Dear Colleagues:

Happy New Year to all of you! As we get ready to begin a new semester I want to pass along some important information to you.

CONGRATULATIONS WINTER GRADUATES
The following students have successfully completed their degree requirements and were awarded their diplomas on January 15, 2013. Congratulations to each of these students for a job well done and best wishes for their future endeavors:

**Theology and Religious Studies**
- Joan Carney

**Biology**
- Linda Thompson

**Education**
- Maria Plecnik
- Thomas Anderson
- Natalia Cohen
- Cliffon Harstine
- Jennifer Lishing
- Katherine LeSueur
- Aaron Steindler
- Alaine Davis
- Michael Dowell
- Luke Smrdel

**Counseling**
- **Clinical Mental Health Counseling**
  - Alicia Monaco
  - Alan Gecht
- **Community Counseling**
  - Susan Brachna
  - Natalie Grabowski
  - Lauren Rich
  - Kristen Seibert
  - Jody Slain
- **School Counseling**
  - Jacqueline Connelly
  - Shawnna Bryan
  - Lindsay Lane
  - Rebecca Nicholas
  - Thomas Schneck

**Humanities**
- Maria Sutter

**School Psychology**
- Shannon Sullivan
- Samantha Barsa
- Colleen Bennett
- Emily Cox
- Katheryn Hart
- Katherine Petzke
- Whitney Poole
- Stephanie Begun
- Alicia Cornell
- Ellen Gustafson
- Bradely Paramore

**Communications Management**
- Ebony Cash
- Michael Krieger
- Bridget Tichar
- David Campbell

**Nonprofit Administration**
- Danielle DeMaria

**Integrated Science**
- Stephanie Moore Lowery

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FACULTY
For the second consecutive year, The Irish Voice newspaper has named DR. JEANNE COLLERAN, dean of John Carroll University’s College of Arts and Sciences, to its *Irish Education 100*. The list highlights leading figures in education across the United States.

DR. PHIL METRES, English Department was recently awarded the 2013 *National Endowment of the Arts Fellowship in Creative Writing*. 
The following faculty members teaching in our graduate programs have each been awarded a John Carroll University Summer Research Fellowship:

**DR. REBECCA DRENOVSKY, DR. ERIN JOHNSON, and DR. RALPH SAPORITO,** Biology

**DR. PAULA BRITTON and DR. NATHAN GEHLERT,** Counselor Education

**DR. DAN KILBRIDE,** History

**DR. PHIL METRES,** English

**DR. JOAN NUTH,** Theology and Religious Studies

**DR. DAVID SHUTKIN,** Education and Allied Studies

**GRADUATE STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

**CARSON BAY,** Department of Theology and Religious Studies, was named a “Cook Fellow” for funding/participation in *Liberty and Markets: A Co-Sponsored Program of the Action Institute and Liberty Fund, Inc.* The program, *Freedom & Responsibility in the Thought of Max Weber,* was held October 25th – 28th at Acton University in Grand Rapids. Congratulations Carson!

**CELEBRATION OF SCHOLARSHIP**

Each year the JCU community comes together to celebrate the scholarship of its faculty, staff, and students. The campus-wide Celebration for students, faculty, and other University community members features workshops, panel discussions, poster sessions, paper presentations, and other activities. This year Celebration takes place the week of April 8. The deadline for submission of proposals is March 4. Applications for submission can be found at the following website: [http://sites.jcu.edu/celebration/pages/information-for-applicants/](http://sites.jcu.edu/celebration/pages/information-for-applicants/). Graduate students are strongly encouraged to share their scholarship with the wider JCU community.

**IGNATIAN HERITAGE WEEK**

Ignatian Heritage Week provides the university community the opportunity to celebrate our Ignatian and Jesuit tradition. This year the celebration is taking place January 27 through February 1. Information about the various events planned for that week can be found at the following website: [http://sites.jcu.edu/mission/pages/ignatian-heritage-week/](http://sites.jcu.edu/mission/pages/ignatian-heritage-week/). I would particularly call your attention to a talk to be given by Fr. Martin Connell, SJ on Wednesday, January 30, at 12:00 in the LSC Conference Room. Fr. Connell is a new faculty member in the Department of Education and Allied Studies and is teaching a graduate course this semester.

**CENTER FOR CAREER SERVICES**

The Center for Career Services is a very active division on our campus. They offer a variety of services for undergraduate AND graduate students. I want to encourage you to take advantage of all they have to offer our graduate students. Last semester I provided information on **Carroll Contacts.** This month I’d like to introduce you to **VAULT.** Vault allows students to search career profiles for more than 400 career paths and receive input from professionals in those careers. You are able to view latest employer information on over 4000 employers, learn about company/agency history and hiring information, and conduct research on career paths, salary ranges, industry outlook, and internship opportunities. You can access this tool through JCU Career Center at [www.jcu.edu/careercenter](http://www.jcu.edu/careercenter). You will locate it in the Resource Library under Career Connection. You could also contact [careerhelp@jcu.edu](mailto:careerhelp@jcu.edu) or call 216-397-4237.

**EDUCATION AWARDS**

Applications are now being accepted in the Department of Education and Allied Studies for the Wertheim and Hoffman Awards. **The Wertheim Scholarship** recognizes an outstanding graduate student in one of the Education programs who not only demonstrates scholarship, character, and commitment to others—qualities steeped in the Jesuit mission—but who also seeks to enhance, and shows promise, for improving, the educational experiences of children and youth. Candidates for the $5000 award must be enrolled in a graduate degree program in education at John Carroll. **The Hoffman Scholarship** is a memorial tribute to Dr. William P. Hoffman who was a professor in the John Carroll University Department of Education and Allied Studies. This $1,000 tuition reimbursement is given each year to support an outstanding graduate student in anticipation of the contributions
the recipient will make as a future school leader. The applicant must be enrolled in the Educational Administration Program or the Teacher Leader Endorsement Program. Educational Administration students need to have completed 12 semester hours, with at least 6 semester hours in program coursework, by the conclusion of spring semester to apply. Students in the Teacher Leader Endorsement Program need to have completed 50% of their coursework to apply. Application forms and instructions are available from Mr. Michael Kimmel in AD310b, or on line at: http://sites.jcu.edu/education/pages/student-information/awards/. The completed application form and all supporting materials must be submitted to Mr. Michael Kimmel in room AD 310b by 5:00 PM on Friday, February 22.

WITHDRAWAL POLICY
There are times when life happens during a semester and we find that we have to withdraw for a course or all of our courses for a semester or more. As we begin a new semester I want to remind you of John Carroll’s withdrawal policy and procedures. Should you find it necessary to withdraw please keep in mind the following:

- There are established deadlines for course withdrawal in order to receive tuition refunds. These deadlines are posted on the website and listed below under Important Dates.
- It is the student’s responsibility to withdraw from a course. If a student does not formally withdraw from a course, a grade of F or WF will be assigned by the instructor. Once submitted, such a grade cannot be changed in most cases.
- If a student has to withdraw from all courses in a given semester, there is a Complete Withdrawal Form that needs to be submitted to our office.
- If a student withdraws and does not re-enroll for more than two academic years, the student must follow the process for readmission to the university.

If you have any questions about course withdrawal, please do not hesitate to contact Deb Drane or myself.

IMPORTANT DATES

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If you have any news of accomplishments, promotions, research, and would like to share this with the CAS graduate student community, please send them to me and I will include them in February’s notes.

I hope you have a successful and fulfilling spring semester. If I can be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Mark Storz, Ph.D.

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