

Dean's Message



Dear Alumni,

As I recently told our doctoral students, I am thoroughly enjoying my re-entry into academia. My first year was among the most rewarding in my career. Working with faculty and students reminds me of the importance of persevering and what is right about the world. I have changed jobs and careers a couple of times and learned first-hand that what we sometimes first judge as failure can turn into opportunity. One such situation inspired me to pursue my doctorate and begin my long-postponed career in education. What I learned during my recent time in the corporate sector is the importance of having a big view and the ability to understand complex problems from multiple perspectives. We don't know what challenges and problems are in store for us, but seeing the big picture and considering multiple perspectives will help us deal with them more effectively. That is what we are trying to imbue in our students here at the College of Education, Information and Technology at LIU Post!

Cordially,

Robert Hannafin, Ph.D.

Dean, College of Education, Information and Technology

Alan November Discusses Technology and Education

On November 16, 2012, CEIT organized an all-day encounter with internationally-renowned education futurist/technologist **Alan November**. A morning working session with the College faculty was followed by an afternoon conference with the wider LIU Post and Long Island communities at Humanities Hall. In both interactive sessions, Dr. November challenged our assumptions and provoked spirited discussions about current and future technology-led trends facing K-12 and higher education. (Additional information on Dr. November's work can be found at <http://novemberlearning.com>)

The event was made possible in part with the generous support of the John P. McGrath Fund.

CEIT Student Awards and Research

CEIT's Palmer School of Library and Information Science Master's degree students received the following awards:

Caitlyn Wrigley received a \$1,000 Dewey Scholarship from the New York Library Association.

Jaime McCurry and **Caitlyn Wrigley** each received a \$2,500 Joseph N. Whitten Scholarship from the Beta Mu Chapter of Beta Phi Mu, International Library Science Honor Society.

Natasha Alvarez was selected as the 2013 Career Enhancement Program Fellow for the Association of Research Libraries. This award includes leadership training and an internship at Columbia University. (story continued on backpage)

(at right) **Nancy Marksbury**, Palmer School student and LIU Post Deputy Chief Information Officer.



Dr. Jan Hammond with Senator John Flanagan and Regent Roger Tilles.



Annual CADEA Conference Hosted by CEIT

On October 12, 2012, LIU Post hosted at Tilles Center the annual Collegiate Association for Developing Educational Administrators (CADEA) conference on Advancing Leadership Preparation. Education deans and faculty from across New York State participated in this important all-day event, which is normally held in Albany. The theme for this year's conference was "Strengthening Connections between NYS Reforms, Accreditation and Higher Education."

New York State Regents Chancellor **Merryl Tisch** was the opening speaker, with a welcome and introduction by LIU president **Dr. David Steinberg**, Academic Affairs Vice President **Jeffrey Kane** and Dean **Robert Hannafin**. **Dr. Jan Hammond**, past CADEA president and Associate Professor in CEIT's Department of Educational Leadership and Administration, introduced the Honorable John Flanagan, New York State Senator and Chair of the Senate Education Committee. State Regent **Roger Tilles** followed with an informative talk and led an interactive and candid question and answer period.

The afternoon session highlighted **Dr. Mark LaCelle-Peterson**, president of the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC). Dr. LaCelle-Peterson shared what needs to be known regarding the new accreditation process and answered questions accordingly. He also spent time with CEIT Associate Dean **Dr. Kathryn Lusteg** and department chairs at a pre-conference breakfast. Closing out the day was guest speaker **Dr. Thomas Rogers**, District Superintendent of Nassau BOCES, who led the discussion on "Trends in the K-12 System and their Implications for Higher Education."

This special conference was designed for deans and faculty statewide to gain greater understanding directly from those who have influence over developments in higher education. The rare opportunity of hearing speakers from "both sides of education" provided participants with critical answers that will affect their collegial programs.

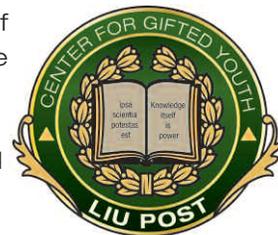
Innovative New Courses at Center for Gifted Youth

The realm of social justice and human rights will be explored in two new courses

offered to gifted students during CEIT's summer program. "Finding Your Global Voice with Chocolate and Trees" (grades 6-8), will empower students to analyze and evaluate research about the fair trade and non-fair trade chocolate industry, as well as global and environmental concerns.

"Finding Your Global Voice with Water" (grades 4-6), will deal with the world water crisis. Through research and the use of technology, student presentations will demonstrate how clean water is connected to human rights, social justice, poverty

and hunger, the environment, and public health.



LIU Asked by New York City to Establish a Parent Academy

Long Island University, after participating in a competitive application process, has been chosen to establish the New York City Department of Education Parent Academy. The NYC Parent Academy is a city-wide program dedicated to creating and enhancing partnerships within school communities by strengthening parent involvement to support student achievement. It is designed to offer school communities the training and resources needed to better support families and provide parents with information so that they can be informed and involved partners in their children's education. **Dr. Evelyn Castro** (Associate Professor from LIU Brooklyn) and **Dr. Kathleen Feeley** (Associate Professor from LIU Post) designed the project not only to improve outcomes for NYC schools and families, but so that LIU students, as part of their coursework or as volunteers, can gain experience to complement their studies.

Dr. Kathleen Feeley with NYC Schools chancellor Dennis Walcott and the Director of NYC DOE Division of Family and Community Engagement, Jesse Mojica



Recent Recognitions and Awards for CEIT faculty



Dr. James Vacca, Associate Professor in the Department of Special Education and Literacy, was honored at the March of Dimes Sixteenth Annual Golden Apple Awards Dinner on November 13, 2012 at Fox Hollow.

The award was presented by **Dr. Roger Tilles**, Member of the New York State Board of Regents. The Golden Apple awards were created to recognize and honor outstanding individuals who have made a difference through their commitment to education.



Dr. Nana Koch, Associate Professor in CEIT's Department of Health, Physical Education and Movement Science, was awarded the 2012 Excellence in Education Award (Educator of the

Year), given by the American Dance Therapy Association (ADTA) at their 47th Annual Conference held on October 12, 2012 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The award is given in recognition of outstanding education in dance/movement therapy. It is awarded to an ADTA member who has made a specific, significant contribution and demonstrated excellence in the education of dance/movement therapists. In addition to her work as an educator, Dr. Koch has made significant contributions to ADTA; she is currently chairperson of the Subcommittee for the Approval of Alternate Route Courses. She is also former chair of the Credentials Committee and member of the Approval Committee that evaluates graduate education nation-wide.

CEIT's Interdisciplinary Educational Studies Doctoral Program

The Ed.D. in Interdisciplinary Educational Studies that began in September 2009 is the newest doctoral program at Post. It is a research-based doctoral program designed to prepare students for a leadership role in public and private schools, from prekindergarten through college and universities as well as in other organizations involved in educationally-related activities. The 51-credit program is uniquely structured from an interdisciplinary perspective. Several third year students have been awarded grants and scholarships from professional organizations. Each incoming class enters the doctoral program as a cohort, which allows for students to develop strong connections with other educators. Cohorts begin each fall. Applications are now being accepted for fall 2013. Please visit our website at liu.edu/post/educationalstudies for more information.



Dr. Paula Lester, Senior Professor of Education and director of the program

CEIT Students Awards and Research (cont. from cover story)

The following students in the Palmer School Information Studies Ph.D. program presented research at three national/international conferences:

Elizabeth Milonas presented a paper at the American Society for Information Science and Technology's (ASIS&T) 23rd Annual SIG/CR Classification Research Workshop on Classification Research: Past, Prospect and Pinnacles held in October 2012.

Anamika Dasgupta presented a paper at the 9th International Conference on Technology, Knowledge, and Society in Vancouver, Canada, on January 13-14, 2013.

Nancy Marksbury presented an overview of the research she is conducting for her dissertation at the Association for Library and Information Science (ALISE) convention in Seattle in January.



Conference of Elementary-Secondary Teaching & Learning (CESTL) “One-Day’s Conference, 10-Years of Learning”

Founded in 2007 by Assistant Professor of Education Dr. Dengting Boyanton, the Conference of Elementary-Secondary Teaching & Learning (CESTL) is a completely student-centered semi-annual conference focusing on student research. As a “conference of the students, for the students, and by the students,” CESTL strives to provide the best platform for education majors to exchange their research discoveries. CESTL also provides other enriching programs including a keynote address, invited professors’ talks, and cultural performances. Ever since 2007, CESTL has received overwhelmingly positive feedback from its attendees who found it “exciting,” “inspiring,” “educational,” “informative,” and “powerful.” Ok-Hyun Jo, an international graduate student from Korea, summarized her CESTL experience: “Although I spent only one day at the CESTL, the information I learned was more than 10 years of learning.” CESTL is currently sponsored by CEIT, the Curriculum & Instruction Department and LIU Post’s Provost’s Office. For more information, please see: <https://sites.google.com/site/cestlconference>, dengting.boyanton@liu.edu.



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Students, staff and faculty help local communities with Hurricane Sandy Relief

CEIT students, staff, and faculty aided the local community recovery efforts for Hurricane Sandy by organizing a donation campaign of money, goods, and time as distribution volunteers. Phi Delta Kappa’s chapter at LIU Post, an educational academic honor society, also participated in the initiative. On December 20, Dean Robert Hannafin, Professor Haeryun Choi, and students delivered the donations to the American Red Cross office in Mineola. The collected canned food went to the village of Island Park, one of the hardest hit communities on Long Island.

As the holidays approached, Anastasia Karathanasis, a CEIT staff member, led the annual Toys for Tots campaign in support of the U.S. Marines’ effort, by placing one of their bins in the Dean’s office. Students, staff and faculty contributed toys to brighten the holidays of less fortunate children. Both of these projects provided opportunities for students to make a real difference and engage in the local community.



Tracey Grotticelli, Secretary, Clinical Education, Dr. Michael Hogan, Associate Dean, Grace Gazzo, Assistant to the Dean, Lance Corporal Angel Martoral and Sergeant Sanoussi Diaby, 2nd Battalion 25th Marine Regiment in Garden City, NY, Joan McCarthy, Secretary to the Dean, Oscar de Rojas, Assistant Dean.