



School of Health Professions and Nursing

Monthly Newsletter

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Message from the Dean

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the LIU Post School of Health Professions and Nursing (SHPN) Monthly Newsletter. The SHPN includes six departments, Biomedical Sciences, Health Sciences, Nursing, Nutrition, Social Work, and Health Care and Public Administration. The SHPN is dedicated to educating students from diverse backgrounds to address the health and social needs of individuals, families, communities and society, as well as to develop skills for best practice, based on humanistic values, interprofessional skills, scientific knowledge and evidence.

The purpose of the newsletter is to promote communication among all our stakeholders including, students, faculty, staff, administrators, clinical affiliates, and alumni. The newsletter will serve as a vehicle to highlight initiatives, developments, events and research among our constituents. We hope the newsletter will also facilitate collaboration and opportunities among our community. Each edition will highlight an academic department or program, a student, a faculty member, and a staff member. We hope to extend this to alumni in the near future. We welcome all contributions. Please feel free to email items or suggestions to Dawn Wyrick, dawn.wyrick@liu.edu for inclusion in upcoming editions.

Staff Profile: Paul Dominguez Ph.D., Assistant Dean



Dr. Dominguez is a retired diagnostic medical sonographer and current affiliate member of the American Society of Clinical Laboratory Sciences. Paul holds his Ph.D. in Education, specializing in Leadership for Higher Education, and has been with LIU Post since 1999. He serves as the Assistant Dean for the School of Health Professions and Nursing in providing support for the departments and students. Paul is also an adjunct with the Department of Health Care and Public Administration as well as Biomedical Sciences covering topics in clinical immunology, medical chemistry, computer software, statistics, and technology use in both public and private sectors. He has researched the effects of albuterol isomers on small airway epithelial cells, the use of virtual simulation in allied health fields, and the characteristics of allied health deans.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 6-12, 2016

Allied Health Professions Week honors the many excellent contributions made by educators, students, and practitioners to improve individual and population health status.

The SHPN will be hosting the following events to celebrate Allied Health Professions Week;

November 6th, 9:30am-2:30pm
Fall Open House

November 8th & 9th, 12:30-1:30pm
Discussion of case studies and the need for interprofessional relationships within the Healthcare field to care for the patients, as a whole. Humanities Building, room 119.

November 10th, 12:30-1:30pm
Emerging Roles in Healthcare by Wendy Darwell, Patrons Lounge, Tilles Center.

November 12th, 9:00am-2:00pm
Heroes of Health Care Open House.



Nutrition

Dr. Jerrilynn D. Burrowes, RD, CDN, Full Professor and Chair, Department of Nutrition, was recently inducted by the National Kidney Foundation (NKF) into the Fellowship of the National Kidney Foundation (FNKF). SHPN would like to acknowledge Dr. Burrowes for her many decades of service and commitment in promoting the mission of the NKF and as a dedicated educator at LIU Post.

Health Sciences

Checkout the newly approved "Minor in Spanish Language for Healthcare Professionals". Students can complete a core requirement in Spanish language, and with a few additional credits be skilled in the use of Spanish in the healthcare setting. You will learn about the many different Spanish language cultures and master medical terminology in Spanish. This is an approved minor for all BSHS students.

Also check out the "Science and Fiction in Science Fiction" upper level learning community next semester. HSC 221 (Topics in Human Genetics, taught by Dr. Marci J. Swede) will be paired with ENG 48 (Science and Society, taught by Dr. John Lutz). BSHS students can use the HSC 221 as an elective and the ENG 48 will satisfy a core literature requirement.

Health Information Management

As a continued accreditation requirement, the Health Information Management (HIM) program has to complete and submit the program's annual assessment report to the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management (CAHIIM) Education for review, approval and acceptance. The report was submitted and letter of continued accreditation was received from the accreditation agency.

The HIM faculty are busy creating new courses in health informatics and health information research that will help providers improve patient outcomes for many different conditions. The HIM faculty is also working on an HIM minor to prepare students for a graduate degree program in health informatics or better prepare them for positions in the ever expanding health care fields.

Health Care and Public Administration

Lauren Bock Mullins, Ph.D., has been named Chair of the National Awards Committee for 2016-2017 of the ASPA Section on Women in Public Administration.

Linda Vila, J.D., is an adjunct faculty member at St. John's University School of Law and teaches Health Law and Bioethics. She was just awarded the Dean's Adjunct Teaching Award at the law school for her excellence in teaching.

Department News continued



Nursing

The first fall cohort of the Pre-Licensure Program began formally this September.

SHPN welcomes Mr. Brian Haughney as the first Lab Manager for the new state of the art Interprofessional Simulation Center to help our School navigate and maximize simulated learning experiences for all our students.

Social Work

As their annual community service event, the Masters of Social Work GSA prepared candy bags for Halloween to distribute to children affiliated with the Family and Children's Association.

The BSSW Social Work club raised money for breast cancer research conducted by the American Cancer Society through a bake sale and raffle in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The group also participated in the Annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk. To find out more check out this issue's student profile.

Biomedical Science

Dr. Tejas Bouklas, a new full time faculty member on Tenure Track, has joined the Department in Fall 2016. Dr. Bouklas received her PhD from Albert Einstein College of Medicine in Biomedical Sciences with an emphasis in Microbiology and Immunology.

A new part-time Assistant Lab Manager, Maethinee Koonvisal, has joined the Department of Biomedical Sciences in Fall 2016.

In October, students and from the Biomedical Sciences Department presented posters at 2016 MACUB conference at SUNY Old Westbury, winning 10 awards for their work. These students include: Angelo Messina, Sherwin Shaju, and Tiffany Rose from Dr. Daniel Ginsburg's lab; Morgan King and Xinyue Wang from Dr. Azad Gucwa's lab; and Praveena Dhulipala and Thamer Alanazi from Dr. Marci J. Swede's lab. Congratulations to the winners and their mentors.

Profiles of the Month

Department Profile: Health Information Management

Health information managers are a vital and integral part of the health care team. They play an important role in the planning, design, implementation, management, use and evaluation of information systems and electronic health records. Health information managers are the specialists who secure, analyze, integrate, maintain and provide reliable and accurate information the steers the healthcare industry. In the competitive and complex environment of today's health care system, the proper management of health information is essential. The Bachelor of Science degree in Health Information Management offers a course of study that prepares students to monitor and manage the medical data systems critical to institutional operations and patient care. There are approximately 12,000 to 50,000 new jobs anticipated by 2017, and the Bureau of Labor Statistics cites medical records and health information technicians as one of the 20 fastest growing occupations in the U.S. For more information on this program, contact Prof. Marie Colin at marie.colin@liu.edu

Faculty Profile: Cynthia (Cindy) Pierce, MS, RDN, CDN



A native of Long Island and a graduate of LIU Post's BS and MS in Nutrition, and Dietetic Internship (DI). Prior to joining Post as the DI Program Director, she served for six years as Assistant Professor and Clinical Coordinator for the LaGuardia Community College Food and Nutrition Programs. Her clinical experience includes five years at Jamaica Hospital Medical Center, as both an in-patient and out-patient dietitian, as a home-care consultant, and with Visiting Nurse of Suffolk County Hospice. Ms. Pierce's previous teaching experience also includes adjunct positions at Suffolk and Nassau Community Colleges, Queens and Touro Colleges.

Student Profile: Paula Palacios-Flores, Social Work



I am a Senior in the BS in Social Work Program at Long Island University. I am a proud Salvadorian American and the first in my family to pursue higher education. I am passionate about social justice, working with children who need behavioral health services, and politics. I am also the Event's Coordinator for the Social Work Club at LIU. The social work club and I, work collaboratively to raise both money and awareness for causes that we find to be important. One of our most recent events involved raising money for Making Strides Against Breast Cancer and walking 3 miles as a team at Jones Beach for their Annual Breast Cancer Walk. Additionally, I am currently interning at H.E.L.P Services, formally known as Freeport Pride. This agency provides a variety of services including individual, group, and family counseling, Drug Prevention Counseling, Academic Services, and its newest program Club H.E.L.P (an after-school drop in program for children ages 12-17). My interest in social work has always stemmed from my adolescent years where social workers made a difference in my life. Now, being able to intern and work with youth at H.E.L.P Services, I feel that I can be the person who will make a difference for someone as well. Social work to me, is being able to empower others to believe in themselves when no one else will. It is advocating, and being the voice for those who feel that no one will hear them. Social work is not about having all the answers, but having the capacity and compassion to accompany others on their journey to discovering the answers. Social Work is a profession that requires a commitment to being a lifelong learner. I plan on continuing to obtain and enhance my skills to benefit my future clients and myself in my field practice and eventually my career as a Social Worker.