# IUP Counseling Department Newsletter

"A semi-annual newsletter for the IUP Department of Counseling alumni and students"

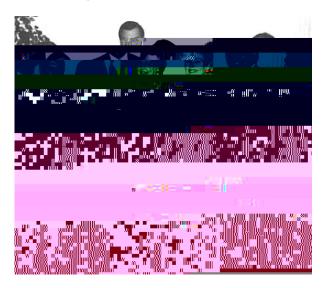
**Welcome** to this edition of the Dept. of Counseling Newsletter. Another busy academic year has come to a close; they fly by so fast. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the Newsletter, which has become an important way for us to com-municate with over 1200 alumni.

The department's most significant growth comes in the approval to add two full-time temporary faculty to our ranks for the upcoming year, as a result of the success of the Monroeville/Pittsburgh Community Counseling program. We

Faculty News

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## **IUP Faculty & Alumni receive PSCA Awards**



#### Governor and Mrs. Ridge with IUP awardees

Dr. Denny Clawson is the recipient of the PSCA High School Counselor of the Year Award for 2001. Currently Dr. Clawson is Guidance Chair for Hempfield School District. He received his M.Ed. in School Counseling from IUP and was the first person to receive his Doctoral degree from the Counselor Education Department. He is a member of the Department Advisory Board and is an Internship Supervisor for school counseling students. Dr. Clawson also has been an adjunct faculty member with IUP, California University of PA, and Duquesne University.

Sandra Goldfarb (M.Ed., IUP) is the Elementary School Counselor of the Year. She has been a counselor since 1985 at Arrowhead Elementary School in Methacton School District, Collegeville, PA. Sandra was named Montgomery County Counselor of the Year in 1997, has served on the PSCA Executive Board since 1991 and is the PSCA conference chairperson for the 2002 conference.

Walter Clark (M.A., 1984) is the Multi-level School Counselor of the Year. Walt has been an elementary and junior high counselor for Appalachia I.U. Unit 8 since 1987. He is a former president of PSCA and is currently serving on the PSCA Board of Directors. Walt is described as always having "joy and enthusiasm for helping kids and parents.

# **Student Awards**

## **Spinelli Memorial Scholarship**

Mary C. Balich is the fourth recipient of the Spinelli Memorial Scholarship, which recognizes out-



which recognizes outstanding scholarship and achievement. Mary, a school counseling major, lives in New Kensington and has been a special education teacher in the New Kensington/ Arnold School District for 7 years.

## **Outstanding Student Award**

Patricia (Tricia) Basile was selected by the Dept. faculty as the outstanding counseling student for the year 2001. Tricia received the M.Ed. degree in secondary school coun-seling on May 12, 2001.



She has maintained an outstanding record of scholarship, and has been involved with community service by her participation in the American Cancer Society. Tricia was active in CESA and is a member of ASCA. This is the 7th

year the award has been presented and Tricia was among many outstanding graduates nominated.

Tricia was accepted into the master's program in 1998 but had to delay her start date as she was diagnosed with caner. After six months of chemotherapy and radiation treatment, she began the program. She dedicates this award to her family and friends who supported her and to her "cancer comrades."

#### Special Thank You's

We want to extend a special thanks these alumni:

To **Francine Endler** for her willingness to participate in current students' learning by being interviewed or shadowed or presenting in classes.

To **Tim Latsko** who offered to help a student who is exploring counseling in the military.

To Linda Chirieleison, Billie Wilcox, Dawn Knisley, and Jennifer White for their calls/faxes about job openings for recent alumni and students.

To **David Hashack** for his recruiting efforts by referring a prospective student to Dr. Dandeneau.