

**John Carroll University
College of Arts and Sciences**

**Graduate Student Notes #5
January 2015**

Dear Colleagues:

Happy New Year to all of you! I hope you have enjoyed some restful and enjoyable time with family and friends during these few weeks. As we begin a new semester I want share some information with you.

CONGRATULATIONS WINTER GRADUATES

The following students have successfully completed their degree requirements and were awarded their diplomas on January 15, 2015. Congratulations to each of these students for a job well done and best wishes for their future endeavors.

Communications Management

Stacia Naoum

Theology and Religious Studies

Jerome Andrews

Karen Witker

Education

Mallory Bendezu

Deana Bonacci

Ashley Boulton

Cheree Cain

Kyle Fazio

Joseph Guillaume

Patricia Kuenzig

Rachel Phillips

Jessica Sheahan

Nicole Zuzolo

Donald Lagoni

Jodie Valade

Counseling

Clinical Mental Health

Alexandra Audi

Deondra Benson

Keelin Carrocia

Katherine Deiger

Carl DeJohn, Jr.

Deborah Drane

Erin Heltzel

Mari Iarocci

Kelsey Kenny

April Waterford

Nonprofit Administration

Mohammed Almari

Faisal Alqahtani

Damian Ezeani

Flora Mark

Ashley Presutto

Brooke Seaman

School Counseling

Karen Conkey

Mari O'Neill

English

Kayla Matey

Colin McAndrew

Christian McEntee-McDonald

Clinton O'Connor

Biology

Cory Gotowka

Andrew Schaefer

GRADUATE STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Alex Paulchell (Education) recently received the Sally Wertheim Award recognizing 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. The selection committee for this competitive scholarship was particularly impressed with the work Alex is doing for gay high school students at St. Ignatius High School in Cleveland where he is in his completing his teaching internship.

Shamerra Kuykendall (Education) will be inducted into Sigma Alpha Nu, the Jesuit Honor Society later this month.

Brian Sinchak ('04G Education; '01 Religious Studies) was recently named the first president of Lakewood Catholic Academy. In this role, Brian serves as the chief administrator and operational leader of LCA, which celebrates its tenth anniversary this year. The LCA campus, including the Holy Family Learning Center, cares for and educates children from as early as six weeks of age through the eighth grade.

Valerie Smart ('14G Nonprofit Administration) created Smart Strategic Business Solutions in October 2014. Her mission is to empower individuals and organizations by helping them to develop their internal capacity to be effective in their mission and to sustain themselves in the long-term.

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 13. The deadline for submission of proposals is March 9. More information can be found at the following website: <http://sites.jcu.edu/celebration/>. 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 25 through January 31. 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/>. I hope you will take advantage of many of these opportunities.

MINORITY RECRUITMENT EVENT FOR EDUCATORS

The Cleveland Area Minority Educators Recruitment Association (CAMERA) cordially invites you to a recruitment and networking event to discuss employment opportunities with recruiters from CAMERA on Thursday, March 19, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County, Essex Place, 6393 Oak Tree Boulevard, Conference Rooms D & E, Independence, Ohio 44131. Please register by clicking on the link below and completing the following information: <http://www.cameracleve.com/index.html>

WITHDRAWAL POLICY

There are times when life happens during a semester and we find that we have to withdraw from 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 me.

INCOMPLETE GRADES

If you received an incomplete in a course at the end of the fall semester, please note that the incompletes will change to a grade of F on January 30, 2015. If you do not anticipate completing the work in a timely fashion, you will need to contact your professor to see if he or she would approve an extension. According to the Graduate Studies Bulletin, extensions are granted by way of petition only for serious reasons. Please be mindful of how much time the professor will need to review your work and submit a grade change by the stated deadline.

IMPORTANT DATES

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| January 23 | Last day to withdraw from spring courses with 67% refund |
| January 30 | Last day to withdraw from spring courses with 33% refund
Incomplete grades from Fall 2014 change to F |
| February 15 | Application for Summer 2015 Graduation Due |

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,



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