

## People and Placements (cont.)

**Judith Zivan**, '04, M.S.Ed. literacy B-6 (W), has been hired at Monroe-Woodbury Central School District

**Marie Naomie Remy**, a current student majoring in public administration, is a poet and a writer. She has published several articles online for SEIU 651 in Boston (Service Employees International Union) and has published a book available on Amazon entitled *The Flower of Hope*. Marie has also authored *Souvenirs D'adolescent* and *Martine, la Revoltee*, which were published in 1995 and 1997 in French. In February 2014, Remy will have an exhibition of her poems at the Hilton Hotel in Nanuet, N.Y.

**Andrew Rose**, school psychology (W) has been hired as a school psychologist case manager at Lorraine Hansberry Academy, P.S. 214, and Emolior Academy, M.S. 383, in New York City.

**Nicole Donato** (R) passed her New York State Mental Health Counselor's licensing exam.

Professor **Marie Bogdanowich**, who teaches in the counseling program at LIU Hudson at West Point, is now a Certified Prevention Professional (CPP) through the Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse in New York.

**Melissa Harris**, '11, school counseling (R), has been hired as a guidance counselor at St. Dominic Academy in Jersey City, N.J.

**Alyse La Padula**, '14, teacher education, secondary social studies (W), has been a teaching assistant at Martin Luther King Jr. High School in Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y., and has now been offered a job as a social studies teacher.

**We are always happy to hear from you! Share your accomplishments, personal stories, and professional news by emailing us at [westchester@liu.edu](mailto:westchester@liu.edu) so you can keep in touch with friends and fellow students through our newsletter.**



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Dear Hudson Herald Community Member:

As you read this edition of the *Hudson Herald*, it is clear that LIU Hudson students are achieving and moving forward at record-breaking speed. We are preparing our students for new challenges and opportunities in the fields of health/public/business administration, counseling, psychology, therapy, educational leadership, and teacher education. The strong theoretical and practical underpinnings of our programs are making our students more versatile and more marketable. The value added in an LIU Hudson program lies in the coupling of robust programs with the individual attention of seasoned faculty advisors.

All of the LIU Hudson programs are responding to marketplace challenges. You will read about Senator Carlucci's keynote speech at LIU Hudson's recent conference for parents, educators, and counselors entitled "In the Crosshairs: Mental Health Needs in the School." You will note the changes to New York teacher certification requirements and the array of support being provided to ensure the success of our graduates. You will also read about the successes of our M.B.A. students.

As president of the New York State Association of Teacher Educators, I share with you the pride I take in the fact that LIU Hudson educator preparation faculty regularly take part in workshops and conferences—at the NYSATE fall pre-conference and conference, through BOCES, and by way of the workshops supported by the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities—that inform them of changes to regulatory requirements for those seeking certification in New York. Their grasp of current requirements and challenges ensures the success of their students.

In these pages, you will also read of the robust performance of LIU Hudson M.B.A. students in the Capstone Challenge, which demonstrates capabilities in the world of business. Seeking to build on this strength, and with the assistance of our LIU's University Center, we are nearing the conclusion of our search for a director of health/public/business administration programs. The experience and expertise the new director will bring to the table will be critical as we evaluate programs to make certain they embody all that is needed now and will be needed in the future, to ensure the success of our students in the corporate, public, and health care spheres.

Enjoy the cooler—or shall I say cold—weather and please spread the word of LIU Hudson's successes.

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

## Spring 2014 Dates and Deadlines: (Rockland – R; Westchester – W; West Point – WP)

- Jan. 6 - 8 – Express Admission Days (R & W)
- Jan. 8 – New Student Orientation (R & W)
- Jan. 13 – Spring session A begins (WP)
- Jan. 13 – All classes begin (R & W)
- Jan. 17 – Award of Jan. 2014 degrees
- Jan. 20 – MLK Day – no classes. Offices open.
- Jan. 23 – Deadline to apply for May 2014 degrees
- Feb. 9 – Teacher Ed., Weekend College (R)
- Feb. 17 – President's Day, no classes. Offices open. M.B.A. make-up TBD
- March 1 – Counseling and Ed Leadership, Weekend College (R)
- March 2 – Teacher Ed, Counseling, and Ed Leadership, Weekend College (R)
- March 10 - 15 – Spring recess, no classes, except for M.B.A.
- March 15 – M.B.A. Spring II begins (R & W). CPCE Exam (W & WP)
- March 16 – CPCE Exam (R)
- March 17 – Spring session B begins (WP)
- March 23 – Teacher Ed., Weekend College (R)
- April 5 – Counseling and Ed Leadership, Weekend College (R)
- April 6 – Teacher Ed., Weekend College (R)
- April 26 – Counseling and Ed. Leadership, Weekend College (R)
- April 27 – Teacher Ed., Counseling, and Ed Leadership, Weekend College (R)
- May 1 – Spring session B ends (WP)
- May 5 - 9 – Scheduled final exams (R & W)
- May 12 – Graduate reception (R & WP)
- May 14 – Graduate reception (W)
- May 15 – Commencement

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## LIU Hudson M.B.A. Students Win Capstone Challenge

A team of M.B.A. students at LIU Hudson won a simulated business competition, earning more profits than any of the other 335 teams taking part.

Members of the winning team included **Maheer El Jamal** of Highland Mills, N.Y.; **Mark DiCintio** of Armonk, N.Y.; **Naureen Rajput** of Monroe, N.Y.; and **Sabu Mathew** of Nanuet, N.Y.

Coached by Adjunct Professor Edward LuBell, the winners in the profits category, as well as a second LIU Hudson team, also ranked within the top 20 percent in all other key business metrics at the conclusion of the August competition.

The Capstone Business Competition is a longstanding feature of the M.B.A. program at LIU Hudson. "Management teams who come out on top often comment that they value the meaningful interactions with their fellow students, the teamwork, and the fun they have, even above winning," said LIU Hudson Dean and Chief Operating Officer Dr. Sylvia Blake. "They credit their winning experience to their fellow team members, whom they get to know well within the cohort structure LIU Hudson provides, and to the leadership of outstanding professors with real-life experience in running businesses. These are the key factors that provide them with a rich learning environment, enabling their success. Congratulations to the M.B.A. Capstone Class on a job well done!"

## Student Awarded Scholarship

**Maria T. Spadaccini**, a student in the early childhood and early childhood special education master's degree program, has been awarded the 2013 Deanna Giordano Scholarship. The \$1,000 scholarship is applied toward her tuition at LIU Hudson and is a result of the generosity of the parents of the late Ms. Deanna Giordano. One such scholarship has been given annually for the past five years to an LIU Hudson at Westchester student pursuing a degree in special education.

Recently, the Giordano family decided to fund the scholarship for five additional years commencing with another award to be made in spring 2014. Criteria for selection include a GPA of 3.8 or above, plus exceptional promise as a future special educator. "Maria's essay, as well as her work toward her degree at LIU Hudson, is a clear demonstration of that promise. The faculty noted that it is both a pleasure and a privilege to work with so able a student. Maria will surely be a positive role model for the youngsters she will teach in the years to come," said Dean and Chief Operating Officer Dr. Sylvia Blake.

## Author Series Begins at LIU Hudson

The LIU Hudson at Westchester Counseling Honor Society, under the direction of Dr. Susan Goldman, sponsored a presentation by Ms. Kimberly Rae Miller, author of *Coming Clean: A Memoir*, on Nov. 14. This very successful presentation was the first in a new and stimulating Author Series that was spearheaded by Dr. Beth Weiner, program director for the graduate programs in counseling, psychology, and therapy offered at LIU Hudson at Westchester.

Miller grew up behind the closed doors of her family's Long Island home, living among stacks of aging newspapers, broken computers, and boxes of festering junk. She described her rat-infested home and how she learned to cope with her father's painful struggle with hoarding. Miller is now a writer and actress living in New York City and her book, *Coming Clean: A Memoir*, was awarded Amazon's Best Book of the Month in July 2013, named #42 of the best books on Amazon, and is nominated for a Good Reads award. After an intriguing Q and A session, audience members had the opportunity to purchase a copy of the book and have it signed by the author.

In addition to the presentation, the Counseling Honor Society produced a thought-provoking presentation, which included role playing, information on the new DSMV diagnosis of Hoarding Disorder, characteristics and

common personality traits of a hoarder, statistics, and help and resources for hoarders and their families as well as treatment options.

Visit [liu.edu/hudson](http://liu.edu/hudson) for future presentations by other authors of interest.

## Professor Travis Jackson Honored

LIU Hudson at Rockland Adjunct Professor Travis Jackson was recently honored by the Holocaust Museum & Study Center of Rockland. For the past six years, she has been instrumental in bringing Holocaust survivors, Holocaust liberators, and museum educators into Suffern Middle School to share their stories of tragedy and triumph with his students.

Jackson said, "Young people need to be taught the importance of civility, tolerance, character, and empathy in this day and age. This is a critical task for all educators, myself included. Every year, the feedback from students, parents, and faculty reminds me that learning about the Holocaust through the eyes, hearts, and voices of those who lived through it is the absolute right thing to do."

Jackson teaches the individual practicum course for school counselors at LIU Hudson at Rockland.

## In the Cross-Hairs: Mental Health Needs in the School

On Oct. 19, LIU Hudson at Rockland hosted "In the Cross-Hairs: Mental Health Needs in the School: A Conference for Parents, Educators and Counselors." The keynote address was delivered by Senator David Carlucci, who represents the 38th State Senate District (Rockland and Westchester). Senator Carlucci chairs the Senate Mental Health Committee, is a strong advocate for supporting mental health services, including anti-bullying legislation, and is a friend to LIU Hudson.

Parents and professionals benefitted from the workshop presentations that included information about school violence, suicidal students, bullying, autism, Asperger's syndrome, and crisis intervention. Presenters included Susan Cortelet, M.S., LMHC; Priscilla Prutzman M.A.; and, LIU Hudson at Rockland faculty members Thomas J. Nardi, Ph.D.; Elliott Kagan, Ph.D.; Mitchell Levy, Ph.D.; and Travis Jackson, M.S.Ed. In addition, mental health counseling graduate students **Jacqueline Rizzo** and **Myriam Lecorps** assisted in the presentations. During the course of the day, a "Careers in Counseling Workshop" was conducted by three recent Rockland graduates: **Nicole Donato**, M.S.; **Francesca Lopis**, M.S.; and **Kayleigh Crawford**, M.S.Ed.

## Advanced Certificate in Mental Health Counseling

Are you a school counselor or school psychologist interested in clinical work or private practice? Are you a returning therapist or counselor interested in securing required NYS licensure as a mental health counselor? Consider LIU Hudson's newest program, a 24-credit Advanced Certificate in Mental Health Counseling. The program is offered at both LIU Hudson at Westchester and LIU Hudson at Rockland starting in the fall and can enhance an existing career or launch a new one! If you are an LIU Hudson graduate, you are eligible for the LIU Hudson Alumni Scholarship. For additional information on this program or any of the counseling, psychology, or therapy programs, please contact Dr. Beth Weiner at [beth.weiner@liu.edu](mailto:beth.weiner@liu.edu) or 914-831-2717.

## Teacher Certification Exams Update

As you may be aware, new New York teacher certification exams will be required as of May 2014. Thus, teacher education candidates applying for a first initial certificate on or after May 1, 2014, will need to successfully complete the edTPA, the Academic Literacy Test, Educating All Students Test, and the appropriate content specialty tests in lieu of the LAST, ATS-W, and current CSTs. For candidates who already hold an initial teaching certificate and wish to apply for an additional certificate after May 2014, the only exams required are the appropriate content specialty

tests. If a teacher education candidate holds a permanent teaching certificate, rather than an initial or professional one, speak to an advisor to determine what tests are required and do so whether graduating before or after May 2014. The teacher education faculty will be scheduling workshops this spring to acquaint students with the nature of these new exams. Visit [liu.edu/hudson](http://liu.edu/hudson) for dates and times.

## Additional Opportunities for Educational Leadership Students

The educational leadership department at LIU Hudson at Rockland is continuing its efforts to reach beyond the campus to form new cohorts, including one planned for Rye, N.Y. Students entering this cohort may earn either a master's degree or an advanced certificate leading to school building leader (principal) or school district leader (superintendent).

Over the past year, the Middletown cohort has grown significantly and it is hoped that the new cohort will provide a convenient and accessible path whereby teachers seeking administrative positions will be able to expand their careers.

*The Educational Leadership Journal: Practical Solutions for the New Administrator* will be released soon. Written by students in the program, this LIU Hudson effort features articles for school administrators and provides a platform for our graduate students to share their visions, aspirations, and experiences. Copies of the journal will be distributed regionally.

## Child Abuse and Violence Prevention Workshops

**All students who need child abuse and/or violence prevention workshops sign up now.**

Required for New York certification, these will be offered on Saturday, March 29 at LIU Hudson at Westchester. The Child Abuse Prevention module will be conducted from 9 to 11 a.m. The Violence Prevention module will be conducted from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration forms for the workshop modules are available at the front desk in Rockland and Westchester. The cost is \$30 for each module or \$60 for both.

**TED 545, Promoting Wellness**, a one-credit course, which includes the two modules above, will be offered at LIU Hudson at Westchester on two Saturdays, March 29 and April 5. Both sessions are all day, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Students who will be taking the course should follow normal course registration procedures.

Please contact Professor George Pietarinen at 914-831-2706 or email [george.pietarinen@liu.edu](mailto:george.pietarinen@liu.edu) with any questions.

## Guidance Expo 2013

Dr. Beth A. Weiner, director of the counseling, psychology, and therapy programs at LIU Hudson at Westchester, presented to more than 300 guests at the Westchester/Putnam Guidance Expo. The annual event was held at the Westchester County Center on Oct. 21, 2013, and sponsored by the Westchester Putnam College Conference Committee in affiliation with the New York State School Counselor Association.

Dr. Weiner, who has expertise in treating severely mentally ill adolescents as outpatients, spoke on the topic of "Identifying Mental Health Issues and Risks in Students."

Dr. Weiner's presentation described some of the mental health risk factors that can be identified within the school setting. Her presentation also included a discussion of how the different members of the school team can work collaboratively to support students who are socially isolated or have emotional difficulties. In addition, this workshop addressed how to interface with family members and mental health professionals in the community.

## LIU Hudson Students Returning for Advanced Certificates

LIU Hudson students are happily reporting that they have secured teaching positions this year in local, upstate, and New York City schools. As budgets are passed and teacher retirements increase, positions have and will, become available. The opening of charter schools has also provided teaching opportunities, and our students have also fared there as well. Ask **Kathryn Tsiavos**, **Margarita Jimenez**, **Andrea Golden**, **Zachary Kellman**, and **Alexandra Bandremer**, to name a few. We are proud that our graduate students know they are well prepared for the challenging tasks confronting them.

Interestingly, many former students are returning for advanced certificates so they can increase their versatility and marketability. Coming back to get ahead seems to be a recurring theme. With multiple certifications, principals are able to move teachers into positions that best meet the needs of school constituencies. Districts are now looking for teachers who are able to fill varied positions, as some positions are cut and others are added. Additionally, many school districts continue to require teachers to be enrolled in graduate programs in order to earn credits toward salary step increases.

LIU Hudson is aware of this need and, in response, is offering education graduates an alumni scholarship to come back and earn an Advanced Certificate in Literacy (B - 6) (5 - 12), Special Education (1 - 6) (Generalist 5 - 12), or Early Childhood. Additionally, some appropriate credits may be transferable into the programs. For more information about advanced certificates at LIU Hudson at Rockland, please contact Elaine Geller ([elaineb.geller@liu.edu](mailto:elaineb.geller@liu.edu)) or Dr. Nancy Goldman ([nancy.goldman@liu.edu](mailto:nancy.goldman@liu.edu)). At LIU Hudson at Westchester, please contact Dr. Rebecca Rich ([rebecca.rich@liu.edu](mailto:rebecca.rich@liu.edu)), Dr. Janet Simon ([janet.simon@liu.edu](mailto:janet.simon@liu.edu)), or Dr. Iris Goldberg ([iris.goldberg@liu.edu](mailto:iris.goldberg@liu.edu)).

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Dr. **Thomas Nardi**, program director for counseling at LIU Hudson at Rockland, has an article published in *American Survival Guide* magazine. The article, "Surviving Stress: How to Deal with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder," is his sixth to be published in this publication.

**Atieh Taskindoust**, school psychology (W), received her National School Psychology Certification and is a licensed school psychology specialist in Texas. LIU Hudson is proud to announce that a nationwide search for a Farsi-speaking school psychologist led to one of our students!

**Dionicia Torres**, pharmaceuticals (R), has accepted a position as a lab technician at Mana Products in Long Island City, N.Y.

**Joseph Falco**, school counseling (R), was honored on Oct. 25 by the Rockland Economic Development Council as one of Rockland County's "Forty Under 40" for his leadership at LIU Hudson, RCC, and United Hospice of Rockland. "I believe in giving everyone a voice and the chance to be heard," said Falco. "Whether teaching undergraduate or graduate students, advising college freshmen and sophomores, or counseling individuals, groups, or families, that is my empowerment mantra. Adding humor whenever possible helps too. Laughter truly is the best medicine."

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