Hello, JHLP Mentors!

Another year is in the books, and the Jerry Holmes Leadership Program is making an impact. Since last August, JHLP has hosted one leadership retreat, one special talk about NASA’s Apollo program, two Mentors’ Receptions, three Executive-in-Residence Days, five leadership workshops, six Engineering Leadership Roundtable meetings, and six meetings for Holmes Leadership Associates. Thirty-seven students participated in Holmes Leadership Associates, and all Buford attendees or at least 50% of the program leaders. Thank you for your time and your goodwill. A special thanks to June Hightower (ISE), JHLP Director Kim Wolfinbarger (ISE), Jonathan Gonzalez (ME), Mahmore Bu Huliga (ME), Tyler Dewar (Civil), Okey Atukpawu (ME), Lindelwa Maseko (ISE), Cioré Taylor (ME), Ange Umwali (ISE), Rehema Sibuma (ME), and Hannah Lobban (ISE). Join us in congratulating these graduates as they embark on the next phase of their careers.

Mentorship

Preparing for a new academic year means preparing for a new class of Holmes Leadership Associates. This year’s associates will be announced in September, and the mentor-matching process will begin shortly thereafter. We know that mentorship takes a lot of time, and we appreciate your participation. Please tell us whether or not you wish to continue as a JHLP mentor by completing this short survey.

Almost all HLAs will be matched with a different mentor during this process. If you are currently working with a mentor, please continue meeting with that student until new matches are announced in mid-autumn. HLAs cite professional mentorship as a highlight of their experience. Thank you, mentors, for your support, sound advice, and dedication to the leadership development of our engineering and applied science students.

Mentors Conduct Leadership Workshops, Speak to Students

This year, several JHLP mentors shared their expertise with students and faculty. In October, mechanical engineering chair Linda Portney led a workshop on project management. Participants learned how to ensure project management by checking out and organizing an imaginary garage. In February, the JHLP Student Advisory Board organized a panel discussion regarding effective interdisciplinary communication. Geologist Tiffany Stephens and mechanical engineer Bob Davis joined associate professor Bret Bradley of the Price College of Business to discuss strategies for helping engineers and scientists understand each other. And at our final public event of the spring, electrical engineering alumnus Bill Weppner shared his experiences as a NASA flight controller, a tenure that encompassed both the moon landing and Apollo 13.

Save the Date

Planning for the 2018 Jerry Holmes Leadership Symposium is underway. Mark your calendars for this inspiring and educational event, featuring keynote speakers, panel discussions, and workshops on a variety of topics related to leadership in technical enterprises. The symposium is open to students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of the University of Oklahoma.

The 2018 Jerry Holmes Leadership Symposium
Thursday, March 8 | Oklahoma Memorial Union | All Day

Student Advisory Board Spotlight

JHLP Student Advisory Board members lead workshops, give talks, and assist with a variety of Holmes leadership functions. Pictured above are (left to right) Director Kim Wolfinbarger and SAB members Tyler Dewar (Civil), Cioré Taylor (ME), Zainab Al Ibrahim (Geol), Hannah Lobban (ISE), Phuong Nguyen (ME), and Joe Peshehonoff (ME). Not pictured are CJ Alsenay (ArchE), Ian Byrne (ME), Candace Johnston (Geol), and Cody Totten (Geol).

Thanks for your support of JHLP!

Kim Wolfinbarger, Director

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