



Professional Highlights

Newsletter of the Division of Student Affairs

Division News: Summer Workshop & Welcome Back Breakfast

Brian Salvaggio, Assistant Vice President, Student Affairs

On Monday, August 23, 2010, the Division of Student Affairs held a special workshop on assessment. This half day workshop



Assessment Workshop, August 2010

brought together 37 staff from across the division. The program was developed to help staff prepare for their assessment planning and departmental self studies that will be conducted during this fall se-

mester. Dr. Cathy Turrentine, Assistant Director in the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment presented an informative session with the goals to help staff feel more confident about program assessment and program review and to share new ideas and experiences with each other.

On Wednesday, September 8, 2010, the Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. David Ostroth, hosted the annual opening breakfast at the newly renovated Rondileau Campus Center Ballroom. The breakfast was an opportunity to meet new staff in the division, to celebrate the many accomplishments of the past year, to discuss some of the Uni-

versity's strategic goals for the future and to learn more about the students we serve.

During the spring semester and summer there were a few changes in office locations for the Central Office staff. Dr. Tony Esposito is now located in DiNardo Hall, Room 129 and Brian Salvaggio is located in the Rondileau Campus Center in Room 204.



Welcome Back Breakfast –Sept. 2010

BSU Police Department Starts Campus-wide Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) Program

Chief David Tillinghast, BSU Campus Police

The BSU Police Department has begun to install AEDs – Automatic External Defibrillators – at various building locations throughout the campus. An AED is an easy-to-use, automated device which delivers a lifesaving electric shock to the heart to

halt rapid and chaotic heart activity, commonly known as Sudden Cardiac Arrest, and restores normal heart rhythm.

The Police Department's PAD Program has one main goal: to save lives through early defibrillation. Towards that end, the program aims to make AEDs as accessible as fire

extinguishers throughout our campus community.

Success of Public Access Defibrillation:

According to recent studies:

- More than 460,000 Americans die each year from Sudden Cardiac

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Student Affairs Division Leaders

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- David Ostroth
Vice President
- Cathy Holbrook
Assoc. Vice President

Campus Ctr. - 204

- Brian Salvaggio
Asst. Vice President

DiNardo Hall - 129

- Tony Esposito
Asst. Vice President

A list of department staff can be found on the division web site at www.bridgew.edu/StudentAffairs

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Learning the Ropes through NASPA's New Professional Mentoring Institute



Katie Munroe, Career Counselor, Career Services

In June of 2009, I felt the weight of the word "FRESHMAN" tattooed on my forehead. I had just started my first full-time position after graduate school and I was the newbie. When hired as the newest Career Counselor in the BSU Career Services office I was thrust into a transformative learning experience far less treacherous than

expected due to the NASPA New Professional Mentoring Institute (NPMI).

Launched in 2008, the NPMI provides new student affairs professionals with instructional sessions co-facilitated by seasoned student affairs administrators as well as mentorship from a mid-level professional. For the next five months I periodically met with the larger Institute and one-on-one with my mentor; Gin Schaffer, Assistant Director of the Educational Resource Center at Boston University. As each session progressed, the mentees quickly shed their freshman-like traits and realized there was much more to learn about navigating a new institution as a

professional.

Participating in the NPMI allowed me to network with peers and share my failures and successes with a supportive group. My learning was further nurtured through a mentoring relationship that encouraged me to set personal goals while reflecting on where I came from, where I am now, and where I plan to go. Since graduating from the NPMI, I have learned to respect this process not only for myself, but also for the students I work with on a daily basis here at BSU. Special thanks to Dave Ostroth and Brian Salvaggio from the Division of Student Affairs for supporting my application and to my mentor Gin Schaffer.

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Campus Movie Fest 2010

Ed Cabellon, Director, Campus Center

At Campus MovieFest's International Grand Finale in Las Vegas, one BSU student won the Best Comedy award for his short film, while another earned a nomination in the Best Drama category. Senior **Alex Perry** took home the Best Comedy Award for his movie, "Grow Grass Grow," earning a best director nomination in the process and marking the first time in the event's history that a student has won in the same category two years consecutively. Alex also earned the top comedy prize at last year's grand finale with his film, "Scrabble: The Motion Picture."

Jim Sass, with "That Good Night," won the Best Drama Award at CMF's Northern Regional Grand Finale in New York City last June, which propelled both films into the International competition in Las Vegas. The two films were chosen for competition out of the more than 2,000 submissions. The films were also shown at The Cannes International Film Festival's Short Film Corner, featured on AT&T Wireless' U-Verse mobile service, and



(Left to right) Katia Hagerman, '10; Nathan Clapp, '10; Alex Perry, '10; Kelsey Bryant, '13; Jim Sass, '11; and Nicole Riley, '11. Photo credit: Campus MovieFest

at 35,000 feet on Virgin Atlantic Airways.

CMF is the world's largest student film festival. Each year students work in teams, writing, producing and editing their own films and submitting them for

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PAD Program cont.

Arrest.

- Sudden Cardiac Arrest is a major unsolved public health problem and a leading cause of death in the United States.
- The most common cause of Sudden Cardiac Arrest is ventricular fibrillation - when the heart's electrical impulses become irregular and the heart is unable to pump oxygen rich blood throughout the body.

- A person who suffers Sudden Cardiac Arrest outside of a hospital has a five percent chance of surviving.
- Clinical studies have shown the survival rate increases to 30 to 70 percent when an automated external defibrillator is available and used on a victim within 3 minutes from the onset of a cardiac arrest.

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News from the Student Affairs Sustainability Committee!

Beth Moriarty, Sustainability Committee Chair

The committee launched a month long email education program during the month of July. Thanks to the many members of the division who participated in our Sustainability quizzes, read our Sustainability tips and tried some of our Sustainability Challenges. We would like to announce the

winners of the various contests from that program. Winners will receive fun "recycled" prizes.

Colleen Gallagher, Commuter Services

Katie Munro, Career Services

Nick Schleicher, Athletics and Recreation

Jenn Thibodeau, Community Service Center

Courtney Ives, Residence Life and Housing

Barbara George, Community Service Center

Dan McHugh – Conference and Event Services

The committee is working on some great new ideas and programs to promote sustainability. Look for upcoming announcements about our walking challenge!

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Community Service Day in RLH

Kym Turpin, Residence Life & Housing

The Residence Life & Housing team built in an afternoon during Professional Staff Training on July 26, 2010, to give back to the community of Bridgewater. We piled into a 15 passenger van and headed over to Rainbow's End Playground off Flag Street, rakes and shovels in tow, borrowed from BSU Grounds. We arrived at the playground to clean up throughout the large

wooden structure as well as the surrounding grounds including a small amphitheater, picnic tables, benches and parking lot. Despite the heat we worked together to rid the playing area of trash and what felt like an abundance of pine needles. It wasn't all work though; we paused for a freeze pop break and got to hear some genuine "Thank You's" from children who were playing at the time.



Community Service options in the town are plenty, as we found when we began searching for a site to accommodate our large staff. Making contact with the Town Park Stewards through the Bridgewater Conservation
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Campus Movie Fest cont.

competition as part of the CMF program at BSU. Last year, 60 teams started the competition, with 35 films being submitted. The top 16 films were selected from a secret panel of BSU judges (comprised of Faculty, Staff and Students) and were showcased at the BSU Campus MovieFest finale in April, as part of Spring Fest Week. This program has struck a chord with a segment of our student population that would

not normally be involved in our more mainstream, student involvement opportunities.

Mr. Perry and Mr. Sass had the opportunity at the competition to network with the top film industry writers, directors and producers who judge the films. In turn, the talented filmmakers have helped build Bridgewater's reputation as a college that produces top notch student films. We are now in the same student film

conversation with schools like Emerson, NYU and UCLA, even though BSU does not have a formal Film Studies program.

Nearly 30 family, friends and members of the BSU community flew out to accompany and support the students at the competition. The Student Government Association and Office of Student Affairs help support the CMF program.

Community Service Cont.

Commission – Parkland Stewardship was easy and tours of the Parks were very informative. The Rainbow's End Playground was the best fit for our staff and is part of the Bridgewater Recreation Commission. The Recreation

Commission over sees many fields and playgrounds in the town of Bridgewater. Each organization welcomed our interest and encouraged others to also take time to give back to the community. Community Service is one way that the Uni-

versity can strengthen the relationship and be involved with the town. The experience helped us reflect on the great things that can be accomplished when people work together.

A New Look for the Great Hill Student Apartments

Michael Goodhart, Residence Life & Housing

Since May 2009 you may have noticed, the Great Hill Student Apartments has been a center of activity in the midst of renovation and additional construction. That work is finally complete, and the Apartments now has a new look and design to meet the needs of our resident students. The Apartments officially opened on Sunday, August 29, 2010.



The renovation project encompassed several new fea-

tures. The most significant change was the conversion of all bedrooms into single rooms. The bathrooms and kitchens in every apartment were remodeled, including installation of new kitchen appliances. All apartments now have beautiful new furniture. All windows were replaced. The older key locks for all apartments and bedrooms have been upgraded with Connect Card enabled locks for more convenient, secure and sustainable access. The stairwells to each of the apartments, once open to the elements, are now enclosed and heated for the cooler seasons. A three bedroom accessible apartment was also added.

Behind the scenes work was also done to install new heating boilers and emergency



generators for the Apartments. The fire safety system was upgraded to include new smoke detectors and sprinklers. The common building lounge was renovated with the addition of a new flat screen television, providing a more welcome location for students to gather and hang out. The Student Apartments also has two additional Resident Assistant student staff members (four total) to serve the residents in the community. The Apartments is another reminder of the positive changing times for the university.

Student Affairs Professional Development Highlights

Professional Organization Development

- *Lisa Forest*, the coordinator of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Allies (GLBTA) Pride Center, serves as the north-east regional representative for The Consortium of Higher Education Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Resource Professionals (the national higher education LGBT organization). She recently organized and presented at the annual conference for the northeast region. Her presentation was entitled “Collecting GLBT Student Demographics.”
- *Beth Moriarty* is currently serving on the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) Region 1 Advisory Board as the Women in Student Affairs Knowledge Committee Chair.
- *Shelly Keniston* served on the Boston Area College Housing Association’s (BACHA) executive board this past year as the President and she will serve this upcoming year as Past President. Additionally, Shelly served her final year of her term as the Massachusetts District Coordinator on the Northeast Association College of University Housing Officers (NEACUHO) executive board last year.
- *Shelly Keniston* and *Erin Kennelly* are both serving on the Northeast Association of College and University Housing Officers (NEACUHO) Professional Development Committee for the 2010-2011 academic year.
- *Amanda Surgens* served on the Boston Area College Housing Association (BACHA) Resident Assistant Conference Planning Committee last year and she and Rich Landry will serve on the 2010-2011 planning committee.
- *Erin Courville* is serving as the Regional Coordinator for the Gamma Phi Beta International Sorority.
- *Jennifer Paulin* will be serving on the NEACUHO Corporate Relations Committee and Residential Operations Committee for the 2010-2011 academic year.

Conference Presentations

- *Beth Moriarty* presented a program entitled “Who Created the Helicopter Parent?” at the NEACUHO Spring Drive-in Conference, the NEACUHO Annual Conference and the NASPA Region 1 Conference.
- *Beth Moriarty*, *Amanda Surgens* and *Erin Kennelly* presented a session entitled “Navigating Campus Politics” at the BACHA New Professionals Conference this past August.
- *Beth Moriarty* presented “Careers for Women in Housing Operations” at the NEACUHO Operations Drive-in Conference at Fitchburg State College.
- *Shelly Keniston* presented at the NEACUHO New professional Conference on the topic of Supervision of Paraprofessional Staff.
- *Shelly Keniston* presented “Planning for Life after Graduation” at the All of the Above conference in February.
- *Shelly Keniston* presented “Moving up to a Mid-Level Position” at the NEACUHO Annual Conference.
- *Amanda Surgens*, *Erin Courville* and *Erin Kennelly* presented “Saving Your Students and Still Being Home in Time for Dinner” at the NEACUHO Annual Conference this past June at Roger Williams University.
- *Amanda Surgens*, *Jennifer Paulin* and *Michael Goodhart* presented “It’s Easy Being Green at BSC” at the NEACUHO Operations Drive-in Conference.

Awards

- *Lisa Forest*, the coordinator of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Allies (GLBTA) Pride Center received the Diversity and Inclusion Research Institute (DIRI) 2010 Practices in Higher Education Award. The award recognizes individuals with widespread campus achievements toward greater equity and inclusion.
- *Nancy Clark*, director of the Children’s Center, received the Dr. Marilyn White Barry Graduate Award for Outstanding Professional Achievement at the Alumni Association’s Annual Awards Dinner on April 10. This award is given each year to an alumnus/na of the graduate school who has demonstrated exemplary achievement in the field of education at the state, regional, or national level.
- *Diane Bell*, director of Community Service, received the Martha D. Jones Outstanding Dedication to Students Award at the Alumni Association’s Annual Awards Dinner on April 10th. This award is presented annually to a current member of the faculty, staff or administration who has volunteered his or her energy and talent to enrich the lives of students at Bridgewater State University. The award recognizes exceptional dedication and commitment to the development of students.
- *Beth Moriarty* won the NEACUHO Best of the Spring Drive-in Award and Best of the Northeast Award for her presentation entitled “Who Created the Helicopter Parent?” Beth will represent the northeast region at the ACUHO-I Conference in New Orleans next summer.
- *Beth Moriarty* won the NEACUHO Women’s Issues, Outstanding Achievement Award. The award is given annually to a NEACUHO member who is a mentor and role model and has assisted in the development of new female professionals.

New Staff

The Community Service Center would like to welcome the newly appointed Faculty Associate for Service-Learning and the Center's first ever Graduate Assistant.



Dr. David O'Malley is the new Faculty Associate for Service-Learning and a faculty member in the Department of Social Work at Bridgewater State University. He has been involved in service-learning first as a student himself and then in his professional roles as a program administrator with the Cleveland YMCA and Case Western Reserve University. He had previously been on faculty at Cleveland State University in Ohio. He has worked in rural and urban, as well as domestic and international settings that have made him particularly interested in the cross-cultural aspects of service learning. He believes that developing knowledge and skills related to human diversity are some of the most challenging, valuable and rewarding elements of service learning work for students, faculty and staff. David is committed to connecting issues of civic engagement with service learning so that students, staff and faculty make connections between service learning, public policy and citizenship skills. David's practice and research interests involve interfaith dialogue/collaboration, substance abuse prevention and sustainability. He has earned degrees from the University of Connecticut College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Yale University Divinity School and Southern Connecticut State University School of Health and Human Services. He earned his doctorate from the Case Western Reserve University Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences.



David Candella is currently enrolled in the Master of Science in Management program here at Bridgewater State University. He will manage several of the signature programs while working alongside the staff and other student employees in the Community Service Center. He graduated from Westfield State University in December 2009. David is an active member of his community. He served in the Boy Scouts for several years. He has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity through his church and participated in Built to Last, a mission trip to build homes with Habitat for Humanity during which he traveled to Zanesville, Ohio and Rochester, New York. David also completed a marketing internship with Greater Springfield (MA) Habitat for Humanity. Locally, David is a participant in Project Bread's Walk for Hunger, various walks for breast cancer awareness and serves dinner at local shelters.