

Associate Dean's Message

A Successful Semester



*Carlos Tejada with
Michelle Augustyniak*

Last semester was a successful one for the graduate admissions office. First, I welcomed Michelle Augustyniak to our staff. Michelle, an MBA student here at Niagara, was hired in September 2006 as a graduate assistant and she has been responsible for keeping statistics of our prospective student contacts, recruiting at graduate school fairs and conducting class presentations to graduating seniors interested in graduate school. Michelle hails from Niagara Falls, N.Y., and has been a great asset to the office.

Secondly, our referral program is off to a great start. I would like to thank all of you who have made referrals to our graduate programs. I really appreciate your efforts in assisting us with our recruitment efforts. If you happen to know someone who you think will benefit from attending NU's graduate programs, please feel free to refer them to me by using our Web site (www.niagara.edu/graduate/referral.htm) and I will send that individual application materials.

Carlos E. Tejada
Associate Dean for Graduate Recruitment

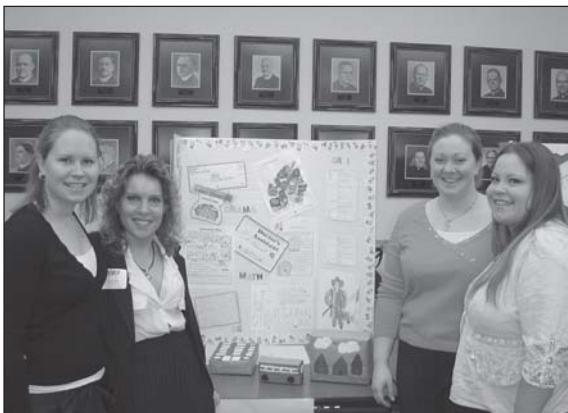
Graduate School Open House and Showcase

Mark your calendars now!

Saturday, March 31

9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in St. Vincent's Hall

Here is your chance 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 to register online, visit www.niagara.edu/march. Don't miss out on this great event!

Members of the College of Education prepare displays for prospective graduate students.

Graduate Honors

Students Join Catholic College Honor Society

Twenty-four Niagara University graduate students from both sides of the international border have been inducted into Kappa Gamma Pi, the National Catholic College Graduate Honor Society. The students, who are pursuing master's degrees in education, business, criminal justice or mental health counseling, were selected on the basis of excellence in academics and leadership, especially in matters of faith and service to others. The 24 students were selected from a field of 40 applicants.

Three members of the Niagara University community were also welcomed into the society as honorary inductees. They are Dr. Debra A. Colley, dean of the College of Education; the Rev. Joseph G. Hubbert, C.M., Ph.D., Vincentian religious superior at NU and associate professor of religious studies; and Martha E. Troia, director of career development.

Kappa is a global organization that was founded 80 years ago as the National Educational Association Conference of Catholic Colleges for Women.

The student inductees and their master's degree area of study are:

Albert Cheverie, elementary education
Tiziana Cicchetti, secondary social studies/English
Martin Corbett, criminal justice administration
Sarah Eke, elementary education
Kelly Eger, school psychology
Daniel Jesus, elementary education
Joseph Madigan, educational leadership & literacy education
Elizabeth Manley, school counseling
Justin Marshall, criminal justice administration
Stacey McQuade, mental health counseling
Elizabeth Murray, elementary education
Brian Sewell, elementary education
Justin Thiboult, elementary education
Lisa Vilardo, special education
Gordon Watson, strategic management
Chris Winkowski, special education
Megan Zdrowjeski, special education
Emily Zimdahl, secondary Spanish

Did You Know?

Graduate students are invited and encouraged to participate in all Kiernan Center activities, including:

- Intramural sports program
- Spinning and aerobics classes
- Personal trainer service
- Open recreation
- Fitness seminars

In addition, check out our recently renovated fitness center, new line of selectorized weight training equipment, and free weight room.

Graduate students may purchase a Kiernan Center membership (\$80/semester) or pay by the visit (\$3/visit).

For more information, call 286-8055, or check out our Web site:

www.niagara.edu/kiernancenter

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.

— Sir Winston Churchill



The newest members of NU's chapter of Kappa Gamma Pi, the National Catholic College Graduate Honor Society.

Upcoming Events

Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

Make sure to stop by Sal Maglie Stadium and catch the Purple Eagles participating in our national pastime. Be part of the crowd and root, root, root for the home team!

Listed below are a few of the home games for the men's 2007 season.

- April 1 vs. Iona
- April 6 & 7 vs. Siena
- April 11 vs. Cleveland State
- April 18 vs. Binghamton
- April 21 & 22 vs. Manhattan
- April 24 vs. Canisius
- May 1 vs. UB
- May 12 & 13 vs. Rider
- May 15 vs. Duquesne
- May 16 vs. St. Bonaventure

**Dates and times are subject to change.*

For an extended schedule, visit www.PurpleEagles.com



Education

College Showcases Active, Integrative Learning

Students in assistant professor of literacy Lisa Ann Haeseler's graduate education classes have many opportunities to take part in socially constructivist-based learning activities in the College of Education. One such opportunity will take place during the Graduate Open House and Showcase, when students will present their literacy integration units on the Underground Railroad, the Canadian Black Experience, and Black History month. These curriculum unit plans will be included in the Castellani Art Museum's holdings of lesson plans. Haeseler hopes to present her students' literacy and diversity-based works at the New York State Association of Teacher Educators Conference later this spring.

Graduate students also showcased literacy integration and the home-to-school connection at the sixth annual Conference on Teaching and Learning, held Jan. 11 and 12 at Niagara University. The conference showcased various means of building active, integrative skills into higher education curricula. In addition to Haeseler, several other College of Education faculty members presented, including: assistant professors of education Dr. Kathleen Brown and Dr. Alice Kozen, "Constructivism and Special Education at Niagara University"; Dr. Laurie Harper, assistant professor of teacher education, "Word Study: Active and Integrative Strategies for English Language Art Teachers"; and Dr. Raphael Heaggans, assistant professor of education, "Bringing Taboo Out of the Closet: Desensitizing Race in the Classroom."

Criminal Justice

Dr. David Taylor Honored for Service



Dr. David B. Taylor, associate professor of criminology and criminal justice, was one of several individuals and organizations honored for service to the Buffalo-Niagara community at the National Federation for Just Communities of Western New York's 2007 Community Leaders Award Luncheon. Among those recognized at the luncheon, which took place on Jan. 18 in the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center, were Buffalo mayor Anthony Masiello and his wife, Kathleen; the late Sister Karen Klimczak; London Fletcher-Baker and Brian Mormon of the Buffalo Bills; and Cheektowaga police chief Christine Ziemba.

Interdisciplinary Studies

New Courses Offered in MA-IS Program



*Dr. Thomas Chambers,
MA-IS director*

The master of arts–interdisciplinary studies program has added three new courses to its curriculum, better enabling students to design a course of study that suits their needs and interests. IDS 500: Supervised Readings allows a student to work one-on-one with a professor investigating a topic not offered in the regular curriculum. Two additional courses, ENG 545: Science Writing, and ENG 548: Ethnography and Travel Writing, investigate current trends in professional writing. Other departments are also developing courses for fall 2007.

Two students have begun their capstone projects, one in nonprofit community needs assessment and another in the social services system.

For additional information on the 33-credit hour program, go to www.niagara.edu/interdisciplinary/index.htm.

M.B.A.

Accelerated Saturday MBA Program Continues to Grow in Popularity

According to Wick Hannan, MBA director, Niagara University's accelerated Saturday MBA program continues to be a popular choice over the more traditional evening courses offered by the College of Business Administration. This accelerated format enables students to take one course at a time, attending classes on Saturdays for five consecutive weeks. Students can complete three courses in each of the fall and spring semesters, and two courses in the summer. This weekend option gives full-time working professionals the ability to balance their workweek responsibilities with their academic work. When students are asked why they have chosen Niagara University's MBA program, the two most frequent responses are the university's reputation for providing quality education and the Saturday format, said Hannan.

Fair Warnings



A local recruiter discusses career opportunities with two Niagara students at Career Expo 2006.

Career Expo 2007 March 21 • Noon to 2 p.m. Upper-level Gallagher Center

Job fair for students of all majors to meet with recruiters from various fields to discuss employment opportunities. For a list of participating employers, visit <http://www.niagara.edu/career/CareerExpo.htm>

Teacher Recruitment Days March 29-30 • Buffalo Convention Center

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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