



Vinculum

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Collaboration

Integration

Support

Achievement

Teaching

These are the goals and values that CISAT strives to espouse.

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Vinculum, meaning a bond or tie, is derived from the Latin *vincire*. This represents the many connections among our programs, faculty, and students.

Message from the Associate Dean

As we become immersed in this special time of year during which we celebrate varied cultural and religious traditions, I want to extend my best wishes and goodwill to each of you, my valued colleagues. Thanks for your good work! As fall semester comes to a conclusion, be sure to relax and enjoy your time away from the normal routine of the academic year.

This semester, as those before, has provided new evidence of the strength of the faculty in our college. Some of these activities are highlighted in this issue of the newsletter. From what I've heard, those who attended the first annual CISAT faculty research day found it to be exciting and even more than we hoped for. We have a wonderfully diverse and productive group of colleagues and it is an honor to work with each of you. Presentations by the CISAT Madison Scholar and the Mosier Fellow increase the awareness of our collective

strength and the significant contributions being made by faculty in the college to our respective academic and immediate communities. The newly selected award winners are further evidence and will, I am sure, continue to make us proud. Congratulations and thanks to each of you!

As I reflect on the approach of another New Year I have three wishes for you, my colleagues. First of all, I wish for you enjoyment and meaning in your work and in your personal and professional relationships. Relationships are so important in forming our human experience. They cannot be taken for granted so value them highly and treat them with care. Second, I wish for you the opportunity and the courage to embark on some new venture in the year ahead that stretches you professionally and/or personally. Try something new and unusual. Take a risk. Venture into new territory. Activities involving change are an invitation to life and can add excitement and new

dimensions to ones experience. Third, I wish for you the opportunity to make a difference to others whether that be your colleagues, your friends and families, or your community. I dream, as I suppose you do, of a world where knowledge replaces ignorance, where understanding replaces prejudice and where all human beings have their basic needs adequately met. While it is discouraging and overwhelming to note the tensions and problems that exist within our world, it is by taking positive steps one situation at a time and one person at a time that healing can happen. Let's continue to work together to make that dream become reality. As Kierkegaard says, "the door to happiness opens outward".

Vida Huber, CISAT Associate Dean



CISAT Faculty award recipients



Madison Scholar

Michael Saunders
Kinesiology and
Recreation Studies

Distinguished Service

Anne Stewart
Graduate Psychology



James Madison University prides itself on the accomplishments and commitment of its faculty. Each year, in recognition of superlative achievement, each college identifies faculty members within their college as a Madison Scholar and Outstanding Teacher. CISAT also identifies a Distinguished Service recipient, and beginning this year, an Outstanding Junior Faculty award was given.

On behalf of the Faculty Development Committee and Dean Benson, we are pleased to announce the CISAT Madison Scholar recipient, Dr. Michael Saunders, Outstanding Teacher recipient, Dr. Harriet Cobb, Distinguished Service recipient, Dr. Anne Stewart, and the Outstanding Junior Faculty recipient, Dr. Kenneth Barron.



Outstanding Teacher

Harriet Cobb
Graduate
Psychology

Outstanding Junior Faculty

Kenneth Barron
Psychology

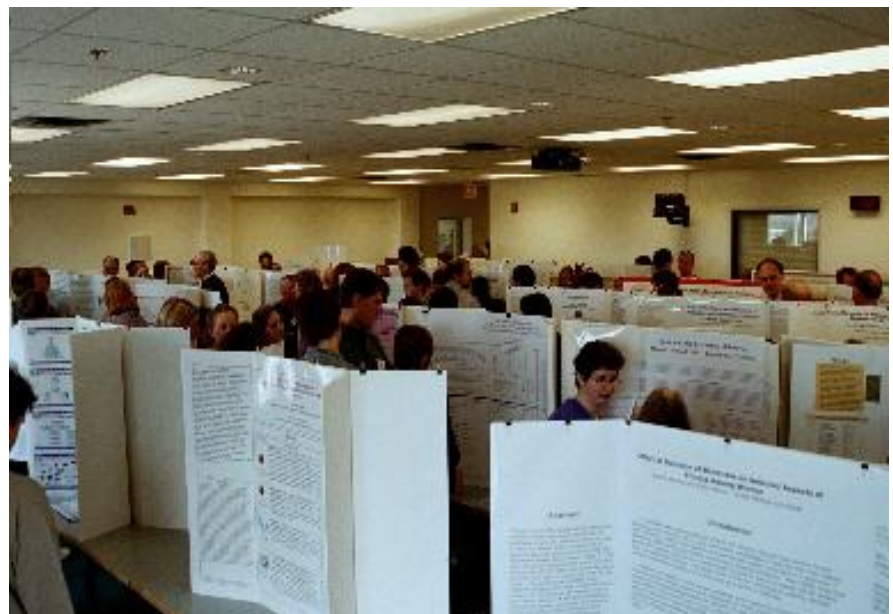


Welcome Dr. Vicki Reed New CSD Department Head

Dr. Vicki Reed from the School of Communication Sciences and Disorders at the University of Sydney, Australia will be the new CSD Department Head effective January 5, 2004. Dr. Reed received her B.S. in Speech-Language Pathology from Northwestern University, M.A. from the University of Denver in Speech-Language Pathology, and Ed.D. from the University of Northern Colorado in Special Education/Higher Education Teaching & Administration Emphasis. Dr. Reed has been a professor in the field of Speech-Language Pathology for over 20 years and served as the Head of School at the University of Sydney from 1990-2001. Dr. Reed's areas of interest are child and adolescent language development and child and adolescent language disorders. Dr. Reed has received numerous honors including being named a Fellow of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, named among Contemporary Australian Women by the Australian Executive Women's Network, and college and faculty awards. Please join us in welcoming Dr. Vicki Reed to CISAT.

Faculty Research Day Poster Session

CISAT held a Faculty Research Day Poster Session on Friday, October 31, 2003 (in coordination with Parent's Weekend). All CISAT Faculty were invited to present a poster of their own research activities and to view their colleague's research. This was a great opportunity to mingle with colleagues and develop new, interdisciplinary research contacts within the college.

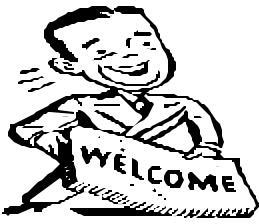


Thank you to all those who participated!

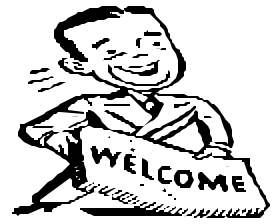
Annual CISAT Staff Appreciation Luncheon

The annual CISAT Staff Appreciation Luncheon was held on November 4, 2003 at the College Center. The Dean welcomed everyone and expressed his appreciation for the hard work that all staff members do throughout the year.





Dr. Stephen Stewart's New Role



Dr. Stephen H. Stewart has been appointed as Director of Strategic Alliances and Special Projects effective January 5, 2004. Dr. Stewart currently serves as the Department Head of Health Sciences. This position was established to respond to new approaches we are embracing as a College and University, what appear to be some windows of opportunity, and in an attempt to better position the College for the future. The College of Integrated Science and Technology continues to be a leader in broadening the horizons and in effectively establishing and utilizing strategic alliances to support our mission and vision. Concurrently, the programs of our College map well to pervasive societal needs and areas of high priority concerns - particularly homeland security, homeland defense, and health care in general. We believe there is a window of opportunity here with strategic alliances and external funding which can allow us to further advance our programs and, perhaps, stimulate and support us in the development of new curriculum and programs. For us to take advantage of such opportunities, we need to be visible, we need to make the right contacts, and we need to effectively follow up on promising leads. The new Director's position will have the charge of vetting the opportunities to ensure that the linkages made and our efforts are focused on mutually beneficial activities. Then, making the initial effort to fully define the nature/parameters of the opportunities and alliances for effective follow up/follow through.

Dr. Stewart was invited to serve in this role for a number of reasons including:

- * his extensive leadership background at the University (15 years as Head of the Health Sciences)
- * his knowledge of the University and its many facets
- * the breadth of his knowledge that spans all the program areas of our College and his ability to fully represent the full spectrum
- * his proven ability to think integratively in connecting programs within the College to address presenting societal problems and opportunities
- * his proven ability in working with sister institutions and developing cross-institutional programs, and his experience in forming productive strategic alliances with the private and government sector.



College Highlights & Announcements

December 12
Winter Commencement

January 12
Spring Semester Begins

March 8-12
Spring Break for Students
(University Open)

December 15
Winter Break for Students
(University Open until
Dec. 24)

January 19
University closed— Martin
Luther King Birthday ob-
served

March 15
Mosier Fellowship
Proposals Due

January 5
University Open

February 17
Spring Assessment
(no classes 8:00-4:00)

March 17
James Madison Day

Happy Birthday Wishes

JANUARY

- 1- Sharon Maiewski, Health Sciences
Harry Nesselrodt, Jr., Kines & Rec.
- 2- Anne Luo, Computer Science
- 5- Melody Eaton, Nursing
Brenda Ryals, CSD
Tammy Wagner, Health Sciences
- 6- Maggie Maloney, Health Sciences
- 9- Lanny Burt, Tech. Support
Robert Hinkle, CSD
- 10- Jack Presbury, Dept. of
Graduate Psychology
Susan Rippy, Dept. of
Graduate Psychology
- 11- Joe Marchal, ISAT
- 14- Jeffrey Konin, Health Sciences
- 15- Paul Henriksen, ISAT
Kathy Laycock, Computer Science
- 17- Forrest Nesselrodt, Tech. Support
- 18- Craig Abrahamson, Psychology
- 20- Susan Emrich, Free Clinic
- 21- Patcie Brevard, Health Sciences
Dee Nilsen, Tech. Support
- 23- Ashton Trice, Dept. of
Graduate Psychology
- 24- Gauri Rai, Social Work
Michael Saunders, Kines & Rec.
- 25- Cindi Wilson, ISAT
- 28- Fred Copithorn, Lab Operations
- 30- Anne Henriksen, ISAT
- 31- R.E. Burnett, ISAT



FEBRUARY

- 2- Carolyn Firkin, MAIC
Sherry Matthews, ALDC
Terri Prodoehl, Health Sciences
- 6- Sharon Brannock, ISAT
- 7- Karim Altaii, ISAT
- 16- Gerri Rigney, Social Work
- 19- Julie Gochenour, Blue Ridge
AHEC-JMU Outreach
- 20- Ellie Swecker, Free Clinic
- 22- Elizabeth Buvinger, ALDC
Zewelanjı Serpell, ALDC
- 23- Stephen Wright, ISAT
- 24- Rita Teutonico, ISAT
- 25- Jeff Kushner, ISAT
- 27- Connie Peterson, Health Sciences
Jon Spindel, ISAT
Marylin Wakefield, Social Work

MARCH

- 3- Tom Syre, Health Sciences
- 5- Joe Rudmin, Lab Operations
- 6- Harriet Cobb, Dept. of Graduate
Psychology
Karen Ford, Social Work
- 7- Steve Wang, Computer Science
- 10- Joann Grayson, Psychology Dept.
Eric Pappas, ISAT
- 12- Lynn Radocha, ISAT
- 13- Becky Helton, CSD
Daniel Galloway, Computer Science
- 14- Pamela Bailey, Health Sciences
- 15- Abdel Rabie, ISAT
- 17- Cathy Gilbert, Shenandoah Valley
Migrant
Todd Sabato, Health Sciences
- 18- Debbie Ford, Health Sciences
Pamela Gibson, Psychology Dept.
- 19- Peggy Kellers, Kines & Rec.
Helmut Kraenzle, ISAT
- 21- Hossain Heydari,
Computer Science
- 23- George Baker, ISAT
- 24- Bob McKown, ISAT
Margaret Slattery, Kines & Rec.
- 25- Nancy Grembi, Social Work
Ken Parmalee, Dean's Office
- 27- Vida Huber, Dean's Office
- 28- Gene Tucker, ISAT
- 29- Dave Cockley, Health Sciences
Janet Gloeckner, Health Sciences
- 31- Hope Thompson, Dean's Office

Sayers “Bud” Miller Distinguished Educator award



Dr. Herb K. Amato has been selected as a 2003 recipient of the Sayers “Bud” Miller Distinguished Educator Award. This is the highest honor received from the National Athletic Trainers’ Association (NATA) for an athletic training educator.

The award recognizes individual excellence in the field of athletic training education and is presented to one or two recipients annually. In addition to membership in NATA, criteria for the honor include past recognition for service at the state, regional or national level in the professional organizations concerned with athletic training; having contributed to athletic training education for at least 10 years; having spent at least a decade as a member of a teaching faculty in athletic training; and evidence of quality in publications and presentations concerned with athletic training.

Dr. Amato’s educational background includes a B.S. in Physical Education from West Virginia University, M.S. in Education from James Madison University, and a D.A. in Physical Education from Middle Tennessee State University.

Dr. Amato received his award during the June 2003 NATA Symposium in St. Louis. He was also asked to provide a Keynote Address during the 2005 Professional Educator’s Conference.



The Office of the Dean of
CISAT wishes everyone a
Happy Holiday!

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