

CoSM News!

On the Horizon

Alumni lunches, an alumni social event at the February 19 men's basketball game, a celebration of the 25th anniversary of the WSU BMS program. Watch your mailbox and the college Web site for more details as they become available.

Congratulations

Congrats to Leeanne and Christine for recognizing Joyce Howes and Stacia Edwards in the last *Equation*. Each received an official College of Science and Mathematics shirt.

Shirts

Official CoSM sport shirts (100% cotton) are now available for purchase in a variety of colors (see <http://www.wright.edu/cosm/shirts/>). The shirts feature the WSU biplane logo; below it on two lines is the text Wright State University College of Science and Mathematics. These shirts are unisex sized from XS to 6XL. Shirts are \$25 plus \$5.00 shipping. Please allow four weeks for delivery. Call (937) 775-3203 for more information.

Awards and Recognition Day

On June 10, the CoSM held its first Awards and Recognition Day in the multi-purpose room of the Students Union. The accomplishments of students, faculty, and staff were recognized. In addition to remarks by Dean Wheatly, Provost David Hopkins spoke to the attendees. More than 20 students were present to accept their scholarship awards and nearly 25 others were recognized for their honors work (university, department of general honors). Officials said the scholarship amounts varied from \$500 to more than \$5,000 and included individual awards from several academic departments and scholarships named after individuals and businesses.

Three faculty members were also honored for teaching excellence. They are Glenn Dahl, a lecturer in mathematics and statistics; Eric Fossum, Ph.D., an assistant professor in chemistry; and Michael Hennessy, Ph.D., a professor of psychology. The Graduate Teaching Award for excellence in teaching went to Grady Burkett, a mathematics major. Nine retiring faculty members received a beautiful wooden chair from the college as a token of appreciation for more than 25 years of service to WSU.

Legacy for Science

When Emily Webb died at the age of 79 late in 2002, she and her husband Henry, who preceded her in death, left a legacy devoted to scientific discovery at Wright State University. Of modest means, this couple wanted to "make a mark" for their community and willed the majority of their estate, more than \$850,000, to the research program of Lawrence J. Prochaska, Professor of biochemistry and molecular biology (BMB) in both the College of Science and Mathematics and School of Medicine.

Prochaska's research focuses upon the energy and oxygen requirements of the heart and brain. "The money from the Webb's generous gift will enable us to expand our research efforts and to try innovative approaches in our experiments," says Prochaska. "I am most grateful for the trust and confidence the Webbs placed in me." Dan Organisciak, professor and chair of the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular biology, adds, "Mrs. Webb was a gracious lady who visited Wright State several times and it was a pleasure to know her. I am delighted that she chose the department and the work of Dr. Prochaska in her bequest."

Mr. and Mrs. Webb were long-time residents of Dayton, and both retired from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base after 34 years of service.

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National Environmental Sciences Honor Society Started at Wright State University

A national honor society in the environmental sciences was recently founded at Wright State University. Pi Epsilon (<http://www.piepsilon.org>) is for undergraduate and graduate students, with 14 members comprising the first chapter at Wright State. The purpose of the society is to promote the study of environmental sciences through recognition of exemplary scholarly and professional activity. The society and its members seek to promote interdisciplinary studies and interactions between industry and academia to further the study of environmental science.

"With our strong science and engineering ties in the Miami Valley, this society is a good match for Wright State to enrich the dialogue on environmental issues within our community," said Wayne Carmichael, Ph.D., a WSU professor of biological sciences and faculty advisor to Pi Epsilon. "Our recently established doctorate program in environmental sciences is an example of how Wright State makes our community stronger by providing students with challenging and rewarding degree opportunities," said Carmichael, who also directs this doctorate program at Wright State. Pi Epsilon awarded the society's first scholarship to Christina Hitchcock, an environmental health major from Dayton.



Plans call for developing additional chapters at Ohio colleges and universities in 2005, with a nationwide recruitment program to begin in 2006. Carmichael said the 14 charter members at WSU come from the U.S., China, and India and represent the multidisciplinary backgrounds of biology, chemistry, geology, engineering, and environmental sciences.