

Letter from the Dean



“Supporting our students” is a trendy phrase these days. But at the College of Science and Mathematics and Wright State University, this phrase means something! I am happy to report that for the 2013 entering class, we significantly increased our scholarship offers to talented applicants intending to major in CoSM. For example, by working with Enrollment Management and Financial Aid, we were able to provide an additional Dean’s scholarship to a high achieving transfer student from a local community college, which closed the gap between what they could pay and the original aid package.

Parents are taking on more and more financial burden to send their children to college. Here in CoSM, we are committed to rewarding parents’ sacrifices through the production of a thriving, intellectually curious student scholar. We strive to provide quality academic programs, from first year introductory courses to specialized advanced courses. We provide unparalleled access to faculty-mentored research in NIH and NSF-funded laboratories (see stories on Dr. Cambroner, Dr. Cipollini, page 2, and student Katlin Bowman, page 3). We are expanding academic advising through the hiring of a new advisor, Matt Skira, in Biological Sciences, a new advisor in the college, Jenny Papadakis, to assist with transfer student advising and advising in the pre-health program (see story on Jenny Papadakis, page 2), and movement of Jacqui Neal, Director of Pre-Health Programs, to the college. We encourage entrepreneurship as illustrated by the Environmental Health program and career trajectory of one of its newly graduated students, Jonathan Deak (see story, page 4). We present international symposia, one of which recently brought together researchers, military experts and civilians at Wright State (see story on Aviation Psychology Symposium, page 5). Finally, CoSM is part of a unique plan to construct a building that brings together distinct research fields in the same location, a one of a kind arrangement that could lead to a neuroscience and engineering breakthrough here at Wright State (the Neuroscience and Engineering Collaboration Building, NEC, page 6). I hope you will take great pride in reading the [summer volume of the CoSM newsletter](#).

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Yi Li". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Yi" and the last name "Li" clearly distinguishable.

Yi Li, Ph.D., Dean