Leadership Development News

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From the Program Director

For our inaugural issue of the MSLD News, I’d like to take the time to recognize program milestones and to highlight some student achievements. Starting this summer, the program will be a mix of online and Saturdays, with options to complete an internship, capstone project, or thesis.

The MSLD program quality continues to be externally validated as evidenced by the number of students who are participating in academic conferences, achieving professional success, and furthering their educations. Eight of our students (Tonia Hairson-Abrams, ’13; Carey Kaufmann, ’13; Bridget Kleismit, ’13; Lynda Anello, ’14; Greg Case, ’14; Michael Corbett, ’14; Katie Gerspacher, ’14; Nancy Clark, ’15) have presented at international, national, and regional academics, to include the American Society of Business and Behavioral Sciences, the Midwest Academy of Management, and the International Leadership Association. One of our recent graduates (Nancy Clark, ’15) earned best paper honors in two conference tracks, and three students (Megan Schwartz, ’13; Nancy Clark, ’15; Sarah Galley, ’16) are working on journal publications. Two of our graduates (Collen Hayden, ’11; Jason Farkas, ’16) are in the process of continuing their educations as members of the Doctorate in Organizational Studies program at WSU. We would love to hear about your successes and would enjoy sharing them via social media, so please keep in touch!

-Dr. Heilmann

From the Program Coordinator

Since the inception of the MSLD in 2009, we have graduated some amazing students and I miss you! We have started several social media sites in hopes of staying connected with you. We will host the annual 2016 Orientation / Alumni Dinner on May 2nd from 5:30-7:00 pm in the Endeavor Room in the Student Union. Please join us to reconnect with your cohort members and let us know how you are doing. The MSLD program has recently gone through some significant changes in terms of program delivery. It is exciting to see the program from inception develop into what it is today. If you are doing great things in your community, professional role changes, promotions, or looking to further advance your degree…email me. I am eager to highlight you as a stellar MSLD alumni.

-Julia Acosta

Faculty News

As many of you had Dr. Tim Rafferty as your instructor during the MSLD program, I wanted to share with you that Dr. Rafferty has decided to retire.

As the MSLD program continues to grow, so do our faculty ranks. We have added a new faculty member, Dr. Corey Seemiller, from Arizona State University. Her primary duties are in the Organizational Leadership program, but we are fortunate to have her teaching a course for us in MSLD.

Spotlights

Jason Farkas

MSLD student, Jason Farkas, has been selected as a Graduate Council Scholar for 2016-2017. This award is given to only a select handful of outstanding graduate students! Jason is graduating this month and will begin the DOS program in September! We’re happy to have Jason continuing his education in Leadership Studies with us!

Nancy Clark

Maj. Gen. John C. Harris Jr. (standing), Ohio Assistant Adjutant General for Army, briefing a Living Case Study as part of the 2015 Midwest Academy of Management Annual Conference- briefing coordinated by Mrs. Nancy Clark (’15)

Kurt Holden

MSLD alumni (’15), Kurt Holden (center), was promoted to sergeant in February within the Wright State Police Department. Congrats, Kurt!

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