APRIL 22 - SGA AWARDS BANQUET

The Student Government Association of Medaille College hosts an awards banquet each spring before the end of the semester. It’s a fun night meant to celebrate the extracurricular accomplishments of our undergraduate students and to thank our faculty and staff members for their dedication throughout the year. Potential award categories include Professor of the Year, Staff Member of the Year, Student Leader of the Year, Club Advisor of the Year, Outstanding Student Organization of the Year, and several other awards from the Residence Life, Student Involvement, and Student Development offices. This year’s theme is still being decided on, but we anticipate that tickets will be on sale in late March. This elegant evening of dinner, awards, and dancing will take place on Friday, April 22nd at the Hotel Lafayette in downtown Buffalo. Students will be able to sign up for transportation to and from the event as well. Hope you can join us!

APRIL 25

“DAB YOUR WAY TO SUCCESS!”

Featuring Tamara L. McMillan

Tamara L. McMillan visits Medaille on Monday, April 25, for a must-see program that will help students better understand how much they have in common with their role models. As the presentation will demonstrate, mistakes and failures are more common than you think. Student-scholars are encouraged to embrace the complexities of life by looking through someone else’s lens, and to welcome challenges with open arms. Running from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in room 102 of the Main Building, “Dab Your Way to Success” will include interactive dialogue, group discussion, small group work and individual reflection. The event will also feature free pizza and the chance to win a $50 Visa gift card.

APRIL 25 - MAVFEST 2016!

Each spring, the Student Activities Board sponsors the MavFest carnival for Medaille students, faculty, and staff. While the specifics for this year’s MavFest are still in the planning stages and kept tightly under wraps, past years have included rides, games, tons of free food, awesome giveaways just for students, fireworks, and other great entertainment throughout the afternoon. All for free! Mark your calendars for this year’s MavFest, which will be on Wednesday, April 27th!

APRIL 27 - FYE SPRING 2016

APRIL 8

RELAY FOR LIFE
10 a.m. Events Arena

APRIL 11

INVESTING IN A PROFESSIONAL WARDROBE
12:30-1:30 p.m. Huber 206

APRIL 18

MAKING MAJOR PURCHASES
12:30-1:30 p.m. Huber 206

APRIL 18 - APRIL 22

SENIOR WEEK
Look out for Senior Week activities!

APRIL 21

TRIO AWARDS CEREMONY
6-8 p.m. Events Arena
RSVP at www.medaille.edu/ trio/rsvp

Final exams are right around the corner... and so is help!

MATH, BIOLOGY, READING, ENGLISH AND CHEMISTRY

Monday 12:30-2:30 p.m.
Tuesday 9 -11 a.m.
COLLABORATORIUM — and —
Sunday 3-5 p.m.
SOUTH RESIDENCE HALL, FIRST FLOOR

TRIO WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS
As your journey continues, let me wish you all or jlr442@medaille.edu. If I can be of assistance to you at any time, please TRIO, and Pathways. Also, if you have not met with academic advisors, mentors, counselors, and designed classroom assignments that help foster connections between classroom learning outcomes and real-world problems. Throughout the remaining weeks in the semester, students will be fundraising and organizing service-learning projects with the FLY After School program of Jericho Road Community Health Center, and panel discussion featuring local experts on human trafficking. To engage students, faculty have selected relevant readings and designed classroom assignments that help foster connections between classroom learning outcomes and real-world problems. Throughout the remaining weeks in the semester, students will be fundraising and organizing service-learning projects with the FLY After School program of Jericho Road Community Health Center. Students will present their learning to the campus human. I also take ENG 100 and RDG 125 classes. Both classes have nice and friendly professors. They know I'm Chinese and that English isn't my first language, so news helps us keep up on what's happening in our hometown. We write our news. It was my first time abroad, I will never forget my first day in America. It was my first time abroad, and everything was new and different. Because my English wasn't strong, I was worried about things like getting a phone card, a bank card, etc. But Tim Hartigan (Director of Medaille's Washington International Pre-University Academy) is very responsible — he took me and the other international students to go shopping, apply for a bank card, and get other things that we needed. Soon we started our ESL class. My class has just two students, me and my classmate, Austin. Tim teaches us grammar, history, reading, listening, and so on. Sometimes we do free-writing in class and for homework to improve our writing skills. When we are done, Tim helps us to modify our paragraphs. Other things we do in our class include studying a picture dictionary book, reading Chinese news and learning about America holidays. Reading Chinese news helps us keep up on what's happening in our hometown. We write our news. It has been a very important experience in my life, one I will never forget. During these six months in Washington Academy, I have learned a lot of things. It has been a very important experience in my life, one I will never forget. When my cousin came to Buffalo to meet me we went to Niagara Falls. It was very beautiful and spectacular. The day view and the night view were both beautiful, but I preferred the night view, which has firewoks and nice, colorful lights. Also Tim took us to places like downtown Buffalo, City Hall and Old Fort Niagara. This semester, students taking classes with Dr. Elaine Correa, Dr. Jennifer Foster, Courtney Grim, Erika Hamann, Drew Marsharall, Samantha Purpora, and Dr. Bridgette Slavin are engaging in a cross-disciplinary community-based learning project to explore global issues connected with the local refugee community in Buffalo, including multiculturalism, diversity, community building, human trafficking, current events, and related service and programs in WNY. The events and activities associated with this project are supported by the Center for Community-Based Learning and the Honors Program, coordinated by Dr. Alice Villaseñor. Search for #MedailleCBL2016 on Twitter to follow the project! This fall, students majoring in business and for a career, I would like to own my own business Medaille College freshman golfer Chuck Panepinto was named all-conference by the AMCC. Panepinto will illustrate how his First Year Experience will benefit from academic skills assessment, summer bridge programs, supportive faculty relationships, student leaders and structured study halls. In addition, the First Year Experience will engage your family and support networks in the first-year experience by providing opportunities to visit campus and participate in campus-based activities, access to campus officials, and timely updates about important events during the academic year.

**Communities-based Learning at Medaille**

The Center for Community-Based Learning has organized site visits to the West Side Bazaar, an on-campus screening of the documentary God Grew Tired of Us, Cultural Competency training from the International Institute of Buffalo, a lunch time talk from the volunteer coordinator of Jericho Road Community Health Center, and panel discussion featuring local experts on human trafficking. To engage students, faculty have selected relevant readings and designed classroom assignments that help foster connections between classroom learning outcomes and real-world problems. Throughout the remaining weeks in the semester, students will be fundraising and organizing service-learning projects with the FLY After School program of Jericho Road Community Health Center. Students will present their learning to the campus community at the conclusion of the semester, so stay tuned for more details!

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**Panepinto named all-conference by AMCC**

Medaille College freshman golfer Chuck Panepinto was named all-conference by the AMCC (Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference) and had a (3.4) GPA last semester. Recently, he shared his first-year experience with Professor Lucy Czesak:

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**From the Director**

As your first-year experience here at Medaille College draws to a close, let me congratulate you on the first of many milestones in your academic career. As you pursue the dream of a college education, please know that you have already accomplished a great deal. Did you know the drop-out rate for college students is the highest in the first year? This means you have already survived the difficult transition from high school to college. We in the academic community here at Medaille join with your family, friends, and loved ones in celebrating your persistence, resilience, and hard work. But now is not the time to rest on your laurels! Final exams and papers are right around the corner. Visit your faculty during office hours. Consult your syllabus. Use your planners and manage your time well. Please study hard, utilize all of the academic and supportive services available to you here at the College, including the Academic Support Center, and First-Year Experience Tutoring in the Collaboratorium and the South Residence Hall, first floor locations. Finnish Strong! Before you leave for a well-deserved summer break, please be sure to touch base with your academic advisors, mentors, counselors, and student success specialists in Academic Advising, TRIO, and Pathways. Also, if you have not met with a financial aid advisor or completed your FAFSA forms, what are you waiting for? Finally it is neither too early nor too late for first-year students, becoming second-year students, to sit down with Career Planning, or to begin thinking about a Study Abroad experience. If I can be of assistance to you at any time, please do not hesitate to contact me at (716) 880-2152 or jlr442@medaille.edu.

As your journey continues, let me wish you all the best!