SAC Fall 2013 Admissions Update #2
Members of the SAC Admissions Committee have been diligently reviewing applications these last few weeks, and applicants will be notified by the middle of February.

In anticipation of the new Student Affairs and Higher Education cohorts, members of the Preview Committee have been hard at work planning for a great Preview program to be held March 10 through 12.

Melissa and Justin Fincher welcomed new son, Graham Eli Fincher, on December 18, 2012 at 1:54pm. Graham weighed 7lbs,11oz and measured 20.5 inches. We are so thrilled to welcome this new little baby Terp!

Kimberly Griffin was selected as the ACPA Standing Committee for Graduate Students and New Professionals (SCGSNP) Senior Faculty-in-Residence. Congratulations, Kimberly!

Lena Kavaliauskas is the recipient of the ACPA Standing Committee for Graduate Students and New Professionals (SCGSNP) Outstanding Dedication to Professional Service Award. We love our award-winning alumni!

PhD student, Lena Kavaliauskas, and Jared Crain were married over the holidays in Belize. Congratulations and blessings to both of you!
Helena Cole will be Director, Office of Academic Services at the University of New Haven. This is terrific!

Christine Cruzvergara and her family are excited to announce the arrival of Andreas James Cruzvergara to the family! He was born at 6:12pm on December 21, 2012. He weighed in at a very robust 8 pounds 10 ounces (must be all those snacky cakes) and measured 20.5 inches. He is simply beautiful!

John Dugan was elected to ACPA Member At Large (Faculty). A leader in the making since way back!

James and Vivian Garay Santiago welcomed Allegra Patricia Santiago on December 20, 2012. Mama and Baby are doing just fine and big sister Ceci is acclimating. Daddy is happy with his girls and tired (but Mommy is more tired than him). A new baby woman, yahoo!

Katie Glasser Hayes and David Hayes have moved to Australia! Katie is now the Teaching & Curriculum Coordinator in the School of Social and Political Sciences at the University of Sydney. Put on your UGGs when you wear your Terp t-shirt!

Patrick Grayshaw has been elected as the Chair for Community Service & Service-Learning for the Commission for Student Involvement in ACPA. Congratulations, Patrick!

Paige Haber-Curran was elected to the ACPA Commission for Professional Preparation Directorate. Thanks for all you are doing for ACPA!

Lucy LePeau is the recipient of the NASPA Melvene D. Hardee Dissertation of the Year Award for her dissertation titled, “Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Partnerships Promoting Diversity Initiatives on Campus: A Grounded Theory.” Wow! This is simply amazing. We are so proud of you, Lucy!

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Marylanders reunion in Columbus at LEI

The Leadership Educators Institute (LEI) was in Columbus Dec 9-12, 2013. So many Marylanders also live in the area that we had a grand reunion. Partners, children, staff, faculty, and alums had a grand celebration including gifts of College of Ed flash drives from Dean Wiseman. We celebrated Dr. Craig Slack’s hooding in 2 weeks and Dr. Anna Gasiorski Bendo’s birthday!

Nicole Mehta returned to UMD as the new Program Director for the Common Ground Dialogue Program in the Department of Resident Life. It is always great to welcome our old students home!

Mollie Monahan-Kreishman is receiving the ACPA Standing Committee for Women Research and Scholarship Award at the ACPA 2013 Conference in Las Vegas. We are so proud of you, Dr. Mollie!

After a great voyage on Semester-at-Sea, Isaiah Thomas is now Assistant Director of Student Affairs at Penn State Berks, a beautiful small campus close to Philadelphia that is part of the Penn State system. From sea to shining sea—to Philly…welcome to your new port of call!

Dr. Jenn Vest Franks graduated in December with her PhD from Higher Education. The title of her dissertation is “Exploring the Role of Maryland Community Colleges in Teacher Preparation: Benefits and Costs of Implementing the Associate of Arts in Teaching in Elementary Education.” Dr. Jenn, what a wonderful end to a long educational journey!

Please join us in the fun at the University of Maryland Alumni & Friends Receptions at ACPA & NASPA!

ACPA – Las Vegas, Nevada
Planet Hollywood, Celebrity Ballroom VI
Tuesday, March 5
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

NASPA – Orlando, Florida
Marriott, Canary
Monday, March 18
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Tracy Tyree Boulette and her husband Dom welcomed Logan Tyree Boulette on October 30, 2012. He was 8 lb 3 oz and 22 inches long. Yahoo! This is a great new addition to the world!

Will Simpkins and Warren Kelley, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs at the University of Maryland, at NASPA Region 2 Advisory Board Meeting - December 7, 2012 in NYC.

John Dugan keynoting the LEI. We love being part of the “Dugan Fan Club!”
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2012 SAC Cook-Off - Adrian Bitton’s Best Savory Dish Baked Brie Recipe

8 oz. plain brie (leave rind on the brie)

1/2 cup chopped pecans

1/2 stick of butter (not margarine)

1/2 cup brown sugar

1 egg white for glaze

1 Pepperidge Farm Pastry Sheet (not fillo – must be sheet)

Take one pastry sheet from freezer and let stand at room temperature for 20 minutes. Melt butter, sugar and pecans and place in center of sheet. Place brie on top of the nut mixture and fold pastry around brie. Turn brie and sheet over and place on baking pan (spray pan with Pam). Brush egg white on top of pastry sheet to brown the brie. Bake in oven at 350 for thirty minutes or until golden brown. Let stand for at least 30 minutes before serving. Serve with Anna’s Ginger Snaps.