From Provost David Jamison

The “RMU Record,” is a chronicle of academic life at Robert Morris University. It details faculty actions (including appointments and promotions), changes in university organization and structure, new programs and curricula as they are approved, and academic highlights of the past year.

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**Faculty Promotions (effective Fall 2013)**

**Professor**
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- SBUS: Mark Eschenfelder, Economics
- SBUS: Adora Holstein, Economics
- SCIS: Gary Davis, CIS
- SCIS: Michele Edwards, Communication
- SCIS: Ken Gargaro, Communication
- SCIS: Packy Laverty, CIS
- SCIS: Peter Wu, CIS
- SEMS: David Hudak, Actuarial Science & Mathematics
- SNHS: Angela Bires, Nuclear Medicine
- SNHS: Kirstyn Kameg, Nursing

**Associate Professor**
- SCIS: Jim Leone, CIS
- SEMS: Gavin Buxton, Physics
- SESS: Vicki Donne, Education
- SESS: Fan Yu Lin, Education
- SNHS: Susan Hellier, Nursing

**University Professor**
- SBUS: Lois Bryan, Accounting
- SBUS: John Clark, Sport Management
- SCIS: Jeanne Baugh, CIS
- SEMS: Arif Sirinterlikci, Engineering
- LIBR: Jackie Klentzin, Learning Resources

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**New Faculty for 2013-14**

**School of Engineering, Mathematics, and Science**

**Liang (Jason) Hong** joins us as an Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Actuarial Science. Jason is currently on the faculty of Bradley University, in Peoria, Illinois. He received his doctorate and masters in Mathematics from Purdue University, and B.A Economics, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics. He is a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries.

**Won Joo** joins the Engineering Department as an Assistant Professor of Engineering. He will teach in the General and Biomedical Engineering areas. He holds a Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering from Case Western Reserve University (Cleveland, Ohio), MS in Mechanical Engineering from Korea University (Seoul, Korea) and a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Myung-Ji University (Seoul, Korea).

**Luis Monterrubio** joins the Engineering Department as an Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering. He was most recently a post-doctoral researcher at the University of California San Diego Structural Engineering Department. He holds a Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering from University of Waikato (Hamilton, New Zealand), M.A.S. in Mechanical Engineering from University of Victoria (British Columbia, Canada) and a BE in Mechanical Engineering from Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico (Mexico City, Mexico).

**School of Communications and Information Systems**

**Stuart Allen** is an Associate Professor of Organizational Leadership. Dr. Allen earned his Ph.D. in Organizational Leadership from Regent University and his M.A. in Industrial Psychology (Summa Cum Laude) and B.A. in Industrial Psychology (Cum Laude) from the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa. Prior to joining RMU, he was an Assistant Professor at Nyack College and, most recently, an Associate Professor of Organizational Leadership at the University of La Verne.

**Natalya Goreva** is an Assistant Professor of Computer and Information Systems. Dr. Goreva earned her Ph.D. in Business Information Systems from Utah State University and a M.S. and B.S. in Math and Computer Science (both Summa Cum Laude) from Ivanovo State University in Russia. Prior to joining RMU, Natalya was an Associate Professor at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and for the past five years, an Assistant Professor in Information Technology at Point Park University, where she directed the information security courses and concentrations.

**Jeeyun Oh** joins RMU as an Assistant Professor of Communication. Dr. Oh earned her Ph.D. in Mass Communication from the Pennsylvania State University, an M.A. and B.A. in Communication, and a B.S. in Mathematical Sciences from Seoul National University in South Korea. While earning her Ph.D. (funded by the National Science Foundation), she taught courses in research methodology, mass communication, media and related areas.
Michael W. Quigley joins the RMU Faculty as an Assistant Professor in the Organizational Leadership Department. Dr. Quigley holds the B.A., M.Ed. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Pittsburgh, where he was awarded the K. Leroy Irvis Doctoral Fellowship. He has been an adjunct instructor at the University of Pittsburgh, and previously taught at a secondary school in Fairfax, VA and in the Pittsburgh Public School system, where he was a winner of the Pittsburgh Schools Distinguished Service Award.

School of Business

John M. Beehler joined Robert Morris University as Professor of Accounting and Dean of the School of Business in January 2013 after serving as the founding Provost at the University of North Texas at Dallas over the past three years and prior to that as Dean of two AACSB-accredited business schools for over ten years. Dr. Beehler earned his B.S. from Penn State University with Highest Distinction in the Accounting Honors Program. He earned his MBA in Finance and Taxation and his Ph.D. in Accounting and Taxation with a minor in Law from Indiana University. Dr. Beehler is a graduate of the Harvard Institutes of Higher Education Management Development Program and the American Academic Leadership Institute’s Executive Leadership Academy. He is a Certified Public Accountant and a qualified mediator. As a Professor of Accounting, he has published widely in academic and professional journals and has received various teaching awards over his academic career.

Ira Abdullah joins RMU as an Assistant Professor of Accounting. She is completing a Ph.D. in Business with a concentration in Accounting at Virginia Commonwealth University. She earned her Master of Accountancy at Virginia Commonwealth University. She also has a B.S. in accounting from the University of Indonesia. Dr. Abdullah taught accounting courses at Virginia Commonwealth University and, prior to that, at the University of Indonesia.

Steven Z. Hodaszy joins Robert Morris University as an Assistant Professor of Taxation. He has both his J.D. and an LL.M. in Taxation from New York University School of Law. He earned his A.B. at Amherst College. Dr. Hodaszy was a partner with Sidley Austin LLP in New York. In 2006, he became Special Counsel for Cadwalader, Wickersham, Taft LLP. Most recently, he was Senior Counsel at Clark Hill Thorp Reed.

Albena Iossifova joins Robert Morris University as an Associate Professor of Management. She has a Ph.D. in Operations Management with a minor in Information and Decision Sciences from the Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota. She has an M.S. & B.S. in Management Information Systems from the Economic University in Varna, Bulgaria. She has work experience as a systems analyst, systems administrator and industry consultant on ISO standards. Dr. Isanova was most recently a faculty member at Slippery Rock University.

Gregory J. Krivacek joins Robert Morris University as an Assistant Professor of Accounting. He has a Masters, with distinction, in Financial Information from Carnegie Mellon University and his CPA in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Mr. Krivacek has experience as a consultant and has taught undergraduate and graduate level accounting courses at a number of institutions. He was a visiting professor in the School of Business during the past academic year. Mr. Krivacek received his Bachelor of Science, cum laude, in Accounting from Robert Morris University, and he is enrolled in a Ph.D. program at RMU.

Carol S. MacPhail has been appointed as Department Head of Accounting & Taxation and Assistant Professor of Accounting. She served as Interim Department Head and Visiting Professor during the past academic year. 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 at Simmons College School of Management and an AACSB Bridge Program at the Ohio State University. She is a Certified Public Accountant and Certified Financial Planner. Ms. MacPhail was a Senior Tax Partner with Deloitte Tax LLP.

School of Nursing and Health Sciences

Donna McDermott joined RMU in April as an Assistant Professor of Nursing, Clinical. She has extensive experience in intensive care cardiovascular nursing and surgical nursing. She was most recently the Simulation Educational Planner and Standardized Patient Manager for the RISE Center. Ms. McDermott has a BSN from the University of Pittsburgh, an MSN in education from Robert Morris University and is currently a PhD student at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.
Joyce Ott joins the faculty in SNHS as an Assistant Professor and will also serve as the Coordinator of the online RN to MSN program. She has a Master’s degree from the University of Pittsburgh and a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree from Robert Morris University. Dr. Ott’s clinical expertise is in the area of Psychological and Mental Health nursing. She was most recently a Clinical Assistant Professor at Duquesne University.

**School of Education and Social Sciences**

Lauren Rauscher earned her Ph.D. in Sociology from Emory University. She is joining us from a tenured faculty appointment at California State University, Long Beach. As a sociologist with interdisciplinary training in Women’s Studies, her areas of expertise focus on gender and racial inequality related to health, work, positive youth development, and education. She received the California State University, Long Beach Distinguished Faculty Advising Award in 2013.

Nathan Taylor earned his Ph.D. from the Ohio State University in Multicultural and Equity Studies in Education and Social Studies Education. He has an M.Ed. in Social Studies and a B.A. in Sociology both from Georgia State University. Dr. Taylor taught for a number of years in a K-12 school in Seoul, Korea. More recently, he was an Education faculty member at Kutztown University in the Secondary Education Department.

Ying Zhang recently completed requirements for her Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction at Purdue University. She holds an M.Ed. in Literacy Education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and a B.A. in English from Beijing Normal University. Dr. Zhang is a certified ESL teacher and has presented and published on the topic of English Language Learners. Dr. Zhang began her career as a high school teacher in Beijing.

**Provost’s Office/Academic Affairs Updates**

The Academic Affairs offices in Patrick Henry, including the registrar, graduation, transcripts, and degree audit, underwent a facilities upgrade to provide a more professional look and better access to these student services. The Part-time Faculty Office in Hale 305 also enjoyed a renovation over the summer, offering our part-time colleagues an updated location to prepare for classes and confer with their students.

**Center for Global Engagement**

*International and Exchange Students.* The total number of international students for the 2012-13 year was 292: Saudi Arabia (126), Canada (60), India (16), United Arab Emirates (12) and Australia (9); 91 were student athletes. 43 international students graduated from the University in 2012-2013. In addition, there were 33 students who are permanent residents, bringing the total number of international students to 325.

*Study Abroad Programs.* In 2012-2013 there were 73 seniors who graduated with at least one study abroad experience. The academic year ended with 96 student experiences abroad. Seven students had full semester experiences at partner institutions: Australia (2), Germany (1), Ireland (2), Italy (1) and Switzerland (1), while 89 students participated in Faculty-led Education Abroad Program (FLEAP) course trips to Germany (5), Ireland (52) and Nicaragua (32). Also, eight students participated in a service-learning trip to the Navajo Nation.

*Rooney International Scholar Program.* RMU hosted four Rooney International Visiting Scholars in 2012-2013. The fall semester scholar was Getrude Matshe from New Zealand (originally from Zimbabwe) who shared stories of Zimbabwe. In the spring the full-semester scholar was Dr. Blessing Adeoye from the University of Lagos, Nigeria. He co-operated with Vice Provost Tomei on a book project, titled *Effects of Information Capitalism and Globalization on Teaching and Learning.*

Nadav Amir-Himmel, an Israeli composer and pianist, wrote a short composition for his visit and had its premiere performance at a March 2013 recital which also included RMU student and faculty musicians. His visit was supported by the Honors Program. Navajo storyteller Sunny Dooley provided her unique experiences through her storytelling performances and further strengthened the University’s collaboration with the Navajo Nation.

*Partnerships.* RMU signed general agreements with Eastern Mediterranean University in Northern Cyprus and Sakarya University in Turkey, and extended its collaboration with Bahcesehir University in Istanbul, Turkey. Several schools also arrived at degree or curricular partnerships (described in “News from the Schools”).
Faculty Advisory Councils and Faculty Retreats. Four faculty Advisory Councils with 38 faculty members from the academic schools and library continued to support the CGE. Over 50 faculty members participated in two Faculty Retreats to plan the Center’s core values and strategic initiatives for the next five years. The work performed by the Councils and Faculty Retreat participants will be integrated into the CGE’s next five-year Strategic Plan.

Royal Visit. President Dell’Omo hosted His Royal Highness Prince Sultan bin Salman bin Abdulaziz of Saudi Arabia at the University in June 2013. His Highness conferred with University officials and met with Saudi students studying at RMU.

Recognition. Global Engagement Awards have been created to recognize globally engaged students, faculty and staff/administrators who have made significant contributions towards continued growth and sustainability of the University’s core value of global perspective and/or international education at the University. First award winners were:

- International Student: Una Japundza, Management, SBUS
- Domestic Student: Joshua Blum, Accounting, SBUS
- Faculty: Dr. Carl Ross, Nursing, SNHS
- Staff/administrator: Dr. David Budziszewski, Academic Advising and Enrollment Coordinator, SBUS

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

- One Young World seminar and dinner reception with some 100 young world leaders.
- University of Salford, Manchester, the U.K
- Institutes of Technology Ireland (IOTI), a consortium of 13 institutions of technology in Ireland.
- Delegation from the Suzhou Health College in Suzhou, Jiangsu Province, China.
- FHS St. Gallen-Switzerland
- EducationUSA Training Institute, a program by the U.S. Department of State and the Institute of International Education, in co-operation with GlobalPittsburgh Education Partnership

Student Engaged Learning

The Engaged Learning Office recently moved and is now located in Patrick Henry, rooms 301-303, on the second floor of the library. The Engaged Learning team welcomes visitors to its new office during normal business operating hours, 8 am to 5 pm, or by special appointment. Please feel free to stop by or refer your students to the new office. Also new this fall, the checksheet system has been modified to include a section with the minimum SET requirements for graduation. Faculty advisors can now see, at a glance, how students are progressing toward meeting those minimum SET requirements right from the checksheet. Advisors also continue to have access to view the entire unofficial SET through the Sentry secured system. These system enhancements were made in response to feedback obtained during faculty, staff and student focus groups. While this makes SET information more conveniently accessible, it may also stimulate more questions about the SET program and degree requirements. The Engaged Learning team continues to be the primary resource in that regard for students and their faculty advisors. Please refer questions regarding the SET program to the Engaged Learning Office (extension 6235 or 6430).

Faculty Research

Under the direction of Vice Provost Derya Jacobs and with strong support from the Faculty Advisory Committee on Sponsored Research, RMU faculty submitted an unprecedented 30 proposals, totaling 6.9 million, for research funding from external agencies. Seventeen projects were successful, totaling $2.5 million. They included:

- $923,488: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, PI(s): Kirstyn Kameg-SNHS, Judy Kaufmann-SNHS, Val Howard-SNHS.
- $30,000: Colcom Foundation, PI: Dan Short-SEMS.
- $30,000: Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, PI: Zhou Yang-SBUS.
- $707,374: Center for Medicare and Medicaid, PI(s) from SNHS: Joseph Angelelli-, Val Howard, Lynn George.
- $322,641: Air Force Research Laboratory, PI: Arif Sirinterlikci-SEMS.
- $16,000: United Way, PI: Marcel Minutolo-SBUS.
$3,000: Koch Foundation, PI: Phillip Harold-SESS.
$5,000, Agency: Koch Foundation, PI: Brian O’Roark-SBUS.
$8,000: Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEMJC), PI: Anthony Moretti-SCIS.
$1,000: Louis Ingelhart First Amendment, PI: Carrie Moniot-SCIS.
$5,000: Tippins Foundation, PI: Dan Rota-Veterans Education and Training Center.
$2,278: Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh, PI: Paul Badger-SEMS.
$6,720: Penn State Optic Center/NSF, PI: Ben Campbell-SEMS.
$4,500,: Google, Inc., PI: Arif Sirinterlikci-SEMS.
$25,000: Fine Foundation, PI: Val Howard-SNHS.

Nine additional proposals are currently under review with a total ask of $2,480,000.

University Honors Program
During 2012-13, the University Honors Program continued to contribute to the culture of academic excellence on campus, for example by co-sponsoring the Rooney International visiting Israeli composer and pianist, Nadav Amir-Himmel. RMU offered its first-ever comprehensive RMU Musical Recital. In addition, UHP students participated in over 30 co-curricular programs, roundtables and visiting speakers, and honors book club gatherings.

The program received a record number of applications, enhanced the honors residence hall and honors student center, expanded the curriculum, and ran numerous events for the benefit of honors students and the entire campus. Projected enrollment for Fall 2013 includes 51 new incoming freshmen and 13 new continuing (rising) sophomores adding to the 141 returning honors students; for a total of 205 students in the UHP for 2013-14.

Student Services
Enrollments in undergraduate and graduate fully online programs are approaching 500. While the Office of Online Student Services has offered support to fully online students seven days per week for several years, in June 2013, Student Services upgraded from 1 full-time and 3 part-time employees to a staff of 4 full-time employees enhancing the level of student support for fully online students.

Curriculum and Instructional Design (CID)
CID implemented Quality Matters at RMU to improve the quality of online courses and programs. In the Spring/Summer of 2013, the three-member Instructional Design Team completed QM certification as Peer-Reviewers for online courses. The goal of this effort is to have at least one Master Peer-Reviewer on staff in order to provide peer reviewed certification training at RMU. In addition, the basic online course layout that will be shared in the fall 2013 proactively addresses a significant number of the QM standards for meeting the peer review rubric. Currently, more than 700 colleges and universities support QM as full subscribers to the program. The certification of a course under the QM peer-review rubric process has become a hallmark of quality in online education and it is evolving as a standard that may be utilized in future by accrediting agencies.

Educational Technology Center
The Educational Technology Center (ETC) at Robert Morris University is a resource and training center that strives to provide instructors and students with access to latest technology for educational use. The ETC is located in Patrick Henry 102. The ETC offers training sessions ranging from basic online instruction skills to the use of technology and software for instruction. An online training course that will be accessible to adjunct instructors is in development and will include Blackboard Basics for instructors, best practices for online instructor, onboarding basics for new instructors, and resources for instructors at RMU. Any department interested in a version specific to their needs or programs should contact Adam Sullivan at ext. 6304 or sullivana@rmu.edu. The ETC will provide training for your department or program and is willing to come to your building or location for these training events. The lab may be scheduled for training session or classes by contacting Chris Gribschaw at gribschaw@rmu.edu or ext. 5433. The regular schedule for the ETC is 9:00 am to 9:00 pm (Monday through Thursday) and 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (Fridays). The ETC is available for hours outside of the standard coverage, for example early morning or Saturdays. Interested parties should provide at least 48 hour notice for an off-hours reservation.
Heinz 57 Center Downtown Location
RMU returned to downtown Pittsburgh when we began offering classes at the RMU Bayer Center for Non-Profit Management at 339 Sixth Avenue. Classes began on January 14, 2013. Programs include the MBA, the Master of Science in Organizational Leadership, and both graduate and undergraduate programs in Information Systems with an emphasis in Professional Enterprise Systems--37 students were enrolled in courses during the spring semester with 94 students currently enrolled for the fall one session beginning August 26th.

Veterans Education and Training Center
Congratulations go out to the Vets Centers and the campus community as RMU was recognized in a national survey of over 12,000 schools by Victory Media as a Military Friendly School, ranking in the top 15% of schools nationwide serving US veteran-students. From 2009, when we established the Vets Center and built the student facility in the Jefferson Center, RMU has increased its veteran population from 60 students to over 227 students certified in all chapters of the GI Education Bill. Some 54 students successfully graduated this past 2012-13 academic year with an overall 3.2 cumulative grade point average. Another 52 new enrollees are already committed to join us Fall 2013.

RMU Bayer Center for Non-Profit Management
The Bayer Center for Non-Profit Management continues to be a vital center providing consulting, training, and support for the more than 4,000 nonprofit agencies in Allegheny County. In 2012-13, the Center sponsored over 100 continuing education programs and completed significant consulting contracts with both local and national nonprofit entities.

Library Update
On January 3, 2013, Dr. Fran Caplan retired after thirty-four years of service to Robert Morris University, during the last twenty of which she was Director and then Dean of the Library. In that time, Fran guided the Library through its complex evolution from a twentieth century facility to a true twenty-first century institution. Her contributions to this University and Library were countless; her kindness to those fortunate enough to have worked for her, immeasurable.

During the past year, long-time employees Virginia Yannick (Senior Secretary) and Charles Werme (Circulation Assistant) also retired and we are grateful to them as well for their service and fidelity.

The first comprehensive inventory in the history of the RMU Library was carried out and completed between June 2012 and February 2013. This initiative resulted in the removal of 5,000 records from ROBCAT and was completed in only eight months.

In the Fall 2012 and Spring 2013 semesters, 3,755 volumes were borrowed from the Textbook Reserve collection by 2,010 individual patrons. The program was a great success and student feedback was nothing but positive. Several print and electronic media sources, including the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Pittsburgh Magazine, Inside Higher Ed and University Business covered the Textbook Reserve program with stories and photographs.

The Library introduced a highly customized Discovery Search tool with a quick and powerful search box mapped to our library’s holdings, and branded with official RMU colors and logos. The EBSCO platform-based, cross-interface search tool brings together search results from the vast majority of both RMU library-subscribed and library-owned resources (including books) into one comprehensive list of search results. Also, the Library’s circulation and interlibrary loan functions were integrated into a new and more efficient Access Services Department.

University Counseling Center
Robert Morris University recently expanded its existing student counseling services. The Counseling Center provides crisis intervention and short-term counseling services for students experiencing psychological issues, such as separation issues, relationships, anxiety, depression, abuse, grief/loss, and eating disorders. A full-time staff will provide services located in Nicholson Center Room 259. A part-time psychiatrist will also be available for students who require medication management services. Educational sessions are available to faculty, staff, and student groups on various topics and issues. Counseling Center staff members are also available to provide consultation for faculty and staff regarding issues or concerns about a student. Consultations are available in person or by telephone. More information about the services available to students may be found on the Counseling Center webpage at rmu.edu/counseling. Faculty can contact Holly Harmon or Randon Willard at 412-397-5900.
The School of Business completed an agreement with Duquesne University to provide students a “3 plus 2” program between our School of Business and Duquesne School of Law.

RMU School of Business successfully hosted the MAACBA Conference last fall. Business Deans from the entire mid-Atlantic region attended this conference at RMU.

David Synowka and Dean Beehler traveled to the University of Salford in Manchester, England to help with the development of a Sports Management program.

SBUS hosted a “Sustainability Conference” in partnership with a university in Poland.

The School of Business hosted the 24th annual “Teaching Economics” conference which is a partnership with book publisher McGraw-Hill/Irwin.

Accounting majors earned numerous RMU academic achievement awards as well as $30,000 in PICPA scholarships.

Business faculty jointly published some 100 journal articles and 95 other intellectual contributions including, books, book chapters, case studies, proceeding articles, and refereed presentations.

Dr. Victoria Fratto was recognized by her peers at RMU with the Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Drs. Marcel Minutolo, Brian O’Roark, Zhou Yang received separate external grants to pursue various research efforts.

Jasmin Lin received the Best Paper of Emerging Trends Award at the American Society of Business and Behavioral Sciences Annual Meeting.

SBUS co-hosted the CEO Lecture Series with Kevin Colbert from the Pittsburgh Steelers organization as the main speaker for the event. This was held in April at the Duquesne Club with over 200 attendees.

The 37th Sport Management Anniversary Celebration was held in conjunction with the 9th 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.

Dr. Yun Chu was approved for a sabbatical in China beginning in January 2014. In addition to her research and teaching activities, she will investigate potential partners in China for our School of Business in the future.

Una Japundza, SBUS student majoring in Management and Sport Management was selected for the University’s highest honor, the President’s Transformational Leadership Award.

The RMU Chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma inducted its fourth class of candidates on April 20, 2013. Two Honorary memberships for SBUS service were given to Frederic B. Sargent and Carol S. MacPhail. SBUS faculty who have made significant contributions to the SBUS were also inducted: Gayle Marco, Ph.D., Adora Holstein, Ph.D., and Ronald Rubenfield, MBA.

At “A Celebration of Marketing” event, seven students were inducted into the Alpha Mu Alpha Honor Society and AMA Officers were recognized.

Approximately 100 students participated in the annual “Rande & Georgia Somma Integrity First Scholarship” workshop, an evening presentation on ethics cases that were discussed by student teams and included a discussion and Q&A session with SBUS alumnus, Rande Somma.

14 SBUS students and 2 student interns joined two faculty in participating in the VITA Program - a volunteer program to help veterans and lower income individuals and families complete their taxes for maximum benefit.
News from the School of Communications and Information Systems

- Rex Crawley secured a $900,000 matching grant from The Heinz Endowments and a $900,000 matching grant from RMU to create a research center named “Uzuri,” dedicated to identifying factors leading to young African American male success in school and the workplace.
- Connie Ruzich and Peter Wu are co-investigators for a three-year, NSF grant that investigates software verification and validation with Dr. S. Acharya, G. Holdan, A. Lias, and P. Manahar.
- Ken Gargaro was awarded grants (the Buhl Foundation, the Hearst Foundation, the Highmark Foundation and RAD) totaling $52,000 that support the partnership between Colonial Theater and the Pittsburgh Musical Theater.
- Anthony Moretti secured $8,500 to promote the 1st Amendment and develop a Web site, MoonNewsCloud, a joint journalistic partnership between RMU and Moon Township). Approximately 30 students contributed to the Web site.
- The Computer and Information Systems Department (CIS) strengthened its partnership with IBM and universities developing and offering Enterprise Systems curricula. IBM awarded CIS three mainframes for instruction.
- The CIS Dept developed and offered a concentration in Enterprise Systems that serves three M.S. degrees in CIS.
- The Org. Leadership Department developed and offered professional certificates in Conflict Resolution and Global Perspectives and launched the Southpointe Leadership Academy.
- SCIS is forming international partnerships, including Slovakia (University of Zilina), Ireland (Ireland Institutes of Technology), and England (University of Salford).
- SCIS faculty and academic administrators published 87 Category A scholarly and creative works.
- SCIS hosted two Rooney Scholars: Professor Sunny Dooley (fall 2012) and Dr. Blessing Adeoye (spring 2013), and a Visiting Documentary Filmmaker, Robert Fiveson (spring 2013).
- For the second consecutive year, the CIS Department’s online graduate programs were ranked by U.S. News and World Report in the “Top 20 Online Graduate Technology Programs in the World.” The faculty was ranked #3 for “Faculty Qualifications and Training.”
- IBM selected the CIS Department’s Enterprise Systems program as one of the top 12 Enterprise Systems programs worldwide. The program was featured at the 2012 International IBM SHARE Conference.
- The Colonial Theater produced six theatrical productions; two shows were sold out.
- The Lois Inglehart First Amendment Grant awarded SentryMedia (Carrie Moniot) $500.
- The Academic Media Center produced 93 news, sports, educational and entertainment programs; RMU Radio 32 programs reached 2,100 listeners in 22 countries.
- SentryMedia, a converged media center supervised by Carrie Moniot, produced print and online media versions of our student newspaper and works with our Academic Media Center and academic departments to produce a range of media projects.
- SCIS hosted several conferences and events, including the Communication Dept journalism symposium for RMU and high school students (Celebrate Communications!); CIS Dept Pittsburgh Area Enterprise Systems Conference for employers and faculty and Technology Conference for High School Teachers/Counselors; English Dept 5th Annual Creepy Conference and readings from the literary magazine Rune at the Penguin Bookstore; Media Arts Dept shows in the Media Arts Gallery featuring works by students, faculty, and renowned artists; Academic Media Center and Television and Video Teachers Consortium Board hosted the TVT annual conference and a student awards festival for more than 400 high school students and teachers; and, SCIS and Career Services Creativity at Work seminars and workshops which introduces students to career opportunities.
- 32 SCIS students presented papers at regional, national and international conferences.
- 50 SCIS students won awards from regional, national and international professional associations.
- 57 students studied in Northern and Southern Ireland (two FLEAPs) with Christine Holtz, Heather Pinson, Anthony Moretti and Jim Vincent.
- 8 students went on a Navajo Nation service learning trip with Ed Karshner.
- 12 students, led by Karen Paulet, completed the Washington Center’s “Challenges to National Security” seminar. Karen Paulet led the week-long trip to Washington, D.C. and was an invited faculty presenter.
News from the School of Education and Social Sciences

- SESS launched new graduate programs in literacy, special education, and on-line teaching, and a new undergraduate degree in History.
- SESS had a successful site visit from our accreditation body in education (TEAC) and continued enrollment growth in the Ph.D. program in Instructional Management and Leadership.
- Awards were given to top students in SESS during the 43rd Annual Student Recognition Awards Ceremony in April, including dean’s scholar awards, distinguished student awards to the top students in each major, and dean’s teaching fellow awards to exemplary student teachers. The John Graham Founding Dean Award honoring the top student in the school went to psychology major Eric Levine.
- The second initiation ceremony of the Alpha Zeta Omicron Chapter of the international education honorary, Kappa Delta Pi, was held under the leadership of Dr. Ron Perry. Twenty-five students were initiated as new members. Michael J. Ludwig, a Math Education student, received the Dean’s Leadership Award. The chapter also won a 2013 Rising Star Award for New Chapters. The chapter will be recognized for its achievement at the KDP 49 takes place in October 2013.
- Under the leadership of chapter advisor, Dr. Stephen Paul, Psi Chi, the international honor society in psychology, held its 6th annual induction ceremony. A record number of new members (17) were inducted. Amanda K. Mesina received the Dean’s Leadership Award.
- Twelve RMU psychology students presented research at the 41st Western Pennsylvania Undergraduate Psychology Conference, hosted by Allegheny College. Nearly 300 students from 13 colleges from Pennsylvania, New York and Ohio attended. Dr. Stephen Paul, Dr. Liam Kelly, and Dr. Samantha Monda co-presented with students at this event.
- The Bridging Education, Service, and Teaching (BEST) Club was newly formed with thirty undergraduate and graduate students who desire to serve students with a disability. Dr. Vicki Donne and undergraduate and BEST club students attended the State Council for Exceptional Children conference and presented “Application of Apps.”
- The History Club partnered with the Worldwide Book Drive to collect unwanted books to be donated to literacy/education projects in third world countries. The drive was so successful; the History Club achieved Gold-medal Level Recognition from the WBD.
- Seventeen RMU students from Psi Chi and the Psychology Club hosted area high school students on the RMU campus in engaging activities in psychology. Fifty-three high school students attended the first inaugural “Psych in a Box” event, completing activities in three of the six areas of psychology: cognitive, gender, abnormal, sport, social, and perception.
- SESS sponsored or co-sponsored two successful conferences: Best Practices in Literacy and the Pennsylvania Association for Gifted Education Annual Conference (RMU co-sponsor). The school is now located on the fourth floor of Nicholson Center.
News from the School of Engineering, Mathematics, and Science

- During 2012-13, SEMS faculty reached affiliation agreement with:
  - University of Zilina, Slovakia: MS, Engineering Management, 1+1 program
  - South Western College, Ireland: Energy partnership
  - PTI-MS, Manufacturing Engineering: 2+2 program
  - SEMS is partnering with five local high schools in the College to High School program.
  - Energy Innovation Center, Pittsburgh: certificates in Energy and Manufacturing

- RMU was included in the winning proposal of President Obama’s National Additive Manufacturing Innovation Institute (NAMII), and became a supporting partner in the multi-university grant.

- NSF STEM cohort successful graduation is reported at: http://moon.patch.com/articles/robert-morris-graduates-system-scholars. It is the first NSF grant ($522K) that received university-wide support and had a living-learning cohort.

- In SEMS, external funding requests totaled $1.879M with $243K awarded. Nine faculty members took the initiative to seek external funding and were listed as Principal Investigators on the proposals. Three of the twelve proposals involved more than one academic department and one listed faculty from three separate schools at RMU.

- SEMS received an NSF grant in software engineering “Software Verification and Validation”, submitted by Dr. Sushil Acharya (PI) in the amount of $186K.

- Foundation grant requests have been approved by Google and Colcom Foundations, and the Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh and will allow faculty in Science and Engineering to purchase needed equipment, work with K-12 teachers locally, engage undergraduate students in previously funded research and support outreach programs of SEMS.

- SEMS faculty published 46 articles in national and international peer-reviewed journals, wrote grants, attended grant writing workshops, professional seminars and conferences.

- SEMS Energy and sustainability curriculum (15 cr minor) gained international recognition in Ireland and Germany. The course “Renewable Resources” had a study abroad component in Germany.

- 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.

- Charles Mura became the 3rd RMU student to win $500 at the American Society of Metals (ASM) Pittsburgh Chapter meeting after presenting a research poster. He helped to present a paper at the 2013 RAPID Conference.

- Maritza Jimenez was accepted to the University of Pittsburgh Bioengineering Ph.D. Program.

- ENGR 4950 course yielded a provisional patent - on a Rototiller Project by Jared Kramer - BS in Engineering - Mechanical in the Spring of 2013.

- Jaclyn Bosiljevac, a senior actuarial science major at Robert Morris University, was recently awarded the 2012 Actuary of Tomorrow – Stuart A. Robertson Memorial Scholarship by The Actuarial Foundation. Bosiljevac also won two other national scholarships: the John Culver Woodyd Scholarship and the Insurance Scholarship Foundation of America Marsh Scholars Award. She is the first student ever to win both the Woodyd and the Robertson scholarships in the same year.
• Nursing faculty and DNP students published 36 articles and made 63 local, regional, national and international presentations last year.
• Dr. Angela Macci-Bires was elected to the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board (NMTCB) and as a Fellow in the Society of Nuclear Medicine Molecular Imaging (SNMMITS)
• Dr. Susan Van Cleve completed her presidency of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners, (NAPNAP) this summer.
• Dr. Valerie Howard is completing her term as president of the International Nursing Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning (INACSL).
• Dr. Judith Kaufmann received the Cameo of Caring-Educator award in fall, 2012.
• The Hillman Foundation awarded $250,000 to fund SNHS/RISE Center Complex Primary Care Suite.
• Dr. Lynn George was elected as Chair, Nominating Committee for the Commission on Collegiate Nursing (CCNE) accrediting agency.
• The DNP Program was awarded the third round of scholarship grants from the Jewish Healthcare Foundation in honor of Alvin Rogal.
• The Fine Foundation awarded SNHS $25,000 for INSPIRE Project: Integrating Nursing Simulation and Production to Improve Respect for Elders, funded over three years, Project Director, V. Howard.
• CMS: $707,000 to provide communication/simulation experiences for long term care staff, funded over three years, – Project Director, J. Angelelli, Consultant, V. Howard.
• HRSA Advanced Nursing Education Training Grant: $923,487 for the Psychiatric Mental Health doctoral program through distance learning modalities, funded. PI – K. Kameg, CoPI – J. Kaufmann, V. Howard
• PHENSA Research Grant: $5,000, Utilization of Standardized Patients to Decrease Student Anxiety Related to Communicating with Patients Diagnosed with Mental Illness with UG students enrolled in NURS 4025 Nursing Care of Psychiatric Clients, Co-PI – K. Kameg, J. Szpak, D. McDermott
• Dean’s Fund, David Scaife Foundation: $5,000 for Impact of the Dedicated Education Unit on Student Self-Efficacy, funded. Co-PIs: L. George, L. Locasto, and K. Pyo
• The DNP program received approval from the State Board of Nursing to offer post graduate second certification for the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program.
• SNHS partnered with RT Connections to offer three workshops on the campus: Social Media for Healthcare Professionals, Climbing the Stairs to Personal Safety, and Preventing the Next Generation of Nurse Bullies.
• SNHS presented two Healthcare Focused Discussions: Fostering Global Synergy Commemorating the 80th trip of Dr. Carl Ross to Nicaragua, and An Evening with Dr. Bill Thomas, a nationally known geriatrician.
• SNHS was involved in outreach activities including Oncology Nursing Association Regional Conference held at Sewall Center; iPads in Nursing Workshop sponsored by Apple; Making Strides for Breast Cancer Walk at Heinz Field; Marketing Admissions Supporting Healthcare (MASH) Event; Holy Family Student event; Our Lady of Sacred Heart Awareness event; and an ongoing service learning project at Mooncrest Afterschool Program.
• Katey Grindle BSN RN, a student in the MSN program, and Donna McDermott MSN RN, Clinical Asst. Professor, presented Cash In with Student Workers at the June 2013 International Nursing Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning (INACSL) Conference in Las Vegas, NV.
• Farhana Hamid: "Providers' acceptance factors and their perceived barriers to electronic health record adoption" has been selected for presentation at the 141st APHA Annual Meeting to be held November 2 - 6, 2013 in Boston.
• Michele Lucatorto: “Monitoring Performance for Blood Pressure Management among Patients with Diabetes Mellitus: Too Much of a Good Thing?” Archives of Internal Medicine (May 2012)
• Lisa Hogan: recipient of the National Nursing Patient Safety Award in the category of education for her study on “The effects of Education on Noise Levels in the Operating Room.” The awards ceremony was held at Georgetown University in Washington, DC.