

WESTCHESTER GRADUATE CAMPUS LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY



FROM THE ASSOCIATE PROVOST

Dear Campus Community:

As the song says, "The times, they are a'changin'," and the WGC is well aware of the changing needs of the region and of our students. As a result, we are exploring innovative programs and approaches to instruction to improve the graduate education experience.

One example of WGC flexibility is its first online program. Certified teachers, pre-approved by BOCES, will be able to earn an Advanced Certificate in Bilingual Education. (See p. 2 for more information.) This is the first of several initiatives designed to provide flexibility for the busy, adult student.

In the months ahead, there will be more changes including an improved student information system (SIS) beginning this fall. The new system will allow students to view certain academic and financial records and eliminate the need to call or come in to get that information. Over the next two years, all aspects of the WGC experience will be enhanced by the new system.

If you have not already registered for fall, you still have time to get into the classes you need, and if you have a friend interested in graduate education, remember to take advantage of our three credit Recommend-A-Friend scholarship.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Blake, Ed. D.
Associate Provost
Academic Dean

Important Dates:

Open House for prospective students –
Thurs., Aug. 21, 6:00PM

New Student Orientation – Tues.,
Aug. 26, 5:30PM

Faculty Breakfast – Thurs., Aug., 28,
9:00AM

Open House for prospective students –
Wednesday, October 15, 7:00PM

Comprehensive Exam required for School Counseling students. If you are planning to graduate this Fall or next Spring, make sure to register for the comprehensive examination scheduled during the fall semester for October 18. You can obtain a registration form at the Campus reception desk. Please leave the completed form and your check for the fee with the receptionist to the attention of Ms. Sheila McCluskey.

Promoting Wellness required for Teacher Education student. This one credit course will be offered on two Saturdays, October 25 and November 1st from 9:00AM – 3:45PM.

For Counseling and Psychology students who need both the Child Abuse Workshop and the Violence Prevention Workshop, forms for registration are available at the Campus reception desk. For each workshop, please complete the form and leave a check for \$30 for each workshop, made out to LIU, with the receptionist. These workshops will be offered on Saturday October 25 between 9:00AM and 1:00PM.

Professional Writing Workshop: Would you like to refresh your writing skills? Join a group of your fellow students in a friendly, collegial Professional Writing Workshop run by Professor George Pietarinen. This workshop was so successful in previous semesters that we are offering it again. The workshop is open to all WGC students, but enrollment is limited so sign up at the Campus reception desk as soon as possible. The cost is only \$35 for five one-and-one-half hour sessions, from 4:30-6:00PM on Wednesdays: Oct. 1, 15 and 29, and Nov. 12 and 19. The workshop is tailored to meet individual student needs. For additional information please contact Professor Pietarinen at 914-831-2706.

New Portfolio Procedures: As of Fall 2008, the Westchester Graduate Campus of Long Island University will institute the use of Turnitin.com in keeping with our commitment to integrate technology into all of our programs. This online service will be used to insure that a student's writing complies with the appropriate paraphrasing and citations rules. Most importantly, we hope this will serve as a learning tool. The portfolio committee will determine how best to use Turnitin.com as part of the overall portfolio review. The new procedure is as follows:

- ∞ Tear off and complete the Turnitin.com Permission sheet included in the back of the portfolio guidelines
- ∞ Include this permission slip in the front packet of your portfolio binder upon submission
- ∞ At the time you turn in the hard copy of your portfolio, forward a digital copy of your portfolio responses to shelly.foster@liu.edu.
- ∞ Please include a cover sheet and response-clearly labeled with question number and page numbers
- ∞ NO ARTIFACTS ARE TO BE INCLUDED IN DIGITAL FORMAT
- ∞ We will keep your permission slip on file and it will serve for your

portfolio as well as for all LIU classes

Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program: The TLFP was created by Congress to encourage individuals to enter and continue in the teaching profession in certain elementary and secondary schools that serve low-income families. Under the TLFP, if you borrow money through the Federal Stafford Loan Program (and in certain cases, the Federal Consolidation Loan Program), and you teach for five consecutive, complete years at an eligible school, you may qualify to have up to \$5,000 of your loan forgiven (\$17,500 for certain highly qualified secondary math and science teachers, and elementary and secondary special education teachers). For more information please visit www.tgslc.org and/or www.nslp.org. Application forms are also available at the WGC reception desk.

Innovation in the Management Information Systems Class

In case you thought our classes were too dry, please take note! Two students in the MIS class will be preparing a podcast in lieu of their term paper this summer. On the topic "Emerging Trends and Technologies," the podcast (essentially a mini-video) will be available for viewing on the Internet when completed. The podcast will, inter alia, take a look at micro-blogging and social networking trends on the Web. Professor Goldberg hopes to publish the podcast on iTunesU.com ("iTunes University"), a website and facility provided by Apple Inc. to facilitate access to course content on computers and mobile devices.

WGC Launches New Online Program

Our campus has launched its first completely online program, a New York State Teaching Extension in Bilingual Education. The program is designed for certified teachers who are bilingual and are currently teaching - or would like to teach - in a bilingual setting. The program is identical to the face-to-face Bilingual Extension and consists of 15 credits. Students from throughout New York State can enroll in

this program. Those who are currently teaching in a Bilingual Education or Dual Language Program may be eligible for the Intensive Teacher Institute (ITI) scholarship program sponsored by BOCES. The program runs as a collaborative initiative of the Westchester and Brooklyn campuses and is taught by faculty from both campuses. The first group of students will complete their online Bilingual Education Extension in May 2009. Interested students should contact program director, Dr. Helaine W. Marshall at 914-831-2713 or by email at helaine.marshall@liu.edu .

The Art of Writing

From June 27 through July 3, the WGC hosted its seventh annual summer writers' program The Art of Writing. This is an enrichment program offering students in grades 4-6 an opportunity to expand their thinking and imaginations through immersion in writing and art experiences. Using the resources of the Neuberger Museum, located on the grounds of Purchase College, the program gave students first-hand experiences with works of art. Students gave language to their ideas and discoveries through writing. They developed pieces of writing throughout the week and published their finished pieces in a class anthology.

The participants worked in small and large groups, as well as individually, with certified teachers who are graduate students at the Westchester Graduate Campus of Long Island University. The program was supervised by Pamela Hart Rago, a teacher, teacher educator, poet and former journalist, who was assisted by Celeste Aberman and Jessica Blake, both special education and literacy specialists. The program was coordinated by Dr. Rebecca Rich, Director of Literacy Programs at the WGC.

News from Counseling, Psychology and Therapy (CPT) Programs

FALL SCHEDULE CHANGES AND OFFERINGS

We are considering adding an elective on Trauma. Please speak to Dr. Weiner if interested.

ADJUNCT FACULTY NEWS

We have the bittersweet announcement that Dr. Rossella Fanelli will be retiring. Dr. Fanelli has taught courses for all of the Counseling, Psychology and Therapy programs, including the very popular, "Dealing with Loss and Grief." She will be missed and we wish her well. Dr. Fanelli will remain active, however, as the current President of the Connecticut Association of School Psychology.

We will also miss Dr. John Desrochers who taught the School Psychology Internship course and the Field Work courses in 2007-2008. He is moving on to other professional activities including continued editorship of the newspaper of the National Association of School Psychologists. It was a pleasure to have had an adjunct of his national stature on our faculty.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Dr. Beth Weiner, Director of Counseling, Psychology and Therapy programs will be presenting a workshop at this year's Guidance Expo in October 2008 on the topic "School Counseling Issues with Emotionally Disturbed Children and Adolescents."

BILINGUAL STUDENTS

Any School Counseling or School Psychology students who are considering pursuing the bilingual extension should speak to Dr. Weiner as soon as possible to plan the appropriate courses.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The New York City Board of Education has attractive incentive programs for school counseling and school psychology students. The Director of the Psychologists-in-Training (PIT) program, Dr. Lorna Rhone, expressed much enthusiasm about increased involvement of the Westchester Campus students. Please see Dr. Weiner for information as soon as possible as the deadline approaches for the P.I.T. program.

Alumni News*

Rachel Burke has recently accepted an elementary teaching position at the Purchase Street School in Harrison. Congratulation to Rachel!

Mary Chappell, currently in the MS. Ed. in English Education, has begun working at the Master's School in Dobbs Ferry where she is teaching English and Drama.

Elliot Chase, currently in the MS. Ed. in Math education, has accepted a math teaching position for the 2008-2009 school year in Dobbs Ferry.

Tina Hall, currently in the 1-2-3 TEACH program (leading to a master's degree and certification in childhood education and special education, grades 1-6) has accepted a teaching position at PS 246 in the Bronx starting in September.

Mike Hirsh is a September 2008 graduate of our MS.Ed. in Social Studies and Special Education. Mike has accepted a position teaching in an eighth grade inclusive social studies class at the Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy (MS/HS 141) for the Fall 2008 semester. This academy is a 6-12 community school serving the Riverdale and Kingsbridge areas of the Bronx and is part of the NYC Public School System.

Rita Kwan, a recent WGC graduate, will study in China this summer so that she can better teach Chinese to her students at Grimes Elementary School in Mount Vernon this fall. Rita is one of just 15

teachers from around the country selected to participate in the Chinese Intensive Summer Language Institute at Northeast Normal University in Changchun, China.

Paul Naclerio is a Jan. 08' MS.Ed. graduate in Social Studies and Special Education. He has accepted a position teaching Global Studies at the Campus School, an alternative High School in New Rochelle.

Creative Writing Corner

Thanks to our current student, Eva Corticell, for sharing her original work with us.

A Grad Student Coming Home (after a long day)

Find the keys,
Check the mail,
Unlock the door
And walk in.
Shut the door,
Hang the keys,
Shed your purse,
Take off your shoes.
The fridge is luring with its hum,
Dishes peek from the sink;
Pull the window curtains shut.
Turn on the light.
Yesterday's mail all piled up,
"New messages" light blinking on your
phone;
You just ignore.
There's homework to be done.

***Keep us posted. Share the news about your professional and personal achievements.**

Email your submissions to Cindy Doctor at Westchester@liu.edu.

SUGGESTION BOX

Please look for the WGC's Suggestion Box located at the front desk. We welcome your ideas and thoughts so that we may better serve the needs of our students. Forms for your suggestions are located in the literature racks adjacent to the reception desk. We look forward to hearing from you!