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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. Fall Semester 2013 has started! CSD at WCU has welcomed our new B.A. students and our new M.A. students – as well as a diverse collection of transfer students - and has welcomed back our Pre-Graduate Certificate students who continue onward in their curriculum this semester. Our tenured and tenure-track CSD faculty members have started to meet every other Friday to discuss the future directions of our CSD Department. We are excited about the possibilities before us for expanded collaboration with our sister departments in the College of Health Sciences and our enhanced relationships with our sister institutions. The word “BUSY” does not even start to describe our professional lives . . . but our commitment to enhance the lives of individuals with communication disorders continues to be our inspiration!

Please Send News Items To . . .

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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
(Current Accreditation Effective 2007-2015)

Summer 2013 . . .

Service in Honduras



This summer, Dr. Judith Curtin, instructor in Audiology, travelled with Mr. Fran Curtin (her husband) and other members of a faith-based health care team to Entrada, Honduras. While in Honduras for 10 days, the members of the team provided a variety of services to individuals who were in need of services that were rarely – if ever – available to them.

Several individuals whom the members of the team served consented to allow us to include their pictures and stories in /si es di/. For those unfamiliar with Honduras, this country is located in Central America. It has traditionally been known as Spanish Honduras to differentiate it from British Honduras (now known as Belize). An excellent source of information about Honduras is www.honduras.com.



The woman pictured here walked four miles to the site where the members of the team were stationed. After her hearing evaluation, she hoped to secure a hearing aid to enhance her access to sound in her world.



The members of the team prescribed an appropriate hearing aid for the child pictured here, then referred him to Operation Sunshine for the repair of his submucous cleft.



The members of the team also prescribed an appropriate hearing aid for the adolescent pictured here. Now he can pursue his dream of clear speech and enhanced communication with family members and friends.



Dr. Judith Curtin demonstrates speech sound articulation for a child who wants to improve his speech.

Fall 2013 . . .

NSSLHA at WCU

NSSLHA Meetings

**2nd and 4th
TUESDAYS
OF FALL SEMESTER
8:00 p.m.
(unless otherwise noted)
Sykes Union**

Org Sync

**FOR ELECTRONIC NOTICES
OF NSSLHA EVENTS**

ENROLL IN

ORGSYNC

<http://wcu.orgsync.com/>

Special Future Events

**10-13-13
13th Annual Buddy Walk
West Goshen Community Park
9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

**10-26-13
Lionville Community YMCA
Halloween Fall Fest
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**10-27-13
JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes
Philadelphia Museum of Art
(Time To Be Announced)**

**AND
EVERY TUESDAY & THURSDAY
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
09-10-13 to 05-22-14
TUTORING
CHESTER COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT
HEAD START
Kennett Square**

And More To Come!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

AN INVITATION FROM
KIM HEWES
COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES . . .

Kim is on the Board of Directors for a non-profit association called "Building Block Books." The web site is www.buildingblockbooks.org. This association collects books to sell at flea markets and other venues. The proceeds from sales support the purchase of books from Scholastic for children in Head Start. "Building Block Books" accepts donations of all kinds of books – cookbooks, textbooks, self-help books, many other books – for their book sales. If you visit the web site above, you can read more about this wonderful association and link to the Facebook and Twitter sites. As those interested in Communication Sciences and Disorders, one of our interests is access to literacy – and what a wonderful way to help a CHS colleague work toward this end! So . . . if you have books that you do not need or want anymore, PLEASE donate them to this worthy cause. A box for this purpose will be available in the lobby of the CSD Department as of 09-15-13. Thank you so very much!



LINGUISTICS MINOR AT WCU

Dr. Israel Sanz-Sanchez, Coordinator of the Linguistics Minor, has shared with CSD at WCU the updated Advisement Sheet for the Linguistics Minor. Please access the link below, which contains a wealth of information about Linguistics!

http://www.wcupa.edu/ACADEMICS/sch_cas/ling_stu/

CHS HOMECOMING INVITATION



*Calling All
WCU College of Health Sciences
Alumni & Alumnae*

YOU ARE INVITED
TO THE 1st ALUMNI/ALUMNAE REUNION
OF THE COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

SATURDAY

10-12-13

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

After the Homecoming Football Game
At The Tent Next To Farrell Stadium

Come For
Fellowship-Refreshments-Giveaways

Visit
www.wcupalumni.org
to Register for This Special Event

See You There!

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CSD at WCU NOTABLE NEWS

Notable GPAs

B.A. Graduates
Spring & Summer Semesters 2013

56 of 57 Students Graduated
With Cumulative GPA of 3.00 or Above
GPA Range
2.98 to 3.96
GPA Mean 3.61 and Standard Deviation 0.26

Pre-Graduate Certificate Students
Summer Semester 2013

22 of 23 Students Completed
With Cumulative GPA of 3.00 or Above
GPA Range
2.76 to 4.00
GPA Mean 3.64 and Standard Deviation 0.28

Notable Accomplishment

Dr. Elizabeth Grillo and her co-authors received the 2012 Outstanding Article Award for the Speech-Language Pathology/Vocal Pedagogy Division of the *Journal of Voice*. Congratulations, and best wishes for continued success with your important research!

Article Citation:

Verdolini Abbott, K.; Li, N. Y. K.; Branski, R. C.; Rosen, C. A.; Grillo, E.; Steinhauer, K.; & Hebda, P.A. (2012). Vocal exercise may attenuate acute vocal fold inflammation. *Journal of Voice*, 26(6), 814e1-814e13.

News From Alumnae

Kristina Howard . . .

Kristina sends greetings from Washington, DC, where this semester she has started her graduate studies in Speech-Language Pathology at Howard University. Best wishes to Kristina, a 2013 WCU graduate, for continued success as the best "Howard" at "Howard"!

Marci Wexler Summers . . .

Marci is now a Speech-Language Pathology Clinical Fellow in Decatur, IL, at Durfee Technology Magnet School. Marci recently wrote: "I'm working . . . with K-6 grade. The school is in a very low SES neighborhood. About 75% of my caseload is African-American, which adds a whole new dimension to . . . incorporating ethnic linguistic practices. . . . There are a lot of needs, but the team here at the school is very proactive and works hard to give the kids the best. Send my regards to everyone at WCU!" Thank you, Marci, and best wishes for continued success!

Christina Earl . . .

Christina is now a Speech-Language Pathology Clinical Fellow in Smyrna, DE, at Smyrna Elementary School and John Bassett Moore Intermediate School. Christina recently wrote: "(I) have about 50 or so K-6 grade students on my caseload. I'm learning so much from teachers, colleagues, and, of course, my SLP mentor. She and I talk almost every day. There are five SLPs in the district . . . I definitely found a wonderful place to be - I love the elementary school setting; the whole staff has embraced me with open arms. The intermediate school is wonderful, also; I'll see a few 5-6 grade (students) there, and I'm looking forward to it. Please feel free to pass this message along to anyone who may be interested, and if any of the undergrad or grad students need a pick-me-up, there is a light at the end of the tunnel." Thank you, too, Christina, and best wishes for continued success!

Amanda Charney . . .

Amanda sends greetings from New Jersey and a request that we share her news with you about her non-profit association, "Small Steps in Speech," for which she is the Founder and Executive Director. This association provides financial assistance to children across the United States who have communication disorders. To date, the association has provided over \$300,000 of financial assistance to children, as well as to various clinics that serve their needs. These funds represent the contributions of private donors to the association, as well as the proceeds from various fundraiser events. In addition, the national Executive Board of NSSLHA selected "Small Steps in Speech" as the recipient of the proceeds from the "NSSLHA Loves" annual fundraiser focus. This association has made a profound impact on the lives of children. For more information, please contact Amanda Charney at Amanda@smallstepsinspeech.org or 1.888.5SPEAK6.

For Additional Information:
"Small Steps in Speech" Web Site
www.smallstepsinspeech.org

News From Faculty

If it is late summer, then it is the “Fair Season,” which means that Dr. Cheryl Gunter is at work in her kitchen to prepare her entries for competition. This year, Dr. Gunter won 8 ribbons at the Allentown Fair, which included 1st place and Blue Ribbon in the Candy Division for Fudge (Chocolate). She also won 15 ribbons at the Maryland State Fair, which included 1st place and Blue Ribbon in the Candy Division for Fudge (Other) and Candy (Sugar-Free), as well as 1st place and Blue Ribbon in the Cookie Division for Bars (Fruit), Bars (Other), and Cookies (Molasses). The Fudge (Other) entry, Orange Dreamsicle Fudge, won the “Special Award” for Best of Show for Candy.



Fudge (Chocolate) at Allentown Fair



Ribbons from Maryland State Fair

Recipe Peanut Butter Cookies

Ingredients:

1 c. smooth peanut butter; 1 egg;

1 c. white sugar or sugar substitute (such as Splenda).

Directions:

Stir the three ingredients until the mixture is smooth.

Form mixture into 1” balls,

then flatten each ball with the hand.

Place balls onto parchment paper-covered tray.

Bake at 300 degrees for 12 minutes.

Remove from oven.

Allow cookies to cool.

Then, enjoy!



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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.

To Everyone . . .



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



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

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Our National Professional Association, ASHA . . .

<http://www.asha.org>
<http://www.asha.org/nsslha/>