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Division Updates

Congratulations to Dr. Tony Esposito

Tony Esposito, *Assistant Vice President*, Student Affairs, completed his doctoral program and defended his thesis in October, 2009. Tony received his Ed.D degree from UMass Boston's Higher Education Administration program in December 2009.

Space Moves

The Division of Student Affairs has two office moves in process. *Assistant Vice President, Brian Salvaggio*, will be relocating his office from Boyden Hall, Room 106 to the Rondileau Campus Center Room 204. *Assistant Vice President, Tony Esposito*, will be relocating his office from Boyden Hall to DiNardo Hall early in the spring semester.

Divisional Organizational Changes

There were few changes in reporting lines that went in to effect this fall. To see the latest Student Affairs organizational chart, [click here](#).

Counseling Center

Philip Roberts of the Counseling Center was promoted in September to be the new *Clinical Director*. Philip who has been with the Center since 1994, works as a Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC) and is a Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LADC). He has been at the BSC Counseling Center since 1994 and has held various positions, most recently as the Training Coordinator and Staff Counselor. His work with students over the years has offered him the opportunity to assist clients as they maneuver and manage the developmental challenges of



The Career Services staff at the President's Reception in 2009 receiving a **Commonwealth Performance Recognition Award**.

Photo: L to R, Laurent Troland, John Paganelli, President Mohler-Faria, Tracey Gray, Carol Crosby, Alice Parsons and Denise Diliddo.

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being a college student. "I feel privileged having this new role of helping students address their mental health concerns as they grow into emerging adulthood". Philip is also appreciative of the dedicated and skillful staff at the Counseling Center. "We are here to serve and support all students and to provide consultation to the staff of the college. We want to help people succeed at BSC."

Karen Renzulli was recently promoted to *Training Coordinator* of the Counseling Center. Karen has been working full time with the Counseling Center since August, 2008 and is a licensed clinical psychologist and with a doctorate in clinical psychology from The Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology. "I look forward to providing and coordinating training for Counseling Center interns, resident advisors, and other staff of the college. I am grateful for the opportunity to guide and collaborate with clinicians who are growing professionally in the field."

Career Services

Are YOU LinkedIn?

The Career Services Office has created a new networking group on LinkedIn to help students understand the importance of building professional relationships. This group serves current students, alumni, faculty, staff and friends of BSC who are looking to professionally network and learn more about the services that our office provides. Once you have created your own free profile, we hope you will encourage your students to do the same and to join the Bridgewater State College Career Services Office Group. Through this group you can connect with BSC community members who share common career, academic, and/or personal interests. For those of you who are new to LinkedIn, it is an interconnected online network of experienced professionals from around the world, representing 170 industries and 200 countries.

You can find, be introduced to, and collaborate with qualified professionals who can help you accomplish your goals. Use LinkedIn to network with contacts in your field, identify opportunities and brand your professional image. It's like Facebook but for professional use! Please visit [LinkedIn](#) to check out our group on LinkedIn. If you have further questions about the Career Services Group on LinkedIn please feel free to contact Katie Munroe at kmunroe@bridgew.edu.

Being CareerSmart

Have you ever met a senior whom you wished had taken more advantage of the great out-of-classroom possibilities at BSC? We have – in Career Services – and as a result, we developed the CareerSmart program. *Continued on page 5*

Athletics and Recreation



BEAR T.R.A.C.K.S.

The student-athlete group, Bear T.R.A.C.K.S. (Teaching Responsible Athletes Challenging Knowledge through Service), has had a busy fall. Fundraising and careful planning led to a successful Midnight Madness to raise support of our BSC winter sports teams. The bleachers were full in the Tinsley Center Gymnasium to watch performances by various dance groups and cheer on the many participants in contests such as pie

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eating, cheese ball eating, tug-o-war, dizzy bat, three point shooting, and a stunning dance off. The night was complete with a video montage of winter athletes, t-shirts being flung into the crowd, and glow sticks for all.

Bear TRACKS has also implemented a new award this fall, the *Model Teammate Award*, to recognize student-athletes who demonstrate a "work hard, play hard" attitude on and off the field. The recipients are chosen by their fellow teammates

who feel they deserve recognition for all their efforts. The following student-athletes were honored this fall: *Brie Cobb– Volleyball, Stephen Wahome– Men's Cross Country, Diana DeMont– Women's Cross Country, Katie Weber– Field Hockey, and Catarina Rosa– Women's Tennis.* Look for more awards to be announced under feature stories on the BSC Bears' Website.

Office of Student Involvement & Leadership

Social Networking

Some interesting experiments with technology have headlined the semester in the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership. We have worked to embrace the opportunities that social media tools provide and have launched successful drives to develop on-line community through tools like Facebook and Twitter. Our first on-line Scavenger Hunt called "iHunt" launched with a strong group of BSC participants learning about campus resources and answering BSC trivia using our department's Facebook fan page and Twitter. The focus of all of this is to build our connections with more students. We hope to use our Twitter account and our Facebook Fan page for more uses in the future.

Cindy Kane, Director, is now working with office staff at the National Association for Campus Activities to launch a new "Campus Activities Network" social networking site and also serves as a blog writer for the site "The SA (Student Affairs) Bloggers". Both of these sites strive to develop on-line community among student affairs professionals and provide insight into challenges faced by educators.

Maribeth Johnson- Flakes, Associate Director, has been collaborating with local members of National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) to host events on campus in an effort to educate the BSC community on the benefits of membership in historically black organizations. The fraternity and sorority community is looking to grow to offer more students the opportunity to be involved in Greek life. Initial expansion efforts hope to include at least one historically black sorority or fraternity and potential affiliation with a multicultural sorority. In addition to expansion to culturally based organizations, Maribeth is currently facilitating conversations about expansion with our women's organizations (National Pan-Hellenic Conference) and our men's organizations (National Inter-fraternity Conference).

Another program Maribeth has been involved with is *Up til Dawn* which was held on December 3, 2009. She has been advising the students on the planning board for their annual letter writing campaign to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Since the initiation of the *Up til Dawn* program at BSC two years ago, this event has raised over \$30,000 to fund the life saving research and treatment to kids with cancer and other catastrophic childhood diseases. The students have worked hard to motivate the BSC campus to help raise more money this year than previous years

Christina McCauley, Assistant Director, was recently elected to the position of state director for the National Orientation Directors Association and will serve in a coordinating role to offer professional development for orientation professionals in Massachusetts.

Excellence in Program Award:

Department staff members and students recently attended the *National Association for Campus Activities* conference in Hartford, CT. Students from the Program Committee made a bid for the Excellence in Programming award through a presentation that articulated PC's efforts toward developing a vibrant and active campus life. We are proud to report that BSC was honored with the award. Our congratulations to the officers and members of our campus programming organization!

Matt Miller, Assistant Director, also presented a session at the *National Association for Campus Activities conference in Hartford, CT.* on "Sustaining your Membership" along with students from the Program Committee.



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Rondileau Campus Center

Ed Cabellon, *Director*, successfully completed two positions on the Regional Leadership Team of the Association of College Unions International (ACUI), Region 1. He served as Chair of the 2009 Regional Conference, hosted by Eastern Connecticut State University this past November, where 240 delegates from 47 colleges in the Northeast, Ireland, the UK and Qatar came together to celebrate the Region’s 60th Anniversary. He completed a three year term as the Region’s Computer Technology Coordinator where he spearheaded the creation of their new website and social media integration. Ed also presented a session entitled, “Building Your Wuffie: Using Social Media to Create Community” at the ACUI Regional Conference to a group of 50 professionals, graduate students and undergraduate students that was very well received.

Beth Bare, *Assistant Director*, also successfully served on the ACUI Region 1 Conference Planning Team as the Undergraduate Student Leadership Experience Coordinator, working directly with over 100 undergraduate students who work in collegiate Campus Centers. She is also starting her second year on the Regional Leadership Team as Co-Chair of the Facilities and Operations Education Council. Last summer, she organized a successful “Drive-Around” tour of area Campus Centers including Curry, Emerson, and Wellesley College. Beth has

been selected to present at the ACUI National Conference in New York City in early March entitled, “What’s At the Core of Student Employee Training?” Beth is one of 80 presenters selected out of a highly competitive field of over 200!

Elaine Wambolt, *Office Manager for RCC/CESO*, celebrates her 25th year working at BSC!

The Campus Center has fully integrated social media tools Facebook and Twitter into their community building activities. Over 700 students, faculty, staff and alumni have connected with us on both platforms, giving us the opportunity to hear back directly from them on our programs and services. These tools have enabled us to connect folks in a way that makes them feel part of our BSC Community.

CareerSmart

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This program, initiated as a pilot in 2008–2009 and now a full–fledged program, provides first year BSC students with career counseling and information about experiential education on and off campus. Participants, both in group presentations and in individual appointments, learn about their options including internships, the Washington Center, study abroad, and undergraduate research and are directed to the appropriate office.

This program has truly become a campus–wide effort: Academic Achievement, Freshman Year Seminar faculty, the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership, Athletics, the Community Service Center and other offices have provided venues for presenting CareerSmart to first year students this past fall. Do you know a first year student who would benefit from a CareerSmart appointment? Have them stop by the Career Services office in Room 8 in the Rondileau Campus Center or call 508–531–1328 to schedule their one hour appointment.

Children’s Center

Over the summer and fall there were a number of new enhancements made to the Children’s Center. A new playground was installed to replace the old wooden structure, and the program acquired new indoor space formerly used by the Burnell Elementary School until its closing in June 2008. The additional space has been converted into a teacher resource room, office space, storage, a movement arts room for children, and a fully equipped kitchen. Plans for the Center’s major renovation were placed on hold due to the current economic situation. The department is hopeful that the major renovations and build out of the space will occur as soon as resources become available.



The Center is also pleased to announce the addition of Daniel Anderson, as a preschool teacher. Dan plans to begin work on his Master of Education degree in Early Childhood in the near future.