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Student Support Services Applies for Five-Year Grant

Lila Combs, Director of the LMU Student Support Services (SSS) Program, recently submitted a grant application to the U.S. Department of Education to renew the SSS Program for five more years. If approved, the program could be awarded in the excess of one million dollars to be used during the next five years. The SSS program has been active on the LMU campus for over thirty years. The program serves 160 on-campus students who are either first generation/ low income and/or disabled (physical or learning). The program also provides students instruction in study skills, academic advisement, career counseling, personal counseling, financial aid counseling, exposure to cultural and academic programs, graduate school counseling, as well as tutoring and mentoring services.

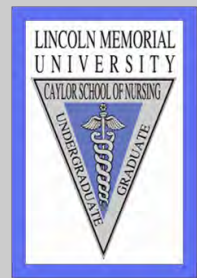


(Pictured above) SSS Students enjoyed a trip this past Fall Semester to Ripley's Aquarium of the Smokies.

Article and photo provided by Lila Combs.

Nursing Applies for Continuation Grant

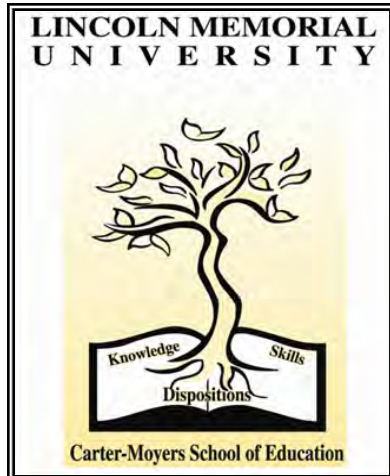
The LMU Caylor School of Nursing submitted an application for continuation of LMU's current HRSA award entitled, "Enhancement of an FNP Program Serving Rural Appalachia". Dr. Mary Anne Modrcin is the PI for the grant, which supports the preparation of advanced education nurses through LMU's MSN program.



Library Applies for ACA Grant

Mr. Gabriel Morely, Director of the LMU Carnegie-Vincent Library, has submitted a Faculty Enhancement in Library Resources grant proposal to the Appalachian College Association. The objective of the grant, as stated in the proposal, is to obtain grant funds for support of two electronic database workshops designed for faculty. Grant funds will be expended for food, printing and incentives that are meant to encourage attendance and enhance the workshop experience. The proposed budget will cover lunch at the workshops, as well as prizes for a raffle drawing at the end of the events. Participants will receive a ticket for participating in a workshop and may win additional tickets by answering questions related to the databases.

Academic Showcase



The School of Education held their academic showcase on Thursday, January 28th.

Dr. Judy Arnold, Professor of Graduate Education, gave a presentation entitled "Equity Issues in the Classroom." The presentation traced the history of the interest of the Curriculum and Instruction faculty in equity issues. In the 1990's, when gender equity was a research focus for educators, LMU offered a Gender Equity in the Classroom course. It was clear, however, in early analysis of gender research sponsored by groups such as the American Association of University Women, that if the words poverty, race, or culture were substituted for gender, the problems were the same. So, the Gender Equity course evolved into Equity Issues in the Classroom which is a masters

level course. At the same time, equity issues, with particular emphasis on poverty, were incorporated into Education Specialist courses such as Comparative Education, Instructional Design, and Politics in Education. Currently LMU faculty are interested in their own research in equity issues. For example, **Dr. Betty Standifer** and Dr. Judy Arnold are looking at girls and poverty, and have created a presentation entitled "Where the Girls Are: Women, Poverty, and Prison." **Dr. Kathy Hulley**, Associate Professor of Graduate Education, is working with **Ms. Carol Campbell**, Program and Tourism Director of the Abraham Lincoln Library and Museum, to create a CD with lessons about the role of women and slaves in the Civil War, and how those roles changed after the war. This CD will be given to the teachers, administrators, and paraprofessionals who attend the 8th annual Equity Issues Conference this summer. The conference is a collaboration between the LMU graduate school, the Knoxville Branch of the American Association of University Women, and the Knox County Professional Development Center. The conference, which draws around 200 attendees, will be held on June 17th this year. Funding has been obtained for a nationally known speaker, Rita Pierson, who will conduct an all-day professional development session about dealing with children in poverty in the classroom.

The US Department of Justice states, "On any given day, over 1.5 million children in this country - approximately 2% of the minor children - have a parent serving a sentence in a state or federal prison." Children of incarcerated mothers are at high risk academically. **Dr. Betty Standifer**, Assistant Professor of Graduate Education, has spent the last 6 years interviewing mothers in prison and talking with each of them about their relationships with their children. This research has revealed insight to why students who have an incarcerated parent have problems academically, and why there is a cycle of criminal behavior being played out in our communities. Future studies will be conducted within juvenile detention centers and alternative schools.

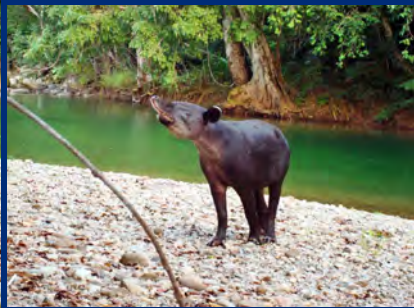
Dr. Connie Wright, Assistant Professor of Education, and **Dr. David Burrell**, Assistant Professor of Graduate Education, also presented at the showcase.

Portions of this article were contributed by Dr. Judy Arnold and Dr. Betty Standifer.

LMU's First International Lab



Construction has started on LMU's first international laboratory. It will be operated jointly by LMU and the Belize Foundation for Research and Environmental Education (BFREE). As you can see from the pictures, it is right in the jungle. Once built, it would not be unusual at all to see Tapir (pictured middle left), Howler Monkeys, Scarlet Macaws (extremely rare birds that have recently taken up residency) or Keel-billed Toucans ("Fruit Loop" birds) from the deck. Jaguars (pictured bottom left) do roam through so a sighting is always possible.



Students and faculty will have many opportunities for study and research once the site is operational. The facility will be opened by March 31, 2010.



Need a really neat place for your next departmental or school meeting? We do not envision study and research at BFREE to be limited to science. If you have ideas or need more information, please contact [Ron Caldwell](#).

Article and photos provided by Dr. Ron Caldwell.

*For more information about BFREE,
please visit www.bfreebz.org.*



Recent Grant Submissions

Congratulations to those who recently put in the extra time and hard work it takes to submit a grant application:

- **Dr. Ann Callahan** — Submitted an application to Engaged Scholars Studying Congregations to conduct a study called, “A Qualitative Exploration of Stephen Ministry in Hospice Care.”
- **Dr. Adam Rollins** — Submitted an application to Discover Life in America for a project entitled, “Diversity of Myxomycetes and Algae Associated with the Soils of Different Forest Types in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.”



Recent Scholarly Activity

Dr. Ann Callahan

Solicited by the National Association of Christians in Social Work (NACSW) to provide an audio workshop for Monday, November 29, 2010 from 1:00 pm to 2:15 pm on spiritual care at the end-of-life.

Dr. Jonathan Leo

J. Moncrieff and J. Leo A systematic review of the effects of antipsychotic drugs on brain volume. *Psychological Medicine*, Published online by Cambridge University Press 20 Jan 2010
doi:10.1017/S0033291709992297

Dr. Gary Peevely

Guthrie, J. W. & Peevely, G. (2010). King Cotton's Lasting Legacy of Poverty and Southern Region Contemporary Conditions. *Peabody Journal of Education*, 85(1), 4-15.

Foundation Corner *Contributed by Martha Scheidler, Director of Foundations*

Someone once remarked that the best thing about February is that it's a short month! That may well be true considering the weather, but not so much when writing grant proposals with March deadlines. Opportunities abound for Federal, private, and corporate foundation funding. Often it's just a matter of discovering the match between a foundation's core values and interests, and the programs here at LMU. It is very helpful to have many people on the lookout for funding possibilities. If you find a foundation or a corporation that you believe might have potential, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Congratulations to the following people for their contributions to grant proposals:

- **Dr. Aggy Vanderpool and Mr. Andras Pauko:** Get Ur Good On/Youth Service America
- **Mr. Rick Stowe:** Mountain Hardware
- **Dr. Cindy Skaruppa, Dr. Jack McCann, Dr. Mary Anne Modrcin, Mr. Larry Thacker, Mrs. Melissa Witt, Ms. Lila Combs and Mr. Robert Sabbatini:** CIC/Wal-Mart College Success Award
- **Dr. Cindy Skaruppa, Mr. Robert Sabbatini and Ms. Donna Treece-Paul:** The Kroger Co. Foundation
- **Mr. Gabriel Morley:** The Jane L. Pettway Foundation

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Funding Opportunities

← Recently Updated!

Details and deadlines for each opportunity can be found by clicking on the corresponding links. This list, as well as a variety of public, private, and institutional funding source databases, can also be found on the ORGSP website under funding sources.

- [Fine Arts](#)
- [Humanities](#)
- [Sciences](#)
- [Social Sciences](#)
- [Federal Registrar](#)
- [Educational](#)
- [International](#)
- [Health Related](#)
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- [Minorities / Women](#)

<http://www.lmunet.edu/curstudents/ORGSP/funding-sources.shtml>

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If your grant award, application, presentation, or publication has not been mentioned in this edition, please forward your information to us using the contact information listed on the left.

As a reminder, all applications for external funding must first begin by contacting the ORGSP.

Thank You!

The ORGSP staff would like to thank everyone for their contributions to the newsletter!

