

# CONNECTION

BAKER COLLEGE OF MUSKEGON

WINTER 2015 | WEEKS 2-4

## Students Earn National and International Certification in Defense Tactics

In December 2014, Baker College offered its first course in defense tactics.

Troy Baker, certified adjunct criminal justice instructor, taught a course called Defensive Tactics at Baker College- Muskegon. In this course, students had an opportunity to learn and earn certification in three different areas of instruction: Defensive Tactics (DT), Ground Avoidance/Ground Escape (GAGE), and Spontaneous Knife Defense (SKD). The course was developed from a use-of-force training system, that teaches criminal justice officers tactical skills to enhance their survival when confronted with a threat.

For the first group of students to complete the program, 17 certificates were issued to a class of 11 students. Earned certificates in DT, GAGE, and SKD are recognized nationally and internationally.

Students interested in the Criminal Justice Program are encouraged to contact Don Schruppf, Program Director of Criminal Justice and Public Safety, at donald.schrumpf@baker.edu or at 231-777-6541.



Pictured are Troy Baker and the Fall 2014 defense tactics students



## AFRICAN AMERICANS IN THE MILITARY

An exhibit from the USS SILVERSIDES SUBMARINE MUSEUM

JANUARY 19-22, 2015  
10:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.  
BAKER COLLEGE OF MUSKEGON  
IN THE MEETING PLACE

TAKE A STEP BACK IN HISTORY TO LEARN ABOUT THE BUFFALO SOLDIERS, BENJAMIN OLIVER DAVIS, JAMES ARMISTEAD AND THE TRIPLE NICKELS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE USS SILVERSIDES SUBMARINE MUSEUM OR THIS EXHIBIT, VISIT SILVERSIDESMUSEUM.ORG



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## Know Your Staff - Dean Dykstra

Dean Dykstra has been an instructor at Baker College of Muskegon since the fall of 2010. He teaches political science, history, and geography. He tries to encourage all his students to develop their potential and strive for excellence. His education includes a bachelor's degree in Education from Calvin College and a master's degree in Secondary and Adult Education with an emphasis in history from Grand Valley State University.

Mr. Dykstra has taught in a variety of educational settings and has worked as an academic director and tutor at a local learning facility. He also works for English Language Services (ELS) at Grand Valley State University teaching, English to adults from around the world who are looking to attend college in the United States.

Mr. Dykstra loves diversity, traveling, and learning new things from the people he meets. He is married to a woman from Honduras and has three young, energetic sons. He enjoys sports and now spends some of his free time coaching his sons in soccer. Mr. Dykstra grew up in Jenison and now resides in Hudsonville.



Dean Dykstra

## VITA - Volunteer Opportunities

VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) volunteers provide free tax assistance to low- and moderate-income workers and families eligible for significant state and federal tax credits.

No accounting experience is required! Volunteers receive free IRS training and certification. Opportunities include the following:

Greeter  
Call Center Assistant  
Tax Preparer  
Quality Reviewer  
Interpreter.

For more information or to volunteer, call 231-722-7874, ext. 246 or visit [VITAWestMichigan.org](http://VITAWestMichigan.org)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event
January 19 - 22	African Americans in the Military - Meeting Place
January 21	Blood Drive - GYM, 11:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.
January 27	Child Abuse Counsel Meeting , RSVP <a href="mailto:liz.garman@baker.edu">liz.garman@baker.edu</a>
January 29	HQ Connect - Career Services Training Seminar
January 30	CIM - Hot Foods State Competition
February 2	VITA - Volunteers Needed, Call 231-722-7874, ext. 246
February 2	Human Service Students - Internship site deadline
February 6	HOSA Competition
February 8	College Goal Sunday - FAFSA Workshop (Open to public)
February 18	MMI - Creativity Through Cooperation
February 20	CIM - Skills USA Competition

## Rotaractor of the Month



Jayme Peterson

Jayme is a first-year member of the Rotaract Club of Baker College of Muskegon. She is majoring in Human Services and is delighted by the color purple. She has helped the Rotaract club to build goodwill and better friendships with the community.

Jayme consistently volunteers at Kid's Food Basket and has been to a Rotary luncheon.

## Academic Center

Monday - Thursday  
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
Friday  
8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Advising hours:  
Monday - Friday  
8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
For assistance, contact by e-mail at  
[acad-mu@baker.edu](mailto:acad-mu@baker.edu) or by calling  
231-777-5232.

## Financial Services

Monday – Thursday  
8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Friday  
8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

231-777-5231

Watch digital signage for upcoming  
workshop dates. FAFSA for 2015-2016  
is available at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

## Information Technology Solution Center

Monday - Thursday  
10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
2:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Room A104  
231-777-6699

## Dining at The CIM

Located at The Culinary Institute of Michigan | 336 West Clay | Downtown Muskegon | 49440

Open for Lunch  
Monday - Wednesday  
11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

# COURSES

One part restaurant. One part classroom.

Call 231-777-6610 or place an online reservation at [www.coursesrestaurant.com/reservations](http://www.coursesrestaurant.com/reservations).  
Reservations are available for parties of 10 or fewer.

## Rotaract Club

Rotaract is a service above self international program for college students who wish to make a difference.

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Join us every Tuesday 4:30-5:45 p.m. in  
Room E103

Like us on Facebook

[www.facebook.com/RotaractBakerCollege](http://www.facebook.com/RotaractBakerCollege)



## Winter Weather and Campus Closings

Since winter weather has arrived, it is important to be aware of the College's protocols for weather delays and cancellations. Here are a few important things for you to know:

1. Announcements about delays or cancellations of morning classes are usually made no later than 6:15 a.m.
2. Announcements about delays or cancellations of afternoon classes are usually made no later than 10:15 a.m.
3. Announcements about delays or cancellations of evening classes are usually made no later than 3:15 p.m.
4. The two fastest ways to learn of delays or closings are to visit [www.baker.edu](http://www.baker.edu) or call the campus weather hotline at 231-777-6666. There is no need to call the campus switchboard or other offices until after the above-posted times, since they will not have an answer about delays or cancellations before then.
5. The Emergency Notification System (ENS) also communicates information about delays and cancellations via e-mail, text, and telephone. You may go online to opt out of the text and telephone message. However, all students must receive the e-mail communication.

Finally, if the College is open but bad road conditions prevent you from coming to class, contact your instructors to notify them of the absence, and consult your syllabus about the make-up policy for each class. The College respects your right and responsibility to make the necessary decisions regarding your safety when weather conditions worsen.

***Tobacco Free - Baker College of Muskegon, the Fremont extension site, and The Culinary Institute of Michigan are tobacco free campuses. Thank you for your cooperation.***

## Library Learning Center

### Library Learning Center Hours:

Monday - Thursday

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Friday

7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Free tutoring is available. Stop in or call 231-777-5345 to make an appointment.

### Do you have questions? We have answers.

Try ASK US [askus.baker.edu](http://askus.baker.edu)

Or Text Us (810)771-8959

This site contains over 2,000 answers to questions and is staffed by librarians.

### Writing Center Hours (Weeks 2 - 9):

Monday – Thursday

10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Friday

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Call 231-777-5345 to schedule an appointment.

### Math Center Hours:

#### (No appointment necessary)

Monday and Tuesday

9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday and Thursday

11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Friday

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

## Four Corners Bookstore

Monday - Thursday

8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Friday

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Call 231-777-5340 to contact the Bookstore for assistance.

## Paris & Madrid

Trip price will include flight, six nights in hotels, two meals per day, all entry fees, train fare from Paris to Madrid, an air-conditioned tour bus, and tour guides in both countries.

Travelers must be over 18 years of age. For more information, e-mail [sylvia.coon@baker.edu](mailto:sylvia.coon@baker.edu).

# Health Sciences CAREER DAY

DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO MEET WITH EMPLOYERS

- This event is exclusive to Baker Students and Graduates
- All majors are encouraged to attend
- Professional attire is required



Friday, February 20, 2015 • 9:00am - 11:30am • Baker College Gymnasium

## Scholarship Opportunities

### ED KURTZ LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Baker College Scholarship of \$25,000 to five students. Deadline April 1, 2015.

### MARIAN VYVERMAN NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

Awards one \$1,000 scholarship. Deadline March 15, 2015

### FREMONT AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION - ADULT SCHOLARSHIPS

Application Requirements:

- Must be 25 years or older
- Must live in Newaygo County
- Must be out of high school for at least 2 years
- Must be enrolled in an undergraduate program

Apply online at: [facommunityfoundation.org](http://facommunityfoundation.org)

### WOMEN'S DIVISION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SCHOLARSHIP

Local Muskegon chapter offering multiple scholarships of \$1,000 to students attending Baker College. Applications due March 16, 2015.

Scholarship details at [www.womensdivision.org](http://www.womensdivision.org)

### DR. ALMA S. ADAMS

The Legacy for Longer Healthier Lives awards two \$5,000 scholarships to non-smokers. Deadline April 30, 2015.

### NEWH SCHOLARSHIP - HOSPITALITY \$4,000 SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Criteria:

- 3.0 Cumulative GPA
- Must be currently enrolled
- Must have completed half the requirements for an undergraduate degree
- Must show financial need
- Career objective must be in Hospitality Interior Design or Architecture

Applications must be submitted no later than January 26, 2015.

**APPLICATIONS AND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE ABOVE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE IN FINANCIAL SERVICES.**

## Digital Signage

While on campus please check digital signage frequently for current news and reminders. Locations include: Student Center, Academic Center, Financial Services, Residence Life, and Career Services.



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