

# Calendar of Events

**15<sup>Thurs</sup>**

• Intersivity Christian Fellowship meeting, 7:30pm, Reed 114

**16<sup>Fri</sup>**

**17<sup>Sat</sup>**

**18<sup>Sun</sup>**

**19<sup>Mon</sup>**

• Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration, Commons, 4pm  
 • Speaker: Charles Johnson-"The King We Left Behind," Commons, 7:30pm  
 • Career Development Center-"How to Use the Career Development Center," Reed 3, 7-8pm

**20<sup>Tues</sup>**

**21<sup>Wed</sup>**

• S.G.A. meeting, Reed 114, 5:30pm

**22<sup>Thurs</sup>**

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All submissions for the calendar should be made available to the Collegian by 5:00pm on the Monday before publication.

Please send via inter-office mail to the Collegian Calendar Editor, drop it off at the Collegian office, or send it to BEHRCOLL3@aol.com.

The Collegian cannot guarantee publication of events due to space constraints. The Collegian also reserves the right to edit any material submitted for publication. The calendar is intended for Behrend notices and events.

## Events

On Monday, January 19, Behrend will again celebrate the birth and life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The holiday events include:

- 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Fifth Annual Family Breakfast - Dobbins Hall
  - All are invited. Please RSVP to the Office of Student Activities, 898-6171, by Thursday, January 15.
  - 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. All-College Celebration - Featured Speaker: Charles Johnson, "The King We Left Behind" - Reed Commons
  - 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Roundtable Discussion with Charles Johnson, Multi-Cultural Resource Center (First Floor Reed)
  - 7:30 p.m. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Dinner - Reed Commons
- To reserve your seat please call the Office of Student Activities by Thursday, January 15.

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## Notices

Intersivity Christian Fellowship meetings 7:30 p.m. Thursday, January 15 and Thursday, January 22, Reed 114.

Student Government Association meeting 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 21, Reed 114.

The Reed Commons is available for study and relaxation everyday. Please take advantage of this facility.

The Blue Bus has new hours effective December 3. Check the RUB desk for the new Blue Bus schedule.

The Studio Theatre has announced auditions for the musical comedy "The Pirates of Penzance." Auditions will be held on Monday, January 26 and Tuesday, January 27 at 6:00 p.m. in the Studio Theatre. Production dates are scheduled for March 26, 27, 28, 29 at 8:00 p.m. and March 29 at 2:30 p.m. For more information call Tony Elliot at 898-6279.

The Career Development Center will be holding a workshop about "How to Use the Career Development Center" on Monday, January 19 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Reed 3. Contact the C.D.C. for more information at 898-6164.

Pick-up a Penn State Behrend 1998-99 Leadership Scholarship Application from the Financial Aid Office or call 898-6162 for more information. Deadlines for the application are Friday, February 27, 1998.

Penn State has introduced a new process for spring semester 1998. All students who are planning to graduate in May of 1998 must notify the University by Monday, January 26th of their intention to graduate.

Students who plan to graduate must call the Telephone Registration and Graduation System at 814-863-9000 before Monday, January 26th. The office is open Monday through Friday, 7:45 a.m. to 10:45 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:15 a.m. through 4:45 p.m.

Students who fail to notify the University of their plans to graduate will not be informed of further steps which must be taken throughout the semester in order to receive their degree.

Related information concerning graduation for spring semester 1998 may be found by accessing the Registrar's homepage at [www.psu.edu/registrar/](http://www.psu.edu/registrar/).

Behrend has continued its growing support of undergraduate research by awarding twenty-five research grants totaling \$13,587 to thirty-one students for the 1997/98 academic year. Since 1988 the College has presented \$168,339 to students who propose undergraduate research. "Recent studies indicate that students who participate in undergraduate research projects are more likely to be accepted at prestigious schools, and ultimately, to have better employment opportunities," said Dr. Robert Light, associate provost and associate dean.

Undergraduates receiving research grants will pursue their projects with faculty during the spring semester of 1998. Grant money is used to offset students' research expenses such as travel, library loans, materials, and photocopying. In the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, an award of \$500 was presented to junior psychology majors Gary Caldwell from New Kensington, Marcie Shander, from Sharon, and Timothy Smith, from Butler, for their proposal, "Mood Inducement Effects in Lexical Decisions: ERP Evidence Supporting Mood Congruency Lateralization." Junior psychology major Colton Skorupan from Beaver and senior psychology major Roxzana Kelly from Ozone Park, N.Y., received a grant of \$500 to study "The Relationship of Cognitive Capacity and Visualization Skills to the Success of Engineering Students." Junior psychology major Alesia Petro of Morrisdale was awarded \$500 to study "The Effects of Cognitive Factors and Personality on Extinction and Spontaneous Recovery," and sophomore liberal arts major Shannon Lenze of St.

Mary's received \$500 to study "Event-Related Potentials in the Processing of Language." Communication major Lisa Fuhrman of Erie was awarded \$282 to create "An Analysis of Orientation Programs for Returning Adult Students."

In the School of Engineering and Engineering Technology, senior electrical engineering major Alan Hall of Erie, winner of the 1997 Goldwater Scholarship, received an award of \$500 to study "Automatic Shot Boundary Defection in Compressed Digital Video." A group of senior mechanical engineering majors including Darren Giles of Saegertown, Stephen Kennedy of Jamestown, Pa., Brian Schumaker of Great Valley, N.Y., and Leroy Warren of Erie were granted \$1,500 to create the School's 1998 Supermileage Vehicle.

In the School of Business, Todd Shade, a junior business economics major from Erie, was awarded \$500 to study "Economic Growth Paths for Small and Medium Metro Areas: Implications for Erie's Economy." Junior management information systems major David Krauzza II of Erie received \$500 for his proposal, "Augmentation of an Expert Bidding Tool," and senior management information systems major Tulsa Pearson of Erie was awarded \$500 for "Law Firm Use of Computer Technologies: In Search of Strategic Orientations."

In the School of Science, a total of \$7,805 was awarded for a variety of proposals. Dennis Merski, a senior psychology major from Girard, received a grant of \$685 for "Investigating the Mechanism of Regulatory Transcription of the lux Operon in the Luminous Bacteria Vibrio fischeri." Junior biology major Jignesh Patel of Parsippany, N.J., was awarded \$580 for "Preparation of cDNA Library from Dormant Potato Meristems," and Lindsey Myrick, a junior biology major from Lemont, Pa., received \$553 for "Isolation and characterization of cdc 2 Related Genes from Solanum tuberosum." Stephanie Roberts, a junior biology major from Warren, Pa., was awarded \$513 for "Determination of Genetic Variation in Regionally Diverse Species of Prunus serotina," and junior biology major Marcia Anderson of Erie received \$506 for "Sequence Analysis of a Potato Gene from a cDNA Library."

The following students in Penn State-Behrend's School of Science received grants of \$500: Michael Sheehan, a junior science major from Erie, for "Isolation of Protein Expressed by the STWAAEIRD Gene"; Eugene Breault, a senior biology major from Erie, for "Paternity Analysis by DNA Fingerprinting in the Zebrafish (Danio rerio)"; Eric Fink, a sophomore biology major from Oil City, for "Cloning and Expression Analysis of Serotonin Receptors in Zebrafish (Danio rerio)"; Phung Nguyen, a sophomore biology major from Erie, for "Sequenc-

ing and Characterization of Two HSP70 Genes from Zebrafish (Danio rerio)"; Matthew Wilson, a senior chemistry major from New Kensington, for "Comparative Analysis of the Essential Oils of Key and Persian Lime Using Gas Chromatography-Olfactometry (GCO)"; Keegen Guyer, a junior chemistry major from Fairview, for "Analysis of Odor-Active Compounds in Chambourcin Wine Using Gas Chromatography-Olfactometry"; Chad Stoltz, a sophomore science major from Cherry Tree, Pa., for "Control of the Aggregation Process of Type III Collagen and Imaging of the Various Stages of this Process Using the Atomic Force Microscope (AFM)"; Rebecca Mack, a senior chemistry major from Coudersport, for "Laboratory Development of Electrochemical Cells and Reduction Potential for the Chemistry Curriculum at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College"; and Neil Vogeley, a junior chemistry major from Glen Mills, for "Synthesis and characterization of Transition Metal Complexes of a Macrocyclic Ligand." Finally, junior electrical engineering major Daniel Roberts of State College received an award of \$468 for study of "Polystyrene Microspheres in a Luminescent Solar Concentration."

Additional undergraduate research funding for the summer session will be announced in the spring of 1998.



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