

WELLSPRING

College of Health and Social Sciences Newsletter

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Youth Justice Action Month

The YJAM Creative and Performing Arts Cafe--an inspiring and interactive evening of Art and Justice was held in honor of national Youth Justice Action Month. Eastern grad and current Enrollment Counselor, Sanovia Garrett, was our featured artist. First place went to Mary Baxter, a formerly incarcerated woman who advocates for women's rights in prison, and second place went to Rev. B. Michelle Horton, a local pastor and poet. The event was hosted by many community organizations and EU clubs and coordinated by Dr. Kimberlee A. Johnson.



Sanovia Garrett

Nursing & Social Work Collaborate

This semester, the Nursing and Social Work Departments collaborated on a Zoom-based interpersonal simulation of patient care. The students practiced their skills as they interacted with a patient actor, Director of Simulation, Kristin Shaub, shared that the students found this to be a valuable learning experience, which allowed them to engage in an education setting, with representatives of a profession other than their own.



Natalie Pabon (nursing- Top right), Irma Quiroz (Social Work- bottom), and "Kathy Lake" (Patient actor- Top left).

Alumni Profile

Dr. Tim Luongo ('10, Biochemistry) has recently had a research publication as a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine. His research was published in the prestigious journal, *Nature*. He also has authorship on 24 peer-review publications. Tim received his PhD from Temple after working for NIH (National Institutes of Health).



Nursing Department Grant

The Department of Nursing has received a Nursing for Tomorrow scholarship grant from the Independence Blue Cross Foundation. The grant is in the amount of \$9,983 and will provide scholarships to six undergraduate nursing students.

Publications

Gramby-Sobukwe, S. (2020), "Case Study: Women in the Movement for Black Life: Transformative Activist Leadership Reshaping Black Politics", Bruce, J.A. and McKee, K.E. (Ed.) *Transformative Leadership in Action: Allyship, Advocacy & Activism (Building Leadership Bridges)*, Emerald Publishing Limited, pp. 263-270.

Psychology's Psi Chi Chapter Awarded Anew

For the fourth consecutive year the Psi Chi, the International Honors Society in Psychology has bestowed their Model Chapter Award to the EU chapter. This Award comes with recognition by the Psi Chi International Society Headquarters, as well as a small monetary award that will go towards funding their activities throughout the year.

Faculty of the Month October



Dr. Gregory Longo, Asst. Prof. of Data Science



Dr. Michael Morabito Asst. Prof. of Computer Science

Have been recognized for their professional creativity and personal tenacity demonstrated by the successful launch of the MS in Data Science Program Fall 2020. 1 Thessalonians 1:3 "We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." (NIV)

November



Dr. Kimberlee Johnson, Asst. Prof. of Interdisciplinary and Urban Studies and Director of the Prison Education Program In recognition of not letting the barriers of COVID-19 limit her work as a social change agent. Hebrews 13:3 "Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering." (NIV)

Green Cross Service



Dr. Ruth Palmer, Professor of Counseling Psychology, volunteered for disaster assistance in the wake of wildfires in Lane County, Oregon. From Oct 9-18, Dr. Palmer served as a Field Traumatologist, offering psychological first aid, grief support, and crisis debriefing to survivors of the "Holiday Farm Fire," as well as compassion fatigue support to local service. Originally organized to serve a need in Oklahoma City following

the 1995 bombing of the federal building, the Green Cross is an international, non-profit, humanitarian assistance organization, comprised of mental health professionals trained to help people in crisis following traumatic events. Since its inception, Green Cross has deployed teams to numerous disaster sites, helping survivors of hurricanes, fires, mudslides, and floods. Dr. Palmer deployed to Oregon as part of a third team, along with fellow members of the Green Cross. Academy of Traumatologists. .

A Message from the Dean, Trish Reger

Greetings from the College of Health and Sciences! This time of year, I am reminded of a medieval legend that my grandmother frequently shared with my siblings and me. It is as follows: God once sent two angels to the earth on a special mission, with each one of them carrying a basket. One angel was assigned to gather up all of the prayers of petition, and the other was assigned to gather up all of the prayers of thanksgiving. The first angel returned very quickly, and her basket was filled to overflowing with requests. "Ah, yes," reported this angel, "the people of God have remembered well the Bible's counsel: 'Ask, and you shall receive.'" Yet the second angel was gone a long time, and when she finally returned, her basket was nearly empty. "I had a hard time finding people who pray prayers of thanksgiving," she said quietly.

It is without question that 2020 has been a year of record high prayers of petition; understandably so. However, today as we approach the final weeks of the fall semester, I am exceptionally thankful for our Lord's amazing power and work in our lives and for His goodness and blessings over us. WE MADE IT TO THANKSGIVING!!! AND WE made it TOGETHER! I am proud to be a part of such a dynamic and resilient community. As you read this month's newsletter, you will read about numerous ways we have remained engaged with the community and have demonstrated the resilience that typifies our EU character. The innovative ways we have connected with each other and have overcome obstacles that would have otherwise prevented us from continuing to provide outstanding educational experiences and opportunities have been impressive. Job Well Done!!

Thanksgiving 2020 will certainly be different in years past. However, the reason for the celebration remains. Let us remember to fill the angel's basket with prayers of thanksgiving.

Wishing all a harvest of blessings and good health.

Trish