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"The better part of one's life consists of his friendships" Abraham Lincoln

Graduate Dean's Message: Welcome to the first newsletter for graduate students! We hope the contents help you better understand the graduate culture at Shepherd. It is our vision to provide excellence in service and professionalism for your graduate career and beyond (especially as alum!).

As you will read, many new and exciting events are planned for the 2009 year. Please visit us in the graduate studies office anytime during office hours to let us know how your graduate career is going – we like to hear the good things as well!

**Sincerely, Dr. Russell Porter –
Dean of Graduate Studies & Continuing Ed.**

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Program Highlights:

Master of Arts in Curriculum and Instruction

The MA-CI program continues to expand the literature as graduating graduate students prepare their theses for defense. Another cohort of MA-CI students will help all of us better understand pedagogy and curriculum and instruction issues for teachers when their theses are complete. Also, the Division of Graduate Studies and the three counties in the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia are trying to create a new cohort for general science teachers starting this Fall 2009 Semester – more to follow as we try to develop that cohort!

Master of Arts – College Student Development Administration

Students in the College Student Development and Administration program were invited to the Chancellor's lecture series in Charleston, WV in November. Students were guests of Chancellor Brian Noland and heard nationally recognized speaker George Kuh address issues of assessment and retention in Higher Education.

Keith A. Worrell, Jr. was selected to serve on the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association's (NIRSA) 2010 National Intramural Sports Symposium Committee.

Dr. Richard A. Stevens, Jr. was selected to serve on the American College Personnel Association – College Student Educator International's 2010 International Convention committee. He has also served on the 2003 and 2008 Convention teams.

Master of Arts in Teaching

The MAT students are working diligently on obtaining their teacher certification in 12 different specialty areas. And they are to be congratulated on obtaining entrance to the only NCATE acknowledged program in the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia.

With the economy as it is, there is a growing trend in the MAT applications since teachers have a stable profession. However, the rigors of the MAT do prove that not all are capable of a very demanding time as a teacher. Both the cognitive and affective parts of the undergraduate required courses for each specialization in the MAT is "daunting" to many "want to be" teachers (50% of a specialization required undergraduate courses are required before the MAT students can start the program, along with acceptable Praxis Score). Therefore, Shepherd continues to accept only those with the highest potential at the graduate level – and stands on the shoulders of the exceptional undergraduate teacher program!

Master of Business Administration

The MBA program continues to grow despite (or in reaction to) the economy. The MBA is also reaching out to the health industry and has developed an MBA in Health Administration that is pending Shepherd University approval by the Board of Governors. With the emphasis area in healthcare, a significant new group of students may be in the MBA courses this fall.

Master of Music in Music Education

Three MMME graduate students will be the first to represent their program as graduates this May. Congratulations to the first group of MMME graduates! Their dedication over the past three years has paid off (Finally!). Dr. Mark McCoy, Chair/Graduate Coordinator for the MMME is starting to use teleconferencing courses in the MMME this summer. More to follow on how that form of education can reach out farther to the RESAVIII music teachers!

Graduating Graduate Student Spotlight
Eric Goff,
MBA Candidate 2009

Most Positive Aspect of the Graduate Program:

I found the impressive expertise and the accessibility of both the professors and their guest speakers to be a positive aspect of the MBA program. The professors always took time out of their day to assist with class topics and took time to discuss current events and my future goals.

Most Positive Aspect of Shepherd University:

I appreciated the small class sizes and a tremendous value for the money. The personal atmosphere and attention at Shepherd made the program enjoyable and very memorable. Being able to travel to China as part of the MBA program and learn about their business practices will have a lasting impact on my career.

Ambitions after Shepherd University:

I hope to make a transition in my career from the secondary classroom into international business. In doing so, I will utilize my science background, the MBA, leadership experiences such as Leadership WV and Leadership Berkeley and various international experiences to work for a multinational corporation in bridging the gap between business and research.

Quick Fact: The five master's programs have grown to 149 matriculated students, and an additional 40 non-matriculated students for 189 total in Spring 2009 Semester. In 2003 there were 27 graduate students. That is a 600% increase since 2003!!

Graduate Faculty Spotlight
Dr. David J. Gonzol,
BS, MME, PhD, KC, OSC

Short Biography:

One of my best professors at Messiah College, Dr. William Higgins, gave me the best advice about continuing studies after my baccalaureate in music education: Go now if you have the money. So in three semesters and a summer at Temple University, I earned a Master of Music Education degree. I married, and taught in the public schools, then became an adjunct faculty member. As we raised our children, I began my Doctor of Philosophy program in music education, taking courses for five years. My dissertation took five more years, and I was nominated for the Council for Research in Music Education 1995 Outstanding Dissertation Award.

Research Interests:

Although music education research has less backing than other areas, I found excellent professors to learn from. As a full-time professor, I was eager to earn certification in Kodály and Orff Schulwerk. I helped found two master's degree programs, and my research helps me teach students why we teach, a powerful foundation to ensure better teaching practice. I continue research on Otto Rudolph Ortmann's philosophy, but also Kodály and Orff pedagogy--combined with an interest in music literature, as in an article for the Kodály Envoy which involved translating the medieval Latin instructions for the famous round, Sumer is icumen in - and in my book of Orff arrangements, Round the Corner and Away We Go.

Courses Taught:

I currently teach Foundations of Music Education, Learning and Teaching in Music Education, and Kodály certification courses.

Distinguished Graduate Student Awards – New for 2009!

Starting in the 2008-2009 academic year, the Division of Graduate Studies is launching two awards for graduate students: 1. “The Distinguished Graduate Student Award in Scholarship,” and 2. “The Distinguished Graduate Student Award in Professionalism.” Both awards demonstrate the “benchmark” in scholarship and professionalism among all graduate students. Dean Porter established the awards with a monetary outcome (\$300 to each winner) and perpetual acknowledgement with the awardees names on a plaque that will hang near the graduate studies office.

All graduate students are encouraged to participate and those who have graduated in the prior summer and fall, as well as spring semesters, are eligible to apply. Students must be graduating or have graduated since the last commencement to participate (e.g., for Spring 2009 Semester commencement, graduate students who graduated in Summer 2008, Fall 2008 and Spring 2009 Semesters are eligible). Graduate students can contact the graduate studies office or request a nomination form from dean Porter at rporter@shepherd.edu, or the respective graduate coordinators. The process includes nominations and 10 finalists representing all of the five graduate programs. From the 10 finalists, one individual will be selected for each award. Dean Porter and external reviewers will help determine the winners. During an awards banquet prior to the commencement, the finalists and two award winners will be announced. See below for banquet information. *[Nominations extended to April 3, 2009]*

Distinguished Graduate Faculty Award

To recognize our talented graduate faculty, the Graduate Committee has established a “Distinguished Graduate Faculty” Award starting this year. All graduate faculty who taught in the last year are eligible and both faculty and students can nominate a graduate faculty. Although a graduate faculty may be nominated, the reviewers will check for qualifications (e.g., especially teaching in the last year for teaching evaluations). The award is based on teaching evaluations (60%), scholarship (20%) and community service (20%). There will be five finalists from all nominations with one from each of the five graduate programs represented. The winner will be announced at the Graduate Studies Award banquet indicated below and carries with it a \$300 professional development grant. *[Nominations extended to April 3, 2009]*

Graduate Studies Award Banquet – Dinner in the Storer Ballroom

All graduate students, family and friends, faculty and staff are invited to the Graduate Studies Awards Banquet on May 15, 2009. *(Graduate students who are participating in the commencement are strongly encouraged to attend)* During the awards dinner, the 10 finalists and two award winners for the Distinguished Graduate Students in Scholarship and Professionalism will be announced. Also, the five finalists and winner of the Distinguished Graduate Faculty award will be announced. Our Keynote Speaker will be the West Virginia University System Vice Chancellor – Dr. Bruce Flack. Cost will be \$10 for Graduate Students and \$20 for family, friends and faculty/staff. *(The 10 Distinguished Graduate Student Finalists and 5 Distinguished Graduate Faculty Finalists are covered by the Division of Graduate Studies).*

Graduate Dean's Distinguished Student List (Previous Semester 4.0 GPA)

MBA= MBA; MA-CI= CURR; MMME=MMME; MA-CSDA=CSDA; MAT=MAT

Must have at least 3 Credits without an Incomplete

<i>Anderson, Kelly Sue</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>Baden, Robert Joseph</i>	<i>CSDA</i>
<i>Baran, Amanda Megan</i>	<i>CURR</i>
<i>Bedford, Melissa Michele</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>Beightol-Deverle, Emily Ann</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>Bond, Kendra Dawn</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>Bowers, Patricia Lynn</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>Bowman, Myron Parker</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>Brady, Sarah Kay</i>	<i>MMME</i>
<i>Brill, Sharon Lynne</i>	<i>CURR</i>
<i>Britton, Shane C</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>Brubaker, Travis Lee</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>Calabretta, Jonathan McClean</i>	<i>CSDA</i>
<i>Carriere, Jr., Bruce Elliott</i>	<i>MMME</i>
<i>Carter-Fleming, Jennifer Rhea</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>Chippie, Marisa Amelia</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>Cooper, Jessica Ryan</i>	<i>CSDA</i>
<i>Correll, Jesse Paul</i>	<i>CSDA</i>
<i>Crowder, Lori Jean</i>	<i>CURR</i>
<i>DeYoung, Dale Richard</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>Detrick, Jessica Marie</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>Dyke, Katherine Laurant</i>	<i>CSDA</i>
<i>Elliott, Larissa Anne Doran</i>	<i>MMME</i>
<i>Elmore, Shanahan Gayle</i>	<i>MAT</i>
<i>Foote, David Charles</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>Foster, Brandon David</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>Frye, Holly Morgan</i>	<i>CSDA</i>
<i>Gidley, Donald Melvin</i>	<i>CURR</i>
<i>Godfrey, Laura Elizabeth</i>	<i>MMME</i>
<i>Goff, Eric Willard</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>Grabowska, Monica Dailey</i>	<i>MAT</i>
<i>Grady, Sarah Rose</i>	<i>CURR</i>
<i>Gratz, Donald Alfred</i>	<i>MBA</i>

<i>Halterman, Carla D.</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>Hartman, Jeffrey Michael</i>	<i>CURR</i>
<i>Helmick, Heather Rae</i>	<i>CURR</i>
<i>Hendricks, Meghan Ruth</i>	<i>MAT</i>
<i>Henning, Jacquelyn Gail</i>	<i>CSDA</i>
<i>Householder, Sara Elizabeth</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>Jenkins, N Leigh</i>	<i>CURR</i>
<i>Johns, Rachel Kollmann-Gilber</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>Kaufman, Hannah Mariam</i>	<i>CURR</i>
<i>Kelsey, Courtney Mittelholzer</i>	<i>CSDA</i>
<i>Kishbaugh, Cynthia Lynn</i>	<i>CURR</i>
<i>Kishbaugh, Keith Randy</i>	<i>CURR</i>
<i>Lee, James Craig</i>	<i>MMME</i>
<i>Leiter, Jeremiah David</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>Lindsay, Delores A</i>	<i>CURR</i>
<i>Lorenzen, Patricia West</i>	<i>MAT</i>
<i>Lowe, Jennifer Carrigan</i>	<i>CURR</i>
<i>Malfregeot, Irene Megan</i>	<i>CSDA</i>
<i>Mauck, John Jeffery</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>McClintock, Summer Ann</i>	<i>CURR</i>
<i>McClure, Kent Eugene</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>McCune, Brance Lindsey</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>McGibbon, Jennifer Marie</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>Milleson, Barbara Lattanze</i>	<i>MAT</i>
<i>Moore, Scott Harris</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>Morgan, Juliana DeMedeiros</i>	<i>CURR</i>
<i>Morris, Megan Elizabeth</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>Mott, Katie Yost</i>	<i>MAT</i>
<i>Myers, Mazie Mae</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>Myers, Tracy Virginia</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>Newlon, Connor Sheppard</i>	<i>MAT</i>
<i>Noechel, Autumn Denise</i>	<i>CSDA</i>
<i>Paul, Charles Andrew</i>	<i>MMME</i>
<i>Perez, Antonio</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>Pugh, Cynthia Ann</i>	<i>CURR</i>
<i>Racey, Jeannette Leigh</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>Raine, Donna Jean</i>	<i>MAT</i>
<i>Rishell, Anthony Jason</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>Runkles, Tara Ann</i>	<i>CURR</i>

<i>Salfia, Jessica Paige</i>	<i>CURR</i>
<i>Sarra, Kathleen Elizabeth</i>	<i>CSDA</i>
<i>Schar, Anna Jill</i>	<i>MAT</i>
<i>Shaffer, Steven Bradley</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>Shank, Amy Jo</i>	<i>MAT</i>
<i>Shank, Ronald Charles</i>	<i>CSDA</i>
<i>Shives, Megan Elizabeth</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>Sibert, Jayden Garland</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>Sims, Danial Marion</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>Smith, Leanne Elsemore</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>Sousane, Richard Joseph</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>Spence, Judy Anne</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>Spengler, Laura Jeanne</i>	<i>MAT</i>
<i>Sponaugle, Bradley Keith</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>St Onge, JoAnn S</i>	<i>CURR</i>
<i>Staub, Terry Aaron</i>	<i>MAT</i>
<i>Stike, Tracy Michele</i>	<i>MMME</i>
<i>Swanson, Christopher Steven</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>Sweeney, James T</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>Swinney, Maxwell Samuel</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>Szemborski, Jennifer Anne</i>	<i>CURR</i>
<i>Tippets, Joseph Michael</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>Vetter, Sara Beth</i>	<i>MMME</i>
<i>Wall, Charles Francis</i>	<i>MMME</i>
<i>Wean, Daniel Ross</i>	<i>MBA</i>
<i>Welch, Tracie Chloel</i>	<i>MAT</i>
<i>White, Erica Louise</i>	<i>CURR</i>
<i>Michelle Marshall</i>	<i>CURR</i>

Congratulations to all the graduate students who persevered and received a perfect 4.0 GPA for the previous semester. While a 4.0 GPA for your entire graduate career is not a requirement for the Distinguished Graduate Student Awards (See above) it goes a long way towards achieving that award.

For those of you who are graduating graduate students (congratulations!), please remember our Division of Continuing Education to increase your knowledge and maintain your skills. (See our website for contact info). The CE programs available are:

- 1. Professional Graduate Education (EDPD Graduate Courses) for teachers who need re-certification.**
- 2. Continuing Education Units (CEU Graduate Courses) for other professionals who need recertification or re-licensure**
- 3. Continuing Education for anyone who wants content only courses (not graduate level).**