

Westchester Graduate Campus Long Island University

Summer 2010
Newsletter

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From The Associate Provost: Dr. Sylvia Blake

When the snow was falling and the temperature bitterly cold, it seemed as though spring would never come. Thankfully we were wrong: spring came and with it a busy semester at the WGC. Classes were filled, student teachers and interns were out and about, and everyone on campus was hard at work. In the midst of this bustle, we marked the first anniversary of the current five year national accreditation of our teacher education programs. Also in its first year was our newly registered 48 credit MBA.

Looking forward to this summer, you will begin hearing about the academic merger of the Westchester and Rockland Graduate Campuses. Although most things will remain the same, programs will reach across the Hudson and students will benefit from the increased convenience of being able to register for classes at either campus, or even both campuses. Over the next two years, technology will play an increasingly important role as we seek to enhance instruction using Blackboard and other appropriate tools. Our goal is to maintain the high quality upon which LIU prides itself while, at the same time, innovating through the use of technology.

I cannot end this message without sadly noting that in March we lost a dear member of the WGC family to multiple myeloma. Shelly Perlman Foster, one of our two wonderful resource specialists, passed away after a three-and-a-half year arduous struggle. She was a gifted special educator, a compassionate and caring teacher, and a friend to all who knew her. Shelly was a treasure that will long be remembered.

Enjoy the spring, and see you in the summer.
Sincerely,

Sylvia Blake, Ed. D.
Associate Provost
Academic Dean

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 24 - June 28	Summer Session I
May 31	Memorial Day, no classes
June 28-July 2	Writing Through the Arts
July 6	Portfolio Due Date
July 1-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)

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**Orientation is
REQUIRED for all new
students beginning
classes in Summer and
Fall!**

Commencement Participation Information for Degree and Advanced Certificate Recipients

The Westchester Graduate Campus of Long Island University
Commencement Ceremony will be held on
Tuesday May 18, 2010 at 7:00 PM.

- Please be prompt! Robing begins at 6:15pm and lineup begins at 6:45
- Graduates will receive FOUR (4) guest tickets. Seating in the auditorium is limited due to Fire Safety Codes so no additional tickets will be available
- No one will be admitted into the hall after the members of the academic procession are seated
- Graduates and their guests will please park in parking lot W2
- Please contact Mario Chavez or Margaret Evans at (914)831-2700 if you or your guests require special accommodations
- Graduates will be photographed as they receive their diplomas and proofs of the photos will be mailed to them by the photographer. Photos will be available for purchase through Island Photography
- Following the commencement ceremony, graduates will proceed to the receiving line to be greeted by University dignitaries and faculty
- Frames for diplomas are on display in the lobby and can be purchased online at www.framingsuccess.com or by filling out the form available at the front desk, and mailing it to Framing Success
- Make sure that your current home address is on file because diplomas will be mailed to that address in the Fall
- A reception for our graduates and their guests will be held in the lobby of the Westchester Graduate Campus immediately following the ceremony

Teacher Education News:

Required Autism Workshop - Effective Fall'09, all Special Education students were required to complete a three-hour overview workshop on the Nature and Needs of Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder. The WGC offered the workshop in Spring 2010 and will offer it again in Fall 2010. The three hour workshop fulfills the NYSED requirement for individuals seeking special education certification and costs \$50. For registration information, dates and other specifics, please e-mail sheila.mccluskey@liu.edu.

Promoting Wellness - For those Education students who need TED 545, Promoting Wellness, the course will be offered Tuesday July 13th and Tuesday July 20th from 9:00am to 3:45pm. For SPC and LIS students who need the Child Abuse and/or Violence Prevention Certificates, those workshops will be held on July 13th from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Registration forms for the workshops are available at the front desk. Cost for the two workshops is \$60 (\$30 each). Please contact george.pietarinen@liu.edu with any questions.

Summer FLES (Foreign Language in the Elementary School) Course - Again this summer, our campus will offer an online course for foreign language teachers wishing to extend their certification to the elementary grades. The course, TED 569, Teaching Languages Other than English in Childhood, will be offered in Summer Session II. This course will meet regularly on Mondays, 4:30 -6:30, in a virtual classroom. Additional work will take place online utilizing Blackboard. Prerequisite training is required and students must attend one of two training sessions: Tuesday, June 29, 4:30 - 6:30 pm or Thursday, July 1, 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Professor Sidonie Schneider of the New Rochelle City School District will teach the course. After completing this course successfully, currently certified language teachers will become eligible for, and may apply for, the NYS LOTE (Languages Other than English) Extension in the language in which they are certified. Commonly referred to as the FLES Extension, this credential is valuable today as many districts are adding language programs for young learners. For more information, contact Dr. Marshall at helaine.marshall@liu.edu.

The Art of Writing - The WGC will hold its annual writers' week from June 28th through July 2nd. This program offers an opportunity for young writers in grades 4-6 to expand and enhance their thinking, imaginations and writing talents through writing and art experiences. Using the resources of the Neuberger Museum, the program affords its participants first hand opportunities to interact with works of art. Participants give language to their ideas and discoveries through writing. Our graduate students, who are certified teachers, work with the participants in both large and small groups as well as one-on-one. The program is under the direction of Dr. Rebecca Rich, Director of Literacy Programs. Anyone interested in registering a child, please contact rebecca.rich@liu.edu.

Professor Marshall published in new online TESOL Journal - Dr. Helaine W. Marshall, and her colleague, Dr. Andrea DeCapua from The College of New Rochelle, have an article appearing in the first issue of a new TESOL publication, the TESOL Journal, available only online. In the article, "Serving ELLs With Limited or Interrupted Education: Intervention That Works," the authors describe a 5-month qualitative study conducted in a high school in our region using their instructional model, the Mutually Adaptive Learning Paradigm (MALP), with English Language Learners. Read the article at: www.tesolmedia.com. Dr. Marshall has also published her work on MALP in *Urban Review*, *English Language Teaching Journal*, and *NYSUT's Educator's Voice*. Her forthcoming book with Dr. DeCapua, Breaking New Ground: Teaching Students with Limited or Interrupted Formal Education in Secondary Schools, to be published by University of Michigan Press, shows teachers how to implement this instructional model and provides many sample lessons and projects.

Portfolio Workshop - Would you like help getting started on your TED Portfolio? Are you confused by the directions? Have you started and are unsure how to proceed? Do you have questions even though you attended the mandatory portfolio orientation? We will run portfolio workshops to help you figure it all out and get your submissions done well and on time. LATE SUBMISSIONS ARE THE SINGLE MOST FREQUENT CAUSE OF DELAYED DEGREE COMPLETION! Remember, final submissions are due the semester before your last. Individual help will be available by appointment for students who have attended a workshop.

This Summer workshops will be offered on Wednesday, August 18th from 11:00am - 12:30pm and on Wednesday, August 25th from 4:30pm - 6:00pm. Please contact myra.gentile@liu.edu with any questions.

Counseling, Psychology and Therapy News:

Summer Electives and Institutes - We will be offering an interesting array of courses including electives and institutes this summer. Electives will include *The Family of the Substance Abuser* and *The Counselor as Team Member*.

Week long intensive institutes are three credit courses which run from 8:30am to 4:30pm. Both matriculated and non-degree students are welcome, but sign up early to be certain of a seat.

Monday, August 2nd through Friday, August 6th

Counseling the Special Education Student will be offered by Dr. Colleen Murray. Dr. Murray, a popular professor at our campus, brings to the course years of experience as a principal and counselor at BOCES. The course provides the school counselor/practitioner with a broad, in-depth understanding of the myriad factors which impact on the adaptation, self-image and adjustment of special education students.

Solution-Focused Grief Counseling, part of our Summer long focus on the contemporary shift to positive psychology and empowering clients, begins on August 2nd. Dr. John Desrochers, a nationally recognized school psychologist, will be the instructor. Grief counseling techniques, with a concentration on outcomes, solutions, and practicality, are ideally suited to the demands of contemporary counseling in schools, communities and private practices.

Monday, August 9th through Friday, August 13th

Dr. David Drassner will continue our client empowerment series with his course, *Resiliency-Focused Counseling*. A competency-based approach to selected life challenges such as substance abuse, trauma, and mental illness will be addressed. Interactive experiences, group discussion, and video vignettes will be included. Dr. Drassner, President of the Rockland Resiliency Institute, has a consultation practice providing professional development to schools, community groups, and professional associations on adaptation and coping with life transitions and challenges from a strengths perspective.

Another intensive institute offered the week of August 9th through August 13th is *Dealing with Loss and Grief*. This course, taught by Marlene Page, a social worker with many years of experience in schools and clinical practice, will utilize a variety of teaching methods including group discussions, interactive exercises and field trips to community resources which assist with bereavement. This course is invaluable for everyone from school personnel to private clinicians to agency workers who must help different age groups deal with loss.

MBA News:

MBA Innovations in Course Offerings - This Summer, the MBA Program will be offering its first cross-listed course, MBA 811, Business Policy and Strategy. This “capstone” course will be taught by two of our senior faculty members, Professors LuBell and Strom, and will be offered jointly to students from Rockland and Westchester. Classes will meet four times at the Rockland Graduate Campus and four times at the Westchester Graduate Campus.

Additionally, according to Dr. Lynn Johnson, MBA Program Director, four MBA courses scheduled for 2010-2011 will be the first MBA courses to be offered using “blended instruction,” that is, they will be taught in a part on-line and part face-to-face format. Professor Charles Borrelli will teach FIN 704, Financial Report Analysis, in Fall 2010 and FIN 710, Mergers and Acquisitions, in Spring 2011.

Professor Marc Miller will teach MAN 722, Human Resources Management, in Fall 2010, and Professor Douglas Capozzola will teach MAN 703, Project Management, in Spring 2011. All four blended courses will be offered to students from both the Westchester and Rockland Campuses.

New MBA Faculty appointed - Dr. David Borker made his debut as the MBA Program’s newest faculty member this year, teaching GBA 516, Business Statistics. Dr. Borker has taught at Ohio State University and other institutions, and has extensive professional experience in accounting, finance and international business.

Douglas Capozzola will be joining the MBA faculty in the next academic year. A graduate of Yale and of the Stern School of Business at NYU, Mr. Capozzola provides training management and consulting to major corporations and is an enthusiastic proponent of instructional technology to enhance learning.

People and Placements:

Congratulations to Ms. Ana Maria Grippo on being awarded the Spring 2010 Deanna Giordano Scholarship. This scholarship, through the generosity of the Giordano family and in memory of their daughter, is awarded to a WGC student who is pursuing a career in Special Education, has a GPA of 3.8 or above and shows exceptional promise as a special educator.

Congratulations to Steven A. Goldberg, Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Education Department here at the WGC, on his election as President of the National Council for the Social Studies. The NCSS is the nation’s largest professional organization for social studies educators and Mr. Goldberg will begin his term effective July 1, 2010.

Ashley Zennis, a WGC graduate in English education has accepted a position at Louis M. Klein Middle School in Harrison.

Natalie Ramirez, a WGC graduate in Education, is now teaching tenth grade English at Rye High School.

Congratulations to Dr. Sylvia Blake, our Associate Provost and Academic Dean, the 2010-2011 President-Elect of the New York State Association of Teacher Educators.

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



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!!