

# ACADEMIC AFFAIRS UPDATE

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## 5th Student Research Day !



**L-r.:** Pulitzer-Prize author Charles Duhigg, Dr. Elizabeth Alter, and President Keizs in conversation following the lunch session

The 5th Annual Undergraduate Research Day was an unqualified success as students displayed the outstanding

research outcomes they have discovered over the past year. And one couldn't but be impressed by the posters lined up across the

length of the Academic Core Building's block-long atrium.

Also impressive was the keynote speaker, Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Charles Duhigg, who discussed "The Power of Habit," from his *New York Times* bestseller, *The Power of Habit: Why We Do What We Do in Life and Business*.

Dr. Ivelaw Lloyd Griffith, York's most recent former provost; and the founder of the Undergraduate Research Day as a cross-disciplinary mandate at York, and of the Office

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## Aviation students receive internship funding from TD Bank

The CUNY Aviation Institute at York College recently received a \$7,500 grant from the TD Bank Foundation to support an Aviation Internship program. The donation to the 11-year-old Aviation Institute is

a generous acknowledgement from the TD Charitable Foundation, the charitable giving arm of TD Bank.

The donation will go toward internship scholarships for approximately 13 students in York's

Aviation Management program. Students will gain meaningful experience with local aviation entities such as the Federal Aviation Administration, the Port Authority of New York and

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### Special points of interest:

- **Two new Fulbright Awards for York**
- **SEMAA Group Visits**
- **Students attend Women in Aviation Conference**
- **Third Chemistry Valedictorian**

## Fulbrighters Present at Social Work Conference

On March 20, 2014, Dr. Selena T. Rodgers, assistant professor of social work and Dr. Linda Wermeling, associate professor at Northern Kentucky University co-presented about their Fulbright Specialist experience. The professors of social work spoke at the Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors (BPD) 2014 Annual Conference of the Association of Social Work held in Louisville, Kentucky.

The conference theme was “The Changing World and the Face of Social Work Education.” Drs. Rodgers and Wermeling’s paper was entitled “The World of Moldova: Social Work Education in a Transitional Political Climate.” Both are internationally recognized social work scholars and educators and have won the designation of Fulbright Specialists. They

spoke about their experiences with the University of Havana, Cuba and the Free International University of Moldova. The workshop described their research in Cuba and their consultations in the Republic of Moldova.

Dr. Rodgers was invited as a Fulbright Specialist lecturer to two international universities – Free International University (ULIM), Moldova, and North-West University, South Africa.

Following standards defined by *The International Association of Schools of Social Work* (IASSW) Curricula Competencies, *The European Qualifications Framework* (EQF) for Lifelong Learning, and the *European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education* (EAQAHE), Dr. Rodgers’ talks have focused on providing co-training and workshops to ULIM faculty and administrators, and the

Minister of Labour, Social Protection and Family. She has also piloted courses with two Moldovan cohorts and students who participated in the York/CUNY summer 2013 Study Aboard program in Moldova. In addition, Dr. Rodgers participated in a co-teaching curriculum between Moldovan and U.S. faculty. She provided overview of recommendations for course revisions provided to Dr. Vadim Moldovan, Founder and President of Project Casa Mare International Center for Advancement of Social Work in Countries with Transition Economies.

Since her designation as a Fulbright Specialist Awardee in 2013, Dr. Rodgers was invited by the Romanian-U.S. Fulbright Commission to serve as a scientific consultant in Social Work for the ongoing Fulbright Senior Award competition.



Members of the Inaugural Council on Social Work Education (2012) Delegation to Cuba l to r: Sabrina W. Tyuse (Social Work Program Director, Saint Louis University), Linda Wermeling (Fulbright Specialist, Northern Kentucky University), Lucy A. Lawrence (Social Work Program Director, Warren Wilson College), Selena T. Rodgers (Fulbright Specialist, York College of The City University of New York)



Impressions from the 5th Undergraduate Research Day

