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GOLDEN RAMS FOREVER!!!

WELCOME TO /si εs di/

Welcome to our 3rd 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! At this point, we have completed our 1st Summer Session and are at the mid-point of our 2nd Summer Session. Our hallways are alive with the sounds of our patients headed to their clinical sessions, our potential students involved in their tours of our space, our new students headed to their orientation sessions and their conferences with their academic advisors, our current students headed to their classes, our professors involved in their discussions of their research, our custodial staff committed to their stewardship of our facilities, and our secretaries drawn in ten directions at once to coordinate departmental operations – and without any complaints whatsoever! Please know that our doors are open to you any time that you want to visit us!

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Thank You!



The M.A. Program
Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders
is accredited in Speech-Language Pathology by the
Council on Academic Accreditation
of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
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June 2013 . . .

Pre-Graduate Certificates Awarded

June 26, 2013, was a special day for 13 Pre-Graduate Certificate students, who completed the requirements for their certificates at the end of 1st Summer Session. The total number of students who earned this certificate in the 2012-2013 Academic Year is now 15, as two students previously received their certificates at the end of Spring Semester. For their certificates, these students – who already held undergraduate degrees in disciplines other than Communication Sciences and Disorders – completed the equivalent of the undergraduate CSD curriculum with its associated Related Areas classes. Completion of the requirements prepared these students for a subsequent graduate CSD curriculum. Dr. Cheryl Gunter, CSD Department Chairperson, presented the certificates to the students, after which they completed their very last class session and celebrated with refreshments. Congratulations to every student!

2012-2013

Pre-Graduate Certificate Students

Anders Alfelt
Allison Bailey
Samantha Branco
Christine Cady
Sarah Carroll
Amanda Grace
Lauren Hrebin
Jessica Hutchison
Lyndsey Kanter
Megan Landis
Samantha Mosca
Sara Schmuckler
Taiwo Whetstone





Student Research

Some of the CSD M.A. students select the M.A. Thesis option for their curriculum. One such current student is Phil Doucette. On July 1, 2013, Phil successfully completed his Prospectus Defense for his proposed research, entitled, “Defining Common Ground: A Case Study Investigation of How Musical Training of Pitch-, Loudness-, and Temporal-Pattern Discrimination Affects the Determination of Lexical Stress.” Phil will draw on his extensive experience in music – both as a performer and a conductor – as he completes his research. Phil is pictured here with his M.A. Thesis Committee: Dr. Elizabeth Grillo (Committee Chair), Dr. Michael Weiss, and Dr. Sojung Kim. Best wishes, Phil, in the completion of this research that will inform our knowledge base related to the neurological processes that are the bases for various speech perception skills.



June 2013 . . .

B.A. and M.A. Student Orientation

B.A. Student Orientation

In sessions scheduled for multiple days in June and July, the newly-admitted B.A. students – many times accompanied by their parents who attended Parents' Orientation – arrived on campus for what has traditionally been called "Freshman Orientation." Their orientation day on campus was packed with a variety of information sessions, which included one-hour sessions with a faculty member from the CSD Department to discuss the CSD B.A. curriculum and other department-related details. Drs. Grillo, Gunter, Kim, Koenig, Means, and Swasey Washington each led one or more of these sessions and extended a warm welcome to our new CSD students. Pictured below are some of our newly-admitted B.A. students in CSD as they and their friend Rammy visit the Golden Ram statue on WCU North Campus. Welcome to each and every one of our new CSD B.A. students!



Students . . .

Remember, we welcome your parents as subscribers to the CSD E-Newsletter!
Have your parents/family members/friends send their e-mail addresses to cgunter@wcupa.edu with a note about their connection to you.

Friends and other family members are also welcome!

M.A. Student Orientation

On June 28, 2013, the newly-admitted M.A. students, who will start their M.A. classes in Fall Semester 2013, arrived on campus for their M.A. Orientation. Dr. Mareile Koenig, CSD M.A. Coordinator, introduced our new CSD students to each other, as well as to the policies and procedures that will influence their studies in the Department. These included information about our M.A. curriculum, our M.A. documents (such as the Essential Functions Document), our SPSR process that directs our academic advisement and documents both the academic and clinical performance of our students, our ROSA examination that serves as our three-part comprehensive evaluation of student academic performance, and such practical matters as the locations of students' mailboxes. Thank you to Dr. Koenig for her attention to the myriad of details that M.A. students need to remember to enhance their participation in the life of the CSD Department.

The 28 students (24 full-time and 4 part-time) who comprise the newly-admitted M.A. students come to the CSD Department from an applicant pool of over 375 students. Collectively, their mean cumulative GPA is over 3.8, and their mean CSD GPA is over 3.9. As is readily apparent, admission for CSD M.A. studies is very competitive, and the faculty members look forward to the opportunity to work with these academically talented students in their academic classes, research projects, and clinical practica experiences. Pictured below are our newly-admitted M.A. students in CSD at 201 Carter Drive. Welcome to each and every one of our new CSD M.A. students!



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An Invitation . . . To Share Your Wisdom

In response to our June 2013 CSD newsletter, we received a wonderful idea from Alyssa Nemeth, a 2013 CSD B.A. recipient who will start her continued studies at Loyola University (MD) in Fall Semester 2013. (By the way, Alyssa – GOOD LUCK at Loyola! We wish you the very best of success!)

Alyssa wrote, "As a graduated senior, I wish so much that I could have known what schools the students who graduated last year are attending now. Not only would it have provided a little bit of guidance during the application process, it also would have been a huge help to have those students' e-mail addresses to ask them questions about their SLP or AUD programs directly. I know a lot of seniors-to-be would love to know where graduated seniors are attending next year so they can ask us any questions about the application process and our specific schools."

So, everyone . . . How about it? If you attended a school other than WCU for your M.A./M.S./M.Ed./M.C.D./other in SLP or for your Au.D. in AUD, would you be open to a conversation with a B.A. or P.C.P. student from the CSD Department? Your provision of information about your school would be a tremendous resource for students as they consider the direction of their continued professional education. If you want to share your wisdom, please send your (a) name, (b) school attended, and (c) contact information to cgunter@wcupa.edu for inclusion in the next issue of /si es di/. Thank you for your support to our students!

Congratulations . . .

Our June 2013 CSD newsletter featured a list of our B.A. recipients. Congratulations to another B.A. recipient in Summer Semester 2013. Kathleen Weir will receive her B.A. *summa cum laude*. Well done!

Notable News . . .

We appreciate the responses to our June 2013 CSD newsletter. Keep up the wonderful contacts!

Former Faculty Members . . .

Two retired CSD faculty members sent their best wishes to the CSD Department: Dr. Lester Aungst (Retired 1991) and Dr. Cleavonne Stratton (Retired 2003). Dr. Aungst added this wonderful news: "As you know, Bobbi and I now live in Cape May, NJ, where we continue to volunteer for ASHA, NJSHA, and several local arts organizations. Last month we were honored to receive the Encore Award from the South Jersey Cultural Alliance for our volunteer work with Cape May Stage Equity Theater Company." Congratulations, Les and Roberta, for this very special honor. We are very happy for you!

Former Students . . .

Laura Shay (CSD M.A. Alumna) wrote, "I finish my CF in less than two weeks, and I've had some very interesting cases in sub-acute rehab. I'm the only full-time SLP in my SNF (with my mentor in another facility), and while it's been challenging, I just started an orientation for new CNAs to provide education about dysphagia and general oral care, triggers for referral to speech-language pathology, and strategies for communicating with residents who have speech-language and cognitive-communication disorders. I also worked with our new food company to add a diet level (we now have 4 diets based on the NDD as opposed to 3)." Best wishes, Laura, for continued success. (By the way, for those who are not aware, Laura is an accomplished musician who is well-respected in the Greater Philadelphia Area. Visit her web site at www.laurashay.com for information about her CDs and her performance schedule. Why not attend a performance soon and support the creative arts?)

July, 2013

CSD at WCU Word Search

WIN A PRIZE . . .

Love puzzles?
Love to win prizes?

Well, if you answered “yes” to these two questions, this section of /si ɛs di/ is for you!

Below is a word search puzzle that contains 65 words related to CSD at WCU. These 65 words are listed in the column that follows and include items related to our discipline, our institution, and our department.

The first person to solve the puzzle wins a professional portfolio valued at \$25.

To Enter:

Locate and circle each of the 65 words.

Then, submit your solved puzzle to Dr. Cheryl Gunter, CSD Department.

You can

- (a) deliver the puzzle to her CSD mailbox with date/time of submission noted,
- (b) scan the puzzle and send it by e-mail to cgunter@wcupa.edu, or
- (c) send the puzzle by fax to 610.436.3388.

The first entry answered entirely correctly wins, and the winner will be featured on our Facebook site and in our next issue of /si ɛs di/ - as will the solution to the puzzle. Good Luck!

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