Greetings

As the new director of the ExCES Doctoral Program in Counselor Education and Supervision, I invite you to take a few moments to read the Spring 2008 edition of our newsletter, The Counselor. A great deal of effort goes into creating this newsletter, and included between the pages is information we hope you find informative and inspiring. Perhaps it will be reading about what your past professors have been up to recently, or news from the programs, or Chi Sigma Iota that will interest you. This newsletter captures the essence of what our programs are about - you and the profession of counseling! We want you to be proud of the university from which you graduated, because we are proud to have you as graduates.

The Kappa Cohort for doctoral studies in ExCES has been chosen. We hope your paths will cross with this new cohort, and you will be as impressed as we were with their already existing knowledge and skills.

Doctoral studies in the ExCES program, like our studies in the master’s program, constantly evolve and improve. We hope this newsletter will help keep you informed of the many happenings in all our programs, and help you maintain your enthusiasm for the counseling profession and Duquesne University’s Counselor Education Programs.

Enjoy!

David Delmonico
ExCES Doctoral Program Coordinator

professional recommendations and faculty development. We look forward to our upcoming CACREP renewal and appreciate the recent feedback from our Advisory Council.

We are excited to announce our CEU Initiative! Starting in the fall 2008 and spring 2009 semesters, our faculty will collaborate to offer a series of 4 workshops in the areas of forensics, supervision, process additions, and trauma and crisis counseling. We will send out announcements and details soon.

I would like to extend special thanks and recognition to our Iota Doctoral Cohort member, Suguna Mukthyala for her work on this newsletter.

Dr. Maura Krushinski
Counselor Education Program Director

Hello to all of you from the faculty and staff of the Department of Counseling, Psychology and Special Education! We have had a very busy year as our dedicated faculty and staff aspires to live the mission of Duquesne University of “serving God by serving students”. The department faculty continue to distinguish themselves through scholarly publications, national and international conference presentations and successful funding of major grants in service of the School of Education’s mission of Educational Leadership and Scholarship for Schools in the Spiritan tradition of caring. Our faculty teaches, conducts research and provides community service in critical areas such as crisis intervention, relational bullying, substance abuse and Internet addictions, HIV/AIDS orphans in Africa, inclusive education practice and children with autism. Of particular note this year, our School Psychology Program received national accreditation from the American Psychological Association. We extend out thanks to you for understanding the impact of the massive effort underway to renovate Canevin Hall. We relocated to a temporary site in May and are looking forward to returning to a Canevin Hall in Spring 2009. It is indeed an honor to work with a faculty distinguished by their ongoing commitment to serving our students in the spirit of the Duquesne University mission. Our best wishes to you and your family.

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

We hope you enjoy this latest issue of “The Counselor.”

It continues to be our pleasure to recognize those counselors, educators, students and supervisors who bring so much to the field and to our program in this newsletter. It makes us proud to have the opportunities we have to work with our current students, congratulate our graduating students and hear from our alumni!

As always, the Counselor Education Program strives to meet the changing needs of the counseling profession with course updates,
Counseling students are often confused about the differences between national certification and state licensure. They are different, but in most states, including Pennsylvania, they are linked by a common examination, the National Counselor Exam (NCE). The following explanation of both processes may help you understand the differences.

National certification is a voluntary process which is entirely separate from state licensure even though the testing instrument, the NCE, is the same in many parts of the nation, including Pennsylvania. As a student in a CACREP accredited program, you have the advantage of sitting for the exam before you graduate, usually in your final semester, through the Graduate Student Administration of the NCE (GSA-NCE). Applications for the NCE through this process are available in our Department Office (109 Canevin) in November for testing in April and in May for the October test date.

Licensure is required by most states for professional counselors and other related professionals, i.e., social workers and marriage and family therapists, to practice counseling and therapy. Professionals who are only looking for state licensure and not the NCC may apply directly through the state where you are seeking licensure and NBCC merely acts as the “testing company” for that state. In most states, an individual must have completed his/her master’s degree and documented a number of hours of supervised practice (3 years and 3600 hours in Pennsylvania) in order to sit for the licensure exam. You should check with the state licensing agency to confirm their requirements.

The application information to take the exam for licensure in Pennsylvania is available on the State Board’s Website. Go to: http://www.dos.state.pa.us/bpoa/cwp/view.asp?a=1104&q=433170, then click on “Board Forms.” Next, find and click on “Professional Counselor Licensure Examination Application” for more information. If all else fails, call them at 717-783-1389.

The advantage of working on the NCC credential while still a student is that you can take the NCE at Duquesne near the end of your course work and field experiences, while the material is fresh in your mind.

Olga M. Welch, Ed.D.
Dean & Professor
School of Education

Greetings from the Dean

One of the more pleasurable opportunities afforded a Dean is recognizing faculty and student achievements. In the case of the Counselor Education Program in the School of Education, it is a pleasure that underscores the continuing dedication of the Department of Counseling, Psychology and Special Education to a School of Education identity rooted in the mission of Duquesne University. That mission intentionally addresses the preparation of professionals whose knowledge and practice reflects adherence to the Spiritan tradition of integrity and caring service.

Thus, faculty members in the Counselor Education Program model that spirit in their teaching and service as well as in research agendas that seek to transform the quality of life for children and adults. Internationally and nationally recognized for the scholarship reflected in their preparation of Counselor Education professionals, the faculty conducts research and provides community service in such areas as crisis intervention, substance abuse and internet addictions. They work with HIV/AIDS orphans in Africa and as consultants to state and federal agencies, as well as expert witnesses to legislatures, non-governmental agencies and to school-based service-providers.

As one of 19 nationally accredited programs in the School of Education, the Counselor Education Program provides the kind of high quality professional preparation that has produced graduates, recognized nationally for their contributions in both private practice and higher education.

It is a distinct pleasure to work with faculty and staff who so clearly demonstrate the pledge to serve God by serving students that is the core mission of the Department of Counseling, Psychology, and Special Education, the School of Education, and Duquesne University.

Application for the next administration of the GSA-NCE (October 18, 2008) are available in the Department Office. They must be returned to that office by July 23, 2008. If you would like more information on the GSA-NCE, contact Bill Casile at x6112 or casile@duq.edu. Please note: Dr. Casile will be on sabbatical from July 1, 2008 to January 5, 2009. During his absence, contact Lori Jockel in the Department Office at 412-396-5567.
Chi Sigma Iota News

Chi Sigma Iota has gained four new officers and two new co-fundraising chairs. Please welcome the following new officers to the CSI at Duquesne.

Sarah George, currently in her third semester as in the Marriage and Family Therapy Program, has been elected President. The new Vice President, Teresa Sciulli, is in her third semester in the School Counseling Program and completed her undergraduate degree at Duquesne. Kim Zylinski, Secretary, began the School Counselor program in May 2006 and Morgan Tamburro, the new treasurer, is also in her third semester in the School Counseling Program. CSI hopes to have more successful fundraisers this year that would be organized by Christina Antonelli and Diane Giangiordano.

The new officers are very excited for the upcoming year and hope to encourage existing members to become more active in professional, social, and service projects sponsored by CSI, as well as increase membership in the Delta Upsilon chapter. The new officers would also like to thank this past year’s officers for their hard work and dedication.

CSI hopes to provide networking opportunities to current students, allowing them to find jobs, practicum sites, and internship sites in the counseling field while getting to know faculty and peers. CSI provides students with opportunities to excel in writing, presenting, leadership, etc. CSI has made membership its primary goal this year. CSI has provided Duquesne University students with a seminar in APA style, a Valentine’s Day inspired social hour, business meetings, and the opportunity to run for any of the current executive board offices. CSI successfully carried out a Fall and Spring fundraiser and plans to run another fundraiser in the Fall of 2008. More information on CSI and instructions for joining and renewing membership can be found on the bulletin board in the faculty hallway next to room 109.

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. Bill Casile has been appointed to the Board of Directors for ASSET Inc., the science education agency responsible for implementing “Science: It’s Elementary,” a $10+ million initiative launched by Governor Rendell to reform K-8 science education for 36,000 students across the state. The initiative will prepare 1,400 teachers in 75 schools across 35 counties to provide standards-based science education in their schools.

Dr. Casile has also been appointed as a member of the Gateway School District’s inaugural Counseling Department Advisory Council.

Dr. David Delmonico recently received Institutional Review Board approval to launch a nationwide research project on his instrument, the Internet Sex Screening Test-Revised (ISST-R). This will be the only instrument of its kind to be able to report measures of validity and reliability as well as provide a variety of comparison groups on which to score the instrument. Also, in conjunction with the Theta Cohort, Dr. Delmonico has taken the lead on starting an online supervision project that will allow doctoral students to come together once per week in a chat room to discuss supervision and clinical cases. The hope is that it will eventually develop into a research project that can be presented as a model for online supervision for other universities.

Dr. Jocelyn Gregoire continues to share his time between Duquesne University and Mauritius. May 1st in Mauritius is Labor day, and for decades it has been the day for political parties to rally and affirm their presence and update their action. Dr. Gregoire, is a Creole Catholic priest and President of his newly founded Federation of Mauritian Creoles, FCM (Federation Creole Mauricien). The federation’s objective is to promote the welfare of the creoles of Mauritius who are mainly descendants of African and Malagasy slaves freed on 1st Feb 1835, through political, social, cultural and economic empowerment. He recently made a one and a half hour speech to a crowd approximating 35,000 people in Mauritius.

Dr. Nick Hanna, was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award for the second time at the October 2007 PCA conference held at Penn State. In March 2007, Dr. Hanna received the Outstanding Practitioner Award at the Association of Specialists in Group Work at the American Counseling Association Convention in Detroit, MI.

During spring, while on sabbatical Dr. Hanna conducted research on retired men aged 65 and older, who participated in a personal growth group. They were tested on the Beck Depression Inventory before the group began, after the group ended, and then again five weeks after the end. Results showed a decrease in depression after having participated in the personal growth group. Results are going to be presented at the Bir Zeit University in Ramallah, Palestine.

Dr. Hanna spoke at the Chi Sigma Iota meeting in November 2007 at the Chatham University on the topic of Relationships with Fathers.

Dr. Maura Krushinski is currently serving her third year as Director of the Master’s program. She has become the Conference Chair for the 2008 Pennsylvania Counseling Association. Dr. Krushinski is currently working with Dr. Stephanie Helsel and Mindy Heher on a Field Guide for supervising counselor trainees. She continues to be interested in supervision of the counselor trainee, ethics and the school counselor, social systems theory and the gate keeping responsibility of the counselor educator. As always, Dr. Krushinski is still actively involved in the multicultural event planning in Pittsburgh, adding an Italian Festival and International Taste of Pittsburgh to her work with the Pittsburgh Irish Festival.

Dr. Lisa Lopez Levers returned to Botswana and worked with three African colleagues on an evaluation for the Republic of Botswana Ministry of Health. The Comprehensive Study of Social

A Blast from the Past!

Can you identify these faculty members? See below for answers.

(left to right) Dr. Nick Hanna, Dr. Paul Bernstein, Dr. Bruno Casile (Bill’s father) and Dr. Joseph Maola
Safety Nets for People with Disabilities in Botswana was carried out over a two-month period of time and included adults and children with disabilities, as well as other family and professional stakeholders. On a related note, Dr. Levers and colleagues just learned that a partner organization they have been working with closely, the Center for the Blind and Disabled (CABD), has received the funds to break ground on a much-needed training facility. Levers returned home to Pittsburgh toward the end of March, just in time to accompany a group of doctoral students to give a paper at the American Counseling Association convention in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Dr. Joseph Maola, recently earned the Approved Clinical Supervisor (ACS) certification from NBCC. In addition he is directing a $296,000 PA Department of Education funded project to support National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) candidate in Southwest PA.

Student and Alumni News

Katherine Speer and her husband announce the birth of their son, Brian Matthew Speer, born on October 18, 2007.

DU alumni Melinda Stupar Fedoris, ’03, and Michael Fedoris, ’99, BA Sales and Marketing, were married on Jan. 26, 2008.

Nicole Wiley graduated from the program in spring 2006 and is currently completing her second year as a school counselor at Cougar Elementary (K-3) in Manassas Park, VA. She is also training middle school track and high school cross country for the school district. She notes that she is truly enjoying her work as a school counselor.

Joe Behun defended his thesis “An Analysis of Beginning Counselor Education Master’s Degree Candidate’s Ability to Make Ethical Standards after Having Completed a Course in Professional Ethics” on April 21, 2008.

Colleen Tracy welcomed a baby girl, Julia Rose Tracy, born on Feb 27, 2008.

Anne Keller submitted an essay, The Death of Confidentiality on the Information Highway, to the American Counseling Association’s Essay Contest. She received First Runner Up. Look for Anne’s essay in the July issue of “Counseling Today.”

Congratulations to all!!!

In Memoriam

Anton Rauch
Duquesne Faculty and Students at the ACA, ACES and PSCA Conferences

At the end of March this year, over 4,000 counselors ascended upon the island of Oahu for the ACA 2008 Annual Conference and Exposition. Oahu is “the gathering place” and seems a most fitting location for counselors to learn, grow, network, and play. Duquesne students and faculty were amongst those who embraced the Aloha spirit. Aloha is a term used by Hawaiians for greetings and farewells. It also conveys love, caring, sharing, and goodwill. The most powerful meaning of Aloha is breath of life.

Duquesne University Faculty, students and alumni were on hand to present and participate, as well as enjoy the culture of Hawaii!

Stephanie Helsel (Eta) presented An Ethnographic Content Analysis of MySpace: Risks and Protective Factors of Adolescent Cybersocial Culture.

Kailla Edger, Jane Cebula, Renee Anderson, Lauren Kuhn, Jodi Sindling, Erin Neuman, Anthony Boone (Theta cohort) Laurie Kephart Gunton, and Dr. Lisa Lopez Levers presented Qualitative Research: Applying Robust Methods and Illuminated Human Context

Dr. Rick Myer (et al.) presented Inter-rater Reliable and Validity of the Triage Assessment Systems for Students in Learning Environments (TASSLE). Also in attendance, exhibiting for the program, were:

Dr. Millie Lane
Dr. Maura Krushinski
Dr. Tom Petrone
Jenn Eaton
Dr. Christian Conte
Dr. Mark Lepore
Dr. Tracy Stinchfield
Dr. Taunya Tinsley

Standing: Dr. Stephanie Helsel, Renee Anderson, Jane Caburla. Seated: Dr. Krushinski, Dr. Tom Petrone at the ACA Conference in Hawaii
Congratulations to recent Master’s Program Graduates

GRADUATES AUGUST 2007
Julie Brown, Tonia Garofalo, Glen Lavarias, Jennifer North, Dana VanKirk.

GRADUATES DECEMBER 2007
Jamie Cocuzzi, William Day, Meghan Herlinger, Miranda Kent, Kerstan Kmetz, Kristen LeVan, Ana Lizano, Amanda Morin, Brie Murphy, Shannon Pedersen, Kylie Peoples, Geri Reed, Melinda Stupar, Melissa Tonini.

GRADUATES MAY 2008

Welcome to the new Kappa Doctoral Cohort Members

Gemma Bariteau
Nancy Fair
Jamie Brownfield
Nickole Kopcha
Kuei-O Lin
Kelley McNichols
Nor Asma Othman
Amy Peters
Mary Rudberg

ACA Case Study Competition
Richard Joseph Behun, Keith Lodge, and Ray Vergona participated in the American Counseling Association’s 4th Annual Case Study Competition. The master’s level scenario for the 2007 Ethics Case Study Competition was developed around a middle school aged child, Juanita, who is genetically female but has recently begun using the name Mario and dressing as a male. Mario, who was ostracized at her last school, has dropped out and was beginning the transition into an alternative middle school. The team identified 15 ethical dilemmas which were addressed throughout a 20 page response.

Trauma Workshop
Dr. Lisa Levers, Elizabeth Ventura and Demond Bledsoe (Iota cohort) conducted a research study to investigate the need for instruction regarding psychosocial trauma and the clinical impact of traumatic events on lifespan development in graduate counselor training. This study, conducted on campus in late December, evaluated the level of trauma knowledge possessed by doctoral students who currently supervise Master’s-level students at Duquesne University. It is the hope that this study will further explore efficient mechanisms for assisting doctoral students in developing needed skills. Such a preliminary investigation can illuminate pathways for instruction that may inform curriculum development efforts on this issue and that may generate testable hypotheses concerning this matter.

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.

Trauma Workshop

Welcome to the new Kappa Doctoral Cohort Members

Fall 2007 graduates show relief after oral exams!
Mark your calendars with these important dates:

March 19-22, 2009
American Counseling Association National Conference, Charlotte, NC

April 15-18, 2009
Pennsylvania School Counselor Association Conference

June 28- July 1, 2009
American School Counselor Association Conference

August 25, 2008
Classes begin for Duquesne University Fall Semester

September 19-21, 2008
North Atlantic Regional Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Conference

October 14-18, 2008
Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES) Conference, San Diego, CA

October 24-26, 2008
Pennsylvania Counselor Association Annual Conference, State College, PA

December 19, 2008
Duquesne University Winter Graduation