

## People and Placements

When **Donna McGregor** completed her M.B.A. in healthcare management at LIU Hudson in 2001, little did she know it would help her become Co-CEO of Health Quest, the Mid-Hudson Valley's largest healthcare system. "I decided to get my M.B.A. to expand my career opportunities beyond finance into administration," McGregor said. "My passion was to grow and expand my career in healthcare administration." McGregor also cites the faculty as a key element of her success in the program. "The faculty was very supportive of a working student's schedule," "I also appreciated the flexibility to apply work-related projects to my graduate studies." McGregor's group thesis project focused on a "real life" business plan that she developed and was able to implement at Health Quest. "I wouldn't be where I am without my LIU M.B.A.," McGregor said.

Husband and wife alums **Mark and Beatrice Santora** (Westchester, May 2009) have opened Little Gardens Child Care Center in Mount Kisco, NY. They are fully licensed by the NY State Office of Children and Family Services, members of NAEYC, WAEYC, and the Child Care Counsel of Westchester. According to Mr. Santora, the center's philosophy is that children learn through play and benefit from a structured yet flexible schedule. Each day, children will be exposed to age-appropriate activities and learning centers designed to stimulate creativity and curiosity, and encourage the use of fine and gross motor skills, listening skills, language development, and social interaction.

**Carmel Tuminaro**, (Westchester, May 2007, Dual Masters in Early Childhood and Special Ed) has opened a preschool named "Please and Thank You Children's Place in West Harrison, NY. Ms. Tuminaro states, "The LIU Westchester Graduate Program for Early Childhood Education and Special Education has enriched my professional life with real-world knowledge and application in the classroom. I have the pleasure to watch little minds learn, grow, accomplish, and shine with pride. I'm proud to be a Special Educator for an integrated preschool classroom, a position I am able to fulfill because of the positive guidance from incredibly experienced, professional and caring LIU Professors who are committed to shaping quality teachers."

**Francesca Lopis** – (Rockland, Counseling) has secured a position as Assistant Program Coordinator for Community Hope, Inc. in Morristown, NJ. She will be working with adults with mental illnesses and substance abusers.

**Petra Tavisova** – (Westchester, School Psychology) is currently employed at Anderson Center for Autism in Staatsburg, NY as a School Psychologist/Behavior Specialist.

**MariAngela Cavagna** – (Westchester, School Psychology) is working in NYC as a school psychologist in a high school on the Bronx and became tenured in March.

**Dr. Peter Fishkin** – Adjunct Assistant Professor for LIU Hudson in Rockland's School Psychology program presented at the New Jersey Council for Exceptional Children (NJCEC) 2013 Spring Conference on Monday, March 18, 2013 at Ramapo College of New Jersey. The presentation was entitled: "The Psycho-educational Battery - The Utility of Test Scores and an Analysis of Task Approach". The presentation was an exploration of the information available to teachers, parents, and educational decision makers from individual psycho-educational batteries including IQ and individual ability tests, standardized educational achievement tests, and assessment of behavior and emotional functioning. The utility of a process analysis of an individual's approach to the test battery and assessment process was also included.

**Professor Marie Bogdanowich**, who teaches in the Counseling Program at LIU Hudson's West Point Educational Site, is now a Certified Prevention Professional (CPP) through the Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse in New York State.

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

Dear Hudson Herald Community Member:

The spring semester is rapidly drawing to a close and LIU Hudson is buzzing with plans for commencement, summer, and beyond. Now that winter seems finally to have loosened her grip, our attentions are being pulled in two directions. We are looking forward to celebrating the accomplishments of our students who have completed their programs, and – at the same time – to welcoming those who are just beginning their studies at LIU Hudson.

Our program completers in Rockland and at our West Point Educational Site will be honored at a Recognition Ceremony on May 13 at 4:30 pm at the Rockland Campus. Westchester program completers will be similarly honored on May 15 at 4:30 pm at the Westchester Campus. These first-time events will allow faculty, staff and administration to personally congratulate each and every student in the presence of invited guests. The big event, Commencement – another first for LIU, will follow on May 16 at Barclay Center in Brooklyn. LIU Hudson graduates will process alongside of LIU Brooklyn and LIU Pharmacy graduates.

Summer classes, for incoming and continuing students, begin just 12 short days after Commencement. So, if you are a current, or a newly accepted, student and have not yet registered, please do so. If you are interested in pursuing a graduate degree and learning about the professional opportunities that may be available to you, there is still time to contact us at [westchester@liu.edu](mailto:westchester@liu.edu) or [rockland@liu.edu](mailto:rockland@liu.edu).

Enjoy the good weather and congratulations to our program completers and to our new students as well.

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

### 2013 Dates and Deadlines: (West Point – WPT; Rockland – R; Westchester – W)

- May 6** – MBA Summer I classes begin (R)
- May 11** – MBA Summer I classes begin (W)
- May 13** – Summer I Counseling classes begin (WP)
- May 13** – Recognition Ceremony (R&WP) 4:30 p.m. at Rockland Campus
- May 15** – Recognition Ceremony(W) 4:30pm at Westchester Campus
- May 16** – Commencement (University) 9 a.m. at Barclay Center, Brooklyn, NY
- May 21** – New Student Orientation (R&W) 4:30 p.m.
- May 27** – Memorial Day, all campuses closed
- May 28** – Non-MBA Summer classes begin (R&W)
- May 29** – Deadline to apply for September 2013 degrees (R&W)
- June 26** – MBA Summer I classes end (R&W)
- July 1** – Non-MBA Summer I classes end (R, W and WP)
- July 1** – MBA Summer II classes begin (R&W)
- July 4** – Independence Day, all campuses closed
- July 8** – Summer Portfolios due (R&W Teacher Ed students)
- July 8** – Non-MBA Summer II classes begin (R&W)
- July 29** – Education Summer Institutes begin (R)
- August 2** – Education Summer Institutes end (R)
- August 5** – Counseling Summer Institutes begin (W)
- August 8** – Summer II Non-MBA classes end (R&W)
- August 9** – Counseling Summer Institutes end (W)
- August 12** – Counseling Summer Institutes begin (R)
- August 16** – Counseling Summer Institutes end (R)
- August 22** – MBA Summer II classes end (R&W)
- August 28** – New Student Orientation (R) 4:30 p.m.
- August 29** – New Student Orientation (W) 4:30 p.m.
- August 29** – MBA Fall Classes begin (R&W)
- September 4** – Non-MBA Fall Classes begin (R&W)



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### Fully Online Program in Cyber Security for Business Professionals

LIU Hudson is now accepting applications for a Summer/Fall 2013 cohort in our fully-online, 12-credit advanced certificate program in Cyber Security. This cutting edge program is designed for professionals in systems management, risk management, accounting and auditing, entrepreneurs and career changers. It is offered at a 40% tuition reduction and can give you the tools you need to help protect your company's information assets. You don't need an IT background; we will help you develop the skill set you need to make significant contributions in the critical area thereby increasing your value and marketability. Program highlights:

- ▲ Specialize in Cyber Security within the corporate or small business environment.
- ▲ Explore risk management, regulatory compliance, business continuity, access control, e-discovery, survivability, disaster recovery and more.
- ▲ Study on your own schedule; in your home, at your office or on a mobile device
- ▲ Apply the four-course sequence in Cyber Security toward an M.B.A. from LIU Hudson at Rockland or Westchester.

For more information on the Cyber Security program or any of our M.B.A. concentrations, please contact Dr. Lynn Johnson at [lynn.johnson@liu.edu](mailto:lynn.johnson@liu.edu) or (914)831-2711

### Summer Institutes

**TED 613 - Assessment and Interventions for Students with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (July 29 – August 2, Rockland Campus)** In this course, participants explore both formative and summative assessments of students with autistic spectrum disorder, and examine evidence-based instructional and behavioral methods/interventions and supports.  
*Instructor: Dr. Mary Jean Marsico*

### SPC 745L Listening With the Heart: Counseling Issues Related to Medical Illness (Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 28 - July 1, 4:30 – 8:15 p.m., Westchester Campus)

An acute or chronic medical illness can affect every aspect of an individual's or family's functioning and cuts across all socioeconomic and cultural differences. This course will address psychological, social and spiritual aspects of illness; advanced communication skills with the medically ill; family and caregiver burnout; professional caregiver stress, burnout and compassion fatigue; issues of end of life care. We will also consider the development of presence and mindfulness when encountering suffering. The course will employ lectures, guest lecturers and interviews, film and video clips, class discussion and creative activities. The goal of this intensive is to learn to encounter the challenges of medical illnesses with more knowledge, sensitivity and capacity for wise intervention.  
*Instructor: Christiana Ulrich, LCSW*

### Child Abuse and Violence Prevention Workshops

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

Child Abuse and Violence Prevention (needed for NY state certification) will be given on Friday July 12th from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Westchester Campus as part of the Promoting Wellness course. Registration forms for the workshops only are available at the front desk at the Rockland and Westchester Campuses.

Please contact Prof. Pietarinen at (914) 831-2706 or email [george.pietarinen@liu.edu](mailto:george.pietarinen@liu.edu) with any questions. The cost is \$30.00 for each workshop or \$60.00 for both.

**TED 545, Promoting Wellness**, will be offered at the Westchester Campus on two Fridays, July 12 & 19. Both sessions are all-day, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Teacher Education students should follow normal course registration procedures.

### Teacher Certification Exams Update

As you may be aware, new certification exams will be required as of May 1 2014. Teacher education candidates finishing their degrees in May, 2014 will need to successfully complete the edTPA performance assessment, as well as the Academic Literacy Test, Educating All Students Test and the appropriate Content Specialty Test(s) in lieu of the what is now required: the LAST, ATS-W and current Content Specialty Test(s). For candidates who already hold initial teaching certificates and will not be ready to apply for an additional certificate until after May 1, 2014, the only exams required are the appropriate, new 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 beginning this Fall (2013) to acquaint students with the nature of these new exams. Please note the students in all institutions of higher education in New York State who are completing their studies next May will need to meet the new requirements.

### N.Y.C. Education Recruiter Presents at LIU Hudson at Rockland

LIU Hudson welcomed **Donald Garner**, NYC Dept. of Education recruiter, to the Rockland campus on February 28th. Mr. Garner had made time each year to visit the Rockland campus since many of our students are now among the "best and brightest" teachers in the New York City system. His presentation not only offered valuable insight into the application process, but informed students of the nuances of the system and the specific pieces to which all applicants should pay particular attention including acceptance into the "select teacher" corps. Application reviewers initially scrutinize the writing prompt, so students interested in applying should take special care in addressing this piece.

Did you know that the starting salary for a teacher in NYC with a Master's Degree is now over \$50,000 per year? N.Y.C. strongly encourages all candidates to consider a position in one of the 'high needs' schools. This enables eligibility for an additional tax-free grant of \$3,400 per year for up to four years.

*Congratulations to our LIU Hudson at Rockland graduate students who have secured position in N.Y.C. schools: Giya Abraham, Nicole Guarino, Samantha Falso-Klein, Zachary Kellman, Kristen King, Michael Pantliano, Christian Rappaport, Erin Rose, and Tara Schneider.*

### Dr. Carol Kennedy Presents at the United Nations

On Feb. 7, 2013 Dr. Carol Kennedy, Program Director, Special Education Instructional Technology of LIU Hudson (Rockland) gave a presentation and participated in a panel at the United Nations Fifty-first Session of the Commission for Social Development NGO Committee on Mental Health "Promoting empowerment of people in achieving poverty eradication, social integration and full employment and decent work for all." Dr. Kennedy presented on "Incorporating Technology into the Academic and Residential Treatment Programs to Improve Children's Academic and Social Skills at St. Christopher's REACH Program." She talked about ongoing research on the Social Stories Video Project and use of facial recognition software to improve social skills in adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorder, use of student-created social stories videos to help clinicians, residential staff and families in the homes to work with these youngsters. Ultimately improvement in social skills will help with transition and employment of these individuals.

### Flipped Learning Update

Professor Marshall continues to teach using the Flipped Learning model in which lectures and other direct instruction takes place outside of class and class is devoted to interactive and collaborative work by students. She has presented her flipped classroom at several recent conferences, such as the NYSCATE – New York State Association for Computers and Technology in Education, and TESOL – Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages. Dr. Marshall also serves on the Research Review Committee of Flipped Learning Network, which will be issuing a White Paper on the topic next month. Her students recently completed an anonymous questionnaire with comments on their experience in the flipped classroom in Fundamentals of Linguistics. As a group, the students agreed that they enjoy this type of instruction. One student commented: "The flipped classroom is the best learning environment I've ever experienced, and I'm on my second master's degree. It not only enhances my learning, it enhances my relationships with peers. All of this is made possible through the careful, deliberate and imaginative efforts of the professor teaching the course. Although she's not at the head of the classroom most of the time, she's what I'd call 'leading from behind' - a role I wish more teachers would undertake. If they knew that leading from behind didn't mean a loss of their control or importance, I think more teachers would be willing to try the flipped classroom. I have more respect for a teacher using this method as it has been used in this class than I have for traditional sage on the stage teachers. It's more challenging for the teacher, but justified by the results." Dr. Marshall has developed her own interpretation of flipped learning and she will be presenting this model at the 6th Annual Flipped Learning Conference in Minnesota in June.

### Operation Prom Dress

The Counseling Honor Society of LIU Hudson's Rockland campus in Orangeburg, NY, brought happiness into the lives of local teenage girls. The Counseling Honor Society collected formal dresses, shoes, and accessories to be distributed to needy adolescents in the community. This is the fifth year that the Honor Society has partnered with the Salvation Army's Sufferin' Temple in Spring Valley to supply gowns for sweet sixteen parties, graduations, and other special occasions. The final count was 80 gowns, 60 pairs of shoes, and 6 handbags.

### Westchester School Counseling Students Give Back

It has been a pleasure to welcome back so many former graduates of the Westchester School Counseling Program. They have served as guest speakers and have given meaningful and timely presentations to the students in Professor Marilyn Jablonski's Practicum/Internship class this spring 2013 semester.

Celebration of National School Counseling Week began in February with **Rhonda Jeffay**, who is currently employed at the Pleasantville Cottage School and **Meghan Makarczuk**, employed at Pace University in the Career Services Department as a Career Counselor. These two graduates shared their personal experiences in the interview process for counseling positions. This was followed by graduate, **Brian Piazza** who is employed as a ninth grade counselor at Ossining High School. He shared his many experiences as a school counselor, and also presented his personal process of preparing for a job interview as a school counselor.

**Sully Ortega** is the Middle School and High School Counselor at the 6th-12th Grade School Archimedes Academy for Math, Science, and Technology Applications in the Bronx. Sully helped prepare the class for possible job opportunities in the New York City school system. She also reviewed students' resumes in preparation for job interviews.

**Stephanie Annunziata**, an Admissions Counselor at Westchester Community College, presented the class with many helpful job hunting tips along with valuable interview suggestions. Many thanks to all who participated.

### Did You Know...?

**Did you know that LIU Hudson offers an Advanced Certificate in School Counseling?** This 12 credit program can be completed in just two semesters and is designed for the practicing school counselor to enhance marketability and fulfill NY State requirements for permanent certification.

**Did you know that LIU Hudson offers M.S.Ed. programs in Special Education with a concentration in Autism?** Programs include: Adolescence (grades 7-12), Childhood (grades 1-6) and a 12 credit Advanced Certificate in autism for teachers, counselors, school psychologists and related professionals.

**Did you know that LIU Hudson offers a variety of different scholarships?** Examples include: Purchase Community Scholarship – a 25% tuition reduction for alumni, faculty and staff of Purchase or Manhattanville Colleges; Concordia/Dominican Alumni Scholarship – a 33% tuition reduction for alumni of Concordia or Dominican Colleges; Career Ladder Scholarship for Teacher Education – a 25% tuition reduction for paraprofessionals and teaching assistants employed in a variety of public school districts; a 20% scholarship for all new MS.Ed. candidates in teacher education. And the best one of all... the Recommend-A-Friend Scholarship - for every friend who matriculates in a program and completes a course with a "B" or better, YOU RECEIVE A FREE THREE-CREDIT COURSE. Although there is no limit to the number of nominees a current student can recommend, please be sure to contact the office immediately if you are recommending a friend. Don't miss out on the many scholarship opportunities available to you!

