

CAMPUS PIPELINE

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NAMED SCHOLAR

Marjory DeWard of Farmington Hills has been named a Rufus Cheate Scholar at Dartmouth College. Signifying high academic achievement and standing, Rufus Cheate Scholars are those students whose grade-point average at the end of the academic year places them in the top five percent of their class.

STUDYING ABROAD

The following Kalamazoo College students left in September to spend the fall and winter quarters studying abroad. They are: Emily Ebenhoe, a graduate of Harrison High School, studying in Clermont-Ferrand, France; Jeffrey Marinucci, a graduate of Harrison High School, studying in Clermont-Ferrand; Maria Sinanin, a graduate of North Farmington High School, studying in Madrid, Spain; and Korin Szopo, a graduate of Farmington High School, studying in Madrid.

WALSH COLLEGE HONOR ROLL

The following Farmington area students were named at the

honor roll at Walsh College. They are: Moira Brown, Judy Duckett, Alyson Koston, Jonathan Schroeder, Jeff Stanislav, James Whitten, Sarah Brudi, Julie Cleveland, Wendy Foss, Tara Kachatur-off, Debra Lee, Sherry Lippert, Anne Onest, Kristina Uptain, Lyano Wiland and Ronald Wolok.

AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP

Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Ariz., announces that David Bregand of Farmington Hills was awarded a two-year \$9,000 scholarship. He is one of five Air Force cadets that received this scholarship. He is the son of Jay and

Carol Bregand of Farmington Hills and a 1996 graduate of Harrison High School.

VASSAR ATHLETE

Lauren Jones of Farmington Hills has been selected as a member of the 1998-99 Vassar College women's tennis team. She is a graduate of North Farmington High School.

DEAN'S LIST

The following Farmington area students were named to the dean's list at Kalamazoo College. They are: Sarah Smathers, a junior and a graduate of Harrison High School; Emily Ebenhoe, a sophomore and a graduate of Harrison High School;

Kelly Ann LaCasse, a junior and a graduate of Harrison High School; Jeffrey Marinucci, a sophomore and a graduate of Harrison High School; David Sands, a graduate of North Farmington High School; and Maria Sinanin, a sophomore and a graduate of North Farmington High School.

KETTERING UNIVERSITY HONOR SOCIETY

Sujay Dave of Farmington Hills was inducted into Kettering University's Management Honor Society. His co-op employer is General Motors Corp. IT Warren Transmission in Warren.

ON STAGE

Patricia Rhilew of Farmington Hills, a Hope College junior, performed as Hodel in the college's production of "Fiddler on the Roof." She is a 1996 graduate of Mersey High School.

STUDIES IN IRELAND

Alma College sophomore Daniel Ewing of Farmington Hills and a graduate of Brother Rice High School, is studying in Ireland in conjunction with Butler University's Institute for Study Abroad. Ewing is attending the National University of Ireland, Dublin, established as the Catholic University of Ireland in 1851. He is a history major at Alma College.

They have jobs 6 months after graduation

Employers seem to like Oakland Community College graduates. Six months after graduation, 96 percent of alumni had jobs, "even during times of high unemployment," says the two-year college's Office of Institutional Research.

And now employers are being invited to join advisory committees not only on technical applied science programs, but also on the liberal arts and business programs.

"Continued guidance on the direction of our degrees" is how OCC Chancellor Richard Thompson described the Oct. 26 meeting of 36 people - half faculty and administrators of OCC, half representatives of businesses and governments that employ graduates.

"The assembly was broken down into three 'focus groups' of 12 persons each," said college spokesman George Cartsonis, "to consider three categories of OCC degrees - liberal art, business and applied science." It was the first of several sessions of the Business and Community Alliance. The next will be March 8.

What did the focus groups have to say about each curriculum?

■ **Liberal arts** - Although designed for students transferring to a university, its graduates impress employers with the "flexibility, breadth of outlook and critical thinking attributes," reported Imogene Bailey, counselor at the Orchard Ridge Campus.

Judith Eaton, personnel director of Oakland County, said liberal arts graduates show aware-

ness of the broader world, critical thinking and communication skills. Liberal art includes English, humanities, science, social science and math.

■ **Business administration** - This, too, was designed as a transfer degree for universities with a foundation in accounting, economics and math.

The advisory group said instructors, as well as students, need to keep current with "real life" experience in the workplace including "externships" for faculty.

■ **Applied science** - The 100 or so technical specialties prepare students for entry-level employment in fields ranging from dental hygiene to robotics. Industry advisors liked the general education component, though one suggested the physical ed requirement be dropped in favor of more class hours in the specialty.

Others disagreed, saying "it's our job to finish them up" after graduates get a good foundation at OCC.

Thompson said there has been upward pressure on the number of credit hours to earn both an associate degree at a community college and a master's degree from a university graduate school.

In many vocational specialties, the associate degree now requires 75 credit hours instead of 62. Master's degree programs have tended to grow from 32 to 45 credit hours. With a few exceptions, the bachelor's degree requirement has stayed at 124 credit hours, Thompson said.

Graduates earn more when they find jobs in their areas of

study, the Office of Institutional Research said.

In the class of 1996-97, those working in related fields earned slightly more than \$30,000; those in unrelated fields reported incomes of about \$22,400.

But more graduates are finding work in the fields they studied, the research showed. A

decade ago, 58 percent of students found related jobs; currently, three-fourths found jobs related to their field of study.

Written by Tim Richard of this newspaper's staff from reports by the Office of Institutional Research and George Cartsonis, college spokesman.

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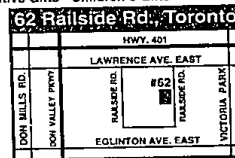
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