

Associate Dean's Message

Open House A Success

A Big Niagara Welcome!

The spring semester brought some exciting times for Niagara University. The highlight at the graduate level was the Graduate School Open House and Showcase, held March 31. Prospective students and their families spent a morning at Niagara learning about our university and graduate programs.

More than 140 visitors came to Monteagle Ridge to participate in our open house activities in St. Vincent's Hall. Students were greeted by faculty and NU graduate students at our showcase presentation. Our guests had an opportunity to mingle and ask questions about Niagaras graduate degrees and learn more about possible career paths after they graduate.

Also available was a Table Talk session where student life representatives answered questions and provided important information relevant to the Niagara graduate experience. Representatives on hand were from the offices of career development, financial aid, and information technology; the library; NU's study-abroad program; ROTC; the university's counseling center; and the Kiernan Center. Student visas were also discussed.

Dr. Marilynn Fleckenstein, associate vice president for academic affairs, welcomed our guests to the Niagara campus before sending them on to formal presentations by representatives from academic departments of interest. Niagaras programs include MBA, education, counseling and educational leadership, criminal justice administration, and interdisciplinary studies. The day concluded with tours of NU's scenic campus.

Nancy Knechtal, a prospective interdisciplinary studies student, commented that "this was an awesome event that fully informed me about Niagaras program and reinforced my commitment to attend the university.

If you were unable to attend the open house but want information on Niagaras graduate programs, please feel free to call me at (716) 286-8769 or (800) 462-2111 and specify what graduate program you are considering. I would be happy to mail you a graduate application and give you a campus tour as well as introduce you to faculty in your desired program if you want to visit our campus.

I hope you enjoy this issue of the Purple Press. Have a great summer!

Carlos E. Tejada
Associate Dean for Graduate Recruitment

Mike Konopski, dean of enrollment management, talks to potential students during the open house.



Carlos Tejada, associate dean for graduate recruitment at Niagara University, addresses potential students at the Graduate School Open House and Showcase on March 31.



M.B.A. MBA Students Take Part in Community Service Project

Students in the College of Business Administrations MBA program are taking part in a community service project aimed at helping two local businesses. The project is in partnership with ReNU Niagara, Niagara Universitys Community Outreach Partnership Center, and will provide targeted technical assistance to small and family-owned businesses in Niagara Falls.

One group is assisting RubberForm Recycled Products LLC of Lockport, a company owned by brother and sister Bill and Deborah Robbins. RubberForm recycles tires and turns them into crumb tire, which is then converted into items such as sign bases, parking lot wheel stops, speed bumps, rubber bricks, and curb ramps.

The team, consisting of Jennifer Berner of Gasport, Kari Dettbarn and Terri Heschke of Lockport, Jen Shivens of Cheektowaga, and Gordon Watson of Hamilton, Ontario, will help RubberForm compile key contact information for universities, municipalities and businesses nationwide. The team will also help create awareness of the company on a national level and locate and qualify partnership leads.

A second MBA team is helping Odollam of Niagara Falls, a privately operated mental-health services provider that specializes in assisting patients to become accountable and responsible for their behavior and future life. Cathi Garito and Heike Keck of Niagara Falls, and Casey Sanvidge of Fredonia are assisting with the nonprofit organizations marketing and advertising efforts, which include the development of a Web site for the company. The team will also help with grant writing.

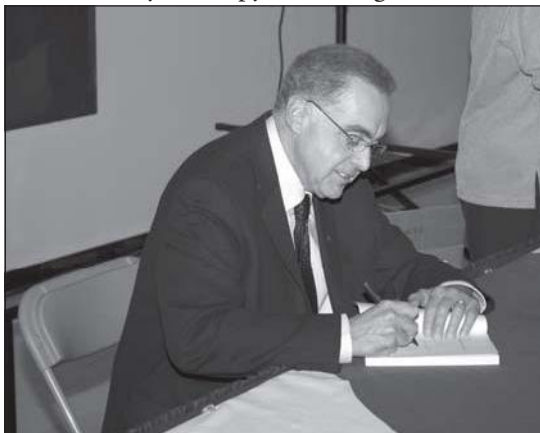
ReNU Niagara COPC is a federally funded grant initiative from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of University Partnerships. For more information, contact Jill Shuey, executive director of ReNU Niagara COPC, at (716) 205-0285.

Faculty in Print

Dr. John B. Stranges, university professor, has produced a comprehensive and intimate look at the university to complement its sesquicentennial celebration. His book, "The Rainbow Never Fades: Niagara University 1856-2006," offers the unique perspective of one who has observed the life of the university as a student, history professor and administrator over the last half century.

Stranges earned his B.A. in history from Niagara University and his Ph.D. in history from Columbia University. A recipient of Niagara Universitys Medal of Honor, Stranges long record of service at Niagara includes 17 years as academic vice president.

To order your copy of Stranges book, visit <http://niagara.bkstore.com/bkstore/content>.



Dr. John B. Stranges autographs copies of his book at Niagara Universitys special 150th birthday celebration in November.

Did You Know?

Robert DeNiros character in the movie "The Good Shepherd," General Bill Sullivan, is partly based on General William "Wild Bill" Donovan. General Donovan, a Niagara University alumnus, was head of the Office of Strategic Services during the second World War.

New Academic Complex Opens

This fall semester, NU graduate students will be taking classes in the new academic complex. Follow the progress of Niagara Universitys new academic complex at www.niagara.edu/pr/AcademicComplex.htm.

A life is not important except in the impact it has on others lives.

Jackie Robinson

Upcoming Events

Alumni Weekend 2007

Come celebrate with fellow classmates this October 5-7 and make this a reunion to remember! Niagaras Alumni Weekend 2007 celebrates classes with years ending in 2s and 7s. As always, we welcome all alumni back to campus for this fun-filled weekend.

For more information, please contact Jennifer Coppola, associate director of alumni relations, at jcoppola@niagara.edu or (716) 286-8773.

Castellani Art Museum

Robert Lynch: "Drink Orange Juice and Hang Out with the Horses, May 4 Sept. 16. Niagara Falls native Robert Lynch has appropriated imagery from an endless array of Google searches for this TopSpin show. His paintings read like tableaus of contemporary pop and kitsch. Even the title of the exhibition comes from a friend's Internet blog and reflects his serendipitous approach to the visual arts!

Education NU Student Receives State Award

Niagara University's school psychology faculty has designated Amy Harmon as their program recipient of the prestigious New York Association of School Psychologists 2007 Ted Bernstein Award. According to program director Dr. Kristine Augustyniak, Harmon exemplifies the highest level of excellence in academic preparation and field-based performance. After completing 55 academic credit hours and over 400 clock hours of practicum experience in a distinguished manner, Harmon is preparing for her final year of supervised, paid internship in the Syracuse school district. Harmon and her classmates comprise the fourth class to be conferred a master of science degree with certificate of advanced studies from the relatively new school psychology program at Niagara University, which boasts a 100 percent employment rate among its graduates.

A variety of factors are converging to create a strong job market outlook for school psychologists. According to the U. S.

Department of Labor, "Employment of psychologists is expected to **grow faster than average** for all occupations through 2014, because of increased demand for psychological services in schools, hospitals, social service agencies, mental health centers, substance abuse treatment clinics, consulting firms, and private companies. Among the specialties in this field, school psychologists especially those with a specialist degree or higher may enjoy the best job opportunities. Growing awareness of how students' mental health and behavioral problems, such as bullying, affect learning is increasing demand for school psychologists to offer student counseling and mental health services. (U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics; www.bls.gov/oco/ocos056.htm).



Dr. Kristine Augustyniak, director of NU's school psychology program (left), with Amy Harmon, recipient of the New York Association of School Psychologists 2007 Ted Bernstein Award (center), and Lisa Kilanowski-Press, assistant professor of school psychology.

Interdisciplinary Studies

Two New Courses Offered in MA-IS Program

The M.A.-I.S. program is offering two new courses for fall 2007: Internet Marketing and Literature and Theology. Together with current offerings in the criminal justice, business, and education graduate programs, students can create innovative curriculums as part of their master's degree. Additional M.A.-I.S. courses are under development by College of Arts & Sciences faculty.

Three students are currently conducting their capstone experience courses and expect to complete their degrees in December 2007. For more information, go to www.niagara.edu/interdisciplinary/index.htm or call Dr. Thomas A. Chambers at (716) 286-8091.

Center of Renewal Your Home Away from Home

The Center of Renewal, sponsored by the Sisters of St. Francis, provides a tranquil environment for Niagara University graduate students requiring short-term accommodations. Located on the beautiful lower Niagara River, the center is only nine miles from the campus.

In its second year of collaboration with Niagara University, the Center of Renewal provides a secure dormlike setting, private locked rooms with a single bed, linens, a dresser, desk and chair, lounge chair, and wireless Internet access. Laundry facilities, refrigerators and microwaves are available in the common areas for the convenience of our students. Discounted rates are offered by the semester, and nightly and weekly rates are also available.

For reservations, more information, or to schedule a tour, please contact the center at (716) 754-7376 or e-mail hospitality@center-of-renewal.org.



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