Greetings from the Chemistry Department! We are pleased to update you on some exciting changes in our department as well as notable faculty, student and alumni achievements! During the last couple of years we had few retirements and new additions to our faculty and staff. One of the last retirements was during the Spring of 2015. The department said goodbye to the longest-time serving faculty member, Dr. Robert K. Wismer. Dr. Wismer retired in May 2015, after dedicating 39 years of service to Millersville University, the Chemistry Department and his students. While it was sad to see him go, we know that he is enjoying his retirement with his family and he is planning new endeavors. Thank you Dr. Wismer for your 39 years of service!

Dr. Wismer’s retirement party was held at his house. All chemistry faculty and staff members were there to wish him Happy Retirement!

We also have some exciting faculty additions to report. To fill the vacant positions resulting from faculty retirements, we conducted two nationwide searches and are pleased to have two new members in the department this year.

In the Fall 2015, Dr. Kathryn R. Allen (left) joined the department as a tenure-track Polymer/Organic Chemist. Dr. Allen has a B.S. in Chemistry from Juniata College, a Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry from Columbia University, and she was a Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Southern California. Her research interests fall in the area of polymer chemistry, in particular environmental remediation and renewable resources.

To fill the faculty position in Physical Chemistry, Dr. Daniel R. Albert (right) was hired by the department as a tenure-track Physical Chemist, in the Fall 2016.

Dr. Albert received his B.A. in Chemistry from Ohio Wesleyan University, his M.S. in Chemistry from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and his Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry from Cornell University. His research interests involve investigating chemical reactions taking place on aerosol particles and how molecules on the surfaces of these particles influence their reactivity. Dr. Albert is also interested in developing low-cost instruments for teaching about and using instrumentation in classrooms.

Another new face around the chemistry department is our newly hired secretary, Ms. Deanna M. Brown (left). Ms. Brown graduated from Susquehna High School in 2008. She is currently working on her B.A. in Human Resources Management and plans to pursue her MBA afterwards. She spent 9 years in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard as an Intelligence Analyst and was honorably discharged in March 2016 as a Staff Sergeant. She deployed to Iraq in 2009 with the 28th Combat Aviation Brigade in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. She keeps the department office running and answers many questions for students, faculty, and guests.
Our enrollments have almost doubled. In the Fall 2015, we had 36 freshmen/incoming students and for the Fall 2016 we already have 52 incoming students (44 freshmen). Our instrumentation has increased, as the department continues to engage students in coursework and research. This year, with funding from the administration, a new FTIR (Fourier Transform Infrared Spectrometer) and a new GPC (Gel Permeation Chromatograph) were added to the departmental equipment list. Also, through a Eurofins’ donation we acquired a CE (Capillary Electrophoresis) system. A donation of a GC-MS (Gas Chromatograph-Mass Spectrometer) was also made to the department from the DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration). Special Thank you to our Donors!

We are also excited to announce that Dr. Steven Bonser was promoted to the associate professor rank! Congratulations Dr. Bonser! The chemistry faculty and students continue to be actively engaged in conducting research, writing grants and presenting their work in conferences. Most recently, Dr. Allen was the recipient of the Robertson Faculty Research Release Grant Program for Fall 2016. Dr. Elioff published two manuscripts in the Journal of Luminescence and the Journal of Advances for Physical Chemistry, and Dr. Kennedy published three Synthetic Pages through the Royal Society of Chemistry’s online open-access ChemSpider reaction database. In addition, several of our students presented their work at the Undergraduate Research at the Capital of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, and at the 18th Undergraduate Research Symposium in the Chemical and Biological Sciences at UMBC. For more details please visit our website: http://www.millersville.edu/academics/scma/chemistry/index.php

Furthermore, during the Spring 2015, 12 of our students attended and presented research posters at the 250th National ACS meeting in Denver, CO. In Spring 2016, 13 students (shown above) presented research posters at the 251st National ACS meeting in San Diego, CA. The ACS Student Chapter has been very active in the last two years. They also presented posters in Colorado and San Diego on their activities and received prestigious awards: a Commendable Chapter Award & the Green Chemistry Award in 2015, and an Honorable Mention Chapter Award in 2016.

Nine students participated in Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) during the Summer of 2015. They were:

1) Hannah Ashbbery-University of Kansas & Maryland  
2) Pineal Bekere-New York University, School of Medicine  
3) Emily Dalbey-Princeton University  
4) James Dreer-Penn State, College of Medicine  
5) Ivanny Jacome Ottati-Ottati-Princeton University  
6) William Maximick-University of Tennessee  
7) Renee Stover-University of California, Riverside  
8) Nikki Woldford-NC State University  
9) Jennifer Cederberg-University of Delaware

Six students engaged in Internships during the Summer 2014 and through Spring of 2015 in PA. They were:

1) Jennifer Cederberg-Rite Aid  
2) Quang Pham-Glafelter  
3) Matt Krause-K&L Plating  
4) Laura Guevara-Penn State NMT  
5) David White-Penn State NMT  
6) Manji Battlen-Penn State NMT

In May of 2015, 21 chemistry majors graduated from the program (see below) and joined the ranks of our wonderful alumni.

May 2015 Chemistry Grads
Left to right
Back: Jillian Weissmeier, Daniel Hofmann, Andrew Smaligo, David White, Luke Wayman, Taylor Keller, Ger Lor, Joe Charlonis, Magenda Hensinger
Front: Robyn Blasberg, Angela DaAscro, Casey Stover, Rebecca Kising, Quyen Tran, Andrea Zappuhar, Tan Tran
Not Shown: Bill Rutledge, Janelle Biehl, Huyen Dao-Kendig, Peter Weidinger, Eric Keldsen
We are excited to see them getting jobs and starting graduate programs, including:

- Angela DiAscro, Univ. of Illinois-Urbana Champaign
- Taylor Keller, Temple University
- Magenda Hensinger, University of Vermont
- Bill Rutledge, Texas A&M
- Daniel Holmann, Univ. of Illinois-Urbana Champaign
- Andrew Smaligo, UCLA
- Jillian Weissemneder, Penn State-College of Medicine
- David White, University of Pittsburgh
- Andrea Zeppuhar, University of Maryland

We also had an increased number of students participating in REUs and Internships during the 2015-2016 year:

Four students participated in Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) during the Summer of 2016. They were:

1) Jose Ureña-University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
2) Rachel Ashmore-Princeton University
3) Renee Stover-University of New Orleans
4) Karam Idrees-NC State University

Seventeen students engaged in Internships during the Summer 2015 and through the Summer of 2016 in PA. They were:

1) Tobias Bentzel-K&L Plating
2) Andy Herr-Cargill Cocoa and Chocolate
3) Gloria Chung-K&L Plating
4) Nicole Sundo-Environmental Educator
5) Antony Hertzler-Glatfelter
6) Kayla Rafferty-K&L Plating
7) Gloria Chung-Glatfelter
8) Joy Thames-Eurofins
9) Deepak Rai-Adhesives Research Lab
10) Helen Mekonnen-QC Analyst
11) Amy Lehr-QC Materials Lab
12) Laura Guevara-CNF Research
13) Quang Pham-Glatfelter
14) Erin McIntyre-Pharm Tech Assistant
15) Manij Battle-Pharm Tech Assistant
16) Jennifer Cederberg-Pharm Tech Assistant
17) Laura Bankert-Eurofins

In December 2015, 5 chemistry majors graduated from the program (see below) as well as 36 majors in May 2016 joined the ranks of our alumni. This was the largest graduating class ever! We are so proud!
Many of our graduates got jobs or are going to medical, pharmacy, or graduate schools starting this Fall:

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To celebrate the end of the semester of yet another successful year, with the highest number of graduates ever, we had a nice picnic at the courtyard which was organized by the ACS Student Chapter!

Notable Alumni Achievements:

We are very proud for all our alumni who continue to prosper and advance in their careers and lives. Some of the most recent achievements are listed below:

- Thomas Bernhardt, Ph.D. (B.S. - MU-1996) was nominated and received the 2016 Millersville University Young Alumni Achievement Award.
- Matt Stoltzfus, Ph.D (B.S. - MU-2002) was nominated and received the 2015 Millersville University Young Alumni Achievement Award.
- Dr. Suzanne Woomer, (B.S. - MU-2012) received her Naturopath Doctorate Degree and Masters of Acupuncture Degree, from the University of Bridgeport in 2016.
- Dr. Daniel Stasiw, (B.S. - MU-2010) received his Ph.D. from North Carolina State University in 2015.
- Dr. Joshua Yablonski, (B.S. - MU-2010) received his Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill in 2015.
- Mr. Kyle Angjelo (B.S. - MU-2009) was promoted to a Program Manager of Chemical Safety at Princeton after he received his Masters degree from Princeton University.
- Mr. Thi Nguyen (B.S. – MU-2013) is a Quality Control Chemist at Natural Alternatives International.

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!**
Update your contact information online at: [http://www.millersville.edu/chemistry/alumni/index.php](http://www.millersville.edu/chemistry/alumni/index.php)
Click on “Alumni” on the left side of the page.
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