



South Dakota State University

College of Education and Counseling

Counseling and Human Resource Development



Spring 2006 Update for Alumni and Friends

PROGRAM UPDATES:

New Specialization Approved in CHR D

The Department of Counseling and Human Resource Development is pleased to announce the approval to offer a specialization in Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling by the South Dakota Board of Regents on March 24, 2006. The goal is to offer the first Rehabilitation program that is CORE accredited in a four state region. Please contact the department for more details. Classes for this specialization will be starting this Fall!!

New Faculty Welcomed to SDSU

We welcome Dr. Alan Davis to South Dakota State University. Dr. Davis will coordinate the newly approved specialization in Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling. Dr. Davis comes to SDSU from Montana State University–Billings where he was Department Head for the Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling program. Dr. Davis' previous scholarly activities include an impressive list of approximately 3.8 million dollars in funded grants and 25 journal articles. We are very fortunate to have Dr. Davis at South Dakota State University!

Placement Rates are High

For Spring/Summer graduates in 2005 placement rates were at 86% by the first of October, 2005. Congratulations to the graduates in their fast work finding employment!!

NCE Success Rates are High

Since April 2003, first-time SDSU graduates have successfully passed the NCE exam at a rate of 91%! Good work current & former students!

FACULTY UPDATES:

- Dr. Chris Briddick authored two book reviews for *Counseling Today*. In addition, Dr. Briddick had two national presentations (ASCA & NCDA) as well as state presentations. Dr. Briddick was selected for the 2006 Sewrey Colloquium where he delivered a lecture on counseling pioneer, Frank Parsons. Dr. Briddick was also awarded the 2006 SDSU Student Association's Teacher of the Year award for the Graduate School – congratulations Dr. Briddick.
- Dr. Hande Briddick had two national presentations (ASCA & NCDA) and made numerous state presentations. Dr. Briddick served on a state review team that reviewed another school counseling program in the region and has continued to volunteer at the SDSU Counseling Center. Hande also has written the assessment plan for the School Counseling track.
- Dr. Mark J. Britzman has written an article about sportsmanship that will be included in the *Counseling Today* early this summer. Mark also made a presentation at the International Conference on Civic Education: Research and Practice in Orlando, FL. Furthermore, Dr. Britzman continues to conduct Character Development Seminars throughout the

United States and has established a CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition in Brandon, SD. Dr. Britzman has also presented at the South Dakota PTA conference, and will be presenting at the South Dakota Counseling and Character Education conferences.

- Dr. Harper has co-authored a second edition of *Assisting students with disabilities: What school counselors can and must do* as well as having written a book review for *Counseling Today*. Dr. Harper continues to serve as the NASPA IV-W faculty Liaison and had a national presentation (NASPA), a regional presentation (NASPA), and had a number of invited presentations during the year. Ruth also participated in a faculty exchange to India last Summer.
- Dr. Muxen was involved in a number of invited presentations and has hosted a small group of area counselors that meet to discuss issues. Marla has also finished the literature review for an article on self-disclosure as a group leadership tool in training groups. Dr. Muxen also served as faculty coordinator for the CHR D Distinguished Lecture 2006.
- Dr. Jay Trenhaile presented along with Drs. Chris and Hande Briddick at the 2005 American School Counselor Association's national conference. In addition, Jay authored a grant funded by the SD Council on Developmental Disabilities. Finally, Dr. Trenhaile accepted a position as a reviewer for the Professional School Counselor Journal.
- Dr. Howard Smith has published four book chapters on mental health crisis management and various other mental health issues. Howard was involved with the Red Cross aid provided following Hurricane Katrina serving as the Disaster Mental Health Officer.

West River Faculty

- Dr. Mike Fellner was the discussant at a panel at the Association of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy in Washington D.C. Dr. Fellner also presented a poster session at the Association of Psychology Postdoctorate and Internship Centers, in Orlando, Florida. Mike continues to be involved with a HSRA grant and is also involved with a SAMHSA Grant to evaluate evidence based practice dual diagnosis manuals with Native Americans.

STUDENT UPDATES:

- Joquel Rudningen – Received the Graduate Student Award from the South Dakota College Personnel Association.
- Kim Huffman – Received a SDSU travel grant for presentation at the state counseling convention.
- SDSU Alumni Travis Sieber and Brandy Tschumper both received outstanding professional awards from the South Dakota College Personnel Association.