

SPRING 2012

Dear Alumni, Friends and Colleagues,

The year 2012 is new, but it is starting with a lot of positive energy, excitement and changes as the College of Education and Human Services continues to find new and more effective ways to serve Michigan.

Some of the changes are in personnel. Fred Wyman, after many years of coordinating and chairing the Television and Digital Media Production Program (TDMP), decided to return to being a full-time faculty member. Glen Okonoski, TDMP faculty member, replaced him. In Recreation, Leisure Services and Wellness (RLSW), Dr. Susan Hastings-Bishop stepped down as chair to prepare for her retirement after this semester. Currently, Dr. Matt Wagenheim, RLSW faculty member, is coordinating the program. Dr. Paul Blake, associate dean, became associate provost of Academic Operations. Although the move is an excellent opportunity for him, his leaving created a huge void in the College. Dr. Nancy Hogan, School of Criminal Justice (CJ) faculty member, will be coordinating the Academic Affairs Graduate Council.

On a very positive note, Dr. Jim Powell is joining the College to become the director of the School of Education in March. He is currently at the University of Alaska Anchorage where he oversees the teacher preparation program and works in communities to improve school leadership. Additionally, he has a lot of experience with program development and accreditation. Everyone is celebrating his upcoming arrival.

While Susan Hastings-Bishop was on her sabbatical, she visited universities that had youth development programs. Consequently, when she returned from her sabbatical, she created a youth development curriculum. The College is looking at creative ways to implement it because it is imperative that the lives of Michigan youth improve.

The School of Education (SOE) is really positioned well for the future as the faculty designed a new leadership program, especially fitting for rural, building-level administrators. Dr. Powell, who will be "hitting the ground running," is particularly well suited to promote this program. Additionally, the SOE has several special education options, including autism, which school districts need. Lastly, the Pro-Mo-TED program has modularized online courses with a summer residency for vocational teachers across Michigan. It is the perfect design for alternative certification for professionals who want to change careers and become teachers.

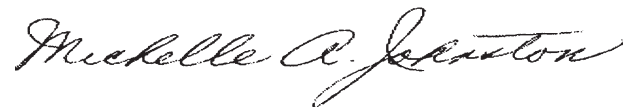
Dr. Steven Reifert, director of the School of Criminal Justice (CJ), has been extremely busy as CJ continues to grow enrollment on and off campus. For CJ, more is the word of the moment. CJ has more prospective summer interns than any time in its history, has more undergraduates than ever before and serves Michigan at more off-campus locations. Additionally, the CJ faculty members are engaging with the community and helping their constituents solve important problems.

Television and Digital Media Production (TDMP) will be changing this coming semester as a result of a university-wide core structure review. TDMP will be welcoming two Grand Rapids programs, Digital Animation and Game Design, and Digital Engineering, that will merge with it and become the School of Digital Media. As the School of Digital Media, TDMP will attract more students as it will offer a new array of courses in the future and have a broader range of internship possibilities, which lead to more job opportunities for students.

Again this year, the College will be honoring its excellent students and alumni at the Alumni Awards Banquet on April 21, 2012. At that event, the College will be awarding more scholarships than in previous years because many of you have been very generous and supportive by establishing scholarships and donating to existing ones. I thank you for your support and generosity.

If you are in Big Rapids, please visit the College to learn more about its growth, change and impact on Michigan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle A. Johnston". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, flowing 'M' and 'J'.

Michelle A. Johnston, Ph.D.
Dean
College of Education and Human Services

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

College of Education and Human Services (COEHS)

Dr. Michelle Johnston started her first term as the president of the Michigan Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (MACTE), which represents 31 public and private universities and colleges with teacher preparation programs in Michigan.

The College of Education and Human Services has two new scholarships: Alphonso and Mary Aguirre Memorial Scholarship Endowment, in memory of two alumni, and the Ryan McCandless Memorial Scholarship, honoring a fallen police officer who was an alumnus.

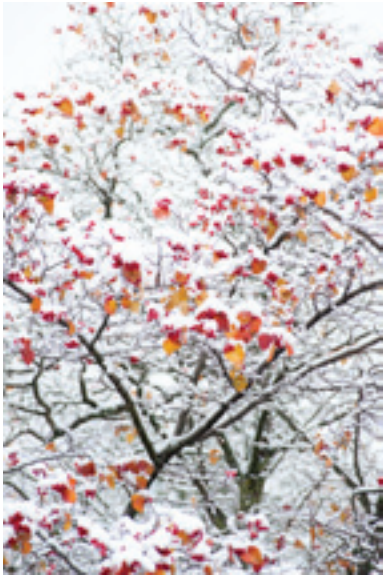
Criminal Justice (CJ)

Several Law Enforcement Academy students participated in the Kazoo Area Foot Chase on Sept. 10, 2011. The run benefits survivors of police officers through Michigan Concerns of Police Survivors (MI-C.O.P.S.). It is a 3.5-mile run involving the capture of "suspects" and the collection of evidence. For the second year in a row, the team from Ferris won the event.

Dr. Mischelle Stone co-wrote an article, "The Benefits of Online Teaching for Traditional Classroom Pedagogy: A Case Study for Improving Face-to-Face Instruction," which was published in the MERLOT Journal of Online Learning and Teaching in September 2011. She also presented a poster session, "Building a Bullett-Proof Syllabus," at the Lilly Conference on College Teaching and Learning on Sept. 23, 2011. Additionally, she was a key presenter at the FSU ONLINE COURSES FAIR on Oct. 28, 2011. The title of her poster presentation was "Introduction to Criminal Justice: From Interaction to Action."

Nancy Hogan (Ferris) and Eric Lambert (Wayne State University) are working with Kevin Minor and Jim Wells (Eastern Kentucky University) on an international research project.

On Sept. 22 and 23, 2011, the graduate assistants and students from CRIM 475 presented training on mental health and suicide prevention to the Manistee County Sheriff's Department and Benzie County Sheriff's Department.



Recreation, Leisure Services and Wellness (RLSW)

The Recreation Leadership and Management program transitioned to its updated curriculum during fall semester. Students will find some new course offerings in the concentrations Community Parks and Recreation, Fitness and Wellness, Outdoor Leadership, and Sport Management.

Dr. Susan Hastings-Bishop completed her spring semester sabbatical that focused on youth development with visits to academic programs at Texas A&M University and Clemson University.

Starting in fall 2011, under the leadership of Dr. Matthew Wagenheim, associate professor of Recreation Leadership and Management, and chair of the Academic Program Review (APRC) Committee, the APRC process has been digitized and committee members were trained to use iPads.

Tina Muir, a senior in the Recreation Leadership and Management program, was highlighted in the Sept. 7, 2011 issue of the Torch because she achieved national recognition for her competitive running accomplishments. She also represented Ferris State at the biannual Student Athlete Advisory meeting in Midland on Oct. 9 and 10, 2011.

The Professional Recreation Association (PRA) sponsored Climb for the Cure. The activity involved students and staff who completed a number of climbs on the SRC climbing wall. The number of climbs was tied to money pledges. The group also sold shirts that had pink bulldogs on the front with the PRA logo on the back. Funds raised were donated to the Susan P. Wheatlake Cancer and Wellness Center in Big Rapids.

Dr. Matt Wagenheim and Dr. Susan Hastings-Bishop attended the National Recreation and Parks Association Annual Congress Nov. 2-4, 2011 in Atlanta, Ga. During the congress, they attended a workshop on how the new assessment standards will be implemented under the 2013 Council on Accreditation for Parks, Recreation and Tourism.

Dr. Susan Hastings-Bishop was a voting delegate for the Michigan Shore to Shore Girl Scout Council at the triannual Girl Scout of USA Convention Nov. 9-13, 2011 in Houston, Texas.

Phillip Higgins, Kevin Neff and Leah Tandy, Recreation Leadership and Management majors, appeared with Dean Johnston on a Beyond the Campus production. They were interviewed about the academic program and service learning.

The RMLS 325 Youth Development course spent Nov. 15, 2011 in Grand Rapids visiting the YMCA, Grand Rapids Children's Museum, Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts to learn about the youth-based programs and how they are funded.

School of Education (SOE)

The School of Education is exploring a partnership opportunity with a college in Finland.

This past summer's Scotland Study Abroad was highly successful for School of Education students who experienced teaching and observing in the Glasgow, Scotland City Schools. The Ferris education students were excellent ambassadors and benefitted from their trip.

The Michigan Department of Education approved the revisions in the History Education major and minor.

During the Fall 2011 Lilly North Conference in Traverse City, Dr. Christine Conley-Sowels (School of Education) presented two workshops with Dr. Helen Woodman (Developmental Programs) and Kristy Motz (FLITE, Reference and Instructional Services). They were "Civility in the Classroom: Creating a Climate of Respect" and "Winning the Battle Against Student Academic Dishonesty."

The first annual Scotland Teachmeet was held on Nov. 1, 2011. The students who studied in Scotland in summer 2011 recounted and shared their experiences with School of Education faculty and prospective students for summer 2012.

The School of Education participated in the College of Education and Human Services Meet and Greet Honors program for freshmen Honors students who are enrolled in education programs.

Peg Schoenborn ('09) is a business education teacher at Rockford High School and received the Emerging Professional Business Educator award from the Michigan Business Education Association at its annual conference in November 2011.

Theresa Janish, a current business education major, was invited to be a guest speaker at Saginaw Valley State University and Bay-Arenac Career Technical Center.

Television and Digital Media Production (TDMP)

Television and Digital Media Production has completed the installation and upgrade to a High Definition television studio lab for instruction. As the content created in this lab by students is used broadly across the university and beyond via Web and broadcast distribution, the look of Ferris that is presented will be vastly technically improved. The installation was completed primarily by engineer Pat Tobin over the course of the summer.

TDMP is pleased to announce its new broadcast show produced by senior students, Ferris Sports Update. The show is being produced in collaboration with Athletics, and with financial support for broadcast from Admissions, University Advancement and Marketing, and the College of Education and Human Services.



TVPR students Josh Eisengruber, Hannah Crouch, Kyle Berner, Jared Crockett, Brett Carbery, Michael King and Toni Lambiris designed posters for WISE's "Domestic Violence Awareness Month." Their posters were chosen to go up around Big Rapids, Reed City and other towns to support WISE's efforts to increase awareness of domestic abuse. Using Academic Service Learning (ASL) funds, they printed posters and distributed them throughout the community.

Glen Okonoski will be representing the TDMP program as an advisory board member for the Digital Media Production department at the Wexford-Missaukee Career Tech Center. He also visited the Wexford-Missaukee ISD as an advisor for their Media Production program and visited the St. Clair RESA as a guest speaker in two of their video production courses.

Nick Kuiper, a one-year temporary adjunct, wrote, directed and produced a documentary that won five awards at the 2011 Philo T. Farnsworth Video Competition in Kentucky. Additionally, the TDMP students swept the awards ceremony receiving all of the awards, including First Place Professional Documentary, Best of Show, Excellence in Documentary, Excellence in Editing, and Excellence in Sound Design. His documentary, "Premie," aired on WGVU PBS in Grand Rapids and on other PBS stations across the country.

Connie Morcom attended an Advisory Committee meeting as a member for the Digital Media program with the Mecosta-Osceola Career Center.

ROTC

ROTC has another semester of record enrollment with 76 students in different programs taking Military Science courses.

ROTC has a new sophomore instructor who just returned from a one-year deployment in Kuwait with the Army National Guard. First Lt. Carey Jackson will be able to interject real-world experiences into the classroom instruction.

Two senior level ROTC cadets were selected for active duty. They were both in the top 20 percent across the nation.

Captain Schwinck, a regional Army nurse representative from Fort Knox, came to Ferris to meet all the Nursing cadets and staff during the first week of October. Captain Schwinck was very impressed with the quality of the seven ROTC Nursing/Pre-nursing students and Ferris' Nursing program.

On Oct. 29, 2011, five students with at least 25 pounds on their backs competed in the 18.6 mile Norwegian Road March. Four males finished in less than 4.5 hours and one female in less than 5.25 hours. They all earned their badge.

More than 25 ROTC students participated in several training events at Camp Grayling Nov. 4-6, 2011. They practiced weapons marksmanship, conducted squad level battle drills, and were tested on their ability to navigate by foot with a map and compass, both during the day and at night.



OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

The College of Education and Human Services does a great deal of outreach. For example, Ferris State University faculty participated in a school improvement project in Grant, Mich. that was funded by the Michigan Department of Education. This school improvement initiative was only one of many opportunities in which faculty and students engage in academic service learning and find ways to improve the quality of life for the residents of central-west Michigan. The following descriptions show the levels and variety of engagement of the students and faculty.

Students in Recreation, Leisure Services and Wellness (RLSW) engage in a lot of academic service learning projects. During the past few years, their work and service has been incredible. For example, RLSW students do wellness assessments, and plan and implement programs. Specifically, these activities included doing wellness and needs assessments for the Reed City community, implementing a wellness program for Baldwin Community Schools, and organizing youth and family initiatives for schools and various agencies in Big Rapids. Lastly, they participated in "Pay it Forward," an initiative in which the assisted non-profit agencies receive funding. Other places and agencies in which the RLSW students engaged in service learning are Eagle Village youth residential treatment facility in Hersey, Mecosta County Parks, and Girl Scouts of America, Grand Rapids Council. One student is working on a "trout in the classroom" project that allows fifth-grade students to engage in meaningful learning opportunities related to ecological systems by raising trout in their classrooms and releasing them into Michigan rivers.

Television and Digital Media Production (TDMP) students seek community agencies and businesses for clients who need streaming videos and other digital media communications (e.g. S.S. Badger Training video, W.I.S.E., and Big Rapids superintendent's monthly TV show on local cable). Approximately 95 percent of Ferris video streaming is done by TDMP students. To see more examples of the great work that the students do, visit ferrisstate.tv, where there is an archive of the studio shows.

The College offers reading diagnosis and remedial services to Michigan College of Optometry (MCO) patients who experience reading problems. Some of the MCO patients are considered low vision patients who visit MCO from throughout Michigan.

The original Little River Schoolhouse at School Section Lake in Mecosta County was built by a runaway slave more than 100 years ago for children of other runaway slaves, immigrants and Native Americans. Descendents of the original students have reunions and want to restore the school, which has historical and cultural significance, and offer tours and activities. Ferris personnel created a DVD and wrote a grant. Ferris students/interns will facilitate summer activities and function as docents at the Little River Schoolhouse.

College personnel organized an academic summer camp for middle and high school students from charter schools. The students spent one to two weeks at Ferris learning about post-secondary educational expectations and experiences. The charter school students learned about admissions, financial aid and residential life. They also attended mini-academic classes, met with lots of Ferris people and went camping.

The Criminal Justice (CJ) faculty members are serving the region by doing expert project evaluations. Specifically, the CJ faculty are evaluating the newly established Drug Court, which is a collaboration between the School of Criminal Justice and the Mecosta County Court System. Faculty provide expert advice on the implementation and evaluation of the Drug Court progress. Additionally, the faculty are participating in the evaluation and implementation of a Department of Justice grant on the effects of alcohol, drugs, bullying and aggression prevention. The faculty also are participating in the evaluation of the “Ripple Effect” for the Department of Justice grant, which focuses on the use of computer modeling and cognitive behavior modification.

Law Enforcement Academy students provide community service for senior citizens in the Mecosta County area, including home maintenance, transportation and other jobs as needed/requested.

Lastly, the School of Criminal Justice (CJ) continues to facilitate the training consortium with local law enforcement agencies where we share revenue to provide required training for law enforcement officers. Ferris is the focal point and administrator of the training funds and expert advice.

FUNDED PROJECTS

The College of Education and Human Services has three funded projects including:

- Central West Michigan Law Enforcement Training Consortium (CWMLETC)
- Morris Hood Jr. Educator Development (MHED) Grant King-Chavez-Parks Initiative
- Michigan Center for Career and Technical Education (CTE) grant.

The CWMLETC grant underwrites more than \$19,000 of training for law enforcement officers in this region annually.

Teacher candidates from underrepresented populations benefit from the MHED grant.

Vocational center teachers across Michigan can improve their knowledge and skills through participation in the CTE grant, which identifies standards, facilitates workshops and networks teachers through a website.