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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- David Goldstein: A "Master" of Counseling Psychology
- Paging Dr. Michelle DuRoss, Assistant Professor
- Beacon College Chronicle is Back!

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Know Your World and Its Struggles. Chart Your Course and Succeed. Gain. Learn. Grow.

A Presidential Note: A Note on an AGB Conference

In early January, Board Chair Eileen Marinakis and I attended a workshop designed specifically for board chairs and presidents. This workshop was sponsored by the Association of Governing Boards and is held to a restricted number each year. These annual workshops are very important because the chair-president relationship is crucial to the success of the institution. The goals of the workshop were to foster this relationship, engage in a sustained discussion of the challenges facing the campus, share experiences with other institutions, assess board performance, and develop an action plan. Nineteen institutions attended the meeting. The largest was Case

Western Reserve University. The smallest (no surprise here) was Beacon College. In my judgment the workshop more than met its goals in our case and it was gratifying to see the warm support others gave to Beacon's unique mission. May of the "take aways" in the action plan relate specifically to board performance but several are worthy of mention here including:

1. Provide for the substantive education of Trustees. (In some instances this will involve the campus community who can help the Trustees better understand the institution and its operation.)
2. Provide more opportunities for



the Trustees to interact with key stakeholders (students, faculty, staff, community leaders, potential donors, and friends of the College).

3. Work to increase diversity on the Board.
4. Involve the Board in actively supporting the strategic plan of the campus.
5. Engage the Board more fully in the advancement activities of the College.

NEW DEGREE NAME!

On January 21, the Board of Trustees approved changing the name of the Liberal Studies degree to Interdisciplinary Studies. This change was prompted by the Liberal Studies Department who feel that changing the name keeps Beacon College consistent with other schools offering degrees in Interdisciplinary Studies.



Board of Trustees:

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Board Engages in Successful Meeting

The Board of Trustees' (BOT) meeting was held January 20 and 21. The Friday afternoon agenda consisted of meetings with the BOT committees. The Academic and Student Affairs Committee discussed "curricular mapping" as well as a new coaching model for residence life. The Trustees and Honors Committee considered several candidates for future positions as Board members as well as approved the awarding of honorary doctorates as an

institution. The Advancement Committee decided to further investigate and evaluate the fund-raising goal of the capital campaign. The Finance and Facilities Committee reviewed and approved the audit as well as considered presentations by construction firms under consideration for upcoming student housing. On Saturday, the Board discussed and approved the long-range planning goals of the College. A primary initiative

involves reaching an enrollment goal of 250 students by 2015. Dr. Hutchinson presented a document that detailed some of the areas the College would need to expand to accommodate additional students. The Board also heard a presentation on the Beacon learning model. Andrew Marvin, a graduate of Beacon College, now working in the Admissions Office also shared his background and success story with the Board.

Seven Long-Range Planning Goals

After identifying clusters of objectives gathered from meetings of the Board of Trustees and the on-campus long-range planning committee, the following seven goals were agreed upon and approved by the Board:

- Beacon College will reach a student population of 250 head count by Fall semester 2015;
- Beacon College will reaffirm, enhance,

and broadcast its mission;

- Beacon College will maximize employee excellence;
- Beacon College will enhance its learning environment;
- Beacon College will increase student quality;
- Beacon College will enhance its financial strength;
- Beacon College will achieve excellence

in Trustee governance.

The long-range planning committee will next perform a SWOT analysis and assign planning teams to review these key initiatives and devise strategies for achieving each goal.

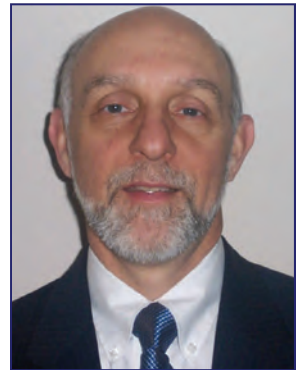
SACS-COC Considering New Major for Beacon College

Contributed by Shelly Chandler, VP for Academic Affairs

At the Board of Trustees Meetings on January 20 and January 21, board members reviewed and scrutinized the Prospectus for a new Business Management major at Beacon College. The 68-page Prospectus was approved unanimously and has been sent to the

SACS-COC office in Atlanta for review and approval. SACS-COC can take up to six months to conduct the review. We are very hopeful, however, that SACS-COC will approve the new major and in fall 2012 Beacon College will be able to offer and enroll students

in the Business Management major. Dr. Chandler would like to express her appreciation to Dr. Fleming and Dave Brown for their assistance in preparing the Prospectus.



Daniel Averbeck

Welcome New Trustee

At the January Board meeting, a new member was appointed as a Trustee with a three-year initial term.

Dr. Daniel Averbeck is a licensed psychologist and specializes in the application of psychological measurement to human resource issues in business and industry. Areas of particular interest include job analysis, selection test validation and application of assessments to employee selection, career development, succession planning, and executive coaching.

Dr. Averbeck began his career with Applied Assessments, Inc. in 1984 and has served as owner and president of the firm since 1992. His organization consults with domestic and international companies

across diverse industries including energy, manufacturing, electronics, chemical, automotive, meatpacking, brewing, health care, and broadcasting.

Prior to joining Applied Assessments, Inc., Dr. Averbeck was an independent contractor and researcher with Nationwide Insurance Company, Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission, and a consultant with Organizational Research and Development in Columbus, Ohio. Dan earned degrees in Psychology from the University of Cincinnati and Xavier University. His doctoral degree in Industrial/Organizational Psychology was completed at The Ohio State University in 1985.

Dr. Averbeck will bring expertise in implementing

principles of applied psychology and organizational behavior to advance cultural change and individual development. Through his experience in conducting thousands of leadership assessments and individual feedback sessions, Dr. Averbeck is considered a valued confidant to senior executives and Boards of Directors. He is frequently called upon to conduct senior leadership coaching engagements and to provide human capital data to guide organizational strategic planning and succession management.

We look forward to the valuable insights and contributions of Dr. Averbeck in behalf of Beacon!

Welcome Dana Manzo



Dana Manzo

Dana recently joined our Student Services department as a Counselor. She has extensive training and experience in helping people in both clinical and church settings. She holds a B.S. degree in psychology from New York Institute of Technology and an M.S. degree in counseling psychology from Palm Beach Atlantic University. Prior to coming to Beacon, Dana gained experience at The Healing Tree counseling sexually abused children and their families. Additionally, Dana volunteered at A Center for Women counseling women facing unexpected

pregnancies.

When she is not working, Dana enjoys photography, reading, watching reruns of Law and Order and traveling with her husband and best friend, Josiah.

We are glad Dana is a part of our Beacon College Team.

Students Shine at Lake County School Board

Contributed by Jenenne Valentino-Bottaro



From left to right: Clay Cunningham, Jenenne Valentino-Bottaro, Ashley Ceccarelli, Matt Manfredini, Stephanie Porzel, Courtney Greene, Braden Walter, Kristen Wurz.

The Foundations of Education students attended the Lake County School Board meeting on January 23, 2012. The students were well received and honored. Those in attendance were Ashley Ceccarelli, Courtney Green, Mathew Manfredini, Stephanie Porzel, Braden Walter, and Kristen Wurz.

The board meeting discussed the importance of assisting every student. This timely topic provided an opportunity for our students to speak on behalf of learning disabilities. Ms. Jenenne Valentino-Bottaro, instructor for the course was invited to represent Beacon College. Ms. Valentino-Bottaro turned the podium over to Ashley Ceccarelli as she spoke about the importance of teachers learning about learning disabilities and how those teachers that understood how to address learning disabilities helped her.

All the students represented Beacon College well, and they were invited to return. The board congratulated them on being future teachers and wished them well on their journey.

Visit to Hear Newt Gingrich

Contributed by Elizabeth Moore, Administrative Assistant for Student Services



On January 26, Beacon students and staff attended Newt Gingrich's speech at the Lake Side Inn in Mount Dora. Mark Sheppard, student, commented, "Newt looked just like he does on C-Span!" Mihai



Marston (student), Steve McDaniels (Life Coach), and Rob Rogers (Director of Student Life) were also in attendance.



Beacon's New Coaching and Fitness Center

An open house for Beacon College's Coaching and Fitness Center will be held on Thursday, the 9th of February. The center is located under the Lofts and will provide easy access for students to exercise. Steve McDaniels, Life Coach and certified personal trainer, will provide training for students.

"I've tried to pick machines that allow every student an opportunity to exercise," said Steve. "For example, an elliptical machine is low impact cardio and good for students with bad knees." There will also be a treadmill, free weights, resistance tubes and step ups.

In addition to Steve's personal training, outside instructors will conduct exercise classes every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. These classes include Yoga, Self Defense and Zumba. Beacon is also currently seeking a Pilate's instructor for Wednesday nights.

The Coaching and Fitness Center is open to all on campus. So whether you're an experienced weightlifter or just someone interested in finding out about a fitness class, come join in the healthy fun!

David Goldstein



David Goldstein

David Goldstein, Counselor for Student Services, has just completed his Masters of Science in Mental Health Counseling and Psychology at Troy University. David believes this coursework and experience will help him to understand how to apply counseling techniques and interventions that are theory and researched based in helping to promote students' personal awareness, growth and well being. Congratulations David!

Michelle DuRoss

During the recent January Board of Trustees meeting, Dr. Michelle DuRoss was recommended and approved to receive a promotion to Assistant Professor of History at Beacon College. She received her Ph.D. from University at Albany, SUNY. Her dissertation was entitled *Issac v. Elizabeth Gouverneur: Sex, Sensibility, and the Creation of New York's 1787 Divorce Law*.



Michelle DuRoss

Enrollment Update

Some updated information from the Office of Admissions presents a good picture for the Fall Semester 2012. Our target is 185 students, the maximum Beacon can handle with current infrastructure. As of Friday, February 3, the College had the following numbers with comparisons to last year:

Inquiries	
2011	588
2012	840
Applications	
2011	60
2012	73
Acceptances	
2011	22
2012	38
Deposited	
2011	6
2012	11

The Admissions Office is projecting about 79 deposits, which with projected "melt" should result in around 69 enrollees. With Dr. Chandler's projection of 130 returning students, this will be more than enough to reach the goal of 185 and will permit us to establish a waiting list, perhaps for the first time in the College's history.

SONIS UPDATE

Beacon College has begun the second implementation of SonisWeb. SonisWeb is the Beacon College electronic system of student records. All data is centralized for campus retrieval and may be stored within SonisWeb according to appropriate protocol in order to retrieve reliable output. Employees are encouraged to work together to populate and review the data for gaps, errors, and relevant suggestions.

Every Beacon College

employee has a SonisWeb Administrator and/or Faculty ID and Password. Contact Scott Hughes if you require a reminder or sign-in to make SonisWeb work for you!

Did you know that you may view the following Student records on SonisWeb?

- Student Pictures
- FERPA document
- Application
- Decision document
- Data Sheet
- Profile
- HS Transcript/Diploma
- College Transcript
- Psych-Educational

Report

- Student Health document

Just login at Administrators, go to the Biographic page, click on Paperclip, and click on the document of choice!

Look for more SonisWeb training, improvements and related information in the future. Please feel free to contribute to this process with your feedback, including identification of data errors, reporting needs, training needs, etc. Submit information to SonisWebHelp@beaconcollege.edu.

FITNESS CLASSES

Beacon is offering fitness classes to its employees! Classes include Functional Fitness, Tai Chi, and Women's Self-Defense, and many have joined!



January Employment Anniversaries

Beacon would like to recognize and express appreciation for the hard work and earnest efforts of Michelle DuRoss (1 year), Lucretia Gabriel (6 years), Michelle Patestides (6 years), Kenneth Sweet (7 years), and Walter Zielinski (4 years) celebrating their employment anniversaries during this month. Again, thank you all for your valuable contributions to Beacon College throughout the year!

How to Be the Biggest Loser

Contributed by Steve McDaniels, Residential Assistant and Life Coach

There is one thing above all others that must be applied when seeking to lose weight. You have to exercise off more calories than you eat! In a nutshell a calorie is energy. Try not to think of a calorie as something tangible that you can touch; rather think of a calorie as a tool that can be used to measure how much energy is in the body. The calories

(or energy that is not burned off) are stored in the body as fat for future use. It takes 3500 calories to gain or lose one pound. Therefore if you can burn 200 – 300 fewer calories than you eat per day you will be moving forward in your biggest loser goal. Monitor your calorie intake by downloading a calorie tracker app onto your cell phone for

convenience. In this way you will know if you are gaining weight or losing weight. Watch portion sizes and slowly begin to incorporate more fiber into your meal — that will allow you to feel fuller. Be sure to drink plenty of water to aid in digestion. These basic tips will move you closer to being the biggest loser!



As part of a Health and Wellness initiative through Human Resources, Beacon will sponsor a "Biggest Loser" contest. The competition will run February 7 through May 1. The grand prize winner will be determined by the percent of body weight loss and will receive a weekend cruise to the beautiful Bahamas!

Extra! Extra!
The *Beacon College Chronicle* wants
YOU!



The following positions are now open:

- **News Reporters**
 - Reporters for the Frat, Sorority, Free Thinkers Club, and Art Club
 - World/Local News Reporters
 - Student Services/Community Activities reporter

- **Sports Reporter(s)**

- **Opinion Reporter(s)**

- **Entertainment Reporter(s)**

- **Photographer(s)**

- **Graphic Artist(s)**

- **Ask Rebecca!** (1 very special person who is a problem-solver!)




Apply in the Writing Center; see Mrs. Berger or Ms. Le.



Schedule of Events

- } **February 8** — Team Meeting at 2:00 p.m., Back of the Chopping Block
- } **February 10** — Professional Development Seminar: “Instructor *Show and Tell* Session” by Various Speakers, 2:00 p.m., Classroom 10
- } **February 15** — Faculty Meeting at 2:00 p.m., Back of the Chopping Block
- } **February 17** — Professional Development Seminar: “Understanding of Psych-Educational Reports” by Brenda Meli, 2:00 p.m., Back of the Chopping Block
- } **February 20** — President’s Day Holiday, College Closed
- } **October 20** — Professional Development Seminar: “Living a Healthy Life” by Kelly (MHNET) at 2:00 p.m., Back of the Chopping Block
- } **February 22** — Department Meetings at 2:00 p.m., Chairs will select rooms and announce to their teams.
- } **February 29** — President’s Meeting at 2:00 p.m., Back of the Chopping Block

FEBRUARY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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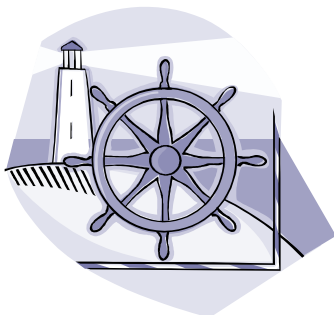
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Bob’s Joke Corner

“A healthy dose of humor from the Doctor”

***"To Do is to Be"* - Plato**

***"To Be is to Do"* - Socrates**

***"Do Be Do Be Do"* - Sinatra**



Three Vampires Walk into a Bar...

One orders a glass of blood, the second requests the same, and a third asks for a plasma.

The barkeeper responds, "So I've got two bloods and a blood light."

“At Beacon College, we like to end on a positive note!”