

INSIDE MU

IN THE SPOTLIGHT DISCOVER Program Gets Set to Begin Operations

Marymount's Quality Enhancement Plan – the DISCOVER program – will be launched in the coming weeks. This program, which emerged during the SACS reaffirmation of accreditation process, is designed to enhance the student experience by infusing inquiry-based learning and research throughout the undergraduate curriculum.

Headed by **Dr. Liane Summerfield**, associate vice president for Academic Affairs, the newly created DISCOVER Center will include an Office of Student Research; expanded research opportunities for students and faculty; and an enhanced three-credit freshman seminar, DSC 101, which is being piloted this fall with 80 students. During the 2008-09 academic year, initial steps to refocus the undergraduate curriculum to include inquiry learning and research within all majors will begin.

Office Relocations

The launch of the DISCOVER program has prompted a number of office moves:

- The DISCOVER Center is located in Rowley 222, and this space will be shared with the Center for Teaching Excellence for workshops and meetings. Dr. Summerfield's office will be in the adjoining Room 221. Phone numbers are as follows: Dr. Summerfield (703) 284-6479; Cindy Mitchell, administrative assistant, (703) 284-6478.
- The Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE) has moved from the Ballston Center to Rowley Hall in the space formerly occupied by the Academic Success Center. CTE Director **Dr. Carolyn Oxenford** is in Rowley 219. Meanwhile, Rowley 218 serves as the reception area for both DISCOVER and the Center for Teaching Excellence. Administrative

assistants **Inger Moran** (CTE) and **Cindy Mitchell** (DISCOVER) will be located in the reception area.

- The Academic Success Center has moved to the space formerly occupied by the Office of Institutional Effectiveness, Rowley 201.
- The Office of Institutional Effectiveness – along with **Doris Lyons**, grants consultant – has moved to the Ballston Center, in the Center for Teaching Excellence's former office, Room 407.

Phone numbers will remain the same for employees in the Academic Success Center, Office of Institutional Effectiveness, and Grants Office.

FYI Help Iraqi Kids in Need

Imagine your school-age child having to use the dirt under his or her feet to write. Imagine teaching in a school with no paper, no supplies. Sadly, these are the conditions under which schools operate in Iraq. Answering a call from an officer of the U.S. Marine Corps serving there, MU's Department of Counseling; Chi Sigma Iota, the Counseling honor society; and Psi Chi, the graduate Psychology honor society, have joined forces to help.

The group has initiated a school-supply collection drive. Items being collected include new (not used) pens, paper tablets, stickers for teachers, markers, folders, and recess supplies, such as footballs and jump ropes. Donations can be dropped off in the designated receptacles located in the

Save the Date University Assembly

Tuesday, August 19
10:30 a.m., followed by lunch
Recreational Gym

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School of Education and Human Services Office in Rowley Hall; the Ballston Center lobby; or the Department of Counseling, 8th floor, Ballston. Donations are being collected through October 1.

The entire effort is being coordinated by **Jordi Izzard '08** (Community Counseling), Graduate Admissions staff member and former president of Chi Sigma Iota. Questions can be directed to Jordi at ext. 5901 or to **Dr. Lisa Jackson-Cherry**, chair, Department of Counseling, ext. 1633.

Learn about Hiring Students

If you're planning to hire student workers in the coming year, please attend a Campus Employer Workshop to ensure that you understand MU's student employment policies. Representatives from HR Services and Student Employment will review and update student employment procedures.

This year's workshops will be held on Monday, August 18, at 2 p.m. and on Tuesday, August 19, at 10 a.m. in the Lodge Conference Room. If you have questions or are unable to attend either of the workshop sessions, please contact **Colleen Ruppert** (ext. 5796, colleen.ruppert@marymount.edu) for more information.

MU IN THE NEWS

The Washington Post quoted **Dr. Michael Clump**, chair, Undergraduate Psychology, on study tips and the latest research in memory and learning in a June 2 article, "Step Away from the Highlighter."

Vice President for Enrollment and Student Services **Chris Domes** appeared on WUSA-TV's *9 News at 9*'s "Mind over Money" segment on June 6 to provide advice to viewers on the availability of student loans.

The week of July 7 was filled with media placements for **Dr. Linda Gulyn**, associate professor of Psychology. She authored an article

entitled "Lazy Days of Summer?" that was featured on the front page of the *Arlington Catholic Herald* about the importance of balancing children's activities and unscheduled time. She was interviewed on the same topic for an article in the *Arlington Connection*. Dr. Gulyn then expanded on the subject on WUSA's *9 News at 9*.

PLAUDITS

Paul Byers, associate professor of Communications, has been elected to serve as the recording secretary of the Board of the Washington Professional Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists. In April, Mr. Byers became one of the Silver Owls of the National Press Club, an honor bestowed on those who have been active members for at least 25 years. A special dinner called a "Hoot" marked the occasion.

Sr. Patricia Helene Earl, I.H.M., associate professor of Education and director, Catholic School Leadership program, was recently interviewed by the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities for a podcast focusing on Marymount's program. You can hear her interview at www.accunet.org. Click on "Research and Publications," then "Audio Files."

Don Lavanty, professor of Business, served as sponsorship chair for the conference of the Association of University Programs in Health Administration, which took place in Washington, June 5-8.

Dr. Terry Long, professor of Economics and director, MBA program, served as chair of the SACS-COC On-site Reaffirmation Committee for Palm Beach Atlantic University, West Palm Beach, FL.

Dr. Monica Robbers, associate professor and chair, Sociology and Criminal Justice, wrote a feature article for the current issue of *The Richmond Journal of Law and Public Interest* entitled "Ramifications of Felony Disenfranchisement of the Voting Population in the Commonwealth of Virginia."

PEOPLE Welcome

Jose Barreros, classroom technical support assistant, Information Technology Services (ext. 1539 – activated after August 25, jose.barreros@marymount.edu)

Anthony Rogers, technology assistant, Library and Learning Services (ext. 6839, anthony.rogers@marymount.edu)

Transitions

Pamela Moreno, assistant professor, Nursing, has been named associate dean, School of Health Professions (ext. 6882).

Anita Blowe, former administrative assistant in HR Services, is now the Department of Physical Therapy's administrative secretary (ext. 5980).

Bradley Webb, former residence hall director, is now coordinator, Residence Life and Judicial Affairs (ext. 2304).

A number of Undergraduate Admissions staff members have been promoted. Now holding the title of associate director are **Emily Brown**, **Julie Caruso**, and **Holly Danforth**. Meanwhile, **Alecia Denmark** has been promoted from associate director to senior associate director.

Prayers Requested

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Aileen Phillips**, who died recently. She was the grandmother of **Erin Bain**, director, Marymount Fund.

PERSONAL MILESTONES

It's a boy! **Leanne Cardwell**, director, Alumni Relations, and her husband, Kevin, welcomed baby Cole on July 11. Congratulations!

EVENTS

August 11 — 7:30 a.m. and noon Masses resume, Chapel

August 17 — 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Masses resume, Chapel

August 18 — New Faculty Orientation, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., begins in Learning Resource Center

August 25 — Fall classes begin

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2008-09 Publication Schedule

Fall Semester 2008

Publication Date	Deadline
Monday, August 25	noon, Tuesday, August 19
Monday, September 8	noon, Tuesday, September 2
Monday, September 22	noon, Tuesday, September 16
Monday, October 6	noon, Tuesday, September 30
Monday, October 20	noon, Tuesday, October 14
Monday, November 3	noon, Tuesday, October 28
Monday, November 17	noon, Tuesday, November 11
Monday, December 1	noon, Tuesday, November 25
Monday, December 15	noon, Tuesday, December 9

Spring Semester 2009

Publication Date	Deadline
Monday, January 12	noon, Tuesday, January 6
Monday, January 26	noon, Tuesday, January 20
Monday, February 9	noon, Tuesday, February 3
Monday, February 23	noon, Tuesday, February 17
Monday, March 9	noon, Tuesday, March 3
Monday, March 23	noon, Tuesday, March 17
Monday, April 6	noon, Tuesday, March 31
Monday, April 20	noon, Tuesday, April 14
Monday, May 4	noon, Tuesday, April 28

Summer Semester 2009

Publication Date	Deadline
Monday, June 1	noon, Tuesday, May 26
Monday, July 6	noon, Tuesday, June 30
Monday, August 3	noon, Tuesday, July 28

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