Eighth Vector Celebrates Graduates!

The Annual Eighth Vector ceremony was a great celebration of our graduates and soon-to-be graduates! Special thanks to our Community Events Committee (Co-chairs, Dr. Deb Grandner and Hayley Haywood and members Jamie Adasi, Josh Hiscock, Matt Johnson, Michele Mackie, Ana Maia, Emily Roh, Katie Ryan, and Rita Zhang) and sponsors (The Stamp, Resident Life, Division of Student Affairs and the CSP Program) for a wonderful event!

Celebrating our doctoral grads: Dr. Wendy Wagner, soon-to-be Dr. Lee Hawthorne Calizo, and Dr. Kirsten Freeman Fox

Wonderful masters’ cohort: (Standing l to r) Hayley Haywood, Jacqueline Mac, Demetrius Colvin, Sarah Popovich, Patrick Grayshaw, Katie Ryan. (Seated l to r) Chris Corces-Zimmerman, Douglas Lee, Craig Leets Jr., and Emily Roh.

Here is a great website of the 8th Vector event: http://hudsonuniversity.com/eighth_vector_2011/

To download any of Ralph’s photos go to: http://www.flickr.com/photos/rkomives/sets/72157626804006044/
Dr. James M. Osteen arrived at the University of Maryland in 1979. Throughout his illustrious career, Jim has lived by one simple motto: “Take your job seriously but not yourself.” Whether it was dressing up in a full Santa suit for the annual Campus Programs holiday party when he was the Director of the Stamp Student Union and Campus Programs, or cracking jokes at President Mote’s goodbye party as Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, Jim has always brought a smile to the faces of those around him with his quick wit and his irreverent humor. In honor of Jim’s retirement, I offer the following tribute to his career at Maryland.

Theme Song
Weighing in at Number 6 on Billboard’s Top 100 songs for 1979 was Gloria Gaynor’s iconic song, “I Will Survive,” and it provides a fitting theme song for Jim’s time at Maryland. Jim claims his most significant professional accomplishment was “surviving” 32 years at Maryland, but as anyone who knows Jim can tell you, he did more than survive at Maryland – he thrived! Since the time he came to Maryland to be the Director of Campus Activities, Jim has been improving the institution. As fate would have it, topping Billboard’s Hot 100 chart today is “Rolling in the Deep” by none other than Adele H. Stamp! Ok, it’s by Adele, but she could be channeling the first Dean of Women, Adele H. Stamp; you never know!

Walk, Man!
Most people who know Jim are familiar with his “management by walking around” philosophy. Jim believed the best way to stay in touch with campus life and the areas he supervised was to walk around and talk to people. It’s one of the reasons why Jim was so recognizable to so many students and staff in the Student Union for twenty-five years. How many of you knew, however, that he got his inspiration for this approach from Sony’s launch of the first Walkman in 1979. Yep, for just $200, you could have been the first one in your Student Union rocking out to your favorite cassette tape of Gloria Gaynor or Donna Summer on your brand new Sony Walkman. Hey, it was a step up from the portable 8-track player!

Hot Stuff
And speaking of Donna Summer, did you know she had three of the top twelve hottest hits in 1979? Number seven on Billboard’s Top 100 was “Hot Stuff.” To say Jim Osteen is good-looking would be an understatement. Within the past ten years, Jim was voted the award for sexiest student affairs staff member from an informal Office of Campus Programs poll. Who knows, maybe Jim will agree to model the new fashion line that former Assistant Vice President Dru Bagwell is creating in retirement featuring a blazer and sweat pants! Must be their Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity connection.

He was robbed!
Jim’s charm and good looks have helped him win over countless people, but his knack for being direct and refreshingly honest are what elevated him to legendary status. Mother Teresa may have won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979, but Jim Osteen was second in the voting! As one of his advisees recalled, “You could always count on Jim to tell you like it was whether that related to the quality of your work or the inappropriate amount of time it took you to make a point.” And for anyone in the Division who has planned a program that Jim attended, you know that he frequently took notes on how the program could be improved and found a way to pass along those comments to you or your supervisor in a helpful, non-threatening way. I’m sure it’s why so many improvements and accomplishments occurred under his leadership.
Kermit
An example of one of the many accomplishments that transpired under Jim’s leadership was the Henson Sculpture and Garden outside the front of the Stamp Student Union. Most people know that Jim Henson was a Maryland grad, but did you know that the Muppet Movie was released the same year Jim Osteen came to Maryland? Like Kermit, Jim is humble and unassuming and always attributes his accomplishments to those around him. Some people even think there is a slight resemblance between the two (assuming you imagine Jim without ears). Among Jim’s other accomplishments during his time at Maryland was coordinating the renovation of the Stamp Student Union, co-authoring the Greek Vision Statement, and helping to create the First Look Fair, the Campus Awards Banquet, and New Student Welcome.

No Trivial Matter
The popular board game Trivial Pursuit was first launched in 1979. If there were an Osteen Edition, here is just a sampling of the questions you might get (answers at the bottom):

**Geography:** Name the seven (7) states in which Jim has lived and/or worked.

**Entertainment:** Name Jim’s favorite Broadway musical.

**History:** Which US President was in office in 1979 and born in the same state as Jim(ly) Osteen?

**Arts & Leisure:** What is Jim’s favorite cocktail?

**Science & Nature:** With what divisional “green” initiative has Jim been heavily involved?

**Sports & Leisure:** What sport did Jim “play” in college?

Jim has been a beloved member of the Division of Student Affairs here at Maryland for more than three decades. As an instructor and advisor in the CSP program, Jim impacted the lives of dozens of graduate students over the years; as Faculty Secretary for ODK, he shaped the lives of scores of undergraduate leaders; and as a caring supervisor within the division, he has mentored hundreds of aspiring and seasoned student affairs professionals. Jim’s impact on this campus is enormous, and we will miss his humor, his work ethic, and his ability to relate to anyone. On behalf of everyone in the Division and all of the undergraduate and graduate students you have impacted, THANK YOU DR. OSTEEN FOR ALL YOU’VE DONE!

Send your best wishes to Jim at <josteen@umd.edu>
Congratulations to Jacqueline Mac who successfully defended her thesis “Asian American Racial Identity Experiences in Intergroup Dialogues: A Narrative Study” (Chair: Stephen J. Quaye).

Congratulations to Craig Leets who successfully defended his thesis “Educating for Change: How Leadership Education and Training Affect Student Activism in Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Undergraduates.” (Chair: Susan R. Komives). Craig will be the Resident Director for Ellicott Hall at UMD! Glad you will be around, Craig.

Graduate School Dean Carmello announced that Dr. Stephen J. Quaye is a recipient of the Research and Scholarship Semester Award for AY 2011-12; Stephen is the only semester recipient in the College of Education!


Many congrats to Sarah Popovich who will be the new Coordinator for Leadership Programs at the University of Arizona! Special congratulations that Sarah was awarded with the James M. Osteen Award of Excellence in the Stamp Student Union at the Stamp’s annual awards ceremony.


Stephanie Chang has been elected to serve as the CSP doctoral representative to the faculty for the 2011-2012 academic year. Paula Hentz has been selected by her cohort to represent that master’s cohort to the faculty. Lucy LePeau will continue on the reorganization committee meetings.

Douglas Lee will be the new Assistant Director of the Asian American Center at Northeastern University.

Jerri Lyn Dorminy has been the recipient of the Gallaudet University Diversity and Equity Trailblazers Award from the Office of the Chief Diversity Officer ‘in grateful recognition of outstanding contributions to the advancement of social justice, diversity, and inclusivity’. Congrats Jerri Lyn.

Roger B. Ludeman, President, announced recently that Anna C. Maia designed the winning logo for the new International Association of Student Affairs and Services (IASAS)!

Higher Ed faculty friend, Dr. Noah Drezner, was awarded the University of Maryland Outstanding Student Group Advisor Award at the 30th Annual University of Maryland University Awards Banquet for his critical role in helping Hamsa to continue to thrive and maintain its place as a campus leader in supporting and educating both the LGBTQIA Jewish Community and the UMD community at large!

Congratulations to Jacqueline Mac and Stephanie Chang who were judged to be winners at the campus-wide 2011 Graduate Research Interaction Day (GRID) event held on April 6! They were runner-up in the category of Education: Pedagogy and Learning II for Intergroup Dialogues: Stories from Facilitators and Participants.

Thomas C. Segar, of Hagerstown, Maryland, has been named vice president for student affairs at Shepherd University, effective August 1. Congrats Tom!!

The masters’ class did wonderful Developmental College presentations to reviewers Gwen Dungy (NASPA Exec Director), Greg Roberts (ACPA Exec Director), Dick Stimpson (retired AVP) and instructors Susan Komives and Matt Johnson. Wonderful job!
**Dr. Greg Toya** was the student commencement speaker on May 20 at California State University, San Marcos when he received his doctoral degree.

**Dr. Christopher Chambers** received his PhD in Sociology from Texas A&M University. His dissertation was entitled: "Reclaiming Blackness: CounterNarratives of Racial Kinship in Black Gay Men's Sexual Stories." (Chair: Joe Feagin). Chris is a lecturer for both the Department of Sociology and Anthropology (where he also serves as the Head Undergraduate Advisor) AND the Department of African American Studies at Northeastern University.

**Marcée Turner** successfully defended her dissertation on “Personality Factors, Cultural Exposure, and Cultural Self-Efficacy in a Model of White Fear” in the Counseling Psychology program at University of Notre Dame du Lac. She is completing her internship at Florida State University and will receive her PhD in August. Congrats, Marcée.

**Dr. Rashida Govan** accepted a position as Policy and Research Director with Orleans Public Education Network, a non-profit in New Orleans (www.opennola.org) that prepares community members to engage in the education reform movement in the city. Rashida also recently spoke at University of Maryland in April at the BSU’s hip hop conference.

**Dr. Rashida Govan** was honored at the Outstanding Educational Administration PhD graduate for 2010-2011 at the University of New Orleans.

**Dr. Page Haber** was recently selected to be a reviewer for the *Journal of Leadership Education (JOLE)*. Paige and Dr. Cheryl Getz have recently published “Developing Intercultural Competence in Future Student Affairs Professionals through a Graduate Student Global Study Course to Doha, Qatar” in *Catholic Education.*

Check out the special issue of the *Journal of College and Character* with several Maryland alumni authors. **Nancy O’Neill** on “Educating for Personal and Social Responsibility: Levers for Building Collective Institutional Commitment” and **Dr. Larry D. Roper** on “Making Our Voices Audible in the Conversation on Campus Safety”—check it out at http://journals.naspa.org/jcc/announce/20110517/

Congrats to **Dr. Jeremy Page** who has been appointed Associate Director of Housing and Residential Life at Minnesota State University Moorhead. Jeremy has served as Interim Associate Direction this year.

**Irene Kao** has received her JD from Hamline University!

VP Linda Clement recently announced that “beginning August 1, **John Zacker** will be Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs. John has had an impressive career in our field. He has worked at Plymouth State College, the University of Vermont, Occidental College, and most recently, he has served as the Director of the Office of Student Conduct here at the University of Maryland. On campus, he has been involved in a variety of projects and committees, including the Behavior Evaluation and Threat Assessment Team, the Alcohol Coalition, the Divisional Information Technology Advisory Group, and the Sexual Assault Task Force. John has been very actively professional, serving in many roles in the Association of Student Judicial Affairs, including being the President. Also he has been active in NASPA, ACPA and has served on the Board of Directors for the Council for the Advancement of Students. John brings a wealth of experience to this position, and I hope you will join me in welcoming John to his new position.” John is an affiliate faculty member with the CSP program and annually teaches the masters Fall apprenticeship seminar! Congrats, John. Send your congrats to John at <jzacker@umd.edu>.
Quaye and Chang Honored

Dr. Stephen Quaye received the Faculty Ethnic Minority Achievement Award and Stephanie Chang received the Graduate Student Ethnic Minority Achievement Award from the President's Commission on Ethnic Minority Issues at their May 11th ceremony. Stephen and Stephanie are featured with UM President, Dr. Wallace Loh.

Niehaus and Leets Honored

The College of Education Awards ceremony honored Beth Niehaus as Outstanding Doctoral Student and Craig Leets Jr. as Outstanding Masters’ Student in the College. Congrats and we are proud of you both!