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Congratulations and Updates!

End of Semester Greetings and Happy Spring

I think it is safe to say that Spring has finally descended on us here in College Park. It's been a long loooooong winter, but we are so excited to welcome more sunshine, blue skies, and warmer weather.

It has been another banner year here at UMD. Our current students continue to do amazing things in their assistantships, internships, and of course in the classroom. We continue to be impressed with all you do, and see such bright futures for each of you. Julie Park and Michelle Espino have been on a roll - each of them won not one, but TWO awards celebrating their scholarship and contributions to the fields of student affairs and higher education. They're superstars! And finally, our affiliate faculty have been a constant source of support and inspiration - our students continue to reap the benefits of their long standing commitments to training the next generation of leaders in our field. Your dedication to this work is inspiring.

I know that you all join me in offering our deepest congratulations to our 8 Master's and 4 doctoral students who are graduating this year, and welcome them to the CSP/SAC alumni family. You each have achieved so much, we are so very proud of each and every one of you, and our community looks forward to celebrating with you and your families at 8th Vector.

We'll be back in September with lots of news and updates on all things Maryland. I wish you each a healthy mix of relaxation and productivity. Enjoy the summer months, and looking forward to connecting with you all again in the Fall.

-Kimberly A. Griffin

Alumni News

Anthony and **Melissa Kamin Busillo** welcomed their daughter Rachel Ann into the world on January 2. Rachel came in at 7lb, 10oz and 20in, and has the lungs of an opera singer. We love the idea of this new baby woman singing her way into our world. Congratulations!

Amanda McConnell has accepted the position of International Student Success Advisor at The Washington Center. She is excited to work with a dynamic group of 200+ international students from 13 countries. Amanda, we are proud of your global reach to serve students around the globe!

Corinne Kodama was awarded NASPA's Melvane Hardee Dissertation of the Year Award. Her topic was *Leadership Self-Efficacy for Asian American Students: Examining Influences of Collective Racial Esteem and Resilience*. Cori completed her Ph.D. in the Higher Education program at Loyola University Chicago. What a joy to celebrate this terrific young scholar!

Paul Eaton successfully defended his dissertation entitled *Becoming: Emergent Identity of College Students in the Digital Age Examined Through Complexivist Epistemologies*. He defended his dissertation at Louisiana State University on February 5th and he will be graduating in May 2015 with his Ph.D. We are so proud of you, Dr. Eaton!

Kate Wadas Thalken was promoted to Associate Director for Academic Success at the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions at Creighton University. She was also accepted into the Interdisciplinary Doctorate of Education Program in Leadership at Creighton and started the program in January. We wish you well - as a student - and as you serve students, Kate!

Faculty News

More great news for our very own **Dr. Michelle Espino**. On March 24, Michelle was honored with the Outstanding Faculty Award at the NASPA Latina/o Knowledge Community Reception. She gave a beautiful and inspiring speech, as only Dr. E can, and we are so pleased and proud of her and all of her accomplishments!

There is also great news for **Dr. Julie Park**. On behalf of the College of Education Senate and the College Awards Committee at UMD, Julie has been selected to receive the 2014-2015 Exceptional Scholarship Award (Pre-Tenure Faculty). We are so proud of you, Julie!



Celebrating ACPA '16 in Montreal, **Sean Pepin, Mei-Yen reland, Lena Kavaliauskas Crain, and Stephanie Chang!**

John Fox graduated with his Ph.D. in Higher Education Leadership from Colorado State University. This is fabulous news, Dr. Fox!

Jessica Belue Buckley and David Buckley welcome Xavier Joseph Buckley. Born Feb 22, Xavier is a big boy with an excited big sister. When she is not being a fabulous mom, Jess Belue Buckley will be a course designer and lead instructor for the USACC Cadet & Faculty Cadre Course at Fort Knox, created out of a partnership with the University of Louisville and the United States Army. We are thrilled about your new baby and your new educational venture!

Nicole Long joins the Division of Student Life at the University of Delaware as the Director of Assessment and Engagement in April. We can't think of a better person to help engage her colleagues in the pursuit of information through research and assessment.

RJ Holmes-Leopold was elected Chair-Elect of the Pre-Law Advisors National Council (PLANC). RJ recently left his role as Director of the Career and Civic Engagement Center at Cornell College to be the new Senior Director for Alumni Engagement and Annual Giving at Cornell College. An incredibly proud alumnus of Cornell College, RJ will do a wonderful job of telling the story of this place to all!

Rita Zhang, Jay Garvey, Stephen Quaye and Sara Furr started a Critical Pedagogy project to share tools with professionals on how to enact critical pedagogy in their teaching and work. Check out the YouTube station: tinyurl.com/critpedyoutube. If you have any questions or would like to submit your own video, please email critpedagogyhighered@gmail.com. Bravo, to all of you great thinkers and doers.

Susan Komives spoke on "Leadership for the Real World" at MIT on April 1st, a visit with **Marlena Martinez Love**. Susan also served as the Isabella Cannon Visiting Professor on leadership at Elon University on April 7-8 with **Steve Mencarini**. We love the way Susan continues to speak all around the world and finds occasion to touch the lives of our beloved alumni. Susan remains the In-Basket's greatest contributors!

Lena Kavaliauskas Crain is the Chair of the ACPA Commission for Global Dimensions of Student Development, 2015-2018. This is terrific news for a great leader.

This summer **Kathleen Gardner** assumes the Director of Residence Life position (CHO) at Central Michigan University! She joins fellow Terps **Matt Johnson** and **Tess Shire Baker** at Central Michi-



CSP doctoral alums with their former advisor **Marylou McEwen** at ACPA: **John Hernandez, Annie Stevens, Zina Evans & Susan Jones**.

gan! Congrats, Kathleen and welcome to what is fast becoming "Terpsville of Michigan!"

Molly Morin was a first place elevator speech winner at the Graduate Research Interaction Day (GRID) at the University of Maryland. This first year doctoral student delivered a speech entitled "Dismantling the Deficit Model: Using Assets-Based Frameworks to Recognize the Strengths of Latina/o Students."

Marcus Peanort has been selected as one of ten participants in the National Academic Advising Association's (NACADA) Emerging Leaders Program (ELP) for 2015-2017. The purpose of ELP is to encourage and increase NACADA members from diverse groups to take on leadership opportunities within the organization. We are proud of you, Marcus!

Jan Arminio was recently named Co-Associate Editor of JCSD for Research-in-Brief. What a joy to know that the whole profession will benefit from her wisdom!

Denise Collins was a Diamond Honoree at ACPA this year. In addition, she received the "Don G. Creamer Outstanding Alumni Award" from Virginia Tech, where she earned her PhD in 2001. All those Hokies must have been cheering the whole time at ACPA! Congratulations from your Terp Friends!

Sarah Popovich will begin her doctor of education program in higher education management this summer at the University of Pittsburgh's School of Education. As Dr. Suess would say, "Oh the places you will go!"

Deb Taub and two colleagues have been selected as the guest editors for the Spring 2016 special issue of the *Journal of College and University Student Housing*. The special issue will focus on resident assistants. Also, **Deb Taub** has been selected as a member of the editorial board of the *Journal of Student Affairs Research and Practice*. We can't wait to read these journals and see the fruits of your labor, Deb.

Julie Park, Nick Bowman and Nida Denson received the Charles F. Elton Best Paper Award from the Association for Institutional Research. This is fabulous news for our great scholar – Julie!

Susan Martin received UMBC's Presidential Award for Staff. Susan has made such an impact on UMBC during her career there and we are thrilled that she is being lauded for her rich legacy!



Wendy Wagner and **Susan Komives** working on the book plan for the 2nd edition of *Leadership For a Better World*.

Neal McKinney has accepted a position as the Assistant Director of Off-Campus Programs for DePauw University and will begin in July. Neal is a proud alumnus of DePauw – so what a great asset he will be to the folks back home in Greencastle, Indiana.

Mei-Yen Ireland successfully defended her dissertation, *Identity Construction among Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Community College Students* and graduated from The Ohio State University in May. She also accepted a position as Associate Director of Programs at Achieving the Dream in Silver Spring, Maryland. We are so proud of Mei-Yen and so proud of her advisor **Susan Jones** for helping her along the way. We love it when we hear from everyone about FABULOUS news and the day after Mei-Yen's defense we had messages about this great news from 10 different people. You are loved!

Sean Gehrke defended his dissertation at the University of Southern California. This is amazing and we are so proud of you, Dr. Sean!

Tom Grites received the Bonita C. Jacobs Transfer Champion Award from the National Institute for the Study of Transfer Students in Atlanta on February 4, 2015. This award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated exceptional advocacy and leadership in the development and implementation of transfer-focused activities, including programs, policies and research, which have made a significant contribution to the improvement of transfer student access, persistence and success. What an important line of work, Tom. Bravo.

Morgan McMillan won an award for Emerging Professional in Wellness from the ACPA Commission for Wellness. Morgan is starting as a member of the directorate for this same Commission this year. We are so proud, Morgan!

Christine Y. Cruzvergara received ACPA's Commission for Career Services Innovation Award and gave her first keynote address on Future Trends in Career Services at the Virginia Association of Colleges and Employers (VACE) conference. What a joy to watch your fantastic career unfold, Christine!

Special Awards

Susan R Jones was awarded ACPA's Contribution to Knowledge Award. Recognizing outstanding contributions to the profession, the award is one of the organization's top honors. Dr. Jones is a graduate of Maryland's Ph.D. program, and served on the faculty for Maryland's CSP program. Currently, Dr. Jones is Professor of Higher Education and Student Affairs Administration at The Ohio State University. Additionally, Dr. Jones serves as the co-editor of *Student Services: A Handbook for the Profession*, which speaks to the high regard others have for her work. Her research has been published in the top-tier *Journal of College Student Development*, *Journal of Higher Education* and *NASPA Journal about Women in Higher Education*. Many congratulations, Susan!

The 2015 Thomas Magoon Award winner is Dr. Deborah J. Taub. Dr. Taub is a graduate of Maryland's M.A. and Ph.D. programs, and currently serves as Professor of Higher Education at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro. Dr. Taub has made innumerable contributions to scholarship and practice, including through her studies of psychosocial and identity development, student affairs administration, and graduate preparation. Dr. Taub was recognized in March at the ACPA Convention in Tampa, Florida, where she was joined by members of the Maryland community as well as graduate students and colleagues from UNCG. Many congratulations, Deb!

Articles, Books, Book Chapters, Talks, & Presentations

Arminio, J. L., Grabosky, T. K., & Lang, J. (2015). *Student veterans and service members in higher education*. New York: Routledge.

Belue, B. J. (2015). Constantly in the making: Pedagogical characteristics of education for sustainability in postsecondary classrooms. *Journal of College and Character*, 16, 1, 9-21.

Bowman, N.A., **Park, J.J.** & Denson, N. (2015). Student involvement in ethnic student organizations: Examining civic outcomes six years after graduation. *Research in Higher Education*, 56, 127-145.

Conzen, C. (2015). Feed the parrot: Essential tools for managing up and moving up. Presented at the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Cruzvergara, C., Dey, F., Steinfeld, T. & Contomanolis, M. (2015). The future of career services: New paradigms, new expectations, new opportunities. Presentation at the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators Annual Conference. New Orleans, LA

Cruzvergara, C., & Testani, J. (2015). Managing up with data: Telling your story to senior administrators. Presentation at the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators Annual Conference. New Orleans, LA

Dennis, C. R. (2015). Expatriate workers in international higher education. *Journal of College and Character*, 16, 1, 37-43.

Drechsler Sharp, M., Henning, G., & Kavaliauskas Crain, L. (March 2014). Navigating by evaluating: Using the CAS standards for program assessment and enhancement. Presented at the NASPA Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Eaton, P. (2015). Beyond development: Postsecondary ethical responsibilities in college student identity and subjectification. Presented at the American Educational Research Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

English, S. & Rollins, D. (2015, March). What does it take?: *Transitioning to the doctorate*. Presented at the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Fink, J. E. & Hummel, M. L. (2015), With Educational Benefits for All: Campus Inclusion Through Learning Communities Designed for Underserved Student Populations. *New Directions for Student Services*, 149: 29–40.

Fink, J. E. & Inkelas, K. K. (2015), A History of Learning Communities Within American Higher Education. *New Directions for Student Services*, 149: 5–15.

Garcia, G. A., & Okhidoi, O. (2015). Culturally relevant practices that serve students at a Hispanic serving institution. *Innovative Higher Education*, 2. 1-13.

Holmes-Leopold, R. (2015). Building social justice staff capacity through inclusion conversations. Presentation at ACPA: College Student Educators International Annual Convention. Tampa, FL.

Jenkins, D., & **Fink, J.** (2015). What we know about transfer. New York, NY: Columbia University, Teachers College, Community College Research Center

Kavaliauskas Crain, L. (March 2014). Exceptional practices: Enhancing the senior experience and post-graduation transition. Presented at the ACPA Annual Convention, Tampa, FL.

Kutnak, M. J., **Mitchell, A.**, Myers, K. A. (2015, March). 25 years of the Americans with Disabilities Act: A higher education perspective. Invited panel presentation at the American College Personnel Association annual convention, Tampa, FL.

Popovich, S. C., Schultz, S. & Barker, D. (2015, March). New job, new city, now what? Presentation at ACPA: College Student Educators International Annual Convention. Tampa, FL.

Rollins, D., (2015, March). *From their voices: How Black administrators manage racism in higher education?* Presented at the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Roper, L. R. (2015). Sexual violence and the call to consciousness. *Journal of College and Character*, 16, 1, 50-52.

Segar, T. & Griffith, D. (2015). Expanding supervisory influence: Propelling one's staff through coaching. Presentation at the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators Annual Conference. New Orleans, LA

Celebrating Dr. Linda Gast

We must take a moment to celebrate our own Dr. Linda Gast, who is retiring at the end of the academic year. Linda joined the University of Maryland in 1985 as the first female Director of the (then) Career Development Center, now the University Career Center & the President's Promise. In 1987 she became an affiliate assistant professor in the College of Education, shortly before Marylu McEwen and Susan Komives became our wonderful CSP faculty. She jokingly shares that she is probably best known as "the person whose house we were in during Preview Days." Linda and her family have graciously hosted the prospective and current CSP/SAC students in their home for the last 19 years!! She knows it was 19, because she was pregnant with her son, Michael, for the first one in 1996!

While we cannot thank Linda enough for all of the time, energy, and kindness she and her family have offered us as they offered their home to us (always with a smile and happy wag from Hobbes), there are so many other ways she's contributed to the program for which we're all grateful. She's taught EDCP 888a several times, worked with many students on their seminar papers, chaired a handful of theses, served on a LOT of committees, published a few book chapters, and was even a faculty "judge" for the Development College project for EDCP 655. Linda has been a kind ear and a wonderful source of information for SAC students and faculty alike! What will we do without her patience and wisdom?

She often shares her commitment to and support of the student affairs academic program, and has shared with her colleagues and friends that being an affiliate faculty member at Maryland is a rare gift and one of the main reasons she stayed at the University of Maryland for far longer than the 5 years she believed she would stay in College Park. She shared her love for her work as a scholar practitioner in the truest sense of the word, "The partnership between the Division of Student Affairs and SAC/CSP is one-of-a-kind -- literally. I don't know where else in the US--likely the world!--I could have had the privilege of being an integral and valued member of a graduate program faculty AND a full-time Student Affairs professional. I have loved everything about being an affiliate faculty member and feel blessed by the students and the faculty who have been my colleagues over the years. I will miss this most cherished role. I will miss all of you."

Linda - we will miss you too! There aren't enough thank yous to express our gratitude for all you've done for our students and this program. We wish you great happiness as you transition into this next stage of your life. CONGRATULATIONS!

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