

# THE VOICE

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Dr. Pete Karsten, President,  
Baker College of Auburn Hills

On behalf of all of the faculty and staff at Baker College of Auburn Hills, I want to welcome all of our students to campus for fall 2015. Whether you are a new student or a returning student, we are all very pleased that you have chosen Baker College of Auburn Hills. We are committed to making your educational experience as successful as possible. Each

and every one of the over 350 employees at BCAH is here to assist you in some way – please don't hesitate to let us know how we can help.

We have had a busy summer preparing for the start of this Fall

Quarter. Be sure to check out the new Academic Resource Center (ARC) that now represents the combined spaces of the Library, Learning Center, and Academic Office. The renovation project turned out great! Additionally, we have placed 10 new charging stations around campus to help support the new BYOD initiative – don't hesitate to plug-in and charge-up as needed. Lastly, our campus has officially gone smoke/tobacco free as of July 1, 2015. Smoking is only allowed inside closed personal vehicles on campus property. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this new policy.

I look forward to seeing you on campus! Don't hesitate to stop in to my office in room 207 to introduce yourself or stop me in the hallway to just say hello. I can be reached at (248) 276-8240 or [pete.karsten@baker.edu](mailto:pete.karsten@baker.edu).

Have a great fall quarter!

Dr. Pete Karsten

## THE ARC IS NOW OPEN!

The newly renovated Academic Resource Center (ARC) is now open! The new look and comfy furniture are warm and inviting. The ARC is now a one stop shop for your academic advising, library, and tutoring needs. You can relax by the

fireplace with a book or magazine, or charge up your laptop while doing homework or research. Students, faculty and staff are welcome to come and enjoy this wonderful new space!





## NOTES FROM CAMPUS SAFETY

Welcome to Baker College of Auburn Hills!

Whether you are a student, faculty, staff or guest to Baker College, we strive to make your time on campus a safe and pleasant experience.

We are committed to safety and security as well as fair and impartial treatment of all. We know that we cannot meet our mission without the cooperation of the students of this campus. Therefore, to ensure that your time here is enjoyable, we encourage you to:

Keep valuables secure by keeping them with you at ALL times.

Report ALL crime and suspicious incidents to Campus Security in a timely manner.

You are invited to review the Annual Security Report and Crime Log at the Campus Safety front counter.

The Campus Safety Department also provides services such as:

- Lost and Found
- Vehicle Assistance (lock outs, flat tires, jump starts, ect.)
- Escorts to and from vehicles
- Student ID's and Parking Permits

At the end of our Fall 2015 quarter, the Campus Safety Department will be holding our **Semi-Annual Sexual Assault/ Drug & Alcohol Prevention seminar on Dec. 7th, 2015**. Time and location will be posted on the Campus Safety bulletin board in the hall outside the office entrance.

## GET INVOLVED WITH MTAM!

The future is mobile! Prepare for your future with Baker College's Mobile Technology Association of Michigan (MTAM) student chapter. If you are interested in mobile technology and/or leadership development opportunities, Baker College's student chapter of Mobile Technology Association of Michigan (MTAM) is a great opportunity. A few student association benefits include: Special members-only events, student rates, internship opportunities with member companies, and more.

For more information about MTAM, you can go to <http://www.gomobilemichigan.org>. Fall 2015 meetings are being scheduled so contact Toni Knuth, MTAM faculty advisor, as soon as possible at [toni.knuth@baker.edu](mailto:toni.knuth@baker.edu), if you are interested.



## APPLICATIONS FOR LIMITED ENROLLMENT PROGRAMS

Applications for the Physical Therapist Assistant program will be available for pickup in the Health Science Office (Room 209) starting the first week of the Fall 2015 quarter. **PTA applications must be turned in to Room 209 by October 30, 2015, at 5:00pm.**

Applications for the Nursing program are online this year. **NURL applications must be submitted electronically by October 23, 2015, at 4:00pm.** Here is the link:

<http://goo.gl/forms/TCTwS3SYvH>

Complete details for the application process are available in the Health Science Office, Room 209.

## HEALTH SCIENCE INFO MEETINGS

Informational meetings are scheduled for health science students to get all their questions answered on their program's policies, what to expect in the course work, and the application process.

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| • CAS: | Oct. 22 | 4-5:30pm | All Purpose Rm |
| • DMS: | Oct. 22 | 4-5:30pm | All Purpose Rm |
| • NUR: | Oct. 8  | 5-5:45pm | Room 122       |
| • PTA: | Oct. 8  | 5-6:00pm | PTA Lab Rm 130 |
| • RSC: | Oct. 15 | 4-5:00pm | RSC Lab Rm 265 |
| • VAS: | Oct. 22 | 4-5:30pm | All Purpose Rm |



## CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDENTS SHARPEN THEIR SKILLS



Students in the Criminal Justice program have been busy over the spring and summer months. The Forensic class was fortunate to be able to tour the Michigan State Police Crime Lab in Sterling Heights. The students had a chance to observe and talk with forensic lab personnel working on current cases and take a personal tour of the MSP Mobile crime lab vehicle. The students also participated in a "mock crime scene" on campus.

In addition, the Criminal Justice student organization hosted a Defensive Tactics refresher for all Baker College CRJ students at no cost. The workshop was a chance for all students to familiarize themselves with the skills learned previously in the classroom.

The CRJ club will be hosting an Identity Theft information table in the Fall quarter. Please stop by and receive this valuable information on keeping your identity safe and secure!



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# AH FACULTY AND DIRECTORS RECOGNIZED FOR YEARS OF SERVICE

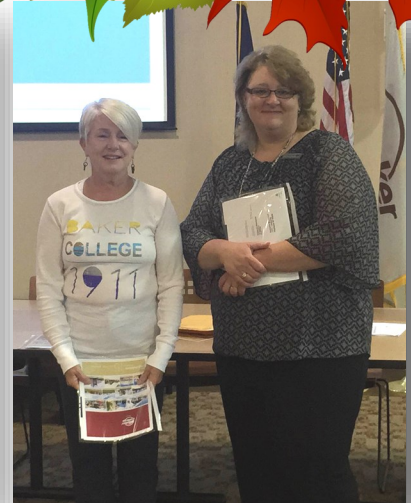
The Auburn Hills campus recognized faculty that have reached their 5th year, 10th year, 15th year and 20th year of working for the college. They were honored by Dr. Pete Karsten at the Fall Faculty In-Service on September 19.



Celebrating 20 years of service,  
L to R: Char Ripka, Ron Gerich



Recognized for 10 years of service, L to R: Jenell  
Barnard, Kathy Miller, Rita Atikian, Paula Spencer,  
Teresa Karle



Honored for 15 years of service,  
L to R: Ann Jacob, Kammy Bramblett



Awarded for 5 years of service, L to R: Jason Bauman, Krystal Roos, Jeanette Wummel, Michael Wolfgram, Ann Woodward, Ned Trombly, Wauketa Thelen, Lori Tallman, Mike Mirijanian, Nida Khan, Denyce McPherson, Linda Macera-DiClemente, Pamela Zarb, Sarah Holland, Kyle Bryant, Tania Greason, Richard Swartout, Larry Moyer, Cristina Trapani-Scott, Michelle Berke, Christine Boan

## BAKER ADOPTS BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD) INITIATIVE

Beginning Fall Quarter 2015, Baker College will implement a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) initiative for all on-ground campuses.

This means that students will be expected to bring a device to use in class. Devices are defined as portable laptops or tablets. Cell phones/smart phones do not fulfill this requirement. This is an exciting opportunity for collaboration and connectivity with other campuses, teams, students, faculty, and employers. The device, as a tool, will allow you to take notes, connect to Blackboard, access Google products, access eBooks, collaborate with other students, access academic resources, and conduct research in class.

The campus bookstores, through Barnes & Noble, will be selling a variety of devices to students, staff, and faculty. Some devices will be stocked in the bookstore and others are available through the Barnes and Noble website <http://baker.bncollege.com>. Contact your campus bookstore for more information.

Contact your Financial Aid Office for information on using your

financial aid funds to purchase a device.

Students who already have a device that meets the Baker College technical requirements **will not** need to purchase another one.

Students who wish to purchase a device outside of Barnes & Noble can do so. All devices used for course work must meet Baker College technical requirements.



## NOTEBOOK WINNER



Danielle Weber displays her new notebook

The winner of the fall quarter registration prize giveaway was (drumroll, please)... Danielle Weber! She won a new Lenovo ThinkPad. Congratulations, Danielle!

*The ones who are crazy enough to think that they can change the world, are the ones who do. ~Steve Jobs*



Baker College Information Technology is now on Facebook! Here is what you can find:

- Security recommendations to inform you on keeping your information secure
- Lots of great tips and tricks to help you
- Current virus alerts and Malicious Email Message alert
- Technology updates within Baker College
- Information on new IT related devices that are coming to the market

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## ADJUNCT FACULTY OF THE QUARTER

Adjunct Faculty of the Quarter are selected based on their noteworthy contributions that go above and beyond their normal teaching duties. They are nominated by students and staff and are selected by a panel of deans and directors. These are the adjunct faculty of the quarter for spring 2015:



Kate McIlwain

**Kate McIlwain** was nominated by her supervisor who said that Kate is a “master teacher who cares about the academic success of her students. She is extremely well liked and respected by students and colleagues. Students from other campuses seek out classes where Kate is the instructor. She is conscientious, hard-working and extremely creative.” Kate was also nominated by a student who said that “Kate is an understanding instructor who made the content and activities relevant to their field.”



Mike Mokdad

**Mike Mokdad** was nominated by his supervisor for the unique way of teaching math which creates a desire to succeed in his students, and provokes them to meet his high standard. He inspires them to higher levels of accomplishments in non-program class. In addition, Mike spend much extra time outside of class helping the students above and beyond, and his instruction is so exceptional that she encourages other instructors to go in and observe his classes.



Dr. Tom Smith

**Dr. Tom Smith** was nominated by his students because of his efforts above and beyond the call of duty in the classroom. They feel his knowledge and experiences are essential to the career they are entering. They appreciate his overall support of their educational path and credit him with helping them to be successful.

## ADJUNCT FACULTY OF THE YEAR



Sheryl Bone, Adjunct  
Faculty of the Year 2015

The Adjunct Faculty of the Year is chosen from the pool of adjunct faculty of the quarter. One adjunct is selected from those who had been honored throughout the year for their excellence. This year's winner is composition instructor Sheryl Bone.

**Sheryl Bone** had been nominated by a student who came into the office asking what could be done so that she could have Ms. Bone as an instructor again. The student absolutely gushed when discussing Ms. Bone's expertise, and claimed that she looked forward to class every week because Ms. Bone made it so enjoyable. Ms. Bone's supervisor, Dean of Developmental Education and Technology, Kammy Bramblett, states that, “Sheryl is always willing to do whatever is needed, sub at the spur of the moment, lead a PD, mentor new faculty, and always with a great attitude. She is also an outstanding instructor.” Baker College is lucky to have her.



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