

IU Connections

A publication for students and their families

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Immaculata University Welcomes Dr. Barbara W. Williams, Ph.D.

In September 2011, Dr. Barbara W. Williams began serving as Interim Vice President for Student Development & Engagement at Immaculata University.

Dr. Williams comes to Immaculata with an extensive background in higher education both in academic and student affairs, and in the graduate and undergraduate spheres. At the University of Maryland at College Park, she was a director of graduate and then undergraduate studies working with curriculum development, the management of academic advising, faculty evaluations, internship and practica supervision, comprehensive examination operations, student organization advising, and college to high school transitions programs. She helped to develop the first extended freshman orientation course, and taught one of the first courses.



At Bowie State University in Maryland, Dr. Williams was Director of the Center for Learning and Academic Support Services, overseeing academic advising and counseling, new student orientation, placement testing, and retention initiatives. She served as advisor to the academic deans and other university officials on related matters. She also created and directed the nationally recognized Summer Emerging Scholars Program.

Dr. Williams began her years at Howard University in Washington DC, in the Office of Associate Vice President for Enrollment as Director of Special Projects, working with recruitment, admission planning and practices, records management, and student financial aid services. She was subsequently named Associate Dean and then Dean of Special Student Services where her responsibilities were management and oversight of the judicial program, Veterans Administration programs, new student orientation, which she named Howard University 101, and disabled student services.

Dr. Williams is a native of suburban Baltimore, MD. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Howard University in Washington, DC, a Master of Public Administration from The American University in Washington, DC, and a Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Maryland at College Park. She is married to her college sweetheart, W. Frank Williams, Jr., and they have a son, W. Frank Williams, III who is married to Christal Mims-Williams. Her first grandchild, a boy, is due in December.

A Night to Celebrate IU's Commuter Students

On Friday, November 18th the Commuter Connections Program, sponsored by the Dean of Students Office, hosted a reception for College of Undergraduate Studies commuter and off-campus students at the Springfield Country Club in Springfield, PA. The goal of the evening was to celebrate IU's commuter students prior to the Thanksgiving holiday and to show them how thankful we are to have them as a part of our campus community. The students who attended had a wonderful time and were joined by the Dean of Students, Assistant Dean of Students, Director of Alumni Relations, Director of Student Activities and Immaculata Faculty.

The Commuter Connections Program, which was developed by the Dean of Students Office in 2010, has hosted a number of events for our commuter students. The program works closely with Student Government's Commuter Council and is led by Bridget Haines-Frank'96, Assistant Dean of Students. This reception was the first of planned region based off-campus programming. Pictures from the event are available on the Immaculata University Commuter Council Facebook page. For more information about Commuter Connections, please contact Bridget Haines-Frank at 610-647-4400, ext. 3130 or go to commuterlife@immaculata.edu .

From The Business Office

The **Spring 2012 term bills** will be available online beginning December 1st. The payment due date is January 3rd. As Immaculata University continues to **Go Green**, please remember that all monthly statements will be available online only.

Enrollment for the **IU Installment Payment Plan** begins December 1st. Enrollment forms are available online at www.immaculata.edu/node/651, or students can access the form online at MyIU, Campus Life tab under Business Office. The installment due dates are: January 3, February 2, March 3 and April 2.

There is so much you can do on SSIU.

Are you set-up as an Authorized User to access bills and make payments?

Did you know you can schedule payment transactions for the future online?

Look for the "How to Manage My Student Account Online" brochure sent with the bill or visit online at

<http://immaculata.edu/Portal/Business/studentAccountBrochure.pdf>

Meet Miss Immaculata

Full Name: Brandi Sue Santaniello

Year: Sophomore (Class of 2014)

Major: Chemistry - Premed

Hometown: York, PA

Career Goal: Physician



What being Miss Immaculata means to me:

I am extremely honored to be chosen as Miss Immaculata 2011 because I love this University so much. I want to give back as much to the University in my year as Miss Immaculata as it has given to me. When my name was called as Miss Immaculata, my jaw dropped imagining all of the opportunities this school has given me already and, now, as Miss Immaculata, all of my new endeavors to come. I have begun to plan my year as Miss Immaculata and I expect to make meaningful contributions to the entire University community. If anyone would like to volunteer to work on various programs please contact me at 717-676-8448 or bsantaniello@mail.immaculata.edu.

Career-Quest Challenge

The Career Development office will unveil a new series of programming this spring as part of the **Career-Quest** challenge. The first component will be the Check-In Challenge where students “check in” using social media to showcase what they are doing to enhance their portfolio - from work, to an internship, or even volunteering. Their engagement and check in counts towards winning the contest while developing their career path!

Throughout the spring semester, there will be a variety of events and contests pertaining to our “Backpack to Briefcase” series. Programming includes information on resume and cover letter preparation, entrepreneurship and job searches, office etiquette and interviewing skills, as well as financial management. The series will wrap-up with a professional etiquette dinner where students will learn the intricacies of fine dining. Students will earn points by attending these events. Students will also be able to enter for chances to win various giveaways and prizes by participating in the QR Career Challenge. Students look for QR’s or “quick reads” around campus and complete small challenges, scavenger hunts, or tasks.

Diane Massey, Director

Steve Blumenthal, Career Assistant

Location: Bruder Center

Appointments: Call ext. 3506 or e-mail bscudder@immaculata.edu

www.immaculata.edu/campus_life/CareerDevelopment

Immaculata University—Important Dates
Academic Calendar 2011-2012

DECEMBER

8 University Feast Day—No Classes
 9 Carol Night
 17 End of Semester
 18 Residence Halls Close for Break at
 10:00 a.m.

JANUARY

9 January Graduation
 11 Residence Halls Open at Noon
 12 Classes Begin

MARCH

5-11 Spring Break
 11 Residence Halls Open at Noon
 12 Classes Resume
 14 Summer Registration—CLL

APRIL

5 Easter Break—Residence Halls Close
 at 10:00 a.m.
 5-9 Easter Break
 9 Residence Halls Open at Noon
 10 Classes Resume
 16 Fall Registration—CUS & CLL

MAY

7 Final Class/End of Semester
 9 Residence Halls Close at 10:00 a.m.
 19 Baccalaureate Mass
 20 Commencement
 28 Memorial Day—Holiday

Thinking About Graduate School?

Then why not think about your own College of Graduate Studies?

The IU College of Graduate Studies is here to help you with your academic goals!

We have advanced degree programs in:

Education

Psychology

Nursing

Public Relations

Music Therapy

Nutrition

Cultural & Linguistic Diversity

Come visit us in Loyola Hall, Room 130. We are here to help!

Sandra Rollison, Assistant Dean, x3215 or

Sueann Robbins, Assistant Director, x3223 or

graduate@immaculata.edu

Three easy steps to 2012-13 Financial Aid

1. **Complete your FAFSA** by the recommended filing deadline of April 15, 2012, but no earlier than January 1, 2012. It is easiest to complete this online at www.fafsa.ed.gov . (PA state grant deadline is April 30, 2012.)

2. **Promptly respond to requests for information** by the Financial Aid Office, such as tax return transcripts or worksheets (and by PHEAA, if you are a PA resident). You can log in and check SSIU any time to view your outstanding IU requirements.

3. **Make sure that you will make satisfactory academic progress** to remain eligible for financial aid next year. Typically for a full-time undergraduate student, this means earning 24 credits and a 2.0 GPA over 2 semesters. Students must also complete at least 75% of their attempted credits.

Consult the Financial Aid website for lots of useful information at www.immaculata.edu/FinAid .

If you have questions about any steps in the process, please contact the Financial Aid Office for help by email, FinAid@immaculata.edu , or by phone at 610-647-4400 ext. 3028.

Other useful contacts:

For FAFSA on the Web help, call 1-800-4FEDAID (1-800-433-3243) or email FederalStudentAidCustomerService@ed.gov

To contact the PA State Grant Department, call 800-792-6392.

To check your Federal Student Loan balances and servicers, login at www.nslds.ed.gov

To search for scholarships, try www.fastweb.com

For budgeting and loan repayment information, check out www.youcandealwithit.com

Assessment Corner

Notes from the Office of Institutional Research, Planning and Assessment

PSSSST – Want to hear a secret?

Recent changes to the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) direct colleges to provide easy online access to important policies and reports. IU's Office of Institutional Research, Planning and Assessment (IRPA) has set up a Student Consumer Information page on IU's website to make it easy for current and prospective students and their families to find information on academics, tuition, campus safety, even textbook prices. Check it out by clicking "Federal Compliance Links" at the bottom of any page on IU's website.



We are always working to help make IU a better place – and that's no secret!

Immaculata University's New Athletic Training Program

This fall, Immaculata University accepted its first class of freshman and sophomore students into the new Athletic Training major. "Students will be inspired to learn through a curriculum that follows a learning-over-time model that is infused with the latest research and evidence-based practice within the field of athletic training," said Kelly A. Stalker, M.Ed., A.T.C., assistant professor and chair of the Department of Physical Education and Exercise Science.

Athletic training is a healthcare profession that focuses on the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation of neuromuscular conditions for physically active individuals. Athletic trainers are employed in various settings, such as schools, professional sports, hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, performing arts, and the military. Employment in the athletic training field is expected to grow significantly over the next decade. This is due to the applicability of the field in additional settings and to athletic trainers' roles in preventing injuries and reducing health care costs.

The Athletic Training Education Program (ATEP) joins the Pre-Physical Therapy, Pre-Occupational Therapy, and Movement Science Programs that Immaculata University offers. The new program will require a capstone research project in the field and five clinical rotations totaling at least 800 hours in local high schools, colleges, and medical facilities.

For more information on the new program, visit www.immaculata.edu/atep.

Immaculata Fund Update: The Importance of Parents, Alumni, and Friends

Parents, alumni, and friends, you make Immaculata special. Your involvement and support over our 91 year history has afforded us the resources to face the challenges and opportunities of providing a quality education supported by the IHM charism.

Immaculata students rely on the continued generosity of alumni, parents, and friends to keep tuition as affordable as possible. Gifts to the Immaculata Fund have an immediate impact on every area of the university. The Immaculata Fund is the source of unrestricted gifts that provides us with the financial flexibility necessary to expand our commitments in areas such as academic and student programming, faculty research, technological upgrades, and financial aid.

We offer a sincere thank you to those who have already made their annual commitment. The Immaculata Fund is a meaningful way to honor Immaculata's heritage. It plays an integral role in our effort to advance the mission of Immaculata University.

Please consider sharing the joy of Christmas by making a tax-deductible gift to the 2011-2012 Immaculata Fund.

Online: visit our secure website www.immaculata.edu/supportiu

By Mail: P.O. Box 733, Immaculata, PA 19345; or return the reply envelope included in a recent mailing; to take advantage of tax year-end benefits, your reply envelope must be postmarked on or before December 31st.

By Phone: Call Karen in the Advancement Office at 610-647-4400, ext. 3127

Blessings to you and your family during this beautiful Christmas season.

Campus Events

Thursday, Dec. 1st – Undergraduate Honor Society Christmas Social – open to all students

Saturday, Dec. 3rd – Shopping Trip to King of Prussia Mall

Sunday, Dec. 4th – Immaculata University Symphony performance – FREE for all students

Monday, Dec. 5th – Christmas Banquet dinner – open to all students (meal plan for residents, free for commuters)

Tuesday, Dec. 6th – Trip to Longwood Gardens Christmas Lights Show

Wednesday, Dec. 7th – Caroling at Camilla Hall, sponsored by Greek Council

Wednesday, Dec. 7th – FREE hot chocolate and cookies & support the Women's Basketball Game

Thursday, Dec. 8th – Mass for Feast of the Immaculate Conception; Feast Day brunch, Nazareth Dining Hall

Thursday, Dec. 8th – Christmas Movie – Elf

Thursday, Dec. 8th – SAL Arts Series presents Jersey Boys the musical at the Forrest Theater in Philadelphia

Friday, Dec. 9th – Carol Night, sponsored by Student Development & Engagement

Friday, Dec. 9th – Post-Carol Night Student Social, 9pm in Terrace Rotunda

Saturday, Dec. 10th – Winter Wonderland ice slide on Back Campus and free Christmas and Winter crafts in Great Hall

Saturday, Dec. 10th – Cotillion semi-formal dance sponsored by Class of 2014, theme: "Midnight in Paris", tickets sales to benefit St. Rose of Lima School.

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ATTENTION FUTURE IMMACULATA GRADUATES

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

The commencement dates for the upcoming years have been confirmed.
We hope to see you at one of them!

Graduation 2012	Sunday, May 20, 2012 1:30 p.m.
Graduation 2013	Sunday, May 19, 2013
Graduation 2014	TBD
Graduation 2015	TBD



The ceremonies will take place on back campus at Immaculata University.
Baccalaureate Masses will take place on the Saturday prior to Graduation.