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Mentor and Mentee have Award-Winning Year

by Kieu Nguyen

Olga Martinez, first-year Scholar in Pre-Dentistry, came to the USA from Zacatecas, Mexico, as a young infant. In her experience as an advocate for social justice, she has participated in the Day Without a Mexican, wrote a letter to her senator seeking justice for minorities in work settings, as well as her leadership and citizenship for immigrants. Additionally, she wishes there were more collaboration with the Mexican government for the number of undocumented immigrants coming to the States. Olga also encourages others to vote by explaining how leaders have a great influence on these issues. Olga was recognized for her work for social justice when she received the 2006-2007 Joey Lee Garman Award. Don’t think these are the only accomplishments this young Latina has under her belt, however. A transfer student from Dodge City Community College, Olga has had quite a year at K-State. Through her DSP research project, Olga was introduced to mentor, Dr. Lorena Passarelli, from the Department of Chemistry.

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However, I want to give students credit for their achievements. Dr. Passarelli influences students across the country as well. She is currently working with her alma mater, Simmons College, in Boston as a mentor for a program called MOSAIC. The program asks alumnae mentors to provide career leadership for Simmons students of diverse backgrounds. In DSP, Dr. Passarelli has worked with former Scholars, Kristy Morales and Rey Morales, who are both now in medical schools.
To Thine Own Self Be True
Third Annual Target on Excellence Colloquium reveals the power of moral courage

by Bobby Gomez

“We cannot hide anymore. You know it and I know it; we are intellectual.”

[Education] should be cherished, utilized and displayed.

This year’s ToE highlighted seven, high-achieving scholars: Sheila Ellis (sophomore), Elise Gaines (junior), Jesus Garcia (freshman), Sammy Ornelas (senior), Amber Tyler (junior), Kristel Williams (freshmen), and Jannet Wright (senior). The selected Scholars demonstrated the power of knowledge through their reflection on moral courage. These Scholars were able to describe moral courage and how it has affected their lives by sharing their experiences and goals with a diverse audience hanging on every word.

“I have now lived in the U.S.A. for four years, and I feel like a very different person. I feel as a person that needs to set an example. I feel a commitment to those who are disadvantaged, to those who can not defend themselves,” stated Garcia.

The evening was concluded by the Master of Ceremony, second-year Developing Scholar, Matt Martinez. Martinez encouraged the audience to leave the evening, “Friends don’t let friends dumb down.” Her famous line: “Ask him what his plans are for it? Money can complete her degree. Her husband, Siepo, is an English major and musician. He will be playing the piano at our Poster Symposium.

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Sheila Ellis {interview with the reporter} by Kieu Nguyen

WE know someone who was awarded a $10,000 scholarship, two paid summer internships, and a full-time paid internship for a year after graduation -- do you? It is first-year Scholar, Sheila Ellis. Born with African-American and Filipina heritages, Sheila is a sophomore in Print Journalism.

The “Landmark Scholars” program was set up by the Landmark Publishing Group, a major group under Landmark Communications companies on the East Coast. The nation-wide search was on, and Sheila won and was placed at the Roanoke Times in Virginia. She begins her first internship this summer. Find out how this bright-eyed and perky reporter chose the path that led to this exciting moment.

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Knowing How to Capture Opportunities

{mentor shares knowledge beyond research}

by Zach Marteney

“...you not only have to work hard, but have to work smart as well.”

Mantis

Liberated from purgatory on good behavior, we burst from the restraining sac of boredom.

Wind, the fluid of our labors, forcing a stream through the wulfenite leaves.

I almost pass her by. I almost lose her in the windings of dead foliage.

Mantis.

Her tiny head tilted in meditation, she whispered, “Shhh. Appreciate it. These moments vanish so swiftly. Careful that you do not steal it from yourself.”

So I linger, taking shallow breaths, silencing the wheezing and wind to listen for what Simon and Garfunkel really heard. And I hear it. I hear NOTHING, for just a second.

Mesmerized, I lift my head. Just in time to see the beautiful Oxford Boy tripping, in his earth tones.

Paving the Way

by Kristel Williams

Ever been to Texas? If not, you’re in luck. A taste of what the Lone Star State has to offer is right in our backyard. Meet Mike Hodge, a freshman and first-year scholar majoring in open options from Dallas, Texas. Mike decided to explore universities based on their academics. After a bit of research, he found that the Department of Chemical Engineering at K-State was one of the best. Ask him how he likes college, and he’ll immediately tell you that his university experience is excellent for two reasons. First, he enjoys learning how to manage his time more wisely. Second, he likes the white precipitating phenomenon that we know as snow.

While he’d like to say his enthusiasm has been nonstop throughout the entire year, he gets homesick just like everyone else. As the fourth oldest in a family that includes seven sisters and one brother, it was tough being away from them during first semester. As Mike talked about them, it became very apparent that he is very close with his family. Though he is away from them right now, his siblings have set good examples for him as he makes his journey through college. One of his siblings in Chicago received a...