



## THE DEAN'S CORNER

Welcome to this 2<sup>nd</sup> issue of our newsletter! With this we hope to maintain contact with you -- our alums, current and prospective students, receive your news, broadcast your accomplishments and share our recent doings. 2009-10 has been a banner, as highlighted below and described in more detail in our [Annual Report](#). We're expecting even more progress in the year ahead so stay tuned and keep in touch!

— Lorna G. Moore, PhD, Dean



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## GRADUATE STUDENT/POSTDOC NEWS

- We're growing – having a 19% rise in the number of applications over the past year and the largest Graduate Student / Postdoc Research Day ever!
- Graduate students received 54 “best poster” and other awards, authored 250+ articles and helped on faculty grants totaling \$16M.
- MD/PhD students John Wren, Sandy An and Mitchell Ladd were named as Louis Argenta Scholars, supported by a \$2M endowment from Plastic Surgery for funding their Graduate School years.
- We completed a study which showed that 91% of master students in Reynolda campus programs, and 67% of Bowman Gray students completed their degrees in 2.2 or 2.1 yrs. PhD students on both campuses complete their degrees at 2-3 fold higher rates, and in ~2 yrs less time than the national averages.
- Stipends were raised, and health insurance provided to all PhD students; all masters' stipends increased in Fall 2010.
- Graduate student and postdoc associations were active in numerous University and community events.
- Your contributions to the Alumni Student Travel Fund helped 54 students attend professional meetings to present the results of their research, many for the 1<sup>st</sup> time. This support is greatly appreciated and truly makes a difference!



2010 Research Day Award Winners

## UPCOMING GRADUATE SCHOOL EVENTS

- 2<sup>nd</sup> annual TA workshop, Aug 18-19, 2010
- North Carolina Council of Graduate Schools meeting in Winston-Salem, on November 4-5, 2010
- Coordinators sought for upcoming fundraising campaign.

## FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

- The Master's and Doctoral Task Forces, comprising 34 faculty from both campuses, completed their recommendations; working groups were formed for Graduate School-wide recruiting and 1st year curricula for interdisciplinary PhD programs, improving financial packages for master's and doctoral students, and creating partnership and 1st generation "striver" programs for enhancing diversity.
- Physics faculty Oana Jurchescu received an ORAU Ralph E. Powe Junior Faculty Achievement and Daniel Kim-Shapiro given a Harbert Family endowed chair.
- Paúl Pauca (Computer Science) and colleagues created a Spanish-language guide to facilitate applications from Latin American countries.
- Biology, Communication and Religion Departments hosted national conferences.
- Associate Deans Linda McPhail and Randy Rogan returned to the faculty or other positions; Brad Jones (Professor, Chemistry) and Dwayne Godwin (Professor, Neurobiology & Anatomy) became the new Associate Deans for Recruiting/Publicity and Graduate Student/Postdoc Professional Development (respectively) effective July 1, 2010.

## NEW PROGRAMS STARTED/APPROVED

- University-wide Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) and Teaching-Assistant (TA) training programs for developing the whole teacher-scholar were initiated.
- Inaugural students for the Documentary film MA & MFA programs were admitted.
- 1<sup>st</sup> WINS scholars for the Education MAEd program and students for Analytic Genetics PhD program were accepted.
- MA (Bioethics)/MDiv degree and certificate programs were approved.



Associate Deans Dr. Randy Rogan & Dr. Linda McPhail  
conferring the Gordon A. Melson Outstanding  
Graduate Student Awards to:  
Ms. Clare Hector (left) & Dr. Christine Carlisle (right)



## ALUMNINEWS

- ▶ Neuroscience PhD graduates celebrated the program's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, commenting that their time at WFU was "extremely valuable for my development as a scientist and a communicator".
- ▶ Counseling and Psychology programs celebrated their 40th and 46th anniversaries respectively.
- ▶ Chris Nave (Psychology, 2006) was featured on CNN for his recent studies on associations between childhood personality and adult behavior.

