

Greetings from the Dean



I have some exciting news to share with you in this inaugural issue of the CHBS Newsletter.

Construction on our new college building has begun. The project is slated for completion in 2016.

Jeanie Owens '92, has been selected as the college's first ever Assistant to the Dean. Jeanie received her B.A. from RU with majors in history and German. She earned her M.S. from Virginia Tech in Teaching and Learning.

Jeanie has overhauled the college's presence on social media. I encourage you to check out the college's new face through these outlets.

Inside, you'll read about the progress RU is making to internationalize the campus and curriculum and receive news about the successes of our students, faculty and alumni.

Let us know if you have ideas for features we should include in future editions of our newsletter.

All best wishes,

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Katherine Hawkins

Katherine Hawkins, Ph.D., Dean
College of Humanities and
Behavioral Sciences

P.S. Please consider donating to the college using the enclosed envelope. Your generosity directly impacts our students and programs, and is greatly appreciated!



Dr. Hawkins and a facilities management employee review plans for the new building.

A New Home for the College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences



Artist Rendering of the College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences Building

The College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences (CHBS) is proud to announce it is getting a new home. Designed by Moseley Architects of Virginia Beach, the new 143,600 square-foot academic building will house all of the college's academic units as well as the dean's office. When completed, this will be the largest academic building on campus.

The state-of-the-art space will feature a 90-seat tiered classroom, multiple collaborative learning spaces for student use, office space, integrated inquiry environments, and the CHBS Advising Center. It will also feature a mock trial/moot courtroom, a television studio, a forensic laboratory, and an Emergency Management Center. Dean Katherine

Hawkins stated, "The construction of the new building brings the university closer to its goal of providing RU teaching facilities that match the excellence of the instruction taking place."

Nestled between Muse Hall and McConnell Library, the new building will feature Georgian architecture facing the main campus. The Main Street side of the building will have a contemporary flair. There will also be a landscaped courtyard.

S.B. Ballard of Virginia Beach is the construction management firm overseeing the project. With construction already underway, the new CHBS building is scheduled to be completed by 2016 at the cost of \$52.8 million. ■

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CHBS Thanks You, Curtis J. Martin II

Curtis, a Forest, Virginia, native, became the first in his family to graduate from college. He attended Radford from 1988-1992, earning his B.B.A. in marketing.

"RU provided the best fit for my personal and academic growth," Curtis reflected. "I felt that the professors were invested in my success and fostered a positive learning environment."

Curtis visited the RU campus and was impressed by the university's growth. Motivated by President Kyle and Dean Hawkins' desire to enhance RU's quality of education, he made a contribution to the college by providing the lead gift for the CHBS Scholarship Fund for Student Success.

"I also want to ensure that other students with similar backgrounds can take advantage of the same opportunities for success that were provided to me," Curtis remarked. "RU provided the foundation for my professional success so it's important for me to stay connected and give back."

"We are so thankful to Curtis and the Martin family for their generosity. Their support will help provide the kind of transformational experiences for our students that we know will help to change the trajectory of their lives in a positive way," said Dean Hawkins.

Curtis practices law in Atlanta at Miller & Martin PLLC where he focuses on business and employment litigation with state and nationwide clients. He serves on professional and civic boards and volunteers through pro bono and civic opportunities. He lives with his wife, Mary, his son, Curtis "Justus" Martin III, and his daughter, Sydney Malia Martin.

RU Alumnus Nathan O. Taylor Discovered His Future with the Kirk Scholars Program

Nathan O. Taylor's '04 future was molded by an opportunity to study abroad in China with Radford University's Kirk Scholars Program.

Taylor earned a B.F.A. in sculpture at Radford. While a student, he became active in the university community. He joined Phi Kappa Sigma and was involved with Residential Life and Quest. It was his involvement in the Kirk Scholars Program, however, that nurtured his love of the Asian culture, particularly in China.

The Kirk Scholars Program was created in 1999 by former Board of Visitors rector R.J. Kirk. He named the scholarship program after his daughter Zylphia Shu-En Kirk. This endowment supports eligible RU students as they travel to China for a three-week summer program.

The Kirk scholarships pay for tuition for the summer abroad experience. Students in the program must also complete two semesters of Mandarin Chinese, earning at least a B in their language courses.

During the trip, students visit Beijing, Shanghai and other cities where they experience historical sites and wonders of nature such as the Great Wall, Temple of Heaven, Summer Palace, Yuanmingyuan, Yu Yuan Garden and Olympic Park.

For Taylor, who participated in the program during the 2003-2004 academic year, the trip changed him from the very start.

Upon graduation from RU, he returned to China where he became an English-as-a-Second Language instructor and later managed an English school in China's Guizhou Province. After spending time learning the language and understanding Chinese business practices, Nathan

moved to Nanjing in 2008 with his wife, Lei Wu. In 2010, he opened Cornerstone Cultural Exchange, an international internship provider that helps young professionals transition into the Chinese culture. In 2012, Nathan received the Chinese Government Scholarship for International Students and began studies at Nanjing University in the Department of Architecture and Urban Planning. He

currently works in Nanjing for Impress Environmental where he designs vertical and rooftop gardens. He and his wife are also enjoying raising their two-year-old son.

For more information on the Kirk Scholars Program, call the International Education Center at 540-831-6588 or visit [http://www.](http://www.radford.edu/content/international/home/kirk-scholars/apply.html)

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Nathan O. Taylor

Internationalizing CHBS



The 2014 Kirk Scholars and Dr. Fu met up with 2004 Kirk Scholar Nathan Taylor and his family for a traditional Chinese meal in Nanjing.

CHBS stresses the importance of international education. For students with international aspirations, the college offers two international education minors and numerous study abroad programs.

The International Studies minor complements any major. It provides a broad view of international issues and the ability to specialize in an area of interest. Students learn about different cultures, their histories and their societies. They are also encouraged to participate in study abroad programs, internships and home stays for language study before completing a senior project that integrates learning from their major and minor

into a project with an international focus. The Intercultural Studies minor is for students who would like to complement their foreign language skills by focusing on culture. In addition to work in sociology and language studies, students pick one of three concentrations: Classics, Latin America or Western Europe. CHBS faculty-led study abroad programs remain a highlight for both students and professors at Radford. One such

program, titled "European Literary Trails," is led by Jolanta Wawrzycka, professor of English. In her program she and her students travel to European sites recognized for their literary, cultural, and historic significance. "Through travel-based learning, students gain lessons about themselves as much as they learn about cultures other than their own," Wawrzycka said.

Other study abroad programs are also offered in countries such as Costa Rica, the UK, the Bahamas, Malawi, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands and the U.S. Virgin Islands. ■



Dr. Paige Tan Joins the Political Science Department

Dr. Paige Tan is the new chair of the Department of Political Science.

Tan earned her B.A. at the University of Virginia, her M.P.A. at Monterey Institute of International Studies, and her Ph.D. in foreign affairs at the University of Virginia.

Tan previously served as an associate professor and assistant chair in the Department of Public and International Affairs at the University of North Carolina Wilmington. She brings to Radford an expertise in Asian politics.

"I am focused on working with the faculty and the dean to create a program that is amazing for students," Tan said.

The Center for Social and Cultural Research Thrives at RU

The Center for Social and Cultural Research (CSCR) offers CHBS students an opportunity to apply the knowledge and skills attained in their sociology classes to concrete and substantive research.

Under the direction of Jeanne Mekolichick, the current RU interim assistant vice provost for high impact practices, the center combines research development with the desire to help RU students to become more marketable in the workplace.

Non-profits, university departments, and even local businesses have asked the CSCR to conduct research on areas of

need. The longest running relationship in the CSCR is with the Women's Resource Center (WRC) of the New River Valley. Recently, the CSCR received a \$20,000 Verizon Grant to support student research on WRC's Peaceline Plus program for community outreach and prevention.

Numerous departments have utilized the services of the CSCR such as the Disability Resource Office, the Office of the Provost, Student Affairs, the College of Science and Technology, and RU Sustainability.

CHBS is extremely proud of the work the students are doing at the CSCR. "What



we are doing as an institution, a college, and a program, is intentionally taking steps to prepare our students to be future leaders," said Mekolichick. "Everybody learns; everybody wins."



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The Criminal Justice Department Celebrates 40 Years

A celebration for one of Radford's most well-established and beloved departments will take place at this year's Alumni Weekend as the Department of Criminal Justice turns 40.

The criminal justice program began at Radford University in 1974, in response to the 1968 Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act. This law provided

grants to police officers to attend colleges and funding for colleges to start criminal justice programs. By 1976, the program had grown, allowing it to become a four-year degree completed entirely on campus.

In 1982, the State Council of Higher Education in Virginia (SCHEV) gave its approval for the program to offer a graduate degree, making RU's criminal justice graduate program the second program of its type in the state. By 1989, criminal justice had become its own department under the leadership of Dr. Jack Call. The program has continued to evolve into a full academic program, taught entirely by criminal justice faculty.

In 2004, an "accelerated" bachelor's/master's program was created at RU allowing undergraduates to complete both a bachelor's degree and a Master of Science degree in five years.

The criminal justice program offers numerous internships that allow students



Tod Burke discusses bullet projectories in the classroom.



Josh Barcayan puts himself to the test on the City of Radford's police course.

the chance to work with criminal justice agencies. Faculty-led study abroad programs are also available. The department currently has 12 full-time faculty members, two emeritus faculty, and 15-20 adjunct faculty members.