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GOLDEN RAMS FOREVER!!!

WELCOME TO /si ɛs di/

Welcome to our new issue of our monthly e-newsletter! We are happy to share our CSD news with you . . . and we hope that you, in turn, will share your news with us. This issue comes to you from Chicago, Illinois, the 2013 venue for the Annual Convention of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), our national professional association. Congratulations to the CSD at WCU students and faculty members who had presentations accepted for the convention. The December issue of /si ɛs di/ will feature photos and information about our experiences at the convention – so stay tuned! **December will also be special because we will honor the legacy of Elizabeth Tyson with the observance of the 1st Annual Elizabeth Tyson Day in CSD. Additional information about this very special occasion is available in this issue of /si ɛs di/. PLEASE join us as we celebrate the vision of this remarkable lady, whose 1923 efforts on our campus were the foundation for our Department and Clinic today. WE HOPE AND EXPECT TO SEE YOU AT OUR CELEBRATION!**

Please Send News Items To . . .
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Thank You!

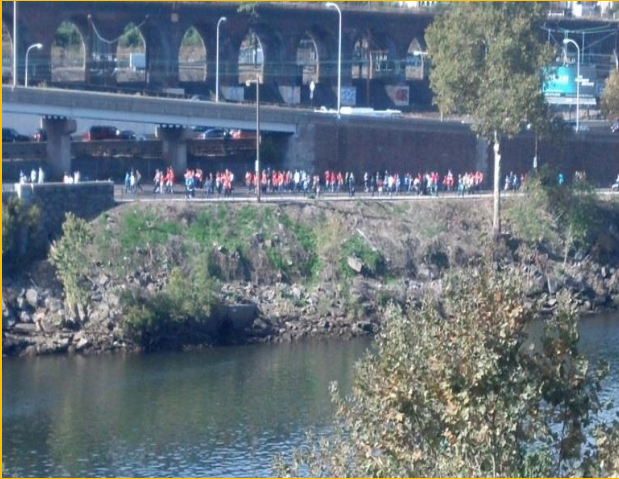


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of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
(Current Accreditation Effective 2007-2015)

October 2013

NSSLHA at WCU

The WCU Chapter of NSSLHA (National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association) was very active in the month of October. These photos show only some of the diverse ways in which CSD at WCU students participated in educational and charitable endeavors.



NSSLHA members participated in the Philadelphia-area walk for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation as part of their service commitment to the WCU NSSLHA Chapter.



NSSLHA members show their JDRF Walk t-shirts and walker numbers on the day of the walk.

**FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 22
NSSLHA COFFEEHOUSE FUNDRAISER
FENNARIO'S COFFEE SHOP
111 NORTH CHURCH STREET
WEST CHESTER
7:45 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
SEE YOU THERE!**



**WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 20
KIWI YOGURT
22 SOUTH HIGH STREET
WEST CHESTER,
WILL DONATE 15% OF TOTAL SALES TO
WCU NSSLHA FOR CHARITABLE EFFORTS**

**SO . . .
BE SURE TO VISIT KIWI THAT DAY!**



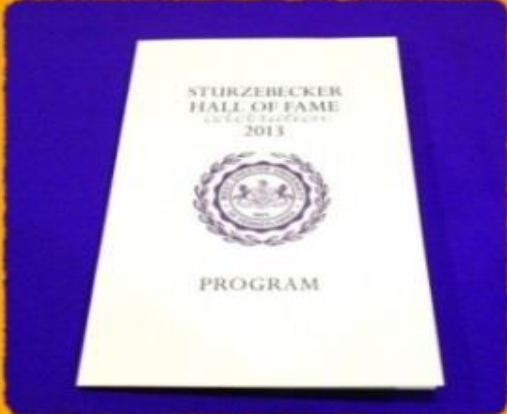
NSSLHA Advisor and Executive Board Members pose with their invited speaker, Ms. Amanda Charney, WCU alumna and founder of "Small Steps in Speech."



NSSLHA members volunteer at a local center for older adults.

October 2013

Sturzebecker Hall of Fame and Scholars



On October 26, approximately 150 supporters of the WCU College of Health Sciences gathered at the Desmond Hotel for the annual Sturzebecker Hall of Fame Luncheon. Dr. Cheryl Gunter, Department Chair, represented Communication Sciences and Disorders at the event. Dr. Ray Zetts, College of Health Sciences Associate Dean, introduced the newest inductees into the Sturzebecker Hall of Fame, while Dr. Linda Adams, College of Health Sciences Dean, introduced the newest Sturzebecker Scholars. Sincere congratulations to Ms. Stephanie Wanner, CSD B.A. Student, and Ms. Mary Janiec, CSD M.A. Student, for their selection as Sturzebecker Scholars. We are happy for you that your accomplishments were honored!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
2013 STURZEBECKER HALL OF FAME
INDUCTEES**

Dr. Donald E. Barr
Retired Dean, College of Health Sciences
West Chester University
Ms. Deborah J. Chase
Director, Program Management
Raytheon Company
Dr. Kevin M. Guskiewicz
Senior Associate Dean, College of Natural Sciences
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Ms. Barbara J. Tachovsky
Retired President/CEO
Paoli Hospital



**Ms. Stephanie Wanner, CSD B.A. Student,
pictured with her parents.**



**Now-retired CSD at WCU faculty members
and former Department Chairpersons
Dr. Michael Weiss and Dr. Joseph Stigora
(pictured with Cindy Stigora)
attended the Hall of Fame Luncheon.**



**Ms. Mary Janiec, CSD M.A. Student,
pictured with her husband.**



**Now-retired CSD at WCU faculty members
Mr. Jack Eberhart and Mr. Vincent Suppan
attended the Hall of Fame Luncheon.**

WCU Honors College

CSD at WCU expresses appreciation to Dr. Kevin Dean, Director of the WCU Honors College, for the exceptional academic experience that he and his Honors College staff members and supporters provide for students from the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders. At this time, CSD at WCU recognizes 13 of our B.A. students who have been accepted into the Honors College:

Year 1 Students

Kelsiann Acer
Johanna Hattier
Shannon Shiring

Year 2 Students

Nicole Hearn
Jaclyn Jouine
Maura Kelly

Year 3 Students

Jennifer Allen
Melissa Christie
Elise Lerario
Samantha McGinty

Year 4 Students

Jasmine Forster
Lara Roche
Victoria Wermert

Dr. Dean has also shared the wonderful news that two of our CSD at WCU students will be inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa this month.

Congratulations to:

Melissa Christie
Samantha McGinty

for your selection for membership in this prestigious national leadership honor society!

Students who participate in the Honors College may select the (a) Core Option, in which they complete the Honors Curriculum in addition to their CSD Curriculum or (b) Seminar Option, in which they complete the Honors Seminars but not the entire Honors Curriculum (complete with capstone project). For more information about the Honors College, please see the WCU web site for a description of the purpose, classes, and service components of the Honors Curriculum. Best wishes for continued success to our CSD at WCU Honors College students!

Service Thanks

THANKS FROM “BUILDING BLOCKS BOOKS”
FOR THE DONATIONS OF BOOKS!

The September 2013 issue of */si ɛs di/* invited readers to contribute any and all books to this worthy charity, whose proceeds from sales of books underwrite the purchase of new books for children to enhance their access to literacy. THANK YOU for your donations of three boxes of books, which are pictured below! “Building Blocks Books” welcomes continued donations of books. For additional information or to donate additional books, please contact Kim Hewes of the College of Health Sciences.



Focus on . . .
Carter Drive Faces



Last month, /si ɛs di/ introduced the “Focus on CSD Faculty” series. Our featured faculty member for November is Dr. Jennifer Means (Front Row, Center). Dr. Means, who is the Clinic Director, answered a series of questions for /si ɛs di/. We hope that you enjoy this opportunity to know Dr. Means better than before!

QUESTION:

What is your name?

ANSWER:

Jennifer Walsh Means, SLP.D. CCC-SLP

QUESTION:

What is your position in CSD at WCU?

ANSWER:

Associate Professor

QUESTION:

What is your education?

ANSWER:

B.S. West Chester University
M.A. West Chester University
SLP.D. at Nova Southeastern University

QUESTION:

When did you become WCU faculty?

ANSWER:

2000-2004
Temporary Faculty Member
2004 – Present
Tenure-Track/Tenured Faculty Member

QUESTION:

What are your hobbies?

ANSWER:

NASCAR
Hiking – Swimming
Body Combat Workouts
Long Days on the Beach

QUESTION:

What are your favorite t.v. shows?

ANSWER:

Survivor - Top Chef
Project Runway - Newsroom
House Hunters

QUESTION:

What are your favorite current movies?

Jungle Book – Mrs. Doubtfire

The Big Chill – Shawshank Redemption

QUESTION:

What are some facts that students/co-workers would not suspect about you.

ANSWER:

- (1) I'm a NASCAR fan. (2) I was a tomboy.
- (3) I ride a Harley-Davidson motorcycle.
- (4) I can replace house windows.

QUESTION:

What book have you read most recently?

ANSWER:

11/22/63 by Stephen King

QUESTION:

What is a quote that means a lot to you?

I have two. One is from when I was young: *It's not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog.* I selected this one because I had many obstacles to overcome as I approached young adulthood. I fought my way to become successful and who I am professionally. One is from when I have been an adult: *Dance like no one is watching.* This quote is meaningful to me as an adult, as I am free to do what I want in the manner in which I choose.

QUESTION:

What is your current scholarly/research project?

ANSWER:

I have supported the
GOALBOOK PROJECT, created by Daniel Jhin Yoo.

Goalbook creates a living, breathing profile for students with special needs, providing an easy-to-access IEP summary, and empowering all team members with a forum to communicate and share student data securely, and in real-time. In January 2013, the company launched its latest product: the Goalbook Toolkit. The Goalbook Toolkit enables special educators to discover and personalize high-quality IEP goals that are fully aligned to the Common Core standards, and have related instructional resources, assessments, and UDL-based adaptations to help teachers implement the goals.

In the summer and fall of 2013, students enrolled in SPP 570 participated in the Goalbook Project by creating speech and language goals that aligned with the Common Core State Standards to be loaded onto the Goalbook site allowing SLPs to access the goals for speech and language IEP development. Through this process in SPP 570, students gained knowledge of the latest in educational practices and research, specifically, Common Core State Standards, Universal Design for Learning, and Standards-Based IEPs. Students were given free access to Goalbook Toolkit for a year for participating in the program. An individual license to Goalbook Toolkit costs \$179 dollars. West Chester University is publicly acknowledged as an innovative partner on the Goalbook Toolkit website, which is accessed by thousands of educators around the country on a monthly basis.

Focus on . . .
Notable News

**REMINDER
CSD ORNAMENT CONTEST**

As noted in the October 2013 issue of /si es di/, CSD at WCU will celebrate the holiday season with our purple (yes, WCU purple) holiday tree and the tongue depressor ornaments created by students, faculty, staff, and friends of CSD at WCU. Dr. Cheryl Gunter, Chairperson of the CSD Department, created and placed the ceremonial 1st ornament on the tree, a tribute to the SLP oral examination process labeled “Stick Out Your Tongue.” **REMEMBER: NOVEMBER 20 IS THE DUE DATE FOR HOLIDAY ORNAMENT CONTEST ENTRIES. DELIVER THE ORNAMENTS TO THE CSD DEPARTMENT ORNAMENT BOX.** The winners in two divisions – WCU theme and SLP/AUD theme – will win \$25 cards to a famous coffee place!



Dr. Ray Zetts, CSD Associate Dean, and Dr. Bethann Cinelli, Chairperson, Health Department, at the Faculty Recognition Event



Dr. Michael Weiss, CSD Retiree, with Lucy Weiss

**Support CSD at WCU
Online**



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FACEBOOK “LIKE” GOAL TOTAL . . .
THANK YOU!
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PLEASE “LIKE” US SOON SO THAT WE CAN
CONTINUE TO REACH OUT!

<http://www.facebook.com/CsdWcu>



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**CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES
COLLEAGUES
WHOM WCU HONORED FOR SERVICE
AT THE 16TH ANNUAL RECOGNITION EVENT**

30 Years of Service:

Dr. Jeffrey Harris (Health)
Dr. Monica Lepore (Kinesiology)

25 Years of Service:

Dr. Michele Tucker (Nursing)

20 Years of Service:

Dr. Frank Fry (Kinesiology)
Dr. Neil Curtis (Sports Medicine)

15 Years of Service:

Dr. Sherri Melton (Kinesiology)
Dr. Debra Bill (Nursing)
, Dr. Charlotte Mackey (Nursing)

Retirees:

Dr. Ann Stowe (Nursing)
Dr. Katherine Conroy (Nursing)
Dr. Michael Weiss (CSD)

*The faculty of the
Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders
West Chester University
request the pleasure of your company at a*

**90th ANNIVERSARY
OPEN HOUSE**

*to honor the 90th Anniversary of the establishment of the
West Chester University "Speech Clinic"
by "Miss Tyson"*

and to honor the establishment of the annual

ELIZABETH TYSON DAY

(to be observed on or about December 1 – the birthday of Elizabeth Tyson – each year)



Friday

December 6, 2013

12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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**In Fall Semester 1923, S. Elizabeth Tyson, Assistant Professor of English,
founded one of the very first Speech Clinics in the United States on the West Chester University campus.
Over 90 years later, her vision continues as ours: to translate care and concern for individuals with
communication disorders into exemplary clinical practice and scholarship.**

*If you are unable to attend,
please send your tributes to the legacy of "Miss Tyson" to
cgunter@wcupa.edu or to the address above.*