Educational Counseling Student Association

This past fall semester, educational counseling graduate students founded the Educational Counseling Student Association (ECSA). All educational counseling students, staff, and faculty are encouraged to join. The purpose of the ECSA is to promote understanding of a broad range of educational counseling issues for graduate students enrolled in the educational counseling program. The association may do this by sponsoring educational events, organizing social gatherings, raising funds for members to attend professional development events, as well as volunteering and donating to charitable associations within the community. This past semester the ECSA sponsored a food drive which collected canned goods to be donated to the Long Branch community as well as hosting their 1st holiday social event. If you have any questions or would like to join ECSA, please contact Dr. Sasso, the club advisor.
Recent Research by Faculty

**Recent Publications by Dr. Peters:**


**Recent Publications by Dr. Paone:**


**Featured Student: Francisco Cordero**

My name is Francisco and I am a first year graduate student in the Student Affairs and College Counseling (SACC) program here at Monmouth University. I transferred from West Chester University of Pennsylvania and I chose the SACC program for its focus on social justice and college student development. Much of my student affairs and higher education experiences have come from working in Residence Life and Housing Services for over 4 years. Prior to attending Monmouth, I was a Graduate Assistant Hall Director where I learned that if one is to make an investment in the lives of others, this includes staff and students; then in return, those individuals will make the investment to provide dedication and excellent work ethic. Between my counseling and student affairs courses, Monmouth University has provided a comprehensive learning experience for SACC students to grow both professionally and administratively. This semester I will be interning at Brookdale Community College and Monmouth University in their advising and student life departments. I am looking forward to receiving my degree in the next year and continuing my career path in student advising or residence life.

**Featured Faculty Member: Terri Peters**

Terri Peters is an Associate Professor in the Department of Educational Leadership, School Counseling, and Special Education. She teaches Human Growth and Development (EDC 510) and Research Methods (EDL 601) in the School Counseling and Student Affairs programs. Her research focuses on teachers’ White racial identity and White teachers’ relationships with students of color.
Student Affairs Program Updates

- This year, The Placement Exchange (TPE) is in Baltimore, Maryland. Graduating SACC students should consider attending this conference for professional development, networking, and employment opportunities.

- Dr. Sasso has created drsasso.wordpress.com as a way to share information about the SACC program, his professional accomplishments/projects, and the achievements of students in the student affairs and college counseling program. Some of these achievements include publications, memberships, internships, and presentations!

School Counseling Program Updates

National School Counseling Week

National School Counseling Week 2014, "School Counseling: Building Magical Futures," will be celebrated from Feb. 3-7, 2014, to focus public attention on the unique contribution of professional school counselors within U.S. school systems. National School Counseling Week, sponsored by ASCA, highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career.

National School Counseling Week is always celebrated the first full week in February.

2014 Annual School Counselor Conference

Kean University

Friday April 11, 8:00am-3:30pm

Featuring the NJSCA Spring Seminar and NJACAC Spring Professional Development Mini-Institute.

Featured Faculty Member: Tina Paone

Dr. Tina Paone is an associate professor and department chair of Educational Leadership, School Counseling, and Special Education. She is a nationally certified counselor (NCC), a nationally certified school counselor (NCSC), a licensed professional counselor (LPC), a registered play therapist-supervisor (RPT-S), and an approved clinical supervisor (ACS). She is a member of the American Counseling Association, American School Counseling Association, Association for Counselor Education and Supervision, Association for Play Therapy, Association for Specialists in Group Work, New Jersey Counseling Association, New Jersey School Counseling Association, New Jersey Association for Counselor Education and Supervision, Pennsylvania Association for Play Therapy, Pennsylvania Counseling Association, and the Montgomery County Counseling Association.
Monmouth’s graduate counseling programs in education prepare students to become skilled counseling professionals ready to deliver comprehensive counseling programs in elementary and secondary schools, colleges, or universities. Our school counseling program is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), and our student affairs and college counseling program is currently in the accreditation process.

Students in this program develop a strong identity as empathic and competent professionals focused on self-awareness, personal and professional development, and continuous learning. Monmouth’s accomplished faculty provide learning experiences designed to meet professional counseling competencies. Students take part in theoretical and practical coursework, supervised counseling practice, and the development of a professional counselor portfolio.

The goals of the counseling programs at Monmouth University are to foster the growth and development of students who aspire to be professional school counselors, student affairs professionals, or college counselors. Our master’s degree programs in school counseling and student affairs and college counseling at Monmouth University focus on a comprehensive, integrative approach designed to prepare students with the practical counseling skills used in a school or college environment.

Our students come from a wide range of backgrounds, solidifying the commitment to a

**Professional Development Opportunities**

**Student Affairs Conferences**

**Delaware Valley Student Affairs Conference (DVSAC)**

February 14th, 2014
Cuddle up to student learning and student development theory...

Dr. Sasso and Dr. Maldonado will be doing a presentation together about the value of a students affairs degree with a focus in counseling (likes ours!).

**NASPA**

*(National Association of Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education)*

- The Placement Exchange, March 12-16, 2014, Baltimore, MD
- This is an opportunity to interview and network with employers nationwide.

- Annual Conference, March 15-19, 2014, Baltimore, MD
- Network with professionals and attend professional development seminars

**ASCA—American School Counseling Association**

2014 ASCA Annual Conference

“Building Magical Futures”
June 29-July 2
- Network with other professionals, learn practical counseling tips, and use for internship hours

Webinars:
- School-wide Bully Prevention
- Stop Bullying Now Campaign

**NJSCA—NJ School Counseling Association**

2014 Spring Conference
April 11th, 2014, 8:00am-3:30pm
Kean University Student Center
Webinar:
- Eligibility and Recruiting Webinar
- Become a member to receive the newsletter!

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