

Associate Dean's Message



James Schell with his parents at graduation.

Good Luck Amigo!

It's hard to believe that another academic year has come and gone so quickly! This past semester was not only eventful, but also very successful for the graduate admissions office.

Our annual Graduate School Open House proved to be a great success, as 89 prospective students visited our picturesque campus on the morning of March 26. Each visitor was greeted by NU faculty, staff and students as they learned about the graduate program of their interest and took a tour of our campus. After the event, I received several emails from those who attended saying how much they enjoyed our university and quality graduate

programs, including this one: "I had a wonderful time attending the Open House last Saturday. A sincere thanks to you and all the staff/students at Niagara University for hosting a friendly and informative event." Most of the attendees have applied since attending our Open House. If you missed our Open House you are always welcome to contact me and I will help you with the application process or answer any questions you might have.

Finally, I must say good-bye to James Schell, who served as my graduate assistant recruiter for the past two years. James received his master's degree in criminal justice administration last month and is beginning his job search. I would like to publicly thank him for his dedication and hard work. James was instrumental in keeping our website up-to-date as well as recruiting prospective graduate students throughout Western New York. James, good luck with your future endeavors and remember to visit us when you are near Monteagle Ridge.

To all our readers, have a great summer and make sure to catch a baseball game! That's where I'll be this summer!

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Veteran Services

A Note from Robert Healy

The Veteran Student Service Office has been busy. On March 3, a group of Niagara staff and faculty, led by the Rev. Joseph L. Levesque, C.M., Niagara University president, and Dr. Bonnie Rose, executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs, traveled to the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station to meet with Col. Mark Murphy, 914th AW/VCC. Col. Murphy explained the mission of the 914th Air Wing and USAF Reserves and then gave a windshield tour of the installation.

The Veterans Administration has given my office approval to hire two work-study students. The NU Student Veterans Association, along with the Mental Health Clinic, hosted a briefing on the symptoms and effects of post-traumatic stress disorder by Dr. Bernadette Peters, a licensed psychologist and assistant director of counseling services at Niagara.

As of May 17, my office will be moving as the Gallagher Center undergoes changes. If you'd like to talk to me, I can be reached at 716.286.8341 or email me at rhealy@niagara.edu.

Education

Now Offering a Ph.D.



*Dr. Walter Polka,
chair of the Ph.D. program.*

Niagara University is pleased to announce that, beginning August 2011, its internationally accredited College of Education will be offering a doctoral degree in leadership and policy. The Ph.D. program, which is currently accepting applications, will prepare leaders to implement systemic change in an effort to further community goals and aspirations.

“We are very excited to be able to offer a doctoral program based on an innovative and unique model that is strongly aligned with the mission of the university,” said the Rev. Joseph L. Levesque, C.M., president of Niagara University. “As a Vincentian university, Niagara seeks to inspire its students to serve all members of society, especially the disadvantaged. The leadership and policy Ph.D. program focuses on this mission of Niagara University in bringing social justice and empowerment

to those most in need to the forefront of research. It is through this cultivation of research that we may indeed be able to transform our impoverished communities and change how we think about leadership in this regard.”

Niagara University will fill a considerable need for a major segment of the Western New York and Southern Ontario graduate student population who may be seeking a doctorate in leadership and policy studies. The United States and New York State Departments of Labor project that there will be a significant increase in related jobs requiring doctoral degree qualifications, and that producing and maintaining a well-educated leadership labor force is essential for the economic improvement of Western New York.

For more information about Niagara University’s graduate education programs, visit www.niagara.edu/phd or call 716.286.8336.

MA-IS MA-IS Program Update

The master of arts in interdisciplinary studies program is graduating more students this year — seven — than ever before. These graduates are finding work in arts education, nursing home management, and nonprofit organizations, as well as advancing their already established careers in higher education, coaching and homeland security. The program is now offering a new course, IDS 585: Internship, to allow MA-IS students to gain practical experience that will help advance their careers.

Students range from those working full-time jobs while pursuing their degrees part time, to those engaged in full-time study. One of the program’s features is the ability to take courses in other graduate degree programs at Niagara University (such as MBA, criminal justice, and counseling).

For additional information about how to self-design a 33-credit hour master’s degree, go to www.niagara.edu/interdisciplinary/index.htm.

Alumni of Distinction

Robert B. Wegman Class of 1941

One of the nation’s most influential and respectful leaders in the supermarket industry, Robert D. Wegman, developed the superstore and the concept of one-stop shopping. He played a leading role in development of the Universal Product Code, one of the fundamental changes in supermarket technology. In 1998, Wegmans Food Market Inc. was first included in Fortune Magazine’s list of the “100 Best Companies to Work For.” It ranked No. 1 in the list in 2005.

A lifelong philanthropist, especially in support of Catholic education, Wegman and his wife, Peggy, produced funding that enabled hundreds of families in Rochester to choose a Catholic education for their children.



Robert B. Wegman

Nightly Housing Program Returns

The Office of Residence Life would like to announce that the very successful nightly housing program for graduate and commuter students will return beginning in fall 2011. Graduate and commuter students will be able to stay in a single room on the fourth floor of Lynch Hall on a nightly basis. Lynch Hall provides single rooms with common private baths and a study/lounge area that has a television, game room equipment, kitchenette, laundry facilities, and a gym, which will all be available for use by the nightly residents.

Any questions can be directed to the Office of Residence Life at **716.286.8100**.



MBA Outstanding Student-of-the-Year Award

We are happy to announce that Jenifer Maynard, director of Medical Imaging and Cardiac Services at Medina Memorial Hospital, was awarded the 2011 MBA Outstanding Student-of-the-Year Award at Niagara University's 21st Annual Business Appreciation Dinner on April 19 at the Conference Center, Niagara Falls.

Here is the citation written by Tom Burns, associate vice president of public relations, marketing and communication at Niagara University, and read by Maryalice Demler, news anchor for WGRZ of Buffalo, N.Y.:

"When most people think of an outstanding MBA student, they may think of someone who is extensively trained in traditional business disciplines like operations, marketing or accounting. The 2011 Outstanding Student-of-the-Year for Niagara University's MBA program has taken a slightly different route to her MBA.

"This year's honoree, Jenifer Maynard, brought professional experience in the field of healthcare to her MBA classes at Niagara University. Jenifer entered the classroom at Niagara with a bachelor of science in nuclear medicine.

"With that degree, Jenifer started her career in healthcare as a nuclear medicine technologist at Buffalo General Hospital. From there, her career grew and she became the associate chief imaging technologist at Lakeside Health System in Brockport before becoming the chief technologist of Nuclear Medicine at Kenmore Mercy Hospital.

"Jenifer was then appointed as site manager of Imaging Services at Kenmore Mercy, a position that made her responsible for supervising all aspects of diagnostic imaging services, including daily CT operations, ultrasound, nuclear medicine, X-ray, mammography and bone density.

"In 2007, Jenifer was appointed the director of medical imaging and cardiac services at Medina Memorial Hospital. In her role there, she continues to supervise diagnostic imaging services, as well as planning and implementing capital and operational budgets, managing employee appraisals and hiring, and monitoring internal and external customer satisfaction.

"Jenifer earned a certificate from the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board in 2006 and she is a member of the Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologist Section.

"Jenifer will be completing the MBA program at Niagara University in August and we are pleased to recognize all that she has accomplished by presenting her with the 2011 MBA Outstanding Student-of-the-Year Award. We are proud to count her as one of our newest alumni and we wish her well in her future endeavors."

Business Study Abroad to China

Planning is underway for the summer 2012 business study abroad to China. This opportunity is available to alumni and students. One of the companies that hosted us last year was DFS Group Limited in Hong Kong, an innovative company led by Niagara University alumnus Ed Brennan, '78. Congratulations are in order for Wen Wen Chen, who travelled with us last summer. She graduated in May and will start her management training at DFS in July.



College of Business Administration dean Dr. Mark Wilson (left) and the Rev. Joseph L. Levesque, C.M., Niagara University president, with Jenifer Maynard.

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GRE Times Are Changing

Are you planning to take the GRE in the next few months? If you are, you need to be aware of some major changes. Starting Aug. 1, 2011, the GRE Revised General Test will replace the current GRE General Test. Here are some things that you can expect:

- A new test-taker friendly design
- New types of questions in the verbal reasoning and quantitative reasoning sections
- A 50% discount when you take the test between Aug. 1 and Sept. 30, 2011
- A new score design that will make it easier for schools to compare your scores with others

If the school to which you are applying needs your score before November, then you should take the current test. If you do not need your scores until after November, then it is recommended that you take the revised GRE.

Graduate admissions highly recommends that you check the following website for more information:
www.ets.org/gre/.



**If you have an opportunity to make things better,
 and you don't do that, you are wasting your time
 on this earth.**

— Roberto Clemente

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