Celebrating and Supporting Entrepreneurs

In November, the Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation (CEI) celebrated Global Entrepreneurship Week with an award ceremony, an anniversary party, and a grand opening.

During the week-long festivities, six student and young alumni finalists presented their ideas and inventions to a panel of judges and audience members. This was capped off with an award ceremony at which the coveted 3rd annual Leonard and Phyllis Attman Competitive Business Prize was bestowed to the contestant with the best proposal.

Later that week, a reception was held to celebrate the tenth birthday of the Center and its many accomplishments. In 2016 alone, 19 student-run CEI businesses generated over $1.4 in revenue and created 36 new jobs in Baltimore.

The reception ended with the ribbon cutting of the newly-constructed Edward Attman and Mildred Cohen Attman Student Incubator.

The Incubator is designed to supplement the existing Edward Attman and Mildred Cohen Attman Enterprise Hatchery, an existing center where students and young alumni entrepreneurs can come together to brainstorm and conceive new business ventures.

The incubator is located just across the hall from the Hatchery. The incubator opens a new, expanded square footage, space that will increase the number of enterprises supported and enhance the services and programs currently provided.

Why I volunteer... Enrolling at the University of Baltimore was the best decision of my life. My B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies and M.S. in Human Services in Administration are two big reasons why I have the career that I do and am living a life that I love. I am so thankful for everything that UB has done for me, so I feel it’s my duty to give back. I choose to do so by volunteering. I am a member of the College of Public Affairs Advisory board, and I work directly with the students through Speed Networking events and as a mentor for the Professional Development Institute. Interacting with the students is tremendously fulfilling. These experiences have humbled me and I feel as though by volunteering I am also letting the world know that UB is such an exceptional institution. Giving back makes me so happy and I would recommend it to everyone. Much love to UB!

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Merrick School of Business

In 2016, the Merrick Engages speakers series continued with a assortment of special guests from a variety of fields.

In this series, business leaders sit with Dean Murray Dalziel to converse on an education, career, business transfor- mations, and life lessons. Speakers included Lt. General Rhet Hernandez, who talked about cyber security as both a business threat and business oppor- tunity; David Shamian, CEO of Hibu regarding global digital marketing, and Richard DalBello from Virgin Galactic on the subject of creating new industries.

This year’s series also featured UB’s own self-described “ha- bitual entrepreneur” Richard Nelson of PMK, and Jay Steinmetz, founder of data capture company Barcoding, Inc.

School of Law

The School of Law Saysa and Neil Meyerhoff Center for Families, Children, and the Courts’ (CTCC) Truancy Court Program (TCP) helps to identify and address the reasons why students in Baltimore are missing school, which can include violence, poverty, home- lessness, to name a few.

As an outgrowth of those efforts each holiday season, the CFCC works to provide gift baskets to as many of their TCP students and families as possi- ble. Through the generosity of donors more than 25 families received holiday baskets containing food, winter cloth- ing, toys, and games. CFCC also will use funds to purchase school uniforms, school supplies, and incentives for the TCP students.

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Yale Gordon College of Arts and Sciences

Christine S. Spencer, A.B., S.M., Sc. D. has been named dean of the Yale Gordon College of Arts and Sciences, following her service as interim dean of the college and a national search for a permanent dean.

Dean Spencer has been a faculty mem- ber at the University of Baltimore since 2007, working as a professor in the School of Health and Human Services and the School of Public and Interna- tional Affairs in the College of Public Affairs. Spencer said of her new position as dean, “I am thrilled to have the opportunity to work with this committed and passionate group of faculty, staff and students in the Yale Gordon College of Arts and Sciences.”

Her appointment coincides with the 80th anniversary year for the Yale Gordon College of Arts and Sciences. A celebration kick-off will take place on April 19 from 6-8 p.m. in the H. Mebane Turner Learning Commons.

College of Public Affairs

In 2016, the College of Public Affairs established an incentive program to at- tract AmeriCorps/Vista students to UB.

Five merit-based awards of $1,000 will be presented annually. These grants are designed to help defray the cost of study for volunteers accepted by the College of Public Affairs and registered for at least 6 credit hours. Qualified students will have a history of service with AmeriCorps/Vista or related chari- table program and also demonstrate an interest in pursuing a career in public service or the non-profit area.

“Access to higher education is a key determinant of health status, so I see this as a perfect transition to pursue my long-term passion for improving the health of our communities,” Chris Spencer said of her new position as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Turner Society

Retired judge Norman E. Johnson, Jr. J.D. ’77 recently established an en- dowed scholarship as a tribute to his parents, Irene and Norman Johnson.

“My parents were working class peo- ple,” Judge Johnson shared, “they were honest and hardworking and instilled in me a good work ethic.”

Judge Johnson recognizes how essen- tial both the University of Baltimore and the influence of his parents were to his future successes. By creating an endowed scholarship fund he both honors his parents and gives back to his alma mater.

The Irene and Norman Johnson En- dowed Scholarship Fund will benefit deserving University of Baltimore School of Law students.

Langsdale 2.0

The building that housed the Langsdale Library was built in 1965. A year when the average cost of new house was $15,600 and a gallon of gas cost $.31. Much has changed over the years but the Langsdale Library building had re- mained mostly the same—that is, until about a year ago.

After a design competition in 2013, and the selection of Behnisch Architekten's renovation design (the firm also designed UB's John and Frances Angelos Law Center, home of the UB School of Law), the library moved to the H. Me- bane Turner Learning Commons, allowing the renovation work to begin. The building has been gutted and its shell removed. When completed the new Langsdale Library will have collaborative learning spaces, state-of-the art tech- nology to create a wide variety of multimedia products, innovative spaces for game and graphic design, and open floor plans that will allow current and future students/fac- ulty to adapt to the space to their needs.

Photos show Langsdale prior to renovation work, as it has progressed through the fall of 2016 and as the architect depicts the final look. Photos courtesy of the UB Website.

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