

People and Placements

Naomi Abrahami, TESOL (Westchester), published an article in the TESOL Intercultural Communication Interest Section Newsletter titled "A Class For Yemenite Jewish Refugees: A Lost Opportunity." You can read the article at newsmanager.commpartners.com/tesolicis/issues/2014-03-12/2.html
Danielle Attard, Marriage and Family Therapy (Westchester), accepted a position at West Haven High School and has started a private practice which is growing nicely. She is also currently working on a program called Admitted.ly that helps students with the college process.

Paul Behanna, Adolescence Education (Rockland), was recently married and obtained a job teaching math at Bronx River High School.

Carol Johnson-Cromer, Educational Leadership (Rockland), was appointed to the position of assistant principal in a school in the Newburgh School District.

Kathy Dowden, School Counseling (West Point), accepted an Academic Advisor position at Iona College in New Rochelle.

Jesse Fernandez, Spec Ed: Gr 5-12 English (Westchester) is teaching at Port Chester High School in the English Department.

Linda Fortugno, TESOL and Bilingual Extension (Westchester), is currently teaching at John F. Kennedy Magnet School in Portchester. Linda was recently featured in a video about how the faculty and administration have worked hard during the past decade to create a bilingual program that serves the needs of their Kindergarten through fifth grade students. The video can be viewed at pearsonk12.com/results/ohn-f-kennedy-magnet-school.html

Brianne Hickey, School Counseling (Rockland) was hired as a School Counselor at St. Joseph's Catholic High School in Brooklyn, NY.

Jaymie Lanera, TESOL (Westchester), is the new 9-10th grade full time ESL teacher at the EF Academy in Tarrytown for the 2014-2015 school year.

Dr. Helaine W. Marshall, TESOL, LOTE, Bilingual Education Program Director, has been invited to be the Plenary Speaker at the 2014 NYS TESOL Conference, on Nov. 14, 2014 in Albany, NY. This year's conference theme is: Empowering ELLs: Equity, Engagement & Enrichment.

Dr. Marshall's recent presentation at the Long Island Teachers' Institute, "Promoting Academic Achievement for Struggling Language Learners," fits in with the conference theme. The Mutually Adaptive Learning Paradigm (MALP) Dr. Marshall has developed can be applied to learners of all ages, and the committee believes she could help conference attendees make the connection between implementing the MALP approach within their diverse teaching/learning settings.

Kayla Neumann, School Counseling (West Point), accepted a School Counselor position at Beaufort Middle School in South Carolina.

Amanda Powers, School Counseling (Rockland), was hired as a School Counselor at Haworth School in New Jersey.

Michelle Spadaro, School Counseling (Rockland), was hired as a School Counselor at St. Leo the Great High School in Virginia.

Sara Tollefsen, Adolescence Education (Rockland), was selected to teach PreCalculus and Calculus at Ridgewood (NJ) High School

Jennifer Rego-Vallejos, TESOL (Westchester), is working in the Bedford School District as an Early Childhood TESOL teacher.

Anna Wieland, Childhood Special Ed (Westchester), has received tenure. Anna teaches 1st grade in the Bronx at P.S. 161 at Juan Ponce DeLeon School.

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Dear Hudson Herald Community Member:

Once again it is that time of year when thoughts begin to turn, albeit slowly, from summer relaxation to plans for fall and the months beyond. LIU Hudson is feeling that change as new students focus on advancing or launching their careers, and returning students meet with advisors to put the finishing touches on their fall schedules.

Among the many changes that are taking place in time for the start of classes in September are the introduction of new programs to meet the ever-changing needs of our students and the region. New programs include the inclusion of a Certified Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counselor (CASAC) track in both the M.S. in Mental Health Counseling and M.S. in Marriage and Family Therapy programs. The combination of CASAC-Training certification and either of the two appropriate master's degrees provides students with special knowledge and skills while expanding career opportunities. Read more about CASAC in the pages that follow.

Another example of an innovative response to individual and community needs is the new 12 credit Advanced Certificate in Crisis Management. This credential can be earned on weekends at LIU Hudson at Rockland. Counselors, school administrators, public officials, human resource professionals, first responders, clergy, and a host of others, need the skills and knowledge to manage crises and their aftermaths.

As you read your Hudson Herald, please take note of the fact that the market for early childhood, bilingual, TESOL, and special educators, as well as for educational administrators is proving to be quite robust. For those who may already be certified, please keep in mind that advanced certificates are excellent additions to a multitude of underlying teaching credentials. (Also, for those already certified to teach, there is still time to join our Scarsdale/Rye Educational Administration Cohort starting in September.)

I look forward to seeing all of you, rested and relaxed, in September.

Sincerely,

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

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

August 19-21 – Express Admission Days (R & W)
August 26 – Workshop: Navigating New Test Assessments (W)
August 27 – New Student Orientation (R & W)
September 1 – Labor Day, No classes, offices closed
September 2 – All classes begin (R & W)
September 4 – Fall session A begins (WP)
September 6 – MBA Saturday classes begin (W) Weekend College (R)
September 7 – Weekend College (R)
September 19 – Awarding of September 2014 degrees
September 20 & 21 – Weekend College (R)
September 25 – Deadline to apply for January 2015 degrees
September 29 – CPCE Orientation (W)
September 30 – CPCE Orientation (R)
October 5 – Comprehensive Exam – Education, 9am-1pm (W)
October 8 – CPCE Orientation (WP)
October 11 – Weekend College (R), Promoting Wellness and Child Abuse/Violence Prevention (W)
October 13 – DASA Workshop, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.(R), Comprehensive Exam – Education, 1-4 p.m. (R)
October 22 – Fall Session A ends (WP)
October 23 – Fall Session B begins (WP)
October 25 – Fall I MBA ends (R&W), Weekend College (R), Promoting Wellness & Child Abuse/Violence Prevention (W), CPCE Exam (W)
October 26 – CPCE Exam (R & WP), Weekend College (R)
October 27 – MBA Fall II begins (R & W)
November 4 – Election Day, classes in session
November 8 & 9 – Weekend College (R)
November 15 – DASA Workshop, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. (W)
November 22 & 23 – Weekend College (R)
November 27-30 – Thanksgiving break, all campuses closed
December 6 & 7 – Weekend College (R), final meeting
December 11 – Fall session B ends (WP)
December 15-18 – Scheduled final exams (R & W)
December 18 – MBA II ends (R & W)



LIU Hudson's M.B.A. Becomes More Responsive, Relevant

The GMAT requirement for new admits to the M.B.A program has been dropped. Dr. Kevin Nash, M.B.A./M.P.A. program director, explains, "Our programs have long been attractive to those with relevant work experience, as well as those recent graduates who want to earn their master's degree before entering the workforce. The GMAT requirement doesn't make much sense today in a world where practical know-how is what employers want."

For information about the M.B.A., M.P.A. in Public or Health Administration, the Advanced Certificate in Business Administration: Finance, in Healthcare Sector Management or in Long Term Care, contact **Dr. Kevin Nash** at kevin.nash@liu.edu.

Child Abuse and Violence Prevention Workshops

All students who need Child Abuse and/or Violence Prevention Workshops sign up now.

Promoting Wellness (TED 545) will be offered at the Westchester Campus on two Saturdays, Oct. 11 and 25. Both sessions run from 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Teacher Education students should follow normal course registration procedures.

Child Abuse and Violence Prevention workshops (needed for NY state certification) will be given on Saturday Oct. 11 at the Westchester Campus. The child abuse workshop will be held from 9–11 a.m. and the violence prevention workshop will be held from 11 a.m.–1 p.m. Registration forms for those taking the workshops only are available at the front desk at the Rockland and Westchester Campuses.

Please contact **Prof. George Pietarinen** at 914-831-2706 or email george.pietarinen@liu.edu with any questions. The cost is \$30 per workshop.

DASA Workshop

As part of LIU Hudson's continuing effort to help you meet New York State requirements, we will be offering the state-mandated DASA workshop in harassment, bullying, cyberbullying, and discrimination in schools, prevention and intervention. Completion of the Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) workshop is required for New York State Certification.

LIU Hudson will offer the six-hour workshop (three hours face-to-face and three hours online) on Monday, Oct. 13 (Columbus Day) at the Rockland Campus and on Saturday, Nov. 15 at the Westchester Campus. The fee for this NYSED required workshop is \$100. Please direct any questions to Travis Jackson at travis.jackson@liu.edu.

Teacher Certification Exams

New certification exams have been required as of May 1, 2014. Candidates applying for initial certification will need to successfully complete the edTPA (performance), Academic Literacy Test, Educating All Students Test and the appropriate content specialty test(s) in lieu of the LAST, ATS-W and current CSTs. For candidates who already hold an initial teaching certificate and wish to apply for additional certificates, 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 which tests are required. The teacher education faculty will be scheduling workshops, the first of which is in Westchester on Aug. 26, to acquaint students with the nature of these new exams. For students who may feel they need additional support on the Academic Literacy Test, as well as on Common Core, LIU Hudson will be offering a three credit course in the Fall. Please check our website at liu.edu/hudson for dates and times.

New Advanced Certificate Programs for 2014

In an effort to provide our students with career-enhancing credentials, LIU Hudson is offering new Advanced Certificate programs for fall 2014.

The Advanced Certificate in Business Administration: Finance is a 12-credit program designed to give students a sound knowledge of principles of finance critical for success in the world of business. The program will enhance the understanding of accounting, corporate finance, money, and banking.

The 15-credit Advanced Certificate in Long-Term Care Administration provides training for those involved in the management and supervision of: assisted living facilities, independent housing, continuing care and retirement communities, home care agencies, discharge planning, care management, accountable care organizations, as well as for those seeking licensure as nursing home administrators.

The Advanced Certificate in Crisis Management is a two-semester, weekend-only program that assists professionals in various fields to proactively address the first signs of a potentially critical event and master techniques and strategies to mitigate the impact of a crisis. The 12-credit program will provide students with models of current best practices and protocols and how to respond compassionately and effectively to traumatic events in our schools, workplaces and communities.

For information on the Advanced Certificates in Business Administration and Long Term Care Administration, contact **Dr. Kevin Nash**, program director, at kevin.nash@liu.edu.

For information on the Advanced Certificate in Crisis Management, contact **Dr. Thomas Nardi**, program director, at thomas.nardi@liu.edu.

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 New York State 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 the Westchester and Rockland campuses starting in fall 2014 and can enhance an existing career or launch a new one! If you have already completed an LIU Hudson program, 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 or 914-831-2717.

Counseling Honor Society

LIU Hudson at Rockland inducted 11 students into its Counseling Honor Society: **Shanna Delucein** (Garnerville), **Kristen Kiggins** (Pearl River), **Myriam Lecorps** (Spring Valley), **Lindsay March** (New City), **John Mortsakis** (West Nyack), **Alexandra Tomson** (Circleville), **Patricia Villani** (Briarcliff Manor), and Honor Society Officers: **Jackie Rizzo** (Monroe), **Gina Lovitch** (Old Tappan, NJ), **Hillary Rosen** (New City), and **Julia Quattrocchi** (New City).

LIU Hudson at Westchester inducted five students into its Counseling Honor Society: **Julianna Rundle** (Cortland Manor), **Nicole VanDyke** (Peekskill), **Michelle Vincoli** (Rye Brook), **Alexis Odysseos**, (White Plains), and **Jacqueline Foy** (Bronx).

These students have not only maintained 3.5 or higher cumulative averages, but have demonstrated excellence in leadership and compassion throughout the neighboring communities. The honorees are recognized for their academic accomplishments in preparation for entering the counseling profession. The mission of the Counseling Honor Societies is to advocate for those less fortunate and to promote scholarship, research, professionalism, leadership in counseling, and volunteerism.

Friendship, Love, and Asperger's: A Not So Typical Conversation

The LIU Hudson at Westchester Counseling Honor Society co-sponsored a panel discussion with the Purchase College Supported Education Autism Spectrum Disorder Program. **Dr. Susan Goldman** opened the discussion by addressing the students and quoted Britain's leader in autism research, Dr. Simon Baron-Cohen, who is a proponent of the neurodiversity position. What is neurodiversity? Dr. Baron-Cohen explains, "it is the position that postulates different but equally valid ways for the brain to be neurologically wired." Baron-Cohen contends that the term 'difference' as opposed to disability or disorder is a fairer and more value free description to apply to Asperger's Disorder.

The Purchase students, some of whom are on the autism spectrum, were interviewed by the LIU graduate students about the challenges of living with autism and Asperger's disorders. They told their own stories and focused on the positive aspects, such as being unique in their thoughts and feelings. This very successful collaborative event was well attended by students from both LIU Hudson and Purchase College, their families, friends, and the professionals who support the affected students.

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 a fertile arena for teachers, and our students are faring well in that job market. Ask **Joyce Romero**, **Sara LaBlanc**, **Gretchen Kreuzscher**, **Carol Johnson**, **Krystin Tobin**, **Yolanda Gardner**, **Jennifer Speciale**, **Susan Darnow**, **Beth Ann Uzcategui**, **Melissa Miller**, **Patrick Seeneey**, **Kristin Siano**, and **Deborah Bolger**. 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 that they may 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 opportunity 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, please contact **Ms. Elaine Geller** at elaine.geller@liu.edu or **Dr. Nancy Goldman** at nancy.goldman@liu.edu at the Rockland Campus. At the Westchester Campus, please contact **Dr. Rebecca Rich** at rebecca.rich@liu.edu, **Dr. Janet Simon** at janet.simon@liu.edu, or **Dr. Iris Goldberg** at iris.goldberg@liu.edu.

Academic Literacy

Mastering academic literacy is so critical to effective teaching of the Common Core, that NYS tests teacher candidates' understanding on the Academic Literacy Test (ALT).

TED 654, Teaching Academic Literacy, is being offered to both matriculated and non-matriculated graduate students beginning this September. For more information, contact rebecca.rich@liu.edu or call **Prof. Rich** at 914-831-2714.

The Teaching Residency

Across a variety of professions, residencies have long bridged the gap between theory and practice. Now, LIU Hudson has introduced a paid Teaching Residency to help its best and brightest transition from novice to full-fledged professional.

In conjunction with local school districts, LIU Hudson offers a limited number of paid appointments to be awarded on a competitive basis. The Teaching Residency offers LIU Hudson master's degree students a one-year combined Student Teaching/Teaching Residency appointment.

Those qualifying for Teaching Residencies complete their student teaching requirements and residencies in the same school placement. Remaining coursework is completed during the residency period.

Teaching Residents benefit from:

- Mentoring, supervision, and support of a school based cooperating teacher and a university based field advisor
- Clinically rich experiences spanning the school year
- Seminars providing numerous networking opportunities
- An insider's perspective on school culture and philosophy
- Career readying on-site experiences working with teachers and administrators
- Resume-building paid teaching position

LIU Hudson had a very successful year with the 5 interns in our Bronxville Residency Program. Two of them have graduated from LIU and have teaching positions for the fall. **Arsalan Habib** has been appointed as a 5th grade science/technology teacher and **Kim Dietz** will continue in a leave replacement position that she began this spring in a 5th grade classroom. For 2014-2015, LIU Hudson has six interns in the program, five in elementary and one in high school.

For information or to set up an individual appointment with a program director please contact **Dr. Rebecca Rich** at rebecca.rich@liu.edu or **Dr. Iris Goldberg** at iris.goldberg@liu.edu.

TESOL Offered at Rockland

The Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) program will be offered at LIU Hudson at Rockland starting in Sept. 2014 via a blended learning curriculum. The program, directed by **Dr. Helaine W. Marshall**, was formerly offered exclusively at LIU Hudson at Westchester but will now be available in Rockland in response to changing demographics in local school districts.

TESOL highlights:

- 15 of the 22-credits in this program are fully online
- One course will be delivered via live video-conferencing from LIU Rockland and LIU Riverhead
- The four-credit student teaching and seminar requirement will be met in local school districts

For information on the TESOL, Bilingual Education, and LOTE programs, please contact **Dr. Helaine W. Marshall** at helaine.marshall@liu.edu.

Recruit Westchester

LIU Hudson is one of the universities in this region that has partnered with the business community to host a major recruiting event for students and alumni to explore full-time and part-time jobs and internships. Over 100 employers will be represented from local and national companies and non-profits.

Students and alumni from all LIU campuses are invited to attend this valuable job and internship fair on Friday, Oct. 17, 2014 at the Westchester Hilton in Rye, NY. For more information and to register, go to recruitwestchester.org.