Here in CSD at WCU, we are now one month into our Fall Semester 2014. We are amazed at how quickly the semester has passed thus far. We have welcomed our new B.A. students – either 1st year students or internal/external transfer students – as well as our new M.A. students. We have also welcomed two new tenure-track faculty members to our midst. We have also started to plan the events of the 2014-2015 Academic Year and look forward to our many ways to celebrate CSD at WCU. Please look at this issue of /si es di/ to learn more about how you can be part of our continued celebration of who we are . . . particularly how you can contribute to our observance of the 2nd Annual Elizabeth Tyson Day. We are happy to share our CSD news with you . . . and we hope that you, in turn, will share your news with us.

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

Well, no matter what your intention, you can keep pursue that intention with a donation – in your own name or in honor of a student, faculty member, staff member, or another person – to one of our CSD at WCU scholarships. We have three scholarships, one named in honor of Vincent Suppan, one named in honor of Elizabeth Tyson, and one presented to advance Graduate Student Research. We would welcome any questions that you have about these scholarships, as well as contributions of any amount.

To contribute to these scholarships, please visit the WCU Foundation web site, where you can easily donate online. http://www.wcuufoundation.org

Students, Faculty, Staff:
For Your Use . . .

CSD at WCU is very happy to announce two new additions to our Department . . . our brand new refrigerator and our brand new k-cup coffee maker!

The new refrigerator is located in the student clinicians' work room. You are welcome to store your food and drinks here . . . just remember to remove any items before the weekend, or these will be discarded.

The new one-cup k-cup coffee maker is located on the counter in the kitchen. You are welcome to make your coffee here . . . just remember that you need to provide your own k-cups, sweeteners, and creamers.

As you know, the Council on Academic Accreditation (CAA) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) provides accreditation to master's degree programs in Speech-Language Pathology. And, as you know, our own M.A. degree program here in CSD at WCU is accredited by this association. Since our current accreditation cycle is from 2007 to 2015, we are now in the process of re-accreditation of our program so that we can continue in our CSD mission.

On September 15 and 16, we were pleased to welcome a four-member team for a site visit. The team consisted of two academicians and two practitioners. The site visit is a part of the re-accreditation process. Prior to their arrival, the team reviewed our application for re-accreditation to learn about our program. They also reviewed several hundred documents that we prepared and uploaded to a secured web site to document our compliance with accreditation standards. In the course of their visit, they met with faculty members, B.A. and M.A. students, alumnae/i, off-campus clinical supervisors, and members of the public, as well as with our Provost, Graduate Dean, Health Sciences Dean, Health Sciences Associate Dean. They also inspected our files and facilities to collect further information.

We are pleased to have had this opportunity to welcome this site visit team to CSD at WCU! Their written report – which they previewed for us in their final conference with us – and our response to their report will be forwarded to the CAA, which will reach the decision about our re-accreditation early in 2015.

Sincere thanks to everyone who participated in the site visit process, with particular thanks to Dr. Mareile Koenig, M.A. Program Coordinator, for her tireless investment of her time and talent into the organization of the information that we presented. We will share the final decision of the CAA as soon as we receive that information with us . . . so please wait patiently with us for when that time arrives!
M.A. Theses Successfully Defended

Two M.A. students successfully defended their master’s theses in July 2014, Phil Doucette and Ralph Magliano. In addition, both of the students presented their work as posters at the Pennsylvania Speech-Language-Hearing Association in Pittsburgh. Phil also presented his poster in an electronic format at the Voice Foundation’s Annual Symposium: Care of the Professional Voice in Philadelphia. Ralph also presented his work at WCU’s Annual Research Day. Dr. Elizabeth Grillo served as the primary Faculty Advisor for both students. Other committee members included Dr. Sojung Kim, Dr. Mareile Koenig, and Dr. Michael Weiss (retired).

Thesis Title: Phil Doucette
“Defining common ground: A case study investigating the effects of musical training for pitch, loudness, and rhythm on lexical stress discrimination.”

Thesis Title: Ralph Magliano
“Language rehabilitation from a neurological perspective: Word finding deficits.”

Fair Season . . .

It’s that time once more: Fair Season. That means that Dr. Cheryl Gunter has been busy in her kitchen with her preparations of her candies and cookies (accompanied by some crafts, as well, made a bit at a time across the entire year). This year, Dr. Gunter won 20 ribbons, 10 from the Allentown Fair and 10 from the Maryland State Fair. Pictured above is her decorative cookie plate, which earned her 2nd Place at the Allentown Fair. Here is the recipe for Dr. Gunter’s Maryland State Fair 1st Place, Blue Ribbon Sugar-Free Candy for you to try at home.

Sweetened Nuts (Sugar-Free)
Ingredients: 1 stick margarine (or margarine substitute), 1 cup sugar substitute (such as Splenda), ¾ cup ground cinnamon, 1 cup nuts (Dr. Gunter used pecans this time around, but almonds work nicely, also). Procedure: Melt the margarine on medium temperature in the microwave. While the margarine melts, mix the sugar substitute and the cinnamon. Place the mixture into a shaker. Place parchment paper on a flat surface. Sprinkle a layer of the mixture onto the paper. After the margarine has melted, place the nuts into the liquid to coat them. Place the nuts (top side up) on the mixture on the paper. Sprinkle the top side of the nuts with the mixture. Allow the nuts to dry overnight. Enjoy this guilt-free treat!

And, More News!

Dr. Elizabeth Grillo was interviewed for the online June 2014 edition of Advance for Speech and Hearing. The article, “Voice Disorders and PE Student Teachers” describes her research. Please see the link and the article below:


Dr. Elizabeth Grillo and M.A. student, Phil Doucette, received a Faculty-Student research Award from the College of Health Sciences in spring 2014. The award was used to pay for conference registration and travel expenses associated with presentations at the PSHA convention and the Voice Foundation’s Annual Symposium during spring 2014.
Dr. Judith Curtin and her husband pose at Machu Picchu on their recent visit to Peru.

For more information about Peru, visit http://www.machupicchu.gob.pe/

An Invitation . . .

Students, Please Register to Vote!

Dear Students,

We know you’re busy, but we want to ask you to take a moment to make sure that you can participate in the upcoming election. The November election is approaching quickly, and if you are a citizen age 18 or older, you have the right to vote.

In order to vote in Chester County, you must register with Voter Services. If you are not yet registered, or if you wish to change your address to your campus address, there’s an easy way to do so, West Chester University’s TurboVote site: http://tvote.org/1qxET6b

The process is quick and easy. Just fill in the required information, and TurboVote will send you the forms you need to sign and return to Voter Services. TurboVote will even provide a stamped envelope. You will then be able to vote at your local polling place (or request an absentee ballot if you keep your non-campus address). You can also sign up for reminders or upcoming deadlines/dates.

No matter who you vote for, we hope you’ll take the opportunity to participate in the democratic process.

Sincerely,
The CSD at WCU Faculty

WCU Shadows . . .

Connecting Students & Alumni
Job Shadow
WCU Alumni Over Winter Break!
Applications Due October 3!
www.wcupa.edu/wcushadows

We are now accepting applications for WCU Shadows 2015! Space is limited; applications are due by Friday, October 3. To get more information and apply, visit www.wcupa.edu/wcushadows

WCU Shadows is co-sponsored by the Career Development Center and the Office of Alumni Relations. Please contact Amanda Mitchell with any questions: amitchell@wcupa.edu or 610.436.2501.

Who?
Sophomores (30-59 credits) from all majors are encouraged to apply.

What?
Spend one day shadowing an alumni host on the job to get an in-depth perspective about his/her career.

Where?
We will match you with a person working in a career that interests you, and you will meet at his/her organization.

When?
You and your alumni host will select one day over Winter Break in January 2015 that is convenient for you both.

Why?
Explore majors and careers by making connections and experiencing a “day in the life” of a professional through various conversations and activities.

Calling All Trekkies:
Scholarship Available . . .

This link provides information about the annual “Starfleet Academy Scholarships” for which students can compete: http://www.sfi.org/wp/scholarships/. Yes, these are real scholarships with real money (up to $1,000 awarded for each scholarship). To qualify, a student must be a Starfleet member who is an undergraduate or graduate student. Check it out!
Celebrating Rehab and the tireless creativity that makes the impossible possible.

Join us for an educational program presented by Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital

Sunday, September 28, 2014
12:00 pm – 2:45 pm
West Chester University
Sykes Student Union, Theatre (ground floor)
110 W. Rosedale Avenue, West Chester, PA 19383

Call 1.866.CALL.MLH or visit mainlinehealth.org/events to register.

Cost is free, but registration is required.

Kevin Pearce
Former professional snowboarder
Kevin Pearce is now an inspirational survivor, sports commentator, motivational speaker, and advocate for brain injury and Down syndrome.

T-shirt sales at the event will benefit The Kevin Pearce Fund. This fund supports organizations that enrich and enhance the lives of individuals and families.

To Learn Kevin’s Story, Visit http://www.kevinpearce.com

As you can see from the invitation above, our own CSD B.A. student Jillian Jackson has been named one of the 2014 Sturzebecker Scholars. These scholars represent “the best of the best” of West Chester University College of Health Sciences students. Sincere congratulations to Jillian for this well-deserved honor, and best wishes for your future work!
Do you have Spasmodic Dysphonia, and are you looking for the missing pieces of the puzzle?

*Do you have unanswered questions?*

*Do you ever feel that YOU are the only one?*

*Are you interested in keeping up with the latest developments in treatment and research?*

NSDA’s Greater Chester/Montgomery county area
Spasmodic Dysphonia Support Group can help fill in the pieces!

The NDSA Greater Chester/Montgomery County Area Spasmodic Dysphonia Support Group is looking for people interested in becoming members. There is never any cost to be part of an NDSA Support Group. Whether you’d like to hear about the latest research and treatment options for SD, ask other patients about how they get by on their jobs and cope on a daily basis, or simply listen to others with a voice that sounds like yours, the Greater Chester/Montgomery County Support Group is a valuable resource.

Our are held in the Board Room of the Phoenixville Area Hospital
At 826 Main St. (Medical Office Building 2) 3rd Floor, Phoenixville, PA

*If you are interested in attending and/or want more information on Spasmodic Dysphonia, please contact:*

Cathie Leister (at 484-948-0394 or cathieleister@comcast.net) or
Fred Hosier (fhosier@gmail.com)

*The Greater Chester/Montgomery County Area Support Group is sponsored by the National Spasmodic Dysphonia Association (NSDA)*

The NSDA is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving the needs of those affected by spasmodic dysphonia. The main objectives are to advance research, to build awareness, and to sponsor patient and family support groups and educational programs. The NSDA is the only organization dedicated to helping people with Spasmodic Dysphonia.

Visit our website at [www.dysphonia.org](http://www.dysphonia.org) for more information and resources.
WCU CHAPTER OF NSSLHA
ANNOUNCES THE “NSSLHA CAR WASH” WITH PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT NSSLHA PROJECTS

October 12, 2014
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

In the Lot of the High Street

West Chester, PA

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Reminder . . .
FALL SEMESTER ACADEMIC ADVISEMENT WEEKS FOR CSD STUDENTS ARE THE WEEKS OF 09-22-14 & 09-29-14

If you have not yet set your advisement appointment with your academic advisor, please do so ASAP!

Advisement appointments are mandatory for students in the B.A. curriculum. Students in the Pre-Graduate Certificate curriculum and the M.A. curriculum are also welcome to set appointments with their advisors.

2012-2013 Academic Year CSD Education Survey

Each year, ASHA (American Speech-Language-Hearing Association) and CAPCSD (Council of Academic Programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders) collaborate to administer and analyze the results of the CSD Education Survey. CSD at WCU has recently received two summaries of results from the CSD Education Survey for the 2012-2013 Academic Year. One of the summaries reports data from across the United States, while the other of the summaries reports data collected specifically from Pennsylvania.

Students, particularly B.A. and Pre-Graduate Certificate students, may find some of these data of interest. For instance, several data tables report the responses to questions about applications and admissions to master’s level SLP programs. Specific data included the number of slots available in master’s level SLP programs, the proportion of slots taken by new master’s level students, the average number of slots available in master’s level SLP programs, the average and range of GPAs of new master’s level students, and the reported reasons for limitations in the number of slots available. Comparable data are available for Au.D. programs.

If you are interested in a copy of the national and/or Pennsylvania report, please send an e-mail to cgunter@wcupa.edu. In the meantime, did you know:

--In this period, Pennsylvania was home to 14 master’s level SLP programs.

--In this period, the 12 of 14 PA programs that responded to the survey collectively reported the receipt of 2,798 applications for admission.

--In this period, the 12 of 14 PA programs that responded to the survey collectively reported 387 available slots for students.

--In this period, the 12 of 14 PA programs that responded to the survey collectively reported approval of 657 students for admission to the available slots.

--In this period, approximately 99.48% of available slots in PA master’s level SLP programs were filled. Nationwide, the two states with the lowest proportion of available slots in master’s level SLP programs that were filled were Vermont (with 77.78% of slots filled) and Illinois (with 81.5% of slots filled).
Honoring Our “Miss Tyson”

2nd Annual
Elizabeth Tyson Day
December 1, 2014

CSD at WCU invites you to honor our “Miss Tyson” with an act of service dedicated to her memory.

In 2013, CSD at WCU celebrated the 1st Annual Elizabeth Tyson Day” to honor Professor Elizabeth Tyson, who founded the “Speech Clinic” on the West Chester University Campus in 1923. We selected December 1, her birthday, as the day to honor her every year. In 2013, CSD at WCU celebrated this special occasion with an Open House that many of you attended. In 2014, CSD at WCU invites you to observe this special day to honor our “Miss Tyson” with an act of service dedicated to her memory. Our aim: to have at least 91 (the number of years our clinic has been in existence) acts performed . . . and preferably 191, 291, 391, 491, or even more acts of service performed to honor her legacy. The process is simple:

--Select the act of service that you will perform.
--Perform your act of service between October 1st and November 30th.
--Write a short description of your act of service on the form located in this newsletter.
--Deliver the form to the “Elizabeth Tyson Day” box, located in the CSD at WCU lobby.
--If you cannot deliver the form in person, send it by e-mail or postal mail to CSD.
--Our e-mail address is cgunter@wcupa.edu.
--Our postal mail address is 201 Carter Drive, Suite 400, West Chester, PA 19383.

Thank you for your dedication and participation!
An Act of Service for Our “Miss Tyson”

MY NAME

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MY STATUS

(   ) WCU Student   (   ) WCU Faculty   (   ) WCU Staff   (   ) WCU Alumna/us   (   ) WCU Parent   (   ) WCU Friend

MY ACT OF SERVICE

(Please Describe Your Service In 50 Words Or Fewer)

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Thank you for your information!

The acts of service for “Miss Tyson” will be displayed in CSD at WCU.

Descriptions of some acts of service will be included in our January 2015 issue. Names of everyone who submits a description will also be included in our January 2015 issue, as well as entered into a drawing for a special prize (Gift Card).

/si ɛs di/ CONTEST

As you know, periodically /si ɛs di/ includes a contest for our readers, who may compete for a special prize. This issue of our CSD at WCU newsletter features such a contest. So, readers, are you ready? If so, here are the simple rules for our newest contest: (a) Complete the Word Search Puzzle. To do this, locate each word on the list in the puzzle, then circle each word clearly. (b) Once you have completed the puzzle, return it to Dr. Cheryl Gunter. You may return a paper copy in person or a scanned copy by e-mail. (c) Be sure to submit your completed puzzle by Wednesday, October 8, 2014, by 5:00 p.m. (d) If more than one person has successfully found and circled each of the words on the list, then the winner of the prize will be selected by random draw. The prize will be a professional reference book valued at $50.00. So, if you want a chance for some fun relaxation, please enter our newest contest!