

# JCU NPA News

October 2012

## Program Updates

### 2012 Capstone Projects

The 2012 Capstone class recently completed their projects with four local nonprofit organizations. The projects focused on various topics ranging from marketing and communications to membership and feasibility. Ken Fortuna, Jessica Hagerty, and John Hagerty completed a feasibility study for InterReligious Task Force on Central America (IRTF). Danielle DeMaria, Lauren Kotmel, and Nicole Schmunck worked with Geauga County Historical Society to develop a plan for increasing membership. Ross Carbone, Maggie Matune, Franceska Tucker, and Rachel Zaccardelli evaluated the needs of current students and graduates for Seeds of Literacy and developed a communications/outreach strategy for the program's alumni. Fahad Alahmari, Daniel Calloway, Rachel Cotton, and Richard Rozewski developed marketing/fundraising strategies for the Garden Coalition, a community effort of Slavic Village Development.

Many thanks to our alumni who served as coaches for the Capstone groups: Ramona Ramos '09, Beth Lucas '09, Ann Albert '10, and Lori Izeman '08. We would also like to thank our speakers: Judy Comeau-Hart from Association of Fundraising Professionals, Jeanette Savage from Forum for Volunteer Administrators, Kari Mirkin from Young Nonprofit Professionals Network, Gina Wiesblat from NEOMed, and Joan Coyne, Tina Facca, and Cindy Lenox from JCU. We appreciate our coaches and speakers for sharing their time and expertise and for helping our students successfully complete their projects.

### The Nonprofit Leader of Tomorrow Award

We are excited to announce our first ever student award! The Nonprofit Leader of Tomorrow Award will recognize a graduating student who has demonstrated academic excellence, leadership, and service throughout their graduate education. In order to qualify for the award, students must have completed 24 or more credit hours in the program and achieved at least a 3.4 GPA. Students can choose to self-nominate or be nominated for the award. Nominations are due by February 1, 2013 and applications are due by February 15, 2013. More information about the award is available at <http://sites.jcu.edu/nonprofit/nonprofit-leader-of-tomorrow-award/>.

This award was made possible through the generous help of our Awards Committee. They played a significant role in helping us to establish the award and we thank them for their contribution.



## News

We would like to welcome the newest member of our Community Advisory Committee, Dabney Conwell. Dabney is the Executive Director of the East Cleveland Neighborhood Center.

Congratulations to the NPA students who were inducted into the Jesuit Honor Society, Alpha Sigma Nu:

Ross Carbone  
Chantel Davis  
Lavinia Jura

Ruth Rachel Przybojewski  
Sara Thomas

ΑΣΝ recognizes students who distinguish themselves in scholarship, loyalty, and service.

NPA student Brooke Lockett recently accepted a position with Recovery Resources as a Case Manager.

Marcy Shankman, an NPA instructor, is the new Director of Leadership Cleveland and Director of Strategic Initiatives at the Cleveland Leadership Center.

## Alumni Updates

Ramona Ramos '09 is working as a Personnel Security Assistant with the Department of Veteran Affairs Veteran Health Administration.

Samantha Stroud Mealy '11 is now the Director of Marketing & Communications for Catholic Charities - Cleveland.

Beth Lucas '10 has accepted the position of Director of Strategic Initiatives & Development at Baldwin-Wallace.

Tracy Francescone '08 is now the Development Director for Community Services/Summit County at Cleveland Catholic Charities.

Congratulations Ramona, Samantha, Beth and Tracy!

Have some exciting news to share?  
Send us your stories!  
[nonprofit@jcu.edu](mailto:nonprofit@jcu.edu)

## Congratulations to our Spring and Summer 2012 Graduates

Lisa Bostick  
Kenneth Fortuna  
Lauren Kotmel  
Margaret Matune  
Brendan McLaughlin  
Liliana Scales  
Nicole Schmunk  
Kyle Sobh

We wish you success in your future work and service!

## Student Spotlight: Flora Mark

Flora Mark is a student in the 7th cohort of the NPA program. Flora was born and raised in Philadelphia and earned her BA in Political Science and Psychology from Emory University in Atlanta. Flora has lived in Cleveland since 1999.

Flora is involved with the Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) as a donor, art docent, and opening party hostess. Her involvement with the museum began in December 2011 when she was invited by a board member to take part in a hard hat tour of the new building on Euclid. After the tour, Jill Synder, Executive Director of MOCA, gave a presentation on the vision of the new museum and its revitalization impact to the Uptown Development Project in University Circle. By the end of the presentation Flora was captivated by MOCA's mission and vision and quickly signed on to become a donor member and art docent.

As an art docent, Flora was trained by the MOCA Docent Council on the inaugural exhibition, "Inside Out and From the Group Up," and on the building itself. She also had the opportunity to meet artists including Henrique Oliveira and have deep conversations with MOCA curator David Norr. "I feel truly blessed to have so many opportunities to actively participate at MOCA. I am awed at how quickly I was embraced by MOCA as not just a donor but as a docent as well. I frequently praise MOCA but I also need to give credit to the City of Cleveland for the accessibility to volunteer and participate in nonprofit organizations," says Flora. Her opportunities with the museum ranged from meeting board members, staff, and artists to participating in donor events.

In May, Flora was asked to join the opening party host committee where she promoted the sale of VIP tickets for the grand opening party held on October 6th. Two days later, MOCA opened the doors of its new museum to the general public. "Definitely, participating at MOCA has deepened my love and pride for Cleveland and my willingness to offer my talents to my community at large."

Flora also attends Garfield Memorial United Methodist Church in Pepper Pike where she leads a Mom's Journey Group, is the founder of a tween Sunday school class, and is a team member of the Faithforward Campaign Youth and Children Team.



Flora and artist Henrique Oliveira

For information on the Museum of Contemporary Art, visit [www.mocacleveland.org](http://www.mocacleveland.org).

# Spring 2013 Course Offerings

AC 572: Accounting and Tax Issues for NPs	T	6:30-9:15	Weinstein
MK 521: Principles of Marketing	W	6:30-9:15	Facca
MN 550N: Leadership & Managerial Skills (NP)	M	6:30-9:15	Allen
MN 591N: Ethics & Bus. Environmental (NP)	Th	6:30-9:15	TBA
NP 570: Strategic Planning for NP Administrators	M	6:30-9:15	Shankman
NP 510: Internship in Nonprofit Administration	Date/Time TBD		Stiles
NP 580: Independent Study	Date/Time TBD		Stiles

## Registration Information

Priority registration for Spring 2013 begins November 2nd. To register for Spring courses, students can register online using the Banner system. In-person registration will take place in the Student Service Center (room 037 on the lower level of the Administration Building) during normal business hours. Changes in registration (e.g., adding/dropping a course, withdrawing from a course) are processed by the office located in the Student Service Center.

## Graduation Application Deadlines:

Commencement 2013 will be on May 19th. Graduate students who complete degree requirements and wish to participate in the May 2013 commencement exercise should apply for graduation by November 26th. The Graduation Application can be found at <https://johncarrolluniversity.wufoo.com/forms/m7r0p1/>.

The deadline to apply for Summer 2013 graduation is February 15. Summer commencement will be held on August 31, 2013.

In order to qualify for participation in commencement, students cannot have more than nine remaining hours necessary to complete their degree program.

## The Nonprofit Administration Program Welcomes its Seventh Cohort

- There are 28 new students this year
- 3 are international students
- 32% received their undergraduate degree from JCU
- 79% received their undergraduate degree from a college or university in Ohio
- 57% are employed by local nonprofit organizations
- Undergraduate degrees range from the arts and sciences to business, engineering, nursing and mathematics.

## Welcome New NPA Students!

Thank you for choosing the NPA program at JCU to continue your education. We look forward to an exciting and educational year.

Shaping the service providers of today into the nonprofit leaders of tomorrow.



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