

COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES  
Dean: Dr. Linda Adams

Communication Sciences and Disorders: Dr. Cheryl Gunter, Chair

**Dr. Supraja Anand, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders**

-Dr. Anand is a very sincere teacher who shows she cares for her students' learning as well as their well-being. Her powerpoints and resources are always posted online in a timely manner. Her overall course structure is organized and follows the textbook well. She genuinely cares about how her students feel about her teaching style and often asks for their suggestions. She is well-versed in what she is teaching and is still very personable. She may even reward you with cupcakes or extra credit for extra work done!

**Dr. Elizabeth Grillo, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders**

-Dr. Grillo is by far one of the best teachers I have ever had. It was obvious that she knew the material she was teaching impeccably well, which was extremely helpful whenever we had questions. She was one of the few professors I have had that reference field work in the real world. When she teaches, she describes a concept and then elaborates on how the information will be useful when we enter our careers. She introduced us to actual instrumentation that SLP's currently use in the field, and made sure we were able to master these pieces of equipment by the end of class. She structured the class in a way that was appropriately challenging and fostered a desire to continuously learn more. She treated her students with the utmost respect and often challenged us to think hard, work hard, and learn more than we thought we were capable of learning. Dr. Grillo has made me genuinely excited to pursue a career in speech language pathology.

-Dr. Grillo is passionate about her field of work and about the students that she has the opportunity to educate. She has high expectations for her students, due in full to her belief that they are capable of reaching any goals that they set for themselves. Realizing that some students may not be aware of their own potential, she makes herself available to any students who reaches out for help.

Striving to reach the goals that she set challenged me in a way that empowered me to reach for and achieve levels of excellence that I did not know that I was capable of. Her teaching ability and extensive knowledge in the field of speech language pathology go hand-in-hand to make her a wonderful professor, advisor, and advocate for her students, and I am grateful for the opportunity to have been a student in her class.

**Dr. Sojung Kim, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders**

-Dr. Sojung Kim is extremely clear and helpful. She is always very thorough in her lessons, and never goes through information too fast. She has a very clear understanding of the material she teaches. I never have anxiety about her class, and her lessons and

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assignments are very organized. Dr. Kim appears to put a lot of time and effort into her lessons and students.

-Dr. Kim is a kind and supportive professor. As one of her advisees, I can attest to the helpful advice Dr. Kim provides. Dr. Kim also provided me with the opportunity to participate on her research project. She has been supportive of my academic development throughout my four years as a West Chester University undergraduate. Dr. Kim is an asset to the Communication Sciences and Disorders department and I am grateful for her continued support.

**Professor Jeremy Morton, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders**

-Professor Morton is by far one of the best teachers I have had. He teaches sign language using a full immersion tactic in which he signs and encourages his students to sign at all times. He creates new and innovative ways to get points across that manage to engage the students for the entire class period. He makes sure that before he moves on to a new concept that everyone in the class understands the prior concepts. He gives everyone an opportunity to demonstrate what we've learned in order to practice and apply the knowledge correctly. He is always willing to help students and will clarify any confusion. Most importantly he doesn't let what others perceive to be a "disability" stand in his way of teaching and helping students. I would strongly recommend this teacher to anyone who is interested in learning sign language and/or about Deaf culture.

Kinesiology: Dr. Frank Fry, Chair

**Dr. John Helion, Department of Kinesiology**

-This professor deserves this recognition because he makes his class unique. He incorporates real life examples with fun team bonding activities. His class makes you think deeply and interactions are a must. These interactions keep you interested and excited for the next class.

-Dr. Helion deserves this recognition because his teaching style is like no one else's. He has made me think more than any other teacher or professor every has. He goes into deep conversation and touches upon subjects most professors wouldn't dare to. On top of this, his class is so much fun and allows me to form better relationships with my classmates.

-Dr. Helion deserves this recognition because he is teaching us valuable life lessons. He is showing us how to face our fears and respect one another. Dr. Helion encourages us to help and support one another. Dr. Helion genuinely cares about us and values our relationships.

-Dr. Helion is an amazing professor. He deserves this recognition because he challenges each and every one of his students. Dr. Helion also encourages us to form a deeper relationship with ourselves.

**Dr. Melissa Whidden, Department of Kinesiology**

-Dr. Whidden devotes herself fully to each and every one of her students. No only is Dr. Whidden an energetic and engaging professor, she is also the faculty advisor for the

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exercise science club which meets outside the normal class time. Dr. Whidden constantly shows us how the lecture material applies to our future career, and challenges us to think critically each class.

-Dr. Whidden is the most professional and enthusiastic professor in the exercise science department. She really shows her passion for the health sciences and is always able to communicate with her students in lecture and lab. Dr. Whidden is an amazing reminder for why I love my area of study.

Nursing: Dr. Charlotte Mackey, Chair

**Dr. Mary Mraz, Department of Nursing**

-Dr. Mraz is an amazing professor who shares her passion for nursing with students. Dr. Mraz goes above and beyond to provide students with a wealth of experiences, and challenges them to provide the best care possible. She truly cares about students and loves nursing. Her passion for the profession shines through whether in class, clinical, or even a casual conversation which is truly inspiring.

-Dr. Mraz deserves this recognition for her excellence of knowledge and skills training in the classroom and clinical settings. She utilizes her outgoing personality to engage students in the lecture setting and build their confidence in critical thinking knowledge. Dr. Mraz goes above and beyond during simulation nursing practice by creating real life scenarios involving the simulation models to prepare nursing students for their future careers. For example, Dr. Mraz took our clinical group outside with the pediatric simulation model in order to help us fully understand the scenario of a child injured on the playground. She encourages students who are not in the nursing role during simulation to act as distractions, as would occur in real life, in order to allow the student nurses to learn how to deal with stressful yet critical situations. Dr. Mraz has high expectations of her students and confidence in their abilities. She is an incredibly valuable faculty member in the nursing department in that she makes sure that each day she is preparing her students to maintain and improve the health of all of their future patients. Her passion for nursing is evident by the way she manages her professional career with a positive attitude and eagerness to teach the next generation of nurses.

**Dr. Marcia Welsh, Department of Nursing**

-Dr. Welsh's energy and enthusiasm during class and in clinical rotations demonstrates here genuine passion for her profession, and willingness to share her expertise with students. Willing to answer all questions students have, patient, and encouraging, Dr. Welsh inspires nursing students to work to the best of their abilities. Having had Dr. Welsh in both lecture and clinical rotations, I learned a wealth of knowledge I can apply to future practice, and the dedication and care involved in being a nurse. Overall, I greatly enjoyed every learning experience Dr. Welsh offers. Passionate about nursing, specifically maternal-child health, and willing to share this passion with students, Dr.

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Marcia Welsh most definitely represents one of West Chester University's Outstanding Faculty.

Nutrition: Dr. Jeffrey Harris, Chair

**Dr. Patricia Davidson, Department of Nutrition**

-When I came to college this year, I was very nervous as to what it would be like. Luckily, my very first class of my very first semester was taught by Dr. Davidson. She made me fall even deeper in love with my major as she taught the material and told us stories about her experiences as a clinical dietician. I know that I can ask her any question because a comprehensive reply is always the result. Dr. Davidson is an incredible person who deserves this recognition

Sports Medicine: Dr. Carolyn Jimenez, Chair

**Dr. Katherine Morrison, Department of Sports Medicine**

-From the moment Dr. Morrison steps into the classroom, she brings with her an air of positivity and excitement. I have had the privilege to be a student in two of her classes and it is no surprise they have been my favorite classes. Dr. Morrison combines her passion for the information she is teaching and her profession with her laid back personality and sense of humor to create a comfortable learning environment that inspires and fosters learning. From personal experience, she has encouraged me and pushed me to put my best academic foot forward and through her enthusiasm has further inspired my passion for our profession.