



# Hudson Herald:

*The Voice of Long Island University at  
Westchester, Rockland and West Point*

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## **Welcome:**

September 2010 marks the beginning of a new opportunity-filled era for the Rockland and Westchester Graduate Campuses and the West Point Educational Site of Long Island University. You may have heard the buzz before, but the buzz becomes reality this fall when the LIU campuses on both sides of the Hudson begin to share many of the same programs and resources.

Some of you may not have received any newsletter before, while others may have received a Rockland or Westchester publication. As part of our integration efforts, we will be publishing a unified newsletter - *The Hudson Herald* – the first edition of which you are holding in your hands. Improving cross-campus communication is critical as we integrate Westchester, Rockland and West Point and lay the groundwork for the development of new programs, as well as for the enrichment of the educational experiences of all of our students doing their graduate work on either side of the river. A few of the most obvious advantages are:

- The convenience of being able to take courses either in Westchester or Rockland (If a Tuesday night course in Westchester doesn't work for you, a Wednesday in Rockland might!)
- A wider assortment of course offerings
- Online cross-campus registration easily accessed through My.LIU
- The same scholarships, and more of them, offered at all three locations

In addition to the obvious, there will be other program specific changes that will be implemented to assure the continued strength of our programs and the high quality of our students' teaching and learning experiences. *The Hudson Herald* is one way we will keep everyone in our educational community aware of events and opportunities as the year progresses. Help us in this effort by bringing events and news to our attention by emailing [cindy.pagnotta@liu.edu](mailto:cindy.pagnotta@liu.edu) or [peter.reiner@liu.edu](mailto:peter.reiner@liu.edu) with items for inclusion.

This year will be exciting and productive and I look forward to all of us sharing in it.

See you in September.

*Dr. Sylvia Blake, Ed.D.*  
Dean and Chief Operating Officer

## Dates and Deadlines:

### OPEN HOUSE DATES 2010-2011

#### Westchester Campus

Tuesday August 24, 2010 – 1:00pm

Thursday, October 14, 2010 – 6:30pm

Wednesday, January 5, 2011 – 5:30pm

Tuesday, March 15, 2011 – 6:30pm

Tuesday, May 10, 2011 – 5:30pm

Wednesday, August 17, 2011 – 1:00pm

#### Rockland Campus

Wednesday August 18, 2010 – 5:30pm

Tuesday, November 2, 2010-5:30pm

Wednesday, January 5, 2011-5:30pm

Wednesday, March 23, 2011-5:30pm

Wednesday, May 11, 2011-5:30pm

Wednesday, August 17-6:00pm

#### West Point

Community Fair – Thursday August 5, 2010 – 4:00 – 7:00pm

### Mandatory New Student Orientation

West Point Educational Site – Monday August 30, 2010 – 6:00pm

Westchester Campus - Tuesday August 31, 2010 – 4:30pm

Rockland Campus - Wednesday September 1, 2010 – 5:30pm

Welcome Back West Point Students – Wednesday September 8, 2010 – 6:30pm

New student orientation is mandatory for all students beginning classes in Fall 2010, as well as those who began classes in Summer 2010 and have not already attended an orientation. The event will provide the information needed to begin a successful graduate career. Presentations will be made regarding My.LIU, library services, financial aid and academic program requirements. Housekeeping matters such as parking passes, consent forms and photo ID's will also be taken care of.

### SMART Board Training

In response to student requests for additional SMART Board training, the WGC is offering an intensive 6-hour workshop over two Saturdays this Fall. The workshop will be instructed by Dr. Mellia and will be held at the Westchester Graduate Campus on Saturday **October 2<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday October 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 12:00pm.** The cost is \$75 for both days. Reserve a spot by calling the WGC at 914-831-2700 or stopping by the reception desk. Enrollment is on a first-come, first-serve basis and **preference will be given to Rockland, Westchester and West Point LIU students and alumni** who register before the start of classes in the Fall. Space is limited so sign up now!

## Child Abuse and Violence Prevention Workshops

For Rockland, Westchester and West Point students who need Child Abuse and/or Violence Prevention Workshops, sign up now. They will be offered at the Westchester Graduate Campus on Saturday, October 23, 2010 from 9:00 am-1:00pm as part of the Promoting Wellness course. Registration forms are available at the front desk. The cost is \$30 for each workshop.

For TED students who need Promoting Wellness, the Fall one credit course will meet October 23 and November 6 from 9:00am-3:45pm each day and will include the mandated workshops. The course and workshops will be offered at the Rockland Graduate Campus in the Spring. Dates and times will be announced. Please register early for the Fall by contacting [lisa.dorado@liu.edu](mailto:lisa.dorado@liu.edu) or [roseann.isaac@liu.edu](mailto:roseann.isaac@liu.edu). Please contact [george.pietarinen@liu.edu](mailto:george.pietarinen@liu.edu) with any questions.

## Autism Workshop and Autism Course

All students who plan to apply for NY State Certification in Special Education are mandated by NYSED to complete a special 3-hour workshop in autism education. The Westchester Graduate Campus will sponsor the workshop on Saturday November 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 12:00pm and will be instructed by Dr. Cathy Sales. To register, please contact [sheila.mccluskey@liu.edu](mailto:sheila.mccluskey@liu.edu) or call (914)831-2707, the fee for the workshop is \$50.

Students will also be able to take a one-credit graduate course (TED 518) which incorporates the autism workshop for the cost of a graduate credit. This is an ideal alternative for those students who have already taken the state-mandated workshops on violence prevention and child abuse prevention and need a one-credit elective for their degree. This course is also taught by Dr. Sales and will run on three Saturdays in the fall; November 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 1:30pm (with the first three hours consisting of the autism workshop), November 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 1:00pm and December 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 1:00pm. To register, contact [lisa.dorado@liu.edu](mailto:lisa.dorado@liu.edu) or [roseann.isaac@liu.edu](mailto:roseann.isaac@liu.edu).

## Comprehensive Exams for Westchester Counseling and Therapy Students

There will be a Comprehensive Exam Orientation meeting on Tuesday September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 pm. **This is crucial for Westchester Graduate Campus Mental Health Counseling, Marriage & Family Therapy or School Counseling students** who did not attend the meeting this past Summer.

Westchester students please note that the national multiple choice portion of the Comprehensive Exam will be administered on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am at the WGC. In addition, the take-home portions for each program are due on that day. Please contact Dr. Weiner at [beth.wiener@liu.edu](mailto:beth.wiener@liu.edu) with any questions.

Rockland and West Point counseling students have other degree requirements. Please contact Dr. Linda Rosen at [linda.rosen@liu.edu](mailto:linda.rosen@liu.edu) with any questions.

## Portfolio Orientation

Portfolio Orientation will be held on Wednesday September 22 at 6:30pm at BOTH the Westchester Graduate Campus and the Rockland Graduate Campus. **Attendance is REQUIRED for all new master's degree students in education.** You will learn about guidelines for submissions, deadlines and workshops that provide support as you plan and begin your portfolios. Please email [myra.gentile@liu.edu](mailto:myra.gentile@liu.edu) at the Westchester Campus or [kara.sheridan@liu.edu](mailto:kara.sheridan@liu.edu) at the Rockland Campus with any questions.

## **Portfolio Workshop**

The Teacher Education Department will be running a workshop on Wednesday October 13<sup>th</sup> at **BOTH the Westchester Graduate Campus and the Rockland Graduate Campus**, to help you get your submissions done *well* and *on time*. Please spread the word and bring a classmate. Additional individual help will be available by appointment for students who have attended a workshop. Remember, final submissions are due the semester before your last. **Late submissions are the single most frequent cause of delayed degree completion!** If you have any questions please email [myra.gentile@liu.edu](mailto:myra.gentile@liu.edu) at the Westchester Campus or [kara.sheridan@liu.edu](mailto:kara.sheridan@liu.edu) at the Rockland Campus.

## **Professional Writing Workshop**

Want help with graduate level writing? Both the Westchester Graduate Campus and the Rockland Graduate Campus will be offering a Professional Writing Workshop. Details about registration will be announced in September. Keep an eye out for the announcement online. Please contact [george.pietarinen@liu.edu](mailto:george.pietarinen@liu.edu) with any questions.

## **Educational Leadership**

If you are a student in the Educational Leadership Advanced Certificate program at the Rockland Graduate Campus, and you want to be awarded the M.S. Ed. in Educational Leadership, you must complete a Change of Major form to transfer to that program before you complete 24 credits. The form can be obtained at the front desk at the Rockland Campus.

### **New Endeavors:**

#### **Healthcare Sector Management Programs (WGC) and Entrepreneurship Programs (RGC)**

The Westchester and Rockland Graduate Campuses are proud to announce our newest programs: the Healthcare Sector Management Concentration in the MBA program in Westchester and the Entrepreneurship Concentration in Rockland.

Two options will be offered:

#### **Option A: The Advanced Certificate in either Healthcare Sector Management or Entrepreneurship.**

Those who wish to earn advanced credentials, but do not choose to pursue the MBA degree, can enroll in one of the Advanced Certificate Programs. Certificate candidates must complete four Healthcare Sector Management courses or four Entrepreneurship courses for a total of 12 graduate credits in the concentration.

#### **Option B: The MBA Degree with a Healthcare Sector Management or Entrepreneurship Concentration.**

Students entering the MBA Program will follow the usual 48 credit curriculum, normally completed by part-time students over a 24 month period. Year I courses will include six “General Business Core” courses and five “Advanced Core” courses. In Year II, students will complete either four Healthcare Sector Management courses or four Entrepreneurship courses.

All courses, as always, will be taught by faculty practitioners with advanced degrees and extensive experience in senior level policy-and decision-making positions. For more information please contact Dr. Lynn Johnson at the Westchester Graduate Campus (914)831-2711 or email [lynn.johnson@liu.edu](mailto:lynn.johnson@liu.edu) or Prof. Ken Reilly at the Rockland Graduate Campus (845)359-7200 ext. 5408 or email [ken.reilly@liu.edu](mailto:ken.reilly@liu.edu).

### **Electives in the Counseling, Psychology and Therapy Programs**

There will be two electives added to the Fall 2010 schedule. The first is a **BRAND NEW course**, CPT 602, “Personality Disorders: Evaluation and Evidence-Based Treatments.” Personality disordered clients present unique challenges to clinicians in many practice settings. This course will provide an overview of personality development and characteristic patterns of personality dysfunction. Students will learn to assess personality functioning by reviewing assessment instruments including structured clinical interviews and self-report scales such as the MCMI-III (Millon Clinical Multiaxial Inventory). There will be a review of the ten personality disorders outlined in the DSM-IV–TR. The course will culminate in a review of best practices in treating personality disorder including Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT), evidence based interpersonal techniques and Brief Relational Therapy (BRT). *This course is a must for the dedicated clinician!*

The second, SPC 675, “Introduction to Techniques of Substance Abuse Counseling” has been offered in previous semesters. The course introduces basic alcoholism and substance abuse counseling techniques as well as treatment approaches and their roll and function in the recovery process.

### **Onward with Technology at the Westchester Campus**

Over the past year, Long Island University has been moving forward in terms of incorporating technology. Most significantly, faculty now have an automatic link to the LIU e-learning platform, Blackboard for each of their courses. This means that classes now have online components. Many faculty use Blackboard (BB) as an enhancement to their regular face-to-face classes.

Blended courses will make BB even more useful. There will be live chat times for the nights when class does not meet in person, for example. This is already occurring in the MBA Program. Dr. Lynn Johnson tells us that the blended courses being offered this fall will make good use of the virtual classroom and chat features of the BB course management system.

We would be remiss if we did not acknowledge that our embrace of online components for teaching and learning would not have been possible without ongoing training and support from the University Instructional Technology Specialist, Norm Sutaria, who has made the long trek to Westchester and Rockland regularly to work individually and in groups with faculty. In addition, Adam Deyglio in Westchester and Leon Hubbard in Rockland, our own Help Desks, are ever-there for faculty, staff and students to troubleshoot and offer patient support. We encourage all students to become familiar with BB and use it as a tool to maximize learning. Please let Adam, Leon or your instructor know if you have questions or concerns about the new uses of technology on our Campuses. We are here to provide you the best possible academic experience and the LIU motto of *Access and Excellence* now applies equally to the online setting.

## **New and Improved Scholarships**

The academic merger of the Rockland and Westchester Graduate Campuses has allowed us to increase the number and types of scholarships offered to our students. Starting in Fall 2010, students who enroll in the MBA Program at either the Westchester or Rockland Campus will receive a new textbook scholarship. This scholarship of **\$150.00 per course** is designed to help students in the MBA Program offset the inordinately high cost of textbooks required in their courses. Also, in addition to the existing Westchester and Rockland County Employee scholarships, Westchester, Rockland and West Point now offer **one-third tuition reductions** to employees of Bergen, Fairfield and Bronx counties. Paraprofessionals and teaching assistants from public schools in these counties are now eligible for our **25% Career Ladder Scholarship** for Teacher Education. Professional employees from any Westchester or Rockland BOCES are urged to take advantage of our **25% BOCES Scholarship**. For information on these and other valuable scholarships please contact [Rockland@liu.edu](mailto:Rockland@liu.edu) or [Westchester@liu.edu](mailto:Westchester@liu.edu).

## **Continuing Education: Executive Management Certificate**

This Fall the Center for Professional Development at the Rockland Graduate Campus will offer a non-degree program in business leading to an Executive Management Certificate. Students will be able to choose from five courses in such areas as Accounting, Financial Management, Management and Leadership, Managerial Communications and Management Information Systems. Any or all of these courses may be transferred to the MBA degree program in Rockland or Westchester within one year of completion of the course. For more information, please contact the Continuing Education Department at the Rockland Graduate Campus (845) 359-7200 ext. 5434, or Dr. Lynn Johnson at the Westchester Graduate Campus (914)831-2711.

## **Veteran Friendly**

If you are a veteran of the military you may be entitled to educational benefits under the Post 9/11 G.I. Bill. These benefits may cover the entire cost of your master's degree program. A new brochure, entitled "Benefits for Your Education" is available by calling the Rockland Graduate Campus at (845)359-7200 ext. 5414 or the Westchester Graduate Campus at (914)831-2700. If you are in the neighborhood, why not stop by either campus and pick one up?

Kudos to the Rockland Graduate Campus of Long Island University which recently received an award from *G.I. Jobs* magazine; the Campus has been named a Military Friendly School for 2011. The award is based on the level and types of programs and services available to those who are military and veteran students at LIU's Rockland Graduate Campus.

Rich McCormack, publisher of *G.I. Jobs* magazine stated, "I am proud to notify you that, after years of research and after compiling survey results and other data, Long Island University-Rockland Campus has been named by *G.I. Jobs* magazine as a Military Friendly School for 2011!" According to McCormack, "The honor ranks you in the top 15% of all colleges, universities and trade schools nationwide. You should take great pride in this honor."

Maureen C. VerSchneider works with military and veteran students at our Hudson Regional Campuses. She advised, "We provide assistance to military and veteran students who are seeking to continue their education at the graduate level. Military and veteran students enjoy the friendly, supportive environment that our Campus provides. These students may be eligible for other scholarships, in addition to the benefits they receive for their military service from the government. We are very grateful to our military and veteran students for serving our country and protecting our freedom. I consider it an honor to work with this group of students."

The Westchester and Rockland Campuses are proud participants in the Yellow Ribbon Scholarship Program. Students who are eligible for 100 percent of the benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill may be able to pursue an education at either campus with no out-of-pocket expense to them.

## **People and Placements:**

### **Faculty**

**Dr. Carol Kennedy** joins the Rockland Graduate Campus as Program Director for Education Technology. A former writer and researcher for “Media Matters for America”, Showtime Television Network and Lifetime Medical Television, Dr. Kennedy received the National Cable Television Association’s ACE Award for Excellence in children’s programming. She has been published in international journals and contributed a chapter to Teaching Students with Learning Problems in the Inclusive Classroom published by Pearson Prentice Hall. Dr. Kennedy has taught a wide variety of graduate courses at prestigious universities and is most welcome!

We are pleased to welcome **Linda M. Ryan** as the Director of Palmer School of Library and Information Science. Ms. Ryan received her B.S. from Rutgers University (summa cum laude); M.L.S. from St. John’s University and J.D. from New York Law School. She is the author of the second edition of Legal Research and Law Library Management (Law Journal Press), a leading title in the field, and various articles on teaching legal research in law school.

**Jody K. Howard, PhD**, has been appointed to the Palmer School as Associate Professor of Library and Information Science specializing in School Librarianship and will be teaching at the Westchester Graduate Campus starting this Fall. Dr. Howard comes to the Palmer School from Colorado where she has worked as a teacher, a school librarian and a district library administrator. She also was the Director of the NCATE approved School Library Program at the University of Colorado – Denver and an affiliate professor in the School of Library and Information Science at the ALA accredited program at the University of Denver.

**David Jank, PhD**, has been appointed as Assistant Professor of Library and Information Science to the Palmer School specializing in the area of Knowledge Organization. Dr. Jank will be teaching at the Westchester Graduate Campus this Fall and has more than 25 years experience in the information industry. Dr. Jank is not only an Assistant Professor, but is an LIU Alum; he earned his PhD in information studies from Long Island University!

**Trudy Duschaneck**, Library and Information Science Program Coordinator at the Westchester Graduate Campus traveled to Hungary this Summer to accompany Newbery Honor award winning author Aranka Siegal. The trip was designed to launch the book, Upon the Head of a Goat in Hungarian. The book is a young adult biography of the childhood of Aranka Siegal, when the Nazis came to her Hungarian village in 1944 and sent her family and the other Jewish citizens of Hungary to concentration camps in Poland. Aranka Siegal is a former Westchester resident and has visited the Southern Westchester schools for over ten years spreading understanding and tolerance. The trip included an audience with the American Ambassador to Hungary.

**Dr. Beth Weiner**, Director of the Counseling, Psychology and Therapy Programs at the Westchester Graduate Campus has addressed 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. Dr. Weiner has received accolades and rave reviews from her colleagues

and they have been quoted as saying “We were honored and delighted to have Dr. Weiner present to us. The presentation was full of valuable material and we all learned so much.”

## **Student and Alumni Achievements**

**Denby Crist '09** – earned a Master’s in Social Studies Education and is currently completing an Advanced Certificate in Special Education. Denby accepted a position as a History teacher at EF International Academy in Tarrytown.

**Jan Millhauser '08** – graduated with a Master’s in Math and Special Education and is now teaching Math and Special Education at the New Life School in the Bronx.

**John Severiano** – a current student in the Math and Special Education program has obtained a Special Education teaching position at Tappan Zee High School.

**Diana Buononato Asner '06** – earned her Master’s in Childhood Education and Special Education and has received tenure at Tecumseh Elementary School in Farmingville, NY. Diana tells us that “There is not a day that goes by that I don’t look forward to going to work! Teaching is great!”

**Robert Meyer** – is finishing up his Master’s in Math and Special Education and will be teaching Math at Cardinal Spellman High School in the Bronx this Fall.

**Elliot Chase '10** – is hiking somewhere, according to his Facebook page! He will soon join his father, who has become heavily involved in building a school in Cambodia, which has now been running for two years or so. Elliot says “I shall be going over to help do some curriculum work (plenty to be done), teach English, work with teachers...should be fascinating!”

**Virginia Plath-Kelly '10** – a graduate of the Special Education and English program has accepted a Special Education teaching position at Hawthorne Country Day School.

**Keith Hassell '09** – is a Marriage and Family Therapy graduate and is currently working as a Career Counselor at Iona College where he assists students in declaring a major, identifying their interests and other areas of career preparation.

**Rhonda Jeffay** – a current student in the School Counseling program, was awarded The Charlotte Pavone Memorial Graduate Student Scholarship at the Westchester-Putnam Rockland Counseling Association end-of-year program on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Diana Lennon** – is a current student in the Library and Information Science program and has been awarded the American Library Association’s Meriam L. Hornback Annual Scholarship. The award is given to persons who display academic excellence, leadership and strong evidence of a commitment to a career in librarianship. Diana is also the recipient of the Westchester Library System’s Professional Development Award for 2010. The award is designed to assist WLA members in pursuing educational and professional development.



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