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Imagine More



Letter from the Dean

Dear Colleagues and Friends of the College of Education and Human Services:

At Ferris State University and the College of Education and Human Services, we always are imagining more. Especially, in challenging times for the Michigan economy, we all need to imagine and do more to meet the needs of our state and ensure bright futures for our students.

The faculty members in the College are working hard to identify outcomes, which they are aligning to assessments, to document what our graduates know, are able to do, and have the propensity to be like. Specifically, we hope that as a result of their education at Ferris State University, the students have the knowledge, skills, and strategies to succeed in their careers, but, more importantly, reflect the core values of the University.

The core values are: Collaboration, Diversity, Ethical Community, Excellence, Learning, and Opportunity. Through demonstration of their understanding of the core values, our students and alumni contribute to society, embrace varieties of ideas, recognize the dignity of all, produce the highest quality of work, engage in active learning, and advance as leaders in their professions.

Recreation, Leisure Services, and Wellness and School of Education faculty members are preparing accreditation documents for the National Recreation and Parks Association and Teacher Education Accreditation Council, respectively. The programs need to demonstrate that their students meet specific standards and that they accomplish their goals.

The Schools of Criminal Justice and Education are making some interesting changes by searching for new faculty. If all goes as planned, I will be able to introduce the new faculty members in the next newsletter.

The College of Education and Human Services faculty internationalizing the curriculum and participating in international adventures. Rick Van Sant (School of Education), with the assistance of Fred Wyman (Television & Digital Media Production), is working on a potential partnership with a university in Vietnam. Susan Hastings-Bishop (Recreation, Leisure Services, & Wellness), Rick Van Sant, and Glen Okonoski (Television & Digital Media Production) are thinking about a Brazilian project. Paul Blake, our new Associate Dean, is organizing professional development offerings in France for teachers in international schools. I hosted a German visitor, who is interested in student exchanges.

As you can see, we are imagining a lot more at the College of Education and Human Services. The faculty, students, and alumni are making great strides in working toward a better future.

Again, I welcome all alumni and friends, who are visiting in the Big Rapids, to please stop by Bishop Hall for a visit.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Michelle Johnston in black ink.

Michelle Johnston, Dean



DEPARTMENT NEWS

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Criminal Justice

Fourteen undergraduate and graduate students are going to Ireland in May with Dr. Terry Nerbonne and Kevin Courtney. The students will be studying the criminal justice system in Ireland and visiting the Garda Siochana, the Guardians of the Peace of Ireland. In Ireland, where there is one criminal justice system, the Garda's responsibilities range from policing in the villages to overseeing Irish national security.

ROTC, which offers a minor in military science through CJ, is growing. Recently, four cadets and Major Babcock visited Washington, DC. Throughout the Ferris Football Season, the ROTC cadets supported the games by hosting the COEHS Alumni Welcome Tent, raised and lowered the flags, and participated as part of the Cannon Club. ROTC also provided the Color Guard for the Ferris State University Veterans Day Pancake Breakfast. An ROTC representative attends every DAWG DAY.

The School of Criminal Justice is opening its seventh off-campus site at St. Clair County Community College. Everyone is excited about the new program which will be very beneficial for both institutions. Celebrating the new program

(left to right) Herman "BJ" Roe, CJ Director at SC4; Frank Crowe, Ferris' CJ Director; Detective Steven J. Amey (1995); Captain James A. Jones (1982); Stephen Poland, Ferris faculty.



School of Education

Dr. Nancy Lashaway-Bokina is really proud of her student Annette Maat whose article will be published in the Michigan Reading Journal.

Dr. Lashaway-Bokina reported that student members of the Association of Future Educators and Kappa Delta Pi, an honorary educational society, collected canned goods for Project Starburst on November 22nd. The canned goods they collected will be used to assist needy families in Mecosta County. Students met in the Bishop parking lot at 2 p.m. on Nov. 22 and went door to door for two hours asking for donations for this project. The presidents of the Association of Future Educators and Kappa Delta Pi are Betsy Brugger and Lisa Harrington, respectively.

On November 19th and 20th, members of these same groups monitored elementary students at Brookside Elementary School during parent-teacher conferences. They are scheduled to carry out the same function on December 4th and

9th at Eastwood Elementary. The volunteer work that these students do in the community reflects very positively on the School of Education and shows the students' commitment to service.

Television & Digital Media Production

This semester TDMP purchased High Definition cameras and supporting equipment such as editing systems, tripods, and microphones. Now students in every course can check out equipment from Media Supply to use HD cameras. Also, TDMP purchased a Flash server which will host productions that form many courses. Additionally, our FSU Sports Update show is on Fox 33 on Wednesdays at 11:00 p.m. The Instructional Design course is creating media to assist the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning explain how the brain works. Three faculty members in the TDMP program are participating in the American Democracy Project. Fred Wyman completed prototype DVDs for the School of Education to use in the Vietnam project.

Recreation, Leisure Services and Wellness

The faculty members have been very busy preparing for the National Recreation and Parks Association reaccreditation. Seeking accreditation is a consuming and difficult process, but keeps the program on a continuous improvement agenda. Additionally, the RLSW program is boasting a newly remodeled, high tech, interactive classroom which looks great with new comfortable chairs.

FACULTY NEWS

Dr. Rick Van Sant, a recognized expert in online learning, attended the Sloan International Conference about Online Learning in Orlando, Florida on November 5-7, 2008. At the conference, Dr. Van Sant participated in workshops about ethics, instructional design, and learner-centered assessment. He also was accepted as a presenter for the SITE 2009—Society for Information Technology & Teacher Education International Conference to be held in Charleston, South Carolina in March 2009.

Dr. Nancy Lashaway-Bokina attended the 55th annual convention and exhibit of the National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) in Tampa, Florida from October 30-November 2, 2008. Daniel Pink, who served as chief speechwriter to Vice President Al Gore, was one of the key note speakers and Joseph Renzulli, Director of the National Research Center on Gifted Children and a member of her doctoral committee, was honored for his work in the field of gifted education.

Professor Cindy Todd (Art Education at KCAD) presented, Art: Today's Brain Food, a talk on the importance of the arts in public education, and the preliminary findings of her dissertation, The State of Art Education, to administrators and art teachers at the Michigan Art Education Association

annual fall conference. Consequently, she was invited to provide professional development for the Lenawee, Montcalm and Ottawa Intermediate School Districts and the Coopersville Public Schools. She has also had two proposals accepted for the National Art Education Conference to be held in April in Minneapolis.

Dr. Denise Mitten edited *Theory and Practice of Experiential Education* with Karen Warren and TA Loeffler for the

Association for Experiential Education. For more information, see <http://www.aee.org/catalog/item/id/87/>. Denise is a prolific writer. Congratulations, Denise!!

Dr. Katherine Manley, who has been the Director of the MTTCE Grant, was informed during the summer that the grant was renewed for the third year. This grant is an important grant for all career tech professionals and vocational education teachers in Michigan and beyond. Good work, Kitty!

ALUMNI NEWS

Bob Farber, graduate of the CJ program and resident of Hesperia, Michigan, was elected Sheriff of Oceana County by a huge margin. Congratulation Bob!

Navin Karmai (TDMP) started his own production company. His arsenal of tools includes a JVC HD200u w studio config, wireless intercom, Wirecast multi-camera software, firewire extenders (6-pin to Ethernet, can run cameras up to 250 ft.), and a MacPro 3.2 GHz quad core. Needless to say, he uses the strong production skills that he mastered at Ferris and in his previous position as Technology Coordinator at Kentwood Community Church with his new clients in Grand Rapids and beyond. He offers services in these areas:

- Event Planning and Production
- Television Directing
- Sound Reinforcement
- Audio for Television and Film
- Lighting for Video, Television and Theater
- Outdoor Movie Events
- Public Service Announcements
- Documentaries
- VHS to DVD Transfers
- Music Videos
- Promotional Videos
- Advertising Videos
- DVD Authoring
- Basic Website Design
- Training Videos
- Safety Videos
- Wedding Videography

Andrew Tingley, TDMP alumnus and adjunct faculty member, is a co-founder of Creo Productions which is also based in Grand Rapids. The location on South Division in Grand Rapids places Creo Productions in the midst of an artist renaissance. Creo Productions has added video and audio as tools for artistic expression to the mix on what is now being called the Avenue of the Arts. Upcoming projects include work scheduled for Zimbabwe. Tingley's and his partner's work ranges from video for Zondervan to a partnership with international company Vestergaard Frandsen, the creators of LifeStraw, to produce a video about the global water situation and how LifeStraw is saving lives. Please read more about Tingley's work at <http://www.creoproductions.com>.

Dawn (Bloomberg) Mayer, nee, sent some great news when she wrote: My name is Dawn M Mayer. My maiden name is Bloomberg. I am a 1989 graduate of Ferris State University as a Law Enforcement Specialist and am currently working as a Police Officer for the City of Midland. On June 24th, 2008 I was awarded the Carl and Ester Gerstacker 2007 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year from the Midland Exchange Club. I received the award, in part because I was able to locate the suspect's vehicle which had been used in several bank robberies in Midland. As a result, I was able to assist in the capture of the suspect who later confessed to the robberies and is currently incarcerated. Along with the Officer of the Year award, I was also given a Special Tribute from the State of Michigan signed by Senator Tony Stamas, State Representative John Moolenaar and State Representative Bill Caul. The School of Criminal Justice is really proud of Dawn and her achievements in Midland.

Rick Kaledas, alumnus and temporary faculty member in the School of Criminal Justice, has a new job. Sheriff-elect Jerry Clayton has announced the remainder of his executive team for the next Washtenaw County Sheriff's administration, the Ann Arbor News reports. Clayton, who named Mark Ptaszek as undersheriff last month, tapped Lt. Dieter Heren and Rick Kaledas as commanders of police operations and jail operations, respectively. Heren has nearly 20 years experience with the department and most recently headed sheriff's patrol operations on the county's west side, Clayton said. Kaledas is a former jail administrator with the Mecosta County Sheriff's Department, where he retired after roughly 25 years of service, Clayton said. Kaledas is an adjunct professor of criminal justice at Ferris State University.

Gordon Scannell (TDMP alumnus) is a first responder recently helped local police and fire/rescue personnel at the site of a bicycle accident. Gordon, who was a true hero at this event, wants everyone to know that children should NOT be riding bicycles on main streets and NOT without safety helmets. The young girl, who Gordon helped, was transported to a hospital and is making progress.

Julie Gauthier, an accounting teacher at the Traverse Bay Career Tech Center and School of Education alumna, received the Emerging Professional Business Education Award on October 2, 2008. Congratulations, Julie.

Share your news and photos with your fellow alumni!

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Promotion at work? _____

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