

## Provost's Report to Faculty Senate

March 5, 2018

### **4<sup>th</sup>-Week Report**

Overall 4<sup>th</sup>-Week Report participation continues to remain steady at 76 percent, and the participation rate for 090-200-level courses continues to climb, reaching 78.5 percent this Spring (from 77.2 percent in Fall).

Perhaps more importantly, over 1,000 students were referred University-wide for additional academic support. The 4<sup>th</sup>-Week Report is a valuable instrument to identify students who are struggling early and to implement intervention strategies to help them succeed.

I would particularly like to acknowledge departments reporting at or above 90 percent:

<u>College</u>	<u>Department/Unit</u>	<u>% CRNS Reporting</u>
CHS	Recreation & Park Administration	100.0
CLASS	Art & Design	97.4
CHS	Occupational Science & Occupational Therapy	95.0
CLASS	Anthropology, Sociology, & Social Work	92.9
CLASS	Languages, Cultures, & Humanities	92.3
CLASS	Philosophy & Religion	91.2
CJS	School of Justice Studies	90.1
CHS	Medical Laboratory Science	90.0

### **Summer Term Updates**

As the advising period approaches for Summer and Fall, faculty advisors are reminded to discuss summer courses with students as an opportunity to:

- ✓ take a class the student has put off
- ✓ make up a class missed or dropped during the Fall or Spring
- ✓ complete a general education requirement
- ✓ accelerate their path to degree completion

Resources are now available on the [www.summer.eku.edu](http://www.summer.eku.edu) website. A summer advising worksheet will also be available.

Students can email [summer@eku.edu](mailto:summer@eku.edu) with questions regarding summer courses, enrollment, or financial aid.

### **2018 Scholars Week**

The annual Scholars Week will take place April 9-13 and will feature the scholarly and creative work of faculty and students from across campus. Winners of the 2018 faculty awards will be announced on Monday, April 9, at 5 p.m., in the Library Grand Reading Room. Read more about the faculty awards at <http://studio.eku.edu/annual-faculty-awards>.

The full 2018 Scholars Week schedule is available at <http://ekuscholars.eku.edu/>. A flyer for the event is attached.

### **University Presentation Showcase**

Part of Scholars Week, this year's University Presentation Showcase will be held on Friday, April 13, 2018. The UP Showcase is an opportunity for faculty, undergraduate, and graduate students to share their work with the University community and the public.

**Faculty Division** – Faculty members with a peer-reviewed project from the current or prior academic year are welcome to present their work as a poster. Creative projects may be presented as an electronic image or audio file.

**Student Division** – Students who have collaborated with faculty/staff on scholarly and/or creative projects are also invited to participate. Projects may include artwork, original writing, research, and other scholarly/creative work. Projects that go beyond a classroom assignment are most appropriate, although there are exceptions (e.g. senior theses). Students must have collaborated on the project with a faculty or staff mentor, who must recommend the student's project for the Showcase and approve the abstract before submission.

**The deadline to submit an abstract for the University Presentation Showcase is this Friday, March 9.** Faculty or students with completed projects can submit their work at <https://encompass.eku.edu/swps/>. Please contact [Dr. Jonathan Gore](#) for questions.

### **March 2018 Teaching & Learning Innovation Series Sessions**

The March line-up of the Teaching & Learning Innovation Series starts Wednesday, March 7, and focuses largely on supporting our QEP: Critical Reading (Read with Purpose). Series sessions are below. Register online at <http://studio.eku.edu/tli>.

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Developing Critical Readers through Metacognitive Strategies</b>	Wednesday, March 7 12:30-1:30 p.m.	Noel Studio Discovery Classroom
<b>The QEP and Program-Level Assessment</b>	Thursday, March 8 11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Noel Studio Conference Room
<b>Increasing Student Motivation to Read Class Assignments</b>	Tuesday, March 20 9:30-10:30 a.m.	Noel Studio Discovery Classroom
<b>Creating an iGen Pedagogy</b>	Monday, March 26 11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Noel Studio Breakout Space Three

### **2018 Faculty Scholars Institute**

The inaugural Faculty Scholars Institute will take place on May 15-16. The Institute will provide faculty with the skills, resources, and support needed to excel as productive scholars at EKU. **Interested faculty are invited to apply through March 20** at <http://studio.eku.edu/faculty-scholars-institute>.

### **Pedagogicon**

The annual Pedagogicon will take place on Friday, May 18. Registration is free for EKU participants this year. A Student Success track will be added to this year's program to provide additional resources and programming for those interested in student learning and engagement. Visit <http://studio.eku.edu/2018-pedagogicon> for more information.

### **Professional Development Opportunity: Pedagogicon Pre-Conference Workshops**

The Noel Studio is offering two Pedagogicon Pre-Conference Workshops this year, both on Thursday, May 17.

#### ***Effective Communication for Leaders Under Pressure, Joan Beck (9:30-11:00 a.m.)***

This workshop will give leaders the tools to communicate clearly and consistently to inspire others in the high pressure environment of higher education today. Participants will examine fears and threats, discuss response methods, examine communication styles, and practice highly charged conversations. Strategies and tools from this workshop will be applicable in a variety of leadership scenarios.

#### ***Assignment Design and Assessment: Intentional Integration for Significant Student Outcome, Cindy Judd & Ryan Baggett, ECU Faculty Innovators (1-4 p.m.)***

This two-part workshop will provide an overview of assignment design and assessment by identifying resources and applying strategies to improve student understanding of course and instructor expectations. Specifically, part one will focus on “Creating Significant Learning Experiences” (as defined by Dr. L. Dee Fink), scaffolding, and assessment rubrics. In part two, participants will examine assignments using an evaluation matrix based on the written communications VALUE rubric. Participants are asked to bring: 1) an assignment they wish to refine or update that requires the student to demonstrate written communication and 2) the course student learning outcomes (SLOs).

Additional information is available at <http://studio.eku.edu/2018-pedagogicon-pre-conference-workshops>.

### **Important Dates**

Please mark the following upcoming dates on your calendars:

**April 9-13** – Scholars Week (<http://ekuscholars.eku.edu/>)

**April 13** – University Presentation Showcase (Submit abstracts by **March 9** via Encompass: <https://encompass.eku.edu/swps/>)

**May 15-16** – 2018 Faculty Scholars Institute (Apply by **March 20** at <http://studio.eku.edu/faculty-scholars-institute>).

**May 18** – Pedagogicon (<http://studio.eku.edu/2018-pedagogicon>)

**May 17** – Pre-Conference Workshops (<http://studio.eku.edu/2018-pedagogicon-pre-conference-workshops>)

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**September 28** – Assurance of Learning Day (**SAVE THE DATE**)

Respectfully,

Deborah Whitehouse



# Celebrating SCHOLARS WEEK

April 9 - 13, 2018

*“Celebrating the Scholarship of Discovery, Integration, Application, Teaching & Learning, and Creative Endeavors across Eastern Kentucky University.”*

## Monday

### Grant Writing Workshop

12-1pm | Noel Studio Discovery Classroom (310D)

### Art Student Association Annual Juried Exhibition

2-4pm | Fred Parker Giles Gallery

### Honors Thesis Presentations

1pm, 3pm | 204D & 204G

### Faculty Awards

5-6pm | Grand Reading Room

### Honors Exhibition: *Recognizing the Beauty and Science of Diversity:*

#### *A Tale of Orchidaceae*

6-7pm | Noel Studio Discovery Classroom (310D)

## Tuesday

### Honors Thesis Presentations

10am, 1pm, 3pm | 204D & 204G

### Faculty Meet 'N Greet

9-11am | Noel Studio Discovery Classroom (310D)

### Interdisciplinary Programs Awards

2-4:15pm, plus reception to 5pm  
Noel Studio Discovery Classroom (310D)

### Delta Alpha Pi International Honor Society Induction

3:30-4:30pm | Grand Reading Room

### Annual Alumni Spotlight

Presentations, 5:30pm | Dick Mayo Allen Auditorium (108)  
Reception, 6:30pm | Downstairs Library

### Alpha Lambda Delta Awards

6-7pm | Grand Reading Room

## Wednesday

### Honors Thesis Presentations

10am, 1pm, 3pm | 204D & 204G

### Aurora: Literary and Arts Journal

Launch and Open Mic  
12-2pm | Noel Studio Discovery Classroom (310D)

### Diversity Scholars Symposium

Featuring 2017 Diversity Mini-Grant Recipients  
3:30-5pm | Dick Mayo Allen Auditorium (108)

### Noel Studio Program Appreciation Night

5:30-7pm | Noel Studio Greenhouse

### EKU Dance Theatre Spring Concert

8pm | O'Donnell Hall  
Free Admission

## Thursday

### University Fellows Showcase and Light Refreshments

11:30am-1:30pm | Faculty Center for Teaching & Learning (318)

### Honors Thesis Presentations

10am, 1pm, 3pm | 204D & 204G

### Archives After Dark Student Showcase

5-6pm | Noel Studio Discovery Classroom (310D)

### EKU Dance Theatre Spring Concert

8pm | O'Donnell Hall  
Free Admission

## Friday

### University Scholars Assembly

8:30-11am | Grand Reading Room

### EKU Dance Theatre Performance

1:15-1:30pm | TBD

### Assurance of Learning Poster Showcase

1-4pm | Downstairs Library

### University Presentation Showcase - Faculty Division

1-4pm | Downstairs Library

### University Presentation Showcase - Graduate and Undergraduate Divisions

1-4pm | Downstairs Library

### Poster Showcase, URCE, and Mentor Awards

3:30-4:30pm | Dick Mayo Allen Auditorium (108)

### EKU Phi Kappa Phi Induction

4:30-5:30pm | Grand Reading Room

### EKU Dance Theatre Spring Concert

8pm | O'Donnell Hall  
Free Admission

## Saturday

### EKU Dance Theatre Spring Concert

8pm | O'Donnell Hall  
Free Admission

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