Prospero Ano Nuevo … Happy New Year — 2011 is promising to be an exciting one at Niagara University!

NU 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 has started already accepting applications, will prepare leaders to implement systemic change in an effort to further community goals and aspirations.

Was your New Year’s resolution to go back to school? Do you know someone who is considering going to graduate school? If so, please attend our annual Graduate School Open House on Saturday, March 26, 2011. Details about this event can be found on our website, www.niagara.edu/graduate, and on the back page of this newsletter.

If you are unable to attend our Open House and would like to visit Niagara’s 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 beautiful campus and discuss our quality graduate programs.

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Robert H. Healy, a 30-year veteran of the United States Air Force, has been named veterans services coordinator at Niagara University. In this role, Robert will be responsible for developing and implementing university strategy for increasing and retaining current and former military students and their family members, and developing relationships with local, regional and national military and veteran organizations to create recruiting support conduits.

Robert joined the Air Force in 1980 as a security specialist. Active duty assignments include: Loring AFB M.E., RAF Mildenhall England, Plattsburg AFB N.Y., and Spandalhelm AB Germany. He retired from active duty in 1992. In 1993 he joined the 914 AW Security Forces at the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station N.Y. He retired as the superintendent of installation security operations. The Office of Veterans Services is located in the upper level of the Gallagher Center. You can contact Robert Healy at 716.286.8341 or rhealy@niagara.edu.

GRE: Graduate Record Examination — www.ets.org/gre
GMAT: Graduate Management Admissions Test — www.mba.com
MAT: Miller Analogies Test — www.milleranalogies.com
TOEFL: Test of English as a Foreign Language — www.ets.org/toefl
MBA Students Prepare for Business Mission to China

This spring, our MBA students will again be given a business experience opportunity of a lifetime. Edward Kowalewski, director of the International Trade Program for New York, U.S. Department of Commerce, will conduct a class called “Doing Business in China.” This class is a preparation for the MBA business mission to China in May 2011. Ed and MBA director Peggy Choong will mentor the students on their 12-day journey to China and meet with executives in Shanghai, Hong Kong and Guangzhou. The College of Business is excited to have such an experienced and well-connected trade leader to teach and mentor our students. Ed has a proven record of success in effectively encouraging New York-based businesses to enter or expand in markets and significant experience in attracting foreign economic investment in the state. He also has experience in business development, strategic marketing, leadership, and community/government relations. Recently, he testified before the Congressional advisory U.S.-China Economic and Security Commission.

This year, selected students will also be given the exciting opportunity to work directly with a Chinese company as consultants.

Alumni who are interested to take part in this trip can contact the MBA office at 716.286.8596.

Criminal Justice

Dr. Timothy Ireland, chair of the Niagara University criminal justice department, was recently awarded a $193,000 grant from the New York State Developmental Disabilities Planning Council to develop and deliver a statewide disability awareness and sensitivity curriculum and the corresponding training tools for first responders. This was a very competitive grant and Dr. Ireland, along with colleagues David Whalen, Kelly Mullaney, ’10 (currently a master’s degree student in criminal justice administration), and others will work toward developing a unified, statewide protocol for first responders to adhere to during emergencies and encounters involving people with developmental disabilities. The development of the curriculum will be guided by an advisory council consisting of academics, state and regional first responders, developmental disabilities service providers, individuals with disabilities, advocacy groups, and other trainers. Once finalized, Niagara will work with existing state and regional organizations to deliver the training via train-the-trainer and direct training events, as well as by creating a web-based teaching program. The expected outcome of the program is that first responders will have the skills and tools necessary to communicate and assist individuals with disabilities in an emergency.

The grant was awarded to Dr. Ireland as the first of a three-year, renewable project that possesses a maximum funding potential of almost $650,000. Questions about the project can be directed to the newly established first responder disability awareness training office at NU: 121 Timon Hall; 716.286.7355; frdat@niagara.edu.

“People who say it cannot be done should not interrupt those who are doing it.”

— Anonymous
Upcoming Events

Men’s Tennis

Set some time aside to visit the baseline at the North Tonawanda Sportsplex and watch our men’s tennis team. Coach Nguyen will have his Purple Eagles playing top-notch Division I tennis. His players will entertain you with aces and drop shots as well as serve and volley play! Don’t let this opportunity go by. You’ll love it!

2011 Home Schedule

Feb. 26 vs. Youngstown State
Feb. 27 vs. Chicago State
March 27 vs. Loyola
April 2 vs. Marist
April 3 vs. Siena
April 6 vs. St. Bonaventure

For an extended schedule, visit www.PurpleEagles.com

*Dates and times subject to change

Education

Improving the Lives of the Women of Niger

Dr. Haoua Hamza is a full-time associate professor at Niagara University who is passionate about diversity, multiculturalism and communication across cultural boundaries. Dr. Hamza has combined her passion and her education to pursue the creation of a nongovernmental organization called Global Network for Niger. The GNN has three main goals:

• Education: To offer greater opportunities for education to all children and adults in Niger by establishing partnerships with the College of Education at Niagara University with particular attention to girls’ schooling and literacy for adult women.

• Financial stability: To increase food security for rural women and families by developing micro-credit lending opportunities to stimulate women's entrepreneurial initiatives.

• Health: To attract, subsidize and incubate where necessary, and establish within underserved communities a network of basic health services providers, with special attention to medical relief for girls and for poor women and children in rural Niger.

Growing up in Niger, Dr. Hamza recognized the need for these services among the female population. In fact, Dr. Hamza was inspired to begin this organization by her mother, who ran a women's group that worked to better their local community.

Dr. Hamza plans to achieve her goals by facilitating a connection between Niagara University’s College of Education and the “Ecole Normale Superieure,” a national university in Niger. This connection is being facilitated by a team of Niagara University faculty and staff composed of Dr. Chandra Foote, Dr. Jeanne Laurel, Dr. Donna Kester-Phillips, Dr. Jinyan Huang, Dr. Barbara Iannarelli, David Blackburn, and Sharon Green. This team is currently building the infrastructure of the GNN as well as navigating through the sea of legal obstacles that go along with starting a nongovernmental organization.

Dr. Hamza and her Niagara University team are very optimistic about the future of the GNN. Within the next five years, they see a facility being built, more people seizing an opportunity to serve abroad, and Niagara University faculty, staff and students supporting the goal of the GNN to better the lives of women of Niger.

Disabilities History Week Celebration

On Monday, Oct. 18, 2010, students from Niagara’s College of Education gathered in the Academic Complex to celebrate Disabilities History Week by attending five presentations given by local and national organizations that support individuals with disabilities. The presenting organizations included: The Disabilities History Museum, People Inc., Autistic Services Inc., United Cerebral Palsy, and Opportunities Unlimited of Niagara.

MA-IS Program Continues to Grow

Three students completed their degrees this past fall semester and defended capstone projects in such wide-ranging fields as virtual library reference, Dante’s literature, and on-campus diversity programming. The program’s strength continues to be in nonprofit leadership, and a newly proposed course, IDS 585: Internship, expands the opportunity for 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 NU, such as MBA, criminal justice, and counseling.

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

Graduate Programs
- New Ph.D. in Leadership & Policy
- Elementary Education
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  - Teacher's College
  - Literacy
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- Math, Science & Technology
- Educational Leadership
- School Counseling
- School Psychology
- Mental Health Counseling
- Business Administration (MBA)
- Criminal Justice Administration
- Interdisciplinary Studies

Graduate School Open House

Join us for an informational morning!

**Saturday, March 26, 2011**

9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Biggrove Hall Atrium

Learn more about Niagara University’s graduate programs and campus life, meet faculty, discuss the advantages of an NU master’s degree, and speak to representatives from a variety of campus service offices such as financial aid and career development. Campus tours will 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/march](http://www.niagara.edu/march). Don’t miss out on this great event!

Fair Warnings

CAREER EXPO 2011

March 23 – noon to 2 p.m.

Castellani Art Museum

Students of all majors can meet with recruiters from various career fields to discuss employment opportunities. For a list of participating employers, visit [www.niagara.edu/career/](http://www.niagara.edu/career/).

TEACHER RECRUITMENT DAYS

April 11-12

Buffalo Convention Center

Interview with representatives of school districts from across the United States. For complete registration information, including deadlines and instructions, visit [www.trd.org](http://www.trd.org).