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News from Counseling Psychology

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Check-out our updated website with videos of the students! www.delval.edu

Words of Inspiration

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Saying “farewell” to the graduates is always difficult. Max Colacino, Jack Finor, and Nancy Mullen will be missed. These fantastic students actively participated in conferences (see AWP below!) and earned accolades for their academic performance at Del Val. They certainly leave behind big shoes to fill!

With that, faculty members

Dr. Allison Buskirk-Cohen and Dr. Audrey Ervin present the following words of wisdom:

“People often say that this or that person has not yet found himself. But self is not something that one finds. It is something that one creates.” -Thomas Szasz

“Your vision will become clear only when you look into your heart. Who looks outside, dreams. Who looks inside, awakens.” - Carl Gustav Jung

“Every day I live I am more convinced that the waste of life lies in the love we have not given, the powers we have not used, the selfish prudence that will risk nothing and which, shirking pain, misses happiness as well.” -Mary Cholmondeley

Del Val Wows at Association for Women in Psychology Conference

Students Catherine Boyer, Max Colacino, Kyla Dannelke, Jack Finor, Barb Krier, Nancy Mullen and alumni Linda Dalton attended the Annual Association for Women in Psychology (AWP) conference in Philadelphia.

After submitting a research proposal via a competitive peer-reviewed process, students Mullen, Finor, Boyer and Colacino collaborated with faculty member Dr. Audrey Ervin to co-present a roundtable discussion entitled “*Facilitating change via multicultural courses: Feminist*



approaches to social action.”

After completing Dr. Ervin’s Multicultural Issues in Psychology class, the students worked together to continue the dialogue about how to proactively make changes on college campuses to reduce discrimination based on race, ethnicity, age, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation,

religion and nationality. A lively, interactive discussion unfolded.

Students who attended the conference also had the opportunity to meet with scholars and clinicians in the field, network with counseling psychology professionals, view student research presentations, and attend a myriad of breakout sessions focusing on gender, psychological well-being, societal oppression, and social advocacy.

Boyer noted that the AWP conference “was extraordinary. Having the opportunity

to be part of a professional setting was a very valuable experience for my academic career. ... Overall, I would recommend an opportunity like this to all of my fellow students. Applying our education to real-world events and having the out-of-classroom experience is well worth it.”



All Aboard

Mike Rosenthal attended Semester at Sea this spring semester, a program operated by the nonprofit Institute for Shipboard Education.

Students live aboard a floating college that visits 8-12 international locations. While completing their coursework, students also are involved in field assign-

ments and service learning projects.

In the summer of 2009, faculty member Dr. Audrey Ervin was selected to sail as staff psychologist with Semester At Sea. Ervin is sailing again this summer with the Forum on Global Engagement.

Stay tuned for more adventures on the seas!

Capstone Projects Impress All

Max Colacino, Kyla Dannelke, Jack Finor, and Nancy Mullen presented their Capstone Projects to students, staff and community members. These projects conclude the Employment Program.

Del Val's Employment Program requires that students complete 500 work hours related to their major, and write a reflective paper and give an oral presentation about their experience. These activities result in a final grade recorded on students' transcripts and is valued as a cornerstone of the experiential learning

environment at Del Val.

This Spring, Colacino, Dannelke, Finor and Mullen participated in poster presentations describing their most valuable employment experience.

Many of underclassmen attended the event, eager to see what lies ahead. They learned about different places to acquire internships and the types of skills they would develop.

Several of our students were offered full-time positions at the organizations where they completed their Employment Program hours!

Students Headed for San Diego

Kyla Dannelke and Maggie Levicoff just received wonderful news! Their submissions were accepted, so they're off to San Diego, CA in October for the 41st Annual Conference of the International Society for Exploring Teaching and Learning (ISETL).

Both students will be presenting with their advisor, Dr. Allison Buskirk-Cohen. Dannelke's research poster is entitled, *The Impact of Technology Use on Emotional Intelligence.* Levicoff's teaching session is entitled, *"Winning": An Entertaining Education from Charlie Sheen.*

We wish them the best of luck; more details to come in the next newsletter!

October Networking for Youth Conference

On Friday, October 7th, 2011, Delaware Valley College proudly presents the Networking for Youth Conference co-sponsored by Pennsylvania Psychological Association and the Central Bucks Chamber Commerce.

This conference brings together mental health providers and school counselors to

discuss current issues and strategies to effectively work with today's youth.

The Counseling Psychology program is excited to be involved with this conference. Faculty and students will be part of this exciting event.

For more information, please visit the conference website: www.networkingforyouth.com



Spread the News!

As you can see, our Counseling Psychology program is thriving!

Whether it's gaining new skills through inventive class activities, participating at national conferences, or sharing their work experiences with others, our students enjoy many successes.

Current students and alumni work to improve the world around them using the

knowledge and skills they've gained through the Counseling Psychology major.

Please help spread the word about all this program has to offer. We'd like to see this program continue to grow, but that can only happen with your help.

Please tell your family, your friends, your co-workers, your neighbors... Counseling Psychology at Del Val is the way to go!