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Dear Hudson Herald Community Member:

The summer is racing along and with it comes thoughts of fall and the start of a new academic year. LIU Hudson will be offering a variety of new programs to assist our students and our region in keeping pace with rapidly changing workforce needs and opportunities. Included in the "What's New" category are:

- A fully online, 12-credit advanced certificate in cyber security for business professionals. The four courses that constitute the advanced certificate also may be used as a concentration in our M.B.A.
- Two new master's degrees and two new advanced certificate programs in special education and autism
- A new off-site M.P.A in health administration cohort at Phelps Memorial Hospital
- New internships (mental health counseling, marriage and family therapy, school counseling and school psychology) and student teaching opportunities at innovative and promising sites

LIU Hudson also has been fortunate in adding a new associate dean to its roster of administrators (see below), as well as a number of distinguished adjunct faculty members across the disciplines. Full-time faculty members are, of course, available for advising throughout the summer, and the administrative staff is here to help with registration, financial aid, IT and other issues.

Finally, Spring 2013 will bring with it a site visit by the University's accreditors: the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. I hope that some of you will be able to carve out a little time, perhaps half-an-hour, to meet with some of our visitors and share your perspectives.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and I look forward to seeing you in September.

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

Welcome Dr. Lea Rutmanowitz

Dr. Rutmanowitz has joined LIU Hudson as the associate dean for program and partnership development. She comes to us with an impressive portfolio of achievements spanning many aspects of academic administration. Her achievements include: developing articulation agreements, guiding the creation and registration of new programs and revenue-generating initiatives, partnering with other institutions, and developing and implementing assessments of student learning. She will not only assist in managing the daily operations of LIU Hudson at Rockland, Westchester and West Point, but will devote special attention to program development. Dr. Rutmanowitz earned an A.B. with honors in music, graduated magna cum laude from Barnard College, and earned a doctorate in musicology from Columbia University. It is with great pleasure that we welcome Dr. Rutmanowitz to LIU Hudson and wish her the best of luck for a successful future.

Dates and Deadlines:

(West Point – WPT; Rockland – R; Westchester – W)

- August 22** – Open House (R) 1-7pm
- August 23** – Open House (W) 1-7pm
- August 27** – Fall Session A begins at WP
- August 29** – New Student Orientation (R) 5pm
- August 30** – New Student Orientation (W) 4:30pm
- September 4** – Fall I MBA begins (R & W)
- September 5** – Fall Semester begins (R & W)
- September 19** – TED Portfolio Orientation (R & W)
- September 20** – Deadline to apply for January 2013 degree
- October 1** – TED Portfolios due (R & W)
- October 13** – Weekend College begins (R)
- October 22** – Fall Session B begins at WP
- October 27** – CPCE Exam (W & WP)
- October 28** – CPCE Exam (R)
- October 29** – Fall II MBA begins (R & W)
- November 22-25** – Thanksgiving (All campuses closed)
- December 9** – Weekend College ends (R)
- December 17-20** – Scheduled Final Exams (R & W)
- December 19** – Fall Session B ends (WP)
- December 20** – All classes end (R & W)

Dr. Judith Schlesinger to Present at LIU Hudson at Westchester

Dr. Judith Schlesinger is a psychologist, author, educator, jazz critic, musician and producer. Trained in cognitive-behavioral and family therapy, her hats have included college professor and administrator, school psychologist and psychotherapist. Her new book, "The Insanity Hoax: Exposing the Myth of the Mad Genius," is the product of three decades of scholarly research and creative experience. While dismantling the popular link between talent and psychopathology, it explains why great creativity should be celebrated, rather than diagnosed.

The LIU Hudson Counseling Honor Society sponsored Dr. Schlesinger's presentation at The Nyack Library on June 21. Forty-five people came to hear Dr. Schlesinger speak about the myth of creativity being linked with mental illness. Dr. Schlesinger will give a similar presentation at LIU Hudson at Westchester on Thursday, Oct. 11 at 6 p.m. Reservations are requested and anyone who would like to attend should email Westchester@liu.edu.

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Child Abuse and Violence Prevention Workshops

All students who need **Child Abuse and/or Violence Prevention Workshops sign up now.** TED 545: Promoting Wellness will be offered at LIU Hudson at Westchester on Saturdays, Oct. 27 and Nov. 17. Both sessions are all-day, 9 a.m.-3:45 p.m.

The Child Abuse and Violence Prevention workshop (needed for N.Y. state certification) will be given on Oct. 27 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. as part of the promoting wellness course. Registration forms (for the workshops only) are available at the front desk of the Rockland and Westchester campuses. TED students should follow normal course registration procedures. Please contact Professor Pietarinen at (914) 831-2706 or email george.pietarinen@liu.edu with any questions.

Academic Writing Workshop

Do you need help with writing skills and strategies? Would you like to sharpen your grammar or organizational skills? Have you forgotten or never studied the key elements of research paper writing, report preparation, editing, APA bibliography compilation and Web resource citation? Are you worried about the N.Y. State exams or your comprehensive exams? *Are you terrified at the thought of doing a portfolio narrative?*

If you answered yes to at least one of these questions, you should register for a collegial writer's circle, which will be tailored to your individual needs. We will focus on hot topics, current issues and cultural experiences that will take the "pain" out of writing. All LIU Hudson students are welcome to come and enjoy the services of an experienced writing teacher. Session one will be Tuesday, Oct. 2, from 7:10 p.m.-8:40 p.m., all other sessions TBD. The cost is \$60 for six 90-minute sessions (three face-to-face and three online) and registration forms can be found at the front desk of either campus.

Orientation for CPCE Exams

There will be an orientation for the CPCE Comprehensive Exam for school counseling, mental health counseling and marriage and family therapy students on Monday, Oct. 1, at LIU Hudson at Westchester and Oct. 2 at LIU Hudson at Rockland. Students should plan to take the exam at least one semester before they plan to graduate. Please contact Dr. Weiner at beth.weiner@liu.edu or Dr. Nardi at thomas.nardi@liu.edu with any questions regarding the exams.

NYC Psychologists-in-Training Program

The New York City Department of Education has some attractive incentive programs for bilingual school counseling and school psychology students. Bilingual school psychology students must take the Bilingual Education Assessment Exam by early spring of their second year to qualify for the NYC Psychologists-in-Training (P.I.T.) program. Please see Dr. Weiner for details.

TESOL Program Launches Flipped Classroom Model

This spring, Professor Helaine W. Marshall and her students jumped in and implemented an exciting model for course delivery, increasingly popular in K-12 education: the Flipped Classroom. The Flipped Classroom turns your teaching inside-out by having your lecture or lesson concept presentation take place outside of the classroom and

the home assignments take place inside the classroom. This enables students to learn at their own pace and in their own time frame as they view the lesson on video, thereby increasing their comprehension. It also increases the interaction between students and the instructor as class time is freed for application of course concepts. Finally, it places responsibility on the student to manage learning, resulting in development of critical thinking. One student commented, "I really enjoy the Flipped Classroom. I like that the lectures can be watched at my own leisure, paused and rewound, and that the class is more work activities and discussion. I would definitely keep the Flipped Classroom." Dr. Marshall, along with her students, Edith Ramirez-Lopez and Kristin Siano, presented this action research on the Flipped Classroom in an online session of "learning2gether" and at the LIU Teaching with Technology Institute (TTI).

Changes to Fall 2012 Schedule

We have just added Introduction to Mental Health Counseling to the fall schedule on Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. This course is needed to apply for N.Y. State licensure in mental health counseling but is also available to those in other fields, such as school counseling, as an elective. It also may be taken on a non-matriculated basis.

Please also note that both Diagnostic Tools for Measurement and World of Work have been moved to Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. and 7:10 p.m. respectively, and College Admissions Process has been moved to Mondays at 4:30 p.m.

LIU Hudson Counseling Honor Society

Congratulations to the new 2012 Counseling Honor Society inductees! Judith Harrington, India Bjaelker, Kim Gill, Nicole Donato, Michelle Spadaro and Brianne Hickey were inducted into the Honor Society in a ceremony held during the Spring 2012 semester. The mission of the Honor Society is to promote scholarship, research, professionalism, leadership and excellence in counseling, and to recognize high attainment in the pursuit of academic and clinical excellence in the profession of counseling. To be eligible for consideration, a student must have completed 12 credits with a GPA of at least 3.5 and must submit one letter of recommendation from an LIU professor with a brief application. Anyone interested in joining the Honor Society should contact thomas.nardi@liu.edu.

Over the past year, the Counseling Honor Society has hosted a series of study groups for the CPCE exam, which was held on November 13, 2011. We are proud to say that all LIU Hudson students passed all eight sections of the exam.

In March 2012, the Honor Society volunteered to help the Mental Health Association with their annual "What's Cool, What's Not Cool" conference. The conference focused on empowering teenage girls within Rockland County to make positive decisions that will enhance their lives. The conference consisted of multiple activities and a skit about respecting yourself as a young woman in today's society.

The Honor Society has hosted presentations at LIU Hudson at Rockland as well as in local libraries, and they have run bake sales, prom dress drives and food drives to help Rockland families in need.

Green Chimneys

Dr. Janet Simon, Dr. Rebecca Rich and Dr. Beth Weiner of LIU Hudson at Westchester, presented workshops at Green Chimneys Therapeutic Day School in Brewster, N.Y., on June 28. Dr. Rich and Dr. Simon discussed changes to the NYS Special Education Certification requirements. Dr. Weiner discussed categories of severe emotional disturbance.

Recognized as the worldwide leader in animal-assisted therapy and activities, Green Chimneys operates a residential treatment facility for children and a special education school. Each year, Green Chimneys' provides hundreds of children with the tools that enable them to positively experience their youth; regain a sense of self-worth; and create hope for a future as independent, positive and productive adults.

RBA Leader Visits Rockland Class

Al Samuels, president of the Rockland Business Association, visited LIU Hudson at Rockland on March 1, to address the MBA633: Organizational Behavior course. Dr. Lynn Johnson, the course instructor, explained that M.B.A students are required to present a training session on "Diagnosing and Changing Organizational Structure and Culture."

"Al Samuels has been a leading spokesperson for the business community in Rockland for many years and certainly brings a lot of wisdom on how to address problems and seek practical solutions," Dr. Johnson added.

People and Placements

Danielle Attard '11 has been hired as a school counselor at Notre Dame High School in Fairfield, Conn. Attard is now in her second master's program at LIU Hudson. She is working toward a degree in marriage and family therapy and is slated to graduate in 2013. Attard is currently completing her internship work at Jewish Family Services in Stamford, Conn.

Valerie Nivar '12 (Mental Health Counseling) and **Melissa Harris '11** (School Counseling) are now working as admissions counselors at Dominican College.

Andrea Bolen '11 has been hired as an adjunct professor to teach developmental psychology at Dominican College. Bolen received her master's degree in mental health counseling in September 2011 and completed her school counseling certification in December 2011.

Jessica Lopriore '12 has secured a position as a special education teacher at Stamford Middle School.

Donna McGregor, Westchester M.B.A. Program alumna, is now serving as the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for HealthQuest, the parent organization for Putnam Hospital Center, Vassar Brothers Medical Center and Northern Dutchess Hospital. Donna is responsible for all of the hospital and health system's operations as well as other corporate functions.

A Little Book with Big Ideas

LIU Hudson at Westchester Professor Marc S. Miller has written a new book entitled "Heroic HR: A Little Book with Big Ideas." Edited by Thomas Faulkner and illustrated by Allison Newsum, the book demonstrates how to ensure that the HR function in an organization is viewed as a strategic partner. Miller believes that the HR function should be considered a critical component to the continuing success of the corporate enterprise.

Professor Miller teaches MAN722: HR Management, which is a blended (online/face-to-face) course at LIU Hudson at Westchester. Congratulations Professor Miller!

New President of NYSATE

Dr. Sylvia Blake, dean and chief operating officer of LIU Hudson took office on July 1 as the new president of the New York State Association of Teacher Educators (NYSATE). The mission of the Association of Teacher Educators (ATE) and NYSATE – its New York affiliate – is to promote high-quality teacher education supported by evidence based research and clinical practice. "NYSATE advocates for New York's teachers and teacher educators to assure their active participation in the policy making that dramatically shapes education across our state," Dr. Blake explained. "I would hope that our graduate students in teacher education would seriously consider a very low-cost membership in NYSATE. This is one highly effective way of staying in touch with, and having input into, what is going on in the schools and in the profession."

Jennifer Blake '10 has been hired as a School Counselor at CJ Hooker Middle School in Goshen, NY which is also where she did her internship placement.

Mathew DeLeo, a current MS Ed student in TESOL, is teaching in the Pace University English Language Institute.

Edith Ramirez-Lopez, a current Bilingual Extension student, has been hired as a math teacher, with a focus on English language learners, at Sleepy Hollow Middle School.

Elizabeth Ferranti has accepted a position as a Special Education Teacher for first and second grade inclusion based classrooms at Byhalia Elementary School, in Byhalia Mississippi.

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.