Dear Graduate Students in the College of Arts and Sciences,

As we are fast approaching the mid-term of the fall semester, I want to check in with you and share some information.

SUMMER GRADUATES
Congratulations to the 35 students who graduated this summer from various graduate programs. The University awarded 22 Master of Arts degrees, 13 Master of Education degrees, and 2 Master of Science degrees. Congratulations and best wishes as you continue to pursue your personal and professional goals.

THESIS/ESSAY WORKSHOP
For those of you who are required to write a thesis, essay, or creative project as part of your master’s degree, the Office of Graduate Studies will be hosting a Writing Workshop on Wednesday, October 19. The workshop will take place in AD 258, 4:00-5:30pm. Dr. Christopher Roark of the English Department, and Ms. Maria Soriano, Director of the Writing Center, will provide valuable information regarding the process for writing the thesis, essay, or creative project. The agenda for the workshop includes:

I. The distinction between Thesis and Essay and Creative Project
II. The Research and Writing Process
III. A Timetable for Completing the Work
IV. Writing the Literature Review
V. Writing resources for Revising an Editing
VI. Formatting Requirements and Common Problems

This workshop will be particularly helpful to students early in their program. Please RSVP to Ms. Pat Pitingolo in the Office of Graduate Studies (397-4284; ppitingolo@jcu.edu). A flyer is attached to this email with more information.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS
Twelve JCU School Psychology students received notification recently that their presentation proposals were accepted at the 2012 NASP Convention in Philadelphia. This represents the largest number of second and third year full-time students in our program to have their research peer reviewed and accepted at the Nat'l Association of School Psychologists annual conference in one year! Congratulations to: Rachel Brod, Kathryn Stevens, Cara Gaffney, Rachel Horwood, Alison Wynne, Melissa Young, Jennifer Kochan, Jennifer Murphy, Jenny Schmidt, Haley Bishop, Jena Leber, and Robert Richardson.

Albina Khasanova of the Biology Department was awarded Best Poster from the Physiology Section at the 2011 Annual Botanical Society of America Meeting in St. Louis, MO.

Claire McBroom of the English Department will present at the 8th Biennial Feminisms and Rhetoric’s Conference at Minnesota State University on October 12-15, 2011. Her paper title is Édith Wharton’s ‘A Son at the Front’: Defending the Feminist Novel”
SUBMITTING THE THESIS/ESSAY
When submitting your thesis/essay/creative project to the Office of Graduate Studies it is recommended that you wait to print your work on the required paper until after you have received approval from your advisor and dean. You may submit it on regular paper along with the appropriate signatures.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES
October 28   Spring Registration for Graduate Students Begins
November 21 Submission of Thesis/Essay for Winter Graduation
November 28   Deadline to apply for Spring 2011 Graduation

GRADUATE STUDENT LOUNGE
A reminder that the Graduate Student Lounge, located on the lower level of Graselli Library, is available for use by graduate students during the library’s operating hours. You can sign out the key at the Circulation Desk. Take advantage of this space for study, conversation, and relaxation.

NEW INTERVIEW POLICY
If you are interesting in interviewing on campus this year, The Center for Career Services has a new requirement. Please visit the following link for an explanation of the requirements and the dates and times of orientations. http://www.jcu.edu/careercenter/students/oncampus.htm

I hope that you are enjoying your semester. If there is anything that I can do for you, please do not hesitate to contact me (397-4284; mstorz@jcu.edu). Best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

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