From the Provost

This issue of the “RMU Record,” provides an update on the key organizational changes in Academic Affairs since the Fall 2012 convocation. Appointments and promotions, previous changes in university organization and structure, new programs and curricula, and previous academic highlights of the past year can be found in the

The RMU Record is also available online at: www.rmu.edu/Academics/AcademicExcellence/FromtheProvost

David Jamison, J.D. Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Middle States Accreditation

In July, the University was notified by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education that it has been fully reaccredited without condition through 2022. In fact, the University was commended for both the quality of its self-study report, and for the breadth and inclusiveness of the self-study process. The self-study was evaluated not only by a team of peers but also independently by the Middle States Commission. Dr. Ann Jabro, University Professor of Communication, chaired the institutional self-study team. Her vision, commitment to inclusiveness and focus on standards was critical to the success of the overall project and to the commendation from Middle States for process. Dr. David Majka’s superb work in editing the document, assembling coherent links and references to the massive amount of data in support of the report’s conclusions, and his deep knowledge of accreditation processes led to the commendation for report quality. Over 100 faculty, staff, and students actively participated in one of the self-study teams that evaluated RMU’s compliance with the 14 “Characteristics of Excellence” required by Middle States. Ms. Carrie Davis provided outstanding administrative support for the entire process.

Professional Accreditations

In addition to regional accreditation, RMU maintains the following professional accreditations, many of which were awarded or reaffirmed during the last academic year:

- **ABET – Computing Accreditation Commission (ABET-CAC)** – BS degrees in Information Sciences and Computer Information Systems. **Most Recent:** Reaccredited to September 20, 2016
- **Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)** – BS and MS in Nursing. **Most Recent:** November 9, 2009 through June 30, 2020.
- **Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP).** **Initial:** November 9, 2009 through June 30, 2015.
- **Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC)** – BS programs leading to certification in Elementary Ed, Business Ed, Biology, Communication, Computer and Information Technology, English, Instructional Technology Specialist, Mathematics, and Social Studies. **Initial:** June 23, 2008 through June 23, 2013
- **The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB)** – BSBA; MBA; MS in Human Resource Management; MS in Non-Profit Management. **Initial:** April 2009 through April 2015.
- **Society of Actuaries (SOA)** – **Actuarial Science Program** designated as a Center of Actuarial Excellence (CAE). **Initial:** December 15, 2009 through December 31, 2014
Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology - BS in Nuclear Medicine Technology. Most Recent: October 28, 2011 through October 27, 2013

RMU Opens New School of Communications and Information Systems Building

For the second year in a row, the University opens a new building for one of our Schools. The new SCIS Building, constructed on the site of the former Wayne Center, will provide an administrative home for the School and offices for its faculty, but also superb instructional facilities for all five of the School’s academic departments. Computer labs, traditional classrooms, specialized media arts classrooms and labs will provide truly outstanding teaching facilities for each of the School’s programs, and also will allow for exciting interdisciplinary research and teaching opportunities. An open house and building dedication on September 20 will allow an up-close look at this excellent new learning environment.

Student Engagement Programs

The upcoming Spring 2013 term marks the first major term in which graduating seniors will participate in the Engaged Learning graduation requirement. Under this policy, undergraduate students who enrolled as freshmen in the Fall 2009 term must have completed a minimum of two categories on their Student Engagement Transcript (SET) in order to graduate. More details on the policy can be found at: https://sentry.rmu.edu/web/cms/university/secure/auth/set/Pages/EngagedLearningUndergraduateGraduationRequirementPolicy.aspx.

The engaged learning graduation requirement has already been incorporated into the Patriot system’s automated degree audit program. Students, along with their faculty advisors, can track their progress on all of their degree requirements by logging onto the Sentry Secured system and clicking on the “Online Advising” and “Degree Progress” links. Students who have questions about their engaged learning graduation requirement and/or SET should be referred to Ms. Terri Byrnes, Engaged Learning Advisor, at byrnes@rmu.edu or (412) 397-6430.

Faculty Promotions

University Professor
Frank Flanegin, SBUS, Finance
Nell Hartley, SBUS, Management
Paul Kovacs, SCIS, Computer and Information Systems

Professor
Artemisia Apostolopoulou, SBUS, Sport Management
Michele Cole, SBUS, Non-Profit Management
Val Howard, SNHS, Nursing
William Kelly, SESS, Social Sciences
Richard Mills, SBUS, Hospitality Management
Stephen Paul, SESS, Social Sciences
Yasmin Purohit, SBUS, Management
Monica VanDieren, SEMS, Mathematics

Associate Professor
Carianne Bernadowski, SESS, Education
James Bernauer, SESS, Education
Min Lu, SBUS, Economics and Legal Studies
Heather Pinson, SICS, Communications & Media Arts
Jodi Potter, SBUS, Management
Yanbin Tu, SBUS, Marketing

New Faculty for 2012-13

School of Engineering, Mathematics, and Science

Chris Groendyke joined RMU as an Assistant Professor of Actuarial Science in the winter of 2012. He received his BS in mathematics and BS in computer science from the University of Texas at Austin in 1997. He obtained his MS and Ph.D. in statistics from the Pennsylvania State University, graduating with his Ph.D in 2011. He became a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries in 2004. Prior to joining RMU Chris worked as an actuary, for over 7 years, at USAA Life Insurance Company in Texas and was a faculty member in the Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science at the University of Waterloo in Ontario, Canada. Dr. Groendyke is interested in studying and developing techniques and algorithms to solve computationally intensive statistical inference problems; he has written a software package in R that performs statistical inference for contact networks based on epidemic data, using a Bayesian approach and Markov Chain Monte Carlo methods.
New Faculty for 2012-13

School of Communications and Information Systems

Anthony Moretti joins RMU as an Associate Professor of Communication. Dr. Moretti earned his Ph.D. in Mass Communication and M.A. in Journalism from Ohio University and B.A. in Sports Information from the University of Southern California. He has held faculty and academic administrative positions at the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism, Texas Tech University, and since 2005, at Point Park University. He is the faculty leader for The Washington Center’s Leadership in Communications program and on the editorial board for two academic journals and the co-editor for Electronic News. Anthony will teach courses in the Communication Department’s core and in the Applied Journalism concentration and spearhead efforts in converged media.

Wenli Wang joins RMU as an Associate Professor of Computer and Information Systems. She earned a Ph.D. in Management Information Systems from University of Texas at Austin, completed graduate study in Mathematics from West Texas A&M University and earned a B.Sc. in Computer Science and completed graduate study in Computer Software from Beijing University of Posts and Telecom. She has held faculty positions at Emory University, University of Nevada at Las Vegas and Trident University. Dr. Wang’s expertise in areas such as security and assurance, healthcare information systems, computer network and programming applications, knowledge management and I.T. project management will contribute to teaching and curriculum development in several of the department’s undergraduate and graduate CIS programs.

Rooney International Scholar Faculty

Getrude Matshe from New Zeland is the Spring 2012 Rooney Scholar. Ms. Matshe is the Director of GM Global Investments LTD, the Managing Director of Medical recruiters of New Zeland Ltd and SIMZISANI. She also has experience as a project manager, systems analyst, COBOL programmer/analyst and worked with Lonrho Computer Services, TA Computer Services, Old Mutual, MTN Moblie Service Provider, Database Management Support. Her scholarly interest includes Ubuntu Philosophy; Africa; Creative writing, Social Entrepreneurship, Social Justice; Humanitarian work. Getrude has a Bachelors of Commerce

School of Business

Gregory J. Krivacek joins Robert Morris University as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Accounting. He has a Masters (with Distinction), Financial Information, from Carnegie Mellon University and his CPA from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Greg was most recently a self-employed consultant and instructor. He was a part-time faculty member at Robert Morris University. Courses he has taught include Intermediate Accounting, Federal Taxes and Auditing. Greg received his Bachelor of Science, cum laude, in Accounting from RMU.

Carol S. MacPhail joins Robert Morris University as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Accounting and Interim Department Head for Accounting and Taxation. She has a Master of Science in Taxation from Robert Morris University and a Bachelor of Science in Economics and industrial Management from Carnegie Mellon University. She completed the Leading Edge Executive Program from Simmons College School of Management. Carol also is a Certified Public Accountant and Certified Financial Planner. Carol was Senior Tax Partner with Deloitte Tax.

David A. Nugent joins Robert Morris University as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Accounting. He has a Ph.D., with a concentration in Accounting, from the University of Pittsburgh, Katz Graduate School of Business, a Master of Business Administration from Duquesne University and a Bachelor of Science from Duquesne University. He is a Certified Public Accountant. David has taught at several area universities. Courses he has taught include Managerial Accounting and Federal Tax Accounting.

School of Nursing and Health Sciences

Janet Shade joins RMU as an Assistant Professor, Clinical. She started at RMU last year as a part-time clinical faculty. Janet has an extended history of experience in the practice of nursing, covering intensive care, emergency and home health nursing. She was quickly recognized for her expertise and her excellent teaching skills. She received her ADN from Community College Allegheny County, BSN and MSN from the University of Pittsburgh. Janet will begin the doctoral program at Indiana University of Pennsylvania this fall.
degree, with an honors in Industrial Psychology from the University of the Western Cape, Republic of South Africa.

**Academic Administrator Changes for 2012-13**

**School of Communications and Information Systems**
- John Turchek was appointed head of the Department of Computer and Information Systems.
- Heather Pinson was appointed Interim Department Head of the Communication Department.
- David Wood was appointed Interim Director of the Doctor of Science in Information Systems and Communications program.

**Library**
- Betty Evanski, Media Services Coordinator, retired on May 31, 2012 after 30 years of service.

**School of Nursing and Health Sciences**
- Valerie Howard was appointed Assistant Dean for External Affairs for the SNHS. She will remain as coordinator of institutional advancement for the SNHS and as director of the RISE Center.
- Linda Shaytar (SNHS) was hired as the senior secretary for the SNHS.

**School of Business**
- Derya Jacobs, former Dean, School of Business, was appointed Vice-Provost for Research and Graduate Study.
- Patrick Litzinger was appointed Interim Dean, School of Business.
- David Synowka, was appointed Department Head of Sport Management.
- Michele Cole, who served as Interim Department Head of Management, returned to her position as Director, NS in Nonprofit Management.
- Dean Manna, former Department Head of Marketing, returned to faculty.
- James Rebele, former Department Head of Accounting, returned to faculty.
- Steven Clinton was appointed Department Head of Marketing.
- Marcel Minutolo was appointed Department Head of Management.

**School of Education and Social Sciences**
- Philip Harold assumed the position of Associate Dean for the School of Education and Social Sciences. He will continue to serve as co-director of the RMU Honors Program.
- Shelly Haser. After departmental votes, the Department of Elementary Education and the Department of Secondary Education & Graduate Studies merged into a single department: the Department of Education on June 1, 2012. Shelly Haser was appointed as new department head.
- Robert Del Greco returned to faculty and assumed a new role as Coordinator of Teacher Education Field Placements. He will coordinate the Teacher Education Office.
- Mary Poehlman was appointed to the newly redefined position of Field Placement and Certification Manager, now designated as Assistant to the Dean for Teacher Education.
- Lisa Nauman and Patty Zuzinas received title changes from Certification Coordinator and Doctoral Coordinator to Certification Assistant and Doctoral Assistant.
- Donna Reilly was reclassified from Senior Secretary to Administrative Coordinator in recognition of expanded duties.
- Ellen Polacastro joined SESS as a part-time secretary to the new Department of Education.
• Carol McPhail was appointed Interim Department Head of Accounting

**Key Academic Program Dates**

**2012-2013**

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New Academic Partnerships & Programs

Library

The Library would like to thank all academic administrators and faculty who helped with the journals cancellation project this past spring. As a result of your hard work, we were able to cancel 250 print journals (all of which have at least one electronic equivalent in our 100+ databases). Additionally, we were able to accommodate requests for 6 new print journal titles along with 4 new databases. This was an enormously complex project and we really appreciated your input and cooperation.

School of Education and Social Sciences

The SESS received approval for the following programs during this academic year through the RMU curriculum process and from the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE):

- Post Baccalaureate Special Education Certification (Grades 7-12) to be offered through the M.Ed. in Special Education;
- Grades 4 to 8 Certification (Middle Level) with Single Area Specialization in Mathematics, English/Language Arts, Social Studies, and Science;
- Reading Specialist Certification (Grades K to 12).

- The SESS received approval of the following programs through the RMU Curriculum Process:
  - B.A. in Psychology (developed for use in Fully On-line Program option);
  - RMU Certificate in Online Teaching.

- During the 2011-2012 school year new Affiliation Agreements were signed with 88 partners including area school districts, the PA CYBER Academy Charter School, and twelve specialized schools for students with special needs or pre-schools.

School of Engineering, Mathematics, and Science

- SEMS involvement in the Advanced Manufacturing Initiative (President Obama’s call for Manufacturing Renaissance) resulted in strong recognition of the manufacturing engineering program in the region and beyond. This involvement also landed a partnership with leading academic institutions in the country, including AMI grant opportunity.

- SEMS is building international connections in Slovakia (University of Zilina and University of Kosice, US Steel), Ireland (Southwestern College) and Germany (University of Bremen).

- The Science Department developed three new courses including an interdisciplinary course on Computational Biology to serve as upper level elective courses in the Biology/pre-med major.

- RMU hosts the 9th annual actuarial career fair for summer internships and full-time positions. Eighteen regional and national employers attend with 180 students registered (both RMU and non-RMU) representing over 30 colleges and universities.

- SEMS initiated and was involved in multiple outreach activities, including First Robotics Competition, Girl Scouts day, conventional and alternative energy workshops, MathCounts, EYH, CSC National Engineers Week, CSC Sci-Tech Festival, CSC National Chemistry Week, and much more.

- The newly developed energy and sustainability curriculum (15 cr minor) has gained international recognition with
possible course offerings in Ireland and Germany. The course “Renewable Resources” (Tony Kerzmann) had a study abroad component and for the first time. SEMS students and faculty traveled to University of Bremen, Germany.

- SEMS also developed Energy track on the graduate level, MS, Engineering Management.
- SEMS had 70+ students participate in the internship program which included employment at various companies in the region including: GE Transportation, Curtiss Wright, US Steel, Bayer MEDRAD, Neurokinetics, Westinghouse Electric, Console Energy, Allegheny Plastics, Hartford Life, Humana, Nationwide, Highmark, W.K. Merriman, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Animal Friends, Pinnacle Health, Wheeling Hospital, and Greater Pittsburgh Physical Therapy, just to name a few.

**School of Nursing and Health Sciences**

- The nursing department began the RN-MSN online program for students with diplomas or associate degrees in nursing in the fall, 2011. Enrollment, thus far, is exceeding projections. Successful completion of this three year, accelerated program will result in the awarding of both a baccalaureate degree in nursing and a master’s degree in nursing education. The program was already ranked in the top 25 online nursing programs in the nation.
- The MSN program was successfully converted to an online program beginning in the fall, 2012.
- In anticipation of changes in State Board Consensus Model for NP preparation, the DNP program received approval from the State Board of Nursing in February 2012 to expand the Psychiatric NP program to a Family Psych-Mental Health NP program. This approval is the first in Pennsylvania.
- The School of Nursing and Health Sciences has received a full three year extension, the most years allowed, to their accreditation for its Nuclear Medicine Technology BS program from the Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology (JRCMNT) in fall, 2011.
- A substantive curriculum change report describing the online RN-MSN track was submitted to CCNE and the SNHS nursing program received full approval for this revision.

**School of Business**

- The School of Business opened admission to its fully online MSHR program and BSBA in Economics and BSBA in Hospitality & Tourism in Fall 2011. It also began an evening Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA) program in Management Fall 2011.
- Additionally, the SBUS continues to offer the fully online program for the Master of Business Administration. In the Fall of 2012, the MBA will also be offered in the evening format at RMU’s Pittsburgh location.
- SBUS, along with Online and Off-Campus Programs, is also sponsoring professional certification in Nonprofit Management and Human Resource Management.
- Effective Fall 2011, the SBUS began to offer an additional Minor in Finance. SBUS continues its partnership with the Pittsburgh Symphony Organization (PSO) which includes a Fall cultural outing with faculty, alumni, advisory board members and business students to an October 19, 2012, Mahler concert at Heinz Hall and a Spring 2013 MBA Night.
- SBUS will be the host to the 62nd Annual Middle Atlantic Association of Colleges of Business Administration
(MAACBA) Conference to be held October 14-16 here in Pittsburgh. Vice-Provost Derya Jacobs is the current President of MAACBA.

School of Communications and Information Systems

- **Rex Crawley** secured a $900K grant from The Heinz Endowments and a $900K matching grant from RMU to create RMU’s first endowed chair and a research center that will identify factors leading to young African American men’s success in school and the workplace. He also received with the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh $240K from The Heinz Endowments and Buhl Foundation to support the Black Male Leadership Development Institute.

- **Ken Gargaro** received $348K from six foundations (Buhl, Grable, Heinz Endowment, UPMC, Highmark and Hearst to support educational activities for the Pittsburgh Musical Theater (PMT) and for the RMU/PMT partnership.

Professional Activities and Scholarly Opportunities

**Library**


- Klentzin, JC. “Literature Review at a Distance: Improving Doctoral Student Information Literacy and Research Self-efficacy.” Fifteenth Distance Library Services Conference. April 2012.


**School of Nursing and Health Sciences**

- The DNP Program was awarded the second round of scholarship grants from the Jewish Healthcare Foundation in honor of Alvin Rogal. The grant started in 2010 and provides up to $50,000/year in support for DNP capstone projects. The grant will continue to 2015.

- Susan Van Cleve is currently the president of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners, (NAPNAP).

- Valerie Howard is the current president of the International Nursing Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning (INACSL).

- Nadine Englert received the Cameo of Caring-Educator award in Fall, 2011, recognizing excellence in Nursing Education.

- Rho Mu Chapter of Lambda Nu National Honor Society for the Imaging Sciences inducted the first three students in May, 2012.

- The first nuclear medicine technology graduate was dually certified in MR and CT.

- The Health Services Administration program was ranked 5th in the nation for online health services programs.

- Lynn George was elected to the nominating committee for the Commission on Collegiate Nursing (CCNE) accrediting agency.
Kirstyn Kameg, Janene Szpak and Donna McDermott received a $5,000 grant from the Pennsylvania Higher Education Nursing Association (PHENSA) for their project incorporating simulation and standardized patients to teach psychiatric nursing concepts.

School of Engineering, Mathematics, and Science

- SEMS faculty submitted grants to federal agencies worth almost $1.6M (Sushil Acharya, Arif Sirinterlikci, and Maria Kalevitch). Faculty are currently working on algae, air quality, water quality, and outdoor lab proposals, just to name a few.
- Faculty published 29 articles in national and international peer-reviewed journals, wrote grants, attended grant writing workshops, professional seminars and conferences.
- Ken LaSota has been funded $10,500 to support a continuing research position with the 21st Century Partnership for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education (21PSTEM), funded by the Institute of Education Sciences (IES), U.S. Department of Education.
- Arif Sirinterlikci and biomedical engineering students published two articles in J. Manufacturing Engineering-Medical, SME on manufacturing for orthotics and medical devices with antimicrobial technology.
- Tony Kerzmann and his engineering students designed a Hydropower Generation System that was installed at Wingfield Pines mine drainage stream that received media attention.
- Tony Kerzmann, Gavin Buxton and Maria Kalevitch published the article on The Development of an Alternative Energy Minor at Robert Morris University. (ASEE Mid-Atlantic Conference proceedings)
- SEMS Visiting Scholar, Dr. Tanvir Wasti, developed and will teach on-line a new interdisciplinary core course on Evolution of STEM disciplines.
- SEMS had 27 different students pass Society of Actuaries exams since last May. Actuarial Science major Besart Stavileci was Senior Class President and winner of RMU’s higher honor, the Presidential Transformational Award.
- The second recipient of the Highmark Insurance Presidential scholarship was selected. This endowed scholarship is the largest in RMU history.
- Graduating Science Senior, Ryan Nearhoff, was accepted to the University of Pittsburgh Dental School.
- RMU alumni Kristen Miles was accepted to the Ross University Medical School. RMU alums already graduated with physician assistant or chiropractic diploma, and several are in their second and third years at LECOM and PCOM medical schools.

School of Education and Social Sciences

- In 2011-12, the SESS partnered with the SCIS to complete the second year of a $100,000 grant funded by the PNC Foundation to improve the communication skills of pre-school teachers and the school readiness levels of their students.
- During the 2011-2012 school year, John McCarthy (faculty member in History) and Moon Township received a $15,000 grant through Pennsylvania’s Historic Museum Commission to create an application for the Mooncrest Community to be included on the National Register for Historic Places.
- Philip Harold was recently awarded a fellowship for study abroad through the Koch Foundation.
- Faculty authored or co-authored: 21 peer-reviewed articles in 2011-2012, four published articles in state and national newsletters, three faculty published books and three more published book chapters.
- Eight faculty members made presentations at major conferences in their disciplines.
- We were pleased to install the Alpha Beta Omicron Chapter of the international education honorary, Kappa Delta Pim at RMU under the leadership of Ron Perry on April 14, 2012.

School of Business

- Business faculty jointly published 118 journal articles and 95 other intellectual contributions including, books, book
chapters, case studies, proceeding articles, and refereed presentations.
- SBUS hosted a ‘Speaking of Business’ Panel Discussion on "Utilization of Sustainability", Wednesday, April 18, 2012
- SBUS organized and hosted the “23rd Annual Teaching Economics Conference” in February 2012. The conference was co-sponsored by McGraw-Hill/Irwin Publishing Company.
- The 36th Sport Management Anniversary Celebration was held in conjunction with the 8th 
- Student Conference with over 160 faculty, alumni, students, staff and friends in attendance. A new addition to the conference was a Thursday evening workshop with SM industry alumni.
- Dean R. Manna and Patrick Litzinger co-chaired the 3rd and 4th Annual Sustainable Enterprises of the Future Conference in September of 2011, and in April of 2012.

**School of Communications and Information Systems**

- C. Loyola-Garcia was awarded a $20K from the National Endowment for the Arts, Arts in Media Grant Award to produce the documentary, *Inheritors of a Burden*.
- **Rooney and Visiting Scholars**: SCIS hosted Rooney Scholar, Luca Guardabascio (Italian director, producer and actor) and three visiting scholars/artists: Vladimir Burcik (renowned international designer and scholar from Slovakia), Laurie Palmer (world-renowned artist) and Dustin Zemel (experimental documentary filmmaker).
- **International Travel**: Twenty four students studied community and photo journalism in Sneem, Ireland with Andrea Frantz and Professor Christine Holtz.
- **Student Accomplishments**: Nearly 70 SCIS students were recognized by regional, national and international prestigious organizations for their achievements in scholarship, media, and the creative and performing arts.

**Library Update**

The RMU Library is rolling out many library changes & improvements that should positively impact your access to online resources. The following online digital archive databases were added to RMU’s electronic resources lineup this summer:

- **Readable Archives**: Based in Pennsylvania, Accessible Archives features prominent, digitized periodicals of colonial-era Pennsylvania, such as the *Pennsylvania Gazette*.
- **FBIS Daily Reports: Soviet Union and FBIS Daily Report Annexes**: FBIS Daily Reports is a valuable primary source collection for international relations, world history, and political science scholars.
- **Periodicals Archive Online (PAO) – Literary Studies Collection**: PAO provides digital access to back-files of key literary journals, supporting student and faculty research across a wide spectrum of literary time periods.
- **Times (U.K) Digital Archive from Gale – Cengage Publishing**: The Times (U.K.) Digital Archive provides the full text for over 200 years of The Times (London). The full-text of the entire paper – including articles, editorials, and advertising – is included.

The RMU Library is also proud to announce the implementation of a new Discovery Service

- **Discovery!**: The RMU Library makes searching easier now with access to our new Discovery Service, which allows users to search the vast majority of RMU Library periodical databases AND ROBCAT through a single, user-friendly interface. (This replaces the popular RMU 360 Federated Search.)

This fall we welcome the following online article databases and e-journal collections

- **Academic Search Complete**: This is an upgrade from Academic Search Premier. It is an extremely comprehensive, multidisciplinary full-text database with over 7,900 full-text periodicals, 6,800 of which are peer-reviewed.
- **Cabell’s Directories – Total Package**: This is an upgrade from the three Cabell’s Directories to which the Library previously subscribed; RMU faculty, staff and students now have electronic access to Cabell’s Directories for Computer Science, Business, Education, Health Administration, Psychology and Nursing.
• **Communication & Mass Media Complete.** This database includes over 380 full-text journals. It incorporates the content of CommSearch and Mass Media Articles Index (formerly produced by Penn State) along with numerous other journals relating to communication and mass media.

• **Education Research Complete.** Covering over 1,400 full-text journals, Education Research Complete is the most authoritative database for education research.

• **Ovid Nursing Full Text Plus.** Provides online access to 45 premier peer-reviewed nursing journals from Lippincott Williams & Wilkins.

Stay tuned for more library goodies arriving in 2013! In the meantime, if you have any questions about our online resources, please contact Emily Paladino, Web Services and Electronic Resources Librarian at paladino@rmu.edu.

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**Office of Research Administration**

RMU faculty members participated in a number of grant opportunities for their scholarly work. There were twelve faculty grant proposals submitted since January 2012:

- American Honda Foundation – Arif Sirinterlikci, School of Engineering, Mathematics and Science
- Advertising Education Foundation – Jill Maher, School of Business
- National Endowment for Arts – Carolina La-Hoya, School of Communications and Information Sciences
- National Science Foundation – Sushil Archarya, School of Engineering, Mathematics and Science
- From the Heart Foundations, Michael DiLauro, School of Communications and Information Sciences
- Air Force Research Laboratory, Materials and Manufacturing - Arif Sirinterlikci, School of Engineering, Mathematics and Science, Partnership with CMU and 28 corporate and educational institutions
- Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services – Joseph Angelelli, School of Nursing and Health Sciences, Partnership with Heritage Valley, University of Pittsburgh and UPMC
- Koch Foundation – Brian O’Rorak, School of Business
- Koch Foundation – Phillip Harold, School of Education and Social Sciences
- National Science Foundation – Maria Kalevitch, Arif Sirinterlikci, Greg Holdan, Paul Badger, Mathew Maurer, School of Engineering, Mathematics and Science
- United Ways, Marcel Minutulo, School of Business
- Knight Bridge Challenge Foundation/ Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication - Anthony Morettie, School of Communications and Information Sciences

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**Center for Global Engagement**

**International and Exchange Students.** The total number of international students for the 2011-12 year was 241. When categorized by visa status, this population is comprised of 193 F-1 students, 9 J-1 students, 31 permanent residents, and 8 holders of “other visas” representing 33 countries. Saudi Arabia and Canada had the highest representations of 58 and 51 students, respectively. The top 5 countries are rounded out with Brazil, Australia and the United Arab Emirates. The 2011-12 academic year saw a dramatic increase in applications at both the undergraduate and graduate levels when compared to 2010-11. The CGE processed 605 undergraduate applications and 522 graduate applications, for a total of 1,127 applications. By comparison, 218 undergraduate and 267 graduate applications were processed last year, for a total of 485 applications.

**Partnerships.** RMU signed agreements with the Slovak University of Technology and University of Kosice in Slovakia. The University is currently in the process of developing joint degree programs with the Slovak University of Technology and University of Zilina. The degrees under consideration are MBA, MS in Engineering Management and MS Informational Technology.
Faculty Advisory Councils. Four faculty Advisory Councils were formed with 34 faculty members participating from all five academic schools and the library. The worked performed by the four Councils will be integrated into the Center’s next five-year Strategic Plan.

Study Abroad Program

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Rooney International Scholar Program. The theme for the fall 2011 Rooney Visiting Scholar Program was the 150th Anniversary of the Unification of Italy. As such, RMU hosted a wide variety of events and two (2) visiting scholars: Mr. Luca Guardabascio and Dr. Catherine Ramsey-Portolano. Over 725 students, staff and community members participated in the program, which included lectures and co-lectures in a number of RMU courses, a garden tour, Italian picnic and Bocce tournament, presentations, a play and an Italian cinema series.

For the spring 2012 semester, the theme was Peace and Conflict Resolution. Professor Irakli Kakabadze spent two months on campus lecturing and co-lecturing to over 155 RMU students, in addition to presenting off-campus lectures at Duquesne University and Sewickley Academy.

Gertrude Matshe from New Zealand joins RMU as the fall 2012 Rooney International Scholar. She brings wealth of expertise in Ubuntu Philosophy, Africa, Creative Writing, Social Entrepreneurship, Social Justice, and Humanitarian work.

International Delegations and Visitors. The CGE hosted the following international delegations and visitors:

- Polytechnic University of Nicaragua
- Rajamangala University of Technology Thanyaburi
- Slovak Ministry of Education, Research and Sport
- Slovak University of Technology - Bratislava
- University of Žilina
- University of Economy - Bratislava
- Panzhihua University
- University Federico Santa Maria
- Shanghai POVA College
- University of Žilina
- FHS St. Gallen – Switzerland
- Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul

Curricular Activities. Throughout the academic year, students, faculty, and various presenters participated in numerous events sponsored by the Center for Global Engagement, including:

- International Student Orientations
- New Student Resource Fairs
- Study Abroad Orientations
- Study Abroad Fairs / Class Presentations
- Young Professionals in a Global Economy Panel
- Immigration Workshop & Networking event in collaboration with the Career Center

Additional programming is organized throughout the year through Carpe Mundum, the Saudi Student Club and the Hispanic Student Association, including:

- Monthly International Lunch with Friends
- Primante’s Night
- Arabic Food and Culture Night
- Annual International Dinner
- Latin Dance Series
News from the Educational Technology Center

The Educational Technology Center Update
The Educational Technology Center (ETC) offers a host of new services and support for faculty leading traditional, hybrid or online courses supported by the staff of Dr. Mark Kassel, Adam Sullivan, and Chris Gribschaw. The ETC is located in lower level of the Franklin Center, and will be staffed Monday-Thursday 8:00 am until 9:00 pm. and Fridays 8:00 am until 7:00 pm.

Faculty will notice a number of upgrades when using the Blackboard Learning Management System this fall. Watch the ETC schedule for short presentations throughout the term that will focus on the new or improved features for instructors. Here are a few highlights:

- Faculty will have the ability to alter a test question after the test has been entered by students, and the entire test can be re-graded based on this edit for the entire course.
- Test answers can have negative point values and assignments may have no point value.
- Improved reporting on student activity and performance

Three new building blocks will be added to the RMU Blackboard experience. The first is Coursesmart (Available October 2012) providing instructors with online access to over 30,000 textbooks from Pearson, Cengage Learning, McGraw-Hill Education, Macmillan, John Wiley & Sons and 28 additional publisher catalogs. The second is Internships.com which allows students instant access from within Blackboard to over 400 internship and entry level job opportunities all over the country. They can search by field and region to find opportunities anywhere in the country! Finally, the Wimba Live Classroom function in Blackboard will be replaced by the new Blackboard Collaborate Tool. This is the next step in the evolution of live interaction in the online world, and offers a simplified user experience with improved functionality and compatibility. Training sessions will be offered throughout the Fall in support for the full deployment of the new tool in January 2013.

The Blackboard Helpdesk has been part of the in-house operations at RMU since April 2012. In an attempt to improve the level of service offered to our faculty and students, all helpdesk requests are addressed by the RMU Helpdesk at 866.929.6243. An on-call service will be available after normal operating hours to record information, and staff will address concerns at the resumption of operating hours. Live support is available on the following schedule:

- Monday-Thursday 8:00 am to 9:00 pm.
- Fridays 8:00 am to 7:00 pm.
- Weekends 9:00 am to 5:00pm

The ETC staff would like to invite instructors to conduct, as well as participate in, trainings offered through the ETC. In addition to the functional trainings for Blackboard and Collaborate, “The Art of the Online Discussion” and “Rubrics: Best Practices” will be offered by Dr. Mark Kassel this Fall. Please watch for a schedule announcement that will offer multiple sessions of each topic to meet the various scheduling needs of the faculty. If you would like to present a topic to your colleagues, please contact Mark at ext. 6303.

Finally, the ETC Staff is proud to announce the deployment of the On Demand Student and Faculty Blackboard Support Sites. Each site offers faculty and students short, targeted pdf documents that contain pictures and written instructions for the most common Blackboard tasks and questions. This site will be updated regularly to meet your needs, so please do not hesitate to send your suggestions to Adam Sullivan sullivana@rmu.edu.

- Faculty Support: https://sites.google.com/a/rmu.edu/blackboardfacultysupport/
- Student Support: https://sites.google.com/a/rmu.edu/blackboardstudentsupport/