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2012 Ronald Lunardini Distinguished Alumni Award Winner Rhonda Gifford – Class of 1993

Indiana University of Pennsylvania's Department of Student Affairs in Higher Education (SAHE) is pleased to announce Rhonda Gifford as the recipient of the Ronald Lunardini Distinguished Alumni Award for 2012.

Rhonda is a 1993 graduate of the SAHE program and is currently the director of Career Services at California University of Pennsylvania. She started at Cal U in 2002 as the associate director of Career Services and was promoted to director in 2005. Prior to Cal U, Rhonda worked in the area of Career Services at both the University of Pittsburgh and Saint Vincent College.



Her contributions to the profession are highlighted by several leadership positions in the PASSHE Career Services Association (chairperson), the Western Pennsylvania Association for Career Services (president), the Pittsburgh Education Recruitment Consortium (executive committee), and the Mid-Atlantic Association for Employment in Education.

In the letters of nomination and support, Rhonda was noted for her "patience, professionalism, and commitment to collaboration." Furthermore, the "energy and enthusiasm" she brings to her work has made an impact the entire campus as well as individual students. She has been praised for her work in implementing Great Work, Great Career—a program that augments Cal U's Leader for Life Program. A Cal U student reported that Rhonda has been instrumental in educating members of Alpha Lambda Delta on the importance of career readiness and preparation. She is credited with helping the organization win the Order of the Torch—an award that is given to the best chapter nationally. For her efforts, she was inducted into Alpha Lambda Delta as an honorary member.

The award selection committee (comprised of faculty, students, and alumni), in their review of the nomination materials for Rhonda, unanimously affirmed that she meets and exceeds the award criteria, particularly in the areas of fostering student learning and leadership, making a significant impact on her profession, and supporting and mentoring students. One of the selection committee members, after reviewing Rhonda's nomination materials, was impressed by the comments from Cal U students "who describe her with elaborate, heartfelt words such as 'extraordinary' and 'exceptional'. She seems to selflessly give of herself." Rhonda will formally be presented her award at the annual SAHE Banquet on May 10, 2012.

The Ronald Lunardini Distinguished Alumni Award, begun in 2006, was created to acknowledge an alumnus of the SAHE Department whose experiences and accomplishments as a student affairs professional significantly reflect the standards and values of the SPS program/SAHE Department. In 2008, in recognition of Ron Lunardini's 37 years of service to IUP (18 as a SAHE faculty member), the award title was changed to honor him. Previous recipients include Bob Gatti ('78), Peter C. Groenendyk ('94), Becky L. Verzinski ('94), Kevin W. Bailey ('90), Julie Elkins ('85), and Colleen Ruefle ('89).

A special thank you to this year's selection committee:

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Rebecca Lemmel (Class of 2012)
Morgan Rizzardi (Class of 2009)
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End of the Year Reflection

Dr. Linda M. Hall, SAHE Department Chair

Greetings from SAHE!

April 16, 2012

I hope our Spring edition of "Developments" finds you well and getting ready to wrap up the academic year. It's 81 degrees in Indiana today, and I am easily reminded that summer is around the corner! As I was entering Stouffer Hall this morning on the court yard side, I once again appreciated the gorgeous crabapple tree that the class of 2001 presented to the faculty. It is in full bloom! (See photo below) It caused me to look at our Alumni Database when I got up to my office...and I had an enjoyable trip down "memory lane" remembering good times with members of that class.

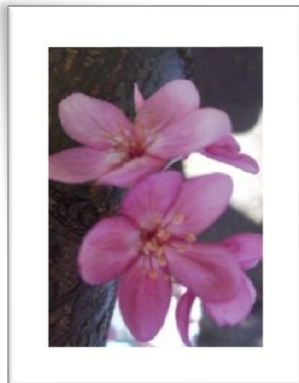
This has been an extremely full semester. Our application base for 2012-13 was larger than ever, with highly qualified students. Of course that provides challenges for the visitation program and for assistantship decisions. As many have said, it's a good problem to have. Under John Lowery's leadership, we have also conducted the Five Year Department Review required by PASSHE and IUP. I'm looking forward to end of semester activities – our annual banquet which includes our awards and commencement.

It was a lot of fun to catch up with a number of alums in Louisville at ACPA, many who attended our 40th anniversary reception. Two alumni, Deena Kelly and Michael Dodge (both '06) once again supported the attendance of three second year students at the conference. The three scholarship award recipients were R.C. Stabile, Kelli Aylor, and Joe Benyish. Tom Baker ('05) also provides a service award for a first year student. This award is announced at our annual banquet. Thanks to these alums, and if you are interested in sponsoring another award or scholarship, please get in touch.

I hope that this newsletter finds you well. It is always great to hear your news. We appreciate your good work, your support, and your loyalty to SAHE!

Best to you,

Linda



Photos contributed by
Nicole Bukosky ('12)



Faculty Updates

Dr. Holley Belch



Greetings from Western PA. I hope this note finds you enjoying warmer weather and looking forward to soothing summer days that linger forever. The spring semester was full of teaching SAHE 631 and SAHE 638. Travel to conferences was restricted this year for personal reasons. I hope those that attended enjoyed the fellowship with colleagues and learned or contributed something new!

On tap for the summer in terms of work is teaching the American College Student, and catching up on some writing/scholarship. A much needed and yet to be determined vacation to refresh and rejuvenate for next fall is in the plan for the summer as well. Catching up on personal reading (perhaps on a beach somewhere), a few rounds of golf, and more adventures on my bike should round out the summer nicely. Hope you make plans to take some time for yourself with family and friends as well.

Dr. John A. Mueller

We made it through another winter in western PA. Actually, that's not saying much. It seems like this year we went from fall to spring with, maybe, one or two days of snow to bridge the seasonal gap. No complaints here! For me, this winter was briefly interrupted with a week of "summer". In early January I indulged in Mai Tai's, whaling, snorkeling, and zip-lining; I spent a week in Maui celebrating my 50th birthday with two of my sisters. It was an incredibly relaxing vacation before I hit the ground running to begin a new semester. Much of the early portion of the semester was filled with deadlines for several writing projects that are now moving toward final stages of reviews and/or publication including a book review, two journal articles, and a monograph.

Once again, the ACPA convention (this year in Louisville) was a highlight of the semester; seeing many alumni and a good number of our current students volunteering, interviewing, and presenting. I began my stint as chairperson of the Commission for Professional Preparation—a role that is bound to keep me busy for the next two years. I've also been busy preparing for my study tour to Ireland, joined by Zach Beaver ('13) and Kristin Brewer ('13). This preparation has involved numerous readings on Ireland culture, politics, and higher education as well as participating in four Skype sessions with the students and faculty from Miami University of Ohio (the host institution for the study tour). I am so looking forward to our trip during the last two weeks of May. In early July, I'll be attending the national Secular Student Alliance conference in Columbus, OH where my colleague and co-author, Kathy Goodman, and I will begin some data collection for a national study on atheist college students. I'll be off to Las Vegas (for the first time in my life) to attend the ACPA Summer Leadership meeting in the latter part of July. Somewhere in between these trips, I'll be hard at work on my second book with Raechele Pope ('81) and Amy Reynolds as we work toward a fall deadline. As the spring turns to summer and the school year ends for many of us, I hope everyone can take delight in graduations, new jobs, vacations, new student orientations, and the anticipation of a new academic year!



Dr. John Wesley Lowery

Greetings from western Pennsylvania where spring is in the air and flowers have been blooming for several weeks. The snow blower that I used so frequently a winter ago just gathered dust this year in my garage. I think my daughter, Margaret, who is now 8 missed the snow more than her parents combined.

This has been another busy semester for me at IUP. I am teaching Assessment and Evaluation along with Practicum. I continue to coordinate the SAHE Comprehensive Exam, which has gone smoothly. We have also been engaged in our five year academic program review and I have chaired that project this year. I have also been active on campus this year working with the Code of Student Conduct Review and as the chair of the IUP-APSCUF Nominations & Elections Committee.

The spring semester is always made more hectic by conference travel, presentations, and consulting. I attended and made multiple presentations at the ASCA Conference in Florida and the NASPA Conference in Phoenix. I began working with the NASPA Faculty Fellows last year and will serve as the Chair-Elect this coming year which added to an already crowded conference agenda. I have also had two opportunities to present the Clery Act Training Seminar created by Security on Campus with colleagues from around the country at UNLV and UMSL in recent months. I have been involved in consulting projects with EDMC and LSU in Baton Rouge. A benefit of all this travel is the opportunity to meet IUP alumni from around the country and to help promote the SAHE program. My upcoming professional activities will include the ASCA Donald D. Gehring Academy for Student Conduct Administration in July at the University of Louisville.

Please do not hesitate to call me [(723) 357-4535] at or e-mail me [john.lowery@iup.edu], if you have any questions or I can assist you any way.

SAHE Visitation & Graduate Assistantship Interview Weekend

On the first weekend of March, the SAHE department held its annual Visitation & Graduate Assistantship Weekend. Sixty-four prospective SAHE students joined us from all major parts of the United States. Adding to the geographic and experiential diversity of the cohort, students represent a variety of majors from Recreation Management and Kinesiology to Psychology and Speech Communication. Students and graduate assistantship supervisors have provided positive feedback and believe it was a successful event. Alumni involvement is a vital piece to the success of the Visitation program as well as all SAHE recruitment events. Students frequently speak about how SAHE alumni have inspired them to enter the field of student affairs. To our alumni- thank you and job well done! Your recruitment efforts are appreciated!



Alumnus Appreciates SAHE Faculty

Hello SAHE friends,

Given the large role that you have played in my professional life, I wanted to let you know that I defended my dissertation successfully yesterday and will be obtaining my doctoral degree in May from Temple University's Ed.D. in Educational Administration program. I want to thank you for all that you did for me when I was a student in the SAHE program. I truly feel that my work in higher education is the fulfillment of part of a divine purpose for my life. Your wisdom and guidance helped to make this possible. It was not easy to balance family life, work, and doctoral studies. In fact, it feels a shame that Catherine ['03] ("Cat Kirschner" as you knew her at the time) can't share the degree with me since she sacrificed as much as I did to make it happen. But, we were both well-prepared by the four of you as teachers, mentors, sounding boards, etc. Even though I have strayed a bit from student affairs and now work in academic affairs (as the Director of Advising and Retention at DeSales University), my SAHE background still impacts me positively each and every day. In fact, I used Strange and Banning's Person-Environment Theory as the theoretical framework for my dissertation (actually, I suspect that I may be the first person to examine its impact on the functioning of faculty and administrators rather than its impact on student learning). So, thank you for being an important and meaningful part of our lives. We think of you all and of SAHE fondly and frequently.

Sincerely,
Scott Mattingly ('03)

Alumna Receives Awards for Thesis Research

We are pleased to announce that **Ashley Fowler ('11)** is the recipient of two awards for her thesis research, "The Correlation Between Feminist Identity Development and Psychological Maltreatment in Intimate Relationships Among College Students." The first award, the Gerald Saddlemire Masters Research Award, was presented at ACPA on March 25, 2012. This national award, established by ACPA's Commission on Professional Preparation, is presented to a graduate of a student affairs graduate program whose original, journal-quality research gives insight into the learning or development of students or the organization and administration of student affairs practice.

Ashley also received an Outstanding Graduate Student Research Award at the 18th annual awards luncheon on Monday, April 2, 2012, in the Sutton Hall Blue Room. The luncheon, sponsored by IUP's School of Graduate Studies and Research, recognizes and celebrates outstanding achievement in sponsored programs and graduate student research. Dr. John A. Mueller, who served as Ashley's thesis advisor, wrote in his letter of support, "The skills that Ashley brought to the project and the skills she developed as a result of it reflect the practitioner-scholar model that is highly valued in the student affairs profession." Ashley presented her research at the 2011 ACPA convention in Baltimore, Md., and is preparing a manuscript for journal submission. Ashley is an Assistant Director and Career Consultant for the College of Engineering at Carnegie Mellon University.

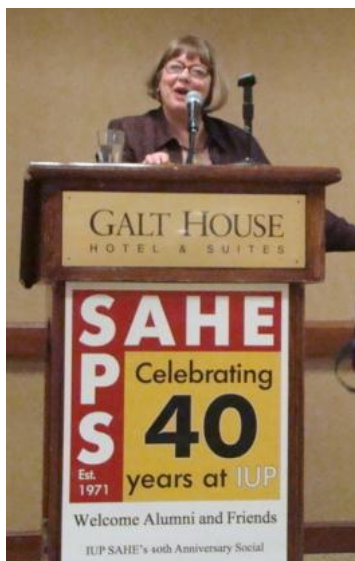


SAHE Mini-Resume Program is Online

The mini-resumes from our 2012 graduates are now online! If you know of vacancies in your division, please consider sharing this information with your colleagues. Our graduates are interested in the following functional areas: Academic Advising, Admissions, Career Development/ Placement, Disability Support Services, Financial Aid, Fraternity & Sorority Life, International Education, Judicial Affairs, Leadership Development, Multicultural Affairs, Orientation, Residence Life/ Housing, Service Learning, and Student Union/ Activities. You can view all of the student mini-resumes by last name or sorted by functional area of interest on the SAHE website.

IUP SAHE Alumni & Friends Reception at ACPA

The IUP SAHE Alumni & Friends Reception at this year's ACPA convention was particularly special as we celebrated SAHE's 40th anniversary. We enjoyed the opportunity to reunite with alumni and our students appreciated meeting more members of the IUP SAHE community. If you were in attendance, we hope that you had a good time as well. We will see you next year at the ACPA convention in Las Vegas!



Photos contributed by
Jean Barnard ('12)

ACPA Louisville 2012

SAHE Students Receive Fourth Annual Dodge/Kelly Scholarship

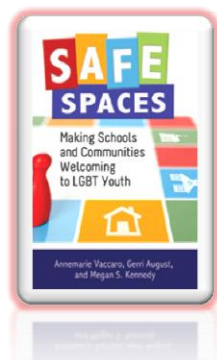


Left to right: Joseph Benyish,
Kelli Aylor, and R.C. Stabile

Joe Benyish ('12), R.C. Stabile ('12), and Kelli Aylor ('12) are the recipients of the fourth annual Dodge/Kelly Scholarship. This scholarship provides financial support to three second year SAHE students by SAHE alumni, Michael Dodge ('06) and Deena Kelly ('06) to cover the registration cost for the ACPA convention. This is the fourth year Dodge and Kelly have provided this scholarship in support of SAHE students' and their professional development at the ACPA convention. Dr. Linda Hall announced the recipients at this year's ACPA convention in Louisville. The SAHE department is grateful to the loyal alumni who continuously support our students and their growth within the profession.

Alumna Co-Authors Book About the Lives of LGBT Youth

Submitted by Annemarie Vaccaro ('96)



Safe Spaces: Making Schools and Communities Welcoming to LGBT Youth, by Annemarie Vaccaro ('96), Gerri August, and Megan Kennedy, is the first book to look at the lives of LGBT youth of all ages, from kindergarten through college. Drawing on the personal stories of students, family, educators, and community members, the authors not only chronicle the struggles of LGBT youth, but also describe models of inclusive school and community environments. The authors address the full range of experiences of LGBT youth - in and out of the classroom, at home and in the community, and in personal interactions with allies and antagonists. They also reveal how these young people, their friends and families, teachers, and dedicated allies stem the tide of LGBT exclusion.

Most importantly, *Safe Spaces* offers action steps for readers who want to make their own homes, schools, and communities safe and welcoming spaces for LGBT youth.

Visit <http://www.safespacesbook.com/index.html> for more information about the book.

Alumna Receives Outstanding Adviser Award

Sara (Barnett) Lawer ('08) was awarded the 2012 Outstanding Adviser Award by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) - Affiliated Student Advancement Programs. The IUP Ambassadors, a student organization on campus that serves as a liaison between IUP students, alumni and the community, also won two additional awards from CASE: Outstanding External Program; Tried & True Program.

Sara has been with the IUP Ambassadors since she was an undergraduate student at IUP and began advising the organization when she was a graduate student in the SAHE program. Sara currently works as an Assistant Director in the Office of Alumni Relations at IUP. This is her third Outstanding Adviser Award from CASE.



Alumna Receives Award from Northeast Greek Leadership Association

The Northeast Greek Leadership Association (NGLA) has awarded **Betsy (Chimock) Sarneso ('94)** with the NGLA Philippi Outstanding Adviser Award for her work with the IUP Interfraternity Council (IFC). Betsy has been the assistant director and the campus Greek advisor since August of 2003. The Philippi Outstanding Adviser Award came with a monetary gift. Betsy and her husband, BJ ('94) have chosen to reinvest the money into IUP by contributing to the Greek Leadership Fund. The IUP Interfraternity Council (IFC) is a student organization that promotes positive interactions and collaborations between the IUP fraternity community and the IUP community. In addition to Betsy winning the Outstanding Adviser Award, the student organization received an honorable mention award for Community Service and Philanthropy.

Find Us on the Web

SAHE is now on Twitter and Facebook. "Like" us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter for current news, updates, and events within the department!



Nancy Newkerk Award & ASD Elections

Congratulations to **Joseph Benyish ('12)**, the 2011 Nancy Newkerk Award recipient. The Nancy Newkerk Award is presented to a second-year SAHE student who demonstrates outstanding contributions to student affairs, students, the SAHE program, the institutions they have interacted with, and their community.

Nancy J. Newkerk served as the Dean of Women at IUP and continued on to become the Associate Dean of Admissions. She is a supporter of the Student Affairs in Higher Education department, IUP athletics, and the entire IUP community.



Left to right: Dr. John A. Mueller, Dr. Linda M. Hall, Joseph Benyish, Dr. Holley A. Belch, and Dr. John W. Lowery



Left to right: Kristin Anzlec, Nathaniel Ziegler, Andy Kent, Diane Eshleman, and Michelle Wadleigh

The ASD election results were also announced at the award ceremony:

Andy Kent	President
Michelle Wadleigh	VP Public Relations
Kristin Anzlec	VP for Programming
Nathaniel Ziegler	VP for Administration
Diane Eshleman	VP for Professional Development

Associates for Student Development (ASD): An Update

Written by Michelle Wadleigh ('13), VP for Public Relations



Spring semester started off with a roller skating event in Latrobe, PA. Skating night was themed and filled with music from the 60's through the 90's, and although some of us came away with bumps and bruises everyone had a great time dancing/skating to the music!

Spring has been full of excitement, including Visitation 2012 in which ASD was pleased to participate. The current board developed a new initiative called the SAHE Contact Sheet, which was given to prospective students at Visitation. The SAHE Contact Sheet included photos, assistantship and contact information of current SAHE students. The hope is that prospective students can contact current students with any questions they may have about the program and start a connection between the cohort's early-on.

At visitation, ASD sponsored the social, "Cake Boss". This social included prospective and current students in a cake decorating competition based on the theme of spring. Our teams created delicious cakes; maybe SAHE will open a bakery soon! ASD has created a Twitter account, follow us @SAHEASD for updates throughout the year.



Cake Boss Winners

ASD would like to recognize the outgoing ASD board for their hard work and dedication. Thank you Emilie Campbell, Joe Benyish, Tory Rowlands, Caitlin Jones and Jean Barnard, the executive board for 2011 as well as our advisor, Dr. Mueller.

Why Should I Be on LinkedIn?

Written by Valerie Sutton ('96), Submitted by Gerald Tang ('08)

The ever evolving landscape of social media can be overwhelming and there is so much written about it as it relates to job search. In particular LinkedIn has been a focus as a job search tool. And, if you are not on a job search, what possible reason could there be for being on the site? There are actually many reasons to join LinkedIn as a professional.

First, LinkedIn is a professional site with over 100 million users. It is focused on professional development and not the social aspects of many of the other personal networking sites. According to Jeff Wiener of LinkedIn, they are trying to connect the world's professionals to make them more productive and successful." In my Higher Education network alone, I am two degrees away from over 16,000 professionals in the field. In addition, there are many groups that you can join to connect your to your specific areas of interest including; admissions, career services, STATA, and many more.

These connections can be an enormous help by providing resources to help you proactively improve the performance of your office, keep you up-to-date on emerging trends, and provide support for difficult decisions. One great example is that in a recent office move, I was able to defend the need for individual offices vs. cubicles for staff members based on a group discussion in LinkedIn. There were not only many personal comments supporting office space, members pointed to the exact location of the NACE Professional Standards documentation that supported my argument. Needless to say, my staff is all in private offices.

In addition, to individual help, it will also help you to keep up on recent news and topics, which can be overwhelming with so many sources of information with LinkedIn this task easy. If you want to know what professionals are reading and focused on in the Higher Ed industry on LinkedIn, you can access information here http://www.linkedin.com/today/higher_education. It is a one stop shop of sources, news, and articles. The page itself has over 61,000 followers. If you are interested in the same topic, you can find out who shared the article, review their profile and connect with them to build your professional knowledge, as well as your network.

Finally, The Council of Economic Advisors recently worked with LinkedIn to the industry trends of the recession and was able to develop in-depth information on fastest growing industries and the volume of job gain and loss in industries. LinkedIn is a rich resource of data to mine to help you develop stronger academic and informal learning opportunities for your students. They can take it beyond just making connections for the job and learn the growing industries and what that means for their area of academic study. To learn more about this report, see <http://blog.linkedin.com/2012/03/08/economic-report/>

We invite you to join the SAHE LinkedIn group at <http://www.iup.edu/sahe/>. Currently we have 144 members but would love to connect with the many high performing alumni in student affairs!

New to LinkedIn? Here Is How To Get Started!

Written and submitted by Gerald Tang ('08)

LinkedIn is an effective tool to network with others virtually. In order to allow people to find a mutual connection, you need a profile that will help others find you and entice them to contact you once they view your profile. Use this checklist as a guide to optimize your visibility and showcase your expertise. **Don't forget to join the IUP SAHE LinkedIn group!**

PHOTO*

- Should be professional and close up on your face.

HEADLINE

- The default setting is your most recent job title. You should edit this to reflect an interesting professional statement that will catch attention.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Ideal to have 1-2 recommendations for each of your most recent work/project experiences.
- LinkedIn recommends three total for a 100% complete profile.
- When requesting a recommendation, your recommender must be a LinkedIn member.

New to LinkedIn? Here Is How To Get Started! (Continued)

- Customize the recommendation request to share why you are looking for a recommendation and what you would specifically like them to highlight. This will help each recommendation cover different aspects of your skills and qualifications.

CONNECTIONS

- In general, connections should only be made with people you have a personal relationship with.
- Always customize connection requests. This adds a personal touch and will remind the person who you are.
- Begin by connecting with SAHE alumni, colleagues and friends. The more 1st degree connections you have, the more helpful your 2nd degree connections will be.
- Continue to maintain your LinkedIn connections. As you meet new people at networking events or conferences, connect with them right away. Meanwhile, check out www.linkedin.com/college on ways to connect with your college alumni.

WEBSITES

- Great place to link to blogs, websites or other supplemental websites. You should change the default title "Website" to the specific name of the website such as "Gerald Tang Twitter Account".

PUBLIC PROFILE URL

- Always update the Public Profile URL to your name and add your LinkedIn URL to your email signature or business card.

SUMMARY

- Create a professional summary written in the first person. Focus on answering three main questions: (1) Who are you professionally? (2) What do you do or want to do? (3) Why are you unique? What are your skills and specialties? Be sure to include keywords for your functional area as well as your contact information (e.g., email address). Add industry key words in the speciality section.

EXPERIENCE

- Post at least three recent positions. Be sure to include current and past positions, practicum and other jobs.
- Under each position, list the 1-2 most important bullets from your resume. Then, add 1-2 that you didn't have space to include on your resume. This helps ensure that someone who has seen your resume is finding supplemental information on your LinkedIn profile.
- Use bullet points for easy scanning and start your bullets with action verbs.

EDUCATION*

- Include all education as well as honors, awards, activities, significant projects, relevant courses, and/or other highlights.

APPLICATIONS

- Use SlideShare to post past presentation materials, writing samples, portfolios or other industry related materials to highlight your work. Be sure to use watermarks over portfolios or other information that you want to remain proprietary.
- Other applications allow you to post your resume on your LinkedIn profile, feed your Twitter activity (if professional), showcase your blog posts, share a creative portfolio, broadcast where you are traveling for work, to name a few. These applications are great for strengthening your brand.

GROUPS & ASSOCIATIONS

- A free account user can join up to 50 groups. You can rearrange the order of your groups or hide the visibility.
- Join both professional and social groups to highlight your interests such as ACPA and the IUP SAHE group.

ADDITIONAL SECTIONS:

Other sections that you can add: Skills, certifications, courses, honors and awards, languages, organizations, projects, publications

PRIVACY

Unlike Facebook, you want your profile to be as open as possible so that other professionals can find and reach out to you about opportunities. You can control how people view your information and status updates in the Settings tab on LinkedIn.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

Check out some of the following resources as you continue to develop your LinkedIn profile.

Mashable.com

[Learning Center: Profiles](#)

[Learning Center: LinkedIn Groups](#)

Student Presentations & Accomplishments

Emilie Campbell ('12) is the recipient of the William J. Brennan Graduate Assistant Fellowship and the AFA Foundation Scholarship for conference travel. She also competed in a case study competition for which she and a partner earned second place at the annual meeting of the Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors (AFA) in St. Louis, MO. Emilie presented "Sorority Women's Attitudes Toward Lesbian Membership" at the ACPA convention on March 27 in Louisville, Kentucky.

Alisia Drew ('13) was a recipient of the IUPs Women's Leadership Award 2012 for her work on the IUP campus and in the community pertaining to domestic and sexual violence. She works with the IUP Haven Project which educates the campus on domestic and sexual violence. Alisia is also a volunteer at The Alice Paul House, Indiana, PA's Domestic Violence Shelter and a member of the Indiana PA Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Task Force.

Diane Eshleman ('13) has been selected to serve as a student ACPA ambassador.

Annie Greaney ('12) and Tory Rowlands ('12) presented at the RU '66 Leadership Conference at Rutgers University. Their presentation was a twist on concept from Daniel Pink's book, *Drive: What's Your Sentence*. Tory also served on an alumni panel at the end of the day and answered questions for undergraduate students interested in pursuing student affairs and/or graduate school.

Ashlie Prioleau ('13) and Jonathan Scalsky ('13) were awarded the Dean's Merit Scholarship from IUP's College of Education and Educational Technology.

Allison Shumar ('13) was selected to serve as a graduate student liaison to the executive board of the Pennsylvania College Personnel Association (PCPA) for 2011–2013. In her role, Shumar will reach out to graduate students across the state to encourage their involvement in the association.

Christopher Weiss ('12) was awarded a research grant from the IUP School of Graduate Studies and Research to support his thesis research. He also presented his research findings, "Facebook, Cocurricular Involvement, and Their Relationship Status" at the NASPA conference on March 13 in Phoenix, Arizona. In January, Chris was invited to present a session entitled "Social Media Framework and Toolkit: Socially Interactive Technologies and Beyond!" at the Pennsylvania College Personnel Association's (PCPA) Keystone Social Media conference at Seton Hill University.

Alumni Accomplishments & Accolades

Holly Alexander Agati ('93) recently completed her doctoral studies at The College of William and Mary. Her Ph.D. is in Educational Policy, Planning and Leadership with a focus in Higher Education. Holly's dissertation title is *The Millennial Generation: Howe and Strauss Disputed*.

Jennifer Ferrell ('05) was elected as Chair of the Standing Committee for Women for ACPA for 2012-2014 and assumed her role at the most recent ACPA convention in Louisville, KY. Anyone interested in involvement within the SCW should contact Jen at jferrell1@keene.edu.

Back by Popular Demand!

We now have updated recruitment posters! If you would like one, please contact Nathan at n.jiegler@iup.edu



Alumni Accomplishments & Accolades (Continued)

Jared M. Hammond ('10) has had multiple opportunities while in Residence Life at the Pennsylvania State University, University Park for personal and professional growth. Fall 2011, Jared was the Co-chair for the Mid-Atlantic Association of College & University Housing Officers, Student, Staff Live-in Conference (MACUHO-SSLI). In addition, Jared was a member of the host planning committee for ACPA's Residential Curriculum Institute (RCI), where he was selected to co-present. Spring 2012, Jared was selected as the Penn State Student Affairs Professional for the Parks and People 2012 Experiential Learning Study Abroad program in South Africa. Throughout the ten-week program, Jared collaborated with the faculty to create a holistic learning environment for study abroad students. Jared will be transitioning in July 2012 to his new position as Senior Coordinator in Residence Life at Penn State University.

Margaret R. Hammond ('10) was selected as the Lead Advisor for Criminal Justice. While working with the most students of any advisor at Penn State's World Campus, Margaret also is the direct liaison for World Campus's undergraduate Criminal Justice degree within Penn State's Capital College. Additionally, Margaret was selected as a co-host for PawCast, the World Campus podcast for students.

Warren Hilton ('99) published two articles related to utilizing QR Codes in Student Affairs and Enrollment Management.

Hilton, W. M., Baillie, C, & Moran, K. Use QR Codes to Connect with students and staff members. *Student Affairs Today*, 14(9): 6, 2011.

Hilton, W. M., Baillie, C, & Moran, K. Using QR Codes Effectively in the Recruitment Process. *Recruitment and Retention in Higher Education*, 25(11): 3, 2011.

Scott Mattingly ('03)- will be graduating in May 2012 with his doctoral degree from Temple University's Ed.D. in Educational Administration program.

Amanda Ries ('06) was recently elected the President of the Pennsylvania College Personnel Association for 2012-2013.

David Tiscione ('10) was awarded the Outstanding New Professional in Residence Life Award from the ACPA Commission for Housing and Residential Life.

Dana (Puglisi) Winters ('08) was awarded Best Student Conference Proposal by the Eastern Evaluation Regional Society for her proposal entitled, "The Land of Alice: A Multi-level, Multi-site, Multi-year Look at the Changing Evaluative Needs of Alice." Dana is currently a doctoral student in Social and Comparative Analysis in Education and an Evaluator with the Collaborative for Evaluation and Assessment Capacity at the University of Pittsburgh.

Professional Updates

Mark Anthony ('83) and **Gerald Tang ('08)** have been elected to the board of the Eastern Association of Colleges and Employers. Mark will be the Director of Membership Development and Retention and Gerald will be the Director of Technology and Information Management. EACE is the regional association for career services professionals and human resources/college relations professionals covering the northeast and mid-Atlantic region.

Katie Bean ('08) moved back to Pennsylvania in September 2011 to accept a position as the Assistant Director of Student Outreach and Support at Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia.

Faina Bukher ('08) is transitioning to a new position at UNH as the Assistant Coordinator for the Women's Studies Program and will continue to teach in the Women's Studies department.

Lynn Burke ('05) transitioned in July 2011 to an Assistant Director position in Annual Giving at Gettysburg College.

Crystal Carlson ('11) has accepted a Residence Hall Manager position at The University of Chicago in Hyde Park.

Ben R. Falter ('05) was promoted from Director of Housing and Residential Life to Executive Director, Department of Housing and Residential Life and Office of Community Standards at Stetson University. Ben also hired RC Stabile (class of 2012) to work as a Residential Life Coordinator at Stetson University.

Professional Updates (Continued)

Jacob Harper ('07) was promoted to Director of Student Relations and Conduct at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown in December of 2011.

John Mayo ('08) will be transitioning to Area Coordinator for Non-Traditional Housing at Western New England University in Springfield, MA as of July 1, 2012.

Kellie (Perkowsky) McKinney ('06) works at Rowan University in Glassboro NJ as the Assistant Director for Administrative Services with the Office of Residential Learning and University Housing. She also works as an adjunct faculty member with the Mathematics Department at The College of New Jersey.

Jan Mellon ('01) has accepted the registrar position at the Penn State World Campus.

Erin (Perna) Mullen ('11) is working at Penn State, University Park as a Coordinator of Experiential Learning & Career Services.

Kelly Ogiba ('11) is working as the Assistant Director of MBA Admissions at Tepper School of Business, Carnegie Mellon University as of February 2012.

Megan Stahl ('11) recently accepted a position as Master's Level School Based Treatment Specialist at The Open Door in Indiana County. Megan was previously employed as a Drug and Alcohol Counselor in Pittsburgh and continues to work as a photographer.

Becky Verzinski, Ed.D. ('94 MA and '92 BA) accepted the position as Assistant Vice President for Assessment at Bowie State University, Bowie, MD where she is responsible for the assessment of academic programs as of January 2012.

Personal Updates

Faina Bukher ('08) and her fiancé bought a house in Barrington, NH.

Jacob Harper ('07) and his wife welcomed their daughter, Ava Ann Harper, born on December 8, 2011.

Kellie (Perkowsky) McKinney ('06) married Ryan McKinney on October 7, 2011 in North Wales PA. Kellie, her husband, and their 3 year old son reside in Holland, PA.

Mary (Miller) Meyer ('08) and her husband are expecting their first child in early July 2012.

Erin (Perna) Mullen ('11) married Chuck Mullen, IUP alumnus, on June 17, 2011.

Ian Reynolds ('10) and Tracey Fagan are engaged to be married on July 1st, 2012.

Matthew G. Shaffer ('03) and his wife, Katie, welcomed their first child (Margaret Diane Shaffer) on March 7, 2012. Baby "Meg" parents' are doing well and enjoying being first time parents.

Tracy (Stih) Stockard ('99) and her husband, Tom, welcomed their first child, Dana Christine Stockard, on February 17th at 3:44 a.m. Dana was 7lbs and 21 inches long.

David Tiscione ('10) and Jessica O'Dell are engaged to be married on July 7th, 2012.

Becky Verzinski, Ed.D. ('94 M.A. and '92 B.A.) and her husband James Eckenrode welcomed a daughter, Lynn Olivia Verzinski Eckenrode, to their family on June 15, 2010. They live in Baltimore, MD.

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Alumni Nominations

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