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A Great End to a Fantastic Year

This year came to a wonderful end at our Emeritus Society Luncheon that took place in the last week of April. Our award winners were exceptionally grateful for the opportunity to be recognized for their work as well as for the monetary prize. Thank you to those who donated your time, expertise, and money to make it possible.

As your graduate assistant the past two years, I would also like to personally extend an immense amount of gratitude for the Emeritus Society at WSU. This was an opportunity that has impacted my life profoundly.

I have learned so much from each and every one of you. I have also so enjoyed our coffee meetings and outings each semester.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to pursue a degree that I am very passionate about. My time at WSU has shaped the way I view the world, language, and education.

I will be moving to Boise in the summer and I will be teaching Spanish. My husband and I just bought a house and are excited to start a new chapter. But I have to say I will be forever grateful for my time as the graduate assistant for the Emeritus Society at WSU. I would love to keep in touch.
-Sammi Cuevas

Get Involved with the Emeritus Society

*Please attend our biweekly
Emeritus Coffees in order
to catch up with your fellow
Emeriti.*

Coffee Meetings

The Emeritus Society has been holding coffee meetings every other week during the school year in our Emeritus Lounge. Please inquire if you are interesting in joining any summer events or coffee meetings.

Support the Emeritus Society Scholarship Fund

Each year the Emeritus Society makes four awards of \$500 each to exceptional undergraduates for research conducted in in cooperation with WSU faculty as part of the *Showcase for Undergraduate and Creative Activities*.

These awards are made to exceptional

undergraduates to recognize their research efforts working in cooperation with WSU faculty. The students do research in faculty laboratories and create a poster that they present in the Showcase activity. Funding for these awards comes through donations from members of the Society. We are asking for you monetary support for this important Society function. These awards are greatly appreciated by the students.

How to Donate

The easiest way to donate is online:
<https://tinyurl.com/y6wtngbz>

(This URL is a condensed form of the official WSU address, which is very long. We use this to make finding the website much easier)

You may also donate by check. If you choose to do

that please write Emeritus Society Scholarship Fund in the memo line and check mail the check to:

WSU Foundation
PO Box 641927
Pullman, WA
99164-1927

Thank you for your continued support of this program! Without you, these scholarships would not be possible!

Please contact the Emeritus Society if you have any questions.

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Events with the Emeritus Society

As a group, the Emeritus Society tries to adventure out to see what the campus and Pullman have to offer. This last semester, we took a trip to WSU's new Spark Center. Tom Dickinson initiated this tour so that the group could observe and experience the innovative ways WSU is engaging with their students.



Meet Your New Graduate Assistant



Aric (Eric) Dutelle (Do tell) grew up as the oldest child in a military family. He attended the University of Wisconsin LaCrosse, where he received a B.S. in Business Administration. After graduation, he took some time to serve in the USMC, and then joined civilian life as a police officer and crime scene technician. Eventually, Aric attained a master's degree in forensic science and took a job with the University of Wisconsin, where he was responsible for building an academic program in forensic investigation. After 12 years of teaching at the University level, and having attained tenure, he thought it was time to finally get about his goal of attaining a PhD, so he moved to Washington State. He will be part of the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology at WSU starting in the fall of 2018.. Aric's brother, sister and parents all live in WA. He enjoys reading, writing, cooking, traveling, kayaking, hiking and anything outdoors.

Undergraduate Research Award Winners

This year, the Emeritus Society had a plethora of impressive scholarship applications. We are pleased to announce that we have chosen four well deserving winners. Below you will find a description of the work of each award recipient.

Social, Political, and Behavioral Sciences



Maddie Kasimanickam is from Pullman, WA. She is a third-year student in the Honors College at Washington State University, majoring in Zoology, on a Pre-Medicine track. Her aspiration after college is to go to medical school, and she plans to specialize in Pediatric medicine. In hopes to find a new way to alleviate opioid withdrawal symptoms, Maddie Kasimanickam conducted a study to test if air pressure, oxygen, and/or a combination of both could do this. This process was testing effectiveness of a drug treatment by behavioral measures. Maddie designed the study as well as wrote the study proposal. Maddie's Professor is Dr. Raymond M. Quok. She performed the experiment and analyzed the results. She did all of this work with the help of her committee.

Biosciences

Think Kieu is a Vietnamese immigrant who is pursuing a bachelor's biochemistry/biophysics. He is thankful for the opportunity to be in Bertrand Tanner's laboratory and to engage in undergraduate the future, he hopes to become a cardiologist, which perfectly of his passions for patient care and research. He is incredibly the Emeritus Society for this award. Think Kieu participated in a examined heart failure, a life threatening condition that affects million adults in the United States alone. He and his partners' work measure the effects of a drug called omecantiv mecarbil (OM) on papillary muscle strips. Kieu stated that the ability to simply increase force development with OM shows that this drug could be a treatment for heart failure. His mentor professor is Dr. Bertrand Tanner.



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Physical Sciences

Kitana Kaiphanliam is graduating this semester (May 2018) with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering, and will be continuing her education in the Chemical Engineering Ph.D. program, here, at Washington State University. Her work on the hands-on learning project with the Improving Undergraduate STEM Education (IUSE) group led her to discover the infinite opportunities in engineering education research—a research field that aligns with the core values that define her. Kitana couldn't be more grateful to the professors and mentors who acted as a guiding force behind her success as an undergraduate student. Her mentor professor is Dr. Bernard J. Van Wie. Their support and kindness has influenced and inspired

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her to push forward and pursue her doctorate with a purpose to give back to the STEM community as a



future professor, mentor, and through her education research. Kitana Kaiphanliam conducted a study to compare the effectiveness of DLMs (Desktop Learning Modules) to traditional lecture on student comprehension of fluid mechanics and heat transfer concepts. DLMs are a more hands on way to learn these concepts. She used pre- and posttests to measure the effectiveness of the DLMs. This study was profound because it recognized the unique learning styles and needs of all people.

Arts and Humanities

Garrett Snedeker is a junior, majoring in Piano Performance/ Pedagogy. This past year, Garrett won the 2017 Washington State Music Teachers Association Young Artist Piano Competition, and the 2018 Washington State University Concerto/Aria Competition. He will perform as a soloist with the WSU Symphony Orchestra in the fall of 2018. This summer, Garrett will attend and perform at the Bowdoin International Music Festival in Brunswick, Maine, and the Classical Music Festival in Eisenstadt, Austria. In travelling to Brazil himself, Garrett Snedeker learned about a woman who changed the way women were viewed in music throughout Brazil. Although Chiquinha Gonzaga (1847-1935) is not well known in many other contexts, she inspired current social change through music in Brazil. Garrett Snedeker used this inspiring story to influence his own practice and positionality in the music world. His project was completed in Pullman and Brazil. His project resulted in a successful lecture recital, where many people came to learn about Gonzaga and to hear her music performed by Garrett Snedeker. He hopes to publish an article on his findings this fall. Garrett's mentor professor is Dr. Jeffrey Savage.

