Spring Commencement speakers announced

An alumna and the co-founder of Gannon Associates Insurance will be guest speakers at the spring Commencement ceremonies.

Erin Bailey ’04-’10M, associate business analyst for The College of Global Studies at Arcadia University in Glenside, will speak at the graduate ceremony at 7 p.m., May 12, in the H. Ric Luhrs Performing Arts Center. No tickets are needed for the Friday night ceremony in the Luhrs Center. Guests are asked to be in their seats by 6:45 p.m. Approximately 250 students are expected to participate in the program.

Tom Abell, co-founder of Gannon Associates Insurance and SU Foundation Board Member, will be the guest speaker at the undergraduate commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 13. That ceremony begins at 11 a.m. in Seth Grove Stadium. Approximately 1,000 undergraduate students are expected to participate in the ceremony. No tickets are needed for that ceremony if it is outdoors.

Bailey started her professional career as a customer service representative for Merck products and has been steadily taking on more challenging roles since. In 2012, she began working as a research analyst for Holy Family University in Philadelphia.

During this time, she co-presented at regional and national conferences of the Association for Institutional Research on the topic of institutional efforts to streamline the burden of external reporting. When she transitioned into the enrollment information analyst role at Holy Family, she accidentally discovered that she has a knack for the technical world as she spearheaded the implementation of the university’s new customer relationship management platform, Salesforce.

These experiences led Bailey to pursue her current position at The College of Global Studies. She has found a niche within the higher education community that allows her to draw on her educational background in psychology while using technology to enhance user experiences.

Abell grew up on a dairy farm in the town of Warren Center in the northeast corner of Bradford County Pennsylvania. As a young man, he exhibited an entrepreneurial knack for running small business ventures. He cleaned septic tanks, did custom plowing and planting for local farmers, and cut stone from a family stone quarry for local contractors. These jobs would later allow him to pay his own way through college.

A graduate of Mansfield University, he served on the Council of Trustees for his alma mater. After college, he taught fourth grade and coached baseball and boys and girls basketball in Towanda. He went on to do graduate work at Cornell University, Penn State, and Elmira College, where he earned his master’s degree.

In 1978, he left teaching to partner with Max Gannon to form Gannon Associates Insurance. Together, they built a successful insurance organization that has over 100 employees and does business in 49 states.

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**Fulbright Scholar to speak May 3**

Fulbright Research Scholar Dr. Donghong Liu will speak on Wednesday, May 3 at 6:30 p.m. in Grove Hall Forum. Her lecture, “Cultural Perceptions of Higher Education in China and America: When East Meets West” is free and open to the public.

Liu is currently a Fulbright Research Scholar at Purdue University. She is a professor at Central China Normal University in Wuhan, China, where she also serves as vice director of the Institute for Linguistics Studies. Her research and publication topics include pragmatics, rhetoric and second language acquisition.

Her lecture will examine the differing cultural assumptions about the role of education that persists in the age of globalization. She will also discuss the contrasts between higher education in the U.S. and China.

The program is sponsored by the Departments of Human Communications Studies, History/Philosophy, Modern Languages, Sociology/Anthropology, Teacher Education and the International Studies Program.

For more information, contact Dr. Hong Wang at howang@ship.edu.

**Student awarded Newman Civic Fellowship**

Non–traditional student and social work major Amanda Smith was recently named a 2017 Newman Civic Fellow. This national fellowship, offered through Campus Compact, recognizes and supports community-committed students invested in finding solutions to challenges facing their communities.

The one-year fellowship, which begins this fall, will provide Smith with learning opportunities to develop the skills needed to serve as an effective agent of change in the community. Smith is one of 273 fellows selected for 2017.

Smith is a volunteer with the Shippensburg Community Resource Coalition, and Shippensburg Produce and Outreach. She also established the Circle of Love, a nonprofit clothing bank for the underserved.

Motivated by her own personal adversity as a widow and single parent of two children, Smith is dedicated to helping the community and looks forward to the experience the Newman Civic Fellowship offers.

“Serving those in the community is thought to be a kind gesture for those in need, but in reality the real benefit goes to the person serving. Never has my heart been so full,” she said.

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Now a resident of Carlisle, he serves on the Shippensburg University Foundation Board of Directors and is an avid Red Raider fan, especially men’s and women’s basketball.

**Inclement weather information**

In the event of inclement weather, the undergraduate program will be split into two ceremonies and held in Heiges Field House and tickets are required. Members of the John L. Grove College of Business and the College of Education and Human Services will participate in the 11 a.m. ceremony, and members of the College of Arts and Sciences will participate in the 3 p.m. ceremony.

Any location change decision and information will be provided by 7 a.m. on May 13. This information can be found by calling Hotline at (717) 477-1200 or by visiting the Ship webpage or social media sites.

Additional information for graduates and guests, including ticket details, is available at http://www.ship.edu/graduation.
SHAPE Gallery to feature student photography

The SHAPE Gallery in Shippensburg will display the work of SU students in an exhibit that opens on April 21. Students in the Communication/Journalism Department worked with renowned photojournalist, Stan Honda, to capture the sights of south-central Pennsylvania. The students spent the semester studying with Honda and learning about photojournalism. The exhibit showcases photos taken from their final projects, a picture story of five to ten photos. The subjects of the stories are as varied as the students.

SHAPE Gallery, located at 19 East King Street, will host a reception with Honda and students on April 26, from 6 to 8 p.m. The exhibit is on display at the gallery until May 12. For more information, contact Dr. Kim Garris at KDGarr@ship.edu.

Math major receives Goldwater Scholarship

Sophomore Honors Program student and mathematics major Tristan Phillips recently received a Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation Scholarship. Phillips is SU’s first Goldwater recipient.

This federally endowed scholarship program honors Senator Barry Goldwater and was designed to foster and encourage outstanding students to pursue careers in the fields of mathematics, the natural sciences and engineering.

Goldwater scholars are selected based on academic merit and are nominated by campus representatives from 2,000 colleges and universities nationwide. Phillips was one of 240 sophomore and junior scholars selected. He credited his mentor Dr. Lenny Jones, professor of mathematics, Ship’s Goldwater faculty representative; Dr. John Richardson, professor of chemistry; and director of SU Honors Program Dr. Kim Klein, for assisting him with his successful application.

“We are enormously proud of Tristan’s success in this highly competitive national scholarship program. An important key to Tristan’s achievement was his engagement in undergraduate research projects beginning in his freshman year,” said Klein.

Phillips is a member of SU’s Chess Club and a volunteer assistant for the cross country and track and field teams. He hopes to one day become a mathematics researcher and professor.

GBLUES plant sale

The Grace B Luhrs University Elementary School (GBLUES) will host its annual plant sale on May 11 through May 13.

Thursday, May 11: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Friday, May 12: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 13: 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

The sale takes place at GBLUES playground. Please enter through the playground gate at the rear of the school. Proceeds from the sale benefit educational equipment and opportunities for students. For more information call 477-1612.

Dr. Nicole Hill named dean of College of Education and Human Services

Nicole R. Hill, Ph.D., LPC has been named dean of the College of Education and Human Services at Shippensburg University and she will begin her duties on July 1, 2017.

Dr. Hill, chair of the Department of Counseling and Human Services at Syracuse University, was chosen after a national search following the retirement of Dr. James R. Johnson. Before her position as chair, she served as interim dean of the Graduate School and chair of the Department of Counseling at Idaho State University.

“Over the last 7 years, Dr. Hill has served in leadership and management positions that have prepared her to understand the complexity of issues emergent in a College of Education and Human Services,” said Dr. Tracy Schoolcraft, acting provost and vice president of academic affairs.

“She is well qualified to strategically engage in program evolution, student support, shared governance and program quality assurance.”

As a dual major in psychology and sociology, Dr. Hill received her undergraduate degree from Hanover College. Her master’s degree in community agency counseling and rehabilitation counseling was from Ohio University as was her doctoral degree in counselor education.

Her scholarly interests include leadership development, academic resiliency, counseling children and adolescents, multicultural counseling competencies, professional development of faculty and graduate students and mentoring. She has published in nationally recognized journals and regularly presents at international, national, regional, and state conferences.

Dr. Hill said her professional initiatives focus on cultivating faculty and student development, championing humanistic engagement in professional communities and advocating for excellence. She described her leadership roles on executive boards of Chi Sigma Iota, Association for Counselor Education and Supervision, and Counselors for Social Justice, as contributing to her broad understanding of how to advance the counseling profession through service and advocacy. She is currently serving as President-Elect of Chi Sigma Iota, the International Honor Society for Professional Counselors.

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Coming soon....

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       PIPPIN, 7:30 p.m., Luhrs Performing Arts Center
May 6  Baseball hosts Millersville, 1 and 3 p.m., Fairchild Field
May 12 Graduate Commencement Ceremony, 7:00 p.m., Luhrs Performing Arts Center
May 13 ROTC Commissioning Ceremony, 8:00 a.m., Old Main Chapel
May 13 Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony, 11:00 a.m., Seth Grove Stadium
May 22 Summer Session A starts
May 29 Memorial Day, university closed
June 9 Council of Trustees public meeting, 11:30 a.m., Old Main Chapel
June 30 Summer Session A ends
July 3 Summer Session B starts
July 4 Independence Day, university closed
August 11 Summer Session B ends

For more details on university events, please go to www.ship.edu/events.
For more details on athletic events, please go to www.shipraiders.com.