Purpose
The Provost Scholars will learn various origami techniques from Mr. Michael Roy Baldridge, an interactive origami entertainer and visual artist. Origami is a Japanese art form that involves folding flat sheets of paper into a finished sculpture. After viewing a live origami presentation, the Scholars will complete their own origami sculptures.

Presenter Biography

Mr. Michal Roy Baldridge is an interactive origami entertainer, visual artist, and juggler who grew up in the foothills of eastern Kentucky. From a young age he was a very talented artist and juggler. By 1975, he left Kentucky for San Diego, California where he worked as a graphic artist, illustrator, and juggler in the acclaimed theatre company Lamb’s Players. The Lamb’s Players were a group of visionary variety artists that developed stage productions with Armando (Classic Enchantment) and Richard Turner (The Third Hand). Later in 1980, he and his wife Diane settled in Kent, Ohio where they raised their two sons, Tyler and Dylan. Since then, he, his wife and two sons have completed family tours across the United States and Canada. He has also traveled solo across the world, visiting Canada, Mexico, Taiwan, and also visiting more than ninety-two air force bases across the United States. He has studied ballet, modern dance, mime, and acting with private teachers or in colleges in San Diego, California, and commercial art at the Art Instruction Schools in Minneapolis, Minnesota. At the Cleveland Institute of Art, he earned a Desktop Publishing Certification which included courses in design, desktop publishing and web design.

Objectives
The Provost Scholars will...
(1) Participate in an interactive discussion about the history and culture surrounding origami
(2) Learn how to practice origami and create simple art sculptures from paper
(3) Gain basic knowledge of origami techniques which can be used to teach others who need a creative outlet for stress and anxiety

Agenda
2:30 p.m. – 2:35 p.m.: Hors d’oeuvres
2:35 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.: Tutoring Hour
3:30 p.m. – 3:35 p.m.: Scholars will walk from the Guilford House to Tinkham Veale University Center
3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.: Seminar speaker, Mr. Michael Baldridge, will facilitate an interactive origami workshop
4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.: Wrap up and Questions

Faculty & Staff
• Dr. Faye Gary
• Katrice Williams, Master’s Student, Program Manager
• CWRU Step Up Tutors

Guest
• Mr. Michael Roy Baldridge

Words of the Week: Origami. What does it mean? “Ori” means folding and “kami” means paper. “Kami” changes to “gami” when it is combined with “ori”. Together the two word parts mean the art of paper folding or transforming a sheet of paper into a finished sculpture.