Welcome!

Welcome to the Provost Scholars Program for 2014-2015! The Provost Scholars are proud to welcome our new and returning Scholars for another exciting year. We kicked off this year with a wonderful celebration in Thwing Center’s atrium. The celebration featured speakers Provost William Baeslack, III, of Case Western Reserve University; Ms. Myrna Corley, Superintendent of East Cleveland Public School District; Dr. Faye Gary, Program Director of the Provost Scholars Program and professor in the Bolton School of Nursing; and the Provost Scholars’ parents and mentors.

Other guests included Dr. Terry Mills, the Assistant Provost of Diversity at John Carroll University, and Shaw High School administration staff. We also extended a warm welcome to the Provost Scholars and their parents.

The Kick-Off Celebration hallmarked the start of the program since its founding on January 31, 2013. The program has engaged and mentored students from Shaw High School and Heritage Middle School, with fourteen Scholars returning from the previous year and five new students starting from Heritage Middle School.

Many of the Scholars returned to their mentors from the 2013-2014 academic year. The program also welcomes new mentors: Ms. Carol Adrine, Dr. Mark Chupp, Mr. Raymond Ku, Dr. T.J. McCallum, Dr. Rolfe Petschek, Mr. Dennis Rupert, Dr. Mark Sniderman, Dr. Lee Thompson, Dr. Robert Walser; and, Dr. Scott Wilkes.

The celebration ended with mentors and mentees recapping their summer experiences or getting to know one another if they were both new to the program. For more information about the Kick-Off Celebration, please visit the Provost Scholars website at: www.case.edu/provostscholars.

Intensive University Seminars

In our mission to provide further learning opportunities and academic support to the Provost Scholars, the program will hold weekly seminars with lecturers and speakers, tutoring support and reflection activities. Seminar speakers have expertise in law, business, medicine, biology, college preparation and admissions and a wide variety of other core subjects. The seminars are held every Thursday from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Guilford House.

The first seminar focused on the importance of youth being civically and politically engaged and being aware of their constitutional rights as it relates to interaction with judicial and criminal justice officers. Students also learned the importance of exercising their voice in local, state and federal legislative processes. Emphasis was placed on their personal responsibility to become productive and reliable citizens. The speaker for this seminar was Ms. Shakyra Diaz.

Ms. Diaz is a policy manager for the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Ohio. She works on public policy campaigns, legislative advocacy, coalition building initiatives, and impact programming. She received her bachelor’s degree from Case Western Reserve University in Communication Sciences and Sociology with a concentration in social equity. For more information about Ms. Diaz or the ACLU, please visit http://www.aclu.ohio.org.
Raymond Ku, JD, AB, is Professor of Law at CWRU’s School of Law. He has also served as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Co-Director of Case’s Center for Law, Technology and the Arts.

Mr. Ku received his J.D., cum laude (the highest honors in his graduating class), from New York University (NYU) School of Law where he was a Leonard Boudin First Amendment Fellow in the Arthur Garfield Hays Civil Liberties Program. Before attending NYU School of Law, he received his A.B. with Honors from Brown University, Rhode Island, where he was the recipient of the Philo Sherman Bennett Prize for writing the best political science thesis discussing the principles of free government.

He has taught at Cornell University Law School (New York), Seton Hall University School of Law (New Jersey), Thomas Jefferson School of Law (California), and St. Thomas University School of Law (Florida). His new mentee is Maranda Priah.

Word of the Month
Auspicious is something that is conducive to success or is favorable.

Need to use it in a sentence?
The students made an auspicious debut at the opening show for their first weekend.

Reminders
- **Maltz Museum Essay Contest:** The Maltz Museum is holding its annual essay contest for sixth to twelfth graders. Contestants have an opportunity to win thousands of dollars in scholarship funding. For more information, please visit: http://www.maltzmuseum.org/stop-the-hate/contest/.
- **Parents College at Case:** The next Parents College at Case is **Saturday, November 22nd**, at Guilford House at 11112 Bellflower Road, Cleveland, OH, 44106. Parking is available along Bellflower Road and Euclid Avenue. Metered parking is free on weekends.
- **Provost Scholars Winter Celebration** is scheduled for Thursday, December 11th, from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

First Tuesday Session
The Provost Scholars and their mentors met for the first time during this year on Tuesday, October 7th, at Guilford House on Case Western Reserve University’s north side campus. Many of the Scholars and mentors attended an Office of Inclusion, Diversity and Equal Opportunity lecture in the Tinkman Veale University Center, which featured Dr. Anna Santiago, a professor of community development at the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences. Dr. Santiago’s lecture, “Fifty Years Later: From a War on Poverty to a War on the Poor,” reflected on trends in the war on poverty from the late 1960s to the present. Several key concepts were stressed including the positive influence that education has over the lives of individuals, families, and their communities.

Other mentors and their mentees visited areas around Case’s campus, started projects for the graduate admissions office in the Biomedical Engineering department or took the time to learn about one another during their two and a half hours together. Later in the semester, the Provost Scholars program will organize a large Mentor-Mentee day where all of the mentors and their mentees will participate in group activities, games and ice breakers.

Contact Information
If you are interested in becoming a mentor, speaker, or stakeholder, please call 216-368-5240 or e-mail provost-scholars@case.edu.