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From The Director

Hi Everyone!

The fourth class from the Carl H. Lindner Honors-PLUS Business Program graduated on June 10, 2005. Graduation is always so bittersweet – I am so proud of this class’s accomplishments and the fine young men and women they have become, and will miss them so much. The Lindner Honors-PLUS staff wishes all of you the very best, and we hope that you keep in touch often, and come back to visit also. If you remember your experience at UC as fondly as we remember you, then we’ve accomplished much! I’m only aware of two students who are still actively seeking employment, one here in Cincinnati, and one in Chicago, and both are actively interviewing. The vast majority (more than 20 by my latest count) have accepted permanent positions here in Cincinnati, most with their co-op employers. Senior awards are listed later in the newsletter, but EVERY student has earned accolades, and each has succeeded and excelled in their own way – some successes are more visible than others, but they are incredible successes nonetheless. Congratulations!

While our seniors were garnering awards, many of our underclassmen have been busy

as well. LaVandez Jones and Stanley Wells, two of our sophomores, organized and conducted a two-day leadership conference last weekend at Kingsgate Conference Center entitled “You See Potential”, which was attended by 24 promising high school students from St. Xavier, Elder and Purcell-Marion high schools. These students participate in those schools’ scholarship programs or minority initiatives, and were identified in junior high as students having great potential. The conference was funded by a private donor, and featured many outstanding community leaders and speakers. LaVandez and Stanley worked extremely hard to organize this conference, and it was a tremendous success. They are hoping to see this evolve into an annual event, and given the success of this year’s conference, that would be a tremendous contribution to developing these promising young people. Congratulations, LaVandez and Stanley, on a job very well done. We are all extremely proud of you.

Dominic Berardi, a rising senior, is gearing up for his tenure as Vice-President of the undergraduate student body this coming year. Good luck, Dom! You have big shoes to fill! Congratulations to Justin

Shafer and Ben Hines, who had a very successful year as President and Vice-President of last year’s undergraduate student body. You did a great job, and I’ve heard top administrators here at UC refer to your time in office as one of the most productive in recent history!

We’re also extremely honored that Nick Furtwengler, who just completed his sophomore year with Lindner Honors-PLUS, has been appointed by Governor Bob Taft as the Undergraduate Student Representative to the UC Board of Trustees. What an honor! You’ll be rubbing elbows with incredibly successful, talented and powerful people Nick – so you should be right in your element!!! I’m confident that you will be a credible and influential advocate for students, and I know you’ll do a wonderful job. Good luck!

So, all of our classes are off working this summer, except for the pre-juniors who leave on their International trip in August after a summer of preparatory class work. We wish everyone a great summer, and we’ll see you all back on campus in the fall!

Jeri Ricketts

2005 Lindner Honors-PLUS Graduating Class

by: Donna Fisher

Congratulations to the Lindner Honors-PLUS graduating class of 2005! We are very proud of each one of you and your many accomplishments while you were in the program! It's interesting to note that while being so involved in the community and on campus, the average GPA for this graduating class is 3.71, showing a determination to excel in all aspects of their college careers. We wish you much success in the future and look forward to hearing from you often.

Graduating Class of 2005:



Ryan Charles Beck
 Kyle J. Bertke *Magna Cum Laude*
 Teresa Brewer *Magna Cum Laude*
 Elizabeth H. Bronson
 Ashley Rae Cannon *Summa Cum Laude*
 Allison Detzel *Cum Laude*
 Elizabeth Granger *Magna Cum Laude*
 Elizabeth Hand
 Lisa Holtel
 Matthew Howe *Summa Cum Laude*
 Cynthia Huang
 Joshua M. Kaufman *Magna Cum Laude*
 Zachary R. Logan *Summa Cum Laude*
 Timothy G. Metzner *Cum Laude*
 Maureen L. Mulcahy *Cum Laude*
 James Francis Olds *Summa Cum Laude*
 Molly K. Parrett *Magna Cum Laude*
 Anne Marie Peet
 Emily S. Piening *Magna Cum Laude*
 Matthew J. Revecky
 Justin Shafer
 Jenine Shafie
 Todd Staley *Magna Cum Laude*
 Harry Steinkamp *Magna Cum Laude*
 True H. Treanor *Cum Laude*

Zachary A. VanHart *Cum Laude*
 Trennicia Walton
 Mary Ellen Young

Outstanding COB Student Awards:

Matthew Howe
 Family Business & Entrepreneurship

Matthew Howe
 Operations Management

Ashley Cannon
 Accounting

Molly Parrett
 Management

Lisa Holtel
 Industrial Management

Other University Awards

Justin Shafer
 "The Mr. Bearcat" Award.

Justin Shafer
 "The Presidential Leadership of Excellence" Award.

Justin Shafer
 Just Community Award

James Olds
 Alpha Kappa Psi Scholarship Key

James Olds
 Top Cat Scholar Athlete of the Year

Matthew Howe & Zach Logan
 Delta Sigma Pi Scholarship Keys

Justin Shafer
 Was selected to deliver the All University Undergraduate Commencement Address

Kyle Bertke
 Was selected to deliver the COB Undergraduate Commencement Address

Three COB students (all Lindner Honors-PLUS students) were selected to audition for the COB Undergraduate Speaker for the June 2005 Graduation Recognition Ceremony. They were:

Kyle Bertke
 Tim Metzner
 Mary Ellen Young

Professional Achievement Award From Professional Practice

(We had a total sweep of the co-op honors!)

Tim Metzner Marketing

Matthew Howe Operations Mgmt.

Lisa Holtel Industrial Mgmt.

Kyle Bertke Finance

Theresa Brewer Accounting

Cynthia Huang Information Systems

Graduation on Friday evening was followed by the Carl H. Lindner Honors-PLUS graduation cruise on the B&B Riverboat "The Sternwheeler".

26 of our graduates were on board with family and friends to celebrate the end of their Lindner Honors-PLUS experience, and celebrate the beginning of their new careers.

Students regaled us with funny stories from their 5 years in Lindner Honors-PLUS, most of which came from their International experience. I for one laughed until I cried!

We will miss you Lindner Honors-PLUS class of 2005, but are confident that you will stay in touch and keep us updated on your careers and personal achievements as you go through life.



Class of 2005 on Riverboat Cruise

Eager & Ready

by: **Scott Gregory**

What an exciting milestone! In just a couple weeks, the **ninth** class of 24 Lindner Honors-PLUS freshmen scholars will begin attending orientation and registering for their first quarter of classes. We are just as excited as they are about their joining our team.

Who are these new students? They are recent high school graduates – 75% from Cincinnati regional public schools and a 25% from outside of our metropolitan area. Five are high school valedictorians.

Academically this group ranks in the top 9% of their recent class and brings with them a strong educational profile – an average GPA of 3.91 and exam scores of ACT composite 29.

Outside of the classroom, this highly selective group brings with them strong leadership in student government, an innate sense of community service, state and national athletic recognitions along with self-pride and a sense of success that opens the door to greater opportunities in the next step of their educational career.

By the time school starts this fall, these students who have selected our school will feel a sense of belonging and comfort. Current Lindner Honors-PLUS Scholars have joined the faculty and staff to develop a line of communication with each and every one.

Although we are disappointed that one of our offered students changed

his mind after initial confirmation to our program, we can stand proud to know he is going to a competitive school – Penn State.

The Fall 2005 Lindner Scholars include:

Neil Black

Withrow International, Cincinnati OH

Jordan Brewer

Health Careers, San Antonio TX

Evan Clinkenbeard

Highlands, Ft. Thomas KY

Kathryn Crumley

Little Miami, Blanchester OH

David Dewitt

Clark Montessori, Cincinnati OH

Neil Drake

Marysville, Marysville OH

Zachary Frank

St. Xavier, Cincinnati OH

Daniel Holthaus

Walnut Hills, Cincinnati OH

Alexander Hotte

Upper Arlington, Columbus OH

Benjamin Hoyer

Cincinnati Hills Christian, Cincinnati OH

Susan Kayser

Walnut Hills, Cincinnati OH

Diane Korte

Seton, Cincinnati OH

Daniel Larson

St. Xavier, Cincinnati OH

Vladimir Leytus

Walnut Hills, Cincinnati OH

Michelle Matthews

St. Ursala, Cincinnati OH

Nicole Murphy

Batavia, Batavia OH

Kathleen Paulin

St. Ursala, Cincinnati OH

Andrew Rahe

Purcell Marion, Cincinnati OH

Brian Rapien

Elder, Cincinnati OH

Kyle Snider

West Muskingum, Zanesville OH

Bradley Stephens

William Mason, Mason OH

Victoria Sunderman

Mother of Mercy, Cincinnati OH

Emily Taylor

Middletown, Middletown OH

Hailey Werthaiser

Sycamore, Cincinnati, OH

This entering class will, as always, complement the current Lindner Honors-PLUS classes by bringing high academic, extra-curricular, and professional achievements.

Scott Gregory

Items of Interest

Nancy Gannon (Class of 2007), was inducted in April into the Beta Gamma Sigma Business Honorary. This honor is awarded to Junior's who are in the top 7% of their class.

Brent Cengia, Class of 2006 & **Matthew Yung**, Class of 2007, were tapped into Sigma Sigma Men's Honorary.

Brent Cengia, Class of 2006 & **Dominic Berardi**, Class of 2007, were tapped into Men of Metro Men's Honorary.

Matthew Yung, Class of 2007, was tapped into Omnicron Delta Kappa (ODK) Leadership Honorary, and also into Phi Rho Chi Greek Honorary.

Adam Curley, Class of 2007, was tapped into the Order of Omega Greek Honorary.

Andrew Jandes, Class of 2007, was elected to External-President of BANG! (AKA: Bearcat Advertising & Networking Group).

Alumni Corner

Regina Schneider, Class of 2004, was recently promoted to Assistant Brand Manager (ABM) Western Europe for Clairol hair colorants at Procter & Gamble. Her new job will entail managing the current business in UK and launching Clairol Nice & Easy in Spain & Portugal.

Regina will be relocating to Geneva around August 1st. This is an 18mth to 2 year assignment with hopefully another 2 years to follow as Brand Manager in Western Europe.

Justin Shafer, Class of 2005, was not only busy receiving all the awards and honors he could garner while on campus during his senior year, he was also busy planning his July 2nd wedding to Lisa Vinciguerra (Class of 2005, Chemical Engineering). They will be married in Montgomery and traveling to Napa Valley for their honeymoon. Upon their return, Justin will start his full time job with General Electric as a part of the Edison Leadership Development program. We will hopefully have a wedding picture to share for the July or August issue.



Clarissa Kin, (Class of 2004), and Brent Niese were married on January 8, 2005 in Cincinnati, and spent their honeymoon on the Rivera Maya.

July Birthdays

Stephen Repella	July 1
Patrick Fluegeman	July 3
Jeri Ricketts	July 4
Greg McElfresh	July 9
Kathryn Johnston	July 11
Donna Fisher	July 17
Nicole Meyer	July 18
Shene' Edwards	July 18
Charles Kishman	July 22
Josh Nohle	July 24
Jessica Young	July 25
Carly Weiler	July 30

