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Peace Corps Deputy Director Jody Olsen will encourage students to live a life of purpose and service to others when she speaks next week at the University of Dayton's annual celebration of academic excellence, the Stander Symposium.

Olsen began her career with the Peace Corps as a volunteer in Tunisia from 1966 to 1968, teaching English and developing community health programs. Since then, she has traveled to more than 80 countries, managing the operations of the Peace Corps and other international development organizations.

Her address at 9 a.m. Wednesday, April 9, at the Frericks Convocation Center will set the tone, but the heart of the annual event is the student research, debate, artwork and performance that showcase the University's hands-on learning opportunities.

"The Stander Symposium demonstrates the nature and extent of faculty-student collaboration that takes place on UD's campus throughout the year," said Fran Pestello, symposium co-chair.

More than 600 students will display posters and make presentations based on research from a wide variety of academic fields and topics. These academic highlights, as well as an issue forum on immigration policy, will be presented at various campus locations 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 9.

A complete schedule of student posters and presentations can be viewed or downloaded at <https://stander.udayton.edu/schedule.jsp>.

All undergraduate classes are canceled during the alternative day of learning to encourage non-presenting students to participate, Pestello said.

"Students are inspired by the work of their peers and encouraged to pursue the same level of academic excellence in their own work," she said.

The two-day symposium begins Tuesday, April 8, with a Red Mass in the afternoon followed by a Celebration of the Arts in the evening, featuring student artwork, dance, music and theater.

All Stander Symposium events are free and open to the public. Tickets are required for Olsen's address and the Celebration of the Arts and are available through the Kennedy Union box office at 937-229-2545.

The symposium, now in its 19th year, is named for former UD provost Brother Joseph W. Stander, S.M., to honor his spirit of collaboration and education through community in the Marianist tradition.

The following is a complete schedule of events:

April 8

4 p.m. Immaculate Conception Chapel: Red Mass celebrating the gifts of wisdom, learning and creativity.

Celebration of the Arts

5-7:30 p.m. Rike Center gallery: Formal opening and award presentation for visual arts department's Horvath Exhibition, a juried show highlighting student artwork. Studios will also be open featuring demonstrations, student films and the exhibition of faculty-sponsored student artwork from across the department.

8 p.m. Frericks Convocation Center: Performances from UD music, visual arts, theater and dance students hosted by retired UD professor Herbert Martin.

April 9

9 a.m. Frericks Convocation Center: Keynote address from Jody Olsen, deputy director of the Peace Corps.

10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Kennedy Union and various campus locations: Student posters and presentations.

10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Roesch Library: Stander Symposium Issue Forum discussing "Immigration Policy: What Should We Do?"

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