



Westchester Graduate Campus Long Island University

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Newsletter

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From The Associate Provost: Dr. Sylvia Blake, Ed.D.

The Westchester Graduate Campus is heading for a technology oriented future. In addition to online courses, many of our faculty have been trained in Blackboard, the University's new content management system. They are eager to begin to use their new instructional tools in the spring semester. At the start of the Spring semester the WGC, both students and faculty, will also benefit from a new video-conferencing equipped classroom.

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On another technology note, students have begun to take full advantage of the convenience of online registration. Thankfully, they have also been careful to check with faculty to make sure that they are registering for the correct course(s). Remember, if you have questions or concerns, contact a faculty advisor.

If the hallways feel a little more crowded now than they did last year, it is because we are pleased to note that our campus population has grown by about 10% since last year at this time. Much of that growth is surely attributable to the excellent word-of-mouth endorsements we receive from businesses, school districts, former students, and others in the region. If you would like to benefit from the good things you have to say about us, please consider looking into our Recommend-A-Friend Scholarship. For more information, or if you have financial aid questions, please email Roseann Isaac at roseann.isaac@liu.edu.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that Margaret Evans, our Campus Certification Officer will be conducting two late afternoon workshops in March to acquaint students in teaching, school psychology and school counseling with the New York State Education Department's TEACH website. If you will be graduating in May and need to be certified in teaching, school psychology or school counseling, please make sure to sign up for the TEACH Workshop as soon as you see the announcement. Happy Holidays and enjoy the rest of the semester.

Dates and Deadlines:

April 30-May 6	Scheduled Final Exams
May 5	Open House for Prospective Students 6:00pm
May 18	Commencement 7:00pm
May 20	Required New Student Orientation (Summer)
May 27 -June 29	Summer session I
May 31	Memorial Day, no classes
June 25-July 1	Writing Through the Arts
July 6	Portfolio Due Date
July 6-August 5	Summer session II
August 9-August 14	Summer Institutes
August 18	Portfolio Workshop 11:00am-12:30pm
August 19	Open House for Prospective Students 6:00pm
August 25	Portfolio Workshop 4:30-6:00pm
August 31	Required New Student Orientation (Fall)

**FEBRUARY 1st IS THE
LAST DAY TO APPLY
FOR YOUR MAY
DEGREE!**

Counseling Psychology and Therapy News:

NEW Advanced Certificate in School Counseling - The Westchester Graduate Campus is now offering School Counselors a way to permanentize their provisional certificates in just two semesters! The electives and required course that constitute the Advanced Certificate are designed for the practicing school counselor to enhance marketability and fulfill NY State requirements. To find out more, or to apply to this program, please contact Dr. Weiner at beth.weiner@liu.edu.

**ENHANCE YOUR
CAREER IN JUST TWO
SEMESTERS!**

The WGC's School Psychology program was well-represented by our students at the annual NYS School Psychology Association Convention held this year in White Plains. WGC student Joe Moschetti, who is currently interning in the Ardsley School District, was spotted helping out at the door.

A resume-writing workshop was held on Monday, November 2nd for Prof. Jablonski's School Counseling Internship class. The expertise provided by Mrs. Laura Barber (retired Director of Guidance, Somers School District), Mrs. Michele Beni (retired Middle School Counselor, Scarsdale School District) and Mr. Enrique Cafaro (High School Counselor, White Plains High School) provided personalized assistance for each student. Their expertise relating to all aspects of the job search process was invaluable to our students.

Congratulations to Dr. Lynn Haley-Banez, advisor to our MHC and MFT programs, who this past Spring was elected to serve on the Executive Board of the Association for Multicultural Counseling & Development, a division of the American Counseling Association. Dr. Haley-Banez was also elected by the membership to serve as President of the North Atlantic Region of the Association for Multicultural Counseling & Development.

The American Counseling Association's national conference will be held in Spring 2010 in Pittsburgh and Dr. HB has submitted the names of a few exemplary students to the national headquarters where they will be among those considered to receive scholarships to attend the conference. Anyone interested in attending the conference, or acquiring leadership experience, or working with Dr. HB while she is serving as the North Atlantic Representative please e-mail lynn.haley-banez@liu.edu.

Teacher Education News:

***New Online Course to
begin Spring 2010!***

Special Education Students - This Spring the WGC will offer a new online course in Special Education and TESOL/Bilingual Education. This course is TED 612 - Assessment of English Language Learners in Special Education. Through this course, students will examine the interface between special education and ELLs. Students from both Special Education and TESOL/Bilingual Education will be taking the course, providing for a dialogue across fields. The instructor, Prof. Ann Quinones-Narcisse, is a certified Speech and Language teacher and has completed her Bilingual Education Extension. In fact, she is an alumna of WGC! This is a totally online course. Class will meet on Mondays from 7:10-9:40, online; students can login from home, school, workplace, or wherever there is a reliable internet connection with audio and webcam capability.

The course utilizes the Blackboard CMS, where students will find all course materials, assignments, weekly discussions, and other activities and requirements. Students will receive training in Blackboard and in the virtual classroom, Adobe Connect Pro, the week before classes begin. We are very excited about our new online course offering and encourage you to consider taking this course. *Ask your advisor if this course fits into your graduate program.*

WGC Technology Workshop - An introduction to the SmartBoard will be held on Tuesday, January 5, 2010 from 4:30 - 6:00pm. Come and learn about the many uses of the SmartBoard in instructional settings.

Required Autism Workshop - Effective Fall'09, all Special Education students are required to complete a three-hour overview workshop on the Nature and Needs of Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder. The WGC offered the workshop as part of TED-618, a one credit graduate course, in November 09 and will offer the stand-alone workshop again in Spring 2010. The three hour workshop will fulfill the NYSED requirement for individuals seeking special education certification and will cost \$50. For registration information please e-mail sheila.mccluskey@liu.edu.

Promoting Wellness - For those Education students who need TED 545-Promoting Wellness, we are offering an intersession course spanning three evenings, Mon. January 4 from 5:00-9:30pm, Wed. January 6 from 4:00-8:30pm and Mon. January 11 from 4:00-8:30pm. For SPC and LIS students who need the Child Abuse and/or Violence Prevention Certificates, those workshops are the first session, Mon. January 4 from 5:00-9:30pm. Registration forms are available at the front desk. Cost for both workshops is \$60 (\$30 each). Promoting Wellness will also be offered in the Spring semester on two Saturdays, March 6th and March 13th from 9:00am - 3:45pm. The March 6th session will include the workshops in the morning from 9:00am-1:00pm. SPC and LIS students should follow the same registration procedure as noted above.

Professional Writing Workshop - will be offered in the Spring semester for students who would like to improve their writing skills. Please look for the dates to be announced on Campus soon!

[Library and Information Science:](#)

CST Workshop - Dr. Bea Baaden will run a workshop on January 6th from 4:30-7:00pm in preparation for the CST in Library Media. Any student in the School Library Media Specialist program who is interested in attending should contact bea.baaden@liu.edu.

Welcome Ms. Trudy Duschaneck - The Westchester Graduate Campus would like to offer a warm welcome to Ms. Trudy Duschaneck, our new Coordinator of the Library and Information Science Programs. Trudy earned her undergraduate degree in Economics from Stony Brook University and a master's degree in Economics from Purdue University. She then went on to earn a master's degree in Library Science at Rutgers University. She also holds New York State certifications in Teaching N-6, School Library Media Specialist and Public Librarianship.

As a librarian, Trudy has worked at the New York Public Library, Louis M. Klein Middle School in Harrison and the New Rochelle Public Library. She also volunteers at the Martin Luther King Institute for Peace and Non-Violence Library.

*Autism Workshop,
Promoting Wellness,
Child Abuse/Violence
Prevention Workshops,
and Professional
Writing Workshop to
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Trudy is working hard meeting with students. “Here at LIU, as the Westchester Graduate Campus coordinator for the Palmer School of Library and Information Science, I hope to convey the joy and love of the field of information science and library service to new students,” she says. “It seems that I have spread the message about this wonderful field to my daughter; she is a school librarian in Massachusetts. Keep reading and enjoy!”

Admissions and Campus Information:

Effective immediately, students will be able to register for classes using their MyLiu e-mail addresses, or in person by filling out a registration card available at the front desk. Please be sure to check with your advisor before registering for a class.

LIU is going GREEN! Effective Spring 2010 students will no longer receive paper bills for tuition in the mail. All billing will be done through MyLiu e-mail accounts. You must have access to your MyLiu e-mail account in order to keep your billing account current. If you do not have a MyLiu e-mail account, please see Adam Deyglio at the Westchester Campus.

Faculty and Alumni News -

Natalie Schirone - a September 2008 graduate of the M.S. Ed. in Early Childhood Education and Early Childhood Special Education, is currently working as a studio teacher instructing child actors in theater, film, and on television. Her next two teaching projects include a few episodes of *Law and Order SVU* and the national tour of the musical *Annie*. Previously, she taught a self-contained kindergarten and first grade class at P.S. 306 in the Bronx.

Congratulations to Prof. Charles Borelli on the birth of his first grandson, Jason Anthony born on 10/30/09.

Keep an eye out for an upcoming article in the December edition of “Education Outlook” (a Journal News supplement). The article entitled “Words of Wisdom from 8 College Professors” features our M.B.A. Program Director Dr. Lynn Johnson and offers his unique perspective on the field of business administration.

Better World Book Drive -

Want to do something amazing with those textbooks you can no longer use? We have a solution that benefits our campus, the earth and other students around the world! Be Green and help out students who are less fortunate than some of us by improving literacy in the U.S. while at the same time diverting textbooks from landfills.

The Westchester Graduate Campus of Long Island University has partnered with Better World Books (www.betterworldbooks.com) to run a book drive that will benefit the National Center for Family Literacy (NCFL) (www.famlit.org) and we would love to have your support. For a complete list of acceptable books please visit the Better World Books website or check out the list in our lobby. All books must be in good condition with no missing pages or covers and not have mold, dirt or water damage.

We have set up big green collection boxes at either end of the lobby next to the glass doors. Books collected will be put up for sale online to raise a sustainable stream of funding for NCFL or sent for direct use in family literacy programs. If the books cannot be donated or sold, they are at the very least recycled.

Students may also go to betterworldbooks.com to purchase used books and can take advantage of our 10% discount by entering the code RUFIS (ReUse First Internet Service) at checkout.

SUGGESTION BOX

Please look for the WGC’s suggestion box located in the front lobby. We welcome your ideas and thoughts and look forward to hearing from you!!