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GOLDEN RAMS FOREVER!!!

WELCOME TO /si ɛs di/

CSD at WCU is in the midst of what others would call a "semester break," or that period between Spring Semester and Summer Semester. But, for many of us, this period is not so much a break as it is a time to shift our focus to non-classroom projects, both personal and professional in nature: reviewing literature, analyzing data, preparing manuscripts, updating classes, reviewing advising files – and traveling, cooking, reading, crafting, relaxing. Our recent semester was the source of considerable celebration for CSD at WCU, and we are happy to share our many sources of joy with you. Please feel free, in return, to share your news with us so that we can spread the word about where you are and what you have done these days!

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Thank You!



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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!

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).

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

Congratulations . . .

Michael S. Weiss

*Undergraduate Research Award
Recipient*

CSD at WCU
Announces the Recipient of the
2014 Michael S. Weiss
Undergraduate Research Award . . .

EMILY DEEVES
Congratulations, Emily!



Congratulations . . .
Vincent Suppan
Scholarship Recipient

CSD at WCU
Announces the Recipient of the
2014 Vincent Suppan Scholarship . . .

MELANIE RILAND
Congratulations, Melanie!



Melanie Riland at Annual NSSLHA Banquet



Congratulations . . .
S. Elizabeth Tyson Memorial
Scholarship Recipient

CSD at WCU
Announces the Recipient of the
2014 S. Elizabeth Tyson Memorial Scholarship . . .

KRISTA CARPENTER
Congratulations, Krista!



Krista Carpenter and Dr. Elizabeth Grillo
at Annual NSSLHA Banquet

March, 2014

NSSLHA "Art with a Heart" Event



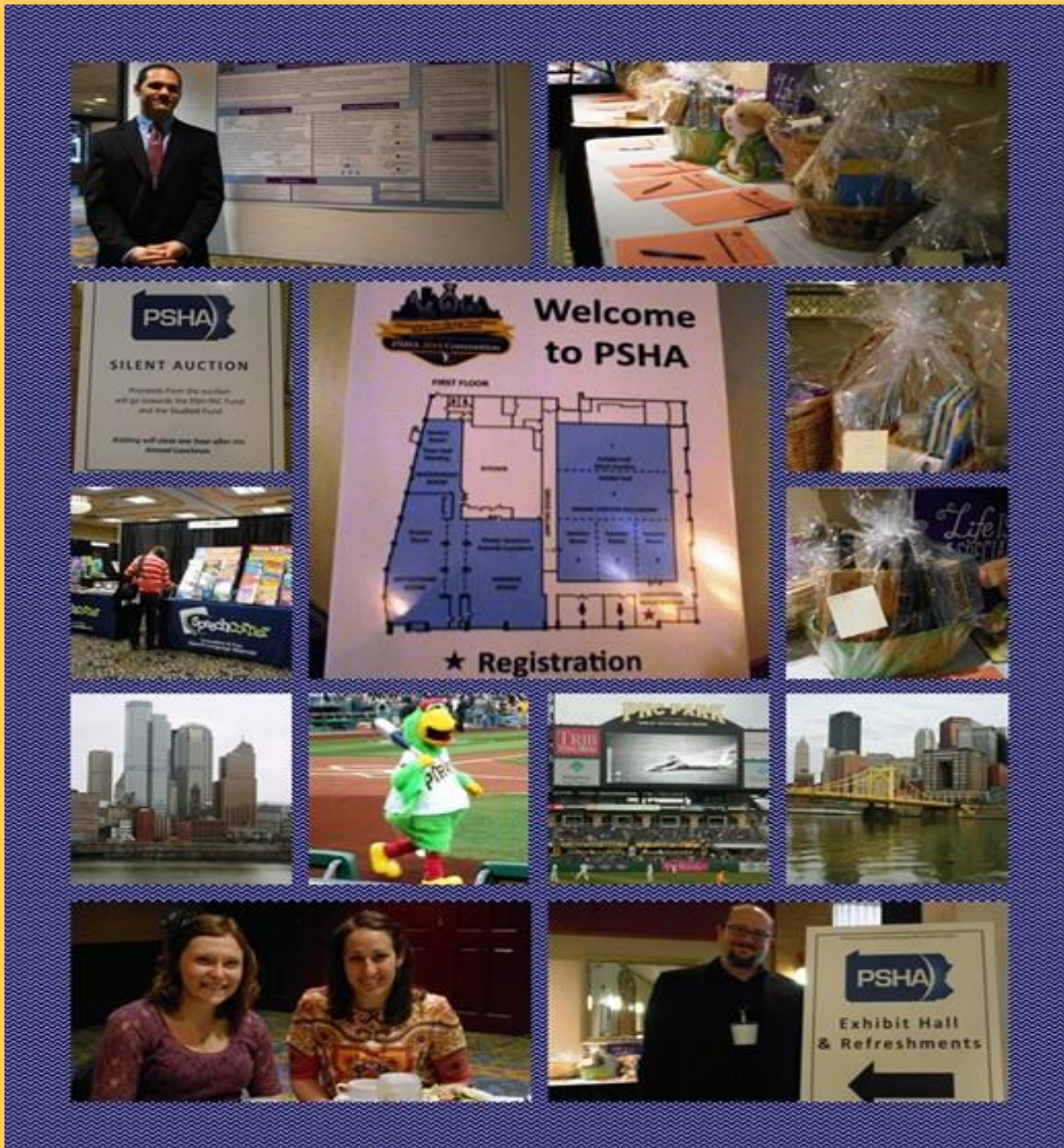
On March 28, event creator Melissa Christie, CSD Honors College Student, and the students of CSD at WCU NSSLHA presented the 1st Annual "Art with a Heart" event at Sykes Memorial Union. This event, the capstone project for Melissa in her Honors Curriculum, raised funds to support the charity selected as the national NSSLHA focus this year, "Small Steps in Speech" (which, incidentally, is a charity created by WCU alumna Amanda Charney to provide funds for clinical services for children who are presently unserved or underserved). This wonderful event raised over \$400 to support "Small Steps in Speech" and was a wonderful showcase of art in many forms. So, enjoy the art created by children, many of whom receive clinical services at their schools, as well as the other aspects of the event!







In April, several CSD at WCU faculty members and students attended the Annual Convention of the Pennsylvania Speech-Language-Hearing Association, this year held in Pittsburgh. CSD at WCU involvement included these presenters: (a) Dr. Mareile Koenig, collaborator on the seminar, "Supporting Children with Autism: Best Practices for SLP-ABA Consideration," (b) Drs. Elizabeth Grillo, Sojung Kim, and Michael Weiss and M.A. student Phil Doucette, co-authors of the poster session, "Pitch-, Loudness-, and Temporal-Pattern Discrimination Training and Lexical Stress Determination," and (c) Dr. Elizabeth Grillo and M.A. student Ralph Magliano, co-authors of the poster session, "Language Rehabilitation from a Neurological Perspective: Word Finding Deficits." In addition, Dr. Cheryl Gunter, PSHA Vice-President for Publications, participated in various capacities as a PSHA Executive Board member. B.A. students Melanie Riland and Kaitlyn Smith represented the CSD at WCU Chapter of NSSLHA, as well. The Department also donated three gift baskets (a tea and cookies basket, an inspirational book and journal basket, and a wine and chocolate basket) to the Silent Auction to support PSH-PAC, the political advocacy branch of PSHA.



April, 2014

Annual WCU NSSLHA Conference

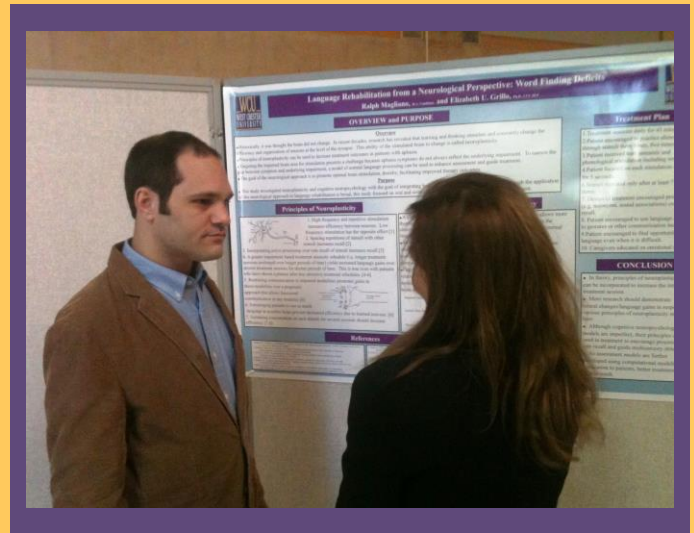


This year, the CSD at WCU Chapter of NSSLHA sponsored the Annual NSSLHA Conference, held at the WCU Graduate Center north of the campus. The featured speaker was our own Dr. Elizabeth Grillo, whose presentation focused on the "Global Voice Therapy Method," which she created to allow SLPs to address the evaluation and treatment of voice disorders with a patient-adaptable protocol. The day also featured a Career Fair with exhibits from local clinical practice employers and a lunch in which attendees renewed old and made new acquaintances. Dr. Mareile Koenig, M.A. Program Coordinator, led CSD at WCU alumnae/i in a Town Hall Discussion to solicit their input about the academic and clinical education programs for our graduate students. Thank you to everyone, particularly Dr. Grillo, for an excellent professional development experience!

April, 2014

Annual WCU Research Day

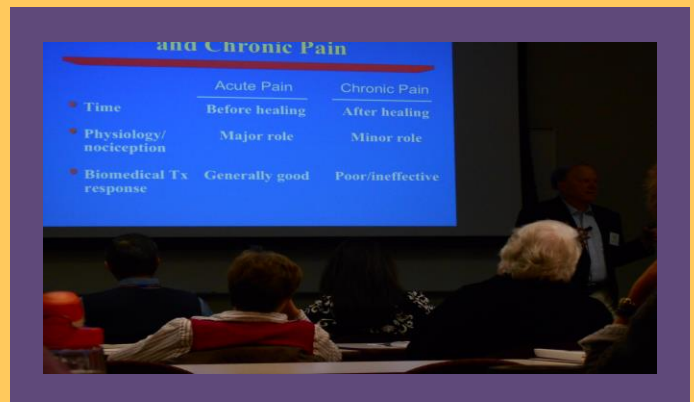
The annual WCU Research Day, sponsored by the WCU Research Consortium, provided a showcase for a variety of scholarly and creative activity presented by members of the WCU community. CSD at WCU contributed poster sessions co-authored by faculty and students. Ralph Magliano (below) explained his research, mentored by Dr. Elizabeth Grillo, to Dr. Eleanor Shevlin, WCU Research Day Committee. Dr. Patricia Swasey Washington of CSD at WCU served on the WCU Research Day Committee, as well. Dr. Sojung Kim represented the team of Drs. Koenig, Grillo, Kim, and Gunter as she shared their work on critical thinking and professional writing as part of the academic and clinical education process.



April, 2014

Annual WCU Health Sciences Conference

This year, the annual WCU Health Sciences Conference, sponsored by the College of Health Sciences, featured the theme of "Pain Management." The day included a morning seminar and a series of afternoon rotating workshops that addressed pain management from a variety of western-eastern perspectives. Many thanks to Amanda Blue and her planning committee for a very interesting experience!



	Acute Pain	Chronic Pain
Time	Before healing	After healing
Physiology/ nociception	Major role	Minor role
Biomedical Tx response	Generally good	Poor/ineffective

May, 2014

Annual NSSLHA Banquet

The Sykes Memorial Union Ballroom was the scene for the annual CSD at WCU NSSLHA Chapter Banquet. The attendees enjoyed a delicious buffet meal, followed by a video tribute to the 2013-2014 NSSLHA Chapter accomplishments. The event also included the presentation of certificates to students whose level of involvement qualified them for "active member" status, as well as a tribute to the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 Executive Board members. Recipients of the Suppan Scholarship and Tyson Scholarship also received recognition, as did the individuals honored by national NSSLHA for their contributions. Congratulations for a remarkable NSSLHA year, and best wishes for continued excellence from the chapter.



Drs. Swasey Washington, Gunter, Kim, Koenig, and Grillo join the 2013-2014 NSSLHA Chapter Executive Board (and are joined by a future NSSLHA Chapter officer).



CSD at WCU NSSLHA Chapter members enjoy the delicious meal and the warm interaction at the annual NSSLHA Banquet.



NSSLHA Active Member Certificate . . . well deserved by many of our CSD at WCU students!



Dr. Patricia Swasey Washington, NSSLHA Chapter advisor, recognizes the 2013-2014 Executive Board and the 2014-2015 Executive Board for their support of the chapter.



Lovely floral centerpieces contributed to the festive atmosphere for the NSSLHA Banquet.

May, 2014

NSSLHA *Flections*

CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE 2014-2015
WCU NSSLHA EXECUTIVE BOARD

President
Melanie Riland

Vice-President
Katelyn Smith

Secretary
Tara McDonough

Treasurer
Rebecca Penaranda

Service Chairperson
Nicole Hearn

May, 2014

NSSLHA Honors

CSD at WCU
is very happy to announce these
NSSLHA honors . . .

NSSLHA *Member Honors* Melanie Riland

Melanie received
a certificate and honor cords
from national NSSLHA,
as well as a paid registration to the
2014 ASHA Convention in Orlando, Florida,
and a ticket for the
NSSLHA Breakfast at the convention.

NSSLHA *Region 2 Advisor Honors* Dr. Patricia Swasey Washington

WCU *Student Activities Award* Most Improved Student Organization



Melanie Riland with the
WCU Student Activities Award.

From the CSD at WCU Family

CONGRATULATIONS
to Dr. Patricia Swasey Washington,
honored at the WCU "Women of Color Day"
for her contributions to campus life.

"Women of Color Day" is an annual event sponsored
by LASO, Sisters United, CALYPSO, and Afrisa.



. . . to Dr. Patricia Swasey Washington,
who has earned tenure
at West Chester University
(effective Fall Semester 2014)

. . . to Dr. Mareile Koenig,
who has earned promotion
from Associate Professor to Professor
at West Chester University
(effective Fall Semester 2014)

Congratulations, Patricia and Mareile!



Christine Smith, Department Secretary,
and Brandes Winters, Clinic Secretary,
celebrated "Administrative Professionals Week"
with a tea tasting provided by
Kathleen Rogers of "Set to a Tea" of West Chester.
Ms. Smith, Ms. Winters, and
CSD Chairperson Dr. Gunter joined Ms. Rogers
for a delightful assortment of teas,
accompanied by delicious scones.

Thank You . . .
CSD at WCU Graduate Assistants

CSD at WCU
extends sincere thanks to our 2013-2014
Graduate Assistants for their many contributions to
the work of the CSD Department.



The CSD Graduate Assistants joined the CSD Faculty for lunch at a local restaurant. The 2013-2014 Graduate Assistants were Anders Alfelt, Allison Bailley, Kristina Barder, Rebecca Finkenaur, Mary Janiec, Sara Kalbfleisch, Megan Maurer, and Abby McCann. Their contributions were varied: tutoring, grading exams, analyzing research data, maintaining bulletin boards, and, in general, supporting the work of the faculty. Best wishes to the Graduate Assistants as they prepare to start their 2nd year of M.A. studies.

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 Spring Semester.
Your contributions to the professional preparation
of our students were invaluable.
THANK YOU!



Melinda Benson
Beth Berstecher
Sarah Pilko
Nina Yost
West Chester School District

Kirsten Brown
Health South Rehabilitation

Roberta Burtch
Melanie Hilditch
Theresa Taha
Brandywine School District

Rebecca Chiselko
Nancy Leibert
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Kilmer Elementary School

Jessica Cutter
Schwanksville Elementary School

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Crozer Chester Medical Center

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Amie Lacovara
Sugartown Elementary School

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Devon Elementary School

Debbie Moyer
Blair Mill Elementary School

Josie O'Keefe
Popcopson Elementary School

Rose Piccora
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Hatboro-Horsham School District

Toni Toole
Twin Valley School District

Melanie Walk
Owen J. Roberts School District

Ed Woge
Lancaster School District

Mary Wolfe
Chester County Intermediate Unit

*Thank You . . .
CSD at WCU Temporary Instructors*

THANK YOU . . .
to the CSD at WCU temporary instructors
who joined our faculty in Spring Semester
to provide academic and clinical instruction
for our B.A., Certificate, and M.A. students.

Ms. Michele Carr
Ms. Kathleen Casey
Dr. Kimberly Ginsberg
Ms. Dale Gregore
Ms. Carolyn Macrina
Dr. Irene Merenda
Mr. Jeremy Morton
Ms. Colleen Reynolds
Ms. Shelley Slott
Ms. Dianne Spragale
Ms. Patricia Vaselli
Ms. Mary Wolfe

*Congratulations . . .
Spring 2014 CSD at WCU
Graduates*

**CSD at WCU
Celebrates the Spring Graduation of
B.A. Students**

Bachelor of Arts

Kirsten E. Clemens
Tara A. Ellington
Jessica K. Kreppel
Kyla B. Murray
Andrew E. Vizak

*Bachelor of Arts
Cum Laude*

Caitlin K. Caruso
Michelle J. Ciancia
Carly M. Cilinski
Jacqueline E. Kresse
Erin T. Maloney
Erica A. Midiri
Emilie M. Peel
Amanda M. Privado
Andrea P. Rudderow
Jessica A. Saunders
Emily R. Swavely
Bridget Turnbach
Colleen M. Waters

*Bachelor of Arts
Magna Cum Laude*

Kelly L. Anderson
Kayleigh R. Flaim
Jasmine M. Forster
(Honors College)
Anne M. Garstka
Erin K. Hadfield
Molly K. Hepner
Lindsey M. Herr
Erica C. Hessenthaler
Amy E. McCaffrey
Bethany B. Morrison
Christina D. O'Neill
Julia A. Repko
Katie J. Roth
Mariah E. Ruane
Samantha M. Rubin
Danielle L. Stacy
Kelli E. Warner
Lauren D. Zayatz

*Bachelor of Arts
Summa Cum Laude*

Jessica M. Bramante
Rachel L. Butera
(Honors College)
Cassidy A. Carrion
Melissa F. Christie
(Honors College)
Isabella A. DiLauro
Emily V. Elias
Caitlin Kane
Victoria A. Mosuriak
Lauren E. Onorato
Lara M. Roche
(Honors College)
Bethany N. Rudy
Staci L. Sorrell
Elissa Streisel
Nicole E. Vigilante
Stephanie M. Wanner
Victoria A. Wermert
(Honors College)
Elizabeth C. Wilson
Julia A. Witmer
DinaLinn Worley
Ashley E. Zink

**CSD at WCU
Celebrates the Spring Graduation of
M.A. Students**

Tara Chester
Priyanka Jose
Linda Meadows

Every commencement ceremony is one to always remember . . . but the Spring Semester undergraduate commencement was particularly memorable for the rain, thunder, lightning, and wind. Fortunately, the CSD students in attendance, who included both Spring and Summer graduates, made their way across the stage to hear their names called before the ceremony was suspended out of concern for attendee safety. Here are some photos from this special day . . . and be sure to check out the dark gray skies behind the stage!



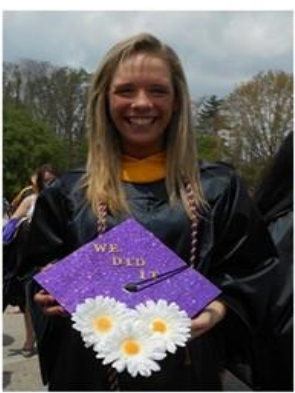
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Priyanka Jose, CSD M.A.
Graduate, with her #1 fan!



Nursing Faculty Colleagues
at Graduate Commencement



Wonderfully decorated Nursing
caps . . . love the stethoscope!