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# Lindner Honors-PLUS Newsletter

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## From The Director

Can Thanksgiving really be right around the corner? I haven't had time to look at my calendar, with priority registration for winter classes going on, and the chaos it always prompts regarding curriculum issues. I'd like to clarify some FAQ's here, for the record.

First, Special Topics courses in University Honors DO double-count as gen ed electives. So, if you take the topics course Ecology of Infectious Diseases this winter, it will fulfill a science elective for you. Check the gen ed coding for the course, and if you don't understand this process, read the gen ed section in the front of Learning Opportunities.

Second, curriculum guides for the Area Studies option, as well as for each Focus and Integral concentration can be obtained in the Undergraduate Office. You should have these where they are relevant to your program.

Third, when you go on your international trip, you will earn 3 credit hours of elective credit which can be used as an elective in (1) non-business, (2) advanced

non-business, (3) free elective, (4) area studies, if your area matches our destination, or (5) an elective course for the International Business integral concentration. Save a space for this when planning which courses you will take.

Fourth, yes you do have to take PD502, the 1 credit hour course which the Career Development Center runs to orient students to the university's placement process. I know it's old hat for you and you could probably teach the class, but it's a required course in the BBA and you have to take it, preferably in your junior year.

Fifth, the only business core classes that you will NOT take in honors sections are Managerial Accounting, Legal Environment, and Operations Management. All other business courses will be honors courses until you enter your focus and integral coursework.

Sixth, contracting for graduation needs to be done with me the quarter before you want to graduate, or at the latest, the first couple

weeks of the quarter you are graduating. Don't be late, or you won't graduate.

Seventh, if you double-section or otherwise deviate from the normal academic schedule, be sure to let Scott know, as well as Judy or me.

Whew! There's more to this advising stuff than meets the eye!

One last thing: We've been brainstorming to find ways of increasing interaction between the classes. So, to this end, we're instituting FREE LUNCHES on the FIRST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH, on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor, for any H+ student who can come. You'll be expected to stay and talk to other students... especially ones not in your immediate class, so this isn't eat and run (it's eat and talk and run). Please put these on your calendar and watch your email for exact times.

Keep up the good work, everyone! I'm so proud of you all!

*Jeri Ricketts*

## Freshman Experience

by: Donna Fisher



Guest Lecturer: Jeff Sheldon sets the table for a practice run.

Do you wonder what goes on in a class called “Business Etiquette”? I was curious as to what this class would entail. As I was invited to join the freshman class by Professor LisaMarie Luccioni, for their culminating experience “dinner at the Maisonette”, I thought I should get the whole experience (merely as an observer you understand, I, after all, already know proper etiquette). LisaMarie was happy to let me join the students in their final class. (I must say here that if I had a teacher like this when I was in school, I would have loved my classes even more!) Was this ever a new experience!

This was more than a class on table manners; it was more about interacting with business professionals at lunch meetings. We discussed different places you would suggest for a business lunch, what to order, and more importantly what NOT to order. I felt pretty at home here and even threw out an item not to order at a business lunch, (French Onion Soup....there is absolutely no way to look professional with cheese stringing from your spoon to your mouth!). I was contributing, I felt good! Don't pick up your napkin until everyone is seated, well maybe I knew that one, I just always pick it up as soon as I sit down, but that's OK isn't it...put your napkin on the right side of your plate if you need to get up and on the left side of your plate if you are done..... whoops, I think I just

put it down anywhere, didn't know it mattered where.... there is a “power seat” at the table.....wow, never knew that one.... (come on, do you know which seat it is? It's the one with the best view!).....now I'm beginning to feel a little bit stupid at this point, hoping the students won't notice as I make comments like, “really” “wow, never heard that one”....you get the picture.

Jeff Sheldon set the table and explained what each piece of silverware and stemware is used for and how to know which is yours and which is your neighbor's. (Ask any freshman about the double OK sign under the table technique-impressive!) The students practiced which



utensils to use and in what order, and they did very well! Then Lisa Marie tells us that when we go to the Maisonette, we will have reporters there from three different papers (Business Courier, Cincinnati Magazine & UC) with photographers. Now I'm nervous....don't want to make a mistake not only in front of the students, but have it etched into film....not to worry. I sat

with Tony DeBlasio and Tyler Bertke and we made a pact that we'd kick each other under the table if we saw a mistake (thanks guys, they kept me on my toes)...and I saw just how much they learned as they were pretty much error free for the night.... well there was one incident when a knife was left on the edge of the plate and taken from the table....but we figured we'd share....not in a five star restaurant, they brought out another one without being asked.

All in all, I learned that the students were totally prepared for their dining experience thanks to LisaMarie Luccioni, you CAN teach an old dog new tricks and it was fun to be a student again! But the best part was getting to spend an evening with some of the most terrific young people you would ever want to meet. They truly are awesome and I am blessed just to have the opportunity to get to know each and every one of them.

Donna Fisher



Dinner at the Maisonette

## Freshman Experience by Carly Weiler



Professor Luccioni interacting with the students

Walking into the upper dining room of the Maisonette, faced with a swarm of people wearing dark business suits and dresses, most people would assume they had just walked into a private business meeting. Listening to stories about Homecoming weekend and complaints about the upcoming math assignment, however, it soon became apparent that this was not the case. Instead the group was the twenty-three students of the 2003 Lindner Honors-PLUS class.

On October 27<sup>th</sup>, the 2003 Lindner Honors-PLUS class culminated a three-week seminar with a five-course dinner at the Maisonette. Prior to the dinner, we met with Ms. LisaMarie Luccioni, to learn proper dining etiquette and to refine our interviewing skills. During these classes, we learned how to handle difficult and unusual interview questions, the value of thank you notes, and the importance of a powerful handshake. Ms. Luccioni also prepared us for our first business dinner. On the final day of class she brought in a guest speaker,

Jeff Sheldon, to demonstrate the difference between American and European dining styles and to teach us dining manners.

Going into our dinner, we waited nervously for the first – and hardest – course. Would we be able to properly eat our corn soup without spilling anything? Our fears soon subsided as we started eating and by the main course – roasted chicken with tarragon cream sauce and mixed vegetables – we were eating like business professionals.

Enhancing our experience was the local newspaper and magazine reporters who interviewed us as we ate. Not only did this allow us to practice our interviewing skills, but the presence of reporters also forced us to maintain proper etiquette during the whole meal.

Although dinner tasted excellent, applying what we learned in the classroom to everyday life made the experience more worthwhile. In addition to enjoying a five-course meal, we practiced etiquette in a situation where we could make mistakes and not be penalized for them. As the first Lindner Honors-PLUS class to participate in the Maisonette dinner, we are extremely grateful and appreciative for the experience and hope future classes can enjoy such a memorable occasion.

Carly Weiler  
Class of 2008

## Email Essentials

### Important Email Information

Now that we are all on the same page, and we are *only* using UC Bearcat email addresses, I want to make sure you that you do the following:

- 1) Check your email daily!
- 2) Forward your Bearcat email to whatever account you want to open it from, if other than your UC account.
- 3) Keep your email accounts cleaned out, including your sent box and your trash.
- 4) If you aren't receiving at least a Monday message from me, you should be finding out what's wrong with your email account and get it fixed. Remember, **all** staff use these addresses, and you don't want to miss co-op opportunities or any important events that come from either Jeri or Judy, or faculty

This will be our only means of email communication with you. We will no longer be able to send to yahoo, hotmail, etc! Make sure you stay connected to the staff, faculty & students!

## Photo Directories

Don't forget that I am compiling photo directories for each class. If you haven't stopped in yet to get your picture taken, please do so as soon as possible.

If you are on co-op this quarter and can't get here (remember Donna is here until 6:00pm, M, W, Th, & F), please stop in and see her as soon as you get back on campus for class.

## UC Homecoming 2003

by: Donna Fisher

I wanted to know a little bit more about how Homecoming Queen & King were nominated and selected, so I called an expert from the Alumni Association who answered a few questions for me. I thought you might be interested to hear what I found out.

Contrary to popular opinion, this is not just a popularity contest. The first step is for the different registered student groups across campus to nominate students they think are best qualified to be Homecoming Queen & King. That list of students goes on the Homecoming website where all students registered on campus can go in and vote for up to 10 of their favorites, approximately two weeks before homecoming. From that list of students, each must go before a review committee to be interviewed. This is the breakdown as to how they choose the top 10 students for Homecoming Court, and the King & Queen.

Interview	35%
Academic Achievement	20%
Campus Activities	20%
Popular Vote	15%
Poise & Grooming	10%

In the article last month, I told you that 10 of our Lindner Honors-PLUS students were in the running for King & Queen. Six of those students made it to the 10 top finalists and the Homecoming Court. They were:

Adhruca Apana (Pre-Junior)  
 Jessica Kinnemeyer (Pre-Junior)  
 Mary Ellen Young (Junior)  
 Brent Cengia (Pre-Junior)  
 Rob Reinerman (Senior)  
 Justin Shafer (Junior)

I'm proud to announce that our own Rob Reinerman was selected as Homecoming King for 2003!

I asked the students to write a little about themselves and their experience. Here are the replies I received, the first being from the King himself!

"I am honored to be the University of Cincinnati Homecoming King. My time

with the University has been so incredible because of the diverse array of experiences that I have had. The rigorous and challenging education that I have undergone through the Lindner Honors-PLUS program has enabled me to establish a strong foundation that constantly pushes me to grow and excel academically, professionally and personally. This experience, combined with extensive campus, community, and professional involvement, has not only shown me how to take advantage of the many opportunities that are around me, but also how to create opportunities that do not already exist."

"In addition to the meaningful skills, knowledge, and background that I have acquired, I have been very fortunate to develop invaluable relationships by learning from and growing with some of the brightest and most talented people I know. I feel very privileged to be recognized for my contributions and achievements and I look forward to making a positive impact on everything in which I become involved in the future."

Rob Reinerman  
 Class of 2004

Since Rob was elected King, I thought you might like to see his profile in the Lindner Honors-PLUS program:

Double Major: Information Systems & Operations Management

Work: Convergys Corporation

Campus Involvement:

Student Government Senate  
 Student Activities Board  
 Sigma Chi Fraternity  
 ODK National Leadership Honor Society  
 Golden Key International Honor Society  
 Interfraternity Council

"When I stepped onto UC's campus a little over two years ago, I never fathomed all the opportunities, experiences, and challenges I would encounter as a Lindner Honors-PLUS and UC student. The Lindner Honors-PLUS program stressed

academic achievement and involvement from day one, which motivated me to excel in the classroom and get involved immediately. The first student group that interested me was the Student Alumni Council. This group usually extends membership to older more experienced students, but I decided to apply anyway and was accepted along with two other Lindner Honors-PLUS classmates. I quickly immersed myself in the group and was elected VP of Communication. A year later I continued my involvement as an executive member, being elected VP of Alumni Events."

"Toward the end of my freshman year I decided to join the Greek Community by pledging Kappa Kappa Gamma. This group also gave me leadership opportunities and I was elected to be the Corresponding Secretary. I have made many lasting friendships in Kappa and had the chance to participate in many philanthropic events. I am also involved with the College of Business Ambassadors, which allows me to give back to the college by volunteering at events and participating in recruiting functions. In addition, I participate in the UC Diner's Club and the UC Ski and Snowboard Club. Both of these groups are less formal and more about having fun, meeting people, and trying new things."

"The whole experience of being nominated for UC's Homecoming Queen, making the top ten, and being named to the court is an occurrence that will stand out in my mind when I look back on my college years. I was honored to be on the Homecoming court with people I have frequently looked up to, and I am proud that six of the ten people were H+ students. I believe this is a direct reflection of how H+ has encouraged us to be leaders in the classroom and on campus with the ultimate goal of us becoming leaders in the business world."

Jessica Kinnemeyer  
 Class of 2006

## Homecoming 2003, cont.

“A great memory of mine was my first Homecoming game during freshman year and watching the King/Queen ceremony with my parents and seeing all of the Chi Omega girls cheer for their sorority sister who had just been crowned the 2000 Homecoming Queen. I thought it was so awesome! They all looked extremely proud and I thought to myself that it would be the best thing ever to experience being on the court one day. It just so happens that the next year I decided to rush Chi Omega as well. I soon became a sister, and as a result have become greatly involved as a student at UC. I’ve watched a Chi Omega be crowned Queen 3 years in a row now.

Through Greek life, I have met some amazing people that have given me the motivation to follow in their footsteps and become active. Through the help of my sorority where I am the Personnel Director, I also became part of Student Alumni Council where I am now the VP of Membership. I am a member of 4 honoraries as well: Sigma Phi, Order of Omega, Alpha Lambda Delta and Omicron Delta Kappa. Through these organizations I have also continued staying active in Sparkpeople Campus, which was started with Lindner Honors-PLUS graduates.

Being involved on campus has allowed me to become very passionate about UC. I love being an active student because it helps me manage my time and I have learned so many valuable leadership skills/experiences that are not always in the classroom. I attribute much of my ability to making it this far in the Homecoming King/Queen selection process to our leaders and teachers of the Lindner Honors-PLUS program for pushing us to always do our best. I love the opportunities here at UC and I am so excited to represent our campus as a member of the 2003 Homecoming Court. GO BEARCATS!”

Mary Ellen Young  
Class of 2005

## Project Safe Place Update by : Lisa Morris

Project Safe Place is off to a great start this school year, but we’ll be in need of student volunteers shortly! Volunteers will conduct training sessions at participating area businesses throughout the academic year. The Project Safe Place Board will be working with the Lindner Honors-PLUS Student Association to coordinate volunteering. Now that all the preliminary work is completed, the board will begin working on major fundraising projects, such as a walk/run, and coordinating events with the University of Cincinnati and participating businesses. Watch for more updates in the Lindner Honors-PLUS Newsletter!

If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering, please contact Nancy Gannon at [gannonnl@email.uc.edu](mailto:gannonnl@email.uc.edu) or (513) 556-8523, or Lisa Morris at [morrisl2@email.uc.edu](mailto:morrisl2@email.uc.edu) or (513) 556-8296.

## CWEST Woman of the Year by: Clarissa Kin

CWEST, Cincinnati Women in Excellence and Spirit Together, is a women’s honorary recognizing those women who have made a significant contribution to the University of Cincinnati through their leadership, scholarship, sincerity and spirit. CWEST was established in 1979 by Men of Metro men’s honorary. The red rose is the CWEST symbol of spirit.

**CWEST Mission:** CWEST shall be a women’s honorary service organization promoting spirit at the University of Cincinnati. CWEST strives to create a support network for successful UC women and enables its members to give back to the surrounding community. **CWEST Strengths:** Diversity and Sisterhood.

Every year at the annual Cincinnati Women in Excellence and Spirit Together Red Rose Banquet, the ladies of CWEST honor one outstanding University of Cincinnati graduate for her contribution to both the UC community and her community at large. This year, CWEST honors one woman for the intense impact she has had directly on the everyday lives of University of Cincinnati students. Due to her strong dedication to her career and apparent love for the students she serves, she has earned the respect and admiration of her peers and students alike.

As an outstanding University of Cincinnati MBA & Doctoral Graduate, Cincinnati Women in Excellence and Spirit Together honors Dr. Jeri Ricketts as the 2003 CWEST Woman of the Year!

Dr. Ricketts will receive her award on November 15, 2003 at the 2003 Red Rose Banquet.

Congratulations Jeri!

## Items of Interest

**Trennicia Walton** got engaged in October to John Kilburn. No wedding date has been set yet.

**Jacquelyn Ducat** got engaged in October to Ryan Dulaney. No wedding date has been set yet.

**Jacquelyn Ducat** was also selected as *Collegian of the Year* for Delta Sigma Pi. She is also a new COB Ambassador.

**Georgia Polychroniou** got engaged in July, and plans to be married July of 2004. She is also applying to law school fall of 2004.

**Laura Meyer** was selected to be honored as *Outstanding Student in Accounting* from the Cincinnati Chapter of the Financial Executives Institute on November 18<sup>th</sup>!

**Chris Frericks** is a pledge, soon to be brother of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

**Ben Hines** was tapped into *Sigma Sigma*, which is the men's most prestigious and oldest spirit honorary at the University of Cincinnati.

**Ben Hines & Matt Mezinskis** were tapped into *Men of Metro* a men's spirit honorary, based on Leadership, Campus Involvement and school spirit.

**Ben Hines** was also nominated for Omicron Delta Kappa, a National Leadership Honorary Society, and the Order of Omega, which is a Greek leadership community.

**Ben Hines** is also a part of the Cincinnati Creates Companies program for Cincinnati area citizens. He has the potential to get a \$25,000 to \$50,000 grant to help start a technology-based business.

**Ben Hines** also noted that he is moving forward with his integral in Biomedical Products while working with Dr. Randy Wolfe and the \$1.4 million dollar da Vinci remote tele-manipulation system recently acquired here at UC.

The following freshmen are pledges in **Delta Sigma Pi** Business Fraternity:

Allison Burns  
Danielle Day  
Krista Detmer  
Tyler Drake  
Sarah Harvey  
Jamie Lindemann  
Jaime Meyer  
Brian Meyers  
Jennifer Schuster

**Tony DeBlasio** was recently elected Vice President of Finance for the Sigma class of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity.

**Don Hunter, Carly Weiler** and **Sarah Harvey** all ran for the *Jackson Advisory Council* and were elected. Don was elected President, Carly is the RHA Representative and Sarah is the Treasurer. The Jefferson Advisory Council is the hall government body for Turner and Schneider Halls (Jefferson Complex). They plan events and services though out the year that

benefit the residents and can also help fund events that other clubs and organizations are organizing.

**Brian Macke** was recently appointed treasurer of both his pledge class at Pi Kappa Alpha, and the UC Investment and Entrepreneurship club. He is also in the early stages of organizing one of the largest auto events of its kind in the country. Stay tuned for more information as this progresses!

**Anna Godby** wants to make sure that everyone knows that Delta Sigma Pi sells pizza on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor every Wednesday from 11:00-1:00. Cost is \$1.00 a slice. Make sure to come out and support them!

**Anna Godby** was also recently asked to be the student representative on the Board of Directors for the *March of Dimes of Cincinnati*.

**Adhruca Apana** is once again serving on the board for the Lighthouse Youth vision awards.

**Todd Barnes** asked me to put the following announcement in:

### UC College Republicans

*"The Best Party On Campus"*

Meeting Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, and December 7<sup>th</sup>.

7:00-8:00pm in Room#214 Lindner Hall.

Contact Todd Barnes for more information. 513-885-2203 or email [uc\\_republicans@yahoo.com](mailto:uc_republicans@yahoo.com)

**REMINDER:** *Don't forget to keep Judy Magazine updated on any co-op changes that you have! She needs these changes as they occur! Email her at [judy.magazine@uc.edu](mailto:judy.magazine@uc.edu) or call her at 556-7187.*

## Items of Interest, cont.

The College of Business just selected its Student Ambassadors for the academic year. Out of a total of 39, 19 of them are Lindner Honors-PLUS students. They are:

Adhruca Apana  
Sue Bal  
Todd D. Barnes  
Paul Bessire  
Jeff Bevan  
Philip DiCiero  
Jacquelyn M. Ducat  
Ashley Dugan  
Adam C. Eling  
Monica L. Espel  
Anna Godby  
Matthew Howe  
Jessica Kinnemeyer  
Andrew Laskey  
Kristen Schroeder  
Todd A. Staley  
Jessica Vater  
Matthew J. Yung  
Ben Zimmerman

Congratulations to all of our students!

Please don't forget to email Donna Fisher at [donna.fisher@uc.edu](mailto:donna.fisher@uc.edu) with any **Items of Interest**, by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month!

## Alumni Corner

Lindner Honors-PLUS Alums:

Hello everyone, I hope you are doing well! Jay Hummel (class of 2003) and I (class of 2001) came up with an idea that will allow Lindner Honors-PLUS alums to give back to the program, stay connected with what is going on at the school, and help current students.

It is called the Lindner Honors-PLUS Alumni Counselors. We would like to organize a group of alums that are willing to meet with current students to offer advice on academics, extracurricular activities, co-op placements, full-time positions, and eventually transitioning from college to the working world. This "mentoring" could take on several forms: meeting with prospective students and their parents about the benefits of Lindner Honors-PLUS, providing direction to current students on what major to pursue, resume reviews, advice on interviewing, hosting mock interviews, facilitating networking between the companies we work

for and students looking for co-op placements or full-time positions, etc. The time commitment is really what you want it to be. There will be a database of alums interested in participating that current students will have access to. The students will then contact the Alumni Counselors to schedule meetings. You can interact in person, by phone, or by email.

Getting involved is easy. If you want to participate or if you have any questions, here are the people to contact:

For those who graduated in 2001 or 2002, email Tim Schatz at [tschatz@umich.edu](mailto:tschatz@umich.edu) or call 734-604-8004.

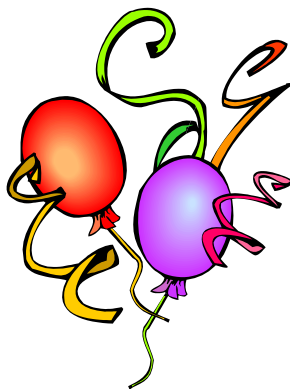
For those who graduated in 2003, email Jay Hummel at [jhummel@deloitte.com](mailto:jhummel@deloitte.com) or call 513-295-6777.

Please let us know by November 17<sup>th</sup> if you are interested.

Thanks,

Tim Schatz and Jay Hummel

## November Birthdays



Jacquelyn Ducat	November 2
Christa Detmer	November 4
Joshua Kaufman	November 4
Mitchell Bahr	November 4
Ben Zimmerman	November 13
Sucheta Bal	November 14
Taylor Lawson	November 14
Donald Hunter, Jr.	November 20
Ashley Cannon	November 22
Lisa Morris	November 25
Stephen Bybee	November 27
Adam Stebbins	November 28

