



CSD Newsletter

**December 2007
Happy Holidays!**

CSD Shirts

There has been interest by many to order CSD department shirts. For those who are interested, think of fun designs, styles, and sayings!

Email any of the officers with your ideas!

Undergraduate Final Exams

CSD 454: 12/10 6-8pm
CSD 164-01: 12/10 2-4pm
CSD 163: 12/11 4-6pm
CSD 265-01: 12/12 10-12pm
CSD 241: 12/12 6-8pm
CSD 164-02: 12/12 8-10am
CSD 363: 12/13 12-2pm
CSD 265-02: 12/13 6-8pm

GOOD LUCK!!

Congratulations Raffle Prize Winners!

3rd Prize: Jessica Suchniak- \$25 Target

2nd Prize: Jessica Suchniak \$50 Olive Garden/Red Lobster Cert.

1st Prize: Kathy White (Amanda White's, mother) \$100 American Express Gift Cert.

Thank you to all who participated in our fundraiser. Your support is very much appreciated!

Tree Lighting Ceremony

LAC Rotunda

Wednesday December 5th 4PM

Enjoy the Christmas spirit at Marywood!
Please attend the event to represent our club.
Thank you to those who created the ornament!

Seniors!

Reminder: You need to ask the individuals that you would like to write letters of recommendation for you, if you have not already. Don't wait, or it'll be too late.

Service Project: Giving Tree

Pick up tags in the clinic prep room or from trees around campus

A box will be located in the CSD dept. lobby
OR
bring your gift with you to the Holiday Social

Holiday Social

Friday December 7th (3-5)

Join friends and faculty for a fun-filled event!

Please sign-up on the bulletin board to bring snacks or dessert.

Participate in the Pollyanna Gift Exchange!
Who will keep the best gift??



In the eyes of...

Freshman : It's hard to believe that Christmas break is a few weeks away and our first final exams are right around the corner. In phonetics class we have been busy reading phonetics as well as transcribing words, sentences, and even translating paragraphs! In addition we have been busy observing in the Marywood Clinic and visualizing ourselves in that position in a few short years! In Intro to Communication Disorders we are learning all about language acquisition in children, aspects of stuttering, and some interesting voice disorders. The freshman class is feeling good about our major, picked our classes for next semester, and ready for Christmas!
-Jillian Gradzki

Sophomore: As Christmas break is quickly approaching, the sophomore class is looking forward to finishing up another great semester! In our Language Development class we are beginning to discuss the language of pre-school and kindergarten aged children. We have been observing these children at play during class time and it has been a great experience. Just a few weeks ago we handed in our final language sample project for LSA lab class. It was great to work through a real sample as a group. In ASL I we have been discussing terminology for the family and in the home. Next semester should be very interesting with three new speech classes added to the mix. Good luck to all during finals and have a wonderful Holiday season!
-Gabriella Curry

Junior: I can't believe how fast the last few weeks of the semester have been going! We are finishing up everything that needs to be done before finals. In Audiology, we started learning about how to perform hearing tests on children. We are continuing to test each other's hearing in Audiology lab and are becoming more familiar with the equipment. Our Language Sample Analysis project is due in a few weeks so we have all been working to get them done! Good luck with finals, everyone!
- Emily Ceraul

Senior: I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving! Currently the seniors are finishing up their classes. Most of us have Educational Psychology where we had to apply what we know about how to write treatment plans to a broader spectrum for multiple children if we were working in a school district. We took the GRE's and some of us have planned to take them again in hopes of a better score. We scheduled our classes for our last semester (!!!) and most of us are taking some graduate courses, including Dr. Griffer's Family Systems and Counseling: Multicultural Perspectives in Speech-Language Pathology. We are also wrapping up clinic with our clients, including making the first drafts of our therapy progress reports and planning what we will say in our end-of-semester meeting. I hope everyone has a great and well-deserved winter break! Happy Holidays and Congratulations to Jason Berry and Sara Lisiewski who will both be graduating this fall!
- Linda Sagliano

Pre-req and enrichment: As an enrichment/pre req. student, I have discovered that one semester at Marywood in the department of Communication Sciences and Disorders has gone frighteningly fast. In the ten years since I graduated with a degree in psychology from Bucknell University, I had never once dreamed that going back to school

could be such a wonderful experience. I've learned a lot of things in the process, not only about the fantastic program in Speech Language Pathology here at the University, but also about myself. While I have everyone here to thank, students and faculty alike, for helping me feel to at home in academia, I feel that, on the more personal level, I have truly found a challenging yet rewarding area of study that will allow me to develop an extremely fulfilling career. I wish the best of luck to everyone in the exciting months to come.
-Alfred LaLuna

Professional Phase I: As the semester comes to an end, the first year grad students are getting ready for finals and excited for a nice, long break. We've successfully managed to juggle clinic with classes and have taken the PRAXIS exams. The end of the semester is bringing new stresses like finals, the dreaded "blue book" signatures, and figuring out next semester's class schedules. Some of us are loading up on courses to fulfill requirements while others of us are gearing up for a busy semester with diagnostics practicum. We can't believe how quickly this first semester of grad school went and are looking forward to winter break and next semester!
- Alyssa Skowronski

Cohort 9: Well, most of us are wrapping up our off-campus placements. We have certainly enjoyed applying the information we learned at Marywood to real life experiences. We are getting a taste of what life will be like post-Marywood. Now our focus is on preparing for the Marywood comps and National Praxis Exam. In the mean time, the upcoming winter break will be much appreciated by all. Enjoy the time off and see you next semester.
-Mollie Burke-Bendzunias

CSD Fun Page



Blizzard	Merry Christmas
Boots	Mittens
Candle	Scarf
Chill	Season
Coat	Shovel
Cold	Skates
December	Sled
Fireplace	Sleigh Bells
Freeze	Snowflake
Frost	Snowman
Hat	Snowstorm
Ice	Winter

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 A R E C A L P E R I F R I E
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Congratulations!

Scholar-Athletes:

Bethanie LeCureux (tennis)
Marissa Ruda and **Nina DePalma** (soccer)

Recipients of this award must be at least a junior in academic standing and have been a contributing member of their respective teams for at least two seasons.

Marissa Ruda– National Coaches Association Student Athlete Candidate and First Team All-Conference Award for women’s soccer.



Happy Birthday Wishes!

- Dec. 1st: Victoria Guido (sophomore)
- Dec. 3rd: Bianca Giombetti (senior)
- Dec. 4th: Nicholas Bollinger (sophomore)
Bethanie LeCureux (junior)
- Dec. 7th: Jason Berry (senior)
- Dec. 16th: Rachel Hoyt (freshman)
- Dec. 18th: Shawn Sullivan (senior)
Bethany Savacool (freshman)

Phonetically fun fact

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Grad School Info Interview

Attending graduate school is certainly a time of personal growth, where a surplus of the knowledge for your profession is attained and the experience in your field is accomplished. As your undergraduate years seem to rapidly conclude, the thought of embarking on the graduate school process may sometimes be overwhelming. Susan McDonald, a first year grad student who attended Marywood Univ. for her undergrad schooling, along with Lenora Cuce, also a first year grad who received her BS from East Stroudsburg, recount their graduate experiences thus far. They provide advice for those troublesome notions about graduate school and express that graduate school is a worthwhile and enriching exploration of your future career.

Susan McDonald

UG program: Marywood University

Q: Where are you from?

A: Vernon, NJ

Q: What made you choose SLP as a career?

A: I originally was interested in going into Special Education, but knew that I didn't see myself being in a classroom but rather in a more one-on-one setting, so I researched some fields that would allow me to do so. Also, my grandfather had a stroke before I was born, and chose not to continue therapy, so as long as I knew him, he had difficulty communicating. That was a more personal reason for me choosing to study SLP.

Q: Why did you choose MU for graduate school?

A: I chose to stay at Marywood for a few reasons. For one, I really enjoyed my undergraduate experience here and knew that I would finish grad school with an excellent background and knowledge base to work in the field. I already knew some of the students who would be in my cohort if I stayed here and I was excited to tackle graduate school with such a great group of ladies (and I'm even happier that the ladies, and Scott, who didn't go here undergrad are just as fabulous!) Also, I wanted to stay close to my family as they are very important to me, and being at Marywood allows me to do that.

Q: How has your undergraduate schooling at MU prepared you for grad school and how has it benefited you in grad school having attended MU for undergrad?

A: My undergraduate schooling here at Marywood gave me an excellent foundation to tackle upper level CSD classes. It also gave me clinical experience that has allowed me to begin this year's clinical experience with more confidence and experience than last year. Lastly, I was able to take a few graduate courses at the undergrad level which has lightened my load a bit for my first year of grad school.

Q: What are some major differences between grad school and undergrad school?

A: The major difference between undergraduate and grad school is that the courses are structured for more independent direction and learning. Although they still contain the same lecture style as the undergraduate CSD courses, at the graduate level you have to think and study more critically to retain and apply the knowledge.

Q: How was the transition from UG to grad school?

A: Transitioning to Graduate school has been a bit of a challenge for me. I have had to learn to use excellent time management skills to juggle the time commitment for my clients and classes with my hours I put in for my Grad. Assistantship in the Collegiate Volunteers office. It's a rewarding challenge though as I have enjoyed all aspects of my graduate schooling so far, despite all the stress that may come along with the demands of being a student. I have also had to learn to adapt to night classes as I was never a fan of them before. However, most at the graduate level are at night, so I've had to learn to take my coffee to perk me up!

Q: Are you enjoying your graduate experience so far?

A: I am enjoying graduate school a lot so far. The individuals in my cohort are all great and we have all meshed so well. It's exciting to see the end getting closer and closer as the weeks go on. Overall, I am very happy I chose to stay at Marywood and look forward to the next two years.

Lenora Cuce

UG program: East Stroudsburg University

Q: Where are you from?

A: New Jersey.

Q: What made you choose SLP as a career?

A: I really enjoyed taking Sign Language and the professor who taught the class. I then decided to take some classes in speech and it turned out really well.

Q: Why did you choose MU for graduate school?

A: I really liked the program that Marywood offers and the way that it is structured. Also, everyone here seemed so welcoming and friendly! I knew instantly that Marywood was right for me.

Q: What are some differences between your previous undergraduate school and Marywood?

A: Both programs were really good in different ways, but I knew immediately that Marywood was the one for me. There was more practice and experience offered at Marywood. I liked that there was more hands-on work here so that I could get started in the field earlier on.

Q: Did you feel well prepared by your UG program for Marywood's graduate school?

A: To an extent I did, as far as undergraduate school usually takes you. It was a lot more of just scratching the surface of everything and now that I'm in grad school at MU, I'm definitely more confident about my knowledge in this field.

Q: Was it hard to transition from another program?

A: It was hard to transition, but it was definitely a positive challenge. It was challenging to adjust in many different aspects; I was moving to a different house, a different town, as well as transitioning into a new group of friends. I have learned to be much more independent.

Q: Are you enjoying your graduate school experience so far?

A: Yes, I really love it. I like spending time with my new friends in the program. Everyone is so helpful and open in CSD. The professors are also very willing to educate and assist you. It's great!

Q: Do you have any tips for transitioning to another school?

A: I would say to be open to new experiences. Try not to compare your old school with your new program because they are going to be different in some ways. Also, make sure you find out what your requirements are for graduating so you don't get stuck and fall behind! Other than that, just be ready for anything and enjoy it!