

## USA Today honors two students

Scott MacIntyre, a senior in piano performance, has been named to USA Today's 2005 All-USA Academic Team, and Jared Niska, who graduated in December with a degree in bioengineering from the Ira A. Fulton School of Engineering, was named to the second team.

The selection of MacIntyre and Niska continue ASU's outstanding record for USA Today scholars. Over the past 11 years, ASU has had more undergraduates named to USA Today teams than any other public school. Only Harvard and Yale have had more.

MacIntyre, virtually blind since birth, entered ASU at the age of 14 and performed the next year with the Phoenix Symphony. He plans to do graduate work at Cambridge University and the Royal Conservatory of Music.

Niska began doing brain cancer research in his junior year. He has applied to several combined medical and doctoral degree programs, and is volunteering at medical clinics in Argentina and Chile this spring.

## Journalism professors receive national award for documentary

The Broadcast Education Association has given the documentary "Backstage at a Presidential Debate: The Press, The Pundits & the People" its prized Award of Excellence.

The 30-minute program was written and produced by Bill Silcock, assistant professor, and Michael Wong, TV/radio news director, at the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

The documentary portrayed the challenges ASU officials faced in staging the Oct. 13 Presidential debate at Gammage Auditorium, the energy it brought to the Tempe campus, and the media's preparation and role in covering the debate.

## Professor wins essay prize

James Nickel, professor of law and affiliate professor of philosophy, has won the Philosophical Quarterly Essay

Prize for 2004. The topic for the year was "Poverty and Rights." Nickel's essay developed an idea of economic and social rights as international human rights and constructed a systematic normative and practical defense of the idea.

## Professor emeritus named a Fellow

William Saric, professor emeritus of mechanical and aerospace engineering, has been elected a Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA). Saric's most recent research has focused on reducing fuel consumption and extending the range of military and commercial aircraft by reducing air turbulence in the wing design.

## Candelaria receives Outstanding Latina Cultural Award

Cordelia Candelaria, chair of ASU's Chicana and Chicano Studies department, has received the 2005 Outstanding Latina Cultural Award in Literary Arts and Publications from the American Association of Higher Education.

The award is given to leaders working toward Latino education who have contributed significantly to the understanding of the Hispanic community and cultures through literary arts, scholarship or publications.

Candelaria has written 15 books and was executive editor of the two-volume Latino Encyclopedia of Popular Culture. She says she is motivated by a desire to "help complete the record of American history or thought."

## ASU ranks fourth for freshman National Merit Scholars

ASU once again is one of the top universities in the nation for the number of freshman National Merit Scholars enrolled this year, with 162 scholars.

National Merit Scholars represent the top one-half of 1 percent of all high school students who take the Preliminary SAT. For the past five years, ASU has ranked among the top 20 universities in the country. In the fall of 1991, ASU

enrolled just six freshmen National Merit winners.

## Bjork receives Advanced Study fellowship

Robert E. Bjork, director of the Arizona Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, is one of just 190 scholars from throughout the world to receive a \$40,000 fellowship from the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, this year. He is in residence at the School for Historical Studies focusing on the Scandinavian involvement in Anglo-Saxon literary studies.

More than a dozen Nobel Laureates have been Institute Faculty or Members, and many more are winners of the Wolf or MacArthur prizes or the Fields Medal.

## ASU student honored for diabetes work

Tiara Williams, a junior in the New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, has received a national award from the Endocrine Society for her research project titled "Comparative Analysis of Pancreatic Islet Mass in Diabetic Mice."

The project, which compared pancreatic beta cells from non-obese diabetic mice with a control group of mice, was designed to help understand the physiological processes involved in insulin production in mice. The characteristics of the particular breed of mice used in the research have contributed to more than 125 methods that prevented or delayed Type 1 diabetes and thus are of great interest in the study of juvenile diabetes in humans.

## Professor elected solar energy Fellow

Harvey Bryan, professor of architecture, has been elected a Fellow in the American Solar Energy Society for making "a notable contribution to the advancement of the knowledge and understanding of solar energy and how it can be integrated into building design." Bryan, a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects, also has been a Fulbright Fellow.