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It’s not goodbye, just see you later.

About 80 former students, faculty, retired faculty, and friends gathered on March 23rd to celebrate the research and teaching legacies of Dr. Tom Schultz. The celebration took place at Lamson Lodge. People came from far and wide to express how Tom had influenced their academic, professional, and personal lives. Dr. Rebecca Homan presented him with a book of memories constructed of pictures and stories submitted by current and retired faculty and former students. Emeritus faculty Dr. Phil Stukus started off the tribute, followed by former student Jenn Casey ’96, and more recent research students Liza Haggenjos ’18 and Mo Christman ’18. Dr. Eric Liebl concluded the remarks by talking about how Tom taught him the real meaning of being a teacher. Wishing you and Janet all the best as you move to Colorado. We will miss you, Tom!

Class of ’90s stopped by

Jenn Casey’96 and Carin Miller’96
Jenn shared first visiting Denison and meeting Tom for the first time with humor.

Laurel Symes ’07, Erin Gorsich ’08, Ben Bring ’07, Tom, Jon Horn ’07 and Janet Schultz
Special tshirts were designed for the event!

Click here to see more from the photo album!
https://www.flickr.com/photos/buginmyeye/albums/72157707574520875
No sentiment was spared when honoring Tom Schultz for his many years at Denison and his contributions to students and colleagues. A heartfelt message from Rebecca Homan was enjoyed by all in attendance. This chair from the Provost’s office, was presented at a retirement reception in May.

Speaking of Chairs....

Chris Weingart will step down as Biology chair and Rebecca Homan steps up to the plate! Thanks for your service, Chris!

Alumni News Update:

Naomi Barker ’17 was admitted into the masters in genetic counseling program at the University of South Carolina. She was selected for the LEND fellowship focusing on neurodevelopmental disorders in addition to her regular coursework.

Jenny Zhang ’18 is heading to Harvard Law School this fall.

A unique view from the roof of Talbot when we toured our HVAC system. Boy was it windy!
Kaitlyn was also awarded best undergraduate poster presentation at the Animal Behavior Conference at Indiana University in March 2019 for her poster titled "Electrophysiological responses to chemosensory stimuli in cephalopod arms" which reported work from her summer and senior research with Biology faculty Heather Rhodes.

Conor Loy

Conor will be entering the doctoral program for Genetics, Genomics and Developmental Biology at Cornell University.

All other Departmental Student Award Recipients

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2019 Biology Senior Fellows

Moe Madar

Click on the link above for full Fellows bios

Amanda Walsh

Rachel Reardon

2019 Presidential Medalist

In the fall, Rachel will begin her studies at Harvard Medical School.
New Community Health Coach Program

This program is provided in partnership with Licking Memorial Hospital and the Knowlton Center for Career Exploration. During the Community Health Coach Program, students will interact with local healthcare professionals in both an academic and clinical environment. Participation will involve enrollment in an interdisciplinary course for both Fall 2019 and Spring 2020 semesters.

Fall Semester
The Fall 2019 semester seminar course will contextualize wellness, provide insight into obstacles to optimal healthcare and prepare students to serve as an ambassador within the Licking County community. Participants will attend lectures given by professional healthcare providers, participate in frequent class discussions, read articles, and analyze patient case studies.

Spring Semester
In the Spring 2020 semester, students will be assigned to a community patient and meet weekly at their residence. As a student health coach in the practicum course, participants will assist their assigned at-risk patient with setting and meeting wellness goals, identifying and overcoming obstacles for these goals, and will serve as a support system for this process. The practicum will also involve meeting weekly with peers and Licking Memorial Health representatives to report on the progress of their patient.

Talbot Puzzles
Give a much-appreciated break for students, faculty & staff!
At the annual Haubrich Awards Banquet, Tom Schultz was surprised by students who asked to speak of their appreciation of knowing this awesome teacher!

Another fun surprise for Tom was a plaque from the Biology Department.

BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT PRIDE!

Rachel Reardon ’19, Presidential Medalist, Jeff Thompson, Tight Family Chair in the Natural Sciences, Rebecca Homan, John and Christine Warner Professor, Kaitlyn Fouke ’19 Provost’s Academic Excellence Award

And whilst we are boasting about our awesome department, Rebecca Homan and Jessica Rettig are now full professors and Heather Rhodes was awarded an R.C. Good for fall semester!

BIO BUZZ
BOWLING Fun with DUBS!

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