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The 52nd Annual Honors Convocation

This year's [Honors Convocation](#) will take place on **Friday, April 25, 2014**, at the **Event Center**. Celebrate the academic achievements of this year's 3,545 honorees!

Appointments



Andy Feinstein Appointed Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

After a nation-wide search, Dr. Andrew (Andy) Hale Feinstein has been appointed provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, effective April 21. Andy was hired as Deputy Provost in July 2013, and has been Interim Provost since January 2014.

"I am humbled to serve this great institution. My family and I are happy

COSS Faculty, Staff, and Emeritus

COSS Award Recipients

Lynne Trulio (Environmental Studies) Wadsworth Award of Merit

Scott Lefaver (MHR) Outstanding Alumni Award

Wendy Ng (Geography) Meritorious Service Award

Sean Laraway (Psychology) COSS Teaching Excellence Award

Simrat Dhaldi (Public Safety) Staff Excellence Service Award

Rosanna Alvarez, Ana L. Soto, Marlene Chavez (MBA Analytics Collective) Changing the World Together Social Entrepreneurship and Community Engagement

COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AWARDS RECEPTION
APRIL 25TH, 2014 @ 2:30 PM

Location: Flames Eatery & Bar (88 South 4th Street)
 Across from MLK Library
 Celebrating Excellence of Faculty, Staff, and Students

PLEASE RSVP BY APRIL 21ST, 2014 TO:
 Linda Garcia-Young
 lgarcia@csos.sjsu.edu
 (408) 924-5382

College of Social Sciences Awards Reception

Celebrating excellence of COSS faculty, staff, and students. COSS Award Recipients: Lynne Trulio, Scott Lefaver, Wendy Ng, Sean Laraway, Simrat Dhaldi, Rosanna Alvarez, Ana L. Soto, and Marlene Chavez. RSVP to [Linda Garcia-Young](#). **April 25, 2014, at 2:30pm at Flames Eatery & Bar.**



LUCAS COB PRESENTS THE THIRD ANNUAL BUSINESS OLYMPIOS



Saturday April 26, 2014
 11am - 5:20 pm
 Tower Lawn @ SJSU

AIESEC | AKP | BAP | BIA | FMA | IBA | ISACA | LBSA | MA | MISA | SHRM



Lucas College of Business Olympics

The SJSU Lucas College and

to be here, and look forward to further engaging with the university community," Feinstein said. [Click here](#) for the full story.



Amy Strage Appointed Assistant Vice President for Faculty Development

Dr. Amy Strage has been appointed as Assistant Vice President for Faculty Development and Director, Center for Faculty Development, effective April 14, 2014. [Click here](#) for the full announcement!



Graduate School of Business would like to present: The Third Annual College of Business Olympics. Visit the [event website](#) for more information. **Saturday, April 26 from 11:00am - 5:20pm on Tower Lawn.**



Women's and Men's Glee Club Concert

Directed by Dr. Jeffrey Benson. This event is free. **April 28, from 7:30 - 9:00pm in the Music Concert Hall, Music 176.**



Immigration Workshop for Faculty and Staff

How to Host a J-1 Exchange Visitor Scholar: A workshop for Faculty and Staff

No RSVP needed, seating limited, arrive on time. **Wednesday, April 30, noon to 1:00 pm, Clark Hall 547.**



Ruma Chopra will discuss her

Marna Genes Appointed Interim Vice Provost for Academic Budgets and Planning

Marna Genes has been appointed the Interim Vice Provost for Academic Budgets and Planning, effective April 21, 2014. [Click here](#) for the full announcement!

Announcements



Corporate and Foundation Relations Office Hours

The Corporate and Foundation Relations (CFR) team works closely with the Tower Foundation and seeks opportunities to engage funders and pursue philanthropic gifts and grants from corporations and foundations. We are happy to collaborate with faculty on exploring funding ideas, which connect with current corporate and foundation focus areas. In order to do so, the CFR team is offering **office hours the week of April 21st** for one-on-one consultations with the appropriate corporate or foundation relation's officer. We are also happy to arrange another time if that week is inconvenient. Email CFR Director, [Diane Satriano](#), to reserve a time slot.

book, *Choosing Sides: Loyalists in Revolutionary America*. This book details arguments given by America's original colonists, including slaves and Native Americans, against the formation of the United States. Ruma will share her research as part of the [Spring 2014 University Scholar Series](#) on **Wednesday, April 30**, from **12:00-1:00pm** in **MLK 225/229**.



Shakti Butler

Filmmaker and Founder & Creative Director of World Trust, is a dynamic educator in the field of racial equity. She is the director and producer of *Cracking the Codes: The System of Racial Inequality*, and *Mirrors of Privilege: Making Whiteness Visible*. Dr. Butler is a multiracial African-American woman (African, Arawak Indian, and Russian-Jewish) whose work as a creative and visionary bridge builder has challenged and inspired learning for over two decades. Visit the [event website](#) for more information. **April 30, 2014** from **4:00 - 6:00pm**.



Need Retention and Graduation information regarding your majors?

Visit the [Student Success Milestone dashboard](#) (eMilestone SSM).



Graduate Equity Fellowship Announcement

Applications are now being accepted for the **2013-2014** Graduate Equity Fellowship awards. Under the Graduate Equity Fellowship Program, awards of up to \$3,000 are made to graduate students admitted and enrolled in a master's degree program at San José State University for the 2014-2015 academic year. For more information about eligibility and the application process, please see our [Graduate Equity Fellowship webpage](#).



David S. Saurman Provocative Lecture Series

Economics Professor Tom Means discusses "Do economists make good politicians: Do I wish I didn't know what I didn't know then?" **May 1, from 5:15 - 6:15pm** in the Student Union **Loma Prieta** room.



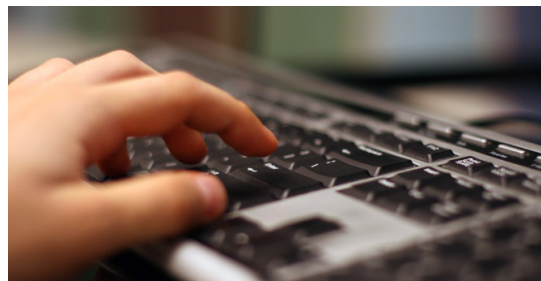
Poster Expo Open House in the Computer Science Department

Open House Computer Science Expo showcasing community applied projects and industry intern projects. **May 2, from 9:00am - 12:00pm** in **MacQuarrie Hall**.



Sheila Bienenfeld's Retirement Celebration

Dean of COSS, Sheila Bienenfeld, is flying the coop! Join us as we



SOTES and SOLATES

This semester the SOTE/SOLATE teaching evaluation will be completed online. They must be administered in all classes between Tuesday, April 29 and Tuesday, May 13.

[Click here for more information.](#)



Spartans Stepping Beyond

Human Resources is excited to roll out an online recognition program for faculty, staff and students. Spartans Stepping Beyond provides all members of the San José State community with the opportunity to recognize a fellow Spartan who has demonstrated actions that exemplify the Vision 2017 goal of helping and caring. This is an easy way to say *Thank You* to someone who makes a difference on campus. Each Spartan recognized for Stepping Beyond will be recognized on the

celebrate Sheila's 30 years at SJSU.
**May 5, 4:00 - 6:00pm in the
Student Union Umunhum Room.**



Symphonic Band Concert
**May 5, from 7:30 - 9:30pm in the
Music Concert Hall, Music 176.**



The Fellowship for SJSU Faculty Women

Dr. Lynne Trulio will speak
about *Return of the Native: Can we
save burrowing owls in Silicon
Valley?* Visit the [event website](#) for
more information. **May 7, 12:00 -
1:15pm in IRC 101.**

Human Resources website and entered
into a drawing to receive a special gift.
[Recognize a fellow Spartan today!](#)

Students win NSF Graduate Research Fellowships

The National Science Foundation
posted their awards for [NSF
Graduate Research Fellowships](#).

This year three SJSU
students/alumni were selected for the
award and four received honorable
mentions.

Award Winners



Han-Ngoc Tran

Han is currently completing her first
year of graduate school at UCSF.
Han has a BS in Biological Sciences
and she did research at SJSU with
Dr. Lionel Cheruzel. Han was funded
by the NSF Scholars in Science
Program at SJSU.



Latin Jazz Ensemble Concert
May 7, from 7:30 - 9:00pm in the
Music Concert Hall, Music 176.



CommUniverCity's Celebrating Partnerships

Join CommUniverCity in recognizing and honoring community, government, nonprofit and business partners who have worked with us to build great communities in San José. [Click here](#) for the event flyer (PDF).

**May 8, from 4:30 - 7:30pm in the
Roosevelt Community Center (901
E. Santa Clara St., San José).**



Joy Franco

Joy will be graduating from SJSU in May with a degree in Electrical Engineering. Joy did research with Dr. Katherine Wilkinson. Joy is very much involved in the Society of Women Engineers and she was funded by MARC/RISE for research at SJSU. Joy will be attending Stanford for her Ph.D. degree, where she will be combining engineering and neuroscience.

Farah Memon

Farah is currently completing her first year in the graduate biomedical engineering program at Stanford. Farah obtained her BS in Electrical Engineering and did research with Dr. Gilles Muller.

Honorable Mentions

Brian Nguyen

Brian is about to complete his first year of graduate school at the University of Illinois in physical chemistry/chemical physics. Brian graduated from SJSU with a BS in Chemistry and did research with Dr. Gilles Muller. He was an LSAMP workshop facilitator for several years.



Opera Theatre: Grapes of Wrath

The SJSU Center for Steinbeck Studies, Opera Theatre, and Theatre Departments present this shortened version of Ricky Ian Gordon's epic opera. Visit the [event website](#) for more information. **May 9 at 7:00pm** and **May 11 at 2:00pm** in the **University Theatre**.

Economic Summit

A panel of notable experts will forecast Silicon Valley's economic landscape and discuss the impact on your business. Event is free and presented by Bridge Bank in association with Hopkins & Carley, registration is required. Visit the [event website](#) for more information. **May 29, from 7:30 - 10:00am** in



Andy Dang

Andy will graduate in May with a BS in Chemistry. Andy is research active with Dr. Joseph Pesek. He was funded by the NSF Scholars in Science Program at SJSU and is part of LSAMP. Andy will be attending the University of Washington for his Ph.D. in Analytical Chemistry.



Heather Wright

Heather completed her BS in Chemistry in May of 2012 and is at UC Irvine doing her Ph.D. She performed research with Dr. Elaine Collins while she was at SJSU.

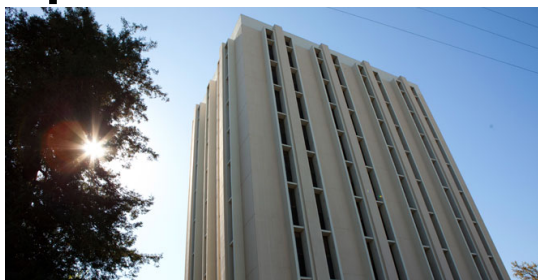
Morris Dailey Auditorium.



Active Shooter Drill - MLK Library

The Library will be closed on **Friday, May 30 from 8:00 - 3:00pm**, as the King Library will be hosting a multi-agency Active Shooter Drill. UPD, San José City Police Department, San José Fire Department, Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department, EMS, and media will all be participating. Online resources will be remotely available all day.

College and Department Updates



The College of Business

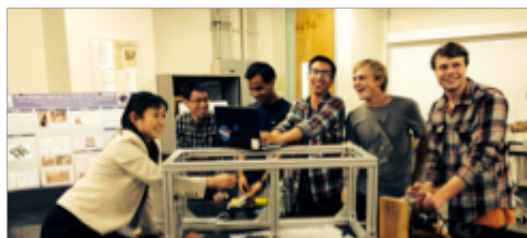
Steve Kwan and his colleagues were funded by the University-Industry Demonstration Partnership of the



Kirandeep Deol

Kiran will be completing her BS in Chemistry at SJSU in May 2012. She performed research with Dr. Gilles Muller. Kiran is in the MARC program and has worked as an LSAMP facilitator for four years. She will be attending the University of Wisconsin for her Ph.D.

Outstanding Students, Faculty, and Alumni



SJSU Microgravity Team will travel to Houston for NASA's Reduced Gravity Education Flight Program

A team of Mechanical Engineering and Electrical Engineering students and a faculty advisor at SJSU were selected to participate in [NASA's Reduced Gravity Education Flight Program](#) from July 11-19 at Johnson Space Center's Ellington Field in Houston, Texas. The team will conduct several experiments under

National Academies to host an “Idea to Innovation” workshop on Service Science at the National Academies in Washington DC. This activity will be part of the “Workshop to Develop a Research Agenda for Service Innovation” funded by the National Science Foundation. The participants of the workshop will be representatives from academies, industries, NSF and other funding agencies, and advisers to the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. The Co-Principal Investigators with Steve are Paul Maglio of UC Merced and Jim Spohrer of IBM.

The CoB has several new certificates in various stages of review and approval: graduate certificate in Global Leadership; graduate certificate in Accounting Fundamentals; and graduate certificate in Accounting Professionalism. These later two certificates are tailored to meet the new CPA licensing requirement of 150 units of higher education, including 30 units in Accounting, 38 in Business and 10 in Ethics.

Global activities include the following:

- 54 students have participated in the Thompson Global Internship Program since it was launched in 2010. Students have been assigned to 7 cities in 3 continents.
- As in the last 3 years, we expect to grant about 50 Study

microgravity (Zero-G) environment aboard NASA’s reduced gravity aircraft. Recent seniors – Ish Sanchez, Scott Gulkin, Kevin Adinata, Eduardo Alvarez, and a faculty advisor, Professor Winncy Du, comprise the team’s “flyers,” which will participate in the weightless experience and conduct experiments. Students Richardo Delgado and Julia Bowen will also travel to Houston as the alternate “flyer” and “ground crew,” respectively. Another student, Phillip Swanson, and two faculty advisors, Profs. Periklis Papadopoulos and David Parent are part of the team will not go to Houston in July. The microgravity aircraft is a modified Boeing 727, equipped with all power supplies that the research needs. It will produce periods of weightlessness lasting about 21 seconds at a time by flying a series of approximately 30 parabolas – a steep climb followed by a free fall – over the Gulf of Mexico.

Abroad scholarships in 2014.

- 16 students from the MBA-One, CMBA and MBTI programs participated with 10 Masters students from Leuphana University of Luneburg, Germany in a week-long Global Leadership Lab training and assessment of various global leadership skills.
- 3 faculty members and 3 students from our College will be attending the Salzburg Global seminar in Austria this summer



Humanities Honors

Record applications Requested

Program coordinator, Cynthia Rostankowski reported that 7,722 admitted first-year students qualified for the lower division Humanities Honors Program; each one has been contacted regarding their eligibility. As of last week, 537 first-years requested applications and more are anticipated following Admitted Spartan Day. This is the highest number to request applications in the history of the program.

Newly created upper division SJSU Studies Honors Sequence

New for Fall 2014, the new course sequence HUM 177A and 177B is called Advanced Honors and is open



Jorge Dinis Awarded Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship

Karen Singmaster let us know about the great accomplishment of an SJSU Alum, Jorge Dinis (BS Microbiology):

Jorge has been awarded a very prestigious Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship. Typically they give very few of these awards per year. Jorge is completing his PhD in Microbiology at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Jorge was a MARC, RISE and LSAMP student at SJSU at assorted times during his years at SJSU. He was also a Sci 1 workshop facilitator for Chem 1A, even working for free for one semester

to current SJSU student as well as transfer students. Letters are being sent to 8,503 students who qualify. To be a part of HUM 177A/B, Advanced Honors, students must meet certain qualifications. Acceptance into the program requires:

1. successful completion of all lower division core general education courses (39 units),
2. all-college GPA of 3.0 or higher,
3. passing the WST (Writing Skills Test), and
4. enrolling in the 100W, Area Z requirement for the major, during the first semester, HUM 177A.



Intel Continues Funding for the STEM-Focused Outreach Program

According to Virginia Lehmkuhl-Dakhwe, Director of the Jay Pinson STEM Education Program, Intel Foundation has granted the request for \$50,000 to continue implementing the [Jay Pinson STEM Education program's Youth/Girl's STEM Network: Cyber program](#).

San José State University's Jay Pinson STEM Education program is dedicated to improving access to educational opportunities for underserved communities within San José and works across the SJSU

because he enjoyed it so much. Jorge did research at SJSU with Dr. Cleber Ouverney.



Isra Ahmad has been selected as the 2014 SJSU Outstanding Graduating Senior

"Isra was a stellar student in Health Science," commented Kathleen Roe, professor in the Department of Health Science and Recreation. "In addition to excellent grades and luminous department leadership, she was a generous and consistent contributor to Salud Familiar en McKinley, providing guidance to HS 104 students as a Peer TA with Robert Rinck and serving as the volunteer SJSU Coordinator of our McKinley Family Harvest Food Distribution program for an entire year. She was a Health Careers Connection student and participated in the UC Berkeley Summer Research Program. Many faculty recognized Isra's potential, but

Colleges of Science, Education, Engineering and Social Sciences to support and develop programming that will increase the capacity of teachers and community-based instructors to deliver effective instruction in STEM; inspire and mentor youth to enter and excel in the STEM career pipeline; and promote the public understanding of issues related to STEM education and research.

Led by the Jay Pinson STEM Education program, the Youth/Girl's STEM Network: Cyber creates out of school time, computer science/cybersecurity learning environments that enable 340 youth (4th through 8th grade) in some of San José's most impoverished neighborhoods to learn CS/ cybersecurity skills while developing strong relationships with mentors. It involves SJSU students in STEM-focused service learning projects, professional development, and introduces them to teaching.



The School of Social Work

The School of Social Work is initiating the Institute for Community Partnered Research. In addition, the school is offering a clinical symposium for the first time next Fall,

particular kudos should go to Robert Rinck and Mai Mai Cantos for the opportunities and mentoring they provided this extraordinary young woman.” Isra has been accepted into UC Berkeley's MPH program in Epidemiology, to begin this fall. “Her achievements and recognition can make us all very proud. Our village was strong and served her well.”

According to Robert Rinck, Health Science & Recreation, “Currently, Isra Ahmad is a Legacy Fellow, which is part of the American Legacy Foundation based in Washington DC (which does tobacco prevention work nationwide). She is now working with myself and COUGH@SJSU club on IRB protocol #S1402029-- New and Emerging Tobacco Products at San Jose State University and will start implementing soon the survey to start examining e-cigs and their impact on students, faculty and staff at SJSU. Though she graduated last Fall, she wanted to continue working with SJSU on tobacco prevention education and becoming a smoke-free campus, and I cannot think of someone who represents more of Spartan Pride.” [Click here](#) for a related story.



2014/15 Salzburg Scholars

as well as expanding international opportunities for faculty and students in Spain and Korea. The school is also part of an EU grant to facilitate the training of international students through out its various higher education partners.

Economics Notables



Evan Pope

Evan is recipient of the James Willis Outstanding Undergraduate Award. The award comes with a \$1,000 scholarship. Collaborating with two other professors, he conducted research on Entry and Exit in Restaurant Markets using YELP data. Evan was invited to present his research at a poster-board session at the Web and Internet Economics Conference held at Harvard University - he was the only undergraduate to present.

and Fellows Announced

Fourteen students have been selected from across campus to serve as 2014 SJSU Salzburg Scholars. They will attend Session #63 of the Global Citizenship Program at the Salzburg Global Seminar (Summer 2014), and spend the academic year working on collaborative and individual projects with the [2014 SJSU Salzburg Fellows](#) to help globalize the university (Fall 2014-Spring 2015).

- **Rishidhar Bommu** (Frosh, Humanities Honors Program)
- **Matthew Diwata** (Senior, Management Information Systems)
- **Jeremiah Dow** (Junior, Management)
- **Judith Durden** (Senior, Environmental Studies)
- **Sharan Johal** (Graduate, Public Health)
- **Inerdpal Kaur** (Junior, Psychology)
- **Jessica Massie** (Junior, Global Studies)
- **Debby Ng** (Junior, Humanities Honors Program)
- **Samina Patel** (Junior, Global Studies)
- **Gabriel Rodriguez** (Junior, Sociology)
- **Hillary Schauf** (Sophomore, Business Entrepreneurship)
- **Jose Seneris** (Graduate, Aerospace Engineering)
- **Joyce Suen** (Frosh, Health)



Nicole Norton

Nicole is the recipient of the James Willis Outstanding Graduate Award, along with a \$1,000 scholarship. She entered the program with an undergraduate degree from University of California, Berkeley where she earned her B.A. in 2002 in Integrative Biology in 2002. Nicole is interested in working for NGO's or community-based development.

Sam Lepler

Sam is the recipient of the Roldolfo Gonzalez Outstanding Alumni Award. Sam earned his MA in 2011 in Economics. Currently, he teaches high school at Harker. He had the most students in the entire world earning perfect scores on the advanced placement exams this year. [Click here](#) to read the San José Mercury News article about him.

Academic Affairs Leadership Profile

Science)

- **Teklehaymanot Yilma**
(Senior, Political Science)

The SJSU Salzburg Program has selected 7 faculty, staff, and administrators from across campus to serve as 2014 SJSU Salzburg Fellows.

- **Patricia Hill** (Chair & Associate Professor, History)
- **Bobbi Makani** (Lecturer, Marketing & Decision Sciences)
- **Thao Phan** (Global Partners Coordinator, International Gateways)
- **Romey Sabalius** (Professor, World Languages & Literature)
- **Larry Sokoloff** (Lecturer, Journalism & Mass Communications)
- **Shailaja Venkatsubramanian** (Associate Professor, Management Information Systems)
- **Oliver Yu** (Executive in Residence & Adjunct Full Professor, Office of the Dean, College of Business)

In case you missed it





Dennis Jaehne: The Mechanic of Undergraduate Studies

By: Austin Belisle

“Undergraduate studies is a great staff, it’s a smart staff that knows their details. To make correct decisions and efficient decisions, we have to have people that know a lot of stuff. By virtue of them knowing all this, you’re spared on the student side and the faculty side from having to deal with a lot of these details.”

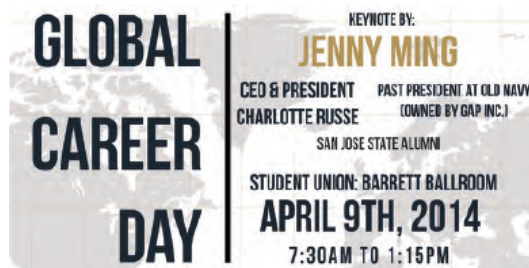
Dennis Jaehne is the mechanic behind the well-oiled machine that is San José State University’s undergraduate program. As the Associate Vice President of Undergraduate Studies, Jaehne is hard at work to ensure the best possible experience for students and faculty alike. “I make the engine run well,” says Jaehne with a smile.

“When you drive, you’re going to be happier.”

The drive involves a wide variety of services, from the approval of degree programs and courses to articulation with community colleges for transfer students. Under the hood, Jaehne is

Growing Up Green

Growing Up Green, a new half hour documentary from former Sociology Professor and long time documentary filmmaker Bob Gliner, was aired April 7 at 11:30 PM throughout the San Francisco Bay Area on KQED (Channel 9). For more information and to watch a trailer, [click here](#).



Global Career Day

The College of Business hosted its first Global Career Day, which was attended by 450+ participants and featured a keynote address by SJSU alumna Jenny Ming, President & CEO of Charlotte Russe. Conceived and organized by Malu Roldan and Tanvi Kothari, with the assistance of Skylar Lewandowski and other students in CoB, the event included 3 panels addressing academic and practical aspects of global careers as well as a networking lunch and resource fair. Dean David Steele and Bill Reckmeyer presented brief welcoming remarks and served on the panel examining the Value of Global Education, which also included presentations by Alice Hines and Travis Lopez.

utilizing a number of tools to fine-tune the process for all. One of those tools is more than just new technology or CSU funding; it's his staff.

"My greatest success is hiring good people," Jaehne says proudly. "The operation has gotten larger and we're a lot more efficient now, which gives us the power to work on the machine that helps students to be successful." In a small office on the first floor of the campus's administration building, Jaehne can't help but grin when describing his staff.

[Click here](#) for the full story!



The Salzburg Scholars organized the First Annual Cultural Showcase

On April 17, music, dance, and martial arts from the Pacific Islands, Eritrea, Europe, Asia highlighted the rollicking program celebrating the diversity of students at San José State. The delighted audience was enthusiastic and supportive of the talented student performers. Beautiful long-sleeved dancers from China, or offerings from German opera made for a spectacular night of entertainment.

If you have a story you'd like to see in the Academic Affairs Division Newsletter, please [click here!](#)

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