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GOLDEN RAMS FOREVER!!!

WELCOME TO /si εs di/

Welcome to our 2nd issue of our monthly e-newsletter! We are happy to share our CSD news with you . . . and we hope that you, in turn, will share your news with us! The CSD Department faculty members do not slow down in the summer. From our instruction of classes, our supervision of both on-campus and off-campus clinical students, our work on our research and scholarship projects, our advisement of new 1st year students (as well as new internal and external transfer students), our welcome of new Pre-Graduate Certificate students, our involvement in our professional associations, and our celebrations of students' milestones – well, we keep very busy! But, we are not so busy that we do not take time to reach out to YOU (this means YOU) with our news.

Please Send News Items To . . .

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Thank You!



The M.A. Program
Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders
is accredited in Speech-Language Pathology by the
Council on Academic Accreditation
of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
(Current Accreditation Effective 2007-2015)

May 2013 . . .

West Chester University Commencement



Our 2013 M.A. Graduates
Elena D'Aquili Lawrence,
Chad Friedman, Christina Earl

M.A. COMMENCEMENT May 20, 2013

Monday, May 20, was a very special day for three of our M.A. students – Ellie, Chad, Christie – who received their M.A. degrees in the WCU M.A. Commencement ceremony in Hollinger Field House on the WCU campus. Dr. Ray Zetts, then-Dean of the College of Health Sciences, and Dr. Michael Weiss, then-Chairperson of the CSD Department, presented them with their purple and gold hoods in the course of the ceremony. Video of the hooding ceremony is available on our CSD Facebook page. After a well-earned rest, our newest M.A. graduates will prepare for their Clinical Fellowships in Speech-Language Pathology. We wish them the very best of success and satisfaction in their continued service to others.

B.A. COMMENCEMENT May 18, 2013

Saturday, May 18, was a very special day for our B.A. students scheduled for graduation in either Spring Semester 2013 or Summer Semester 2013. They celebrated the completion (or near-completion) of their B.A. degrees in the WCU B.A. Commencement ceremony in Farrell Stadium. The CSD Department congratulates Leah Coan, our 2012-2013 NSSLHA President, who, because of her selection as a flag bearer for the ceremony, proudly carried the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania flag into the stadium. We wish the very best of success and satisfaction to our stellar group of graduates, whose names and graduation honors are listed in the next column.

STUDENTS SCHEDULED FOR GRADUATION SPRING 2013 AND SUMMER 2013 COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Caitlin R. Brook Arielle M. Brown
Justine M. Conte Janice E. Newton
Kiersten J. Parker Whitney J. Robinson
Elexis Salvitti Anna E. Sigle

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Cum Laude

Jessica D. DeLaurentis Alexis E. Fetterman
Anne P. Jones Rachel Kodalen
Lauren M. Lagunovich
Maria L. Martin Candace M. Miller
Jessica L. Miller Marthalou M. Murphy
Ashley M. Ryan Lea M. Stubblebine
Emily E. Tracy Alyse A. Voulo

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Magna Cum Laude

Elizabeth A. Boaz Ashley E. Dutcher
Kasie M. Freeman Chelsea L. Harris
Jennifer M. Hilbish Kristina E. G. Howard
Jaime Hughes Julia F. Kane
Steven M. Kazor Irina Linkov
Alexa R. Pomante Morganrae Sherick
Trevor P. Solis Tia R. Tessitore
Soraya K. Zarreii

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Summa Cum Laude

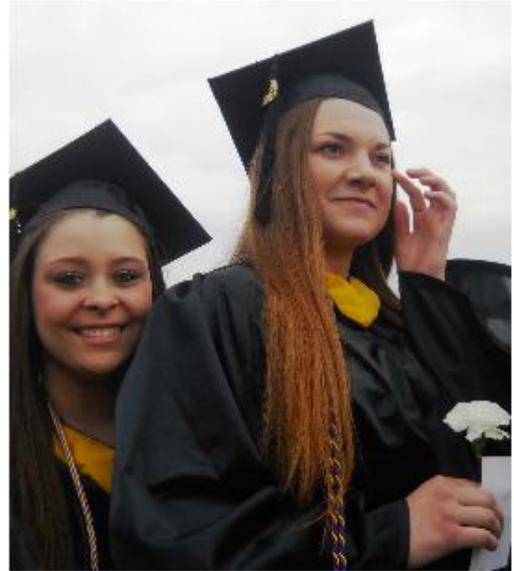
Kristina T. Barder Danielle M. Cappellett
Deborah K. Checkum Erika T. Cloud
Leah M. Coan Arielle E. Cragin
Jenna C. DelSordo Christine E. Devinney
Danielle J. Fraser Bernadette Grandieri
Danielle L. Hamilton Sara L. Krieger
Morgan A. Levitz Maria L. Melenchick
Alyssa A. Nemeth Lisa M. Pesce
Raele D. Robison Svjetlana S. Vitor
Amanda D. Wagaman Molly J. Walsh



NEXT: COMMENCEMENT PHOTOS . . .









*Thank You
To Our 2012-2013
Graduate Assistants*

*Welcome
To Our 2013-2014
Pre-Graduate Certificate Students*



**Graduate Assistants
Ralph Magliano, Michael Beris,
Kaitlyn McAnlis, Kimberly Silva
at Timothy's Restaurant**



**Pre-Graduate Certificate Students
at their Orientation Session
May 15, 2013**

On May 15, 2013, the faculty of the CSD Department celebrated the contributions of the 2012-2013 CSD Graduate Assistants to the work of the Department. Present for a lunch at a local restaurant were Ralph, Michael, Kaitlyn, and Kimberly (pictured above). Graduate Assistants who could not be present, but whose contributions were just as important, were Allison Boyer, Phil Doucette, Lindsey Horowitz, and Christine Weiler. A surprise visitor at the event was little Miss Avery May Beris (born April 2013), who drew many "oohs" and "aahs" from her faculty admirers. Congratulations to the Beris Family on the arrival of your very special new family member! Sincere thanks and best wishes for continued success to the Graduate Assistants, who will start their second year of their M.A. studies in Fall Semester 2013.

On May 15, 2013, the 2013-2013 Pre-Graduate Certificate Students arrived at the CSD Department for their P.C.P. Orientation. These students, who have earned their undergraduate degrees in non-CSD disciplines, will devote the next four semesters to the completion of the classes that comprise our present CSD B.A. curriculum. At that point, their studies will have prepared them for continued graduate studies in CSD. Best wishes to each of our new P.C.P. students – and welcome to the CSD Department!

Students . . .

Remember, we welcome your parents as subscribers to the CSD E-Newsletter!
Have your parents/family members/friends send their e-mail addresses to cgunter@wcupa.edu with a note about their connection to you.

Congratulations

Ashley Cyr
Rebecca Finkenaur

2012-2013

Pre-Graduate Certificate Students

for their completion of their
Certificate Program
in Spring Semester 2013

Best Wishes for Continued Success!

*College of Health Sciences
Transitions and Thanks*

**FROM THE ACADEMIC WORLD
INTO THE POLITICAL WORLD . . .**

Dr. Michael Weiss, recently retired Chairperson of the CSD Department, has moved directly into the local political world. In his recent e-mail, in which he described his activity in the local May primary election, he said, "I have attached a photo of my handing out campaign material for myself and other candidates outside Ithan Elementary School, our precinct polling place, during the primary election yesterday. I am running for judge of elections in our precinct. I also served as a poll watcher. What a day it was: 15 continuous hours of handing out printed brochures for local candidates, explaining endorsements showing people a sample ballot and finally, tallying the votes. I certainly learned a lot about the processes of the electoral system and I am thankful that this country has so many hard-working, civic-minded people of all political stripes, that are willing to volunteer long hours and hard work to maintain our right to vote." We have learned that Dr. Weiss won his primary election for his office and will appear on the ballot in the local November election. Best wishes to Dr. Weiss for continued success and satisfaction in his public service!

Welcome . . .

To Our First-Year Students And Your Parents

as you attend Summer Orientation on the WCU campus. We wish you a very pleasant and productive experience while you are here, and we look forward to your presence in our classes this Fall Semester!

**THANK YOU,
DR. ZETTS AND DR. MACKEY!**

**WELCOME,
DR. ADAMS!**

Sincere thanks and best wishes to Dr. Ray Zetts (2012-2013 Dean, College of Health Sciences) and Dr. Charlotte Mackey (2012-2013 Associate Dean, College of Health Sciences) for their term of exemplary service to CHS and WCU. The CSD family members appreciate your contributions to our staff, faculty, and students and will remember your support well into the future. Best wishes, Dr. Zetts, upon your return to the Associate Dean, College of Health Sciences, position, and Dr. Mackey, upon your return to the Chair, Department of Nursing, position. Every farewell is accompanied by a welcome, so WELCOME to Dr. Linda Thompson Adams, Dean, College of Health Sciences, whose term of service started on June 1, 2013. Dr. Adams, whose background is in Nursing, brings considerable academic, clinical, and administrative expertise into her new position, and the CSD family looks forward to the opportunities that we will have to work with you!



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Communication Sciences and Disorders

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May 10, 2013
CSD Faculty Members
at farewell luncheon to honor
Michael and Lucy Weiss
Teikoku Restaurant

*Focus on
Carter Drive Faces*

SOMVIENG LOUANGXAY



Late afternoon at 201 Carter Drive . . .
Look down any hallway for Som,
who is always very hard at work!

This month, our 201 Carter Drive “Featured Face” is that of Mr. Somvieng Louangxay. Mr. Louangxay is known to the CSD Family as “Som.”

In the late afternoon, he is a familiar face on every hallway in the CSD Department as he completes the custodial duties that help our academic and clinical facilities maintain their professional appearance. From emptying the containers that are overflowing with (for starters) Wawa coffee cups to directing our recycled items to their proper locations to vacuuming our spills of the hole puncher contents from the carpets (sorry, Som), he is a tireless worker on our behalf. Som’s parents were from Laos, where his siblings were born. After their birth, the family moved to Thailand, where Som was born. He has been in the United States for many years and is the proud father of two daughters and several grandchildren. He visits relatives in the midwest (Nebraska) as often as he can. When you see him, ask him about the Philadelphia sports teams! His knowledge of the “ins” and “outs” of the teams is “spot on,” and we only hope that someone like Charlie Manuel does not snatch him away from us for his advice! He is also a fan of Jeopardy! on television. Thank you, Som, for all that you do! We appreciate your hard work more than we can easily express.

*CSD Dean's List Honorees
Spring Semester 2013*

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| Carly F. Adams | Jennifer L. Allen |
| Kelly L. Anderson | Kristina T. Barder |
| Rachel L. Barnhart | Alexa L. Barry |
| Rebekah B. Beahan | Jordan L. Bennett |
| Whitney S. Black | Elizabeth A. Boaz |
| Jessica M. Bramante | Mackensey J. Buell |
| Katherine P. Burkner | Rachel L. Butera |
| Danielle M. Cappellett | Samantha E. Caruso |
| Shannon H. Cassidy | Deborah K. Checkum |
| Melissa F. Christie | Michelle J. Ciancia |
| Kirsten E. Clemens | Leah M. Coan |
| Victoria L. Coates | Arielle E. Cragin |
| Cecelia M. Cronin | Jenna L. Crowley |
| Samantha M. D’Amora | Alicia M. D’Antonio |
| Marissa E. Dardozzi | Christine C. DeCicco |
| Jessica D. DeLaurentis | Amy E. DePippo |
| Emily J. Deeves | Jenna C. DelSordo |
| Christine E. Devinney | Isabella A. DiLauro |
| Ashley E. Dutcher | Emily V. Elias |
| Tara A. Ellington | Elizabeth A. Fedak |
| Alexis E. Fetterman | Rebecca D. Fisher |
| Kayleigh R. Flaim | Maurice E. Flurie |
| Danielle J. Fraser | Kasie M. Freeman |
| Anne M. Garstka | Bernadette Grandieri |
| Renee L. Gross | Erin K. Hadfield |
| Danielle L. Hamilton | Chelsea L. Harris |
| Nicole E. Hearn | Jennifer Hilbish |
| Kristina E. Howard | Alyssa M. Hudson |
| Jaime Hughes | Jaclyn R. Iovine |
| Cassandra M. Ippolito | Jillian L. Jackson |
| Anne P. Jones | Julia F. Kane |
| Caitlin R. Kane | Corinne M. Kelleher |
| Maura N. Kelly | Emily N. Kish |
| Elise M. Klemm | Sara L. Krieger |
| Lauren M. Lagunovich | Elise M. Lerario |
| Morgan A. Levitz | Adriane J. Lien |
| Irina Linkov | Haley B. Livingston |
| Judy M. Lubas | Rachel A. Maga |
| Erin T. Maloney | Erin S. McCaig |
| Kelsey M. McIntyre | Maria L. Melenchick |
| Chelsea E. Meloni | Amanda L. Mooney |
| Bethany B. Morrison | Victoria A. Mosuriak |
| Marthalou M. Murphy | Alyssa A. Nemeth |
| Emilie M. Peel | Lisa M. Pesce |
| Alexa R. Pomante | Julia A. Repko |
| Lisa M. Rinehart | Raele D. Robison |
| Lara M. Roche | Marissa L. Romero |
| Katie J. Roth | Mariah E. Ruane |
| Samantha M. Rubin | Andrea P. Rudderow |
| Bethany N. Rudy | Gia L. Santivasi |
| Chelsea L. Seagraves | Morganrae Sherick |
| Anna E. Sigle | Amanda C. Sloan |
| Kaitlyn M. Smith | Staci L. Sorrell |
| Amanda M. St. George | Jessica L. Stoffel |
| Elissa Streisel | Lea M. Stubblebine |
| Emily R. Swavely | Kylie J. Thorne |
| Kelsey M. Turzmanovicz | Nicole E. Vigilante |
| Svjetlana Vitor | Alyse A. Voulo |
| Amanda D. Wagaman | Julie A. Waldron |
| Molly J. Walsh | Kelli E. Warner |
| Morgan A. Weinstein | Brianna M. Welch |
| Victoria A. Wermert | Abigail I. Wheeler |
| Elizabeth C. Wilson | Julia A. Witmer |
| Sarah R. Workman | Dina L. Worley |
| Lauren D. Zayatz | Ashley E. Zink |

Congratulations . . .



Maria Martin
C&D B.A. Student

for your selection to
"Who's Who Among Students in
America's Universities and Colleges"



Dr. Judith Curtin
C&D Instructor in Audiology

for your nomination for
the "Woman of Achievement" award
from the Chester County March of Dimes Association

Best Wishes
For Continued Success!

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In Memory *Dedication Of Memorial Brick*



On May 15, 2013, the CSD faculty members, joined by Lucy Weiss, visited the Alumni Hall Plaza on the WCU campus to honor the memory of Jonathan Weiss, son of Michael and Lucy Weiss, with the dedication of a Memorial Brick donated to the plaza by the faculty. Faculty members Dr. Mareile Koenig, Dr. Jennifer Means, Dr. Elizabeth Grillo, and Dr. Sojung Kim read special poems that they had selected for the occasion that reflected the relationships between parents and their children, as well as the memories that we have of departed loved ones. Faculty members Dr. Cheryl Gunter and Dr. Patricia Swasey Washington read selected Psalms from the Holy Bible. Dr. Michael Weiss added a lovely tribute to Jonathan, as well as to Alyssa, his other child, and Lucy, his wife. The participants in the service of dedication took with them the Mourner's Kaddish and the intent to reflect upon these words in memory of Jonathan that evening. Everyone is invited to visit the Alumni Hall Plaza to view this and other bricks that comprise this lovely campus site.

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