

INSIDE MU

Inside MU is a biweekly newsletter for Marymount faculty and staff.

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

University To Offer

Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree

Starting in fall 2009, Marymount's School of Health Professions will offer the Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) degree, a clinical doctorate for advanced-practice nurses and the highest credential in nursing practice.

Dr. Theresa Cappello, dean of the School of Health Professions, explains, "Advanced-practice nurses provide primary care services in a variety of clinical settings. With the health care field becoming ever more complex and specialized, these nursing experts will be increasingly called upon to provide clinical leadership and to help craft the health care system of the future."

The value of the degree is underscored by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, which recommends that by 2015 all advanced-practice nurses be prepared at the doctoral level. The D.N.P. program will help meet this target by preparing advanced-practice nurses with the highest level of scientific knowledge and practice expertise.

While there are online D.N.P. programs in the DC area, Marymount's program will be offered on campus in a part-time format convenient for working nurses. It will give students the advantage of full access to Marymount's expert faculty and the University's prestigious clinical connections

The program will provide instruction in health care policy, economics, and leadership and will require a doctoral project and a clinical residency.

FYI

Marymount Named to President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll

The Corporation for National and Community Service has honored

Marymount University with a place on the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, for exemplary volunteer efforts and service to America's communities.

President James E. Bundschuh said, "Service is a hallmark of a Marymount education, and we are honored to be recognized for this commitment. I am continually impressed by the initiative and dedication to helping others that our students show through their on- and off-campus service activities."

Launched in 2006, the Community Service Honor Roll is the highest federal recognition a school can achieve for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement. During the 2007-08 academic year, approximately 800 MU students gave a total of 9,500 hours of service in the local community and farther afield.

NASA, MU Show Teachers How To Make Earth Science Exciting

Rick Varner, an aerospace education specialist at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, and Dr. Usha Rajdev, MU associate professor of Education, are holding teacher-education earth science workshops that provide teachers with fun, hands-on projects to do with their PK-6 classes.

MU Education students interning in Fairfax and Arlington County Public Schools as part of the University's Professional Development School took part in NASA workshops at Main Campus on Feb. 18 and at MU's Reston Center on Feb. 20.

Another NASA workshop, on Feb. 24 at Reston Center, will be for local teachers who mentor the interns. The teachers will also receive lunar certification that will give them access to lunar rocks and materials for use in the classroom.

Barnes & Noble Announces Book-Order \$100 Winners

Each semester, the Barnes & Noble Bookstore rewards the academic departments at Marymount that submit timely and complete book orders.

Peggy Axelrod, director of Budget and Risk Management, Business Office, notes, "This benefits Marymount students, because when we know what books will be used for future classes, we can buy back those books and provide students with more money. In addition, students have a greater selection of used books, at cheaper prices, to purchase the following term."

The spring 2009 winners for getting all their book orders in before the October deadline are administrative secretaries **Constance DeFranco** and **Sandra Manning** of the School of Education and Human Services and **Anita Blowe** of the Department of Physical Therapy. Each winner gets a \$100 gas card.

Summer 2009 book orders are due March 6. For assistance, please contact the bookstore at ext. 1614.

Bookstore Managers Transition

The Barnes & Noble Bookstore has a new manager, **Theresa Kuron**, who comes to Marymount from the B&N Northern Virginia Center in Falls Church.

Ms. Kuron replaces manager **Cameisha Chin**, who left on Feb. 13 for the B&N bookstore at Northern Virginia Community College's Woodbridge campus.

2009 Campus Directory Now Available

Printed copies of the 2009 Campus Directory are now available and are being distributed to

Marymount offices, one per employee.

If you require an additional copy, an online, printable version is available through the University's Web site. In the Quicklinks window, select "myMarymount" and log in; scroll down to "Campus Directory" on the left and click on the "Printable Version" button. A PDF of the directory will be e-mailed to you.

For questions, please contact **Iris Davis** at ext. 6906.

ITS No Longer Supporting MS Office 2003 or Netscape

Starting June 1, Information Technology Services will no longer be supporting MS Office 2003 or any Netscape products, including e-mail. Any new system that needs to be reformatted will have Office 2007 installed.

ITS will assist the Marymount community with the transition by providing installation of the new products, transferring e-mail from Netscape to supported e-mail programs, and offering training.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact IT Support Services at ext. 6990 or its@marymount.edu.

National Eating Disorders Awareness Week Events

Marymount's Counseling Center is staging a series of events on campus to mark National Eating Disorders Awareness Week, Feb. 22-28.

The events, co-sponsored by the Student Health Center, *Psi Chi*, and the Fashion Club, are meant to increase awareness of eating disorders in order to effect change in ourselves, others, and our culture. This increased awareness can also help faculty identify students at risk.

For the event schedule, visit www.marymount.edu/studentlife/counseling/workshops.html, or call

Meghan Voris, assistant director, Counseling Center, at ext. 6861.

PLAUDITS

Tracey Florence, assistant dean for Student Development, and **Steven Krzanowski '09**, Peer Mentor supervisor, presented at the 28th annual conference of The First-Year Experience in Orlando, FL, Feb. 9-10. Their session was called *Mentors' Experience*, and discussed the results of their research on the impact of Marymount's Peer Mentor program on the mentors.

Tracey Florence was also recognized with a nomination for the Outstanding First-Year Student Advocates Award, sponsored by the National Resource Center for The First-Year Experience and Students in Transition.

PEOPLE

Prayers Requested

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Alice Olivia Truland**, who died on February 2. Mrs. Truland was the mother of **Robert W. Truland**, a member of the Marymount Board of Trustees.

EVENTS

Feb. 25 — Ash Wednesday Masses; 7:30 a.m., noon, 9:30 p.m.; Chapel, Main Campus.

Feb. 26 — *Joy Comes in the Morning: A One Woman Show*, with Michelle Gilliam '88; 6:30 p.m.; Ballston Center's Truland Auditorium. RSVP to Alumni Relations at ext. 1541.

March 3 — Master in Education Information Session, 6:30 p.m., Ballston Center.

March 4 — Interior Design Information Session, 6:30 p.m., Reston Center.