Greetings! I would like to thank you all for your feedback in the last article, as well as your attendance at our events, especially the first of our 2nd Wednesdays. Please keep up the passion, spread the word about the Graduate School’s events, and let us know what you would like to see offered. As always, The Graduate School and its newsletter aim to keep you informed of activities and opportunities within graduate school. Thank you for helping Old Dominion University to continue shining.

-Xavier-Lewis Palmer

This past summer, I had the opportunity to talk with President Broderick concerning the graduate experience. Below, you’ll find part 2 of our talk.

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XP: What career advice would you like to give to students in the class you teach or to the larger graduate population?

President Broderick: Take advantage of every networking opportunity that is available to you. If you have a guest speaker in your classroom, or if you meet someone at a conference or forum, try to get a business card and establish a connection.

I recently had the mayor of Norfolk speak to my higher education class about his experience funding education while serving in the house, the senate, and now as mayor. Three students took the time to write notes thanking him for coming to the class and all received notes in reply, inviting them to meet with him or come to a city council meeting.

Those three students not only gained knowledge, but because they took the time to say “I found your message inspiring,” they have established a relationship. We are all competing in a world where there are a limited number of jobs and many qualified candidates to fill them. These students exemplified distinguishing oneself from the crowd.

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XP: What changes would you like to see in graduate education over the next 10 years, starting at ODU?

President Broderick: One thing we need to do better is find more financial support for graduate students, not just at the university level but also at the state and federal levels. As much as recent cuts to higher education have impacted undergraduates, support has been almost wiped out for graduate students.

If we really are committed as a country to making the advances – as in STEM for example – we have to ensure that the best and brightest students can continue their education. We can’t eliminate skilled students who could be significant contributors simply because they do not have the financial support to pursue advanced degrees.

I also think that it is contingent upon us – as institutions of higher learning and as faculty – to take more time to speak with the companies and organizations who hire our students. We need to find out regularly, not just how we are doing but what they require from us moving forward.

Adapting and adopting our direction based on what employees are looking for in the future is a solid way to prepare our graduates and satisfy potential employers.

XP: President Broderick’s words resonated strongly with me, as they reflect my experience here at Old Dominion University. It is my hope that his words and advice resonate with you, as well. Please let me know your thoughts. You can reach me at xpalmer@odu.edu.
**NEED AN ASSISTANTSHIP?**

Are you a graduate and need an assistantship or alternate source of funding? Are you nearing graduation and would like assistance on navigating the job market? Are you just curious about how potential employers may see you? If you answered yes, Old Dominion’s Career Development Services is here to help. Visit: https://www.odu.edu/cds/careers4monarchs, where you can build a profile, get 1-on-1 assistance and coaching with developing your resume and portfolio, access to or information on hiring events across the nation, access to a multitude of employers, and more.

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**SCIENCE PUB with Professor Tom Allen**

Date and Time: 10/17/2018 6:00 PM - 10/17/2018 8:00 PM
Location: Oozlefinch Craft Brewery, 81 Patch Rd. Fort Monroe, VA

“Join us for a conversation with Tom Allen, Professor in the Department of Political Science & Geography, and George McLeod, Director of the Center for Geospatial & Visualization Computing. This talk provides an update on the local research on sea level rise at Old Dominion University, describes new innovations in mapping that integrate technology (drones, flood maps, computer models, and street level sensors) being developed to predict impacts and inform policy, and furthers discussion of the hard questions and decisions that are to come. Join us for a lively and engaging discussion; a curious mind is all that's needed! The first 20 guests to arrive will receive a beverage ticket.”


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Professional development to bridge graduate school and career success

**What is Career Pathways?**
- University-wide program that prepares graduate students and postdoctoral scholars for successful transition into thriving careers.
- A gateway to resources, programs, events, and planning tools for ODU graduate students and postdocs.

**PREPARING FUTURE PROFESSIONALS (PFP)**
Designed for individuals interested in a non-academic career such as in industry, non-profit/non-governmental organizations, or government agencies.

**Earn the PFP Certificate:**
- Develop an individual development plan
- Create a resume
- Attend professional development events or complete professional development activities
- Produce an ePortfolio to document professional development and growth

**PREPARING FUTURE FACULTY (PFF)**
Designed for individuals interested in an academic career.

**Earn the PFF Certificate:**
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- Create a CV
- Attend PFF and other professional development events
- Produce an ePortfolio to document professional development and growth

- **Oct 18 Publishing Your First Journal Article (by Academic Coaching & Writing)**
  4.00-5.30pm in Constant 2086 or online (registration info: http://bit.ly/2CyVlg)

- **Nov 2 Becoming a Skilled Researcher**
  12.00-2.00pm in Learning Commons, LC 1310-1311 & online (access here: http://bit.ly/PFF_archive)

- **Nov 5 Networking for Introverts (and Extroverts, Too!): How to Make the Most of Your Next Conference (by the National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity)**
  2.00-3.30pm in Constant Hall 2086 & online (registration info TBA)

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October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and all LGBTQ are welcomed to attend. You will learn tools for self-awareness, self-defense and self-empowerment.

To participate, please RSVP to womenctr@odu.edu by October 16. Thanks to our co-sponsor ODU Sexuality & Gender Alliance. For more information, please don't hesitate to contact us!

Via https://www.odu.edu/content/odu/announcements/faculty-staff/2018/10/2/_10_20_free_lgbtq_se.html

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Hello reader, I hope that your semester is progressing well. With another month, we are all a step closer and many thoughts deeper in our fields.

For anyone feeling overly anxious or stressed, keep in mind that the office of Counseling Services is here for you at: https://www.odu.edu/counselingservices.

Additionally, feel free to join us at each 2nd Wednesday event. We hope to see you all there!

Above Picture: Handouts from the first 2nd Wednesday’s event on identifying and managing life’s stressors. This was very helpful!

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If you have an idea, event, news, or anything otherwise notable that you would like to share, contact Xavier-Lewis at xpalmer@odu.edu.

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