

THE VOICE

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Automotive Services Technology Program Director Roger Baran displays Jeep Renegade chassis donated to Baker College of Auburn Hills by Chrysler.

AUTOMOTIVE PROGRAM RECEIVES DONATION FROM CHRYSLER

The automotive services technology program at BCAH is very pleased to be the recipient of a generous donation from the Chrysler Training Center in Auburn Hills. Baker received a rolling chassis from a 2009 Jeep Renegade. The chassis is a twin to a full vehicle that Chrysler had previously donated.

Program Director Roger Baran is excited for the great benefits this provides to students. They can now get a fully exposed view of the suspension and brakes without being covered by a cab and without a limited view from underneath the car. The winter Intro and Suspension classes are already taking advantage of this new opportunity.

Along with the chassis, Chrysler also donated several machines, bringing the total donation value to approximately \$25,000.

PRE- REGISTER FOR SPRING IN ROOM 204!

During Week 6, February 16 - 21, 2015, students may meet one on one with their Academic Advisor to get assistance in selecting classes. Students may fill out registration cards and have them ready for registration which begins February 23, 2015.

SPRING REGISTRATION

Spring 2015 registration begins February 23, 2015. Academic and Financial Services staff will be available in the Student Center February 23-25 from 8:30am - 7pm for Express Registration. Register early for best class selection. After February 25, students may register in Room 204. Please go to the Star System to view your rotation schedule and open class list. Students will be eligible to register based on the number of hours already earned.

YOU MAY REGISTER BEGINNING:

Monday, Feb. 23
Tuesday, Feb. 24
Wednesday, Feb. 25

IF YOU HAVE EARNED:

30+ credit hours
13+ credit hours
open registration



VALENTINE'S DAY FUNDRAISER

Come and get something sweet for your sweetheart **Feb. 10-11 in the Atrium!** Various student clubs including computer animation, digital media and interior design will be selling gift items and tasty treats. Children's books and gifts for all ages will be available.

TOYS FOR TOTS

A big thank you to all who donated toys over the holidays. Over 150 toys were collected at the Auburn Hills campus and distributed by the Marines Toys for Tots Foundation to area families in need at Christmas time.



Historic home in Palmer Park, Detroit presents a new challenge for interior design students.

INTERIOR DESIGN STUDENTS TO WORK ON HISTORIC HOME

The Historic Preservation class has a real life challenge to work on this winter. The students have an opportunity to put their design skills to the test in a stately home in the Palmer Park district in Detroit. Under the direction of Program Director Ann Jacob, they will be researching, pricing, and compiling a comprehensive report to remodel several rooms in the home. They will be doing a complete layout for the kitchen and bathrooms, creating a master suite out of 2 average-sized bedrooms that will ultimately have a large walk-in closet and master bath, and turning the third floor of the home into an efficiency apartment. The basement, which features a terrazzo marble floor, will become an exercise and rec room. The redo is total as the home is down to the studs in some areas.

The Palmer Park district has recently experienced a neighborhood revival after years of decline. It includes a treasured nature park and historic woodlands, a public golf course, hiking and biking trails, and a splash park. Several upscale apartment buildings now accompany the grandeur of preserved homes designed by renowned architects including Frank Lloyd Wright.



SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

If you are planning to graduate within this academic year, please see your advisor before April 6 to see if you are eligible for a summer internship. Orientations will be held the 2nd week of spring quarter. The deadline has passed for spring internships.

GET PUBLISHED IN *EXPRESSIONS*

Get your creative writing or graphic art in print! Submissions for this year's literary magazine, *Expressions*, are due by March 1. For more info, contact editor Tara Taylor at tara.taylor@baker.edu.

HUMAN SERVICES DRIVE

The Human Service Society is running a **Feminine Hygiene Products Drive on Feb. 9-13** to benefit several local homeless shelters in Oakland County. You can help by donating feminine hygiene products to Room 204 or buying some delicious baked goods in the Atrium Feb. 10-11.

ABOUT TO GRADUATE?

Students planning to graduate **MUST** complete a graduation application online at www.baker.edu/graduation. A one-time \$50 undergrad processing fee will be added to the student's account.

HEAD START



The Head Start program, now conveniently located right on campus at the technology building, still has some spots available for 3-5 year olds. This program is free for income eligible Baker students. The program features High Scope curriculum and has half day and full day options. For more info, please contact Kathy at KathyC@olhsa.org or call (248) 470-8019.

ADJUNCT FACULTY OF THE QUARTER

Congratulations to John Pye and Char Ripka on receiving the Adjunct Faculty of the Quarter Awards for Fall 2014. This award recognizes overall excellence in teaching, customer service, and commitment to Baker College of Auburn Hills.

John Pye was nominated by a past student who entered his class with a fear of math. This student noted he was an older student who had attempted math on several occasions, without success, but credited Mr. Pye for providing a relaxing atmosphere and excellent teaching that made all the difference. Countless students recommended him for his commitment to their success. They cite his effort in meeting them where they are, and moving them to where they need to be. Several instructors indicated that he prepares students for the content they will face in future quarters. John is an asset to Baker College.



John Pye,
Faculty of the Quarter



Char Ripka,
Faculty of the Quarter

Char Ripka had been nominated for the Adjunct Faculty of the Quarter Award by a student who stated that she had never enjoyed math, in spite of being good at it. The student felt for the first time that her math class was a good experience due to Char's smile and attitude toward the subject. Another student found her enthusiasm contagious, and appreciated her understanding and the way she explained the content. Char's supervisor writes that Char has a unique method of asking students in her math courses probing questions. The art of asking questions is perfected by her. She not only explains complicated concepts in simple terms but incorporates humor and makes everyone feel at ease with math. Char is enthusiastic about teaching math and every student feels it. Even the most math phobic student cannot help but get a little excited about the learning process. She is an excellent math instructor.

Adjunct faculty of the quarter are considered for the Faculty of the Year award in June. They may be nominated for this award by students, other faculty, administrators, or staff.



WINTER 2015 STUDENT ART AND ANIMATION EXHIBITION

A fine treat is in store for the Auburn Hills campus this week. **The annual student art show will be held in the Atrium February 9-13.** The exhibition is a creative collection of recently completed work from among the Computer Animation, Digital Media Design and Interior Design students.

Computer Animation student work will include storyboards, character concept drawings, 3D digital illustrations, Logo Animations and 3D short films.

Digital Media Design student work will include traditional pen and pencil drawings, mosaic art, digital art and illustration.

Interior Design student work will include both freehand and drafted concept drawings, as well as full color and texture design mockups.

Here is a little preview:



JOIN THE FIGHT FOR AIR CLIMB

On March 1, 2015, the American Lung Association will host its annual stair climb event, the Fight For Air Climb, at the Detroit Renaissance Center.

BCAH is proud of its respiratory care students that have been involved each of the past 5 years. If you would like to join them, volunteers are needed and many positions are available. Shifts are available from 6am to 2pm. The more volunteers that come together, the stronger we are in the fight for air! Register online to volunteer at www.climbdetroit.org.

There will be a volunteer training a week prior to the Climb. If you have any questions about volunteering or about the event itself and how you can participate, please contact a member of the ALA Detroit Climb Team at (248) 784-2000.



SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

Even though spring is around the corner, we need to be prepared for snowy and icy weather. Please keep this information about canceling classes at Baker College in Auburn Hills with you at all times! Day classes will be canceled by 7:30 am, and evening classes will be canceled by 4:30 pm.

1. Students and staff should check www.auburnhills.baker.edu for up to date information.
2. You will also be notified through the Emergency Text Messaging System – if you have signed up for this system. Please remember that you must have accurate contact information for this system to be effective.
3. These news organizations will be notified if classes are canceled: FOX2 News, WJR 760 AM, WDIV - TV Channel 4, and WXYZ - TV Channel 7.
4. Do not assume that both day and evening classes will be canceled. Please do not call the campus to inquire if classes are canceled. Please check for Auburn Hills campus information on www.auburnhills.baker.edu or the news organizations.

VALENTINE'S DAY TRIVIA

- More than 36 million heart-shaped boxes of chocolate are sold for Valentine's Day each year.
- About 8 billion candy hearts will be produced this year; that's enough candy to stretch from Rome, Italy to Valentine, Arizona 20 times and back again.
- About 1 billion Valentine's Day cards are exchanged in the U.S. each year. That's the largest seasonal card-sending occasion of the year, next to Christmas.
- Worldwide, over 50 million roses are given for Valentine's Day each year.

Courtesy of www.stvalentinesday.org.

