Greetings

It is with pleasure that we send news from the Department of Counseling, Psychology and Special Education. Our dedicated faculty and staff aspire to live the mission of the department through teaching, scholarship and service. Our professionals are recognized nationally and internationally for their distinguished work, which strives to improve the quality of life for children and adults. Our faculty teaches, conducts research and provides community service in critical areas such as crisis intervention, relational bullying, substance abuse and Internet addictions. They work with HIV/AIDS orphans in Africa and as expert witnesses in class action suits on behalf of students with disabilities. This faculty works diligently to offer high quality professional preparation programs that are nationally accredited, and it is indeed an honor to work with a faculty distinguished by their ongoing commitment to serving our students.

Susan Munson, Ph.D.
Department of Counseling, Psychology, and Special Education Chair

Ten years have flown by since the counselor education faculty initiated the Executive Counselor Education and Supervision (ExCES) doctoral program with the admission of the original cohort of students in 1997. The program was designed and implemented in less than a year, a remarkably short development period for a new doctoral program. We were successful in this short time frame because Dr. Joe Maola was committed to a curriculum design supported by the standards of the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), and because Dr. Nick Hanna’s leadership and diligence ensured that we met regularly until we addressed all the necessary issues. Ultimately, we were successful initiating the ExCES program because we were a collegial faculty group. We never wavered in our willingness to discuss and disagree, and eventually we developed a different and better doctoral experience.

Our faculty designed the ExCES program, but it was students who brought the program to life. As in any system, the process begins when the elements come into dynamic contact. At Duquesne University we have been fortunate to be able to build our reputation because of the highly qualified students we have recruited, and this formula for success has never been more evident than in the ExCES program. Celebrate the ExCES journey with us at our 10th Anniversary Reception, June 8. The program is 10 years old, and to the credit of all involved, it continues to search for roads less traveled—and continues to make a difference.

Bill Casile, Ph.D.
ExCES Doctoral Program Coordinator

The mission of the Counselor Education Program is “to prepare ethical and professional counselors, educators and supervisors and promote the well-being of individuals, families and communities through teaching, scholarship and service.” It is with great pleasure that we publish this newsletter, which helps us recognize those counselors, educators and supervisors who embody that mission, both in the field and in our program. To our current students, we are pleased to have the opportunity to work with you on your journey toward the counseling profession. To our graduating students, best wishes, we know you will make us proud, and to our alumni, we are always glad to hear from you, so please stay in touch. I would like to extend special thanks and recognition to Dr. Christin Jungers for her work on this newsletter, especially as she was co-editing a significant new textbook and finishing her doctorate at the same time.

Maura Krushinski, Ed.D.
Counselor Education Program Director
Sports Counseling

A new specialty with a Duquesne Connection

One of the newest specialties to emerge in the counseling field is sports counseling. The impetus for this innovative movement lies largely with Taunya Tinsley, Ph.D., a graduate of the ExCES program at Duquesne University, and now is assistant professor at California University of Pennsylvania. To promote the area of sports in counseling, Dr. Tinsley recently helped to organize The 2007 Pittsburgh Regional Seminar on Youth in Sports and Education, which Duquesne University’s Counselor Education Program co-sponsored in conjunction with California University’s Department of Counselor Education and Fifth Quarter Enterprises.

There are various ways to get involved with the emerging field of sports counseling. Interested persons can join the Sports Counseling Interest Network by e-mailing Holly Clubb (hclubb@counseling.org) at ACA with your name, e-mail address and ACA membership status. Participants often post research related to sports counseling on the interest network’s Listserv. Additionally, plans are underway for the 2008 Pittsburgh Regional Seminar on Youth in Sports and Education. Contact Dr. Tinsley at tinsley@cup.edu if you are interested in volunteering or serving on the planning committee.

To read more about sports counseling, visit the Web site of the American Counseling Association, www.counseling.org, and follow the links to their Counseling Today publication.
Chi Sigma Iota News and Events

The leadership team for the Delta Upsilon chapter of CSI: (rear, left to right) 2006–2007 officers Stephanie Helsel (president) and Dr. Christin Jungers (treasurer); seated (front, left to right) are 2007–2008 officers Keith Lodge (treasurer) and Tammie Limmer (Head of fundraising) and (reclining) Julie Brown (president).

New members are inducted into Delta Upsilon at the fall, 2006 ceremony.

The members of the Delta Upsilon chapter of Chi Sigma Iota (CSI) have been busy this winter preparing events for the spring. CSI hosted two open houses for interested students in January, which resulted in the creation of committees that will be active for the remainder of the school year and serve as the foundation for next year.

Congratulations are in order for the 14 students who were inducted at the CSI spring ceremony on March 15 in the Duquesne Union. The induction ceremony featured speakers Mariellen Kerr, doctoral candidate in the ExCES program, and Joan Kaylor, president of the Pennsylvania Counseling Association. The event was followed by a reception in the City View in the Union.

CSI also sponsored a symposium on April 13 for those who were interested in learning more about dialectical behavior therapy (DBT). Developed by Marcia Linehan, DBT has been proven to be a highly effective treatment method for people with borderline and eating disorder diagnoses. Presented by Beth Ventura, a trained DBT practitioner and CSI member, the event was open to all interested students. The symposium served as an in-depth introduction to this therapy and provided a solid foundation for future training.

Be on the lookout for flyers posting news of our events and activities.

Stephanie Helsel, CSI President

Students who have a 3.5 GPA or higher and at least nine credits in counseling are encouraged to join CSI. For online applications visit the CSI Web site, www.csi-net.org.

Beginnings, Endings, Accomplishments and Successes

News from the Counselor Education Program

Faculty Updates

Dr. Maura Krushinski follows in Dr. Nick Hanna’s footsteps, assuming the role of director for the master’s program. She will begin her second two-year term July 1, 2007. Dr. Krushinski serves as the ethics and bylaws chair for the Pennsylvania Counseling Association and was pleased to be invited to contribute a chapter to The Counselor’s Companion, a reference book for beginning counselors. Dr. Krushinski is actively involved in the multicultural events in Pittsburgh, especially the Pittsburgh Irish Festival.

Dr. Joe Maola will serve as the Director of the newly funded National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) Support Center in the School of Education. Duquesne University was awarded a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Education to establish the center, which helps prepare teachers for national certification. Duquesne University has one of the four NBPTS Support Centers in Pennsylvania.

Dr. Bill Casile is looking forward to turning over the directorship of the ExCES doctoral program to Dr. David Delmonico at the end of June. Dr. Casile has enjoyed his work with the program’s faculty, staff, and especially, students, yet he believes that it is time for someone to guide the program to the next level. He is particularly interested in having time to pursue his professional curiosity about the role of supervision in the development of the professional counselor. In addition, Dr. Casile plans to formalize his investigation into the development of counselor education programs in other countries.

Dr. Paul Bernstein continues to teach at Duquesne as well as work as a licensed psychologist and certified school psychologist. Recently, Dr. Bernstein and two colleagues, Adam Purcell (Zeta Cohort) and Gail Hague, began to provide community-counseling services to individuals with gambling problems.

Dr. Lisa Lopez Levers continues to engage in research projects that aim to define and promote culturally sensitive strategies for working with persons in Sub-Saharan Africa infected with HIV/AIDS.

Dr. Jocelyn Gregoire divides his time between his work in an evangelization ministry in Mauritius and Duquesne University. Dr. Gregoire recently published a book in Mauritius entitled: A Propos du DaVinci Code. He also co-edited the text The Counselor’s Companion: What Every Beginning Counselor Needs to Know.

Dr. Paul Niemiec is in his sixth year as director of counseling for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg. He works primarily with individuals and couples and also supervises a staff that consists of licensed counselors,
social workers, and marriage and family therapists. Additionally, Dr. Niemiec supervises two interns per year, teaches two courses per semester for Duquesne’s counseling programs, advises all the St. Vincent cohort students and teaches in the psychology department at St. Vincent College.

Dr. Emma Mosley is currently engaged in a number of community service projects, including one with Shepherd’s Heart, a Pittsburgh church that is creating a shelter for homeless Iraqi veterans. At Shepherd’s Heart, Dr. Mosley is helping to assess the needs of veterans so appropriate services can be offered to them. She also helps on a weekly basis to cook and serve meals to over 200 men, women and children who are homeless.

Dr. Rick Myer has been invited to join the authorship of Crisis Intervention Strategies published by Brooks/Cole. This work is among the bestselling texts for university courses on crisis intervention. He also has developed four new assessment instruments for crisis intervention, and with a number of colleagues, is collecting data to determine the reliability and validity of each. Dr. Myer is collaborating with Dr. Christian Conte as well as doctoral candidates Leslie Slagel and Ed Cadwalader on the development of these instruments.

Dr. David Delmonico will become the next ExCes doctoral program director. He has been deeply involved with schools in Pittsburgh and New York to develop his Keeping Kids Safe on the Internet program. He delivers workshops to students in grades 4 through 12 and also to parents and the community on things they can do to keep kids safe online. David also recently completed a chapter for an edited book entitled Sexual Deviance in which he wrote about cyber-sexual-offense behavior and appropriate methods for assessment and treatment.

Dr. Nick Hanna currently is on sabbatical in Florida where he is conducting research with men 65 and older who are participating in a personal growth group. In October 2006 at the PCA Conference Dr. Hanna conducted a pre-conference workshop on the Relationships with Fathers for Men and Women and facilitated a personal growth workshop using the Gestalt perspective.

Lori Jockel, the “go-to woman” in the Counselor Education Program, has worked as the assistant to the program directors for the last two years, where her skill and calm during crises has proven indispensable to students and faculty on a daily basis. She and her husband have two daughters, one of whom is a sophomore at Duquesne.

Student and Alumni Updates

Congratulations to Recent Master’s Program Graduates

SUMMER 2006
Andrea Buchanan, Amy Citeroni, Rena Feingold, Pamela Harff, Marjorie Kelly, Andrea Lucas, Jennifer Luthultz

FALL 2006
Ruth Bailey, Jason Brosk, Elizabeth Chase, Colleen Hannagan, Stephanie Hotz, Jonathan Impellizzeri, Renee Kinavey, Danielle Landy, Suzanne Lochie, Stephen Luther, Jessica Mills, Shanda Mitchell, Erik Opperman, Lynn Peddicord, Karen Tantalo

SPRING 2007
Jennifer Beaule, Heather Bomba, Rebecca Bresnahan, Shannon Connor, Jennifer Crowley, Andrea Gionta, Patricia Johnson, Lesley Kennedy, Dustin Kerr, Christina Minich, Jennifer Paul, Anton Rauch, Kirk Rearick, Dan Romanie, MaryEllen Schmidt, Colleen Tracy, Elizabeth Ventura, Sherri Vernacchio, Erin Williams

ExCES Students and Alumni

Grafton Eliason (Alpha Cohort) is an assistant professor at California University of Pennsylvania (CUP) and the coordinator and co-founder of the new school counselor program at CUP. He also recently worked with colleagues to create a new undergraduate minor in religious studies, which continues to grow.

John Duffy (Epsilon Cohort) successfully defended his doctoral dissertation on October 19, 2006.

Chad Snyder (Gamma Cohort) successfully defended his dissertation on Sept 1, 2006.


Mariellen Kerr (Zeta Cohort), last year’s PSCA Elementary School Counselor of the Year, was named by the ACA as a Ross Trust Graduate Scholarship recipient for 2007.

Dr. Susan McNiff, (Beta Cohort) received the Widener University 2005–2006 Award for Faculty Excellence in Teaching.


Dr. Taunya Tinsley (Delta Cohort) was admitted into the Bouchet Graduate Honor Society named for the first African American doctoral recipient in the United States (physics, Yale University, 1876).
In Memoriam

This past winter, our department lost a dedicated student and beloved colleague, doctoral candidate Dick Duncan (Beta Cohort). In his honor, Dr. Hanna composed this poem.

YES SIR!
(In honor of Dick Duncan)

Such exuberant youth
Hidden in plain sight
Looming large, robust
Like a Montana mountain

Who could miss
The power of this man
Strengthened by the ever-growing
Joy and awareness of his life
Like the vast open sky
Of his beloved God’s country

His soul delighted
In his son and family
His mind danced his greatest movement
With his Beta brothers and sisters
With delightful grace and good humor

Constant travel
Beautiful gardens
Endless curiosity and learning
Supported by a magnificent recovery

He lived a noble life
Giving his love to those receptive
Through he struggled, he never surrendered
To darkness

Somehow he always
Managed to rise up
With his deep, true
Spirituality
He succeeded in turning
His life over to God

Sleep—now—our friend
Our brother, our son
Our father

Then faster than you ever drove
Take wing—fly to become one
With the spiritual ecstasy
Of God

Your classmates said
“Twenty in, twenty out”
Now we know that you
Were the first—out!

Luxuriate in peace
In love
May your heart be filled
With the majestic presence
Of God!

Till we meet again
My friend
I salute you, Dr. Duncan!

Dr. Nick Hanna
January 8, 2007

The 10th Anniversary Reception for the ExCes program provides an opportunity to raise funds for the Richard Duncan Memorial Fund to support students in counselor education. If you would like to make a contribution, please send a check payable to “Duquesne University” to ExCes, 109 Canevin Hall, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA 15282.
Duquesne Faculty Member and Student Honored at the ACA Conference

Dr. Nicholas J. Hanna, and Mariellen Kerr (Zeta Cohort) were honored at the ninth annual American Counseling Association (ACA) conference, which took place March 21–25, 2007, in Detroit, Michigan.

The Association for Specialists in Group Work honored Dr. Hanna at a special luncheon for his contributions to the field. Many faculty colleagues and a number of doctoral and master’s students were present to celebrate with him upon the reception of this national recognition.

Doctoral candidate Mariellen Kerr was selected as an ACA Ross Trust Graduate Scholarship recipient for 2007. This scholarship is for counselor education students at the doctoral and master’s levels who are preparing for roles in education and have demonstrated outstanding scholarship and volunteerism.

New Publication Draws on DCPSE Faculty Expertise

A new book, *The Counselor’s Companion*, published by Lawrence Erlbaum Associates features authored or co-authored chapters from more than 25 faculty, alumni and students from the Department of Counseling, Psychology, and Special Education in the Duquesne University School of Education. The text, which was edited by Dr. Jocelyn Gregoire and Dr. Christin Jungers, is meant to be a reference tool to which beginning counselors can turn when they need quick, heart-of-the-matter information about counseling related practices. The book uses Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) curriculum to inform its content and covers topics such as ethics, supervision, human growth and development, group work, research and statistics, crisis intervention, and developmental counseling and therapy among others. To purchase a copy, visit www.erlbaum.com.
Duquesne Faculty, Students Respond to African HIV/AIDS Epidemic

Dr. Lisa Lopez Levers and Dan-Bush Bhusumane (Epsilon cohort), along with Rex Stockton of Indiana University, were recently recognized for their efforts to develop culturally sensitive strategies for working with HIV/AIDS infected adults and children in sub-Saharan Africa. The April edition of Counseling Today provided a feature story on what, for Dr. Levers, has been a 14-year endeavor in numerous African countries that struggle with the AIDS epidemic. To read the article, visit www.counseling.org.

A Note to Prospective Doctoral Program Students

The executive doctoral program in Counselor Education and Supervision (ExCES) at Duquesne University is designed for experienced counselors who are interested in enhancing their professional capabilities while maintaining their full or part time jobs.

The ExCES doctoral program is constructed to support development in three broad curriculum areas:

- Teaching and Supervision
- Research
- Clinical Practice and Service

Graduates of the program will be well prepared to pursue or move forward in a career in scholarly research, supervision and teaching at the university level or work as a supervisor of other professional counselors. The program emphasizes student-faculty collaboration, which serves as the foundation for an ongoing mentoring process. Because of their teaching and supervisory responsibilities in the program, each doctoral student will partial tuition remission. In addition, each doctoral student will participate as a member of a cohort throughout the program.

Interested students can apply online by visiting www.education.duq.edu or by contacting the doctoral program director at 412-396-5567.

ExCES Reunion Planned

Ten years ago, the Duquesne University School of Education welcomed the inaugural class of the doctoral program in Counselor Education and Supervision. To mark the anniversary of the program, all ExCES alumni and students are invited to attend a reunion event, which is planned for June 8, 2007, in the Duquesne Room of the Union. The evening promises to be a wonderful way to reconnect with colleagues and meet the newest members of the ExCES program. We hope to see you there.

For information, call 412-396-5567.

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Mark your calendars with these important dates:

**June 8, 2007**  
ExCES Doctoral Program Reunion

**June 23-26, 2007**  
American School Counselor Association

**August 27, 2007**  
Classes begin for Duquesne University Fall Semester

**October 10–14, 2007**  
Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES) Conference

**October 19–21, 2007**  
Pennsylvania Counselor Association Annual Conference

**December 20, 2007**  
Duquesne University Winter Graduation

**March 26–30, 2008**  
American Counseling Association National Conference