

**DELTA COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DINNER MEETING
October 6, 2015
Delta College Midland Center**

Board Present: R. Emrich, K. Houston-Philpot, D. Middleton, M. Morrissey, M. Nash, M. Rowley, E. Selby, D. Wacksman

Board Absent: K. Lawrence-Webster

Others Present: T. Allen, J. Bamberg, R. Battinkoff, V. Bond, L. Brown, T. Brown, J. Carroll, P. Clark, E. Crane, R. Curry, M. Donegan, L. Dull, M. Finney, A. French, J. Goodnow, L. Govitz, T. Harris, M. Hernandez-Alaniz, A. Kahil, R. Kahil, D. Lutz, K. Marchbanks, A. McClorey Mc Laughlin, M. Mosqueda, D. Peruski, G. Przygocki, L. Ramseyer, K. Schuler, C. Starkey, A. Ursuy

Press Present: J. Hall, WSGW; G. Horner, Delta Collegiate; K. Skrzypczak, Delta Collegiate

Board Chair M. Rowley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

M. Rowley then turned the meeting over to Reva Curry, Vice President of Instruction and Learning Services who introduced Crystal Starkey, Associate Professor of English. C. Starkey introduced Ali Kahil, one of her former Delta College students who had been accepted into the prestigious University of Michigan (U of M) Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP) this past summer.

A. Kahil, talked about his experiences in the Summer U of M UROP Program. He conducted intensive research on various topics such as the Early Faculty Research Project and the Michigan Moments Research Project including the Ted Kaczynski Papers, Gerald Ford, and Apollo 15.

A. Kahil noted that his projects will be on display at the U of M 200th celebration in 2017. He has also been offered a research job with some of the top faculty if he returns as a student to U of M in the fall. Finally, he thanked everyone, including the Delta College Board, faculty and staff for the rewarding experience and opportunity to work in research at U of M.

Maureen Donegan, Assistant Professor of Psychology, discussed the American Psychological Association Award winner Lyndsay Smokovitz. The basic requirements for the award included a 4-5 page essay in APA format, an electronic presentation, and a faculty letter of recommendation. This contest allowed M. Donegan the opportunity to restructure the course assignments in order to help students develop better communication and writing skills. This also raised a challenge in raising the bar for intro students and having them understand research methods.

M. Donegan nominated L. Smokovitz because she had the best combination of essay and presentation. L. Smokovitz took first place and was able to attend the 2015 APA Annual Convention to receive her award with M. Donegan through support from Delta College. L. Smokovitz was a dual enrolled student at Delta College while taking M. Donegan's class. She is now a freshman at Grand Valley State University. M. Donegan read a statement from L. Smokovitz thanking everyone for making this opportunity possible and for an experience that she will never forget.

There being no further business, the dinner meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Talisa Brown, Assistant Board Secretary

Andrea Ursuy, Board Secretary