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NEWSLETTER

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NEW GRADUATE PROGRAM IN HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT LAUNCHES

The Department of Economics and Business Administration is launching a new master of science in human resources management (MSHRM) in the summer of 2020. The 30-credit hour degree is intended to be completed in a single year by full-time students. However, only the beginning and ending courses need to be taken in a specific order, so this program can be completed part time as well.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, human resources jobs are on the rise, particularly in the mid-Atlantic region. **Dr. Roslyn Vargas**, Assistant Professor of Economics and Business Administration, spearheaded the move to add the MSHRM program. Dr. Vargas knows that HR professionals are critical to effective employee relations, and often anyone in the work environment can benefit from getting an HR education. That's why this program has no prerequisites beyond the



▲ DR. ROSLYN VARGAS

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usual requirements for graduate school. The curriculum is forward-thinking and aligned with the Society for Human

Resource Management (SHRM) recommendations for programs in HR. Finally, the program allows a student to specialize in the HR area of their choice through their experiential capstone course.

This program can be taken by any student with a bachelor's degree and is ideal to enhance career advancement, since the program is designed to be

completed in a year and customizable to the professional area of the student's choice, such as healthcare or manufacturing. Applications for the Summer

2020 admissions cycle will open in August 2019. For more information, contact program developer **Dr. Roslyn Vargas** at rvargas@bridgewater.edu or Department

Chair **Holly Caldwell** at hcaldwell@bridgewater.edu.



MESSAGE FROM THE DIVISION HEAD

Dear Alumni:

I am thrilled to announce our new Master of Science in Human Resources Management that will begin in the summer of 2020. The faculty and board of trustees at BC fully endorse the program and further affirmation will be sought from our regional accreditor in 2019. Economics and Business Administration faculty purposefully engaged in a collaborative process to design a program that is forward-thinking, efficient, economical and meets the needs of future human resources professionals. I look forward to your feedback and interest in this new master's degree.

Additionally, I am working hard to expand our connections with alumni. Such relationships are vital to strengthening our educational programs overall and helping to position our students for successful careers. As such, I will be reaching out to alumni individually to update you on the division and your former department, specifically. Also, I would like to find those interested in becoming clinical partners and/or mentors for our students or explore other ways you can assist us in helping students meet their full potential. If you are interested in a call or visit, you're welcome to email me at the address below.

Regards,

Barbara

Dr. Barbara Long
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MSAT Achieves Maximum 10-Year Reaccreditation

The BC Master of Science in Athletic Training (MSAT) program has been reaccredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE). A 10-year accreditation is the maximum length awarded by CAATE and is given to programs that meet all 109 accreditation standards.

FOCUS ON ALUMNI



Nick Pham

Caroline Caplen '18 was selected to receive one of 11 statewide scholarships awarded by the Virginia Association of Colleges of Teacher Education (VACTE).

Nick Pham '15, CSCS, FMS is currently working with multiple organizations in Hungary. He works for Hungarian Baptist Aid as an elementary school teacher and serves as the strength and conditioning coach for the Székesfehérvár Enthroners in the Hungarian and Austrian Football Leagues.

Kenny Szabo '15, MEd, MS, CSCS, FMS, CPT is the Director of Sport Performance at ADAPT in Charlottesville, Va. He spent time in China this year teaching concepts in performance training, equipment and facility setup, and movement screenings. He also worked with strength and conditioning coaches and professional basketball players in Xinjiang, Hefei, and ChangChun, China.

Morgan Keplinger '13 is the first woman to be named the head varsity boys' soccer coach at Smithsburg High School in Hagerstown, Md. She is also the first female coach of a male sport in Washington County, Md.



Kenny Szabo

Donté Montague '07 is a recipient of the 2018 Dawbarn Education Award recognizing those who go above and beyond to inspire and encourage in the classroom. Montague is a fourth-grade teacher at A.R. Ware Elementary School in Staunton, Va.

CONNECTION TO PROFESSIONALS

The seventh-annual Teacher Education Mock Interview Night took place on Feb. 11. Local K-12 partners and alumni returned to campus to provide relevant feedback on interviews completed by senior teacher candidates. Many BC students attribute their interview success to this event and love to come back to return the favor.

Twenty undergraduate and graduate athletic training students attended the Virginia Athletic Trainers' Association (VATA) Annual Symposium student program. Students competed in the quiz bowl and presented their research.

Fourteen students and two faculty attended the Southeast American College of Sports Medicine (SEACSM) regional conference in Greenville, S.C. **Dr. Kyle Kelleran** and **Dr. Anna Leal** worked with students over the last year on research

projects within exercise science. Faculty and students alike were able to highlight their research in poster presentations at the conference.

- o Kelleran, K.J., Morrison, S., Swain, D.P., Russell, D.M. (2019) "Handgun shooting experience contributes to shooting accuracy via increased irregularity of gun motion."
- o Guard, M.S., Tibbs, C.E., Carroll, S.L., Burwell, A.R., Hale IV, C.W., Kelleran, K.J. (2019) "Hand grip strength and anthropometric variables in Division III softball and baseball players."
- o McDuffie, T.M., DeVilliers, E., Kelleran, A.N., Kopp, Z.S., Leal, A.K. (2019) "Gender differences concerning physical activity and practices among fourth graders."



VATA Annual Symposium



Mock Interview Night

CARR RECEIVES THORNTON AWARD

“Building relationships is truly the cornerstone of my teaching philosophy. I don’t know if I could professionally accomplish anything better than this award, because it’s one of those aspects of my career that’s so important to me,” said Dr. Jennie Carr, Associate Professor of Education, about receiving the Martha B. Thornton Faculty Recognition Award at the annual Founder’s Day ceremony. The Thornton Award recognizes faculty who “provide caring concern for students well beyond the role as teacher.”

Dr. Carr graduated *magna cum laude* in 2005 from Bridgewater College with a B.S. in liberal studies and a PreK-6 teaching license. While working as a

fourth-grade teacher at Elkton Elementary School for seven years, Dr. Carr went on to obtain her master of education in curriculum and instruction from Eastern Mennonite University in 2009, as well as her Ph.D. in curriculum and teaching from Northcentral University in 2012. Dr. Carr tailors her approach to teaching based on students’ strengths, interests and needs. “Each semester, I tell my students I care about you as a future teacher but first and foremost I care about you as a student in our class,” Dr. Carr said. “It’s important to let students know that they have someone in their corner.”

Dr. Carr’s path has come full circle, as she remembers being in the audience and



watching excitedly as a faculty member accepted the Martha B. Thornton Faculty Recognition Award. “I feel like I developed into the teacher I am today because of the experiences and support I had from the faculty at Bridgewater College. I want to give my students the same,” Dr. Carr said.

► FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

Tom Campbell, MS, LAT, ATC, Visiting Assistant Professor of Health and Human Sciences, has been selected by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE) to be a site visitor for accreditation on-site visits.

Dr. Jennie Carr, Associate Professor of Education, was elected to the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) Board of Directors.

Dr. Jenny Martin, Assistant Professor of Education, has been named the editor of the *Virginia English Journal*.



Dr. Hope Rias, Assistant Professor of Education, published a book with Palgrave Macmillan, *St. Louis School Desegregation: Patterns of Progress and Peril*. Rias examines the history of the school desegregation movement in St. Louis, while giving voice to those central to the process.

► STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

Hayley Nye, senior nutritional science major, received the Showker Award for Internship Excellence for her internship at the Harrisonburg/Rockingham County Women and Infant Children’s (WIC) office under the supervision of Amy Falk, R.D.

Rachel Gaston, junior health and exercise science major, has been admitted to the 10-week University of Delaware Undergraduate Research Scholars Program.

Carlita Tibbs, senior health and exercise science major, and

Tenesha McDuffie, sophomore health and exercise science major, received the Southeast American College of Sports Medicine Minority Leadership Development Grant (\$500) and took part in the Leadership Development Training Program for minorities underrepresented in STEM initiatives at the conference in Greenville, S.C.

Melanie Hux, junior athletic training major, has been awarded the first-place \$1,500 Mid-Atlantic Athletic Trainers’ Association Edward Block Scholarship.

► DR. JEAN HAWK RETIRES

The College is bidding **Dr. Jean Hawk** a fond farewell after 13 years in the Teacher Education Program. She has headed the program as Director since 2013 and has been a teacher in some capacity for 46 years. Her career included teaching elementary school in Virginia, Tennessee and Indiana, and she was a Professor of Education at Eastern Mennonite University and Bluffton College before coming to Bridgewater College in 2006. The Board of Trustees voted to recognize her as Professor of Education, *Emerita*, on April 5, and she will be honored for her service with the President’s Medal at commencement on May 4.

▶ PROFESSIONAL STUDIES 2019 COLLEGE AWARD WINNERS

ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Robert L. Hueston Endowed Scholarship

Tyler Olsen

David G. and Margie Messick Smith Endowed Scholarship

Sarah Riley

David E. Will Endowed Scholarship for the Support of Public Accounting

Dylan Chapin, Emily Ruddle

Outstanding Senior Award

Bailey Kratz

HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES

Excellence in Academics

Audrey Ferguson

Excellence in Leadership and Service

Cole Talton

Majors of the Year

ATHLETIC TRAINING MAJOR OF THE YEAR: *Jacob Moskowitz*

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES MAJOR OF THE YEAR: *Elizabeth Watson*

HEALTH AND EXERCISE SCIENCE MAJOR OF THE YEAR: *Kimberly Beachy*

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION MAJOR OF THE YEAR: *Alyssa Pearson*

NUTRITIONAL SCIENCE MAJOR OF THE YEAR: *Hayley Nye*

Rugby H. St. John Endowed Scholarship in Family and Consumer Sciences

Clara O'Connor

TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

Virginia Scholars Award

Stephanie Brooks

Teacher of Promise Award

Ashley Brady, Shane Brubaker, Jonathon Chudoba,

Christa Craighead, Susan Payne

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