End of Semester Greetings and Happy New Year

Greetings everyone! Where has the time gone? Here we are again, at the end of a semester. Perhaps Thanksgiving has made me particularly reflective, but at this time of year, I tend to think a lot about what I am grateful for. Seeing many of you at the ASHE Maryland Reception a few weeks ago reminded me of how vast and supportive our network is, and I am so thankful to be a part of such a special community. I am so thankful for all of the work Marsha Guenzler-Stevens and Sean Pepin do for each edition of the InBasket - this important work keeps our community together across the miles, and it fills me with gratitude to think about how you are continuing this tradition. I am grateful to our students. I know that I often say "graduate school is hard" - but you all keep meeting every challenge that we put in front of you. Don't forget your brilliance and your value - I am sure that you will go on to do such amazing things, and know that you inspire us all. Julie, Michelle, and all of our affiliate faculty members are so instrumental to the work and life of the program - your time, energy, and commitment to creating the best educational experience possible for our students is valued and deeply appreciated. So thank you, to all of you, for another year invested in our collective commitment to Maryland, the field of student affairs, and our students. Wishing you health, happiness, and all best wishes in the coming year!

-Kimberly A. Griffin

Alumni News

Do Quyen Tran-Taylor left the University of California Office of the President to start working at UC San Francisco as the Associate Director of Undergraduate Medical Education for the Student Experience. Congratulations!

Irene Kao is now the president of the Minnesota Asian Pacific American Bar Association. Irene graduated from Hamline University Law School in 2011 and she is currently working as a staff attorney at the League of Minnesota Cities. What an amazing leader you will be for this great association. We are proud of you, Irene.

Christine Y. Cruzvergara is now Assistant Dean & Executive Director, University Career Services at George Mason University. We have watched this amazing woman rise in the ranks at GMU. She makes us smile with pride.

On Nov. 16, Jennifer Dudeck-Lenis and Ismael welcomed their daughter, Clara Grace, into the world (7 lb., 14 oz., 22 inches). She is happy and healthy, and is enjoying lots of attention from her big sisters, Meghan and Maeve. What a joy to know that the world has this new baby woman!

ASHE Award

Great news from the ASHE Annual Meeting. Our own Julie Park was named this year's winner of the Promising Scholar/Early Career Award. We are so proud of her and all of her accomplishments - this award is a significant accolade in our field and a well deserved recognition of all of the great work and contributions she's made to the field of higher education and student affairs research. We are so proud of you, Julie!
Laura Osteen, Director of Florida State University’s Center for Leadership and Social Change, was named the 2014 recipient of the Ross Oglesby Award. The award, which originated in 1973, is given each year by Florida State’s Garnet and Gold Key Leadership Honorary to a faculty or staff member who has, for 10 years or more, exemplified the highest order of integrity, service and commitment to the university and its students. Laura has such an amazing legacy at Florida State. You make us so proud, Dr. O.

Stephanie Smith Budhai, current Assistant Professor at Neumann University, has been promoted to Director of Graduate Education overseeing all master’s, certifications, and teaching endorsements in the Division of Education. Stephanie recently developed one of the first programs approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education to prepare teachers to design, instruct, and assess K-12 students in online and blended settings. You truly are cutting edge, Stephanie. Bravo!

Lacretia Johnson Flash was promoted to Senior Advisor and Chief of Staff to the Vice President for Human Resources, Diversity and Multicultural Affairs at the University of Vermont. What a joy to know that you are continuing to influence the students and staff at the University of Vermont.

John Foubert was on CNN’s Newsroom with Carol Costello on November 24th. He discussed some of the problems around rape on college campuses, to help inform the media and the public on this important issue. Thanks for sharing your wisdom, John.

Hayley Haywood is presenting at the Leadership Educators’ Institute in December and would love to connect with any Terps who will be in attendance. Hayley will be conducting a presentation entitled, “It Takes a Village: Integrating a New Leadership Competency Model Across Campus.” If you plan to be at the Institute – look up our fellow Terp.

Jacqueline Mac and long time partner, Tip Fallon (UMD Alum ’06 – sadly not a CSP alumnus) got engaged in October. Terp Love is such a beautiful thing! Congratulations to the beautiful couple.

Congrats to Nathan Slife, who defended his dissertation on Nov. 12th at the University of Nevada- Las Vegas. His dissertation was entitled “An Examination of Implicit Values in Cornerstone Student Affairs Textbooks.” His doctorate is in Higher Education. Nathan Slife has also created and taught both First Year Seminar and Second Year Seminar courses within the College of Education at UNLV. We love the idea of saying “Dr. Slife!” Bravo!

John Hernandez served on the faculty of the ACPA Institute for Aspiring SSAOs: Exploring Underrepresented Identities and Career Paths in San Diego, CA. The institute, held November 2-4, 2014, is designed for those who are considering a Senior Student Affairs Officer (SSAO) role as a future career goal. Six seasoned and diverse SSAO faculty from various types of institutions led the sessions and facilitated the program. We can’t think of more inspiring mentor and faculty member than our John.

Carlos Sepulveda, Masha Geunzler-Stevens, and Matt Chenworth at the Veterans Football Game at Halftime. Both Carlos and Matt are Veterans and second-year Master’s Students in Student Affairs.

Barbara Jacoby accepting the appointment of Visiting Professor at Taipei Medical University where she did a lecture the day before I did the keynote speech at the International Service-Learning Conference.
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Service-Learning Essentials: Questions, Answers, and Lessons Learned

- Barbara Jacoby

What a joy to share about her new book!

Service-Learning Essentials is organized in a question-and-answer format and covers a range of topics from basic to advanced, the latter addressing the complexities and dilemmas that service-learning educators encounter. The intended audiences for this book are faculty in all disciplines, leaders and staff members of civic engagement and service-learning centers, student affairs professionals, campus ministers, leadership educators, teaching and learning center staff, service-learning advocates, and administrators seeking to support service-learning.