 - 20

Campus Events

May 16

1:00 p.m., Rehearsal for Law Commencement, Field House

May 17

11:00 a.m., Law Commencement Brunch, McIntosh Ballroom

2:00 p.m., Law Commencement, Field House



3:00 p.m., Law Commencement Reception, College of Law

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

May 18

4:30 p.m., Undergraduate Exam Treats

Arts and Lectures

May 16

8:00 p.m., Beethoven-3 with the ONU Symphony, Freed Center

May 17

2:00 p.m., Son's Rays Spring Concert, Chapel

May 19

8:00 p.m., Dance Composition Recital, Stambaugh Studio Theatre, Freed Center

Athletics

May 14

10:00 a.m., Outdoor Track & Field at North Central, Ill., Invitational

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1:30 p.m., Softball vs. Messiah, 2009 Championships, Montclair State University, N.J.

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