Union College News

$11 million gift will have far-reaching impact on campus

An $11 million gift from the Feigenbaum Foundation will help support a major renovation of the Visual Arts building, provide a four-year, need-based scholarship to a Berkshire County student annually, endow a professorship and establish an annual forum on innovation and creativity. The foundation was created by brothers Armand V. Feigenbaum '42 and Donald S. Feigenbaum '46.

Union mourns loss of Professor Birecka

Helena Birecka, professor emerita of biological sciences, a woman recalled as a "brilliant colleague and teacher" who led an active research program focused on alkaloid biochemistry in plants, died March 20, 2015. She was 93.

Two students named Watson Fellows

Karlee Bergendorff and Warren Thompson will travel the world next year, funded by the prestigious Thomas J. Watson Fellowship Program. The seniors were among the 50 students selected as fellows from more than 700 candidates nominated by private liberal arts colleges and universities in the United States.

Don't miss #ADay4U

April 21 -- #ADAY4U -- will be filled with fun and excitement, so please join us!

This 24-hour donor challenge for alumni, parents, faculty, staff, students and friends is an effort to bring our community together to demonstrate the impact Union College has had on our lives. Help us paint the idol as we climb to our goal of 2,100 donors. Haven't made your gift in a while, or ever? Be one of 421 new donors -- we have a special incentive for you! Check out the College website, Facebook, Twitter or ADAY4U for information, updates or to

UNION IN THE MEDIA

The College recently held its third annual Dutchmen Dip to raise funds for students with cancer. This year's event raised more than $15,000. Read more about the event in the Daily Gazette. Additional coverage of Union in the Media is available here.

STEINMETZ SYMPOSIUM

On May 8 -- the 25th anniversary of the Steinmetz Symposium -- we invite all alumni back to campus to celebrate student creative, scholarly and research achievement. Please join at the evening's banquet, too (6 p.m., College Park Hall). Details and registration information can be found here.

CHANGE THE FUTURE WITH A FEW WORDS

Including the College in your estate plans is as simple as adding a few words to your will or by naming Union the beneficiary of an insurance policy or retirement plan. Estate designations have endowed professorships and scholarships and so much more, ensuring that we will attract the very best faculty and students. These few words can shape the College for generations to come. Union's proper corporate name is: "The Trustees of Union College in the City of Schenectady in the State of New York." For more information contact the Office of Gift Planning.
make your gift on April 21.

Come back for ReUnion

ReUnion (May 29 - 31) offers a special welcome to classes ending in 5 and 0 -- and the Class of 2014 celebrates its first ReUnion -- but all alumni are invited to reconnect with friends and see what's old and new on campus. Highlights include the Karp Hall dedication, Minerva's Footrace, academic receptions, dance and theatre performances, an alumnae panel, a 200th anniversary celebration of North and South Colleges, the all-class Lobster Fest and fireworks. Registration is now open.

Championing success

A new program, launched in the fall, offers faculty mentoring to student-athletes. So far, 18 of the 26 athletic programs have mentors. Much like advisers, they are available to offer support to an academically strong group of student-athletes, who collectively have an impressive grade point average of 3.2, in line with the general student body.

Have a job opening? Hire a Union student

Students, especially seniors just finishing their theses, are continuing to conduct job and internship searches. If your organization has recruiting needs, contact Rochelle Caruso (carusor@union.edu), senior associate director of employer relations at the Becker Career Center, for details about posting a position for Union students.

Support Union's student-athletes

Spring is here! Join Union Athletics' staff, alumni and friends at one -- or all -- of these great events to support the Dutchmen and Dutchwomen. Registration for the Friends of Union Athletics Golf Classic (May 18, The Edison Club) is open now, and later this spring you'll be able to register for the Garnet Blades Golf Outing (May 29, Stadium Golf Club) or the Dick Roberts '50 Memorial Gridiron Club Golf Tournament (July 31, The Mohawk Club). Mark your calendars and save the dates, we'd love to see you hit the links for our student-athletes.

Alumni in the News

A career in endocrinology

SHARE STEINMETZ MEMORIES

On May 8, we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Steinmetz Symposium, an exposition of student scholarly and creative achievement. If you presented at Steinmetz as a student, share your memories of the experience. Email caseyc@union.edu with your story.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 24, 2015
Health professions dinner
Philadelphia, Penn.

April 29, 2015
D.C. term networking
Washington, D.C.

May 3, 2015
Guided tour of the Cloisters
New York, N.Y.

May 8, 2015
Steinmetz Symposium
Union College

May 18, 2015
Friends of Union Athletics Golf Classic
Rexford, N.Y.

May 29, 2015
Garnet Blades Golf Outing
Schenectady, N.Y.

May 29-31, 2015
ReUnion
Union College

July 31, 2015
Dick Roberts '50 Memorial Gridiron Club Golf Tournament
Schenectady, N.Y.

More events are listed here.

LET US KNOW

Have you changed careers? Traveled? Won an award, gotten married or had a baby? Been published or promoted? Email classnotes@union.edu. Photos are
Dr. Allison Graziadei '01 was featured in the Troy Record recently. The Q&A focused on her career with Capital Region Diabetes & Endocrine Care in the Clifton Park, N.Y.

Soon you'll be able to join a FREE, online alumni community designed just for U. Launching soon, UConnect offers:

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