



# Professional Highlights

Newsletter of the Division of Student Affairs

## Gender Role Models in Early Childhood

*By Nancy Clark, Director, Children's Center*

Gender is the first core identity to capture young children's attention. Male and female role expectations are among the strongest messages children receive from their families, culture, peers, and society. Gender role limitations lead some children to avoid certain explorations and play

altogether, thereby robbing them of the activities necessary for the fullest development of their abilities and skills. Rigid gender bias causes others to struggle with differences between what they would like to do and what societal stereotypes or their peers say they are "supposed" to do.

The Children's Center is fortunate to have



*Preschool Teacher, Dan Anderson with student, Wayne Lu at the Buttonwood Park Zoo.*

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## National Hazing Prevention Week (November 1-5, 2010)

*By Maribeth Johnson, Student Involvement and Leadership*

BSU hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual **National Hazing Prevention Week** in November and offered a variety of programs and events for the campus community to help elevate the awareness of the dangers of hazing and the need to support bystanders. SGA and the Office of Student Involvement & Leadership hosted speaker Travis Apgar, who presented his workshop *Hazing: The Fallout*. More than 250 students attended

the event in Horace Mann Auditorium. The fraternity and sorority community also sold bear paws for the first annual BSU Cares campaign. The money was raised for the Trevor Project, the leading national organization focused on crisis and suicide prevention efforts among gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender youth. The Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Association also sponsored the ABC special on hazing, *What Would You Do?* and facilitated a



*Speaker, Travis Apgar and Panhellenic President Aubree Buyny and Interfraternity Council President Steve Curtin*

peer to peer dialogue. Gamma Phi Beta sorority also held a ribbon campaign to raise awareness of the week's cause.

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## BSU's Residential Learning Communities are becoming a Model

*By Justin McCauley, Residence Life & Housing*

On February 4, 2011, members of Residence Life and Housing welcomed guests from Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) to talk about Residential Learning Communities (RLC's). The Coordinator and Associate Coordinator for Residential Learning Communities along with five students came from SNHU to meet with BSU's RLC program staff.

As you may know, Residence Life and Housing offers first year students the opportunity to participate in either the Honors Residential Learning Community or the Service Based Learning Residential Learning Community. Each program has 40 students respectively and participates in a number of different opportunities in addition to numerous programming opportunities that are all offered in the residence hall.

has already become a productive partnership. The visit from SNHU included a tour of Woodward Hall and informal presentations on current and past programming initiatives, faculty partnerships, and the overall learning community structure. They also discussed their hopes regarding upperclassman learning communities as well as an overview of the new residence hall's learning community floor plan. It was an incredibly informative visit for all involved.

Later in the semester SNHU hopes to have BSU's RLC staff visit their campus and learn more about their learning communities.

Though still in their infancy, the RLC's at Bridgewater have already made a name for themselves in the New England region. The RLC Coordinator at SNHU contacted Justin McCauley during the Fall semester to start what



*Shown above are the students working on a service project to create activity books for children.*

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## Gender Role Models in Early Childhood cont.

preschool teacher **Dan Anderson** on staff to model a range of roles and interests that transcend traditional gender stereotypes. Although men have been caring for children as fathers, uncles, brothers, and grandfathers for generations, they are still the minority in the field of early childhood education. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, men comprised only 2.2% of the total number of preschool and kindergarten teachers in 2009.

In recognition of his work on gender equity, Dan Anderson will receive the Emerging Professional Award from MenTeach - New England on April 1st. This award is given to a man in the beginning stages of his early childhood career who has demonstrated leadership potential and commitment to the field through direct work with young children and families, professional development, and advocacy for men. MenTeach is a non-profit clearinghouse

which has sought to increase the number of men working with young children since its inception in 1979. Dan has assisted MenTeach with this mission by designing brochures and flyers and by creating a FaceBook page in an effort to connect with and support other men entering the early childhood field.

## University Conduct Board Recruits Members

*By Jessica Lang, Director, Office of Student Conduct*

The University Conduct Board is a group of students, faculty and staff volunteers who hear student conduct cases involving students who have violated Bridgewater State University's code of conduct. It has been difficult to gather a diverse pool of volunteers in the past. To date there has been no Faculty involvement. The Conduct Board provides students with an oppor-

tunity to tell their side of an incident to an impartial board of University community members.

As a departmental initiative to increase awareness about the student conduct process, a push was made to recruit more conduct board members. Jennifer Pudder, Coordinator for Student Conduct, took the lead on this project and heard back from over 100 interested individuals including a handful of faculty members. More

than half of them have gone through a 3 hour training session and many have already participated in their first board.

The Conduct Board is a great leadership opportunity for students and allows for staff and faculty to take part in decisions affecting their community as well. For more information about the board, please e-mail Jennifer Pudder at [jpuder@bridgew.edu](mailto:jpuder@bridgew.edu).

## Solar Panel Project at Crimson Hall

*By Erin Kennelly and Joe Amato, Residence Life & Housing*

We in Residence Life and Housing are excited to announce a fun project happening at Crimson Hall! You may have read about it in the *Community Announcements*, however, if you haven't here's a quick update! Crimson is currently in the process of having 462 solar panels installed on the roof. Each panel produces 224 watts when there is sun which translates to

103,488 kilowatts of electricity. Though not connected yet, each panel currently receiving sun is electrically charged. To prevent the potential for roof leaks, the panels are not fastened down to the roof. Instead, they are weighted down and connected together by piping that the electrical wiring runs through.

The solar panels are 5'4 1/2" long by 3'3" wide. They are placed on a 5 degree tilt to receive maximum sunlight. Ninety-eight panels will go on the north roof (Dunn Conference Room side). The other, 364 will go on the south side (Residence Lobby side).

Eventually the panels will feed into the power supply along with the utility supplied power. The expected energy production will offset approximately 10 % of Crimson's current use – that's enough electricity to power 10 1/2 homes.

If the timeline remains on track, Crimson will be the first building on campus to have solar panels installed. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of March barring any further weather issues.



**"Crimson is the first Residence Hall on Bridgewater's campus to have solar panels installed. If the timeline remains on track it will be the first building, ahead of the new science building."**

## Student Affairs Professional Development Highlights

### Awards and Accomplishments

**Matt Miller**, *Assistant Director, Student Involvement and Leadership* was honored as a recipient of the 2011 Legacy Award from the National Association for Campus Activities. This national award provides a year of NACA professional development opportunities for a deserving current NACA leader with potential to serve the Association at a significant level for a significant period of time.

**Jennifer Deluca**, *Graduate Assistant, OSIL*, was honored with the 2010 Kevin M. Fahey Outstanding Graduate Assistant Award from the National Association for Campus Activities Northeast Region. This award is presented to the graduate student who has made significant contributions to his/her home institution and to NACA.

### Rondileau Campus Center:

- The Campus Center Blog now averages over 4,000 views a month, a 900% increase from this time last year. The student blog staff blogs every day, Monday through Friday, and can be read at <http://rceblogger.com>!

### Career Services:

- During Winter Break 33 undergraduates participated in the Job Shadow During Winter Break Program. This year students shadowed professionals at the Fox25 Morning News Program, the BTV-9 cable television station, the Old Colony Correctional Center and Bridgewater State Hospital, the non-profit New Hope, health care software provider MEDITECH, KAF Financial Group, and State Street.
- Career Services staff worked with the Institutional Advancement staff to develop a process and to secure funding for awarding \$25,000 in scholarships from the BSU Foundation. Beginning in the fall 2011 semester these funds will be awarded to students in unpaid internships who meet the requirements and complete the application process.
- **Katie Munroe**, *Career Counselor, Career Services* published an article titled “The Education Job Fair Survival Guide” in The American Association for Employment in Education (AAEE) Job Search Handbook for Educators. The article focused on tips and strategies that help teacher candidates stand out when networking with recruiters at local and regional job fairs for educators.
- **Carol Crosby**, *Assistant Director, Career Services* has been accepted into the 2011-2012 class of the HERS Institute. The HERS Institute provides an intensive curriculum that prepares women faculty and administrators for institutional leadership roles. HERS Institute participants work with HERS faculty and HERS alumnae to develop the professional plans and build networks needed for advancing as leaders in higher education administration. Carol will attend the HERS Institute held at Wellesley College, beginning in Fall 2011.

### Athletics:

- One of Athletics 2010 graduates, Michaela Johnson, a four-year member of our Women’s Basketball team, as well as the Spring Commencement student speaker, has been named co-anchor of the Fox Providence morning television program “The Rhode Show”.
- The BSU Wrestling Team hosted the 2011 New England Wrestling Association (NEWA) Duals Tournament in January. That tournament is billed annually as the “Headlock for Hunger” whereby all participating teams and spectators bring non-perishable food items to the site of competition. Food banks in Bridgewater, Easton and Brockton all received a portion of the donations.
- The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) conducted a fund raiser for our student

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### Accomplishments Continued

Assistant Men's Basketball Coach, Bryan Bjorklund, so that repairs could be made to the van that transports him to campus and to games. The project raised over \$2000 for Bryan and his family!

- **Melissa Ryan**, *Assistant Athletic Trainer* has completed the requirements for her Master's Degree while **Nick Schleicher**, *Assistant Director*, is in the middle of his MA program of study.

### Residence Life and Housing:

- **Rita Camara**, *Assistant Director*, completed her graduate studies this past January. Rita will receive a Master of Science in Management at graduate commencement this May.
- **Beth Moriarty**, *Director*, successfully completed the defense of her dissertation on March 18 and will be awarded an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from Johnson and Wales University on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Beth's dissertation was titled "The Relationship of Helicopter Parenting on Autonomy Development in First-Year College Students" and she conducted her research here at BSU.

### Professional Organizations

**Maribeth Johnson-Flakes**, *Associate Director, OSIL*, was selected to sit on the Alcohol Task Force for Gamma Phi Beta International Sorority. Maribeth was also selected to serve as a Cluster Facilitator for the Project Drive Forward sponsored by the North-American Interfraternity Conference at the Northeast Greek Leadership Association Conference in Hartford, CT.

**Matt Miller**, *Assistant Director, OSIL*, recently completed a term of service as Conference Treasurer for the Northeast Region of the National Association for Campus Activities. He will begin a term as Conference Logistics Coordinator for the Fall 2011 regional conference to be held in Hartford, CT.

**Beth Goad**, *Assistant Director, Campus Center* earned the ACUI Region 1 International Program Scholarship and Award for her work planning a conference International Program for over 40 delegates from Ireland, England, and Wales. This award grants her the opportunity to attend the Irish Educational and Cultural Exchange Institute 2011 from May 28 to June 4, 2011! She will visit 7 Irish Colleges (Dublin area, Limerick and Galway) and participate in the Annual Conference for staff at Irish Unions at the National University of Ireland – Galway.

**Ed Cabellon**, *Director* and **Beth Goad**, *Assistant Director*, have been selected to serve on the Association of College Unions International (ACUI) Conference Planning Team for the 2012 ACUI Annual Conference in Boston next March. Ed will serve as the Host Chair and Beth will serve on the Host Team, planning and executing logistics and managing volunteers.

**Beth Moriarty**, *Director, RLH*, is currently serving on the NASPA (National Association of Student Personnel Administrators) Region 1 Advisory Board. Beth is the Knowledge Communities Representative for the Women in Student Affairs' Knowledge Community (WISA).

**Shelly Keniston**, *Associate Director, RLH*, is currently serving as the Past-President of the Boston Area College Housing Association (BACHA) and also as a member of the Northeast Association of College and University Housing Officers' (NEACUHO) Professional Development Committee.

**Jenn DeLuca**, *Graduate Assistant*, serves as the Graduate Student Liaison on the Massachusetts College Personnel Association (MCPA) executive board

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### Presentations

Members of the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership and student leaders from a number of organizations presented workshops at the Fall 2010 NACA Regional Conference:

<b>Jennifer Deluca</b>	<i>Graduate Assistant</i>	“Assessing your Organization”
<b>Jennifer Deluca</b> <b>Kathryn Gagnon</b> <b>Kelly Harvey</b>	<i>Graduate Assistant</i> <i>Student</i> <i>Student</i>	“Reimagining your Campus Traditions”
<b>Matt Miller</b>	<i>Assistant Director</i>	“Strategic Planning: Imagining a Direction”
<b>Matt Miller</b> <b>Nicole Celeste</b> <b>Rachel Freedenberg</b> <b>Nicole Mason</b>	<i>Assistant Director</i> <i>Student</i> <i>Student</i> <i>Student</i>	“Reimagining your Weekends”
<b>Matt Miller</b> <b>Kelly Harvey</b> <b>Katelyn Rapoza</b>	<i>Assistant Director</i> <i>Student</i> <i>Student</i>	“Empowering and Enhancing your Membership”
<b>Cindy Kane</b> <b>Michael Miller</b>	<i>Director</i> <i>Consultant</i>	“Work/Life Balance: Let’s Do Something About It”

**Maribeth Johnson-Flakes**, *Associate Director*, presented two workshops at the Northeast Greek Leadership Association conference in Hartford, CT. “What is Lifetime Membership: Greek Life Opportunities after College” and “Creating a Community Culture Change through Expansion”

**Cindy Kane**, *Director*, served as a featured speaker for the 2010 NACA Mid-America Regional Conference in Grand Rapids, MI. Presentation topics were “Preparing to Supervise” and “What’s a Whuffie: Social Media Success.”

**Laurent Troland**, *Recruitment Coordinator, Career Services* presented: “Employer Services in a Tight Economy: Strategies to Remain a Campus of Choice” at the Colleges of the Worcester Consortium professional development day at MEDITECH.

**Carol Crosby**, *Assistant Director, Career Services*, presented “Creative Options for Students with Disabilities Seeking Employment” at the Colleges of the Worcester Consortium professional development day at MEDITECH.

**Katie Munroe**, *Career Counselor, Career Services* present “Creative Strategies for Preparing Education Students in Today’s Economy” at the Colleges of the Worcester Consortium professional development day at MEDITECH.

**Beth Moriarty**, *Director, Justin McCauley, Coordinator, and Jenn DeLuca, Graduate Assistant* presented a program title: “Realizing an Institutional Goal: Building Residential Learning Communities from the Ground Up” at the Northeast Association of College and University Housing Officer’s (NEACUHO) Fall Drive-in Conference.. Beth also served as the keynote speaker at the Northeast Association of College and University Housing Officer’s (NEACUHO) RD2B Conference and she also is serving as a member of the faculty for the NEACUHO Mid-level Institute.