Spring—Graduation

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Special Graduation Issue

Outstanding 2013 Baker College Graduates

Each year the faculty and staff of Baker College are pleased to honor outstanding graduates in seven award categories: Applied Science, Education & Human Service, Health Sciences, Information Technology, Business Administration, Bachelor Degree, and The Muskegon Chronicle Award, which goes to the outstanding graduate in the class. This year is no exception. The College is pleased to recognize another outstanding group of award winners who have excelled in the classroom and exhibited excellence in all they do.

THE MUSKEGON CHRONICLE AWARD

LUISA YONKER of North Muskegon, Michigan, is the winner of the 2013 *Muskegon Chronicle Award*. Luisa will graduate with her Bachelor's Degree in Management with a minor in Marketing. She accomplished this while taking 20 credit hour loads the last several terms to meet her goal of graduating by the end of summer. In addition, Luisa is the wife of a gentleman in the military and the mother of an 8-year old.

Luisa has used her time at Baker College well. She is truly a person of remarkable foresight and leadership, unselfish in her ambitions and generous in sharing her talents and time. While juggling her home responsibilities along with her school responsibilities, Luisa managed to donate countless hours to outside organizations. Luisa is a founding member of the Baker College Rotaract Club. In addition to being a founding member, she was voted club President by her peers. Luisa has also been actively involved with Pathfinders, an after school program for third through fifth graders at Edgewood Elementary. In addition, Luisa participated in the READ Muskegon Scrabble tournament. Her team won most spirited.

Congratulations, **Luisa**, on receiving the distinguished *Muskegon Chronicle Award*.

BACHELOR DEGREE AWARD

ASHLEY MULLIGAN, of Joliet, Illinois, is the winner of the 2013 *Bachelor Degree Award*. She is graduating with a Bachelor Degree in Food and Beverage Management.

Ashley displays a continual commitment to the hospitality foodservice industry and always striving for the best. She makes it her goal to learn and apply her knowledge to benefit those around her. Along with her leadership as a Student Shift Manager and Intern in Courses restaurant at the CIM, Ashley was active in our mentoring program to assist incoming students.

Ashley is a member of the American Culinary Federation West Michigan Lakeshore Chapter. She competed as a member of the ACF Knowledge Bowl Culinary Competition Team, and is a regional level gold medalist. One of the shining moments in her college career at the CIM was planning and coordinating the 2012 Cheers and Chocolate fundraising event for the Every Woman's Place Charity. Ashley led the 60-member front of the house team for the event. She is an excellent representative of the high standards that our students uphold and of the desire our students share to excel in their chosen profession.

Congratulations, **Ashley**, on receiving this well-deserved honor.

APPLIED SCIENCE AWARD

JENNIFER SOLTESZ, of Dyer, Indiana, is the winner of the 2013 *Applied Science Award*.

Jennifer is graduating from Baker's Culinary Institute of Michigan Food and Beverage Management program. Jennifer's accomplishments while with us include leading the CIM's Knowledge Bowl Competition Team as their Captain. The team took a gold medal at the American Culinary Federation Regional Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Jennifer has kept her classmates, teammates and community at the top of her priorities.

As an Intern in the CIM's Courses restaurant, she helped student servers to understand and execute the steps of fine dining service, while building their self-confidence, skill sets and food and beverage service knowledge. She was also active in our mentoring program to assist incoming students.

Jennifer led the recruiting and helped to train and deploy over 65 volunteers for the

annual Cheers and Chocolate fundraising event to benefit Every Woman's Place and Webster House charities.

As a result of her commitment, hard work, and enthusiasm, Jennifer was recently chosen to be the Dining Room and Bar Manager at the Muskegon Holiday Inn. She plans to continue her education as she grows her career.

Congratulations, **Jennifer**, on receiving the *Applied Science Award*.

HEALTH SCIENCES AWARD

This year's *Health Science Award* recipient is ***TRAVIS NEWELL***. Travis will graduate with an Associate of Applied Science—Surgical Technology. He has worked extremely hard to accomplish his goal of becoming a surgical technologist. He not only has excelled academically but has impressed the professionals at his clinical affiliations. Statements like, "He is the best student we have ever had," were expressed many times. Travis was determined to set a good example for his son, and he has. He has grown both personally and professionally. The instructors and his classmates wish him much success in the future.

Congratulations, **Travis**, on receiving the *Health Sciences Award*.

EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICE AWARD

SHEILA ROESLY, of Newaygo, Michigan, is the winner of the 2013 *Education and Human Service Award.* She is graduating with an Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education. Sheila returned to college so she could obtain an education and degree that polishes the early childhood education skills that she has acquired over the years. Instead of taking the "I know it all attitude" when she began her coursework, she embraced the opportunity to truly learn and grow in our college setting. Time and time again, Sheila has proven herself to be a true team player who possesses the ability and desire to work cooperatively with classmates regardless of gender, age, or ability. She makes sure that *every* group member feels equally valued, and that *everyone's* unique talents are noted.

Congratulations, **Sheila,** on this well-deserved honor.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AWARD

BENJAMIN LOOY, of Fremont, Michigan, is the winner of the 2013 *Information Technology Award*. Ben will graduate with an Associate of Applied Science in Computer Networking with the CISCO option. When picking a student for this role, we always look for leadership traits in the classroom. Ben can be found outside of class helping other students and even newer students that are not in his class. Ben recently placed within the top 5 in the state of Michigan for both CISCO and Networking at the state BPA competition. This earned him a spot to compete nationally in Orlando, Florida. Ben went to nationals with the goals of placing once again in the top 10. Not only did he place top 10 in both Networking and CISCO, he placed #1 in the nation in Computer Networking using CISCO. In his spare time, he enjoys playing music, fishing and camping. We are very proud of Ben's accomplishments.

Congratulations, **Ben,** on this well-deserved honor.

THE ZEN HANGER BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AWARD

MORGAN LIPP, of Gobles, Michigan, is the winner of the 2013 *Zen Hanger Business Administration Award*. She is graduating with an Associate of Small Business Management/Entrepreneurship Degree. Morgan is an example of a student who wanted to make the most of her college experience. In the classroom Morgan is very engaged with her peers. She projects an energetic and positive attitude that is infectious. Fellow students look to Morgan for her feedback and guidance which she more than willingly provides in a positive, supporting manner. Morgan has gone above and beyond as a student leader at Baker College. Morgan is a founding member of the Rotaract Club of Baker College and was elected Treasurer of the Club by her peers. Morgan donated her time and talent to multiple events throughout the school year. She also raised money to go on a mission trip to Honduras, installing bio-sand water filters to people in need. Morgan is the "poster child" of student leadership!

Congratulations, **Morgan,** on receiving this well-deserved recognition.

Baker College of Muskegon 2012-2013 Graduates

HONORS ***(highest to lowest)***

***SUMMA CUM LAUDE	***3.90 - 4.00 GPA (Gold Cord)***
** MAGNA CUM LAUDE	***3.70 - 3.89 GPA (Silver Cord)***
* CUM LAUDE	***3.50 - 3.69 GPA (White Cord)***

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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Anna Harris-Shaw
Scott M. MacDonald
William Ogle
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Jennifer Ann VanderStelt
Kenneth R. Williamson

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Rita Williams
Samantha Williams
Sherise L. Wilson
Travis Jon Wolfsen**
Amy Kathryn Wongsurawat**
Michael Woodman*
Kristine Wright*
Tammy Wright*
Marie M. Wright*
Roshelle A. Wright
Fang Yee Wu
Rachel Wurn
Tiffany Renee Wylie
Rebecca L. Wynsma**
Amanda L. Yack
Justin T. Young
Rachel S. Young**
Seth P. Young*
Stacey L. Zeerip*
Jeremy Zettle*
Jessica Lynn Zick**
Kelli Zoet-Hardy***
Kamy Zwak**

CERTIFICATE

Chandra Amaya
Chad Michael Bazzett*
Jason Bebout
Rachael Blok
James R. Bothwell
Gabrielle Adelia Briscoe
Irma I. Bustos*
Holly M. Carrier
Nancy Ortiz Cerrato
Anthony Scott Chingman*
Arthur C. Cory II***
Chad Dalstra
Ebony Nickcol Davis
Cheryl E. DeWaal**
Barbara Duma**
Ashley M. Englund
Heather M. Fitzhenry*
Riccardo Garza
Ruben Garza Jr.
Elizabeth Mae Gray
Josalin R. Green
Joseph A. Hammerle IV

Angela S. Hanes*
Christena Hansen
Dylan J. Harris
Carleen Henderson
Kody James Hesselink
Michael Hoadley*
Chelsie R. Hoffman
Molly A. Holmes-Wedding
Frank Howard
Krystal D. Iversen*
Michael A. Jenkins, Jr.
Paul R. Kahler*
Ashley M. Kareste
Elizabeth Kluting
Hanna J. Kostal*
Sarah E. Lane**
Tiffany Lang
Jamie M. Lange
Amanda M. Lemmen*
Joyce M. Lull
Leslie Machiela*
Lisen Marie Majors
Brandon Matthew Marecek
Audri Joy May
Daniel Medema
D'Arcy A. Menzel***
Stefanie B. Miller*
Jodi Lynn Mock
John A. Molyneux*
Roy L. Moses
Angie Murdoch
Chad M. Nichols
Rachael Nicole Nyboer***
Stephanie Osbon
Kayla Palluconi
Bria Jane Peterson
Emily Ann Peterson
Jayne Ellen Potgeter***
Alexander Price
Nastasha Lyne Quinn
Julianne Resnick
Adam Resseguie
June Riley
Stephen Wesley Rushing II
Brandi Joy Scholten
Roberta Lynn Schropp
Rebekah L. M. Shain
Rebecca Shelley
Eric Smith
Cory Ann Stickel**
Max Allen Sugarbaker
Sean Sullivan
Suzanne Meier Szost
Tarah Traylor
Janet M. Vanderleest
Sonya Vela*
Aaron C. Wainright
Ian William Wallacker
Kelsie Walters
Alexis M. Ward
Cheryl L. Westbrook
Rachel E. Wolniakowski
Alicia Zamora

PLEASE NOTE!

The College will close at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, June 7.

CIM MEDALLION CEREMONY

The Culinary Institute of Michigan, Baker College, will be hosting its 3rd annual CIM Medallion Ceremony. This ceremony honors the Culinary Arts, Baking & Pastry Arts, and Food & Beverage Management degree students. The ceremony is held in addition to the Baker College graduation which is held at the L.C. Walker Arena the same day.

The CIM Medallion Ceremony will be Friday, June 7, 2013, at 2 p.m. The ceremony will be held at the Frauenthal Theater in downtown Muskegon.

CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE PRESIDENT

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Baker College of Muskegon, I would like to extend our congratulations and best wishes to the graduating class of 2012-2013. It has been our privilege and honor to partner with you on your journey to becoming a college graduate. We are confident that graduation is just the first of many achievements and accomplishments to come for each of you.

In the years to come, please stay in touch and let us know about your successes. Remember that we are always here to help, whether to offer employment assistance or that first step toward another degree.

I look forward to personally congratulating each of you at this year's commencement ceremony on June 7, 2013, at 7 p.m., at the L.C. Walker Arena.

Best wishes,
Lee Coggin, J.D.
President
Baker College of Muskegon
lee.coggin@baker.edu

GRADUATION PROCEDURES

Graduation will be held on **Friday, June 7**, at **7:00 p.m.** at the **L.C. Walker Arena**, 955 Fourth Street in Muskegon. Graduates are asked to arrive at the back entrance along Shoreline Drive by 6:30 p.m. **SHARP** for assembly and directions.

- Plan extra time to arrive due to crowds downtown and limited parking.
- Family and guests should use entrances on Fourth and Western Avenue.
- Please do **NOT** bring coats or purses as there is no place to store them.
- Graduates and their guests are asked to remain for the entire graduation ceremony, which will conclude by 9 p.m.
- Flowers and floral bouquets cannot be carried by graduates during the graduation processional.
- There is LIMITED public parking available. Please DO NOT park in places other than public parking. PLEASE CONSIDER RIDE-SHARING!

CONGRATULATIONS WORK EXPERIENCE STUDENTS!

During the last academic year, Career Services had the opportunity to assist over 500 students as they completed work experiences as co-ops, interns, or externs. Many of the students stated that they enjoyed integrating their academic skills with the business and professional world. Students also stated that they appreciated their mentors and supervisors at the internship or externship site.

As you become established in your career after graduation, please remember to contact Baker College Career Services so that your company can become a mentor to another Baker College student!

CONGRATULATIONS FALL 2012-SUMMER 2013 GRADUATES!

Graduates, Congratulations from Career Services on Your Accomplishments!

Baker College graduates have life-long employment assistance. Be sure to register with Career Services to acquire a graduate account in our **HQ Connect** job search software. Our office number is 231-777-6500. By partnering with Career Services for employment assistance needs, graduates are promoted to employers seeking applicants and receive frequent updates on current positions. All of the Career Services sponsored events held throughout the year are also posted on **HQ Connect**.

- The Admissions Office congratulates you on achieving your goal. Best wishes for continued success in the future!
- Congratulations to all graduates from the faculty and Academic Center staff. It has been our pleasure to assist you in reaching your educational goal. Best of luck in your future endeavors.

Contact us for information on returning to Baker to earn your bachelor's or master's degree. ***Remember, you'll do better with Baker!***