



# Academic Spotlights

December 2024

Dear colleagues,

I hope you were able to share time with friends and family over the Thanksgiving break. We had a great fall semester, and much of that success is due to you—the faculty. Your accomplishments in and out of the classroom do not go unnoticed. Please take some time to read about the incredible accomplishments achieved by you and your colleagues over the past several months. Your scholarship, service, and work with our students is outstanding.

I hope you find time to relax and rejuvenate over the winter break and that your holidays are filled with joy and happy times.

Warm regards,

*Sherri*





# Phin'tastic Accomplishments

College of Law **Dean, Nick Allard**, published an article titled, Future Lawyers, Legal Educators, Play Crucial Role to Uphold Rule of Law in *PreLaw Magazine*, August 2024. Republished in the Winter 2024 issue.

Assistant Professor of Law, **Dr. Patrick Murphree's** article titled, Get Off My Case: Removal, Remand, and Judicial Federalism in Multidistrict Litigation, will appear in Volume 85, No. 1 of the *Louisiana Law Review*.

Associate Professor of Music, **Dr. Shannon Lockwood**, visited LaVilla School of the Arts doing Allstate prep with the cello students. Jacksonville Symphony artist and music faculty member **Todd Lockwood** coached the basses as well.

**Dr. Guangyao Chen**, Assistant Professor of Physics, presented at Florida International University in September 2024, Exploring Hadrons with Basis Light-Front Quantization.

**Dr. Amy Fullerton**, Assistant Professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders, published an article in *Annals of Otolaryngology and Rhinology*, volume 133, issue 11 titled, Effects of Tongue Strength Training on Quality of Life in Head and Neck Cancer Patients: Results from a Pilot Interventional Clinical Trial. (August 2024).

The Kinne Trio (**Dr. Scott Watkins**, piano; **Dr. Shannon Lockwood**, cello; **Dr. Marguerite Richardson**, violin) have released their latest recording, the Cello Sonata by Frederick Delius. Recorded in May 2024, in Terry Concert Hall, the track is now available on Spotify.

College of Law **Dean, Nick Allard** was featured in the Rhodes Scholar Oral History Project in an interview that will be released later in 2024.

**Dr. Gretchen Bielmyer-Fraser**, Professor of Chemistry, acquired a grant from the New York Aquarium totaling \$5,000, for her project titled Microplastics Analysis in White Shark Feces, 2024-2025.

**Dr. Nisse Goldberg**, Professor of Biology and Marine Science, published her paper titled, Distribution of the Cuban treefrog (Anura, Hylidae, *Osteopilus septentrionalis*) in Florida using geolocated records from an invasive species monitoring app, *Management of Biological Invasions*, vol. 15 in July 2024.

Adjunct Instructor of Photography, **Amanda Rosenblatt's** work is featured on the cover of the most recent publication of *Edible Northeast Florida* magazine.

In July 2024, **Dr. Guangyao Chen**, Assistant Professor of Physics, published his paper in the *Journal of High Energy Physics* titled, Energy Momentum Tensor On and Off the Light Cone: Exposition with Scalar Yukawa Theory.

**Dr. Gretchen Bielmyer-Fraser**, Professor of Chemistry, recently had her article titled, A Quantitative Analysis of Microplastics in the Gastrointestinal Tract of Odontocetes in the Southeast Region of the United States published in *Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry* March 2024.

Associate Professor of Music, **Dr. Jay Ivey**, served as Chorus Director for the recent production of *Mame* at the Florida Theatre with Linda Purl. This was a joint production between The Florida Theatre and Theatre Jacksonville.

This past Spring, **Dr. Gretchen Bielmyer-Fraser**, Professor of Chemistry, and **Dr. Anmarie Kent-Willette**, Professor of Communication, along with 10 JU students attended the National Conference on Undergraduate Research in Long Beach, CA held at the Long Beach Convention Center. Below are 7 of the 10 students who presented.



**Dr. Mary Grace Galinato**, Associate Professor of Chemistry, acquired a grant from the JU EPIC fund totaling \$5,190, for her project titled, Generating environmentally sustainable porphyrin-protein catalysts for sulfur removal.

Associate Professor of Law, **Dr. Scott Devito**, presented at the Society of American Law Teachers (SALT 2024 Conference) in September. The talk was named Overcoming Racial and Ableist Bias on the Bar Exam Through Pedagogy.

**Dr. Roberta Christopher**, Associate Professor of Nursing, published her article titled, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS): Known Risk Factors and the Need for Continued Education in the journal *Pediatric Nursing*. (October 2024).

Assistant Professor of Law, **Dr. Lindsay Head**, was an invited speaker on the "My AI Co-Author: Did the Bot Plagiarize?" panel at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) 2024 Conference in July.

**Dr. Jack Huang**, Associate Professor of Physical Chemistry, hosted a workshop at the Biennial Conference on Chemical Education (BCCE) at the University of Kentucky July 28-August 1, 2024, titled, From Pedagogical Research to Classroom Implementation. Approximately 20 faculty members attended.

**Dr. Patrick Murphree**, Assistant Professor of Law, was accepted into the Southeastern Association of Law School's New Scholars Program and will present a paper on litigation ethics at the SEALS conference next July. He was also awarded a "Change One Thing" internal grant to design two new lessons on the use of generative AI to be taught in the spring semester of Legal Reasoning, Research, and Writing II.

Associate Professor of Law, **Latisha Nixon-Jones**, published an article titled, It's All Write: Teaching Legal Writing as Resistance, in the *Journal of Legal Education*. This work, originally presented at the Fourth National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference in 2019, explores how legal writing can empower students to engage with social justice issues.

**Dr. Jack Huang**, Associate Professor of Physical Chemistry, presented, A Case Study of Classroom Implementation of Active Learning, at the Biennial Conference on Chemical Education (BCCE) at the University of Kentucky July 28-August 1 2024.

**Dr. Natasha Vanderhoff**, Professor of Biology and Marine Science, presented a symposium/workshop given at *Comparative Turn-Taking: A New Approach to Tackle Language Origins*, at the International Conference on the Evolution of Language (Evolang) in Madison WI, May 2024 titled, Temporally coordinated interactive vocalizations in non-primate mammals, what we know and what's next.

Professor of Music, **Kimberly Beasley**, received an Excellence in Directing award from the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival for her production of *Nine, the Musical* in Swisher Theater Spring 2023. This is her second Excellence in Directing award from KCACTF, the first one being *Into the Woods* in 2018.

**Dr. Brian Kopp**, Associate Professor of Engineering, had a paper, based on collaborative research with a team from UNF, approved for publication in *The Journal of the Acoustical Society of America* titled, An Easy to Implement Empirical Approach for Estimating Underwater Sound Transmission Loss During Pile Driving in Florida in November 2024.

Associate Professor of Law, **Latisha Nixon-Jones**, attended the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) Summer School Meeting in Destin, Florida June 2-7, 2024. This was an opportunity to engage with legal professionals across Louisiana on current trends and developments within practice areas.

Associate Professor of Law and Public Policy, **Matthew Reiber**, attended Georgetown Law School's 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Advanced eDiscovery Institute November 14-15, 2024.

**Dr. Gretchen Bielmyer-Fraser**, Professor of Chemistry, presented, Temporal and Spatial Changes in Water Quality and Phytoplankton Populations in the lower St. Johns River, Florida, at the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry International Meeting in Seville, Spain.

Professor of Music, **Dr. Scott Watkins**, presented his latest research on American composer Howard Hanson and performed the composer's "Three Piano Pieces, Op. 18" for the EMMA Concert Series in St. Augustine on August 1.

College of Law **Dean, Nick Allard**, will make remarks at the Chang Robotics Annual Meeting this December 2024.

**Dr. Nisse Goldberg**, Professor of Biology and Marine Science, along with JU graduate student, Riley Breshears, published, Habitat Suitability of Juvenile and Sub-Adult Red Drum (*Sciaenops ocellatus*) in the Lower Saint Johns River, Florida supported by the 2024-2025 Student Research, Creative Activity and Scholarship grant competition.

Jacksonville University faculty members, **Dr. Gerry Pinto**, Associate Research Scientist for the MSRI, **Dr. Gretchen Bielmyer-Fraser**, Professor of Chemistry, **Dr. Nisse Goldberg**, Professor of Biology & Marine Science, **Dr. Ashley Johnson**, Associate Professor of Geography and Sustainability, and **Dr. Bill Penwell**, Associate Professor of Biology, contributed to the [2024 State of the River Report for the Lower St. Johns River Basin, Florida](#): Water Quality, Fisheries, Aquatic Life, and Contaminants, prepared for the City of Jacksonville Environmental Protection Board.

Professor of Law, **Nathan Richardson**, appeared as an expert during First Coast News' Election Night 2024 coverage to discuss the amendment process, the marijuana and abortion amendments, and what the election results mean for Floridians.

School of Art & Design Studio Technician, **Sonia Nowak-Vera**, was a selected artist for Form + Space 2024 with guest juror, Eliza Au at the Museum of Art - Deland which opened on October 4th, 2024.

Professor of Art, and Associate Dean **Dana Tupa**, received a “Change 1 Thing” Development Grant for adding an interactive art pedagogy unit to the Pedagogy II course which is adaptable to other disciplines. Also working with the Center for Teaching and Learning and as the 2023-24 Excellence in Service Award recipient, Professor Tupa spoke about the concept and value of service to new faculty.

Associate Professor of Law, **Latisha Nixon-Jones** participated in the Holloran Center Workshop at the University of Miami, Ohio. The event focused on professional identity formation in legal education, offering insights into advancing character and competency development in our students.

**Dr. Irina Toteva**, Assistant Professor of Marketing, and **Dr. Selen Savas-Hall**, Associate Professor of Marketing, recently had their research titled, Perceived Effort in the Co-Creation of Electronic Services and Influence on Brand Loyalty: The Case of Food Ordering Apps published in *Services Marketing Quarterly*. This is the first research to investigate the role of perceived effort in electronic services and the influence on brand loyalty.

College of Law **Dean Nick Allard** gave remarks titled, Planting Shade Trees We Won’t Sit Under, before the Clay County Bar Association in August 2024 and gave remarks before the Jacksonville Catholic Lawyers Association in October 2024 titled, Faith, Hope, and Service to Church and State for a Catholic Lawyer.

Professor of Music, **Kimberly Beasley** performed the soprano solos from the *Messiah* in Moran Theatre at the Times Union Center for the Performing Arts November 16<sup>th</sup> with the St. Augustine Chorale and Grace Conservatory Dance. The event donated over \$20,000 to charity.

Associate Dean and Professor of Law **Dr. Courtney Barclay** presented, Who Are We on Social Media? Applying the *Lindke v. Freed* Supreme Court Decision to Property Appraisers, to a state meeting of the Property Appraisers Association of Florida. Invited by Joyce Morgan, Property Appraiser for Duval County.

Professor of Law **Nathan Richardson** presented at the University of Tennessee's second annual Southeast Energy Policy Forum, hosted by the Center for Energy, Transportation and Environmental Policy. His presentation was titled The Supreme Court’s Chevron Decision: Implications for Environmental Policy.

The RiverTones led by Adjunct Professor in Voice **Dina Barone**, competed in a Barbershop competition this past semester at World Golf Village and received overall scores in the top 5 of all participants! The experience also included coaching sessions for all the members.

Associate Dean and Professor of Law, **Dr. Courtney Barclay**, presented on a panel in Boston, MA in September 2024 for the Society of American Law Teachers with **Dean Nick Allard**, and **Vanessa Zboreak**, Associate Professor of Law. The panel was titled Building a Faculty Culture.

Associate Professor of Law, **Dr. Scott Devito’s** paper titled, George Washington’s Teeth, Wittgenstein, and Two Gruesome Problems for Originalism, was published in the University of Arkansas at Little Rock *Law Review*.

**Dr. Roberta Christopher**, Associate Professor of Nursing, presented Cultivating a Healthy Work Environment in Academic Nursing through Caring Science an International virtual podium presentation at the 45th International Association for Human Caring Annual Conference in Boca Raton, FL this past March.

**Dr. Laura Winn**, Associate Professor of Art History, presented a paper at the SECAC 2024 conference in Atlanta, GA. The paper titled: Henry Ossawa Tanner’s Real *Annunciation*: A Protestant Corrective to the Catholic Church’s *Ineffabilis Deus*, explores the ideological contexts in which Tanner conceived of and composed the first of his many Marion inspired canvases, *The Annunciation* in 1898. The research is part of a larger book project that explores Henry Ossawa Tanner’s relationship and representation of gender within the context of Belle Époque, First Wave Feminism.

Associate Professor Law, **Latisha Nixon-Jones**, presented and moderated three panels at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS), contributing to discussions on legal education and faculty development. SEALS continues to be a valuable platform for collaboration among law educators and professionals across the region.

**Dr. Anmarie Kent-Willette**, Professor Communication, presented to a standing room only crowd at the National College Media Convention in New Orleans. The conference was hosted by the Associated Collegiate Press and the College Media Association. Dr Willette's presentation titled, Crafting Compelling Narratives: Mastering Digital Video Storytelling for Effective Social Media explored data, nuances, and best practices for a changing social media landscape.

**Dr. Leyla Pordeli**, Assistant Professor of Nursing, presented Understanding AI Adoption in Academia: Exploring Current Status and Planning for Future Potentials for Teaching and Learning at the University of Minnesota Nursing Knowledge Big Data Science Conference,

College of Law **Dean Nick Allard** received the 2024 Rhodes Trust George Parkin Service Award in Oxford, England and was also named a 2024 Breaking Barriers Honoree by the Jacksonville Women’s Lawyers Association.



The **Davis College** cybersecurity program became a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense.

**Dr. Guangyao Chen**, Assistant Professor of Physics, presented a workshop in June 2024 on nuclear theory across energy scales, Solving Heavy Quarkonium through Quantum Computing in the Basis Light-Front Quantization Approach.

College of Law **Dean Nick Allard** published a column in the ABA Journal, and it also appeared in the Brooklyn Daily Eagle and Jacksonville Daily Record, titled, United We Stand: Lawyers Must Play Crucial Role in Bringing Our Nation Together in July 2024.

**Dr. Bradley McKibben**, Associate Professor of Clinical Mental Health Counseling, has had two manuscripts recently accepted for publication. One titled Exploring Non-Suicidal Self-Injury Online Activity: A Content Analysis of Reddit Posts, is in press at the *International Journal for the Advancement of Counseling*. Another titled, A Meta-Analysis of the Association Between the Hold Me Tight Program and Couples' Relationship Adjustment, is in press at *Counseling Outcome Research and Evaluation* (CORE).

Associate Dean and Professor of Law, **Dr. Courtney Barclay** led a team to Oxford, Ohio to participate in the Holloran Center workshop for Professional Identity, a selective program for legal educators to explore how the law school curriculum design supports the student's professional identity formation.

**Dr. Gordon Arbogast**, Professor of Management, published two chapters in business books: One in *Business, Management, and Economic Research Progress*, vol. 3, titled, Analyzing Educational Graduate Major Field Tests in Business. Another titled, Factors Affecting School Quality in Florida with Dr. Barry Thornton, in *Business, Management, and Economic Research Progress*, vol. 7.

Director of the Law Library and Assistant Professor of Law **Colleen Skinner** was reappointed to the ABA Law Library of Congress Committee for a one-year term. Professor Skinner was also accepted into the Northeast Florida Library Information Network (NEFLIN) 2024-2025 Management Training Institute this past October 2024.

**Dr. Bradley McKibben**, Associate Professor of Clinical Mental Health Counseling, has had a recent publication in *The Family Journal*, titled, The Development and Validation of the Emotionally Focused Therapy Skills Rubric (2024).

Assistant Professor and Director of Choral Activities, **Dr. Julian Bryson** was awarded an Individual Artist Grant from the City of Jacksonville Cultural Council, and the proceeds will be used to professionally record five of his compositions with the Voices of Jacksonville next year.

Five Davis College of Business and Technology AI Fellows were selected: **Dr. Zachary Davis**, Associate Professor of Business Analytics, **Dr. Angela Masson**, Assistant Professor of Aeronautics, **Dr. Doug Johansen**, Associate Professor of Marketing, International Business, and Sport Business, **Dr. John Shaw**, Associate Professor of Management, and **Dr. Jim Simak**, Assistant Professor of Management and Entrepreneurship.

**Dr. Leesa Marante**, Assistant Professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders, was awarded the Change 1 Thing! Award from the Center for Teaching and Learning.

November 8-9, JU had 220 guests, including 9 high school choir teachers, 200 high school and middle school choir students and 11 parents/chaperones who participated in the 3rd Annual Contemporary Vocal Festival: Deke & The RiverTones. Deke Sharon, a world renowned Contemporary A Cappella clinician, arranger, and coach was the guest clinician. In addition to a sold-out final concert, with Terry Concert Hall filled with guests' parents and family members, the visiting students were presented with specialized workshops by JU Professor of Music, **Kimberly Beasley** and Assistant Professor and Director of Choral Activities, **Dr. Julian Bryson** with Deke Sharon. Many JU choir students were a part of the festival, performing with the high school and middle school students and participating in individual clinics with Deke Sharon. Lastly, The RiverTones, gained hands on experience in customer service, management, and teamwork as hosts of the event—skills that they can take into their future professional careers.

**Dr. Seneka Gainer**, Assistant Professor of Clinical Mental Health Counseling, is chairing the inaugural CMHC Advisory Board. She has created a diverse board of alumni and community stakeholders who are eager to impact the JU CMHC program.

Associate Professor of French, **Dr. Tam Caudill** has received a publishing contract with University Press of Florida for her monograph, *An Introduction to Marie de France*.

**Dr. LaTonya Summers**, Associate Professor of Clinical Mental Health Counseling, was the recipient of a \$10,000 2024 Mayo Clinic Community Contributions Grant award for the CMHC Center for Men's Mental Wellness.

**Dr. Roberta Christopher**, Associate Professor of Nursing, published an article for *The Journal of Nursing Administration* titled, Board Leaders' Perspectives of the Impact of Nurses on Boards. (December 2023)

**Dr. Gordon Arbogast**, Professor of Management, and **Dr. Arpita Jadav**, Assistant Professor of Management, published their article titled, Investigating Business Toxic Leadership, in the *Journal of Management and Engineering* (JMEI), vol. 17, Number 2, Winter 2024.

**Dr. Amber Santos**, Assistant Professor of Nursing, has had 3 grants accepted in the last 6 months with 2 funded and 1 currently pending. In addition to nursing, she continues to help departments across JU incorporate immersive learning into their curricula as the Director of Innovation and Quality.

**The following faculty projects were supported via Davis College grants in 2023-2024**

Authors	Project
<b>Zoey Li &amp; John Shaw</b>	How CEO personality has an impact on firms' response to disturbing environment.
<b>Angela Masson &amp; Paul Dinius</b>	AI usage in a cross-disciplinary collaborative project.
<b>Selen Savas-Hall, Irina T. Toteva, &amp; Archana Kumar</b>	Communicating the benefits of local food: Relationship with likelihood of purchasing local food. <i>Data Funded</i>
<b>Justin Hall, Selen Savas-Hall, &amp; Irina T. Toteva</b>	Antecedents that lead to a fear of idea theft. <i>Data Funded</i>
<b>John Shaw &amp; Vikas Agrawal</b>	A Study of Turnover Intentions in the U.S. Military.
<b>Zachary Davis &amp; Cathryn Meegan</b>	Bankruptcy/financial distress prediction models for negative book value companies.

Clinical Assistant Professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders, **Professor Bethany Walker**, hosted the MS SLP Professional Development Day for the MS Speech Language Pathology class of 2025 with multiple community partners, a guest lecturer, and mock interviews for the Jacksonville and Palm Coast cohorts.

**Dr. Lacey Bracken**, Clinical Assistant Professor of Health & Exercise Sciences, published an article in *Nutrients Journal* with work completed with Dr. Catherine Saenz titled, The Relationship Between Dance Training Volume, Body Composition, and Habitual Diet in Female Collegiate Dancers: The Intercollegiate Artistic Athlete Research Assessment (TIAARA) Study. (October 2024)

The Southern Business Administration Association awarded Jacksonville University's **Davis College of Business and Technology** the Societal Impact Award for the college's Business for Social Good (BFSG) program. This is the first time the Davis College of Business has received the regional award. The SBAA Societal Impact Award, which includes a \$1,000 prize, recognizes outstanding approaches and achievements in business education.

Associate Professor of Law, **Latisha Nixon-Jones**, virtually attended the ABA Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery and Response in response to Hurricane Helene. The focus was on developing and refining disaster recovery frameworks, a topic directly relevant to her research and work in disaster law.

**Dr. Amy Fullerton**, Assistant Professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders, published her article in the *European Journal of Cancer* titled, The European Organization for Research and Treatment of Cancer Head and Neck Cancer Module Estimates for Minimal Important Difference and Minimal Important Change. (October 2024).

The Clinical Mental Health Counseling Department (CMHC) at Jacksonville University was the recipient of the 2024 Southern Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Outstanding Master's Counselor Education Program Award. This award acknowledges programs that educate master's level students and that demonstrate outstanding pre-service and in-service training in core and specialty areas. Recipient programs also demonstrate excellence in areas such as counseling, supervision, teaching, research and scholarship, and leadership and advocacy. The faculty were recognized at the SACES conference awards ceremony on Friday, November 8, in Dallas, TX.

**Dr. Gretchen Bielmyer-Fraser**, Professor of Chemistry, published her paper titled, Mercury and Selenium Accumulation in the Tissues of Stranded Bottlenose Dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus*) in Northeast Florida in a special issue of *Animals* 2024, Threats to Cetacean Health in May 2024.

**Davis College of Business and Technology** was awarded a highly competitive GenCyber program grant, funded jointly by the National Security Agency and the National Science Foundation. The GenCyber program, geared for students completing grades 6-11, is accessible without cost and empowers participants with essential skills in cybersafety and cybersecurity. The program aims to inspire students towards careers in a field vital for national security.

**Dr. Roberta Christopher**, Associate Professor of Nursing, presented Empower, Evaluate, Excel: Transforming DNP Education with Innovative Project Rubrics at the American Association of Colleges of Nursing 2024 Doctoral Education Conference in Naples, FL.

**Dr. Wyndi Capeci**, Assistant Professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders, with the MS Speech Language Pathology Students, has provided more than 4,000 children in the Jacksonville community with hearing screenings.

**Dr. Roberta Christopher**, Associate Professor of Nursing, published an article in *Nurse Leader*, vol. 22 issue 6 titled, Healthcare Board Readiness of Nurses at a State Level. (December 2024).

**Dr. Sawzan Tabbaa**, Clinical Associate Professor of Orthodontics, submitted 25 research abstracts to National and International Orthodontics meetings on behalf of the School of Orthodontics.

**Dr. Leyla Pordeli**, Assistant Professor of Nursing, published an article titled, Informatics Competency Assessment of Nursing Faculty Progress and Plans in the *Computers Informatics Nursing Journal* (CIN) in August 2024.

College of Law **Dean Nick Allard**, appeared in several monthly columns in the Jacksonville Daily Record JBA Bar Bulletin:

- December 2024 (forthcoming) "Our Fully Equipped Constitutional Toolbox Can Repair, Improve, or Replace What Does Not Work"
- November 2024 "Innovative Legal Education Is Imperative Not Oxymoronic"
- October 2024 "Seven Priorities That Set a Law School Apart"
- September 2024 "Convocation Remarks: Where Do You See Justice?"
- August 2024 "Law is About Love, Actually"

Assistant Professor of Law, **Dr. Lindsay Head**'s article, The Death of the Lawyer: Authorship, Artificial Intelligence, and Rhetorical Personhood in the Practice of Law, has been accepted for publication by the journal *JALWD: Legal Communication & Rhetoric* for next fall.

Clinical Assistant Professor of Nursing, **Professor Ameer Jones** and Simulationist **Amy Lannen**, are conducting a research presentation at the International Meeting on Simulation in Healthcare, a JU and Brooks Rehabilitation collaboration in January 2025.

The Communication Department hosted the Fall 2024 Student Exhibition at the JU River House featuring outstanding student achievements and the video premier of Better Together II: Environmental Research and Effective Communication.





# DOLPHIN SIGHTINGS

Jacksonville University participated in the Florida Undergraduate Research Conference (FURC) at UNF where ten students presented on February 17, 2024 overseen by **Dr. Gretchen Bielmyer-Fraser**, Professor of Chemistry, and **Dr. Mary Grace Galinato**, Associate Professor of Chemistry.



In November 2024 the AVS-305 Space Science class taught by **Dr. Angela Masson**, Assistant Professor of Aeronautics, successfully completed ten launches of Estes Alpha intermediate rockets with B6-4 engines, reaching measured altitudes of up to 1,000 feet. Students took a safety test authorized by the National Association of Rocketry, and after consultation with local airport tower facilities were cleared for launch.



As co-advisors of the Aquarian Literary and Arts magazine, Professors **Nick McNally**, Associate Professor of Illustration, and **Chris Dew**, Instructor of English, attended the Associated Collegiate Press National College Media Convention in New Orleans, LA to keep current on trends in the world of literature and the visual arts, and to gather information that will strengthen the Stein College's curriculum in areas of AI, digital media, and written/oral presentation.

College of Law faculty—**Dean Nick Allard**, Associate Dean and Professor of Law

**Dr. Courtney Barclay**, Associate Professor  
**Dr. Scott Devito**, Associate



Professor **Latisha Nixon-Jones**, Associate Professor **Matthew Reiber**, and Visiting Assistant Professor **Daria Sinyagovskaya** were part of a team that reached the finals of an international technology innovation competition during the Rhodes Annual Forum on Technology and Society, hosted at Rhodes House in Oxford, England. They presented on lexperience™, an artificial intelligence-driven, immersive learning experience based on a video game platform that promises to revolutionize the teaching and application of legal skills.

Professors **Dr. Gretchen Bielmyer-Fraser** and **Dr. Annmarie Kent-Willette**, created a series of videos on the Millar Wilson Lab YouTube page featuring innovative and environmental research from students in Marine Science, Chemistry, and Communication available here:



"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically.  
Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education."

– Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.