UCBA has announced the winners of the 2015 Poetry and Songwriting Contest, which included categories for area high school students.

The winners were recognized at the Annual UCBA Poetry Café, a special event that was held on the college campus on March 23. Many of the winning students took advantage of the opportunity to provide a reading of their work or perform their song.

UCBA has hosted the contest for more than a decade to help increase interest in poetry and songwriting among college and high school students.

Willis Music in Florence, Kentucky, once again sponsored the event and provided a new guitar to the winner of the songwriting contest. SoundWorkshop Recording Studio also donated studio time to the winner.

UCBA College Student Winners: Poetry
1st Place -- "I Take My Daily Motivation Without Creamer and Some Milky Way," by Bridget Berg
2nd Place -- "Black and Ruby," by Moriah Krawec
3rd Place -- "Get Out of There Now," by Amy Manning
Honorable Mention -- "Draws Me In," by Paige Haste

High School Student Winners: Poetry
1st Place -- "Where I’m From," by Kyle Trimpe, Ludlow High School
2nd Place -- "Your Prison," by Sara Rani Reddy, Ursuline Academy
3rd Place -- "Inner Demons," by Kyle Trimpe, Ludlow High School

UCBA to Host Silent Auction

Admission to the Biltmore Estate in North Carolina, tickets to the Western and Southern Open, and a Samsung Galaxy Tab 4 are just a few of the items up for bid at this year's UCBA Silent Auction and Distinguished Awards event.

It will be held on April 8 at the Cooper Creek Event Center, located at the Blue Ash Golf Course, beginning at 5 p.m. with the silent auction and reception. The event is free and open to the public.

The silent auction will feature more than 50 fun and unique items, with starting bids ranging from $5 to $100. All proceeds will go toward the UC Blue Ash Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.

"The money raised at our silent auction truly makes a lasting impact in the lives of our students," said UCBA Dean, Dr. Cady Short-Thompson. "We appreciate everyone who can attend and bid on our exciting offerings, and we are very thankful to all of our partners who donated items to support the auction."

Beginning on March 25, you can preview a sample of the items up for bid at www.ucblueash.edu/silentauction.

UC Blue Ash will also honor the following alumni, faculty, and staff with 2015 Distinguished Awards.

Distinguished Alumni Award
Tammy Wynn, Founder/CEO of Angel's Paws Animal Hospice

Young Alumni Outstanding Achievement Award
Rachel Richardson, Reporter for the
Sycamore Students Study Slime at UCBA

More than 800 students from Sycamore Community Schools had the chance to visit UC Blue Ash College recently to make slime and study bacteria.

Third-grade students from several elementary schools conducted the slime experiment as part of their visit to the chemistry labs at UC Blue Ash.

About 400 kids took part in the field trips that were spread out over four different days in January and February. They also performed experiments to observe temperature and energy changes, learned about lab safety, and interviewed UC Blue Ash students about what it’s like to be a college student.

The idea for the field trips started when students in the UCBA Chemistry Club wanted to find more volunteer opportunities and expressed an interest in working with elementary-age students. UCBA Chemistry professor Daniella Fisher, and Chemistry Department Chair Janice Denton, initially reached out to Blue Ash Elementary, but Sycamore school leaders thought the program would be a great fit for the third-grade INSPIRE field trips.

“One of the main goals of this program was to instill a curiosity about science,” said Fisher. “We worked with the districts’ coordinators to determine the concepts of interest, the standards to meet, and the level at which to present material.”

Approximately 400 sixth-grade students from Edwin H. Greene Intermediate School (EH Greene) also visited UC Blue Ash, but their stop was the Biology Department.

They had the chance to use microscopes to observe bacterial and fungal growth, examine models of tissues, and organs, and inspect dissected organs. This is the third year that students from EH Greene came to the biology labs.

“We want to expose sixth-graders to the field of biology and the wonders of the human body to stimulate their interest, and maybe get them thinking about a career in science or the health professions,” said Kris Hickey, UCBA Biology professor and coordinator of the field trip.

The field trips can be a win-win since they are designed to educate and inspire young children, while also providing a great experience for chemistry and biology students from the College. More than 100 UC Blue Ash students volunteered to help lead the multiple visits to the chemistry and biology labs. They led small groups in their projects, answered questions, and told the children what it’s like to learn in a college setting.

“For me, the most rewarding part was being able to impact the future generation of scientists while seeing our UC Blue Ash students shine in teaching others,” said Fisher.

The College plans to continue these field trips in the future as another way to give back to the community.

UCBA Prof Wins Ohio Supreme Court Case

UCBA professor Wendy Calaway took an appeal in a murder trial all the way to the Ohio Supreme Court and won, setting a new precedent for criminal cases across the state.

Calaway, who is a practicing attorney and professor in the UCBA Behavioral Sciences Department, appeared before the justices last spring to argue that they should overturn Joseph Harris’s murder conviction and award a new trial.

She stated that by allowing the testimony of a court-appointed clinical psychologist after Harris abandoned his insanity defense, the defendant’s constitutional rights were violated.

In a recent ruling, the justices voted unanimously to overturn the conviction and award a new trial.

“This is a big case for defendants across the state,” said Calaway. “It makes it clear that prosecutors cannot call in an expert to testify about the credibility of a witness, when their area of expertise is not relevant.”

Harris was indicted in October 2010 for the murder of Shane Guilleman during an apparent drug deal. The facts in the case are a little gray since the two men were alone when the alleged crime occurred. Harris pled not guilty by reason of insanity. The state appointed a clinical psychologist, who evaluated Harris, and she found him competent to stand trial.

By the time the trial began in June 2011, Harris withdrew his insanity plea, but prosecutors still proceeded to put the psychologist on the stand to testify.

Calaway was not involved in the original trial. The defense attorney in the case asked the presiding judge to appoint Calaway extrajudicially to the appeal. She has been taking on more appellate work recently and is gaining a reputation as an expert in the field.

“I find the appellate process very interesting, and his type of work gives me more freedom with my schedule since I don’t have to be in the courtroom as often,” said Calaway.

Calaway was in the courtroom when she presented her argument to the Supreme Court and her class was able to watch through closed circuit TV. “It was a great experience for me and a learning experience for them. We talked about the case and appeal process in class,” said Calaway.

Calaway teaches criminal justice, criminology, and corrections courses at UC Blue Ash. She uses her experience as a practicing attorney to provide real-life cases for her students and to bring judges, law enforcement officers, and even federal agents to the classroom.

Silent Auction (Continued)

Cincinnati Enquirer Alumni Service Award
Mary Noel Lucy Reuter, Dental Hygiene Alumna – honored in memoriam Faculty Exemplary Scholarship Award Cynthia Stegeman, EdD, Chair of the Dental Hygiene Department Outstanding Faculty Service Award Debra Frame, PhD, Assistant Professor of Psychology

Poets and Songwriters (Continued)

High School Student Winner: Songwriting
1st Place – “Fly Away,” by Antonio Sposito, Covington Catholic High School

To learn more about the UC Blue Ash College Poetry and Songwriting contest, contact the English and Communications Department at (513) 745-5655 or by email at rhonda.pettit@uc.edu.

UC Blue Ash professor and practicing attorney, Wendy Calaway, appears before the Ohio Supreme Court Justices to present her argument in a landmark case.

Spring Career Fair Set for April 14

UCBA Career Services is having its Spring 2015 Career Fair on Tuesday, April 14, from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Students are asked to come professionally dressed (business casual at the minimum) with their resume in hand.

The Fair is an opportunity for students to find a job, brush up on communication skills, and strengthen resumes. The week prior will be a host of activities to prepare students for the Fair, including on the spot resume critiques.

So, if you are looking for a job for the summer, mark your calendar.

It’s Time to Make an Advising Appointment

The UC Blue Ash advising office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. To make an appointment either stop by the advising office (Muntz Hall Room 125) or call 513-745-7573.

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So, we are peeking into April, and by now everyone has been feeling this spring spirit. There is more sunshine, the weather is getting warm, and there is this urgency to dress in brighter colors.

During fashion week there were a lot of colors and prints mixed to give ideas and get your creative thoughts going about how you wish to incorporate your style this season.

I feel like I've put a lot of attention on women's fashion in previous issues. So this column will be completely dedicated to the guys, specifically the guys who have trouble with finding their own style or feeling comfortable with their style.

Now, with men there are some similarities to women, as far as having statement pieces in the spring. A guy's statement pieces are usually his jewelry or his shoes and sometimes even a haircut. Even the simplest outfits can make a huge statement when paired with the right accessories.

Because of short sleeves in the spring, this is the time to show off that chunky Michael Kors or Movado watch. Bring out some fresh kicks or even a sleek brogue shoe.

Men typically tend to be more simplistic in the summer for many reasons, the biggest being the colors of spring. No one is going to layer up on a bunch of bright colors. You want to feel cool, comfortable, and stylish, so don't be afraid to express yourself.

As I was saying before, guys like to show off their statement pieces in the summer, so that includes shades. My particular favorites for the past few years have been Ray Bans, because they are both stylish and reasonably priced compared to other designer frames.

There are many different pairs for many different styles, including circle frames, which give that vintage hipster look and big rectangles, which give a more classic conservative look.

Guys, we have to learn to express ourselves more. This is 2015! Although many major boundaries have been crossed this past decade with men’s fashion, I feel as though we still have a lot of work ahead of us.

As a whole guys are still afraid of expression, and this is seriously holding a lot of you back from your full potential. Don't be afraid of wearing the color pink, fitted jeans, or floral prints. There are many different ways to dress these ideas up and give them a masculine appeal. Remember, it's not all about what you wear, but how you wear it.

In conclusion, what I would also like to mention is that your attitude is part of your style. If you don't feel comfortable in the clothes that you're wearing, then maybe that look isn't for you. Therefore, if your style is very vibrant or expressive, then your attitude should reflect that. A man's style appeals to people more when his attitude fits the outfit.

Now in no way am I telling anyone how to act, but you must keep in mind that when you look a certain way but your clothes say differently, you tend to send mixed signals, and that takes away from your look. Have confidence in whatever you wear and show that you're comfortable in your style.

You want to wear the clothing; you don't want it to wear you.
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His next big hit, with the newly formed Postmodern Jukebox, was the one that re-
hed band in existence and gave it a Motown flavor.

For me at least, is that they have taken con-
temporary pop songs that I’ve either found mediocre or just down right awful and made them listenable and enjoyable. The greatest example of this is their cover of the Jason Derulo song “Wiggle.” To me the original song is ridiculous and just awful, especially that silly sounding toy whistle. But for some reason SB&P’s rendition of it, set to the tune of 1920s Broadway number, makes the song extremely passable.

Add in frequent singing collabora-
tor Robyn Adele Anderson’s distinct and stylized voice and the tap dancing of Alex MacDonald, and you’ve got a monstrously great song and video. The group’s videos have received no-
tice even by the original artists of some of the songs. Beyonce herself gave them cre-
dence for their rendition of her smash-hit “Drunk In Love.” Their most popular hit to date, based on YouTube views, is their cover of Meghan Trainor’s number 1 hit song “All About That Bass,” which was performed on dou-
ble bass by talented multi-instrumentalist Kate Davis. It has over 8 million hits.

My personal recommendations would be their burlesque cover of Taylor Swift’s “Blank Space,” which is sung by Ariana Sav-
alas, the daughter of the late Telly Savalas; their upbeat Latin styling of Calvin Harris’s “Summer,” their Roy Oxindon inspired ren-
dition of Kanye West’s “Only One,” sung by “America’s Got Talent” competitor Emily West, and their jazz infused version of Ri-
hanna’s “We Found Love.” It’s hard to go wrong with any of their songs.

Scott Bradlee & Postmodern Jukebox
( Courtesy of Pledgemusic.com)

Scott Bradlee Turns Ridiculous Into Sublime
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Have you ever wondered what Lady Gaga’s “Just Dance” would sound like as a vintage 1940’s jazz tune? Or what Tay-
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Atlantic recording artist Meg Myers has announced an extensive headline tour that will kick off in New York City on May 11 at The Studio At Webster Hall. Myers recently released her new single “Sorry” from her upcoming debut album of the same name, which is scheduled for release this summer.

Myers’ sophomore EP, “Make a Shadow,” was released in early 2014. The song “Desire” proved a favorite at Alter-
native radio outlets nationwide, while the track’s companion video has earned more than two million views at Myers’ official YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/meginthedark.

In addition, the EP’s “The Morning Af-
ter” and “Make A Shadow” both reached the top 5 on Hype Machine’s “Most Popu-
lar” chart, with the latter track ranked among Amazon’s “50 Best Songs of 2014.”

Meg Myers’ speciality is her voice and the way she captures the emotion of her lyrics. She has an incredible range and is able to convey a wide range of emotions through her singing.

Her newest performance to Cincin-
nati will be in Indianapolis at The HiFi on May 19.

Meg Myers Announces Spring Tour
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I teach yoga classes at Modo Yoga in Clifton, and several UC basketball players are among my students. A yoga practice has the following six benefits:

1. Stress Relief: Yoga reduces the physical effects of stress on the body. In addition, most yoga classes end with a relaxation pose, which further reduces the experience of stress.

2. Pain Relief: Practicing yoga poses reduces the pain for people with condi-
tions such as cancer, back and neck pain and other chronic conditions.

3. Flexibility: Yoga increases strength. Yoga uses every muscle in the body, in-
creasing strength literally from head to toe.

4. Weight Management: Many teachers specialize in yoga programs to pro-
ome weight management and find that even gentle yoga practices help support weight loss.

5. Inner Peace: The meditative effects of a consistent yoga practice help many cultivate inner peace and calm. It also is one of the best ways to calm a disturbed mind.

6. Presence: The more you practice, the more aware you become of your sur-
roundings and the world around you.

Yoga is essential to everyone’s life and well-being. Visit our local yoga stu-
dio, Modo Yoga, located at 150 West Mc-
Millian Street, in Clifton.

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Get Fit For Life With Yoga
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The UC Bears men’s basketball team finished the season 23-11 over-
all, advancing to their fifth consecutive NCAA Tournament and then beating Pur-
due in the second round, before losing to undefeated Kentucky, 64-51, in third-
round action on March 21.

But the Bears didn’t make it easy for UK, mixing it up with the Wildcats on almost every play.

Head Coach Mick Cronin, who had been unable to coach the team since be-
ing diagnosed with an arterial dissection in January, has been cleared to resume all duties with no restrictions, the UC Department of Athletics announced on March 30.

Cronin will enter his 10th season at the helm of the Bears in 2015-16, and I know we all can’t wait till next season to see what the Bears have in store for us!

UC Men’s basketball Head Coach, Mick Cronin (cincinnatiseveryone.com)
Opinion
Library Offers Many Forms of Help
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It’s crazy to think that the semester is actually almost over. As it’s coming to an end, most of you may know what that means. Finals week is creeping up, last minute papers will be due, and the cramming will begin.

For those of you who have papers due and are having computer issues, the UC Blue Ash library can help you out. It has computers, as well as 12 laptops that you can rent for two hours.

The computers all have Microsoft Word 2013. You can save your file, and the library even has two flash drives available for checkout. The UCBA library also has printers available for you. All you have to do is bring your valid student ID card to the library information desk.

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Opinion
Businesses Need to Stand Against a Bad Law
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Maybe you haven’t been paying attention, but just last week Indiana Republican Governor Mike Pence signed a bill allowing businesses in the state to deny service to the LGBT community for “religious reasons.”

A similar bill was signed in the State of Arkansas. Laws of this nature screams discrimination, but they try to mask the true agenda by hiding behind religion. It’s amazing that in 2015 our government still tries to do things like this. The sadder part is that there is a large group of Indiana residents that agree with the law.

In the social media age, what would a respectable, profitable business do? If they had to choose between being seen as an equal community and laying off staff, what would they do?

As uberfacts tweeted, “IPhones are designed to last only a few years, then the battery life was terrible. I had to charge my iPhone at least 3-4 times daily. After one year I had to go to the Apple store to get a new iPhone 5c due to the terrible battery life, and how the battery life wouldn’t suck anymore.”

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Opinion
My World (Continued)
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That bothered me. The hanging the “n” word from a tree part was a bit much in my opinion. With the history of America and the idea that black people were really hung from trees, it angered me to see that being used as a joke. Racism will always be a part of society.

Racism will always be a part of society. It doesn’t matter how far we’ve come since the days of slavery, and Jim Crow racism will never die. I thought we at least had reached a point where, despite our differences, we could just coexist in society without blatant acts of hate. I guess I was wrong.

My World
Jim Crow Racism Will Never Die
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I’m sure by now everyone has seen the video from the Oklahoma fraternity with their racist chant. It’s racism in the truest form, but that wasn’t the issue I had with it.

The issue I had was that there is no way I believe that was the first time that chant was sung. It was the first time it was seen by the viewing public though.

To put out the fire, the fraternity was called on by one of its former members, Barry Switzer, to make a public statement saying that they didn’t agree with it, they wouldn’t say that publicly and are having computer issues, the UC Blue Ash library can help you out. It has computers, as well as 12 laptops that you can rent for two hours.

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Technology
Don’t Be Fooled by Apple
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After one year I had to go to the Apple store to get a new iPhone 5c due to the terrible battery life, and because of how slow it was.

Don’t be fooled by Apple. Take care of your phone, and think twice again before you update your iOS.

Cincinnati Gets Set to Host Baseball All-Star Game
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Baseball season is right around the corner! This is always a fun time in Cincin nati, with the Opening Day Parade and all the festivities that are attached to that. The Reds have been playing well in recent memory. Hopefully they can build on that and make a deep run in the play-offs.

This baseball season is extra special in Cincinnati because we are hosting the MLB All-Star Game this year. Cincinnati hasn’t hosted the game since 1988, so it’s definitely overdue.

Hopefully I can get a ticket and go see the game live. Even if I can’t it will be a great event for the city to have. During the summer get down to the ballpark and support the hometown Reds. They could use our support.
“It Follows” Won’t Leave You Alone

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“It Follows” is the latest supernatural horror film to be released in theaters from writer and director David Robert Mitchell. The story tells of a young girl named Jay (Maika Monroe), who, after a sexual encounter, is soon stalked by an unknown entity that will kill her if it touches her.

This movie was originally released to a much smaller and limited distribution, but, due to its growing popularity through word-of-mouth, the film got a wider release on the March 20 weekend. All I have to say about that is thank goodness it did get a wider release.

“It Follows” has the feel of a classic 70s/80s horror film, along the lines of John Carpenter’s “Halloween” and “Assault on Precinct 13,” with an awesome performance from Maika Monroe and a story that makes the audience ask questions and keeps them on the edge of their seat.

I’m sure the first thing some of you are probably thinking is that the film is making some sort of allusion to AIDS or any kind of STD, and you could see it that way.

When Jay first gets the disease, the transmitter of the “thing” tells her that it will follow her unless she has sex with someone else. Eventually she does have sex with someone else, but the mysterious entity still follows her, which could be saying that a disease of that type can’t be eliminated so simply.

Another note to make about this apparition is that it can take on any form, which probably warrants discussion in and of itself.

There’s no doubt that the writer and director, David Robert Mitchell, was inspired by the horror and thriller films of the 70s and 80s, and it can be seen in the shooting style. The cinematographer, Mike Gioulakís, features many pan and scan shots, zoom ins, and tracking shots.

The constant zooms I would normally find annoying, but I definitely saw what he was going for in the film. It seemed to me that when he used the method it would always zoom in on our hero almost as if it was zeroing in on her like the T-800 from “The Terminator.”

Even the soundtrack, by Disasterpeace, brings to mind the works of John Carpenter and the work he did for his films. One of the posters made also brings to mind many posters from that era, particularly reminiscent of the posters for the Mike Nichols’s movie “Silkwood” and Martin Scorsese’s “Taxi Driver.”

Also, using the setting of Detroit, Michigan, adds a lot to the film. The decaying neighborhoods give an appropriate sense of lost innocence and things going downhill.

I’m also happy to see Maika Monroe getting more work. I first saw her in the great creepy atmosphere, an awesome action heroine.

So in case you can’t tell, I highly recommend this movie, because it has a great creepy atmosphere, an awesome lead performance from Maika Monroe, and an interesting and thought provoking story.

Lollapalooza Almost Sold Out

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It’s that time of year again, when everyone rushes online so they can buy their tickets before they are gone. These tickets sell out quickly for a huge music festival that takes place each year in Chicago during the summer.

As the event’s website claims, “Lollapalooza is more than just a music festival. Taking place each year in historic Grant Park, Lolla is a three-day cultural experience that takes place on 115 acres between Downtown Chicago and Lake Michigan.”

Three-day tickets went on sale March 24, and single-day passes went on sale the day after. According to a Lollapalooza spokeswoman, three-day passes sold out in about 45 minutes. Single day tickets for August 1 sold out in 40 minutes.

For now, the only passes available are premium passes. VIP passes cost from $1,850-1,857. Platinum passes cost from $3600 and up.

This music festival has genres such as alternative rock, punk rock, heavy metal, hip hop, and electronic. The lineup has more than 50 bands performing. There will be performers such as Sam Smith, The Weekend, A$AP Rocky, Tyler the Creator, and many more. You can go check out the lineup on Lollapalooza.com.

This music festival will be taking place this summer from July 31 through August 2. The festival website has recommended hotels for out-of-towners. The event expects to host more than 160,000 people over the three-day period.

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