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Service is Key for Students in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

Coordinating a blood drive for a dying friend, assembling care packages for soldiers, plunging into the Atlantic Ocean in February, conducting educational seminars for new homeowners...these are just a small sample of the service projects completed by honor society students and students participating in a service learning initiative in a Psychology class.

As a requirement for induction into the Wilmington University's Delaware Beta Chapter of the Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society in Social Sciences, students complete ten hours of service to their community. Led into the icy ocean by Johanna Bishop, Director of Behavioral Science programs, over two dozen students participated in the Polar Bear Plunge this year while others of the 49 students inducted into the honor society gave back to their communities in a variety of ways.

"I completed my Service hours at a thrift shop owned by the Christian Caring Center in my community of Pemberton, NJ. All of the proceeds made at the store go directly back into the community to help the less fortunate. Every day the church gives out free lunches and this past Thanksgiving and Christmas they gave dinners and presents to local families in need." **Bjana Rankin**

"Someone very close to my heart was critically ill in the hospital for several months fighting for her life due to an ongoing battle with cancer. Sadly, things took a turn for the worst and she was in great need of blood donations. However, her blood type was very rare and the local blood banks did not have enough blood to provide for her condition. I immediately began networking and reaching out to family members, friends, classmates, and colleagues at work.



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Over a period of two weeks, I joined forces with the family making trips to and from the hospital and local blood banks. Together we made hundreds of calls, sent many texts, put together posters, and thanks to social media, we even created a FaceBook group to spread the word. The feedback we received was truly something amazing. I have never felt so proud to be a part of something as I did in those moments.” **Nicole Jones**

“My ongoing service project is volunteering at The Grand Opera House in Wilmington DE. As a member of The Grand Show Corps, I serve as goodwill ambassador by welcoming and assisting patrons before a performance, and performing other duties as necessary to ensure that every patron’s experience is safe and enjoyable.” **Wendy Fantini**

“The volunteer work that I have completed is with the Strengthening Families Program (SFP), a behavioral and cognitive skills training program, designed to increase resilience and reduce risk factors for substance abuse, depression, violence and aggression, delinquency, and school failure in high-risk 10-14 year old children and their parents. I taught both the youth and the adult sessions as well as conducting the family session. I really enjoyed this volunteer activity and one recent participant told me that, “You and this program actually saved the life of my family!” **David Romano**

“I organized and hosted a clothing and shoe giveaway at my church in Bear, DE in November. We were able to reach and assist over 100 families. I was able to get several donors and corporate sponsors to assist in the success of the giveaway. I am already planning the next event for the spring.” **John Grimsley**

“We joined forces to contribute to Operation Gratitude which collects letters and care package goods for military personnel and veterans. We wrote over 40 handwritten letters to active duty military men and women. We also collected various items needed by Operation Gratitude for their care packages.” **Rachel Larimore and Jillian Bartsch**

Service is not only evident in the volunteer projects of the honor society inductees but also in students taking part in a unique service learning component of the PSY 453 – Families and Crisis class. As part of the course, students conducted two educational seminars for current and alumni clients of Habitat for Humanity of New Castle County. Under the guidance of Dr. Deb Berke, Director of Psychology programs, students in her class created a workshop entitled “Staycation vs. Vacation” to introduce the Habitat clients to the local attractions and activities that families on a budget can take advantage of this summer. The workshop helped clients differentiate between “wants” vs. “needs.” The second workshop for new Habitat families was on the topic of how to be a successful homeowner.

Many of the students who participated in the service projects and the service learning workshops found that they got as much out of these experiences as they put in through their volunteer hours!



From the Dean



Spring has finally arrived and not a moment too soon! This past winter may have been long and cold but it only briefly stopped us in our tracks. Despite the record number of storms that closed school districts and businesses, in most cases our students were able to continue learning without interruption. Thanks to our faculty, who have been leaders in adapting to the latest technologies, even face to face classroom courses can continue on Blackboard when necessary. Our students also deserve a lot of credit for being prepared and willing to accept this challenge.

Flexibility is one of the hallmarks of our success. Prospective students have the opportunity to begin their studies quickly when **they** are ready to get started. New students have the choice of as many as 12 locations as well as day, evening, weekend, hybrid and online classes. Our online programs were carefully developed to mirror our face to face programs allowing students to take courses and programs entirely online or in combination with classroom work. Our faculty work hard to measure student learning and make continuous improvements to the curriculum in order to maintain quality and high academic standards in all formats. Students tell us that faculty challenge them academically while remaining flexible, focused on their needs, and treating them with care, compassion and respect.

Our University Mission is: opportunity for students, high academic standards, individual attention to students and flexibility. In a little less than a year our accrediting body, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, will visit Wilmington University for our reaccreditation. We are looking forward to sharing how we live our Mission every day to help students succeed. Many faculty, staff and students will be involved in the preparation for this visit. The items you find in this edition of the newsletter on measuring student learning, academic and workplace success, student service and engagement in the community as well as many others, will help us show how our story of success unfolds every day.

Again, I close with a familiar but sincere message. Thanks to students who have chosen our College and work hard to succeed and thanks to our faculty and staff who work equally as hard to make it happen. Enjoy your summer.

Congratulations to Angela Fowler; New Commissioner of Delaware's Family Court

On Friday, April 11th Amy O'Dell and eight of her legal studies students/alumni attended the investiture of Adjunct Professor Angela Fowler as a Commissioner for the Family Court of the State of Delaware. The ceremony was held in the historic Kent County Courthouse and was presided over by The Honorable Chandlee Johnson Kuhn, Chief Judge, Family Court of the state of Delaware.



Pictured from left to right: Christopher Gervais, Lynn Wright, Elizabeth Ghione, RuthAnn Barnes, Jean Dickhart, and Julie Fedele

OD Network Speaker Series: Resilience

The OD Network hosted the Resilience Speaker Series during the spring semester at the Pratt Student Center to further the Network's theme of Resilience as it relates to work, career advancement and home.

On March 12th, the group hosted, "A Bend in the Road...is NOT the End of the Road!" with two guest speakers, Joe White, president of Get Life Coaching and Barbara Boyce, DHSc, RD, Nutrition Budgeteer. White is an award winning life coach who has helped thousands of people to get past the negative self-talk and doubts that prevent them from achieving their hearts' desires. His talk, entitled, "Let's Talk about Resilience," offered tactics to help people discover what's causing the Bend in the Road, and how to conquer it. Boyce, a health & wellness professional, spoke on, "Why is Nutrition so Confusing?" and addressed the question of is it willpower, technique, or access to quality foods at a reasonable cost that causes us to fail? Boyce, a budgeteer, understands why it's easy to get confused with so many diet options and fitness trends. She shared her secrets to keep people on the road to success.

The second installment in the series was held on April 16th when the OD Network hosted Deloris Hayes-Arrington, Human Resources Manager for the Delaware Department of State. Hayes-Arrington presented on the topic, "Corporate America 2014: Top 10 HR Trends and Survival Tips." Ms. Hayes-Arrington has spent over 30 years in the corporate world and shared her innovative approaches to HR, as well as survival strategies to help the audience be resilient in the workplace.

The OD Network was established to offer students and faculty, as well as working professionals, a new community with which to network, enhance individual skills and apply the theory and practice of Organizational Dynamics into a variety of degree programs and career paths. The OD Network advisor is Dr. Patrice Gilliam-Johnson.

Faculty Note

On April 14, 2014, Dr. Patrice Gilliam-Johnson served as a judge for the Project Citizen Showcase at the Delaware State Bar Association. The 2014 Project Citizen Showcase displayed the know-how of students to solve their own local problems through civic engagement. Project topics included preventing gang violence, encouraging recycling, designing accessible playgrounds for children with disabilities, and preventing bullying in schools.



The Invisible Wounds of War

For years Major Roger Rodriguez internalized the troubles he faced after returning home from more than five deployments in combat zones. On April 2nd, he shared his experience of struggling with PTSD with members of the Psychology Club in the hope that he can help others better understand and overcome the condition. The Psychology Club hosted Major Rodriguez, retired Air National Guard nurse and Chuck Tarver, Director of Advocacy and Outreach at the National Alliance on Mental Illness in Delaware (NAMI Delaware) at the New Castle campus for a presentation entitled, "The Invisible Wounds of War." Rodriguez and Tarver discussed the many difficulties veterans face when dealing with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Dr. Rebecca Ghabour, Chair of the Psychology Program reported that 80 members of the Club turned out to hear Major Rodriguez, "Our speaker was excellent and really helped students understand how PTSD affects a person."



Faculty Note

On April 28th, Dr. Adrienne Bey facilitated a staff training on Cultural Competency, entitled Culturally Competent Practice, at the House of Joseph II. The House of Joseph II is a long-term housing program for homeless individuals in the advanced stages of AIDS, sponsored by the Ministry of Caring, Inc. in Wilmington.

Criminal Justice Professor Attends Conference on Justice System Reform

Sherry Wilson, Assistant Professor and Assistant Chair for Criminal Justice Programs, participated in the inaugural conference of SPEAR – Students for Prison Education and Reform at Princeton University in early April. SPEAR aims, “to start an action-based dialogue on how to build and transition to a new system of criminal justice that prioritizes effectiveness, fairness, and humanity.” Conference attendees shared best practices for advocacy, policy research, and direct outreach. Professor Wilson commented, “Many of these topics relate to substantive areas that I cover in my Managing Diversity and Women and Crime courses.” Participants attended workshops on topics ranging from research on mass incarceration, alternatives to incarceration, prison education programs, alternatives to incarceration and mobilizing students as advocates for justice system reform. Wilson volunteered to participate in the conference’s “human library,” where students were able to learn more from one-on-one conversations with people from various organizations.



Professor Wilson (center) at the SPEAR Conference

Criminal Justice Seminar Course: Real World Assignment Transitions Students from Classroom to Workplace Success

Four years ago, the undergraduate Criminal Justice program transitioned its capstone assignment in the senior seminar course from a lengthy research paper to a grant application and presentation to an expert panel in order to give students a ‘real world’ project that relates more closely to the workplace. “The senior seminar course is designed to move students from learners in the classroom to professionals in the workplace,” commented Joseph Paesani, Chair of the undergraduate Criminal Justice program.

Amy Herb, adjunct instructor for the senior seminar and a Senior Criminal Justice Planner with the Delaware Criminal Justice Council, explains, “The learning objectives for this course challenge students to develop a strategy to solve a criminal justice problem, construct a full grant proposal to meet strict deadlines, utilize local research data, receive structured feedback and present findings to a panel of local criminal justice experts to defend their proposals. The capstone project in this course prepares Wilmington University students for the career force by teaching them the hands on skills to succeed as criminal justice professionals.”

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As Herb points out, the class is helping students land jobs. Having defended their proposal before a panel of practitioners, students are better prepared for job interviews, are familiar with local criminal justice agencies and have impressive writing samples to provide during the interview process.

The funding of a grant proposal written by a student, Thomas Pierson III, is evidence of the success of the senior seminar project. Pierson graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice in January, 2014 and is employed as a Patrol Officer for the Perryville Police Department, Maryland. The grant he drafted for senior seminar was developed, “to overcome the disconnection between the community and the town’s police department. The community was uninformed about utilizing the local police force which resulted in unreported criminal activity. The grant was primarily about creating a better awareness of Emergency Calls (9-1-1 Centers) and Police Communication with citizens/business owners within the Town of Perryville.” At the completion of the course, Pierson presented his grant to the Perryville, Chief of Police, “The Chief incorporated my grant project into an actual funding proposal, which received an award from the Towns’ Casino Funds. The financing for the initiative was received based on the research and planning drafted for my senior seminar project. The money that was provided by the Town is being used for meetings, neighborhood watch programs and extra patrols in the various neighborhoods. Since the implementation of my project there has been a stronger connection between the Town of Perryville and its police officers. Call volume has slightly increased, and more suspect descriptions have been obtained which is helping us close cases. The program has just begun and these types of results are projected to increase.”

An integral part of the senior project involves the presentation of the grant proposal to a panel of criminal justice system experts. Students are questioned about the elements of the proposal and must defend their funding request to these experts. Criminal Justice system professionals graciously agree to serve as panel volunteers for this exercise including James Kane, Senior Policy Advisor at the National Criminal Justice Association and the retired Executive Director of the Delaware Criminal Justice Council.

Kane volunteers because he believes, “This course is preparing students to be leaders in the work force. I am impressed with the preparation and courage exhibited by the students of Wilmington University. It is a privilege to work with future criminal justice professionals.”

As for Tom Pierson, his superiors were obviously impressed with the proposal as he is now responsible for researching and writing grants for his department, “This course opened my eyes to the larger possibilities of grant writing. I have incorporated the skills I learned in senior seminar into “real life” situations and have become a stronger asset to my Department. I have since been on the hunt, following several Federal and State websites, for funding opportunities.”



Faculty Note

Congratulations to adjunct instructors and MAJ alumni Laura O’Sullivan and Jake Andrews on their recent promotions within the New Castle County Police Department. O’Sullivan was promoted to the rank of Captain and Andrews to the rank of Sargent.

Criminal Justice Majors from Cumberland Site Compete in South Jersey Criminal Justice Invitational Debate

By: Dr. Charles J. Kocher, WU Adjunct Instructor and Cumberland County College Criminal Justice Program Chair



The first ever South Jersey Criminal Justice Invitational Debate was hosted by Rutgers University and Rowan University on Saturday, April 12, 2014 and Wilmington University was well represented. WU Criminal Justice students from the Cumberland site agreed to compete against students from several regional universities and colleges. The debate took place at Rowan University with judges serving from both Rowan and Rutgers Universities. The Wilmington University Criminal Justice Team



met at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast provided by Rowan University to plan their strategy that carried over from their regular course work load during the Block II, Spring 2014 Term.

The theme this year involved the pro and con of the Due Process Model and the Crime Control Model. All participants had to prepare for defending both models and to provide against each as well. A flip of the coin and our Wilmington Criminal Justice Wildcats presented a very professional and positive approach in all of their sectional debates. One debate was held every hour and lasted about 45 minutes. The results were astounding as our debaters took on fellow criminal justice students from Rutgers University, Rowan University, Temple University, Cumberland County College and Camden County College. Each institution was permitted up to field four teams. Wilmington University was in good hands with Victoria Smith, America Garcia and Crystal Cuevas, all juniors this year.

Temple took first team honors, and Wilmington finished 5th among 15 teams. We missed 4th place by only 1 point! Wilmington's Victoria Smith accepted the "Best Sportsmanship Award" and was presented with a handsome plaque for her achievements. The debate provided great conversations all day and awesome engagement among the students from all of the institutions. Our team has already committed for next year's debate which is slated to be held at Rutgers University – Camden Campus.

It was a pleasure to serve as mentor and advisor for this activity.

Dr. Berke at the AAUW

Debra Berke, Director of Psychology Programs, was Convention Co-chair for the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Delaware Convention recently held in Wilmington, Delaware on May 17, 2014. During the Convention Deb facilitated a panel of speakers addressing the topic of "Nurturing Future Leaders." Dr. Berke was also re-appointed for a 2 year term as Public Policy Co-Chair for AAUW Delaware. As part of the Convention, the inaugural Katharine Duddy Smith Award was presented to Romona Fullman, Director of the Office of the Delaware Commission for Women and Director of the Division of Human Relations for the State of Delaware. Romona is a member of the Organizational Dynamics/Psychology Advisory Board.



Faculty Notes

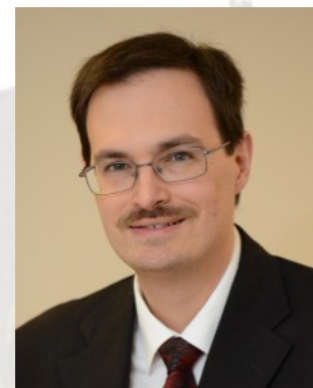
Graduate Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program Welcomes New Faculty

Dr. Todd Grande and Dr. Colin Rhoades have joined the faculty of the graduate Clinical Mental Health Counseling (CMHC) program. Dr. Grande has been an adjunct faculty member and adjunct coordinator at the university since 2010. He joined the CMHC program as a full-time assistant professor in June, 2013. He holds a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Counselor Education and Supervision from Regent University and a Master's of Science in Community Counseling from Wilmington University. Dr. Grande is a Licensed Professional Counselor of Mental Health (LPCMH), Licensed Chemical Dependency Professional (LCDP), and a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CADC) in the State of Delaware. Dr. Grande has co-authored several publications on the topics of the mental health needs of incarcerated juvenile offenders. His recent research focused on gender differences in the symptoms and treatment of outpatient mental health clients. Over the course of his career, he has consulted in such areas as process design, efficiency optimization, operations, organizational dynamics and structure, automation, systems management, franchising, and management training. Todd's interests include pedagogy, research, statistics, computer programming, military history, antiquity, film, and road course racing. He and his wife of over 20 years have three sons.

Dr. Rhoades joined the full-time faculty in early 2014. He earned both his Master of Science in Community Counseling and Doctor of Philosophy in Counselor Education and Supervision at Loyola University Maryland in Baltimore, Maryland. Prior to joining Wilmington University, he was a Visiting Assistant Professor in the Pastoral Counseling and Psychology programs at Loyola. Dr. Rhoades is a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC) and a National Certified Counselor (NCC). He maintains a private practice in psychotherapy. Dr. Rhoades previously worked as a counselor and clinical team leader at several counseling agencies. He also has worked as a research associate. Dr. Rhoades has co-authored publications on the topics of clergy burn-out, predicting relapse among clergy sex offenders and religious compatibility as a predictor of marital functioning. He regularly conducts training on motivational interviewing. Colin has been married for 10 years to a librarian whom he met at an event where he was cooking. He enjoys cooking cuisines from all over the world and is top notch at the BBQ grill. Colin believes that preparing and sharing meals is one of the finest ways for people to connect.



Dr. Colin Rhoades



Dr. Todd Grande

Counseling Students Surpass Mean Score on National Comps Exam

Students and faculty in the Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling (CMHC) program have much to celebrate! According to Dr. Doris Lauckner, Chair of the CMHC program, Wilmington University students, for the first time, surpassed the national mean on the overall score and in most of the individual subject areas on the Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Examination. “Our students surpassed the national mean by a margin of 3 points on the Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Examination and this year the pass rate for our students was 92%,” Lauckner reported.

Students in the CMHC program are required to take the Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Examination. This is a comprehensive final exam which is developed and scored nationally by the National Board for Certified Counselors. The Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Examination (CPCE) is utilized by over 350 universities and colleges and is designed to assess counseling students’ knowledge of counseling information to ensure minimum competence in the field. The CPCE has 200 multiple choice questions which cover eight subject domains including Human Growth and Development, Social and Cultural Diversity, Helping Relationships, Group Work, Career Development, Assessment, Research and Program Evaluation and Professional Orientation and Ethical Practice. The CPCE also provides feedback that can be used by programs in developing/adapting curriculum by giving programs an objective view of the knowledge level of their students by comparing a program’s results to national data.

Wilmington University’s counseling program has undergone changes over the past five years. In 2009, Counsel for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Programs (CACREP), the accrediting body for counseling programs changed the standards for counseling programs significantly. To maintain its accreditation, the counseling program changed the course curriculum and added 12 credits to the program. Lauckner said, “Overall, the additional course work and changes in the curriculum have made the program more rigorous. The students’ accomplishment on the comprehensive examination exemplifies our efforts at revamping and improving the program.”

Faculty Note

Dr. Colin Rhoades conducted a presentation entitled, “DSM-5: Transitioning with Clarity and Confidence” at Saint Luke Institute, an American Psychological Association (APA) Approved Sponsors of Continuing Professional Education.

Governor’s Chief of Staff Visits Class

Tom Kovach’s spring block I section of State and Local Government, LES 205, hosted a guest speaker, Mike Barlow, an attorney who serves as Governor Markell's Chief of Staff. Mr. Barlow met with the students, spoke extensively about inter-branch relations and the responsibilities of the executive office (including 4:30 AM teleconferences with stakeholders to discuss snow cancellations), and answered student's questions.



College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Honors Student

Mother and Daughter Honored



The AHS Honor Society induction ceremony was extra special for Raymonique Davis and her mother, Antoinette Ford, who both were inducted into the AHS Honor Society together in March. A shared passion to help children in the foster care system and learn the ropes of running a non-profit social service agency were the driving forces that brought the mother-daughter team to the Administration of Human Services program. “I completed the program in August of 2013 and mom completed it with much encouragement and motivation from her daughter in May of 2014,” said Raymonique. She added, “We hope to run a successful non-profit agency to benefit foster children in New Jersey.”

Legal Studies Honor Society Induction

On Friday, May 9th, the Legal Studies program hosted its 8th annual Lambda Epsilon Chi (LEX) Honor Society induction. The ceremony was held in the Pratt Student Center and presided over by Amy O’Dell, Chair of Legal Studies with the assistance of two Legal Studies Advisory Board members, Christopher Lano and Sandra Proctor; and two former LEX inductees, Shapan Singh, and Elizabeth Ghione. Eight students received an invitation to join LEX in the 2013-2014 academic year and six students participated in the ceremony with family and friends.

CMHC Program Awards Banquet



The Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program held its annual awards ceremony on Friday May 2nd in Dover. The event was a special occasion to honor the 2014 graduates. Penina Bogita, pictured (right) with Dr. Brenda Wright and Rachel Eaton, pictured (left) with Dr. Lauckner, both received the distinction of being voted as a “Compassionate Colleague” by their peers. In a field where compassion is paramount, this is a very special award!



Joint Induction Ceremony

On March 7th, undergraduate students from the Behavioral Science, Psychology, Criminal Justice and Organizational Dynamics programs along with graduate students in the Administration of Justice and Administration of Human Services programs, were inducted into their programs’ respective honor societies. The inductees, listed below, enjoyed a luncheon and joint ceremony with faculty and administration.

2014 Student Honorees





2014 Inductees

Alpha Phi Sigma

National Criminal Justice Honor Society

Kara Nicole Barnes

Niazul Bashar

Todd R. Beamish

Brandon D. Beyers

Joseph Brooks

Janice Mary Carter

Altilda Siaba Conteh

Kylin N. DelVicario

Michael D. DeGangi

Michael T. Dougherty

Stephen J. Duncan

Thomas E. Fenton Jr.

Kathryn Gildea

Donald M. Gipple

Dominique Green

Kevin M. Green

Deborah J. Haupt

Kevin H. Hinton

Sharon M. Hochanadel

Sojib Hoque

Kimberly C. Hughey

Courtney L. Karbel

Amanda E. Kuti

Kellie N. Massey

Bonnie G. McDaniel

Sharlene V. Morrison

Kelsey C. Oliphant

Ryan A. Overend

Thomas C. Patrone

Khomeini Phillips

Brian R. Powers

Frank A. Rossi

Heidi Santiago

Roseann Serbio

Kaitlin Shorter

La'Tosha R. Snead

Maurice Stokes

Christina M. Theil

Chezara L. Thompkins

Douglas R. Waithe

Maureen B. Waters



2014 Inductees

Jolisa Kendra Baker
Keshia M. Barnette
Jillian V. Bartsch
Fayette M. Blake
Latisha Bloise
Melissa Breese
Shauntae A. Clark
William J. Clifton
Rocky Gerrail Cox
Kimberly E. Colder
Nicole Ashley Darch
Heather M. Delgado
Ashley Elley Dorsey
Gretchen Elhassani
Wendy E. Fantini
Tritina Y. Faulkner
Cherronna Frazier
John H. Grimsley, Jr.
Nicole C. Haschak
Rachel Lynn Hawke
Christina L. Heverling
Stephanie N. Hildebrand
Sequoia K. Holloway
Jasmine N. Johnson
Nicole Alexis Jones
Lakia S. Kelly
Lauren E. Kirn
Jeffrey Klein
Rachel Larimore
Simone D. Leatherbury
Michael Loudell
Emily M. McDougall
Shadrack A. Minor II
Erica D. Needam
Kim Nguyen
SaraBeth Oppermann
Sarah E. Phillips
Courtney L. Powell
Starlese Nicole Price
Ashley N. Pruitt
Bj'ana F. Rankin
David R. Romano
Antonia A. Roy
Xiomara Y. Ruiz
Zara Shah
Santana Simms
Dolores J. Thackrah
Jennifer M. Tickner
Brandi N. Williams

Phi Gamma Mu

International Social Sciences Honor Society



2014 Inductees



Tau Epsilon Alpha

National Human Services Honor Society



Verlin J. Alexander III Ashley Nicole Hope
Kim A. Bernard Bethany M. Hughes
Roune' L. Betts Judy Marie Hutt
Dacey Anna Bonney Keith D. Johnson
Janae T. Bynum Ebony M. Jones
Ruth E. Sargeant Cain Victoria Kamara
Richard C. Carter, Jr. Chelsea N. Moser
Phillip Clayberg Kimberly Carpenter Rabb
Raymonique A. Davis Wilbert Roberson, Jr.
Sophie DeMesse Ernest A C. Robinson
Alicia Escobar Lamont L. Robinson
Susan Lynn Evans Lauren A. Schipper
Antoinette Y. Ford Rosa Lee Sutton
Cicesa D. Freeman Felicia O. Taiwo
Doris L. P. Griffin Molly Ann Taylor
Carolyn Hamilton Kerry S. Trexler
Najiyyah Harris Donna L. Tuohey
Pamela A. Harris

2014 Inductees



Lambda Epsilon Chi

National Honor Society in Paralegal Studies



Ashley Brown

Michael Dixon

Erin Cullen

David Massuli

Danielle Pino

Alison Purzycki

Aubrey Rosa

Trineka Schuster





Saul Edmund Spiegelman was born on April 20th to Adjunct Faculty member Rep. Jeff Spiegelman and his wife, Jenn. Congratulations to the Spiegelman family from the College of Social and Behavioral Science!



Tyler James Andrews was born on 04-28-14 (7.1 pounds, 19 inches) to adjunct faculty member and MAJ alumni Jake Andrews and wife Cheryl. Cheryl and Tyler are both doing great!



Caren Sydnor, LES alumni (*class of 2010*), was the beneficiary of the Widener University School of Law Nicole Cullison Memorial Award, the Dean Arthur A. Weeks Outstanding Service Award, and the 2014 Outstanding Service Award. Caren invited LES chair, Professor Amy O'Dell, to the Annual Student Awards Ceremony held on April 23. Caren will be receiving her J.D. from Widener in May.

Faculty Note

On Thursday, April 17th, Amy O'Dell was the keynote speaker at the Delaware Paralegal Association, National Affairs Luncheon. She presented on the topic of "Challenges Facing Paralegals and the Legal Profession Today."

Congratulations to Michael Holley, our March Mojo Award winner! Whether helping students or employees, Michael's stellar customer service skills, upbeat attitude and helpfulness made him a shoo-in as this month's winner. Thanks for all you do, Michael!



2014 Graduation

Congratulations to Wilmington University's Newest Alumni



January Student Speaker Sarah Cebula (BS in Behavioral Science)

Wilmington University Colleagues Team up to Fight Domestic Violence



While they always maintain their cool on the job, Dr. Rebecca Ghabour, Chair of the Psychology Program, teamed up with Wilmington University colleague, Stephanie LoBiondo, Chair of the School Counseling program, to break a sweat for a good cause on March 15th. Ghabour and LoBiondo took part in the “Share the Pain” event to raise money to fight domestic violence in southern Delaware. Share the Pain is a fundraising event featuring a workout competition among CrossFit Lewes members and partners who “share the pain” by completing three workouts together. The proceeds from the event benefit People’s Place Shelter Advocacy Freedom & Empowerment (SAFE) program, which provides a 24-hour domestic violence hotline, domestic violence shelters in Kent and Sussex counties and domestic violence liaisons. Dr. Ghabour reported that she and Professor LoBiondo raised over \$400 dollars and the entire event raised \$33,000.00 for the SAFE Program. Way to go!



Dr. Rebecca Ghabour, Dr. Deb Berke, Kelly Cheeseman, Dr. Adrienne Bey, and Psychology Club students participated in the National Alliance on Mental Health-Delaware’s (NAMI-DE) walk in Wilmington. The team raised \$360.00. The walk was a service project of the club

Faculty Note

Dr. Debra Berke, Director of Psychology Programs, participated in the Equal Pay Day Event at the State Capital on Tuesday, April 8th, sponsored by the American Association of University Women – Delaware (AAUW – Delaware) and the Delaware Commission for Women. Select State Representatives attended the event, including Speaker of the House Pete Schwartzkopf, House Majority Leader Valerie Longhurst,

House Majority Whip John Viola and House Minority Whip Deborah Hudson. Following the event Representative Stephanie T. Bolden read a Resolution in the House recognizing April 8th as Equal Pay Day in Delaware.

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