

MARYMOUNT NEWS

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

University to Offer B.A. in Interior Design at Reston Center

In fall 2009, Marymount University will begin offering a B.A. in Interior Design (ID) program at its Reston Center. The program is designed for individuals who already have an associate degree or significant undergraduate coursework in Interior Design and want to complete their bachelor's degree.

An articulation agreement between Marymount and Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) enables NOVA students with an associate degree in Interior Design to transfer up to 64 credits to Marymount. They will then complete the junior- and senior-year ID courses at MU's Reston Center. The program is part time, and the ID classes will be held in the late afternoon and evening to fit the schedules of working professionals.

Marymount's B.A. in Interior Design is a highly respected program that has been continuously accredited by the Council of Interior Design Accreditation since 1985. Individuals with a B.A. in Interior Design need only two years of work experience before sitting for the National Council for Interior Design Qualification exam, as compared to the four years of work experience required of those with only the associate degree.

FYI

Summer Sports Camps Offered

MU's Athletic Department will offer summer 2009 camps for children in several sports: boys and girls soccer; girls and coed volleyball; boys and girls basketball, with specialty clinics; coed swimming; and boys and girls lacrosse.

Schedules can be found on the MU Web site's Athletics pages. Camps are open to the general public. Faculty and staff should contact individual coaches for possible special pricing.

Summer Sessions Enrollment Open

Faculty are encouraged to remind their students about the advantages of enrolling in MU's summer sessions, to finish up some pre-reqs or Liberal Arts Core requirements, do an internship, complete a research project through the DISCOVER program, or focus on a single challenging course.

Summer program enrollment is now open for current MU undergraduate and graduate students, as well as for visiting students. Course offerings can be viewed at www.marymount.edu/summer.

Sessions I and II are six weeks each and run May 11-June 20 and June 22-Aug. 1, respectively. Session III lasts 12 weeks (May 11-Aug. 1), and Session IV is eight weeks (June 8-Aug. 1).

Save these Dates

Wednesday, March 25 –

Distinguished Visiting Professor Colloquium: Stephen Suomi; 7 p.m. Reinsch Library Auditorium.

Thursday, April 2 –

Campaign for Excellence and Distinction celebration for faculty and staff; 4 p.m.; Gerard Dining Room; RSVP at ext. 6873 by March 25.

Friday, April 3 –

Poetry reading by Dan Albergotti; noon, Lee Reception Room, Reinsch Library.

Friday, April 24 –

Portfolio in Motion 2009 Luncheon and Fashion Show; 11 a.m., Lee Center. For details and tickets, call ext. 1544, e-mail pim@marymount.edu, or visit www.marymount.edu/pim.

Innovations in Teaching and Scholarship All-Day Event

The latest endeavors and achievements in teaching and research by Marymount faculty will be highlighted in a series of presentations, workshops, and panel discussions on March 18.

The program runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in various classrooms at the Ballston Center. A guest speaker will be featured at the luncheon, from noon to 1 p.m. at the Lebanese Taverna.

This is a free event open to all MU faculty, but prior registration is required. You may register at www.marymount.edu/mucte.

For more information, please contact **Inger Moran**, administrative secretary at the Center for Teaching Excellence, ext. 5761 or e-mail inger.moran@marymount.edu.

MU Chapter of Counseling Honor Society Recognized

Dr. Michele Garofalo, associate professor and assistant chair of the Counseling Department, led the effort that netted an official recognition of MU's chapter of *Chi Sigma Iota*, the Counseling Honor Society, by the National *CSI* headquarters for The *Chi Sigma Iota* Showcase of Chapters. Only 20 honor societies nationwide are selected for this honor, which will be presented during the American Counseling Association Conference, March 19-23 in Charlotte, NC.

Dr. Lisa Jackson-Cherry, chair of the Department of Counseling, says "I want to acknowledge Dr. Garofalo, who has put much energy gaining this recognition for the chapter. This effort involved a review of the chapter's community service, professional development activities, and leadership."

Of the 25 MU students who will attend the ACA conference, 10 are *CSI* members, and some will be selected to present Marymount's chapter.

Plunge Into Deeper Waters

All faculty and staff are invited to join Deeper Waters, a monthly discussion group led by Campus Ministry. The group is also open to students.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Campus Ministry lounge in The Lodge. For more information, please contact **Dot Whitt** at ext. 1607.

PLAUDITS

Dr. Robert M. Otten, associate vice president for Academic Affairs, has been elected the Southern Regional Council's representative to the Academic Assembly Council of the national College Board for a three-year term. The Council advises the College Board on academic issues related to College Board activities, such as Advanced Placement, CLEP, and education policy advocacy.

Susanne Bruno Ninassi, J.D., program director and assistant professor of Legal Administration, recently published a problem entitled *Partnership Formation: Urban Decay* in the Problem-Based Learning Clearinghouse of the University of Delaware. The Clearinghouse is an online, peer-reviewed collection of problems and articles supplemented by teaching notes, designed to assist educators in using problem-based learning.

Dr. Cynthia L. Knott, assistant professor of Management Science, presented a paper at the Southeast Decision Sciences Institute conference in Charleston, SC, on Feb. 20. The paper was entitled "Using the Analytic Hierarchy Process to Look at the Tradeoffs Among Stakeholders in the Case of Surrogacy." **Susanne Bruno Ninassi** and **Alyson Eisenhardt**, assistant professor of Health Care Management, co-authored the paper.

Dr. Frank Burtnett, adjunct professor of Counseling, recently

published *The Bound-For-College Guidebook* (Rowman & Littlefield Education), a guide to college exploration, decision-making, and the application process. The book answers 100 frequently asked questions about admission and financial aid and presents a series of exercises that structure how a student can navigate the high school-to-college transition.

Marjory Eisenman, liaison to the dean of Students, and **Steven Krzanowski '09**, Peer Mentor supervisor, were recognized by the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators during its Mentor Appreciation weeks (Jan. 26-Feb. 6).

PEOPLE Welcome

Rebecca Boughamer, manager, Development Services, ext. 1689.

Antonio King, Mailroom manager, Auxiliary Services, ext. 1494.

EVENTS

March 11 — School of Business Administration information session, 6:30 p.m., Reston Center. Register at ext. 5902.

March 18 — Learn How to Use Refworks workshop, 5 p.m. Ballson Center, Lab 411. Register at ext. 1644.

March 18 — Men's lacrosse vs. Hood, 8 p.m., Washington-Lee High School.

March 20 — School of Health Professions luncheon and information session, 11:30 a.m., Ballston Center. Register at ext. 5902.

March 21 — Women's lacrosse vs. Sweet Briar, 6:30 p.m., Wakefield High School.