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Message from the Alumni President



HAPPY HOLIDAYS to all of you. It is my distinct honor that I bring you the final 2020 installment of the University of the Potomac Alumni Newsletter. This year has been challenging for all of us.

On behalf of the UOTP Alumni Association, our deepest sympathies go out to any of you that may have suffered losses during these unpredictable times. Please remain strong and remember, others depend on us to uplift and carry the load during times like these. Please have a safe and joyous holiday as we look forward to better days ahead.

Dr. David Kimble

New Forum Established

In October of 2020, a group of distinguished alumni members launched an initiative to support existing students with career endeavors. The initial project established the UOTP Technology, Business and Healthcare Forum. The purpose of the forum is to engage alumni professionals with the UOTP students and bridge the gap between academia and the workforce. The forum will provide opportunities for alumni professionals to share their work experiences through discussions, presentations, and other creative webinar engagement sessions. In the remaining weeks of 2020, the following webinars were planned and executed:

- Business Entrepreneur Workshop- Saturday, October 10, 2020 from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM (EST)
- Learn What Technology & Business Certifications Employers Want - November 6th, 2020 - 6:00PM
- “Technical skills and academic knowledge, employers are looking for” Friday, November 20, 2020 from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM (EST)
- UOTP Student Research & Innovation Project Contest, December 11 – 6:00PM – 8:00PM

The final webinar for the year, the Student Research & Technology contest, drew the most support from the alumni association, in that, alumni cash donations were requested to purchase prizes for the contestants. The next two pages will highlight the contest participants as well as some of the key alumni donors for the contest.

Student Research & Innovation Project Competition Contest Results

CLASS & INSTRUCTOR	PROJECT TOPICS	STUDENT PLACEMENT AWARDS
MCAP520 Dr. Rady	Children under 12 growing up with the technology	Estherrani Duddukuri 
MGMT 610 Dr. Foggie	Triviatech Solutions	Sodnom Purevsure 
BUS 520 Prof. Ashiru	ENI / National Hydrocarbons Authority	Gulmira Jampeissova) Karen Gonzalez 
BUS 510 – Dr. Rady	Competing Business Models	Ballaj Abdessamad 
CBSC 510 – Dr. Kimble	Future of Military Technology	Thahira Akbar Ali 
CBSC 510 - Dr Kimble	Future of Smart House Design	Aissatou.sy Aisha Sy 
CBSC 520 – Prof. Dennis Herman	Data Analytics in Sports	Bazargur Bayaraa 
CBSC 510 – Dr. Kimble	My Healthcare APP	SunDeep 
English COMP 102 Dr. Piellusch	A Kindergarten Educator	Tenika Coleman 

Thank you for your contributions to the Student Innovation and Research Project



Marie Piekam



Frank Lamptey



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Patricia Cook



Jonathon Clark



Dorothea Moore-Latham



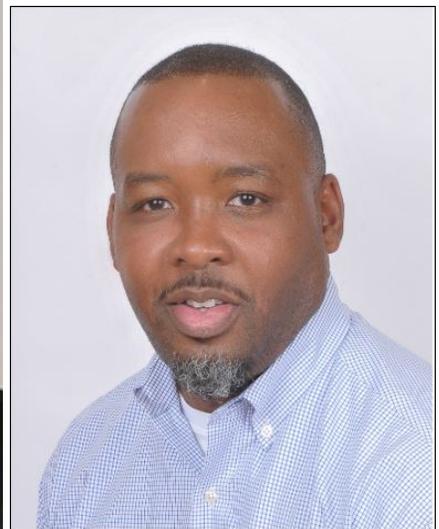
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Eddie Henderson

The Innovation, and Entrepreneurial Incubator Initiative (IEII)

A major initiative in 2021 is the partnership with the UOTP Alumni and the UOTP Career Services team.

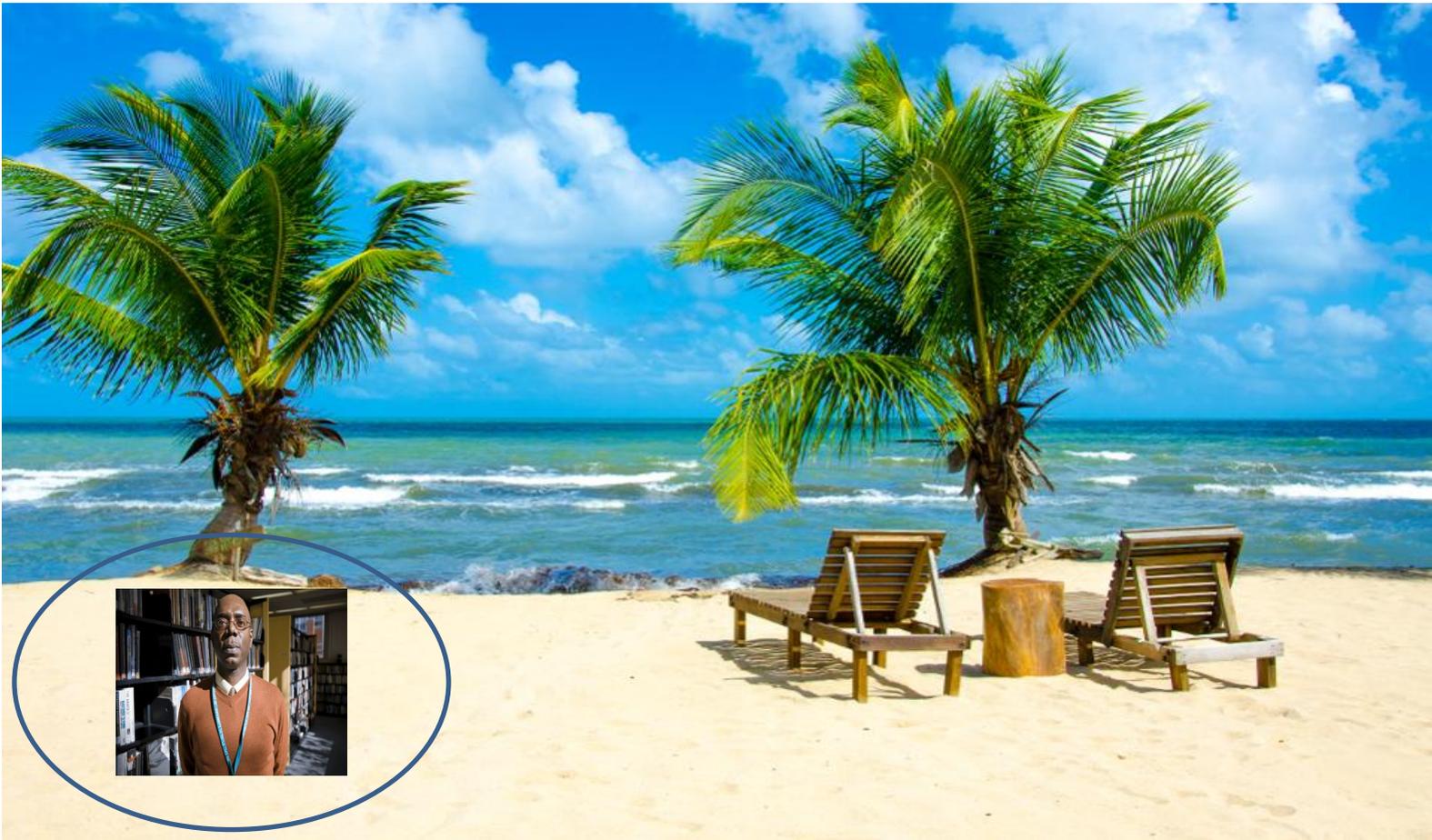
The University of the Potomac and its rich academic history has educated and graduated some of the most creative and entrepreneurial professionals of our times. This partnership will launch an initiative to integrate learning with real world challenges. The initiative is called, the Innovation, and Entrepreneurial Incubator Initiative (IEII).

The implementation of the IEII program will engage the support of two key stakeholders. The first group are the dedicated university faculty and staff who are more than willing to enhance student learning as well as expand the university brand. The second group are the external stakeholders that will volunteer their career skills and leadership abilities by advising the internal program participants and establish the relationships with the business communities and governmental organizations needed to support student learning and entrepreneurial opportunities.

The IEII program strategy will emerge over a series of communication between stakeholders. The focus will be on actionable small value-added increments. The IEII program will require enthusiastic professionals from within the university and from the business community. The strategy will engage industry leaders, in healthcare, informational technology, and business to understand industry needs and challenges. The UOTP Career Services team will work with the academic departments to develop incentives for student participation. Much more to come on this important partnership.

So long to our “ROCK STAR”, librarian

On December 14, Professor Edward Robinson moved on to pursue the next chapter in his life, a quiet spot in the Caribbean, exact location, not to be disclosed.



Dear Dr. Robinson,

It was my honor & pleasure working with you & learning from you. I wish you could stay with us ten more years. Thank you very much for all your hard work, kindness & support. Congrats on your new journey & I hope you enjoy your retirement. We will miss you! Please stay safe & healthy!

Best regards, **Sara Hummell**

Dear Professor Robinson,

As many of my colleagues said, I am happy for you to start well deserved next phase of your life, while feeling sad to see you walk away at the same time. Yes, your contributions are lasting. You have inspired many by your dedication and have always been a reliable source of information and support.

You will be missed; and I wish you many years of joyful retirement.

Good luck, sir!

Abraham Zeyohannis, PhD, PMP

Cont.

Prof. Robinson has served as Director of Library Services here at UOTP for more than ten years. The served role brought on various responsibilities including managing all library services and student research resources, maintenance of the Library of Congress and other resource relationships, maintaining required Library Services Standards set by Middle States, and supporting faculty members in any way he could. I have had the pleasure of working with this wealth of knowledge that has impressed me so much since 2015! Prof. Robinson, you will be missed around here! We thank you for your hardworking spirit, your determination, and your thoroughness in all that you do. Team join me in wishing Prof. Robinson, Ed, the Librarian, and all-around great guy a fantastic new chapter! Good luck!

Andrea Ford

Chief Operating Officer

Professor Robinson,

no... just Edward!

It was truly a pleasure to know you and work with you!!

I wish you to have many, many exciting and enjoyable days ahead!

On the other hand, it is sad to see you going....

I will miss our great conversations and sharing the stories...! I learn a lot from you...

Also, none will replace you in advising the books to read... my wife is still reading the books from your "collection"!

Have a Great Retirement!!

Sergei

Wow.

Professor Robinson, I am happy for you yet saddened at the same time. You truly have been a "rock" in the foundation of academic research support here at Potomac. From the DC campus to the Virginia campus, you have always provided the much-needed resource information required for our students and of course, to us adjunct professors.

I want to personally thank you for all that you have done for me, my students, and the university. Enjoy your retirement and always remember that your unselfish dedication to the field of academics will surely be missed.

Take Care, Stay Safe...and Happy Holidays!

Doc Foggie

Ed, you are wise and smart, you will be fine. Change has a way of working out for the best for wise folk. I think it has something to do with the thought, of refusing to do worse. Look, if ever you need my services, as a reference or just someone to chat with, I am here for you, pal. I hope to meet up with you in the sunshine, my friend.

Dr. Kimble

Featured Alumni Member



I am Klaudia. I was born and raised in Poland and came to the USA to fulfill my dream of studying abroad. Thus, my journey has concluded with a B.S. in Information Technology and a GPA of 4.0. During this educational journey, I had the honor to have the best professors who were my mentors through the past few years. Hard work, not giving up, and thriving for the best have harvested in many scholarships for the Highest Academic Performance such as International Students Scholarship Awardee for Outstanding Performance 2019, Diversifying Study Scholarship Awardee for Outstanding Achievements 2018. I am also a member of a Phi Theta Kappa, The International Honor Society Member for High Achieving Scholars. Additionally, as I won a scholarship to intern abroad, I chose Buenos Aires where I worked for two months as a Web Developer. Today, I am business owner working my way up in the IT World and Real Estate. I have decided to utilize not only my education but also my charisma and skills that I have gained through the years and apply to my own business. All in all, after all these years, I can confirm that the impossible is nothing and any dreams can come to reality if you try hard enough!

UOTP Important Dates

Dec 20, 2020: 2020 – 12A Term Ends
Dec 21, 2020 – Jan 2, 2021: Winter Break No Classes
Jan 4, 2021: 2021 – 02A Begins
Jan 18, 2021: Martin Luther King Day, UOTP Closed

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