

The Wescoe News

Award Winners

Congratulations to Briana Edwards and Daniel Kraft, who were awarded The Dr. George A. Frounfelker Award at Muhlenberg's 2014 Honors Convocation.



Wescoe Spring Graduation Dinner:

A Toast to Our Graduates!

The Wescoe School hosted its annual graduation dinner on Thursday, May 15, to honor the 2014 spring graduates. President Randy Helm and Dean Jane Hudak addressed the graduates and their guests. Director of Alumni Relations Natalie Hand '78 recognized the graduates' accomplishments and presented each with a commemorative gift.

Dean Hudak, Assistant Dean Gregg Scully, and Advisor Lisa Lewis handed out the Ph.T. Awards, which honor the special people in the graduates' lives who supported them along their academic journey.

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Accelerated Degree Program HIGHLIGHTS

By Philip Howe, Director of Accelerated Programs

Students in the Accelerated Degree Program returned to classes in mid May after a well deserved month break from their studies. Along with the returning students, we also welcomed a new cohort to campus. An orientation for Cohort 16 was held on May 8 in Hoffman House. In June, orientation took place for Cohort 17. Classes for this Healthcare Cohort are held at the Cedar Crest Campus of Lehigh Valley Health Network.

With summer underway, a number of teams are already looking forward to August and the completion of their studies with their capstone presentations. There will be capstone presentations on the evenings of August 19, 20, and 21. The first presentation on the 19th will be by Cohort 07, a Healthcare Cohort. On the 20th, Cohort 08 will present and includes business and supply chain students. The next evening, Cohort 09 comprised of Information System students will make their presentations.



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Katy Cruz received an award from the The Muhlenberg Film Association (Muhlies) for her film "The Nun" in March.

Samantha Anglestein, enrollment outreach manager, and **Mary McGovern**, assistant director of accelerated programs, attended the 39th Annual YWCA of Bethlehem Women and Teens of the Year Awards in April. Wescoe student **Michelle Chrin** presented opening remarks, and **Kim Capers '13** introduced the award for Outstanding Public Servant. Also in attendance was **Marilee Falco '10**.

At the Computer Science Celebration at Moravian College, **Bill Dolan '14** presented a poster "Library Research Security," based on a project with **Tim Clarke**, Head of Library Systems. **Lewis Gilzeane '14** presented a poster "20 Steps to Heaven."

Chad Moyer '14 has been accepted to Lehigh University's Master of Arts in History program.

Katy Molinaro '14 interned at the Historic Bethlehem Partnership this past semester. She now volunteers her time there assisting with their newsletter and other much-needed tasks.

Charles French, Instructor, received his Ph.D in English Literature from Lehigh University in May.



In March, the following 12 students were inducted into the Alpha Sigma Lambda Eta Chi Chapter: **Abbe Abrams, Carisa Aranyos, Wendy Billman, Nathan Boateng, Theresa Caliente, Estefania David, Mindy Inman, Caroline Majewski, Kimoya Owens, Stacy Radmore, Karim Rezqui,** and **Patricia Santiago**. Lecturer **Andrew Stahlhut** was the Honorary Inductee.

Focus on Alumni: Michael Smith '10

By Amy Benninger, Web & Marketing Assistant

A Time for Change

For 15 years, Michael Smith traveled the country as a long-haul truck driver. The breaks were few and the distance from home was far. One evening, Mike and his wife Judy were at a dinner party, when Mike overheard her tell a friend that during their first year of marriage, he had been home only five times. Realizing the toll his profession had taken on his wife, he knew it was time for a career change.

Mike always dreamed of completing his college degree, and he enrolled at The Wescoe School to focus on Psychology. "I chose Wescoe because of the people. Within a few minutes of meeting with Jane (Hudak) and Gregg (Scully), I knew I had found a home," says Mike.

In May 2010, after years of hard work, he graduated cum laude. Soon Mike's life

would change again. Judy was offered a teaching position in Egypt, which took them across the globe. Mike did not have a job when they arrived in Egypt but was offered a position as a special needs teacher.

The following year, Mike was promoted to high school counselor. "My life had been in training mode for this particular position, yet without the fantastic education Muhlenberg provided me, it would still be a dream."

Since their arrival in Egypt in 2010, Mike and Judy have lived through a revolution that consisted of demonstrations, marches, riots, non-violent civil resistance and labor strikes. One evening, during the revolution, he awoke to find a complete stranger guarding his front door.

His favorite thing about Egypt is the people. Mike and Judy live in a neighborhood of Muslims and Christians who are more involved in sharing unity than they are debating differences. "I have never met such warm, open-hearted, loving folks. The

people of Egypt have made me feel at home and valued. I owe them so much."

Mike came to Wescoe with an interesting past and an uncertain future. He left with the newly acquired means to fulfill his dreams. Mike concludes "Thank you to those who stood by me. You made a difference."



What's in a resume?

By Alana Albus, Director of Career Services

As an adult learner, you probably have not had to update or write a resume in quite some time. This can be an exciting time of self reflection, or it can be a stressful event as you think about your work history and desire to redirect your career path. Here are some tips to consider when you update/create a current resume:

Resumes should be results-oriented and quantifiable, when possible. Focus on your achievements, recognitions, and goals, rather than just on your tasks.

Demonstrate how you can make a contribution to the organization and focus your job descriptions on the tasks that fit your new career goal. Consider adding your class projects and research papers. This section can be included in 'relevant experience', 'educational experience', or 'classroom experience', whichever you feel is more appropriate. Set up like your jobs, using the name of the class as the 'employer', the title should be 'class project', 'research project', etc. Give a few bullet points that describe your project or research. This is a great way to match your experience to your new career field. Match keywords on your resume to your career field of interest.

Experienced resumes can be longer than one page. Let's face it; you may have more accomplishments than what can be contained on just one page.

Skills are also important. Have you had additional training? Special classes? Be sure to add a skill section that addresses your computer, language, and other training at the end of your resume.

Need help or a review? You can email your resume to careers@muhlenberg.edu for review or you can call us to schedule an appointment to meet with a Career Counselor at 484-664-3170. Evening hours are available by appointment.

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Help someone you know take that important first step!

Recommendations from graduates, current students and Wescoe Faculty continue to be a great way to introduce prospective students to our programs.

Encourage someone you know to discover The Wescoe School, and you will receive a \$25 gift card to the 'Berg Bookshop!

A special "Thank You" goes out to Wendy Billman, Jason Galicki, Joshua Knight and Josefina Morales'12, who referred students to our program!

Contact our office for more information: 484-664-3300.



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Student Project SPOTLIGHT

Wescoe student Micheal Wadas recently had his art, "The Moai Project," on display at Baker Center for the Arts. Moai are monolithic statues found on the island of Rapa Nui (Easter Island).

Micheal's Moai statues are made from clay. However, the actual Moai on Easter Island are made from volcanic rock. "By making them out of clay I was able to use a press mold and duplicate them." He made each Moai statue different using color, texture, and glaze.



In addition to the statues, Micheal set up a computer with his display so viewers could explore Rapa Nui and see the placement of the statues by using Google Earth.

There is little known about the Moai. It is believed that they were created to honor the ancestors of the island as well as be protectors of the living.

"I chose to study and create my own Moai because of the power and inspiration they possess."

For more information about his art and photography, visit MikeWadas.com.