

Associate Dean's Message

It's a New Day!

As we celebrate the coming of the new year, we are all facing some challenges.

This year will be a time for change. As we enter these tough economic times, you should consider getting your graduate degree. History has shown us that during times of retrenchment, those who seek additional education and skills fare better long term in the job market.



Carlos Tejada, associate dean for graduate recruitment, discusses Niagara's graduate programs with two prospective students.

If you are thinking about graduate school you should definitely attend our Graduate School Open House. If you know someone who you think might fit well with Niagara's graduate programs, then tell him or her to come on Saturday, April 4!

If you can't attend but would like to visit our campus, please feel free to call me at 716-286-8769 or 800-462-2111. My staff and I would be more than happy to show you our gorgeous campus and introduce you to our outstanding faculty.

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Graduate School Open House

Reserve your place!
Join us for an
informational morning!

Saturday, April 4 • 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
in the Bisgrove Hall Atrium

Here is your opportunity to learn more about Niagara University's graduate programs and campus life. Meet faculty and discuss the advantages of an NU master's degree. You will also have an opportunity to speak to representatives from a variety of campus services offices (financial aid, career development, etc.). Campus tours will also be available.

Please call 716-286-8700 or 800-462-2111 to reserve your spot today. Or, if you prefer, register online at www.niagara.edu/april. Don't miss out on this great event!

Niagara's Graduate Programs

- Elementary Education
- Secondary Education
- Literacy
- Special Education
- Teacher's College
- Educational Leadership
- School Counseling
- School Psychology
- Mental Health Counseling
- Business Administration (MBA)
- Criminal Justice Administration
- Interdisciplinary Studies



Prospective students learn about Niagara's study-abroad options from Bernadette Brennen, study-abroad program coordinator.

MBA

Healthcare Leadership Program to be Offered



The MBA program will launch a concentration in healthcare administration this August. This new concentration is in response to a need in the marketplace. With healthcare cost accounting for nearly 20 percent of the gross domestic product in the United States, and a healthcare delivery system that is riddled with inefficiencies, this sector of the economy is in great need of effective management. This MBA concentration will provide students with a rigorous and in-depth understanding of managerial science with practical and strategic applications in the healthcare industry. Students will learn from experts in the area and help lead the transformation of healthcare in their communities. The Catholic Health System has been instrumental in helping the Niagara University MBA program develop this concentration. Call the MBA office 716-286-8051 for more information.

MA-IS

MA-IS Program Update

A student in the master's degree in interdisciplinary studies program's introductory course, IDS 500: Interdisciplinary Methods, made a comment that captures the essence of MA-IS. She had just completed an assignment to design her individual program of study, with a list of courses, capstone experience, and an overall rationale. "This is like a make-your-own sundae," she said, "where the core courses are the ice cream and you can choose whatever classes you like as the toppings." With our self-designed curriculum and many opportunities for one-on-one independent study courses with faculty, there's almost no field that a student cannot study in the MAIS program.

Two examples are students scheduled to graduate this spring: Ben Nigro is studying coaching practices and procedures at NCAA Division I universities, and Edwin Cabrera has investigated information technology in higher education.

For additional information on how the 33 credit hour MA-IS degree can help you achieve your personal and professional goals, go to www.niagara.edu/interdisciplinary/index.htm.

Library News

Byte into This!

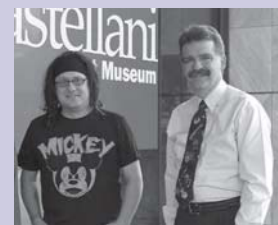
The NU library recently created a new computer lab that has 20 brand new desktop PCs. These computers have access to the Internet, Microsoft Office and a networked black and white printer. This new lab is located on the basement level to the left behind the books beginning with call number JK.

The purpose of this new lab is for librarians to educate students on how to use library databases to do research. However, when it is not being used for training purposes, the lab will be available for NU students to work individually.

Did You Know?

**Music is Art Fest
March 13, 2009**

As part of the Music is Art program, Niagara University will host a Music is Art Fest featuring some of the best bands and artists from Western New York and the East Coast. All proceeds from this show will benefit Music is Art — a foundation founded by Goo Goo Dolls bassist Robby Takac that is based on the belief that everyone should be able to find their musical voice. For more information about this event visit www.musicisart.org



Robby Takac and Fred Heuer, assistant vice president for marketing at Niagara University.

Upcoming Events

**Put me in coach,
I'm ready to play!**

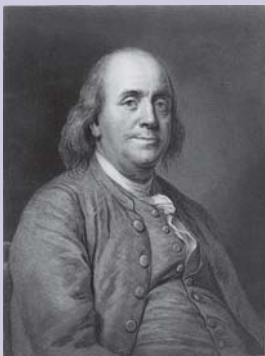
Buy yourself some peanuts and Cracker Jack and head over to Niagara's softball diamond to cheer on our Lady Purple Eagles. You will experience Division I softball at its finest. Root, root, root for your home team!

Below are a few of the home games for the 2009 season.

April 4 vs. St. Peter's
April 5 vs. Manhattan
April 7 vs. Akron
April 22 vs. Buffalo
April 25 vs. Marist
April 26 vs. Siena
April 28 vs. Youngs-
town State
April 29 vs. Bing-
hamton

*Dates and times are subject to change.

For an extended schedule, visit www.PurpleEagles.com



Well done is better than well said.

— Benjamin Franklin

Education

Faculty Present at International Conference in Germany

Several College of Education faculty members presented at the second annual "International Educational Leadership Conference on Learning, Teaching, Leading, and School Development," from July 9-12, 2008, in Muenster, Germany. This international conference was hosted by the University of Muenster and included participants from Niagara University, Canada, Sweden, Germany, Switzerland, and India.

Dr. Paul Vermette presented the opening keynote session, "Because it Matters: ENGAGING Teens in their Own Learning." Dr. Frank Calzi, Dr. Leticia Hahn, Dr. Robin Erwin, Dr. Barbara Iannarelli, Dr. Walter Polka, Dr. Mary Ellen Bardsley, Jason Blokhuis, and Norman Green also presented at the conference.



(Pictured, l-r) Dr. Mary Ellen Bardsley; Dr. Walter Polka; Dr. Frank Calzi; Dr. Franz-Josef Overbeck, acting bishop of Muenster, Germany; Norman Green; Dr. Barbara Iannarelli; Dr. Paul Vermette; Dr. William Middendorf, superintendent of the Catholic Schools, Germany; and Dr. Robin Erwin.

new courses to address international issues in education, expansion of study-abroad programs for Niagara University students, and in collaborative research.

A highlight of the trip was a meeting and discussion with the acting bishop of Muenster, Dr. Franz-Josef Overbeck, with topics including co-operative learning and Catholic K-12 education in Germany. The international leadership conference was established at Niagara University in summer 2007. The third annual conference will be held in Europe in fall 2009. In addition, an international leadership course was offered on campus this summer with leaders from Germany attending and studying with Niagara University professors. A focus on international partnerships is resulting in the development of

Recreation

Education Students Win Graduate School Soccer Tourney

On Nov. 3, 2008, Niagara University held its first-ever intramural tournament between graduate school programs. The sport on display was soccer. Three graduate schools competed in hopes of being named the best graduate soccer team at Niagara. Teams from the graduate school programs of MBA, criminal justice, and education competed under the lights on Niagara's new turf field. The graduate students from the College of Education won the championship and will receive championship t-shirts for their efforts.

The event was the first of four tournament-style recreation/fitness events that are planned for the graduate student population during the 2008-2009 school year. Other events will include volleyball, basketball and softball. The Kiernan Recreation Center is sponsoring these events to provide the university's graduate student population with services that will enhance their educational experience at the university.

Criminal Justice

Taylor Serves Local Community

The instructors in the criminal justice department focus their time on a variety of areas of the criminal justice arena. Dr. David Taylor spends a great deal of his time and efforts working on the Border Community Service program as its faculty adviser. The primary goal of this program is to involve community members with training in emergency response techniques to respond in various emergency situations in an effective manner. Funding has been extended for this program for yet another year from Niagara County's Homeland Security funding. For more information please visit www.niagara.edu/BorderCommunityService/.

Taylor also works to share Niagara University's Vincentian values with the local community as coordinator of the ReNU Niagara program, which works to improve the quality of life for Niagara Falls residents. This Community Outreach Partnership Center works hand-in-hand with community leaders to help address problems of capacity housing and employment opportunities, among other issues that need to be addressed in order to rebuild a once-thriving community. Taylor's dedication to working in the community greatly reflects the attitude of all of the instructors in the criminal justice department at Niagara University.

Fair Warnings



A Geico representative talks with a Niagara student about job openings.

Career Expo 2009 March 25 • Noon to 2 p.m. Upper-level Gallagher Center

This job fair is for students of all majors to meet with recruiters from various fields to discuss employment opportunities. For a list of participating employers, visit www.niagara.edu/career/CareerExpo.htm

Teacher Recruitment Days April 20-21 • Buffalo Convention Center

You can interview with representatives of school districts from across the United States. For complete registration information, visit www.trd.org. The registration deadlines and instructions are on the Web site.

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