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Office Hours

The Graduate School Office is open 8:30-5:00 Mon-Thursday and 8:30-5:00 on Friday. The associate dean and graduate recruiter are available after hours by appointment.

Important Dates

May 2          Reading Day for Finals
May 5-9        Final examinations
May 19         Summer Sessions 1&A begin
May 26         University offices closed of Memorial Day
June 23        Summer II 2008 graduate course syllabi due in the Graduate School office
July 28        Summer III 2008 graduate course syllabi due in the Graduate School office
Aug. 4         Deadline for comprehensive Exam results for summer 2008 master’s degrees
Aug. 29        Final registration
Sept. 1        Labor Day - no classes
Sept. 2        Classes begin
News Brief

Applications for January 2009 Deadline is July 14, 2008: The deadline to apply for your January 2009 graduation is July 14, 2008. For information and application forms, visit the "current student" section of our website at [www.jcu.edu/graduate] or go directly to the [application].

Summer 2006 Thesis, Essay and Creative Project Deadline is July 28, 2008: The deadline to turn in your thesis, essay and creative project for Summer 2006 graduation is July 28, 2008. For information and application forms, visit the "current student" section of our website at [www.jcu.edu/graduate] or go directly to the [application].

Fall Registration is Underway: Current graduate students in good standing are able to register for summer and fall classes online via the Banner system. Visit the Registrar's website at [www.jcu.edu/registrar] for more details and course listings or go [here] for the "secure area" where you can log in with your Banner ID and your password. If you have not used this feature yet, we encourage you to test it out. In addition to registration and financial information, you can also now conduct your own degree audit. Students who have recently been accepted are required to consult with their advisor for first-time registration.

Dean's Corner:

As the semester draws to a close, the Graduate School is in the process of transition. John Carroll established a graduate studies program in 1940. The Graduate School as it currently exists will officially close on June 1, 2008. What that means is that there will be a reorganization of all Graduate Programs. As of June 1, graduate programs and graduate students will be handled in their departments who will then report to the respective Deans of the Boler School of Business and The College of Arts and Sciences. In practice, the transition should be seamless for students. Please be assured that the University has reaffirmed its commitment to Graduate programs and students. In fact it is hoped that more resources will be allocated to Graduate Studies as the reorganization is implemented.

The transition to the Boler School occurred as of January, 2008. The College of Arts and Sciences is searching internally for an Associate Dean to oversee all Graduate Studies programs. All the other staff whom you know and work with will be carrying out their same responsibilities.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Graduate School staff who is the foundation of all we do and makes everything happen for students and faculty. They do their jobs every day in a most effective and efficient manner and I am most grateful to them. They will continue to be there for all of you as they have been. I also want to thank Dr. Peck for his exemplary service to the Graduate School as Associate Dean and to wish him well as he begins the next phase of his career.

Please feel free to email or call me or any of our staff with any questions or comments. It has been my pleasure to serve as the Interim this past year and to assist with this transition. Best wishes as you continue with your Graduate Studies.

Sally H. Wertheim, PhD, Interim Dean
News from the Field

Community Counseling:

- **Congratulations!!!** The American Counseling Association (ACA) hosted their annual conference this year in Honolulu, Hawaii. In addition to the conference festivities, Chi Sigma Iota- Beta Chi chapter at John Carroll was honored with an award Friday night of the conference. Christian Karter, community counseling graduate student, accepted the award on behalf of Beta Chi. The Outstanding Individual Program award was presented to Beta Chi for their 14th Annual Wellness Conference.

Beta Chi Updates:

For the year of 2007 – 2008, Beta Chi just had a wonderful year. Under the leadership of:
- Olivia Schwartz – President
- Melanie Faithwalker – Vice President
- Ronda Wegman – Treasurer
- Arnetta Dean & Michael Skoda – Co – Secretary
- Keith McMillin – Committee Chair

But now it is time for new leadership to bring in the year of 2008 – 2009 and also bring in the new members. It is time for the **Beta Chi Induction ceremony happening April 25, 2009 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm in the Faculty Dinning Room**. We have the pleasure of having the honored speaker Dr. David Helsel, Coordinator of School Counseling. We also have twenty-five new inductees this year. At the induction we will highlight this year’s accomplishments and enjoy the giving of awards. It stands to make for a wonderful evening.

- **Independent Study Update:** My name is Melanie Faithwalker. I have had the privilege of working with Dr. Linda Quinn within the scope of an Independent Study. In that Independent Study, I have been working on a Research manuscript. I have presented this research in different arenas. First, the AOCC Conference in Columbus as a Poster Presentation, the 14th Annual Wellness Conference in a Poster, The Celebration of Scholarship as a Panel Presenter, and now I am due to present in a Poster Presentation at the International Emotional Intelligence Convention in Chicago, July 1st 2008. The name of the study is A Correlational Study of the Relationship Between Sensation Seeking Behavior, Life Satisfaction, Emotional Intelligence, and Depression. Once again my advisor on this study has been Dr. Linda Quinn and without her expertise this study could have never made this far in the process.

Integrated Science:

- From the Cleveland Math Science Partnership data summary

In its most recent report to the National Science Foundation, Cleveland Metropolitan School District presents the following: **Students in 8th grade Science classes taught by the most recent John Carroll University Master of Arts in Integrated Science graduates performed significantly (p < .001) better than 8th grade students in classes taught by other teachers.** On average, these students scored significantly higher on the 8th Grade Ohio Achievement Test in Science than other students.

Biology:

- **Dr. Valerie Flechtner is retiring** at the end of the spring semester. Dr. Flechtner has been with the department since 1981, she served as chair of the Biology Department from 2002 – 2006, and was the 1997 recipient of the Lucrezia Culicchia Award for excellence in teaching. **Ms. Sandra Buckles**, longtime laboratory coordinator and lecturer in biology, retired in December 2006.

- **Welcome! Catherine Wheeler**, formerly of Hiram College, joined the department in January 2008. Cathy will be coordinating freshman laboratories in biology.

If you have any suggestions for future editions, please contact the editor, Dr. Edward Peck, at epeck@jcu.edu.