

CAPS CONNECTION

COLLEGE OF ADULT PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Save The Date

November 21-23, 7:30 p.m.

November 24, 3 p.m.

Cue and Curtain
Bright Star
Alumnae Hall

Friday, December 6

Carol Night
7 p.m., Rotunda

Sunday, December 8

Symphony Christmas Concert
3 p.m., Alumnae Hall

Monday, December 9

Feast Day—No Classes
on IU campus

Thursday, December 12

End of Fall Term

December 16–January 10

Winter Session
Special Tuition Rate
of \$300 per credit

Tuesday, January 21

Spring Classes Begin

Thursday, January 30

Curtis Symphony
8 p.m., Alumnae Hall

Sunday, February 9

Children's Concert
3 p.m., Alumnae Hall

Saturday, April 4

Immaculata Symphony
Spring Concert
7:30 p.m., Alumnae Hall



“Many traditions began in the early days of Immaculata College – several of which continue to the present time. Unique above all other traditions is Carol Night.”

A Legacy in Stone: A Testament of Love by Sister Anne Marie Burton, IHM

Since the first Carol Night, it has become the oldest and most beloved tradition at Immaculata University. This year, Carol Night is even more noteworthy because it will kick off the official centennial year.

If you have never attended Carol Night, consider joining the Immaculata community on Friday, December 6 at 7 p.m. for an hour of Christmas carols sung around a 25-foot live Christmas tree. The tree is decorated with over 20,000 lights, 500 ornaments and a 2-foot high angel atop the tree. The Immaculata choir and ensembles perform traditional Christmas songs, under the direction of Dorina Morrow, choral director. It will definitely get you in the holiday spirit.

Immaculata's Centennial celebrations will continue throughout 2020, concluding with Carol Night next December. Please check the centennial website (launching at the end of November) at www.immaculata.edu/centennial, for events and special stories related to our 100-year history.



Historic Past, Ambitious Future



MEET ANTHONY HANNERS

“The more we depend on things, like self-driving automobiles, the more we’ll need cybersecurity experts – like the ones graduating from Immaculata,” states Anthony Hanners, cybersecurity program director and assistant professor.

is becoming such a big security problem, in addition to being a convenience, that the more convenient something is, the bigger the security problem it becomes.”

Growth for IU’S cybersecurity program will come from demonstrating student success and highlighting successful careers for alumni. To help with this effort, Hanners plans to make Immaculata’s cybersecurity program a Center of Academic Excellence for Cyber Defense, which is a designation from the National Security Agency and Homeland Security. The designation opens opportunities for students, including federal scholarships.

To help train the next generation of cybersecurity experts, Hanners created a *Jeopardy* game for the students to review what they learned in their Political Science: Cyber War, Cyber Peace class. Hanners laughs when recounting that when the team that had the most points came upon the Double Jeopardy question, they bet all their points—and lost. He admits that they were really into it.

Although the classes are fun, Hanners stresses that cybersecurity is a serious business. There is a huge need for cybersecurity experts, with estimates predicting that there will be about 2.1 to 3.5 million shortage of cybersecurity workers by 2022.

“We all carry around little computers [cell phones], light bulbs are now attached, your new refrigerators—they all connect to the Internet of Things (IoT),” Hanners says. “The Internet of Things

Hanners is the perfect person to move IU’s cybersecurity program forward. He is a certified information systems security professional (CISSP) skilled in intrusion detection, network security, risk analysis and mitigation, access control, disaster recovery planning, and incident response. He is a member of the Information Systems Security Association and the National Cyberwatch Center’s curriculum standards panel. He also volunteers with InfraGard, a partnership between the FBI and the private sector dedicated to sharing information and intelligence to advance national security.

Hanners holds a master’s degree in cybersecurity policy, computer and information systems security from University of Maryland University College and is in the process of earning a doctor of business administration from Wilmington University.

NOTES FROM FINANCIAL AID

PELL

Continuing in the 2020-2021 year, eligible students may receive up to 150 percent of the student’s Federal Pell Grant Scheduled Award. To be eligible, the student must be eligible to receive Pell Grant funds for the payment period and must be enrolled at least half-time, in the payment period(s) for which for which the student receives the additional Pell Grant funds in excess of 100 percent of the student’s Pell Grant Scheduled Award.

For example, a student attends full time in the Fall semester and full time in the Spring semester, fully utilizing the initial scheduled Pell award and then attends Summer full time, that student would receive an additional 50% of Pell award for that year. Please note that the student must be enrolled at least half time for the payment period in which any funds in excess of the first scheduled award will be used.

PHEAA – PA State Grant and FAFSA

The 2020-2021 FAFSA can be completed now. Please remember when completing this FAFSA that you will be using 2018 tax

information. This FAFSA will cover the Fall of 2020, Spring of 2021, and Summer of 2021. In order to be eligible for the PHEAA State Grant, the FAFSA must have been completed by May 1, 2020, and meet the below requirements:

- For Pennsylvania, the deadline is May 1
- Be a Pennsylvania resident for at least 12 consecutive months
- Meet criteria for financial need
- Be enrolled for at least six credits as an undergraduate student
- Be in a degree seeking program
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress (as defined by PHEAA)
- Not have previously earned a bachelor’s degree or its equivalent
- Not be in default on an educational loan
- Summer PHEAA grants require a separate application located on the PHEAA website, which becomes available in April of each year.
- Students who are eligible, are able to receive 8 full time PHEAA state Grants. Please note that summer counts as one of these grants.

Second Degree BSN program

Students enrolling into this program are not eligible for Pell Grants nor PHEAA/PA State Grants because they have already earned a degree. They may be eligible for student Stafford loans if they did not use up all of their eligibility. These students are urged to contact Financial Aid in regards to eligibility.

Loan Eligibility

If you are eligible for federal loans and are an undergraduate student, the maximum amount you can borrow each year in subsidized and unsubsidized loans ranges from \$5,500 to \$12,500 per year, depending on what year you are in school and your dependency status. Keep track of how much you’re borrowing and how much you can afford to repay. The lifetime aggregate limit for an undergraduate borrower is \$57,500. Please keep track of your loans at www.nslids.gov.

Did you know?

**WINTER & SPRING 2020
REGISTRATION OPEN!
REGISTER TODAY TO RESERVE
YOUR SPOT IN THE CLASS
YOU NEED!**

GRADUATION APPLICATION

Immaculata requires that all students complete an online graduation application. All students planning to graduate in an upcoming term **MUST** apply online via SSIU. To apply to graduate, go to SSIU, click on Student, then Student Records, then Apply to Graduate and follow the prompts. The application opened for all January, May, and August 2020 graduates on August 26.

24/7 Technology Support

The Technology Support Center will be available 24-hours a day, seven days a week for students, faculty and staff. If you need help with a technology issue (including password reset, network connectivity, email, desktop applications, etc.), call toll free at 866-767-9460, where you will have an experienced support center staff person assist you.

IU Cares Food Cupboard

Open to all IU students
Located in 322 Loyola Hall
Open Monday and Thursdays
10:30 - 12:30
2:30 - 4:30

If you need to access the food cupboard during a time not listed above, visit the CAPS Office on the Terrace Level of Good Counsel or call 484-323-3238 and someone will open the cupboard for you.

If you need to access the food cupboard on the weekend, call 610-647-4400 x5555 and Campus Safety will assist you.

HONORS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Immaculata University supports academic excellence and recognizes your hard work and achievements. As a CAPS student, you may be eligible for Honors recognition. Here are the numerous ways in which you can enhance your resume/transcript and enrich your experience at Immaculata.

Dean's List

The CAPS Dean's List is automatically generated three times a year, at the end of the fall, spring and summer semesters. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must have earned at least nine graded credits within the semester, with a minimum GPA of 3.7. Courses in which a grade of P (for Pass) is earned cannot count toward the nine-credit minimum. A notation is made on the transcript of all those qualifying for Dean's List at the end of each semester. Letters of recognition are sent to eligible students. No action is required from the student.

Honor Societies

Numerous honor societies are available to Immaculata students to recognize academic achievement in multiple disciplines. Qualifying students are usually notified that they may be eligible to participate in a particular honor society. Many of these notifications are sent in spring semester and will require a response by a specified deadline, so pay close attention to your email notifications. For a full listing of the honor societies at Immaculata, refer to page 52 of the 2019-2020 Undergraduate Academic Catalog on the university website.

Commencement Honors ("Latin Honors")

Baccalaureate degree recipients who have completed a minimum of 60 graded credits will be evaluated for honors at graduation. Credits earned through challenge exams may be counted for this purpose. No application is necessary; records are automatically evaluated by the Registrar's Office. Honors are determined upon awarding of a baccalaureate degree according to the following minimum GPA standards:

Summa Cum Laude	3.95
Magna Cum Laude	3.85
Cum Laude	3.65

Alpha Sigma Lambda

An honor society unique to CAPS. Qualifying students will be notified of the application process annually in January, and the induction ceremony will occur in spring.

A national honor society for students in continuing higher education, Alpha sigma Lambda provides an association of continuing education students who have demonstrated academic excellence. To be eligible for membership, students must have completed a minimum of 30 semester hours at Immaculata University (with at least 15 semester hours taken outside of the major in the liberal arts and sciences), have been in attendance at Immaculata for at least four semesters, and have maintained a minimum 3.2 cumulative grade point average. The local chapter is Delta Xi.



Left: Two students from IU's Emergency Planning and Management program, Estuardo "Stew" Mendoza (left) and Jessica Morrell, volunteered to serve as "victims" for an emergency response drill at Phoenixville Hospital. During the exercise, the students were notionally exposed to hazardous materials and had to be decontaminated prior to being treated. The full-scale drill gave the health professionals an opportunity to practice these important skills under realistic conditions.

Above: Cybersecurity speaker: Erik Avakian, Chief Information Security Officer of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, speaks at the recent Preparedness & Resilience Speaking Series.



Left to Right: Lauren Weller and Christy Marker

CAPS WELCOMES NEW FACES

CAPS is proud to welcome two fresh faces to the team. Lauren Weller is the newest academic advisor to support adult students at Immaculata. Christy Marker, formerly an advisor for the traditional undergraduate population, has taken over the reins as assistant director of support services following Kate Commiskey's rise to director of advising and retention.

New to the Immaculata community, Lauren earned her B.A. in Linguistics & German from Temple University, and an M.A. in College Student Personnel from Bowling Green State University. "I went to college to work at a college," she says with a smile. During her first few weeks she worked closely with Avery Turner, who has since transferred to a different department within Immaculata. "She's a supremely talented woman," Lauren says, adding that she hopes to "take as good care of Avery's students as she did."

Christy also has the educational background to support her role. She earned her B.A. in Psychology and then went to West Chester University to complete an M.S. in Higher Education Counseling & Student Affairs. She has been working as an academic advisor for six years, primarily with traditional college students. When asked what initially drew her to Immaculata, her answer was simple: "You're never going to find a more nurturing environment."

Both Lauren and Christy are well prepared to help students navigate the many challenges involved in attending college as an adult. "The biggest thing for me is when you really help that person figure out their path," says Christy, who emphasizes that building a relationship with the students she serves is the most important aspect of her job. It's "the little victories with every student," adds Lauren.

CAPS provides several advisors who are happy to assist you throughout the college process. Whether you are concerned about a specific class, need help building a course schedule, or simply need some encouragement, you can email your academic advisor or contact CAPS at 484-323-3238.