



Our Town welcomes you

Thornton Wilder's famed *Our Town* comes to life through performances by members of the Miami University Hamilton Theatre Department and Dramatists Play Service, Inc. November 3, 4, and 5.

All shows begin at 7:30 p.m. in Parrish Auditorium on the campus of Miami Hamilton. Tickets are \$8 for general admission and \$6 for senior citizens, students with ID and children 12 and under.

Directed by Rebecca Eaton, assistant professor of Fine Arts at Miami Hamilton, the play features university students and members of the community as the cast of this American classic. *Our Town* tells the tale of ordinary people in an ordinary town.

Pulitzer winner headlines Harry T. Wilks lecture

Pulitzer Prize winner Leonard Pitts Jr., syndicated columnist for *The Miami Herald* since 1991 will speak during the Harry T. Wilks Lecture Series Thursday, Nov. 10, at 7:30 p.m. in Parrish Auditorium on the campus of Miami University Hamilton.

While the lecture is free and open to the public, ticket reservations are required as seating is limited. Please contact 513-785-3020 to reserve your tickets.

Pitts, who won the Pulitzer Prize for commentary in 2004, appears locally in the editorial section of the *Cincinnati Enquirer* and the *Hamilton JournalNews*.

Miami University's Faculty Senate visits Miami Hamilton

Miami University's Faculty Senate visited Miami Hamilton in October and learned some of the successes and challenges facing the university's regional campuses.

Miami Hamilton Executive Director Dr. Daniel E. Hall welcomed Senate members to what is historically the Senate's first visit to a regional campus.

Hall began his remarks with news of student success. "For students who graduate from a regional campus program, our job placement is impressive," he said. "For example, 93 percent of our nursing students pass the licensure exam and 100 percent find employment immediately after graduation. A survey of our Business Technology program graduates found that 90 percent of respondents were able to find work in their fields of study."

In addition, Hall added that 90 percent of graduates from the Engineering Technology program find employment within six months.

Another sign of success is the completion rate of those students who relocate to Oxford to finish a four-year degree. "We exceed statewide averages of completion rates with 70 percent of those students completing their degrees," Hall said.

"But, don't interpret all of this good news as meaning we don't have any challenges," he warned. "We must create new bachelor's degree programs and some limited graduate degree programs to meet the growing needs of the community."

This recommendation comes from a study conducted by a regional campus task force under Miami's *First in 2009* Coordinating Council who looked at issues facing Miami Hamilton and Miami Middletown.

"We have already implemented some recommendations such as creating a smoother relocation process for our students and reviewing new degree proposals," Hall added.

Grant to help students with child care costs

The childcare centers at Miami University's three campuses were awarded a grant from the U.S. Department of Education under the Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS) program to subsidize day care for low-income student-parents in an effort to support them as they work to obtain college degrees.

The centers will receive \$75,858 this year, with potential to renew for the next three years for a total award amount of more than \$300,000.

John E. Dolibois History Prize to be awarded

Librarian of Congress and internationally celebrated scholar James Billington will receive the John E. Dolibois History Prize November 17.

A renowned historian in Russian history, Billington reflects on the true meaning of the sudden and radical changes in America's relations with the world during a lecture beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Parrish Auditorium. The event is free with a reception to follow.

The Michael J. Colligan History Project of Miami University Hamilton, in association with the Hamilton Community Foundation, confers the annual John E. Dolibois History Prize, which is given for substantial and sustained efforts to promote the teaching of and learning about history in the community and throughout the nation.

Upcoming Events

November 1—Jim Blount headlines Michael J. Colligan Lecture Series, 7:30 p.m. Harry T. Wilks Conference Center.

November 7—Diversity Film Series features "Station Agent," 11:30 a.m. in the Multicultural Services Center.

November 12—Inti-Illimani performs, 8 p.m., in Parrish Auditorium as part of the Artist Series. Call 529-3200 for tickets.