

Associate Dean's Message

Happy 2008!



I hope you all had a great new year's celebration. Some of you might have a new year's resolution of going back to school or might know someone who is considering going to graduate school. Please feel free to refer interested individuals to our annual Graduate School Open House and Showcase on Saturday, April 5. Details about this event can be found on our Web site, www.niagara.edu/graduate. On this page, check out photos from last year's Open House and a listing of NU's graduate programs.

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 picturesque campus and meet our outstanding faculty.

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Graduate School Open House

Spread the Word!

And visit our new academic building!

Saturday, April 5 • 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
in the Academic Complex

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

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 register online at www.niagara.edu/april. Don't miss out on this great event!



MBA

Upcoming Information Sessions

Have you ever thought of earning a master's degree in business administration? Do you know someone who is? Here is an opportunity for you. I would like to formally invite you to attend one of our MBA information sessions. All sessions will be held from 5:30-7 p.m. in Bisgrove Hall, Room 171, on the following Thursday evenings:

Feb. 7, Feb. 21, March 6, March 27, April 3, April 17

These information sessions afford interested candidates the opportunity to meet one on one with me to discuss, in depth, the MBA program. In a relaxed setting, I will cover admissions requirements, program concentrations, financial aid, career planning, and other issues necessary to make your MBA experience a total success. More importantly, I will be available to answer your questions.

I encourage the readers of the Purple Press to take advantage of this opportunity if you're considering an MBA. You can register online for a session by sending an e-mail to mba@niagara.edu. For more information, please visit our Web site: www.niagara.edu/mba. I look forward to seeing you at one of our informational sessions.

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MA-IS

MA-IS Program Update

A new class of students enrolled in Niagara University's interdisciplinary studies program this past fall semester. Their curriculums focus on nonprofit management, disaster preparedness, literature and psychology, sports management, and women's studies. These new students are taking courses in the colleges of Business Administration, Education and Arts and Sciences, including reading courses that have recently been offered.

Two new courses in development — Communications Methods (summer 2008) and Fundraising Fundamentals (fall 2008) — will serve those students hoping to create a degree program focusing on nonprofit organizations.

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



(Left) Adrienne Leibowitz spent nearly three weeks in Malawi as part of her capstone project in the MA-IS program. Here she feeds 7-month-old "Blessings" his first bottle.

Did You Know?

Live Music Series

Have you ever attended a concert at Niagara? Here is your chance to see some cool bands right here on campus. All shows are from 8–11 p.m. in the "Under the Taps" Club, lower level Gallagher Center. Admission is \$5 at the door, and includes free pizza and wings. Shows are open to the general public, so bring a friend!

Feb. 22: Stone Row

Feb. 29: SIRSY and Innocent Bystanders

March 7: Aqueous and Treatment Nine

March 29: The Rivalry plus A Thousands Shades of Cold

April 4: Third Annual High School Rock Band Showcase

To learn more, visit www.niagara.edu/rtr



SIRSY

*Live as if you were to die tomorrow.
Learn as if you were to live forever.
— Gandhi*

Upcoming Events



Armando Scarlato

On Frozen Pond!

Come check out Niagara men's hockey team at Dwyer Arena this semester! Break away from your daily routine and sit between the blue lines to experience Division I hockey at its best. See slap shots, power plays and hat tricks. Don't be left in the cold!

Listed below are a few of the home games for the men's 2008 season.

Feb. 8 & 9 vs. Alabama-Huntsville

Feb. 29 vs. Robert Morris

March 1 vs. Robert Morris

March 14-16 CHA Tournament

**Dates and times are subject to change.*

For an extended schedule, visit www.PurpleEagles.com

You can also listen to games on AM1140.

Education

Chinese Scholars Explore Partnership With Niagara

Invited by the College of Education, three Chinese Fulbright scholars at Yale University visited Niagara University on Oct. 12, 2007. Dr. Debra Colley, dean of the college, Dr. Chandra Foote, chair of the Department of Teacher Education, and Dr. Jinyan Huang, assistant professor of TESOL in the college, welcomed Dr. Yizhong Ning, dean of the College of Foreign Languages at Beijing Language and Culture University, Dr. Yin Zhang from Beijing Forestry University, and Dr. Yun Wang from Northeast Normal University at the new education building. Colley and Ning introduced their respective colleges' education programs and discussed potential partnership opportunities.

Founded in 1962, BLCU is the only international university in China. Its main task is to teach the Chinese language and culture to foreign students. It has grown into a university of approximately 9,000 students who are from more than 160 countries and regions in the world, and 4,000 students who are from China. BLCU's Chinese proficiency test center, which was established in 1989, is the sole national organization exclusively devoted to Chinese language testing and research. The proficiency test, designed by the center, is a national standardized test designed to assess the Chinese language proficiency of non-native speakers. It is also internationally recognized as a language requirement. Since 2004, more than 500,000 candidates from 120 countries and regions have taken the test.

Like Niagara, BLCU also shares the values of international exchanges and cooperations. It has successfully built partnerships with 157 universities from 31 countries. Ning suggested several partnership programs between Niagara and BLCU, including a Teacher of Chinese as a Foreign Language Training Program, a Chinese Proficiency Test Program, and a Chinese Teacher of English as a Foreign Language Training Program at Niagara, and student and teacher exchange programs.

That afternoon, the three scholars were interviewed by our TESOL students for a class project assigned by Huang.

Invited by both the College of Foreign Languages and the Department of International Cooperation and Exchange at BLCU, Huang delivered a lecture on "Learning Strategies for ESL/EFL Learners" to graduate students at BLCU on Dec. 17, 2007.



(Left to right) Dr. Yin Zhang from Beijing Forestry University; Dr. Yizhong Ning, dean of the College of Foreign Languages at Beijing Language and Culture University; Dr. Debra Colley, dean of NU's College of Education; Dr. Jinyan Huang, assistant professor of TESOL in the college; and Dr. Yun Wang from Northeast Normal University.

Criminal Justice

Two Research Assistants Hired

Dr. Talia Harmon, associate professor of criminal justice, employed two new research assistants for the graduate criminal justice program in the fall of 2007. Amanda Graf (pictured right), a Niagara University alumnus, and Shannan Rodgers (pictured left), a Temple University alumna, have been working closely under the direction of Harmon while pursuing their master's degree in criminal justice administration here at NU.

This past fall, they kept busy with various tasks, including Harmon's commutation and execution projects. Also, they helped her prep for her presentation in November at the American Society of Criminology Conference, held in Atlanta.

For the upcoming spring 2008 semester, they plan to continue working toward the completion of the projects, along with taking on the duties of recruiting for the program, which includes a trip to Toronto for the Blue Line Trade Show in April. Best of luck and keep up the good work!



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Fair Warnings

Career Expo 2008
March 12 • 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 <http://www.niagara.edu/career/CareerExpo.htm>

Teacher Recruitment Days
April 10-11 • 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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