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The Voice of LIU Hudson at Westchester, Rockland and West Point

Dear Hudson Herald Community Member:

New programs are LIU Hudson's response to the career challenges confronting our communities. Our Healthcare Sector Management M.B.A. concentration and Advanced Certificate are off to a solid start. Enrollments are on the rise, and the response to the faculty and course content have been very positive. Similarly, we are experiencing robust interest in our M.P.A. in Healthcare Administration. Clearly, through these offerings, we are contributing to the fiscal stability and growth of the region by producing well-credentialed managers prepared to shoulder increasing responsibilities in a portion of the job market that continues to grow.

New master's degree programs with concentrations in autism, and a new advanced certificate in autism, demonstrate the forward thinking that characterizes LIU Hudson. Whatever the diagnostic criteria used, the incidence of autism spectrum disorders has made the topic one of grave concern to a wide range of professionals. For more about these programs, please see page 2.

Online instruction has earned a place on the higher education continuum, and so LIU Hudson at Westchester will launch a new, fully-online Advanced Certificate (or M.B.A. concentration) in Cyber Security for Business Professionals for fall 2012. Information concerning the program will be released beginning in early spring 2012.

As census data has shown, education truly pays off. Those Americans who have earned advanced degrees are the least likely to be unemployed, and the most likely to be well compensated for their work. Let LIU Hudson help you, your family and friends to enjoy the benefits of higher education.

Sincerely,
Sylvia Blake, Ed.D.
Dean & Chief Operating Officer

Counseling Honor Society Comes to Westchester and West Point

Calling all Counseling Students! Have you successfully completed at least 12 credits and maintained a 3.5 GPA or better? Are you interested in working with other students in performing useful volunteer service work? If so, you will be pleased to know that the Counseling Honor Society based at the LIU Hudson (Rockland), now has chapters at Westchester and West Point. Counseling students from all our locations can now join and participate in the Honor Society activities that have long been a part of the LIU Hudson's community service.

In the past, the Rockland chapter's students have participated in such events as the "People to People Food Drive", "St. Jude Children's Hospital Walk-A-Thon," and the "Prom Dress Drive". In addition, the Honor Society has sponsored workshops and presentations on such high-interest topics as Human Trafficking.

For more information about membership please contact Dr. Nardi at thomas.nardi@liu.edu.

Dates and Deadlines:

- (West Point – WPT; Rockland – R; Westchester – W)**
- January 2** – Spring A Classes begin (WPT)
- January 4** – Open House (R and W)
- January 11** – New Student Orientation (R)
- January 12** – New Student Orientation (W)
- Please note – New Student Orientation is REQUIRED for all new students beginning classes in Spring 2012**
- January 16** – M.B.A. Spring I Classes begin (R)
- January 17** – All Classes Begin (R & W)
- February 1** – Portfolio Orientation for Teacher Ed students (R & W)
- February 6** – Teacher Ed Portfolio Due Date (R & W)
- Please note – This is the FINAL opportunity for May 2012 Teacher Education graduates to submit your portfolio**
- February 20** – President's Day, campuses closed, no classes (R & W)
- February 21** – Portfolio Workshop (R & W)
- February 27** – Spring B and C Classes begin (WPT)
- March 8** – Open House (R & W)
- March 12-16** – Spring Recess, no classes (R & W)
- March 31** – Counseling Comprehensive Exams (W & WPT)
- April 1** – Counseling Comprehensive Exams (R)
- April 17** – Portfolio Workshop (R & W)
- May 7** – Last Day of Spring Classes (R & W)
- May 8** – Open House (W)
- May 9** – Open House (R)
- May 16** – Commencement

Child Abuse and Violence Prevention Workshops

All students who need Child Abuse and/or Violence Prevention Workshops, sign up now. They will be offered at the Westchester campus on Saturday March 24 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. as part of the Promoting Wellness course. The cost is \$30 for each workshop and registration forms are available at both the Westchester and Rockland campuses.

For students who need Promoting Wellness, the one credit course will meet in Westchester on two consecutive Saturdays, March 24th and March 31st from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The course will meet in Rockland on April 7th and April 14th from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Please register early by contacting roseann.isaac@liu.edu at LIU Hudson (Westchester) or peg.murphy@liu.edu at LIU Hudson (Rockland). Please contact george.pietarinen@liu.edu with any questions.

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Three New Programs in Autism Education

LIU Hudson at Rockland and Westchester is proud to announce three highly anticipated programs in Autism Education. Beginning in Spring 2012 LIU Hudson will offer: (A) M.S. Ed. in Special Education (1-6) with a concentration in Autism; (B) M.S. Ed. in Special Education (7-12) with a concentration in Autism; and (C) Advanced Certificate in Autism Education (Post-master's).

The two Master's Degree programs lead to certification in special education with an additional concentration in Autism education. The Advanced Certificate provides a four-course concentration in autism for professionals in a range of fields, including education, counseling, school psychology, marriage and family therapy, and other related fields. The coursework for all of these programs will be offered at both Rockland and Westchester locations. For further information please contact janet.simon@liu.edu.

Autism Spectrum Disorders Presentation

The Center for Lifelong Learning and Family Studies at LIU Hudson (Rockland) offered a presentation by Dr. Elliot Kagen entitled "Autism Spectrum Disorders: Primer for Parents and Professionals" on Tuesday December 6th from 7-9 p.m. This informative and important session addressed two fundamental questions from both a professional and personal perspective. What is Autism Spectrum Disorder? What can a parent or family member do to support an individual who they suspect may have Autism Spectrum Disorder or who already has been identified as being on the Autistic Spectrum?

NEW at the West Point Educational Site

LIU Hudson's West Point Educational Site has long offered top quality Master's Degree programs in School Counseling and Mental Health Counseling. Beginning in Spring 2012, both military and civilian students can now take advantage of an additional program in Childhood Education/Special Education. This new offering leads to dual New York State Certification and is taught by LIU faculty with extensive experience. Special military and Department of Defense employee tuition rates are available for eligible students. To learn more, please contact marybeth.leggett@liu.edu or call (845) 446-3818.

NEW at the LIU Hudson (Rockland)

Dr. Thomas J. Nardi, Director of the Counseling programs at Rockland and West Point, has designed and will be teaching a new course, "Spiritual Issues in Counseling," beginning in Spring 2012. The course meeting dates are: March 3, 4, 24, 25 and April 28, 29.

This course will explore an important and often neglected aspect of counseling: the client's spiritual/religious beliefs. Topics to be covered include spiritual explanations for suffering; counseling perspectives of the major spiritual/religious traditions; special needs and problems of the religious client; the counselor's own belief system; and, the clinical use of the client's beliefs. Didactic lecture, group discussion and exercises, case studies, and

role-playing are among the approaches that will be utilized. Please contact thomas.nardi@liu.edu with questions or for more information.

Council for Exceptional Children Chapter 615

The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC), Chapter 615 held a panel discussion at the Westchester Graduate Center on November 14th. A panel of parents and professionals discussed current trends and issues in educating students with autism. Students from LIU Hudson were invited to attend and many brought along interested members of the community.

For more information on the Council for Exceptional Children, please contact Chapter 615 President Dr. Iris Goldberg at iris.goldberg@liu.edu. For more information about LIU Hudson autism programs, please contact Dr. Janet Simon at janet.simon@liu.edu.

Westchester-Putnam Guidance Expo 2011

The Annual Westchester-Putnam Guidance Expo was held at The Westchester County Center on Monday October 17. Dr. Beth Weiner, Program Director for Counseling, Psychology and Therapy at LIU Hudson (Westchester) presented on the topic of "School Counseling Interventions for the Student with Bipolar Disorder." The talk focused on the student with Bipolar Disorder and the many challenges such students pose in school settings. Dr. Weiner addressed the important role of the school counselor in: designing schedules which accommodate the student's special "biorhythms"; managing a student's return from a hospitalization; addressing social issues; crisis intervention; etc. Approximately 100 guidance counselors from the tri-state area were in attendance for Dr. Weiner's presentation.

Dr. Robert Penna Authors New Article

The New Jersey Association of School Administrators has published an article by Dr. Robert Penna, Adjunct Professor of Education at the LIU Hudson (Rockland). The article entitled "Understanding Your Community: The New Chinese-American Student" was published in the community section of "On Target" magazine and online at www.njasa.net. The Association asked Dr. Penna to write a three-part series therefore, there will be two other articles published which will highlight the Arab-American and the Indian-American student.

Bullying Seminars

LIU Hudson at Rockland and Westchester are doing their part to help spread awareness about bullying and to suggest possible solutions to the problem to parents and educators.

On November 5th and 13th the Rockland center conducted workshops on Bullying Prevention and Treatment. On November 5th, Dr. Elliot Kagen presented a talk entitled "Dealing with Bullying: Practical Solutions for Parents and Teachers." Professor Travis Jackson presented "Cyber-bullying: What it is and How to Prevent it" and Dr. Mitchell Levy presented "How prepared is Your School to Deal with Bullying." For information on future presentations please contact Thomas.nardi@liu.edu.

People and Placements

Dr. Julia Miller joined LIU's team of instructional designers in July 2011. Dr. Miller has extensive experience as a teacher, trainer, writer and instructional designer, with a particular expertise in online teaching and learning. She has held a number of leadership positions in eLearning organizations including V.P. of Professional Services at eHigher Education and Director of Faculty Development at NYUonline. For the past 10 years, Dr. Miller has been designing and delivering online instruction in the corporate training sector. Welcome to LIU Dr. Miller!

Jamie Shumake, a member of the LIU Hudson's counseling faculty, was featured in the November issue of Rivertown Magazine. The article included an interview with Professor Shumake about his clinical practice and his professional affiliation with LIU.

Professor George Toth, LCSW a member of the counseling faculty at the West Point Educational Site, presented a workshop based on his recently published book "Marble Mindfulness." The presentation was given at the Rockland center and was designed to teach participants how to discover the family dynamics of their clients and their own families by using a unique tool that Professor Toth has devised.

Karina Magana, a graduate of the School Counseling program at the Westchester center, is happy to report that she has been working as a school counselor at Northeast Middle School in North Carolina for the past 4 years and is now the proud mother of a baby girl named Chloe. Congratulations Karina!

Joyce Romero, a current student in the Childhood/Special Education program, has been accepted as a Graduate Assistant in the Westchester center's Admissions Department for the Spring 2012 semester. Welcome and best of luck Joyce!

Sully Ortega, a January 2010 graduate of the School Counseling/Bilingual Extension Program, has been hired as a school counselor at the NYC Department of Education Archimedes Academy for Math, Science and Technology Applications in the Bronx. Congratulations Sully!

Elizabeth Sproul graduated from the Rockland center with a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership. Elizabeth is proud to announce that she has accepted a position as Assistant Principal at E. J. Russell Elementary School in Pine Bush, NY.

Diana Bastidas completed her Master's Degree program at the Westchester center and has been offered a position with the White Plains City School District working with K – 2 students.

Elizabeth Ferranti Mancusi has accepted a position as a Special Education co-teacher in a SCIS classroom at PARC Preschool in Mahopac. Elizabeth graduated with a Master's Degree in Childhood and Special Education and has returned to the Westchester center to earn an Advanced Certificate in Literacy.

MoNika Fleming is proud to announce that she was hired as a first-grade CCT Classroom Special Education Teacher at P.S. 30 in Manhattan after completing her Master's Degree at the Westchester center.

Michael Whelen, a May 2011 graduate from the Westchester center, has accepted a position as a special educator in a co-teaching 4th grade classroom at P.S. 180 in Harlem.

Erica Carney Keogh has accepted a job teaching in a special education writing program for grades K-5. She will be at P.S. 195 in the Bronx. Erica hopes to return to the Westchester center to earn additional credentials soon.

Jenna Marcus, a Westchester center alum, will be working as an English teacher at EF International Academy, a private high school in Tarrytown.

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