Greetings from the Department of Behavioral Sciences, and what a fabulous time it is to be on campus! On July 1, 2016, Dr. J. Timothy Cloyd began his tenure as the 18th President of Drury University, and all evidence suggests he has a keen understanding of the integral role that liberal arts colleges play in the landscape of higher education. Energy is also high because we have launched exciting new programs, our national rankings are impressive, and our enrollments are soaring.

In October, about 95 prospective students and parents visited campus for Behavioral Sciences Day, and the event was a resounding success. For a photographic overview of the day's activities, go to “Drury University Department of Behavioral Sciences” on Facebook. Also exciting is that over 50 of Drury’s first-year students have indicated that they plan to major in criminology, psychology, sociology, and/or behavioral neuroscience. Music to my ears!

I hope you’ll take a moment to read about the accomplishments of some of our students, faculty, and alumni. As always, if you’d like to drop me a note, email me, or give me a call, I’d love to hear from you.

Dr. Vickie Luttrell, ’86

Dr. Mary Utley Receives 2016 SEPA Mentor Award

Dr. Mary Utley, Professor of Psychology, received the 2016 Mentor Award from the Southeastern Psychological Association (SEPA). SEPA is the largest psychological organization in the southeast and is also one of the largest in the United States. Its mission is to advance psychology as a science, as a profession, and as a means of promoting human welfare. In 2004, SEPA established the Mentor Award with the support of the Education Directorate of the American Psychological Association (APA).

Award winners are selected because they have involved large numbers of students in the annual SEPA meetings, shepherded the careers of other SEPA members, supervised and taught various members of SEPA, and worked diligently to develop the knowledge, competencies, and character of undergraduate students.

Since 1993, Dr. Utley has mentored over 213 students with 125+ presentations at SEPA and other conferences. Students in the Department of Behavioral Sciences started attending SEPA in the spring of 2003 after Dr. Utley came on board in the fall of 2002. Four students presented their work that first year at the conference in New Orleans, LA. This past spring, 19 students presented their work at the Mid - America Undergraduate Psychology Research Conference (MAURPC).

When asked what she likes most about mentoring students Dr. Utley responded, “I’m always inspired by the excitement, new ideas, and commitment students bring to the projects, the interest students show when meeting former Drury graduates presenting at the conferences, and the amazement our students show when they run into noted professionals in the field, like Dr. Phillip Zimbardo (Stanford Prison Experiment).”

In addition to working with students in designing, running, analyzing, and presenting their projects, funds must be raised to attend professional conferences each year, and Utley also plays an integral role in this regard. We extend our thanks to Drury’s Student Government Association (SGA) as well as our alumni for their unwavering support.

Sienna Trice (’17), Dr. Mary Utley - Professor of Psychology, and Alyssa Branden (’16)
**Derosssett Granted Tenure and Promotion**

The Department of Behavioral Sciences is pleased to announce that Dr. David (Dave) Derosssett has been tenured and promoted to the Rank of Associate Professor.

Derosssett ('90) returned to Drury in an employment capacity nearly 15 years ago. In 2002, he was hired to be Drury's transfer coordinator after completing his master's degree in Las Vegas. Soon after, Dave began to explore the possibility of earning his Ph.D. so he could become a college professor. In the fall of 2006, Dave accepted a position in the Department of Behavioral Sciences as a Visiting Instructor, carried a 4-4 teaching load, served as an academic advisor, and drove back and forth to the University of Missouri-Columbia 2 to 3 times a week to complete his doctoral degree in Sociology.

Dave became a tenure-track Instructor of Sociology and CCPS Liaison in 2010. After completing his PhD in the summer of 2012, Dave was promoted to the rank of Assistant Professor.

In addition to teaching such courses as Community Studies, Drugs and Society, Global Social Problems, Medical Sociology, and Social Movements, Dave maintains an active research agenda. His article, “Free Markets and Foreclosures: An Examination of Contradictions in Neoliberal Urbanization in Houston, Texas,” was released in print in September 2015 in *Cities: The International Journal of Urban Policy and Planning*. As a prominent University citizen, Dave also serves as Chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee and is the Vice President of the Springfield Community Land Trust Board of Trustees, where he utilizes his expertise in Urban Sociology to explore solutions to affordable housing.

**Voice of a First-Year Student: Madison Elizabeth McMillon**

My name is Madison McMillon, and I am from Kansas City, Missouri. I am a freshman majoring in Psychology and minoring in Community Health. I am blessed to say that I am here not only because Drury is an awesome school, but because of a full ride scholarship.

The Drury University/T. Larry Kirkland Scholarship was born of a relationship between the African Methodist Episcopal Church and Drury University. One of the AME churches in the Springfield area, located on Benton and Central right across the street from Drury, was for sale. The AME Conference Finance and Scholarship Committee diligently negotiated two scholarships to offer the AME graduating high school seniors as a result of the sale of the church and the property.

Drury University is a hidden gem as far as local Missouri universities go and Elder Fran Cary, the Trustee of the Finance and Scholarship Committee, made every effort to share that when the scholarship was being discussed with all of the churches in our Fifth District Conference. Because many of our graduating seniors had plans to attend better known universities, the Drury Scholarship was slower to get noticed. Elder Cary decided to arrange a site visit, in hopes to spark some interest.

Drury was extremely accommodating and genuine to everyone in my group, and I added it to my list of possible universities. After submitting my application, I learned that I had received the full ride scholarship and am completely enjoying life as a college student!
Drury’s Honors Program is Fully Revamped

Drury’s Honors Program, directed by Dr. Richard Schur, Professor of English, has been completely revamped, and admission into the program is competitive and selective. Featured below are some of the honor students from the Department of Behavioral Sciences. As their personal stories reveal, they are a diverse and talented group of students!

**Michelle Herman**

I’m Michelle, a sophomore, and I’m a double major in Psychology and Criminology. I’m from Springfield Missouri and I commute from home. I’m part of the Drury Alumni Mentoring program, as a mentee, and the Honors Program Mentoring program, as a mentor. I’m part of The Vine, a church organization for college students in Springfield, Missouri. I would love to provide opportunities for youth to grow closer to God via camp and vacation Bible schools over the summer after I graduate from Drury, though I’m welcome to whatever God will have me do.

**Jacob Hubers**

I am from Holland, Michigan and currently double majoring in Psychology and Criminology with a minor in Law & Society. Additionally, I am a member of the Behavioral Sciences Club and Treasurer of the Pre-Law Club. I also hope to be a part of the Post-Conviction Justice Clinic offered through the department. After my undergraduate studies, my plans are to go to law school, and eventually work in criminal law or real estate law. Some of my interests include psychology, personal finance, real estate investing, and wealth management.

**Ibby Fryman**

My name is Isabella Fryman and I’m a sophomore from St. Louis, Missouri. I’m currently studying Behavioral Neuroscience and Psychology. After graduating from Drury, I plan on attending graduate school and earning my Ph.D. in Psychology with an emphasis on Behavioral or Cognitive Neuroscience. I then plan on completing postdoctoral training in Neuropsychology and eventually would like to work as a clinical neuropsychologist, specifically with pediatric and adolescent populations.

**Kate Vincent**

I’m a freshman Behavioral Neuroscience major and Psychology minor. I aspire to be a practicing neuropsychologist while researching neurolinguistics on the side. My other aspirations include opening a non-profit organization allowing for easier, cheaper access to therapy dogs and owning two borzois or ten Irish wolfhounds. When I’m not studying, I enjoy baking and decorating cakes. However, I have neither the time, money, nor grip strength necessary for decorating at the moment.

**Miranda Maverick**

I am double-majoring in Psychology and Sociology while finishing my undergraduate studies within three years, am the vice president for the Drury Honors Program, and am a recipient of Drury’s highest academic scholarship. However, don’t get the illusion that I am a narrow-minded nerd. Aside from my academic accomplishments, I have had a very successful journey in athletics as a member of the new Drury Men’s Wrestling Team and a soon-to-be pro mixed martial artist. In fact, I have my pro debut November 18th for Invicta FC in Kansas City, so check out a fellow panther!
BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE STUDENTS

Superstar Interns

Becca Steins – Clinical Neuropsychology Research

In May, I will graduate with undergraduate degrees in Psychology and Sport & Exercise Science, with a minor in Behavioral Neuroscience. After playing two years of collegiate basketball, I found a passion for Sport Psychology and turned to the faculty for their guidance on pursuing a degree in this field. Drury also introduced me to the area of Behavioral Neuroscience, which soon became one of my favorite things to study.

By combining my love for Sport Psychology and Behavioral Neuroscience, I gained the academic background to pursue a master, and eventually a doctorate degree in Sport Psychology with a focus in Neuroscience. I hope to work in both the clinical and research sides of the field, conducting research on traumatic brain injuries in athletes and doing injury and neuro-rehabilitation psychology in a clinical setting.

This past summer, I had the opportunity to complete two internships in two separate clinical neuropsychology labs, one at St. Louis University with Dr. David Kaufman, and the other at University of Missouri-St. Louis with Dr. Carissa Philippi. I was able to get hands-on experience in areas such as conducting and analyzing fMRIs, coding for psychopathology in cognitive tasks, and even helped develop ADHD diagnosis software for children using eye movement tracking. In addition, I have also been working as a clinical research technician at a pharmaceutical company in Springfield for over a year, a job set up through Drury’s Career Center.

Thanks to my professors and advisors, my experience in research and clinical settings, along with the intensive interdisciplinary coursework I have completed, I am ready for an incredibly successful future in Sports Psychology and Neuroscience.

Erin Michael – Cherokee Nation Youth Leadership

I am a Sophomore Psychology Major with Behavioral Neuroscience and Spanish Minors. I plan to attend graduate school for a career in child psychology. This summer, I was one of 13 students chosen nationwide for the Cherokee Nation Youth Leadership Internship in Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

This internship is open to Cherokee citizens ages 18-21, pursuing any field of study, who are currently enrolled in college and have a GPA of 3.5 or higher. It was an 8-week internship that included work experience in my career field and a week-long trip to Cherokee, North Carolina to learn about Cherokee culture.

As part of my work experience, I was placed in the Behavioral Health wing of one of the Cherokee Nation’s seven medical centers. My job consisted of helping patients fill out their paperwork when they came in to schedule an appointment, processing that paperwork so that our clinicians would have all of the patient’s information at the time of the appointment, and alerting the clinicians of any red flags or urgent issues. I also helped prepare materials for the two weekly group therapy sessions, Coping Skills and Addiction Recovery, and helped to facilitate those sessions.

My previous exposure to jobs related to my career path have been more closely aligned with social work and so this was a really gratifying experience for me. I had never experienced the clinical side of things, and I was able to learn a lot about the actual treatment of psychological disorders as well as clinical office operations.
have no health insurance, and have been dual diagnosed. Entrants are most commonly seeking treatment for methamphetamine, alcohol, cannabis, and/or opioid abuse, and the majority are classified as experiencing high levels of trauma and/or victimization during their lifetimes.

The programs utilize cognitive-behavioral interventions that have been shown to ameliorate patterns of criminal thinking and enhance moral development. In addition to increasing the number of drug-dependent offenders who receive AOD treatment, mental health treatment, peer-to-peer recovery support services, and primary health care services, funding will provide Hepatitis B and C testing to at-risk entrants.

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The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), recently awarded a grant to the 39th Judicial Circuit, which serves Barry, Lawrence, and Stone counties in southwest Missouri. The grant was written by Shawn Billings, an alumnus of our criminal justice graduate program. Drs. Vickie Luttrell, Professor of Psychology, and Jana Bufkin, Associate Professor of Criminology, were co-writers and will serve as project evaluators.

Under the leadership of Judge Alan Blankenship, funding will be used to expand and enhance the circuit’s Adult Drug Courts (ADCs). The programs target non-violent, felony repeat offenders, who have committed offenses directly or indirectly motivated by alcohol and/or other drug use (AOD), and who are screened with high prognostic risk and high criminogenic need.

The majority of circuit’s ADC entrants live in poverty, have no health insurance, and have been dual diagnosed. Entrants are most commonly seeking treatment for methamphetamine, alcohol, cannabis, and/or opioid abuse, and the majority are classified as experiencing high levels of trauma and/or victimization during their lifetimes.

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Zach Thomas – FBI Academy
I am currently a junior with a dual major in Criminology and Political Science, specifically focusing on international affairs. In addition to academics, I am heavily involved on campus. I currently serve as the President of the Student Union Board, the Vice President of Student Affairs for the Student Government Association, and the First Counselor for Sigma Pi Fraternity at Drury University. I also am a member of several honor societies, serve on the Dean's Student Advisory Council for the College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences, serve on the Meador Center Board, and volunteer frequently with the Drury University Law Enforcement Academy.

My freshman year at Drury I was able to intern part time with the Greene County Sheriff’s Office. The summer following my freshman year, I was given the opportunity to intern with the Sheriff’s Office in Story County, Iowa which is where I am from.

All of these experiences culminated in having the opportunity this past summer to intern with the FBI. I spent ten weeks this summer living outside Quantico, Virginia and working full time as an intern at the FBI Academy. This came through the highly competitive FBI Honors Intern Program which opens for application each fall. The application process includes an interview with FBI Human Resource Staff and a full background check including a polygraph test.

As part of my internship, I was able to help professional staff and agents fulfill their jobs at the Academy, and I am fortunate enough to be able to continue this experience throughout the school year at the local office in Springfield, Missouri.

Drug Court Team Awarded Fourth SAMHSA Grant

Superstar Interns continued
DEPARTMENT NEWS

Post-Conviction Justice Program Makes Its Debut in Spring 2017

According to statistics from the Death Penalty Information Center, over 150 inmates under sentence of death have been exonerated from death row since 1976 and data from the National Registry of Exonerations provides information on more than 1,900 cases of exoneration documented in the U.S. since 1989.

The issue of wrongful convictions is a pressing social justice concern that exacts tremendous emotional, social, and economic costs on all those involved, and perhaps this is why the topic has been explored in popular television series, such as Netflix’s “Making a Murderer” and the ABC series “Conviction.”

The Department of Behavioral Sciences will begin offering students a unique opportunity to address the issue of wrongful convictions by participating in a cutting edge day school program called the Post-Conviction Justice Program. For the pilot, a three-course sequence will prepare students to work on decided criminal cases where a legitimate claim of innocence exists.

Students will work on cases assigned to them by their instructor and staff from the Midwestern Innocence Project, a nonprofit community organization that provides pro bono legal and investigative services to incarcerated individuals within a five state region, including Missouri.

Instituting a Post-Conviction Justice Program at Drury will offer students a rare opportunity to engage in a form of experiential learning that has important real world applications for a pressing social justice issue currently garnering worldwide attention. Interested students should contact Dr. Jennie Long for more information about the Post-Conviction Justice courses being offered at Drury.

Featured Alumna: Karli Kaempfe

Karli Kaempfe (formerly Courtney) graduated from Drury University in 2011 where she majored in Chemistry and Criminology. Karli is currently employed by the Missouri State Highway Patrol as a Criminalist in the Crime Laboratory Division. More specifically, she is assigned to the Trace Evidence section of the laboratory. Trace Evidence can be defined as the study and examination of microscopic items submitted for classification or comparison purposes.

As a Trace Criminalist, Karli routinely performs examinations of physical evidence submitted for hair comparisons, paint comparisons, flammable liquid analysis, and gunshot residue analysis. She has worked on a variety of cases including weapons violations, sexual assaults, and homicides.

Often Criminalists are subpoenaed to testify in court as expert witnesses. Expert testimony details the examinations performed by thecriminalist, as well as their findings. Karli has testified as an expert witness on numerous occasions on behalf of both the prosecution and the defense.

Karli’s time at Drury was integral in preparing her for a career in forensics. Course work she completed in the Department of Behavioral Sciences instilled Karli with a love of learning. The Criminology program also allowed her to perfect her critical thinking skills. These attributes have allowed Karli to adapt quickly and easily in the ever changing field of forensics.

Drury transforms its students into leaders and community-minded individuals which guided Karli toward a career that makes an impact on the world around her. The knowledge and experience gained while attending Drury has proven to be invaluable in shaping Karli into the professional, and person that she is today.
McEachern Presents Linzey with Prestigious Bob Barker Award

Patricia McEachern, Dorothy Jo Barker Endowed Professor for the Study of Animal Rights, traveled to Oxford, England in July to present a paper at the Oxford Center for Animal Ethics 2016 Summer School. One hundred and fifty speakers and attendees arrived from all over the world to participate in the Summer School at Saint Stephen's House. In fact, all six inhabited continents were represented. Speakers included some of the world's most well-known and prestigious animal rights scholars.

McEachern's paper was entitled “L’Enfer, c’est nous autres: Institutionalized Cruelty as Standard Industry Practice in Animal Agriculture in the United States.” The title is a play on words from a drama entitled Huis-Clos (No Exit) by Jean-Paul Sartre in which a character proclaims: “L’Enfer, c’est les autres” (“Hell is other people.”)

L’Enfer, c’est nous autres suggests that human beings have created a living hell for the billions of animals confined in our nation’s factory farms.

At the exquisite black-tie gala, McEachern presented the Reverend Professor Andrew Linzey, founder of the Oxford Center for Animal Ethics, with our second Drury University Forum on Animal Rights Bob Barker Award for Extraordinary Achievements for Animals. The gala was preceded by a champagne reception in the gardens of Saint Stephen's House. The four-course vegan dinner took place by candle light inside of Saint Stephen's House's beautiful gothic church. Previous winners of the prestigious Bob Barker Award are Pat Derby and Ed Stewart, founders of the Performing Animal Welfare Society.

Behavioral Science Students Present Research at MAUPRC

Drs. Robin Miller and Mary Utley and 19 behavioral science students left Drury’s campus on Friday, April 22, 2016 to present their research at the 34th Mid-America Undergraduate Psychology Research Conference (MAUPRPC) in Richmond, IN at Earlham College.

Oral presentations were made by Colin Ayre, Kaslyn Alexander, Courtney Boyett, Alyssa Bracken, Christopher Cassity, Christopher Cook, Megan Cunningham, Cameron Derossett, Joella (Hanes) Foster, Anna Godsey, Nicole Hedrick, Jordan Klaus, Adam Lee, Kaitlyn Pearson, Austin Ross, Katelynn Slade, Sienna Trice, Casey Vaclavik, and Katie Westenberg. Research topics included such things as police use of force and race, perceptions of homosexual victims in intimate partner violence situations, effects of educational mediums on attitudes concerning transgender individuals, and Tinder and the effects of masculinity/femininity on attraction.

Senior Psychology major Anna Godsey reported that “MAUPRPC was an incredibly rewarding experience. Seeing other students present their research made me interested in the whole research process, and it made me a better presenter by seeing other undergrads discussing their work. The coolest thing at the conference was seeing the guest speaker who discussed work she began when she was an undergraduate. It really inspired me to look more into research for the future.”

In addition, Colin Ayre, Senior Sociology major commented that “it felt empowering to know that all of the hard work my group put into designing and refining our research was well received at the conference. I also felt really good to know how well Drury prepared us to be able to speak confidently about the results and the science behind the work that we did.”
The following students were our outstanding graduating seniors for 2015-16. Students were selected on the basis of demonstrated academic excellence and service to the department. Summa awards are given to students whose cumulative GPAs exceed 3.95. Our award winners were as follows:

**Overall Behavioral Science Award:**

**Allison Hebert**
Allison is from Pauls Valley, OK and graduated from Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics. At Drury, she majored in Sociology and Criminology and was recognized as Drury’s Outstanding Senior Woman upon graduation. Allison is currently attending American University School of Public Affairs in Washington DC to obtain a master's degree in Justice, Law, and Criminology with a concentration in Justice and Public Policy and is a graduate assistant.

**Austin Ross**
Austin is from Shawnee, KS and graduated from Mill Valley High School. At Drury, he majored in Criminology and minored in Law & Society. Austin also completed Drury’s honors program and was recognized as Drury’s Outstanding Senior Man upon graduation. Austin has been working at the Springfield-Greene County 911 and Dispatch Center and will soon start training on dispatch for fire fighters and police officers in the county.

**Christopher Cassity**
Chris is from Springfield, MO and graduated from New Covenant Academy. At Drury, he majored in Criminology and Sociology and minored in Psychology. Chris remained at Drury and is earning his master's degree in Non-Profit Civic Leadership. He is also a graduate assistant and works with students in the Drury University Debate Union, an organization that trains students in the art and science of debating.

**Rachel Ryan**
Rachel is from Hazelwood, MO and graduated from Hazelwood West High School. At Drury, she majored in Psychology and minored in Behavioral Neuroscience. Rachel was also a Judge Warren White Scholar, a recognition given to students with the highest grade point average after the completion of their first year. Rachel is currently attending Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville where she is earning her master's degree in clinical psychology.

**Outstanding Student in Criminology:**

**Jessica Brennan**
Jessica is from St. Louis, MO and graduated from Notre Dame High School. At Drury, she double majored in Criminology and Psychology. Jessica was also a Judge Warren White Scholar, a recognition given to students with the highest grade point average after the completion of their first year. Jessica is currently attending Saint Louis University School of Medicine to become an M.D.

**Marianna Denise Wendt**
Anna is from Sedalia, MO and graduated from Sacred Heart High School. At Drury, she majored in Psychology and Theatre. Anna is currently attending Central Washington State University to obtain a master's degree in Experimental Psychology. Her thesis concerns the phenomenon of Anonymous Public Nudes the behavior of posting anonymous nude images of oneself on the internet, not for a specific individual, but for the public as a whole.

**Summa Award:**

**Jessica Tay**
Jessica is from Springfield, MO and graduated from Central High School. At Drury, she majored in Chemistry and Psychology and minored in Communication and Behavioral Neuroscience. Jessica was also a Judge Warren White Scholar, a recognition given to students with the highest grade point average after the completion of their first year at Drury. Jessica is currently attending Saint Louis University School of Medicine to become an M.D.

**Ashlee Caitlin Ellingsworth**
Ashlee is from Platteville, WI and graduated from Platteville High School. At Drury, she majored in Psychology and minored in Communication and Behavioral Neuroscience. After completing her graduate degree, she plans to become a Speech-Language Pathologist.

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**Outstanding Student in Psychology, Scientific Analysis Recognition, and Summa Award:**

**Outstanding Student in Sociology:**

**Outstanding Student in Psychology:**

**Summa Award:**

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