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Environmental & Policy Science Wins Major Margaret A. Cargill Foundation “2009” Grant



The Environmental & Policy Science Department has been awarded funds for a program to support the conservation or protection of natural animal habitat. The Margaret A. Cargill Foundation was publicly launched with this new grant competition. The Foundation gives strong support to environmental programs, including ones that are new and not yet well known in order to encourage initiative and creativity in meeting important environmental needs. McDaniel’s EPS students engage with environmental issues at various scales, from local efforts to restore native habitats of the Chesapeake Bay to international field studies of threatened coral reef communities in the Caribbean and Philippines. After graduation, EPS students follow career paths as wildlife managers, policy analysts, science researchers, environmental consultants, conservation advocates, science educators, and naturalists. EPS students have served valuable internships to help protect whales from noise pollution in California, foster orphan baboons in South Africa, rehabilitate wildlife on the Eastern shore, track endangered bats in the southwest, and study habitat needs of macaws in the Amazon as well as that of rare frogs in Ecuador. Congratulations to the EPS faculty who have new funds to enhance their department. This award recognizes the potential and the importance of new Environmental & Policy Science programs like McDaniel College’s.

College Selected as Host Site for European Union Fellow in Research Administration

Through the Office of Academic & Government Grants, the College has been accepted as a host institution for an EU Fellow in research administration. The National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA) and the European Association of Research Managers and Administrators (EARMA) founded this U.S.–EU fellowship exchange program. The objectives of this “International Research Management Fellowship Program” are to develop, support, and advance the training of research administrators and managers and their understanding of international research collaboration. As our institutions continue to expand their international research, NCURA decided to lead this initiative because it believes that giving its U.S. members the opportunity to learn first-hand from European colleagues the necessary components for successful international collaboration is critical for smoother and more productive grants administration in the 21st century.



President Obama’s Stimulus Package: How Will It Translate into Higher Education Grants?

The Maryland Independent Colleges and Universities Association has created a website to keep member institutions informed of grant opportunities arising from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (a.k.a. Stimulus Act): www.micua.org/stimulus. Visit the website to learn about the latest funding opportunities. Links to opportunities are arranged by subject and by agency. The deadlines for the first-round only of Stimulus-funded grants have passed; there are many funds left to be expended during the remainder of 2009. The Stimulus Act gave many federal agencies broad flexibility to invest the funds in various grant programs.

Successful Conclusion: Maryland Higher Education–AmeriCorps* VISTA Grant Results in Maryland Campus Compact

The Maryland Higher Education-AmeriCorps*VISTA (MHE-AVP) grant has come to a successful close with the formation of a Maryland Campus Compact. MHE-AVP was a start-up initiative, with McDaniel College serving as an umbrella host site during the formation of a Maryland Campus Compact. Many thanks are due to all those who gave their time to make the MHE-AVP work: President Joan Coley served as the Interim President of the MHE-AVP; Provost Tom Falkner initiated the MHE-AVP project at McDaniel College; and Dr. Sarah Stokely and Dean Henry Reiff served as Project Directors at critical junctures.

AmeriCorps*VISTA is one of the main programs of the Corporation for National and Community Service, a federal agency dedicated to combating poverty and injustice in the U.S. Other major programs include Learn and Serve America and Senior Corps, as well as special initiatives like the MLK Day of Service or the Presidential Freedom Scholarship Program.



So far, 14 institutions have formally signed agreements to join the Maryland Campus Compact:

Carroll Community College
Chesapeake College
Goucher College
Johns Hopkins University
Maryland Institute College of Art
McDaniel College
Montgomery College (Rockville)
Montgomery College (Takoma Park)
Mount St. Mary's
Stevenson University
Towson University
University of Baltimore
University of Maryland–College Park
Wor-Wic Community College

Year 3 Funding: Dundes & Lemke's Award-Winning Program Continues at East Middle School

Professors Lauren Dundes and Deb Lemke (Sociology) have won yet more funding to continue their award-winning programs to develop leadership skills among middle school youth in an after-school program at East Middle School. The program is based on a partnership between McDaniel College and the Community Learning Centers that are part of Carroll County Public Schools. Dr. Lemke has been successfully coordinating the mentoring program for boys called Trust and Teamwork (TNT) since 2007, and Dr. Dundes has successfully coordinated the after-school mentoring program called Fields of Wings for middle school girls since 1999 and its new "iTEAM" since 2007. Middle School "iTeam" participants take pride in their identity: "I am an independent, inspirational, intellectual, individual." The Sociology Department draws on a wealth of campus resources from both inside and outside the department to broaden and deepen their work funded by Carroll County Health Department grants. Such invaluable resources include the guidance and on-site supervision by Master Sergeant Jose Flores, Chief Instructor of ROTC–McDaniel College; highly motivated and qualified Sociology student-mentors; and College organizations such as sports teams and service groups.

A Note from the Director: Grants Going Green!

The Office of Academic & Government Grants will soon be **going green**. I would ask your cooperation with this green initiative:

1. Absolutely #1. As future newsletters, grants alerts, etc., will eventually be sent via email only, please review and file the emails for your easy referral in the future.
2. Become more familiar with the Grants Resource website (www.mcdaniel.edu/grants.htm). You will find there latest editions of this newsletter, plus many links to helpful resources at all stages of grants management, pre-award to post-award.
3. Remember that I'm happy to talk with anyone: give me a ring (x4699) or email me (grants@mcdaniel.edu) when you have questions about any grant opportunity.

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