

The Wescoe News

Award Winners

Congratulations to the following students who were award recipients at our Spring 2013 Honors Convocation:

The Dr. George A. Frounfelker Award

Michelle Lamb Marchigiani and Scott Mortman



Wescoe Graduation Dinner: A Night to Celebrate!

By Amy Benninger, Web & Marketing Assistant

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On May 16, The Wescoe School hosted its annual dinner to honor the 2013 spring graduates. President Randy Helm and Dean Jane Hudak addressed the graduates and their special guests. Director of Alumni Relations Natalie Hand '78 and Alumni Association Board Member Susan Rhoads-Procina '03 recognized the graduates' accomplishments and presented each with a commemorative gift.

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

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Natalie Hand '78, P'07 has been named Director of Alumni Relations. Natalie joined the Development and Alumni Relations department in January 2012 as a Leadership Gift Officer. She has proven to be a valuable member of the development team, quickly establishing strong relationships with alumni and colleagues.

For more information about Muhlenberg Alumni Relations, please visit www.MuhlenbergConnect.com.

Betty Lees '02, Director of Purchasing at Muhlenberg College, has been elected to the National Association of Educational Procurement (NAEP), the nationwide organization that focuses exclusively on procurement in higher education. She will serve as District II Director, covering metro NY/NJ, DE, PA, WV, DC, MD and VA. Ms. Lees also received the Volunteer of the Year Award from NAEP by holding several leadership positions and serving on various committees.

Roberta Meek '06 was honored with a Community Award for Activism by the Pennsylvania Diversity Network in June. The award was presented at the Sixth Annual PA Diversity Network's award celebration in June.

Josh Onia '10 recently promoted to Simulation & Standardized Patient Coordinator at Temple/St. Luke's University School of Medicine received the "Advocate Award" from Education Management Solutions (EMS) at a conference held in Orlando, Florida.

Nina Marie Corona '13 received a full tuition scholarship to Villanova University where she will begin her graduate studies this fall. She will pursue a M.A. in Theology with a certificate in Pastoral Ministry.

Dean Hudak attended the YWCA's 38th Annual Women and Teens of the Year Awards on April 4. Also in attendance were **Marilee Falco**

'10 and Alejandra Castillo '12.

On April 12, the Office of Development & Alumni Relations and The Wescoe School of Muhlenberg College hosted an Alumni Reception in Seegers Union. Also celebrated was the retirement of former Dean and Professor **Dr. Sam Laposata**.

Molly Brown, Wescoe's director of Marketing & PR and William Childs, creative director, Advertising at The Morning Call, co-presented a session at the annual Lehigh Valley Association of Independent Colleges Conference (LVAIC) on Serving Adult Learners held at Cedar Crest College on May 30. Their workshop was titled "Coloring Outside the Lines...Is There Room for This in Your Sector of the Academic World?" The session encouraged attendees to reach beyond the routine and shared stories and examples of good and bad attempts at being creative.



Marilee Falco '10, Dean Hudak and Alejandra Castillo '12

Focus on Wescoe Student: **Matthew Stahl and RRNOLA**

By Amy Benninger, Web & Marketing Assistant

This past March, a group of students from Muhlenberg spent their Spring Break in New Orleans volunteering for The St. Bernard Project (SBP). This group, called RRNOLA (Rebuilding and Restoring New Orleans, Louisiana) included Wescoe student Matthew Stahl, nine Muhlenberg day students, Chaplain Callista Isabelle, and Tom Dougherty of Campus Safety.

They were participating in Muhlenberg's "Alternative Spring Break Program: New Orleans," which represents Muhlenberg's ongoing commitment to the long-term recovery of the New Orleans area.

When Hurricane Katrina hit in 2005, it left more than 100 billion dollars in damage. Almost eight years later, thousands of families in New Orleans are still displaced and unable to rebuild due to the associated costs.

The SBP is a nonprofit organization that provides vital resources and support to families in disaster-impacted communities. Since the SBP's inception in 2006, they have re-built over 440 homes.

Matthew Stahl was still in high school when the devastation occurred in 2005. Now a sophomore at The Wescoe School and United States Marine Corps Veteran, he knew this was his chance to help, so he applied to the RRNOLA program.

"Muhlenberg students have volunteered with the St. Bernard Project for the past few years," says Callista Isabelle. "Students received information about the Alternative Spring Break program along with information on four possible trips. Each had a different

application process."

Ten students were selected for RRNOLA and after holding several fundraising events to assist with the travel-related costs, they headed to New Orleans for a week-long adventure.

The goal for the week was to help rebuild a home that was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. "For most of the week I used a hammer drill to chip away at a small concrete wall that had to be removed before the floor and trim could be finished," says Matthew. Other members of the group helped with painting, putting down trim and other last-minute projects.

During the off hours, the group visited the French Quarter, went on tours, and devoured local delicacies including gator, gumbo and crawfish.

As far as Matthew is concerned, the most rewarding part of the trip was meeting and getting to know the owner, Miss Trina. "It was touching to see how positive she is despite all she has gone through," says Matthew.

The group made a great deal of progress towards the completion of Miss Trina's home. By the end of their trip, Miss

Trina was almost ready to move back in.

"This trip was rewarding and it gave me an opportunity to meet and spend time with students whom I normally wouldn't have had the chance to meet," says Matthew. "Miss Trina was really sweet and so appreciative of what we did, but she did more for our group with her example and inspiration than we did for her."



Group photo of RRNOLA; Matthew Stahl is in the back row, third from left

Do you have an idea for a future Focus feature? Send your news to Amy Benninger at abenninger@muhlenberg.edu

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Accelerated Degree Program **HIGHLIGHTS**

By Philip Howe, Director of Accelerated Programs

September 4 is an important date in the Accelerated Degree Program (ADP). This is the date that our first Supply Chain Management students begin their studies in the six concentration modules. The concentration was approved by faculty in December 2011. The normal duration time from approval of a concentration until students are enrolled is 24 months. We are actually ahead of this schedule by a year.

In May, Cohort 13 began their studies in the ADP. The Cohort is comprised of students from two different concentrations: Supply Chain Management and Human Resources Leadership. Then in June, Cohort 14 began their studies at Lehigh Valley Health Network's Cedar Crest campus.

On June 3, we held a meeting for the Supply Chain program instructors; also in attendance were **Mary McGovern** and **Phil Howe**. The purpose of the meeting was to bring together all parties who will interact with the students and to ensure a smooth start to the concentration.



Holmes Miller, Glen Price, David Keller, Amy Carbine Stauffer, John Flamish and Mike Baca. (pictured left to right).



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 Princess Rosario who referred two students to our program!

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



Noshing with CHUCK FRENCH

By Amy Benninger, Web & Marketing Assistant



The term “nosh” is a Yiddish word that means “to snack.” Well, Instructor Chuck French takes “noshing” to a whole new level.

Corned Beef and Cabbage, Irish Stew, Soda Bread, Bread Pudding, and Colcannon were a few of the Irish dishes I found when I entered the Multicultural Center on May 1.

Chuck was having his “End of Semester Feast” in his Irish Literature Class. The aroma as I entered the building was heavenly.

Chuck started the “End of Semester Feast” years ago with one class. Since then, the reputation has grown to make this event something Chuck’s new students look forward to every year. During the feast, the students sit and nosh as they complete one final book review and review their overall class experience.

Student Casey DeCeia explains, “The event is an enriching and gratifying experience. The “End of the Semester Feast” brings us all together, like a family. It is something we will always remember.”

