Welcome back to another issue of our newsletter! In this issue, we will congratulate many of the winners of various student awards that would have been recognized at our Fall Mixer! We also send our gratitude to our custodians, Sarah Easterwood and Stacy Serrato whom we recognized on Custodian Appreciation Day! There were so many amazing individuals to celebrate this past month.

Additionally, the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion section of this newsletter offers resources and more information about the Multicultural Initiatives for Graduate Student Success (MIGSS).

A NOTE FROM PAULA WATSON

Spring 2022 enrollment begins on October 18th. If you are on an assistantship contract, please make sure that you are enrolled in ALL of your classes and research hours by November 8th.

Have you proposed any research? If yes, please don’t forget to submit your proposal paperwork!

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

K. Pargament | 11/3
M. Docherty | 11/16
J. Grubbs | 12/6

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A brief update: Carolyn is currently gathering information from consultants who specialize in assessing organizational needs regarding diversity, equity and inclusion. This information will be shared with faculty who have expressed interest in working on DEI-related issues in the department as well as with students on the diversity committee. Final decisions about whether to bring in an external consultant and if so, whom, will be made collaboratively.

Learn more about the Multicultural Initiatives for Graduate Student Success (MIGSS)! MIGSS aims to support underrepresented and marginalized graduate students through the facilitation of various events. In the past, these events have been primarily professional development related, but they intend to provide a larger emphasis on wellness & wellbeing events in the future. This semester, MIGSS and the Graduate College are working to provide workshops on post-graduate interviewing, cultural barriers and challenges international graduate students face, and social events where graduate students can express concerns, issues, or simply converse with other graduate students. You can find more information, including where future event dates will be posted, at MIGSS’ webpage here: [https://www.bgsu.edu/graduate/campus-resources/MIGSS.html](https://www.bgsu.edu/graduate/campus-resources/MIGSS.html). Students can also reach out directly to the MIGSS graduate assistant, Michael Dieringer, at mdierin@bgsu.edu or gradmigss@bgsu.edu.

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**CAROLYN'S CORNER**

We have had lots to celebrate already this semester! Unfortunately we had to postpone the Fall Mixer, where we would typically have gathered and congratulated winners of student awards. Instead, awards were presented in a very scaled-down gathering in the Main Office on September 24. Congrats to all of our winners!

We gathered again on September 30, to celebrate custodians Sarah Easterwood and Stacy Serrato for Custodian Appreciation Day. Sarah and Stacy have been working extra-hard since the pandemic began, between additional sanitizing regimens, staffing cuts, and filling in for ill co-workers. Many faculty and grad students pitched in to give Sarah and Stacy over $100 each in gift cards. Thank you to Sue Wax for organizing this celebration and providing some special goodies, and to Theresa Kelso for baking some extra treats!

Thank you also to all of you who met with Dr. Reeshad Dalal during our site visit on October 6 and 7. I was proud to show off the many strengths of our department, from our dedicated faculty to our engaged students. I will be sharing Dr. Dalal’s report with faculty and graduate students next month, and look forward to making the most of this opportunity to reflect on the big picture of our department and plan new steps forward.

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**A MESSAGE FROM SARAH AND STACY**

Psychology Department,

We would like to Thank You for the gifts and the appreciation you shared with us. We do our job of maintaining and cleaning this building as if it was our home and you all are family. It warmed our hearts to be appreciated for all we do and all the extra steps we have taken during the current pandemic.

Thank you
Sarah
Stacy
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS!

Marie Childers
Sandman - 2021

Jay Chinn
Nulton - 2021

Frances Griffith
Nulton - 2021

Frances Griffith
Leventhal - 2021

Viktoria Varga
Leventhal - 2020

Lindsey Freier
IPRA - 2021

Marie Childers
IPRA - 2020

Abby McDevitt
Schipper - 2020

NOT PICTURED

Michael Doherty I/O Research Grant
2020 Claire Smith
2021 Jordan Dovel and Sarah Melick

Cecil M. Freeburne Award
2020 Lindsay Hamilton
2021 LaNaya Anderson

Bonnie A. Sandman, Ph.D. Award in I/O PSYC
2020 Sarah Melick

Kenneth M. Shemberg Memorial Award
2020 Brinna Lee
2021 Harrison Angoff

Romain DeCrop
Schipper - 2021