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FALL 2009 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE ASSOCIATE PROVOST:

By the time you read this, much of the summer will have already passed. Summer session at the WGC has been robust. The ranks of our traditional students have been swelled by an influx of graduate students of all ages who are seeking to retool, retrain, refresh and upgrade. (By the way, don't forget to take advantage of our Recommend-a-Friend Scholarship if you know someone shopping for graduate/professional education!)

Online registration, which was begun last spring, has been very successful and trouble-free. Students are consulting with their program directors, registering through their My LIU accounts, checking their tuition balances and "To Do" lists regularly. All of this means that My LIU is making it easier and more convenient for students and the University to communicate with one another.

This September will see the launch of our newly updated MBA. On page 3 you can read about the Executive Coaching aspect of the program. Executive Coaching for Leadership Development, when combined with an MBA, can really open doors in the workplace. Also new will be required attendance at New Student Orientation on Wednesday, Aug. 26 at 5:30 pm.

Now that Bruce Carey has retired, Mario Chavez is our full-time security specialist who will take care of our parking and

security needs. Many of you already know Mario because he has long been Bruce's standby on Saturdays, Sundays and when Bruce has been on vacation. If you already know Mario, please stop by the front desk and welcome him to his full-time position. If you don't know him, stop by and introduce yourself.

Also gone from our ranks is Jian Tan, our Information Technology Specialist. Jian has gone on to bigger and better things and, although I can't reveal his/her name, we have narrowed our search for a replacement.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to ask you to take a few moments to consider the following question: What should be the role of online and blended instruction in graduate/professional programs? I would very much appreciate hearing from you on this subject at Westchester@liu.edu.

Enjoy what's left of summer!

Sincerely,

Sylvia Blake, Ed. D.
Associate Provost
Academic Dean

IMPORTANT DATES:

Open House for Prospective Students –
Thursday August 20, 1:00-7:00pm

Required New Student Orientation –
Wednesday August 26, 5:30pm

*Portfolio Workshops –
Tuesday August 18, 4:30-6pm
Wednesday August 26, 10:30am-noon
Tuesday October 20, 4:30-6pm

MBA classes begin –
Tuesday September 1

All other classes begin –
Tuesday September 8

*MANDATORY Portfolio Orientation for
TED students – Wednesday Sept.16

Last day to apply for January degree –
Friday September 25

*Portfolios Due –
Monday October 5

Comprehensive Exam for Mental Health
Counseling, Marriage & Family Therapy
and School Counseling Students –
Saturday October 17

Spring Registration begins –
Monday October 19

Thanksgiving Break –
Thurs-Sat November 26-28

Scheduled Final Exams –
Mon-Sat, December 14-19

***REMINDER ABOUT STUDENT
TEACHING** – Students will not be
permitted to student teach until they have
passed their first portfolio submission.

Promoting Wellness – For TED students,
this one credit course will be offered on two
Saturdays, October 24th and October 31st
from 9:00am to 3:45pm. Please register
through your program director.

**Child Abuse and Violence Prevention
Workshops** – forms for registration are
available at the Campus reception desk.
Please leave the completed form and a check
for \$30 for each workshop made out to LIU
with the receptionist. The workshops will

be held on October 24th from 9:00am to
1:00pm.

Comprehensive Exam Orientation – There
will be a Comprehensive Exam Orientation
meeting on Tuesday September 15 at
7:00pm. This is mandatory for any Mental
Health Counseling, Marriage & Family
Therapy or School Counseling student who
did not attend the meeting this past Summer
or Spring. The national multiple choice
portion of the Comprehensive Exam will be
administered on Saturday, October 17 at
9:00am. In addition, the take home portions
for each program are due on that day.
Please contact Dr. Weiner at
Beth.Weiner@liu.edu with any questions.

Portfolio Fee – The WGC offers free
Portfolio Workshops because we want our
students to successfully complete this
critical culminating activity. Some degree
conferrals have been delayed because of late
portfolio submissions. Although we will
continue to offer the workshops as a free
service, a portfolio fee will be assessed
beginning in the Fall. The fee is \$50 for the
first and second submissions and \$50 for
each submission thereafter.

The Art of Writing -
From June 26 through July 2, the WGC
hosted its eighth 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. The program was coordinated by Dr. Rebecca Rich, Director of Literacy Programs at the WGC.

Executive Coaching New to MBA Program –

MBA program director, Dr. Lynn Johnson, is a recent graduate of the renowned “iCoachNewYork” Executive Coaching Program. The program is offered in conjunction with the Zicklin School of Business at Baruch College, CUNY, and is an intensive three month learning experience.

Incorporating one of the fastest growing trends in corporate America, the MBA Program at the WGC is now offering our MBA students an opportunity usually afforded only to senior executives of Fortune 500 companies: Executive Coaching for Leadership Development. Dr. Johnson will work with each entering student on his or her individual “Development Plan”. According to Dr. Johnson, “Executive Coaching is a partnership between the client – in this case the MBA student – and the coach. We assess the student’s current challenges as a manager; gather input at his or her company from co-workers, and then work together to design a Development Plan to build on present strengths and to improve skills in areas needing improvement.”

For more information on the benefits of Executive Coaching as part of the MBA Program please contact Dr. Lynn Johnson at Lynn.Johnson@liu.edu.

News from NYSED –

At its June 22-23 meeting, the Board of Regents voted to charge Internship Certificate Applicants the same \$50 fee charged for provisional certificates for those students applying via institutional recommendation. Please note that students are eligible for an Internship Certificate if they have completed more than 50% of the

credits required for the degree and have written proof that a school or district will hire them if they get the Internship Certificate. A student seeking an Internship Certificate must establish a TEACH profile, apply for the certificate, pay the \$50 fee and have a letter from the perspective employer sent to Margaret Evans, the WGC certification officer.

New NYSED Requirement for Certification in Special Education –

According to recent New York State regulations, all students pursuing certification in special education are required to have coursework in working with individuals with autistic spectrum disorders. In response to this mandate, and to ensure that our graduates are always prepared with the competencies needed to meet the challenges of today’s diverse classrooms, we are offering a three hour workshop and a one credit course, “Nature and Needs of Students with Autistic Spectrum Disorder.” Please see the Fall schedule for details. If you are a special education student, you will now need to complete this course as part of your overall program plan. If you are not a student in special education, but are interested in the subject matter, you are welcome to register for the workshop (\$50) or the one credit course, TED 618.

Loan Repayment Program for MHC

Students – The National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program provides \$50,000 - tax free, to mental health clinicians in exchange for two years of service at an approved site in a Health Professional Shortage Area. Upon completion of the service commitment, clinicians may be eligible to apply for additional support for extended service. The sooner you apply the better your chances of funding. Recovery Act Loan Repayment awards will be made on a first-come, first-serve basis. NHSC approved sites include rural health clinics, Indian Health Service clinics, public health department clinics, hospital affiliated primary care practices,

managed care networks, prisons and U.S. Immigration, Customs & Enforcement sites. Please go to <http://nhsc.bhsa.gov/loanrepayment/> for more information and to apply.

Faculty News –

Dr. Beth Weiner, Director of the Counseling, Psychology and Therapy Programs at the WGC, has been invited to speak to the clinicians of the New York City Board of Education as part of their professional development series on the topic of Seriously Emotionally Disturbed Students.

Alumni and Student News –

Christopher Zuccaro, graduate of the School Psychology program, is finishing his last year at the Fairleigh Dickinson School Psychology Doctoral program.

Rebecca Hirschl, May 2008 graduate of the School Psychology program, will be starting the School Psychology Doctoral program at Fairleigh Dickinson this Fall.

MariAngela Cavagna will be starting the Clinical Psychology Doctoral program at the C.W. Post Campus of Long Island University this Fall.

Brian Malin, currently in the MS. Ed. Program in Science Education, will be teaching biology at the Summit School in Rockland County.

Lilli Ross, January 2005 graduate of the Special Education program has been granted tenure as a Special Ed teacher in the Chappaqua School District.

Don't forget we are always happy to hear from you! Share your accomplishments, personal and professional news by emailing us at Westchester@liu.edu so you can keep in touch with friends and fellow students through our newsletter.

Creative Writing Corner –

This poem was written by Sarah Baker, a sixth grade graduate from Highland Middle School in White Plains, who participated in The Art of Writing, our eighth annual Summer writer's program. Good job Sarah!!

Poem
by Sarah Baker

You build a poem
like you do a huge wide tower.
You start at the base.
The main idea,
or something to hold it up.
Then,
you build.
You build
layer after layer.
You build it with
winding, twirling, twisting staircases.
Only ways up and down
and maybe even some stairs that stop
Thin or thick
you keep building.
You need glue,
or details to keep them connected.
It might seem impossible,
but you have to keep climbing.
You find that through the thousands of
stairs,
one way leads to the top.
It takes weeks and months to climb
the tower.
When you get to the top,
there's no roof.
Only huge poles that go from bottom to top
there's just open space left for your
wandering thoughts.

SUGGESTION BOX

Please look for the WGC's suggestion box located in the front lobby. We welcome your ideas and thoughts that will help us better serve the needs of our students. We look forward to hearing from you!