



# SCIENTIA

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR COLLEGE OF SCIENCE STUDENTS

## MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Welcome to Fall 2008. Both new and returning students will undoubtedly find the campus greatly changed since last year. The construction all around campus is a visible sign of the exciting initiatives underway to continually improve the University and the College. Within the next two years, we will have a new Student Center, and, yes, more parking.

At the same time, we've been working hard to continually improve and

upgrade your CSU College of Science experience. You'll find many exciting new student activities on campus. We continue to be fortunate in hiring outstanding new faculty, and, as described in this newsletter, we continue to increase educational programs in areas of high demand. The College of Science has long embraced the University's signature focus on engaged learning. Every student in the College has multiple opportunities for involvement in

campus life and in the life of the community. I encourage you to participate in these, as they will enrich your educational experience and position you to move on to full participation in the community. We're delighted to have you here, and I wish you great success in your academic endeavors. Best wishes for a rewarding and enjoyable year.

*Bette Bander*

## NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS ON THE HORIZON

As a new academic year begins, College of Science students will find more opportunities awaiting. From new degree programs to engaging community activities, the College of Science is expanding into exciting new areas!

In the Department of Psychology, a new graduate program with an emphasis on Adult Development and Aging has been approved. This PhD program will be a joint venture with The University of Akron and will admit students beginning in Fall 2009. Those who are interested in the field of aging should also take note of the new "Community Engagement: Cleveland's Outstanding Aging Service Organizations" series. Each month, tours and information sessions will be held at leading local aging agencies (see the Calendar of Events on page 3 for exact dates and locations).

In the Department of Chemistry, a new Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences program awaits final approval by the State of Ohio.

Our pre-med programs have also been enhanced. A new relationship with the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine (NEOUCOM) boasts a direct entry program for Cleveland State students and is expected to begin in Fall 2009.

Finally, a new Science Entrepreneurship certificate is moving through the approval process and is expected to be in place for Spring 2009. This program would give science majors some fundamental understanding of business principles and processes to help prepare them for positions in the various biomedical companies that are growing rapidly in Northeast Ohio.

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## DID YOU KNOW...

...463 College of Science students were recognized on the **Dean's List** for the Spring 2008 semester, and we are eagerly awaiting the list of Summer 2008 Dean's List students. Congratulations to those full-time students who earned a minimum grade point average of 3.25. As a celebration of their accomplishments, the Dean will host an Ice Cream Social on October 2nd (see Calendar of Events on page 3).

...the College of Science was awarded funding for the **Choose Ohio First** initiative, which promotes the pursuit of fields such as science, engineering, technology, and mathematics.

...the College of Science's first center of excellence, the **Center for Gene Regulation in Health and Disease** (GRHD) will be officially formed this semester.

...**6 new faculty members**, representing the departments of Mathematics, Health Sciences, and Psychology, are joining the College of Science this academic year.

...Ms. Donna Helwig, Administrative Coordinator in the Department of Health Sciences, was honored with the **Outstanding Staff** award at a reception on August 12th. Congratulations, Donna!

...Imaan Benmerzouga, a Biology major, was recognized as **Cleveland State's Valedictorian** as well as the **College of Science Valedictorian** for spring 2008. Congratulations, Imann!

...Ellen Bronder of Psychology, Andrea D'Amore of Health Sciences, Patricia Donovan of Psychology, and Erika Mignogna of Mathematics, all spring 2008 graduates, were honored as **College of Science Outstanding Seniors**.

...College of Science alumna Dr. Christine Moravec, a research scientist at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation's Kaufman Center for Heart Failure was honored as a **Distinguished Alumni**.

... 2007 Physics graduate **Serkalem Wondimgezu** is now employed at the Greater Baltimore Medical Center in Baltimore, Maryland.

...2007 Physics graduate **Angeni Lemieux** resides in Gilbert, Arizona and works as a Medical Physicist.

...2005-2006 Physics Fellow, **Manuela Krizbai**, is employed by CMS Inc. software company in St. Louis.

...Physics sophomore **Krista Freeman** was quoted in an article on Cleveland.com about factors which influence students' selection of colleges and universities.

...7 Cleveland State students have been **admitted into the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Pharmacy** Doctor of Pharmacy program. Congratulations Pharmacy Class of 2012!

### TELL US YOUR STORY!

Our goal is to see our students succeed. We would be happy to receive updates from our students and would love to acknowledge your accomplishments!

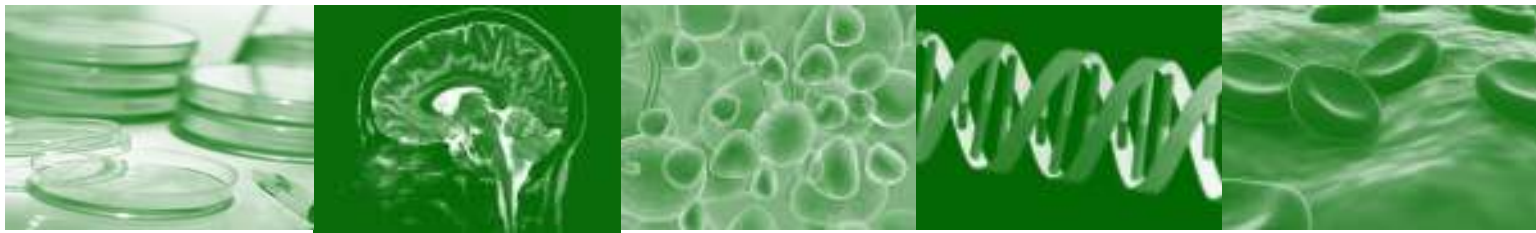
Students: Did you land a prestigious internship? Find your full-time "dream job" after you graduated? Gain acceptance into a Graduate program or professional school?

Faculty: Do you know of a student or group of students who are doing extraordinary things, in or out of the classroom?

Contact Kristy Tokarczyk at [k.tokarczyk@csuohio.edu](mailto:k.tokarczyk@csuohio.edu) or by phone at 216-875-9810. Share your accomplishments, and we'll feature your story in an upcoming issue of *Scientia!*

The Newsletter now has  
a name!  
Special thanks to Terry  
Bauman for the winning  
suggestion!





## FALL 2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Remember to check College of Science news and events online at <http://www.csuohio.edu/sciences/news.html>

Friday, September 5th—**Deadline to drop classes** (8:00 pm)

Wednesday, September 10th—Community Engagement on Aging: **Eliza Jennings**, 3:30-5:00 pm

Friday, September 12th—**Interdisciplinary Conference on Delirium**, hosted by the University of Akron  
<http://www.csuohio.edu/sciences/dcbrochure.pdf>

Thursday, October 2nd—**Ice Cream Social**, 3:00-5:00 pm, SR Atrium, for Spring and Summer 2008 Dean's List students

Friday, October 3rd—**Exciting Careers in the 21st Century**, 9:00 am-2:00 pm, Physical Education Building

Friday, October 31st—**Outstanding Teaching Award**—contact the Dean's Office to nominate your instructor

Wednesday, October 15th—Community Engagement on Aging: **MetroHealth Senior Health & Wellness**, 3:30-5:00 pm

Saturday, October 18th—Free **Practice PCAT Exam**, sponsored by Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions

Friday, October 31st—**Deadline to withdraw from Fall classes** (8:00 pm)

Wednesday, November 19th—Community Engagement on Aging: **Concordia Care**, 3:30-5:00 pm

December 8-13th—**Final Exams**

Wednesday, December 17th—Community Engagement on Aging: **Menorah Park**, 3:30-5:00 pm

Wednesday, January 21st—Community Engagement on Aging: **Fairhill**, 3:30-5:00 pm

## SPRING AND SUMMER 2008 SCRAPBOOK



ABOVE, RIGHT  
Students present  
research at 2008  
College of  
Science  
Research Day



RIGHT  
Panelists at the first-ever  
Design a Life Conference



LEFT  
Dean Bonder  
presents Dr. Komar  
with the 2008  
Outstanding  
Research Award



LEFT  
Provost Saunders  
and Dr. Oprea, 2008  
Outstanding  
Research Award

RIGHT  
Donna Helwig, 2008  
Outstanding Staff  
Award recipient, with  
Dean Bonder



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The *Scientia* newsletter will be published at the beginning of each of the fall and spring semesters.

We want to hear from you! The *Scientia* newsletter is designed with students in mind! Please send your feedback to the Editor, including any special sections that you would like to see included in future issues!

## SPOTLIGHT ON... COLLEGE OF SCIENCE ACADEMIC ADVISING

Each semester, *Scientia* will spotlight a different area of interest.

The College of Science Advising Center has undergone many significant changes in its first year of operation and is looking forward to making additional changes in the coming year to maximize the availability of advising and advising-related information.

This academic year, there will be **two new academic advisors** on-hand to assist you with your General Education and other questions and concerns. Shawn Nickens comes to Cleveland State after having served as an advisor at Cuyahoga Community College. Natalia Streletzky, a CSU graduate and former academic advisor for the Department of Health Sciences, has also joined the College of Science Advising Center team.

In addition to new staff members, the Advising Center, like many student services units across campus, is now offering **additional hours of operation**. The Advising Center will be open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, and Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. In addition, students will be able to seek advising the first and third Saturday of each month (with the exception of holiday weekends) by visiting the Exploratory Advising Center, MC 110, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

In addition to offering more evening and weekend availability, the Advising Center is also looking forward to increasing students' options for contacting the Center and scheduling appointments. Student advising appointments will continue to be scheduled in person in MC 218B or over the phone at 216-687-9321. This fall, the Center will unveil the option for students to **schedule appointments online**, anytime day or night. Through the online system, students will be able to view the availability of advisors or search for days and times which match their own availability. The system will also generate an automatic email reminder for the scheduled appointment.

As a final improvement to academic advising, a new addition is currently being proposed for CampusNet. In the proposed enhancement, CampusNet would display the name and contact information of your academic advisor(s). Look for more information about this initiative in our spring issue!

**Contact or visit us today!**  
**College of Science Advising Center—MC 218B**  
**216-687-9321, [cosadvising@csuohio.edu](mailto:cosadvising@csuohio.edu)**



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