Greetings from the Chemistry Department!
During this academic year the department has said goodbye to some long-time faculty members but also seen some exciting faculty additions. Dr. Patricia Hill retired in January 2014, and Dr. Sandra Turchi retired in June 2014. Dr. Hill will continue to offer her “Chemistry and Art” NSF workshop every summer. Dr. Hill and Dr. Turchi both attended the annual spring picnic hosted by the MU ACS Student Chapter.

Dr. Turchi’s retirement, after 31 years at Millersville University and 21 years as the chemistry department chair, was celebrated with a special alumni research symposium. 150 alumni (from 1985 to 2013) and friends gathered for this event. Dedications and research talks were given by the following distinguished alumni: Drs. Michael Zdilla, Delmas Bolin, Raymond Pugh, Douglas McIlwaine, Cliff Stains, Anthony Drager, Jessica Smeltz, and Thomas Bernhardt. Dr. Turchi was also presented with a gift from the chemistry student body. Pictures are shown below. While we were sad to see these colleagues go, we know that they are enjoying their retirement.

To fill the vacant positions resulting from these retirements, we conducted nationwide searches last spring and are pleased to have two new members in the department this year.

Dr. William Kittleman (top right) is joining the department as a tenure-track biochemist. His research focus is the development of therapeutic agents against MRSA.

Helping to teach the organic chemistry courses, we also have Dr. Katie Allen (below right) filling a temporary, one-year position.

Dr. Edward Rajaseelan (left) was selected by the chemistry faculty to be the new Chair of the Chemistry Department.
Another new face around the chemistry department is our new secretary, Ms. Ivonne Ocasio (right). She keeps the department office running and answers many questions for students, faculty, and guests.

Our enrollments remain healthy. This year we have 36 freshmen/incoming students. They are acclimating to their classes and finding their way around Caputo Hall.

Recognizing that instrumentation is the infrastructure of the chemistry discipline, the department continues to evaluate needs to support ongoing coursework and research. This year, with funding from the administration, a dual beam UV-Vis – Perkin Elmer Lambda 650 was added to the departmental equipment roster.

Dr. Lyman Rickard reported to the department last spring on his experience in Assam, India during fall 2013. Dr. Rickard was granted a sabbatical leave from Millersville to participate in a prestigious Fulbright scholarship. Through the program, he spent the semester teaching at a liberal arts college, Cotton University, and visiting many sites in the area. Pictures at left.

Chemistry faculty and students continue to be actively engaged in conducting research projects in many areas of chemistry. Six of our students presented research posters at the National ACS meeting in Dallas during spring 2014. A total of twelve students attended the meeting along with Drs. Miller and Bonser. The ACS Student Chapter also presented a poster on their activities and received an Honorable Mention Chapter Award at the meeting.

Five students participated in Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) programs across the country. They are:

- Billy Maximuck
  Kent State University
- Angela DiAscro
  University of Oregon
- Taylor Keller
  University of Rochester
- Daniel Hofmann
  Kent State University
- Janelle Biehl
  University of Michigan

This spring 18 chemistry majors graduated from the program (see above) and joined the ranks of our wonderful alumni. We are excited to see them starting jobs and graduate programs, including:

- Ben Daum
  Purdue University
- Lisa Nguyen
  Ohio State University
- Dan Gochnauer
  University of Washington (physics)
- Brandon Peiffer
  Johns Hopkins University
- Amy Fraley
  University of Michigan

We are very proud of the successes of all our graduates over the years. Our alumni reflect our efforts, dedication, and quality of teaching. You are Millersville, and we celebrate you this and every year. Thank you! We are always delighted to hear from you. Please stop by and visit us when you are in the area.

Alums! We LOVE to hear from you!

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