

IUP Counseling Department Newsletter

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alumni and students "



Welcome to this edition of the Department of Counseling Newsletter. 1999 has brought important advancements within the Department and for Professional Counseling in PA. The

Career Works



Dr. Karen Rivosecchi and students enrolled in a career development class designed and implemented a "Career Works" workshop for the ARIN IU Pregnant & Parenting Teens Program. Forty-two teens from Indiana & Armstrong counties participated in the four-

hour workshop held at the Rustic Lodge located in Indiana.

The counseling students constructed a rating scale to determine what career-related topics were of interest to the teens. The list generated three areas: Life Skills, Job Readiness, and Positive Parenting.

Participants attended workshop sessions on two of the above topics and a panel discussion comprised of representatives from local schools. Representatives from IUP, Triangle Tech, and other post-secondary programs were available to provide information and respond to participants' needs.

Monroeville Program

The Community Counseling Program (MA) has been approved by the University Senate and administration to be offered at the IUP Monroeville Graduate and Professional Center located at 470 Mall Circle Drive, Monroeville. Bob Witchel will be coordinating the program, which plans to admit about 25 students into the first cohort to begin classes in January 2000. A second cohort is planned to be recruited for September 2000. If successful, we anticipate admitting a new cohort each September. Students will enroll in 2 courses each semester (including summers) allowing the program to be completed in two and a half years.

Drs. Fontaine and Dandeneau co-



Student Presentations

Charlotte Manges (M.A. program) presented at The Annual Conference of the Association of Death Education and Counseling held in San Antonio, Texas in March 1999. Charlotte gave a poster presentation entitled "*When Grief Comes to Work: An Employee Grief Support Program*" which focused on how to initiate an employee education program for grief and loss in the workplace. She works in the OB/GYN unit at Indiana Hospital where she has been a nurse for the past 23 years. She graduated in May 1999.

Jenny White and Kara Willow had a poster presentation at the PA School Counselors' Association held in April at Lake Harmony, PA. "Exploring the Technology Frontier: Career Counseling on the Information Superhighway" focused on raising guidance counselors' awareness about how technology can aid in career counseling.

The world-wide web provides financial aid information, scholarships, military information, and even interest inventories for students. They also

Notify Department of Job Openings

We are always interested in becoming aware of

Alumni Feedback

We want to know what our alumni are doing – professional activities, publications, employment and so forth. We want to update our mailing list, and obtain e-mail addresses. We are interested in knowing about **employment** and internship opportunities for our current students, and feedback about starting a **Pittsburgh Program**. Please return this form (add additional sheet if needed):

Name _____ Year of Graduation _____ Degree _____

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