Who said you couldn’t be a doctoral student and still have fun?
(L to R) Nicole Long, Lucy LePeau, Claire Robbins, and Stephanie Chang boating in the Inner Harbor of Baltimore.
(L to R) Stephanie Chang, Nicole Long, Lucy LePeau, Kristan Cilente Skendall bowling at the White House.

Congratulations and Updates!

Dr. Kenneth Gibbs (AAAS Fellow), and Dr. Kimberly Griffin received a $52,000 grant from the Burroughs Wellcome Fund to conduct a study on recent PhD completers in the life sciences, exploring how they make career choices and how their graduate and postdoctoral training influences this process.

Justin Fincher is the new Associate Director of Student Development within residence life back at his undergrad alma mater, Rutgers University! We will miss you in Baltimore, Justin.

Michele Mackie is the new Director of First Year Programs at Trinity College in Washington DC. We are proud of you!

Josh Hiscock is headed back to his alma mater, The George Washington University, as the Senior Director of Alumni Benefits and Services within the Office of Alumni Relations. While we hate to lose him in College Park, we are so glad to see him “headed home.”

New student Adrian Bitton was featured in her Richmond alumni magazine for her transition to Maryland. Adrian will be a new graduate student this fall after working in admissions at her alma mater. Great story, Adrian. http://news.richmond.edu/features/article/-/10648/adrian-bitton-09-alumna-is-putting-her-leadership-studies-and-community-based-learning-knowledge-to-work-in-higher-education.html

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Check out a story on MSL and Spirituality ["Spirituality Supports Student Leadership Development"] based on the NASPA presentation of Meredith Smith, Michele Mackie, and Susan Komives in the June 2012 issue of Women in Higher Education.

Griffin, K., del Pilar, W., McIntosh, K., & Griffin, A. (2012). “Oh, of course I'm going to go to college”: Understanding how habitus shapes the college choice process of Black immigrant students. *Journal of Diversity in Higher Education, 5*, 96-111.


The Multi-Institutional Study of Leadership (MSL) launched a newly redesigned and updated website - leadershipstudy.net. Be sure to also connect with the MSL through Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and their Listserv.

Alumni News

Congratulations to Jennifer Vest Frank for her successful defense of her dissertation, “Expanding the role of Maryland community colleges in K-12 teacher preparation: Benefits and costs of implementing the associate of arts in teaching (AAT) degree.” Jennifer combines her past Master’s degree in CSP with her Ph.D. in Higher Education from the University of Maryland – truly representing the new department of Counseling, Higher Education and Special Education.

Patty Perillo is the new Vice President for Student Affairs at Virginia Tech. Welcome back to the ACC, Patty!

Amanda McConnell is to be a new Resident Director at George Mason University. Congratulations, Amanda!

Kirsten Freeman Fox is now Director of Student Experience at Fisher College of Business, The Ohio State University. Kirsten will do an amazing job of balancing this new job and her two little babies.

Kristan Cilente Skendall is the new Associate Director of the Gemstone Program in the Honors College at the University of Maryland. Welcome back!

Aeriel Anderson accepted a position as the Assistant Dean in the Office of Pluralism and Leadership and Advisor to Pan Asian/Asian American students at Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH. Aeriel spent the past year traveling the world and will settle back into life on campus and a new engagement with her beloved Kyle.

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Amye Lee and Greg Rheault were married this summer in a ceremony that included some of their old CSP friends. Amye and Greg met in the CSP classroom and Cupid must have also been enrolled because by the end of the first year of the program they were dating! By 8th Vector, they were in love. How grand to celebrate this “CSP Merger!” We are so happy for you, Amye and Greg.

Congrats to Gina Garcia and Kenny Donaldson on their new baby, Jaren Garcia Donaldson, born July 31, 2012. 7 lbs, 7 ounces. Mom, Dad, and big brother Jovan are thrilled!

Susan R. Komives has been recognized with the NASPA Capstone Award in recognition of her contributions to students, institutions, and the profession. What a well deserved honor for OUR Susan.

Congrats to Jacqueline Mac who was awarded Rookie of the Year from the Student Affairs Division at Georgetown University last spring. We are so proud of you, superstar!

Dr. Jonathan Kandell is now the Director of the Counseling Service at Shady Grove. Jonathan has served as Assistant Director of the University of Maryland College Park Counseling Center and as an affiliate faculty member of CSP. We know he will do a wonderful job of building this new counseling center at our sister institution. Best wishes, Jonathan.

Congrats to Dr. Terry Flannery on her May wedding to Brian Blair. The two tied the knot at the beautiful Hyatt Regency Chesapeake on the Eastern Shore.

Emily Roh is the program coordinator for UCLA’s LGBT Center! This is a great accomplishment!

Dr. Peggy Fitch is the new Vice President for Student Development at Central College in Pella, Iowa. We are proud of you, Peggy.

Check out Promising Practices for Personal and Social Responsibility: Findings from a National Research Collaborative, a web-based publication from the Core Commitments project by our own alumna and AAC&U staff member Nancy O’Neill. This is now available for download at http://www.acu.org/core_commitments/documents/promising_practices_rc2012.pdf.

Dr. Daniel Tillapaugh is joining the faculty of the Higher Education program at The University of Maine as their post-doctoral fellow starting in September. That will be just in time for winter in Maine! Best wishes, Dan!

Dr. John Garland has been promoted to Associate Professor at Alabama State University. Way to go, John!

Helen Alatorre is the new Assistant Dean of Students for Leadership Development at the University of Wyoming. Congrats, Helen!

Alumnus Dr. Pat Mielke received the ACUHO-I PARTHENON AWARD. It constitutes the highest recognition by the association of a person who has made an outstanding contribution to ACUHO-I and the field of housing and food service. Presented only after a person has retired or left the field, the award is intended to recognize distinguished service. We can’t think of a more deserving person.

Dr. Lee Williams writes “Hello, friends. I’m happy to say that our ‘Festschrift,’ or celebration of the work of Susan (i.e., ‘In Celebration of Susan’) is now available as an eBook. So you can download it for the very reasonable price of 99 cents (the minimum allowed by Amazon for a self-published book) and peruse it at your leisure on your Kindle or other device. I hope you’ll purchase a copy and enjoy the wonderful essays written by 25 students and friends of Susan. Proceeds will go to the Lucille and Mac McEwen Fund, and I’ll match the amount we raise.” Thanks for your great generosity, Lee.

Here’s the link: http://www.amazon.com/Celebration-Susan-Komives-Retirement-ebook/dp/B008A07VUY/ref=sr_1_3? s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1339375188&sr=1-3&keywords=lee+burdette+williams

A big thank you to Chris Sclafani for creating our new In-Basket graphic header. CSP alumni are talented in so many ways.
Marcy Levy Shankman joins the Cleveland Leadership Center as the Director of Leadership Cleveland and Director of Strategic Initiatives. This is a terrific new leadership assignment for Marcy.

Marcus Peanort and Tyra Peanort are proud to announce that they are expecting a baby girl due to arrive in November. They are overjoyed and looking forward to the journey into parenthood. What great parents you will be.


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Alums at Haber-Curran wedding

Congratulations to Paige Haber on the occasion of her marriage to Tom Curran. Paige and Tom were joined by some fabulous CSP friends at the wedding.

(L to r) Dan Tillapaugh (who officiated at the ceremony), Tom Curran, Sean Gehrke, Paige Haber-Curran, Chris Sclafani, Nicki Schuessler, Darren Pierre, Seth Christman, and Marlena Martinez Love
Terps Showcased at NASPA Purposeful Sharing

The 2012 NASPA Annual Conference offered a unique program in which attendees were invited to share thoughts about something important to them. This was an important and relevant opportunity for colleagues to share values, beliefs, and ideals in-person, at a microphone, for up to five minutes during an afternoon session at the NASPA Annual Conference in Arizona. Several Maryland alumni were featured in the program including Laura Osteen, Renique Quick Kersh, Lacretia Johnson, and Susan Longerbeam. Kudos also go to alums Larry Roper (Conference Chair) and Wendy Endress (Program Committee Chair) for seeing this great idea through!

Videos of each presenter are now available on the NASPA website at http://naspa.org/conf/sharing.cfm.

A note from the Editor

As many of you know, when Susan Komives calls and asks a favor – you can hardly say no.

Susan gave me a call prior to her retirement and asked if I would be willing to take on editing the InBasket. Now, as a regular reader of this publication I was thrilled to be asked – but I know my limits. Never follow Susan K. on any speaking dais or in a publication! So, Susan told me in this very dear (and persuasive way), “This is one of my proudest Maryland accomplishments and I want to make sure it continues on.” There is was – the tug on my heartstring, the play to my Midwestern guilt, the chance to carry on a “Susie K. Legacy!” How could I say anything but “Count me in!”

Needless to say, it takes a village to do what Susan did at 3:00 a.m. at her favorite computer. All credit for this piece goes to Ann H. Becks, a wonderful graduate assistant and doctoral student who is squeezing this publication into her other scholarly pieces, and to the two new associate editors and “roving assignment guys” — alumni John Dugan (who will be looking for ways our alumni, faculty, and students are impacting the scholarship in our field) and Will Simpkins (who will help us scour social media for entries about students, alumni, and faculty – including the new LinkedIn site he just introduced).

We will continue to have Susan Komives as our “conduit of all good information” and wise counsel. We are all thrilled to be working on this publication and to be joined with our new and returning SAC faculty colleagues Kimberly, Michelle and Julie in helping to tell the story of our department, students, faculty, alumni, and our incredible impact on the world.

Marsha