

“Legacy, what is a legacy?

It’s planting seeds in a garden you never get to see. . . .

America, you great unfinished symphony, you sent for me

You let me make a difference, a place where even orphan immigrants

Can leave their fingerprints and rise up”

“The World Was Wide Enough” from Hamilton

Many of you know that I’m a fan of Hamilton, even though I do not generally enjoy musicals. If any of you have seen me driving to and from campus, you may have noticed that I appeared to be talking to myself. It’s more likely that I was doing my best imitation of Lin-Manuel Miranda.

I particularly love the poignant lines quoted above, and I think that they apply to the work of educators. Our legacy lies in the influence we have on our students; it lies in their successful futures. The community college, a place that, in its finest moments, embodies the greatest American values, provides opportunity for our students to RISE UP and for us to MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Let’s not throw away our shot!

Laurie

Fall Opening Day at St. Cecilia Music Center

Please join your colleagues on Thursday, August 23 for Opening Day at St. Cecilia Music Center, 24 Ransom NE.

8 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 a.m.	Address by President Pink and program
10 a.m.	School Meetings (various locations)
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	GRCC Foundation Free Picnic Lunch Raider Grille, Student Center, Room 203

Adjunct On-Boarding

3-5 p.m.

Student Center, Far Side Room

During the on-boarding event, adjuncts will have an opportunity to:

- Turn in new hire forms
- Ask questions regarding benefits
- Obtain a RaiderCard
- Learn about library services
- Receive technical support from IT
- Learn about professional development opportunities
- Obtain a parking assignment, hang tags, office and classroom keys

This event is open to new and returning adjuncts.

Adjunct Brunch

Saturday, Sept. 22

9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Heritage Restaurant

Due to Ford Fieldhouse construction, the Deans will NOT hold their usual Adjunct Dinner Meeting on Opening Day (August 23). They are excited for the opportunity to do something different. Instead, they will host a brunch on Saturday, September 22 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Heritage Restaurant/Patio and ATC Atrium. ArtPrize kicks off this weekend, so the Deans invite adjuncts to enjoy brunch on them and then explore the many downtown ArtPrize venues, as well as those on our own campus. Look for more information from your department heads/program directors regarding your individual departmental meetings.

Center for Teaching Excellence Hosts Open Houses

The Center for Teaching Excellence will hold a Fall 2018 Open House during the first week of classes, August 27-31. Staff will be on hand during this time and eager to provide a one stop resource for all faculty. This open house will provide an opportunity to get answers for specific questions you may have regarding the start-up of the semester. Whether you have specific questions and concerns, or just want to stop by and say hello, we are looking forward to seeing you! Look for more information regarding specific topics of interest coming soon. More information will be forthcoming on specific times for open houses.

Welcome New ASA Staff

Abbey Atanasoff, Education, APSS
Grace Blanchard, Training Solutions, APSS
Renida Clark, College Success Center, Student Success Coach
Rebecca DeKorne, College Success Center, Student Success Coach
Kanyyn Doan, College Success Center, Student Success Coach
Mike Eddington, Athletics, Head Baseball Coach
Leann Garrison, Language and Thought, APSS
Cody Giba, Training Solutions, Data Tracking Specialist
Traci Nichols, Instructional Support, APSS
Katherine Pena, Computer Information Systems, APSS
Jermaine Reese, Police and Corrections Academy, Director
Ashley Ruthruff, Student Affairs (K12 Outreach), APSS
Erik Taylor, Preschool, Assistant to the Instructor
Isabel Vargas, Computer Information Systems, MAP+, APSS
Jonathan Wheeler, College Success Center, APSS

Congratulations! Faculty and Staff Promoted

Received Tenure:

Jermaine Reese, Criminal Justice
Holly VanRyn,
Secchia Institute for Culinary Arts
Jennifer Gable, Nursing
Thomas Street, Applied Technology
Michael Merchant,
Mechanical and Architectural Design
Lani Cantu, Nursing
Sara Workman, Nursing
Andrew Rozema,
Computer Information Systems
Nathan Spahn, Manufacturing
Julie Lackscheide, Radiologic Technology
Kyle Lackscheide, Workforce Training
Matheta Righa, Business
Lynnell Talbert, Criminal Justice
Dan Groh, Physical Sciences
Keri Davis, Education
Laura Kennett, Exercise Science
Rachel Lutwick-Deaner, English
Sean Mackey, English
Kellie Roblin, English
Kimberly Olushola, English
Meghan VanderMale, Mathematics
Michelle Allen, English

Todd Tiano, Biological Sciences
Kate Kryger, Biological Sciences
Steven Putt, Library
Sophia Brewer, Library
Daniel Nyhof, Advising and Transfer Center
Erin Busscher, Advising and Transfer Center

Promoted to Associate Professor:

Steve Barton, Music
Tony Dykema-VanderArk, English
Roger Kelley, Applied Technology
Sandra Lancaster, Psychology
Christina McElwee, English
Lynnae Selberg,
Counseling and Career Center
Ronald Stevenson, Applied Technology
Sheryl York, English
Ennis Young, Psychology

Promoted to Full Professor:

Vikki Cooper, English
Yolanda Duncan,
Disability Support Services
Andrew Lussy, English
Michelle Olszewski, Nursing
Carmela Zapata,
Language and Thought

Many Thanks to GRCC's Newly Appointed, Elected or Re-elected Academic Department Heads and Program Directors

School of Workforce Development:

Automotive, Chad Lodenstein
Business, Felix Pereiro
Computer Information Systems,
Andrew Rozema
Criminal Justice, Nikki Banks
Manufacturing, Nathan Spahn
Mechanical and Architectural Design,
Michael Merchant
Occupational Therapy, Matt Mekkes

School of Arts and Sciences

Biological Sciences, Tim Hoving
English, Susan Davis
Exercise Science, Jodi Gee
Language and Thought, Mary Lucas
Mathematics, Dana Sammons
Psychology, Frank Conner
Social Sciences, Mike Light
Visual Arts, Nick Antonakis

New Faculty this Fall

Biological Sciences, **Dr. Jenifer Borcier**, Assistant Professor of Biology

Biological Sciences, **Dr. Nicole Evans**, Assistant Professor of Biology

Drafting and Design, **Daniel Estes**, Assistant Professor of Mechanical Design

Drafting and Design, **Arthur Ward**, Temporary Assistant Professor of Mechanical Design

Occupational Therapy Assistant, **Teddie Buchner**,
Assistant Professor of Occupational Therapy

Social Sciences, **Dr. Lilian Daisy Henderson**, Assistant Professor of Sociology

Bon Voyage, John Cowles



As many of you already know, Dr. John Cowles, who began his career at GRCC 19 years ago as a counselor, has accepted the position of Vice Chancellor of Student Success at Ivy Tech Community College – Indianapolis. Over the years at GRCC, John also served as an Associate Dean, and most recently, he was the Dean of Student Success and Retention.

John has left our College a rich legacy – of innovation, of caring, and of commitment to serving the under-served.

The students and staff of Ivy Tech are fortunate indeed.

Please join me in thanking John for all he has done for us and in wishing him all the best in his new endeavor.

John, please keep in touch!

Looking for Experts!

Our Communications Department is putting together a list of faculty experts on subject areas that might be of interest to our local media. At various times, reporters contact us for expert commentary on a variety of subjects: politics, health care, the arts, etc. If you have an expertise that you'd be willing to share with the public, please send an email to lchesley@grcc.edu, and she will compile a list for Communications to use when they are contacted.

Congratulations to 2017-18 OSPA Winners!

Last year was the first year of the Outstanding Substantive Project Award, affectionately known as the OSPA! Many thanks to the faculty who suggested this award, the faculty who applied for consideration, and to the CTE Advisory Board members for recommending the winners, who are:

Tari Noelani Mattox, Physical Sciences Department – “Engaging in ICE: Engaging Under-Represented Students in Geoscience through an Icelandic Classroom Environment.”

Katie Kalisz and **Kellie Roblin**, English Department – “The Information Literacy Toolkit.” Katie and Kellie chose to use the conference stipend available to winners to present their work at the Georgia International Conference on Information Literacy hosted by Georgia Southern University from September 27-29. Megan Lockard, who also worked extensively on the project, will be a presenter as well.