The J.R. Hopes Art Scholarship committee announced four winners from all areas of the UCF School of Visual Arts & Design. The 2013-14 recipients are Andres E Aranguibel (video), Teresa Bethea (drawing), Austyn Bynon (sculpture), and Omalix Martinez (painting).

Visit scholarships.cah.ucf.edu/hopes/ to view the winning entries and artist statements along with past winners.

J.R. Hopes established the scholarship in 2010 to encourage talented art students with financial need to further their art careers. Each winner receives a $3,000 scholarship that may be used to pay for tuition, textbooks, fees, and any other items included in the cost of an art education.
Gift Establishes Ayako Yonetani Violin Scholarship

Ayako Yonetani has received many accolades for her artistry. However, it is her gift for teaching that led a local benefactor to establish a scholarship in her name.

Judy Duda, a local arts patron and chair of the Dean’s Executive Council for the College of Arts and Humanities, endowed the fund as a way to encourage others to support UCF’s music program.

“My intent was to support the university’s comprehensive campaign, but I am also passionate about music and attracting talented young musicians,” Duda said.

Duda met Yonetani 20 years ago while coordinating the concert series at St. Luke’s Lutheran Church. UCF did not have a concert hall and St. Luke’s offered an appropriate setting for UCF Orchestra performances.

“I thought UCF had a treasure in Ayako and I wanted to do what I could to help her build the string section,” Duda said.

Duda developed a personal friendship with Yonetani and decided to help. She contacted the UCF Foundation and the dean of the College of Arts & Humanities and contributed the funds to establish the Ayako Yonetani Music Endowed Scholarship for violin and viola students.

Sophomore Wins Central Florida Jazz Scholarship

Sophomore Greg Zabel (at right) has won the Central Florida Jazz Society 2013 Scholarship. Zabel was one of seven finalists following a preliminary round consisting of a recorded performance. Four of the finalists were UCF students. Zabel will receive a $2000 prize that he expects to put toward the purchase of a new bass and amp.

Jeff Rupert, director of Jazz Studies, declares, “Winning this scholarship as a sophomore speaks to his work ethic, talent, and the instruction he is receiving here at UCF.”

Zabel and three other UCF students are also finalists in the Bob Washington scholarship, held in Leesburg in April.

CAH Students Honored at Graduate Research Forum

Two Arts and Humanities students were honored at the Graduate Research Forum on April 2. Leah DeLorenzo, M.A. student in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages, won in the Social Sciences Category for her thesis “Parental Beliefs and Attitudes on Enrollment in a Dual Language Program at an Elementary School.”

MORE FROM UCF MUSIC:

Music Department Chair Jeff Moore was elected to the Board of Directors of the Percussive Arts Society.

Scott Tobias, Director of Bands, was presented the Citation of Excellence by the National Band Association during the 2013 Florida Music Educators Association Conference.

Modern Languages Faculty and Students Recognized

Undergraduate Jessica Marie Ortega was honored at Founder’s Day for her exceptional performance. Ortega, an art history major with a minor in Italian and Renaissance studies, is a member of the President’s Honor Roll and President’s Leadership Council. She is also a grants and research intern at United Arts of Central Florida, and in the past was a peer ambassador at The Burnett Honors College.

Martha García and Chiara Mazzucchelli were also recognized at the Founder’s Day festivities with the Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching. García is an Associate Professor of Spanish Medieval & Golden Age literature. Mazzucchelli teaches undergraduate introductory, intermediate, and advanced courses in Italian language, culture, and literature.

The College of Arts and Humanities held its annual Staff Recognition Awards on Tuesday, March 19 in the Student Union.

Dean José Fernández honored CAH staff members for their years of service, including several employees with impressive tenures. Adele Labrake (Music), who plans to retire this year, was recognized for 34 years of service. Karen Lucas (Dean’s Office) and Patricia Codere (Dean’s Office) reached 30 and 20 years, respectively.

Fernández also presented Distinguished Service Awards to three employees in appreciation of their outstanding work and contribution to their department and to the College of Arts and Humanities. Janki Maraj (Visual Arts & Design) and John Parker (Music) received the USPS awards, and Amber Mullens (Writing & Rhetoric) received the A&P employee award. Each winner received a $600 prize.

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Stacey Pigg wins NEH Award

Stacey Pigg was awarded a Summer Stipend Award from the National Endowment for the Humanities for her project, Writing Unbound: Invention, Sociability, and Digitized Public Space. The NEH Summer Stipends program provides awards to pursue scholarly work in the humanities during the summer.

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2013 Women’s Studies Awards

Women’s Studies awarded more than $1,250 in scholarships at a reception on April 4.

Three graduating Women’s Studies minors were recognized with the Dorothy Height Outstanding Women’s Studies Graduate Award: Emily Helm, Rachel Miles, and Kelly Quintero.

WUCF-FM DJ Jack Simpson celebrates 30 years with his Jazz on the Beach radio program. Musicians from across the country presented a concert, while Orange County proclaimed April 20 “Jack Simpson Day” to honor his achievements and charitable work.

The inaugural Martha Hitt STEM Emerging Scholar Award was presented to Michelle Rich, a junior in Chemistry.

Amirica Nicholson, a Women’s Studies minor and LEAD Scholar, received The Eleanor Roosevelt - LEAD Scholar Award. The Orange County Medical Alliance Award was presented to Caroline Castille.

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Rob Schaer (2001, Music B.A.) was a member of the trumpet section for the 2013 Academy Awards Orchestra. The 67-piece orchestra played from a large sound stage at Capitol Records in Los Angeles. Every note heard at the Academy Awards was live.

This was Rob Schaer’s second performance with this orchestra. Rob began a European tour with the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra in March 2013.

YEAR-END SCREENINGS

The School of Visual Arts & Design showcases student film projects with four days of FREE screenings. All screenings will be held in the Visual Arts Building Auditorium.

Thursday, May 2, 7pm - 9:30pm: Directing I
Friday, May 3, 7pm - 9:30pm: Directing III
Saturday, May 4, 6pm - 9:30pm: Capstone
Sunday, May 5, 2:30pm - 4pm: Documentary Workshop

“Talking Me,” an experimental film by Metrah Pashaee (2012, Film B.A.), was selected from 350 international entries to screen at the Microscope Gallery in Brooklyn.

New Additions to the CAH LIBRARY

The Terrible Wife (a collection of poems) by Terry Ann Thaxton (English), Salt Publishing
To Render Invisible: Jim Crow and Public Life in New South Jacksonville by Robert Cassanello (History), Univ. Press of Florida

UNDER ONE ROOF: B.F.A. EXHIBITION

Apr. 11 - May 3 • A showcase for students in the School of Visual Arts & Design’s Bachelor of Fine Arts program
UCF Gallery hours: Mon-Fri 10am - 5pm
FREE ADMISSION • gallery.cah.ucf.edu

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Boeing Boeing • June 13 - July 20
By Marc Camoletti • Translated by Beverly Cross and Francis Evans
Contains sexual innuendo that may not be appropriate for children. Winner of the 2008 Tony Award for Best Revival! Playboy Bernard entertains three airline hostesses on their frequent layovers. What could possibly go wrong?

The Fantasticks • June 27 - Sept. 1
by Tim Bauer
Remember the days of sweet young love in this romantic charmer of a musical! The Fantasticks is the longest running production in American theatre for good reason: the intimate and funny poetry of the script, the catchy songs, the nostalgic story.

Visit theatre.ucf.edu for exact dates and times and ticket information

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