News and Events

CDIS Program Reaccredited

The Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) recently voted to reaccredit the College of Health Professions’ master’s program in speech-language pathology for a period of eight years, through October 31, 2015. The re-accreditation was based on a thorough review of all accreditation materials for the program including the application, site visit report, and the program's correspondence throughout the review period.

According to Department Chair, William Yacullo, the site visit team recognized the program’s outstanding practicum system. “The review of the program’s clinical education placements revealed an extensive and varied number of clinical settings, populations, age groups, culturally-linguistic diverse populations, and breadth of the scope of practice,” he noted.

The CDIS program is known for its unique practicum system. It was the first, and is one of only a few, accredited speech-language pathology programs in the nation that requires students to obtain all clinical experience in an external work environment.

Yacullo credited Jay Lubinsky, Sandra Mayfield, and all CDIS faculty and staff for the successful accreditation visit.

Artists Wanted for Pool Balcony Mural

GSU’s Recreation and Fitness Center (RFC) is seeking a talented artist to create a permanent mural alongside the university’s newly renovated pool.

Interested artists are asked to submit a draft of their proposed artwork to GSU’s Recreation and Fitness Center no later than Wednesday, April 30. Draft submissions should be completed in colored pencil and should have a beach and/or nautical theme (e.g. volleyball, sandcastles, sailboats, swimmers). Entrants must be at least 18 years of age.

The winning artist, chosen by the RFC Artwork Committee, will be asked to complete the mural on a canvas of five concurrent Plexiglas panels, each measuring 60 inches by 15 inches. The winner will also receive a one year membership to the fitness center (or the equivalent cash value).

For more information, contact Victor Griffin in the RFC at 708.534.4556.
**Student Commencement Speaker Sought**

The Commencement Student Speaker Committee is currently accepting nominations for the student speaker for the graduation ceremony to be held on Saturday, June 7.

Nomination forms are available on the web or at the Welcome Center (D1429). Forms should be submitted to Sara Appel, Director of Student Involvement and Leadership, no later than Monday, April 21. The student speaker must be graduating at the June ceremony.

Please note that the student speaker will be required to meet for an interview on Wednesday, May 7, between 12 and 5 p.m.

**Having Hard Conversations**

The College of Arts and Sciences Secondary Education Program’s TQE partnership presents “Having Hard Conversations” with Jennifer Abrams. The event will take place on Friday, April 18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the E-Lounge.

Abrams will discuss the creation of action plans and scripting tools with administrators, mentors, and teachers, in preparation for difficult conversations with parents and students. An English teacher for nine years, Abrams trains and coaches teachers and administrators on successful teaching practices, new teacher support, supervision and evaluation, and collaboration skills.

The event is free to partnership districts and only $10 for members of non-partner districts. Contact Dr. Juanita Butler at 708.534.4374 to reserve your space by April 1.

**New Hires – January through March**

The following individuals joined GSU as full-time employees between the months of January and March 2008. Please welcome them to the university.

Donald Adams

Trainer

Contract & Training Services (DCFS)

Blythe A. Black

Staff Clerk

Procurement & Auxiliary Services

Donald E. Brozek

Business Admin Associate

The CenterPoint for Entrepreneurs
Darcie Renae Campos
Director of Career Services
Career Services, SAS

Kevin G. Graves
Electrician
Facilities Development & Management

Gray, Adrienne
Staff Secretary
Department of Public Safety

Jane Rhoades Hudak
Provost/VP Academic Affairs
Office of the Provost

Nandita R. Khanna
Research Assistant
CHP, Health Administration

Timothy Kosiek
Project Specialist
Facilities Development & Management
Sharon A. O'Connor
Trainer
Contract & Training Services (DCFS)

Tracell N. Parker
Coordinator
Contract & Training Services (DCFS)

Leslie A. Powless
Specialist
Contract & Training Services (DCFS)

Christine Radtke
Director
Institutional Advancement

Robert L. Rakstang
Assistant Director
The CenterPoint for Entrepreneurs

Joan T. Vaughan
VP/Advancement, CEO/Foundation
Institutional Advancement