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WELCOME TO /si es di/

CSD at WCU has completed 1st Summer Session and 2nd Summer Session and, now that 3rd Summer Session has arrived, has started the countdown to Fall Semester, with the start of classes on 08-25-14. This summer, we welcomed a new cohort of Pre-Graduate Certificate Students. And, with the arrival of autumn, we will welcome a new cohort of M.A. Students, as well as a diverse assortment of new 1st year and transfer B.A. Students. We look forward to many opportunities to know our new students better. We are also excited to welcome two new tenure-track faculty members into CSD at WCU and look forward to their many anticipated contributions to the mission of our Department. And, we hope to hear your news very soon!

Please Send News Items To . . . cgunter@wcupa.edu
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
(Current Accreditation Effective 2007-2015)

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/GOLDEN RAMS FOREVER!!!/
The West Chester University Chapter of NSSLHA (National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association) has earned Gold Chapter Honors for 2014. CSD at WCU is thrilled to announce this accomplishment!

The "Gold Chapter" designation is awarded to chapters for outstanding accomplishments across the areas of philanthropy, community service, professional advocacy, and educational support.

The WCU Chapter is one of only 23 NSSLHA Chapters (out of 319 chapters nationwide) to have earned this distinction for 2014. WOW!

Congratulations to the students of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders for this accomplishment, and special commendations to the NSSLHA Chapter Officers for their exemplary leadership: Melanie Riland, President; Kaitlyn Smith, Vice-President; Judy Lubas, Secretary; and Victoria Wermert, Treasurer.

Thanks, also, to the NSSLHA Chapter Advisor, Dr. Patricia Swasey Washington, for her support of NSSLHA.

2014 NSSLHA GOLD CHAPTER HONORS

California State University-Fullerton
California State University-Northridge
Chapman University
Florida State University
Long Island University-Brooklyn
Marywood University
Mercy College
Minot State University
Pennsylvania State University
Southern Illinois University-Carbondale
The University of Arkansas-Fayetteville
The University of Arkansas-Little Rock
The University of Cincinnati
The University of Florida
The University of Illinois-Urbana/Champaign
The University of Iowa
The University of Missouri
The University of Nebraska-Omaha
The University of Northern Iowa
The University of Virginia
The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Vanderbilt University

WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY

Honor the history of CSD at WCU.
Celebrate a special occasion.
Show a student you are behind her or him.
Invest in the future of CSD at WCU.
Show your Golden Rams Pride!

We welcome your donation – in your own name or in honor of a student, faculty member, staff member, or another person – to one of our current CSD at WCU scholarships, awarded each year: Suppan (for B.A. students), Tyson (for Pre-Graduate Certificate students), and Graduate Research (for M.A. students). We also invite you to consider whether you want to establish and name a scholarship to support the mission of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders. To discuss our present and anticipated needs and specific aspects of our mission that you could endow, please contact our Department Chairperson, Dr. Cheryl Gunter, at cgunter@wcupa.edu. We appreciate your generous support!

To contribute to these scholarships, please visit the WCU Foundation web site, where you can easily donate online. http://www.wcufoundation.org
NEW CSD AT WCU 1ST YEAR STUDENTS ATTEND SUMMER 2014 FRESHMAN ORIENTATION

Carly Aaron . . . . Kelsiann Acer
Joanna Adamo . . . . Laura Alexander
Jennifer Allen . . . . Kelly Anderson
Samantha Balistrieri . . . . Alexa Barry
Rebekah Beahan . . . . Jordan Bennett
Whitney Black . . . . Kay Bogunovich
Jessica Bramante . . . . Jessica Brand
Lauren Brill . . . . Lauren Brosky
Mackensey Buell . . . . Katherine Burker
Rachel Butera . . . . Hannah Campbell
Kristine Campbell . . . . Amanda Campbell
Jaclyn Carr . . . . Cassidy Carrion
Samantha Caruso . . . . Caitlin Caruso
Shannon Cassidy . . . . Melissa Christie
Kirsten Clemens . . . . Victoria Coates
Shannon Corrado . . . . Rachel Crescitielli
Kaycee Crofton . . . . Cecelia Cronin
Jenna Crowley . . . . Samantha D’Amora
Taylor D’Antonio . . . . Christine DeCicco
Amy DePippo . . . . Emily Deeyes
Ellen Delp . . . . Noelle DiBlasi
Isabella DiLauro . . . . Juliianne Doll
Anna Downey . . . . Elizabeth Dzuro
Emily Elias . . . . Tara Ellington
Elizabeth Fedak . . . . Jason Fish
Rebecca Fisher . . . . Stephanie Frasca
Anne Garstka . . . . Alexandra Generelli
Ruby Gift . . . . Ashtyn Goshaw

CSD AT WCU DEAN’S LIST STUDENTS SPRING SEMESTER 2014

Renee Gross . . . . Erin Hadfield
Jane Harris . . . . Johanna Hattier
Nicole Hearn . . . . Lindsey Herr
Emily Hooper . . . . Amber Hosmi
Cassandra Ippolito . . . . Jillian Jackson
Bo Juzwiak . . . . Caitlin Kane
Corinne Kelleher . . . . Maura Kelly
Julia Kessel . . . . Emily Kish
Kelsy Koch . . . . Leigh Koffenberger
Elise Lerario . . . . Abbie Lookingbill
Judy Lubas . . . . Rachel Maga
Erin Maloney . . . . Amy McCaffrey
Erin McCaig . . . . Tara McDonough
Natalie Mcgonigle . . . . Kelsey McIntyre
Chelsea Meloni . . . . Brittany Miller
Rebecca Mills . . . . Olivia Mohnacs
Amanda Mooney . . . . Victoria Mosuriak
Nicholas Nobile . . . . Christina O’Neill
Jennifer Odomirok . . . . Lauren Onorato
Rebecca Penaranda . . . . Jessica Rauscher
Alaina Rehrer . . . . Lauren Reinhart
Melanie Riland . . . . Lara Roche
Sarah Romeiser . . . . Katie Roth
Mariah Ruane . . . . Andrea Rudderow
Bethany Rudy . . . . Gia Santivasi
Alexandra Schurr . . . . Samantha Shaw
Shannon Shiring . . . . Amanda Sloan
DeVonna Smith . . . . Kaitlyn Smith
Staci Sorrell . . . . Danielle Stacey
Abigail Stern . . . . Jessica Stoffel
Elissa Streisel . . . . Ryan Summers
Alexa Taicher . . . . Kylie Thorne
Victoria Tornetta . . . . Kaitlin Trudeau
Nicole Tunnard . . . . Kelsey Tureczmanovicz
Laura Urbany . . . . Karisa Wagenman
Julie Waldron . . . . Stephanie Wanner
Rachel Weiner . . . . Morgan Weinstein
Brianna Welch . . . . Victoria Wermert
Abigail Wheeler . . . . Elizabeth Wilson
Julia Witmer . . . . Sarah Workman
Dina Lynn Worley . . . . Chanel Wright
Dina Yevkovich . . . . Lauren Zayarz
Emily Zborsowski . . . . Kailey Zeager
Ashley Zink
Our Pre-Graduate Certificate Program (PCP Program) allows students who have earned an undergraduate degree in another discipline to complete the equivalent of an undergraduate degree in CSD as preparation for graduate studies in CSD. This four-semester (full-time) program runs Summer-Fall-Spring-Summer. Welcome to our new students!

BEST Wishes
FOR YOUR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF YOUR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM TO

Aimee Barcola
Krista Carpenter
Sally Dayton
Allison DeSanto
Brittany Doan
Susan Flanigan
Melissa Gabriel
Emily Gibbons
Alvin Groff
Jamie Gross
Sibohan Groves
Jamie Held
Shane Henley
Shannon Hull
Amanda Keister
Karla Ane Klouder
Stacey Meyer
Brianna Oertel
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2013-2014 PRE-GRADUATE CERTIFICATE STUDENTS

The Pre-Graduate Certificate Students pictured above completed their studies in June 2014. Dr. Cheryl Gunter, CSD Department Chairperson, presented certificates to them on their final class date. Everyone from CSD at WCU wishes them the very best of success to them as they continue their studies, either here at WCU or at other institutions. We have sincerely enjoyed the opportunity that we have had to know you and to work with you in various circumstances!

Front Row
L to R
Ashley Avenoso
Bailey Shaw
Lisa Rubinow
Laura Leyden
Lindsay Arbutina
Christine Fenimore

Back Row
L to R
Michele Grant-Venuto
Tanya Ibarra
Cynthia Bialowas
Rachel Palange
Colleen McGregor
Megan Richerts
Christine Pate

Not Pictured
Cynthia Bialowas
CSD at WCU is very pleased to welcome our new M.A. students, who will start their studies with us in Fall Semester. This year, we received approximately 300 applications for admission. The students pictured above have a mean GPA (cumulative) of 3.77 and a mean GPA (CSD major) of 3.89 – very impressive credentials! We appreciate their interest in CSD at WCU and very much look forward to the opportunity to work with them over the course of their studies. Their names, as well as the institutions they attended for their undergraduate degrees, are listed below.

Kayleigh Anderson . . . . . . . . . . . . . .  LaSalle University
Lindsay Arbutina . . . . . . . . . . . . Millersville University
Ashley Avenoso . . . . . . . . . . . . Lebanon Valley College
Chelsea Bauder . . . . . . . . East Stroudsburg University
Cynthia Bialowas . . . . . . . . The University of Delaware
Jenna Brosious . . . . . . . . Bowling Green State University
Taylor Calabree . . . . . . . . Richard Stockton College
Christine Fenimore . . . . . . . . The University of Delaware
Jennifer Hilbish . . . . . . . . West Chester University
Michelle LaPenta . . . . . . . . . . . . LaSalle University
Morgan Levitz . . . . . . . . West Chester University
Laura Leyden . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . St. Joseph’s University

Chelsea Linton . . . . . . . Pennsylvania State University
Lauren Onorato . . . . . . . West Chester University
Rachel Palange . . . . . . . Pennsylvania State University
Holly Przbylowski . . . . Pennsylvania State University
Lisa Rubinow . . . . . . . . The University of Pennsylvania
Whitney Schmutter . . . Pennsylvania State University
Bailey Shaw . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Arcadia University
Megan Lawson Simmons . . . . Clarion University
Trevor Solis . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . West Chester University
Staci Sorrell . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . West Chester University
Marcia Towers . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Eastern New Mexico University
Dina Lynn Worley . . . . . . . . West Chester University
Jayme Wyda . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . LaSalle University
Ashley Zink . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . West Chester University
Welcome to Our New CSD at WCU Faculty Members

CSD at WCU extends a sincere welcome to our new tenure-track Assistant Professors. Their full-time positions start Fall Semester 2014.

Welcome to . . .

Supraja Anand
Ph.D., The University of Florida
Speech-Language-Hearing Scientist

Jeanette Benigas
Ph.D., Ohio State University
Speech-Language Pathologist

We look forward to your many contributions to the mission of CSD at WCU!

Thank You . . .

CSD at WCU Site Supervisors

CSD at WCU extends sincere appreciation to the SLPs who served as the day-to-day supervisors for our 2nd Year M.A. students in their off-campus clinical practicum experiences in Summer Semester.

Annie Benbrook
Kimball Center – Barnabas Health System

Kirsten Brown
Health South Rehabilitation – Reading

Erin Byler
Penn State Rehabilitation Hospital - Hershey

Laura Curren
Julie Schlesinger
Bryn Mawr Rehabilitation Hospital

Melissa McGuffin Ferdas
Molly Riley
The University of Pennsylvania

Chris Findlay
Jan Westerhouse
Crozer Chester Medical Center

Laura Gennarelli
Paoli Hospital

Dale Gregore
Christiana Hospital

Jane Hocker
Bacharach Rehabilitation Center

Amy Kares
St. Luke’s Medical Center

Sahithi Kokkalagadda
Robert Wood Johnson Hospital

Genevieve Lehr
Moss Rehabilitation Center

Sue Lynch
Hershey Medical Center

Donald Moore
South Jersey Hospital

Beth Pickard
Chester County Hospital

John Rhoat
Nanticoke Hospital

Vanna Roth
Reading Health – Wyomissing

Ashly Sabata
Conestoga View Rehabilitation

Shelly Slott
Taylor Hospital

Marlene Stankus
St. Laurence Rehabilitation Center

Your contributions to the professional preparation of our students were invaluable. THANK YOU!
THANK YOU to the CSD at WCU temporary instructors who joined our faculty in Summer Semester to provide academic and clinical instruction for our B.A., Certificate, and M.A. students.

Mr. Samuel Esposito  
Dr. Kimberly Ginsberg  
Ms. Carolyn Macrina  
Dr. Irene Merenda  
Ms. Colleen Reynolds  
Ms. Shelly Slott  
Ms. Dianne Spragale  
Ms. Kathie Uschold  
Ms. Mary Wolfe

CSD at WCU is very pleased to announce the establishment of the “Garrett G. Molholt Friend of CSD Award.”

Over the years, many individuals outside the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders have provided valuable contributions to the mission of our Department. The CSD faculty decided that, while we have expressed our thanks to these individuals in many informal ways, the time has arrived for a more formal expression of appreciation.

We thus established the “Friend of CSD Award,” to consist of a certificate and a coffee table book for the recipient to enjoy.

When we started to discuss who the very first recipient of the award should be, the choice soon became obvious: Dr. Garrett G. Molholt, Professor of English and Linguistics here at WCU. And, as we reflected on his substantial support of CSD at WCU, we decided to not only present him with this award but also to name it in his honor. A plaque to be displayed in the lobby of the CSD Department will bear his name (and those of subsequent recipients) as the first recipient of the “Garrett G. Molholt Friend of CSD Award.”

Dr. Molholt has supported our CSD B.A. and Certificate students as an instructor of ENG/LIN 230, “Introduction to Linguistics.” He has also supported our CSD M.A. students as a member of M.A. Thesis Committees. Additionally, he has supported our CSD faculty as a member of their Department Evaluation Committees for tenure and/or promotion, as well as for their 5-year post-tenure review. His classroom observations of faculty have assisted with their continued development as instructors, and his input into their scholarly work has assisted with their continued development as scholars. His positive, personable interactions have contributed to inter-departmental collaboration on this campus as he has coordinated the Linguistics Program in the past. As he starts to transition into the retirement phase of his life, we know that his presence on campus will be profoundly missed by those of us who have been honored to know him.

Dr. Cheryl Gunter, CSD Department Chairperson, presented this honor – a surprise – to Dr. Molholt at the start of an “Introduction to Linguistics” class this summer. His students responded with a very well-deserved sustained round of applause for him.

Congratulations and sincere thanks to our very first recipient of the “Garrett G. Molholt Friend of CSD Award.”

If you wish to send a note of thanks and congratulations to Dr. Molholt for his work, his campus e-mail address is gmolholt@wcupa.edu.
An Opportunity for Service . . .
FROM
BRENT THOMPSON, Ph.D. R.N.
Associate Professor
Department of Nursing

My daughter, Laura Thompson, has been selected to represent the USA in tennis at the 2015 Special Olympics World Games in Los Angeles.

Over 7,000 athletes with intellectual disabilities from more than 177 countries will arrive in Los Angeles to compete and inspire everyone with their talent, courage, determination and sheer joy.

I am asking for your support to help send Laura and other athletes to the Games. She has been representing Chester County in the Pennsylvania Special Olympics tennis team for the last 5 years and has gotten a lot from the experience. She gets excited about going to State College in the State Games two months in advance! You can imagine how excited she already is about going to Los Angeles in the summer of 2015.

The Games run from July 25 to August 2, 2015. ESPN will be covering the opening ceremony at the LA Coliseum. The athletic events will also be shown during the event the last week of July.

Perhaps we will get to see Laura!

It costs about $2500 to send each athlete to the Games. The money we raise goes to help all athletes attend, not just Laura. No athlete is asked to pay to participate. Transportation, housing, food, medical care, and entertainment will all be provided.

Laura will be staying in a dorm at UCLA and competing at the UCLA Tennis Center.

If you are interested in supporting Laura and the other Special Olympians in the World Games please click the link below and donate whatever you can. Any amount will be welcome.

http://support.la2015.org/fundraise?fcid=323974

Thanks,
Brent
http://www.mainlinehealth.org/rehab/community/art-ability

Preview Reception
Saturday, November 1, 5:30–8:30 p.m. at Bryn Mawr Rehabilitation Hospital
Please join us for the Art Ability Preview Reception, which offers guests the first opportunity to view and buy works from our 2014 show.

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