NYIT Participants In White House Convening

NYIT continues to be part of the Michelle Obama’s Reach Higher White House Convening. The 3rd convening was held in early November and involved invited state leaders, counselor educators and practitioners across the country. Dr. Carol Dahir represented NYIT.

Publications

School counseling faculty have been busy with new publications. Dr. Dahir recently edited Peacebuilding Through Education for the Peace Islands Institute. Drs. Megyn Shea, Carol Dahir and Carolyn Stone contributed a chapter to School Counselor Preparation: Working with Students with Disabilities.

Presentations

School Counseling faculty and students presented at both the Guidance Expo in Westchester and the New York State School Counselor Association (NYSSCA). At Guidance Expo, the faculty presented on the ASCA/NYSSCA Model, Working With Diverse Student Populations, and Counseling Interventions. Alumni Donna Orleman, Joanne Cavallo and Nicole Indelicato (2015), presented with Dr. Megyn Shea at NYSSCA. Our students, Stephanie Doughty and Rikki Kien, joined Dr. Daniel Cinotti and Dr. Shea in two different presentations.

With the assistance of Dr. Cinotti, Stephanie presented to approximately 75 conference participants. She nicely outlined her program including methods for selecting group members, plans for the weekly sessions and a strategy for evaluating the effectiveness of the group. Dr. Cinotti then walked the audience through mapping this intervention in the School Counseling Curriculum required of every school.

Drs. Carol Dahir, Megyn Shea, and Dan Cinotti presented at the Association for Counselor Educators and Supervisors on topics such as College and Career Readiness, Self-Efficacy, Observation of Interns, and Online Supervision, as well as attended committee meetings.

Keynote

Dr. Hui-Yin Hsu, Chair of Teacher Education, delivered her keynote speech, “Using SMILE (Stanford Mobile Inquiry-based Learning Environment)” at 2015 International Symposium on Digital Applications and Creative Pedagogy, Nov. 9-12, Kaohsiung, Taiwan. The invitation was from National University of Kaohsiung, National Sun-Yat Sen University, and National Kaohsiung Normal University, and was supported by the grant funding from Taiwan Ministry of Science and Technology. Dr. Hsu has also been elected 2016 President of CAAPS (Chinese American Academic and Professional Society). Congratulations!!!
Upcoming Events

Speed Tech Conference
Calling all Educators: Presenters wanted!

Have you used a tool/app/resource that changed the way you teach and/or how your students learn? Do you want to share your success with other K-12 educators—and share within 12 to 15 minutes? Then present at the Speed Tech 2016 Conference!

Speed Tech 2016 takes place on Saturday, January 30, 2016. Feedback from Speed Tech 2015 included:

“This was amazing. I learned so much. Thank you!”
“I really enjoyed all the presentations each one was informative and opened my mind to new possibles and ideas to try.”
“I woke up at 4:15 but it was worth it!”

If you are interested, send a 300+ word description of your presentation by December 20, 2015 to Dr. Kate E. O’Hara kohara@nyit.edu.

Presenter spots are limited so please submit your proposal ASAP.

Date/Time: January 30, 2016, 8 am to 2 pm
Location: NYIT 16 W. 61st St, 11th Floor Auditorium
Cost: $20.00
Please BYOD (bring your own device)
Register: http://goo.gl/forms/N9DGvQMnXP

Alumni Networking and Career Development

When: Thursday, January 28th, 2016 / 4:00pm to 6:00pm
Where: NYIT – Manhattan Campus – 11th Floor Auditorium
Why: Please join us at the “Alumni Networking and Career Development Event”. This event will give you an opportunity to meet other NYIT School of Education alumni, establish new connections, build relationships and shared your accomplishments. We want to increase and promote the value of your credentials as a world standard of academic excellence. By attending this event, we expect to strengthen the ties between the community, and the communication among the School of Education, its alumni and current students.

Our goals for the evening:
• Network with other alumni
• Highlight the achievements of its alumni
• Provide opportunities to serve the NYIT School of Education, its faculty and its students

Please contact Luz Minaya (lminaya@nyit.edu) if you have any questions about this event. We look forward to seeing you. Don’t miss the great opportunity to network with faculty, students and alumni!
Announcements and News

SOE Hosted Association for Talent Development (ATD) Roundtable

On November 11, 2015, the School of Education hosted the Association for Talent Development (ATD) – New York Metro Chapter’s Chief Learning Officer’s Roundtable on NYIT’s Manhattan campus. The panel consisted of Michael Molinaro, CLO, New York Life Insurance Company; David DeFilippo, CLO, Suffolk Construction Company; and Robert Burnside, CLO and Partner, Ketchum Public Relations. They discussed the changing environment in Learning and Talent Development from the perspectives of their different industries and described the new competencies and skills they require in the field of talent development in their own companies. The panel shared with the audience what they see as the biggest issues and challenges their organizations will be facing in the future. NYIT students attended free of charge. Watch for more upcoming ATD events in the spring. Please contact Dr. Michael Uttendorfer (muttendo@nyit.edu) if you are interested in attending ATD events.

Lisa Morris, a student in our M.S.I.T. for Professional Trainer Program, who was appointed the Vice President of Programming for the Association for Talent Development - Long Island (ATD-LI) at December 17th, 2015 meeting. Lisa will be graduating with her master's degree in professional training in May 2016 and will be responsible for arranging exciting and engaging activities at the Association's monthly meetings in 2016. Congratulations, Lisa!

Every Student Succeeds Act Passes U.S. Senate and Becomes Law

On Wednesday, December 9, 2015, the U.S. Senate voted 85-12 in favor of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). This bill, which is a rewrite of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) that will replace the No Child Left Behind legislation. The Every Student Succeeds Act scales back federal involvement in education and gives states more control over testing and accountability. The bill was signed into law by President Obama on December 10. For more information see: http://politi.co/1PZANSA

School of Education STEM Lab

The School of Education STEM lab is almost ready! All SOE faculty and students can use the STEM lab equipment. You can explore the applications of the following technology at the STEM lab: NAO robot, Oculus Rift virtual reality devices, gaming laptop, HP Spout computer with 3D capture capabilities, and 3D printer. The STEM lab can support you to design classroom projects and explore any STEM curriculum related ideas. We will provide further details about how to reserve and use the lab in our next issue.

Early Childhood Education Program

Enroll now!!! We are excited to offer the Master of Science in Early Childhood Education/Bilingual Extension Initial and Professional Certification Programs, starting spring 2016. This program leads to a master's degree and eligibility for NYS initial certification in Early Childhood Education, Birth to Grade 2. This program facilitates the development of an understanding of early childhood development, curriculum design; effective instruction practices to teach young children; and the integration of technology in teaching and learning. It prepares candidates for teaching in a variety of educational settings within the birth to grade 2 levels. The Bilingual Extension program is offered to candidates who are already certified to teach in New York State and wish to teach English Language Learners (ELLs) in a bilingual setting. Upon successful completion of the Bilingual Education Assessment (BEA) and course requirements for this extension, teacher candidates will be certified to teach English Language Learners in a bilingual setting. Contact Dr. Hui-Yin Hsu (hhsu02@nyit.edu, 516-686-1322) to learn more information about the program. To apply this program online: http://www.nyl.edu/application.
Featured Teaching/Learning Technology

SMILE Technology

Great reasons to make your students SMILE!!!
(Stanford Mobile Inquiry-based Learning Environment)

1. It's fun to ask questions.
2. It's fun to answer questions.
3. It's fun to rate questions.
4. It's fun to use multimedia to facilitate questioning practices.
5. It's fun to learn how to ask different levels of questions.

Too cool to be missed. Try SMILE!! https://smile.stanford.edu

Dr. Hui-Yin Hsu, Chair and Associate Professor of Teacher Education Department at NYIT, has been working with Dr. Paul Kim, Assistant Dean and Chief Technology Officer of Graduate School of Education at Stanford University to investigate how teachers can use SMILE (Stanford Mobile Inquiry-based Learning Environment) to help students move from asking low level questions to high level questions. They are also investigating the effects of student-generated questioning practices on students’ learning performances and motivation in science. Dr. Hsu has involved one graduate student, John Lee, in this research to mentor him on the research procedure, data collection and data analysis. If you are interested in PD opportunities, please contact Dr. Hui-Yin Hsu at hhsu02@nyit.edu or (516) 686-1322.

3D Modeling Tool and the STL file

If you want to learn 3D modeling and 3D printing, you can start with this article 10 Best 3D Printing Software Tools (http://goo.gl/l2oBI9). SketchUp Pro is a great 3D modeling tool and you are eligible to obtain 1-year educational license (teacher or student version), and extend it before it expires. View this video (https://goo.gl/nPr90r) to learn how to import and export STL file, which is the file format recognized by the 3D printer. You can download thousands of free 3D models from Thingiverse (https://www.thingiverse.com), modify it using SketchUp Pro, and print out the models. We will continue to share with you the educational applications for 3D modeling and printing.

Reminders

Educational Technology Specialist Content Specialty Test Information

Good news for the test takers, you can choose the Safety Net! To be eligible for the NYS Educational Technology Specialist (ETS) certification you must take, and pass, the NYS certification exam. If you fail the redeveloped ETS CST, you have the option of taking the predecessor CST as the Safety Net rather than retaking the same redeveloped CST. However, the redeveloped CST must be taken and failed first. Otherwise you are not eligible to take the Safety Net. Information about the Safety Net process is at http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/certificate/certexamsafetynetscst.html.

DASA Workshop

Please visit http://www.nyit.edu/education/dasa if you need to complete the DASA workshop.

Apply for Graduation

The deadline to apply for spring 2016 graduation is February 19th. Go to http://goo.gl/MDRCmf to see how to apply for graduation.

Student Travel Grant

Are you interested in presenting at conferences? Please apply for the Student Travel Grant to support your presentation. Go to http://nyit.edu/education/resources to download the application form and guideline.
Recent Events

Leadership Forum

On December 8th 2015, nineteen Long Island and Manhattan school superintendents and principals attended the Leadership Forum held by School of Education at NYIT. This is one big step forward to making the changes needed to ensure that teachers and educational professionals have the academic preparation, clinically rich experience, and mentoring necessary to inspire our students and help them succeed in college and workforce. A lot of great ideas were exchanged. We will continue to work with school districts and look for ways to make positive impacts on educational community and our students.

Dr. Sarah McPherson, Chair of MSIT program, shared ideas to optimize technology integration in the classroom; Dr. Hui-Yin Hsu, Chair of Teacher Education, shared our strategies to prepare high quality teachers, and Dr. Carol Dahir, Chair of School Counseling, discussed the importance of college and career readiness.

Dr. Robert Feirsen, superintendent of Garden City School District, shared his experience of establishing a partnership and collaboration ideas with NYIT.

SOE Community Building Activities

NYIT School of Education has been making connection both internally and externally to engage with professional communities. In terms of external effort, SOE formed advisory board, student advisory council and alumni council.

Advisory Board (2015 - 2018)

Our advisory board members from 2015-2018: Ms. Valerie Angelillo, (Principal, Frank Carey High School), Mr. Sean Davenport (Principal, Thurgood Marshall Academy), Ms. Winnie Bracco (Deputy Executive Director, iLearnNYC), Ms. Diana DeVivio (Superintendent, Henry Viscardi School at the Henry Viscardi Center), Dr. Robert Feirsen (Superintendent, Garden City Public Schools), Dr. Melvin Douglass (CEO, YOUniversity Bound, LLC.), Dr. James Grossane (Superintendent of Schools, Smithtown Central School District), Ms. Luz Minaya (Director of Field Placement and Certification, School of Education, NYIT), Mr. Raymond Palmer (Director of Student Support Services, Children First Network 607, Division of Academics, Performance and Support), Mr. Luc-Philippe Paulemon (NYIT Trainer Alumni), Ms. Sharon Prince-Yearwood (Senior Director New York City Department of Education), Ms. Stacey Reid (Director of Guidance Uniondale School District), Dr. Stephen Strachan (Principal, Hempstead High School), and Malu Schloss (Relationship Manager, TrainingPros).
Student Advisory Council

Alumni Council

Congratulation SOE Graduates!
Congratulate to these students who will graduate in December 2015! **MSIT Educator**: Zackary McDonald, Guinevere Shaw, Adrianna Anderson, Amanda Androvette, Michael Conklin, Tegan Edwards, Brittany Kappenmacher, Erin McDevitt. **MSIT Trainer**: Danielle Apfelbaum, Bishara Abdul-Hamid. **School Leadership**: Danielle Nola. **MS Childhood Education**: Damien Beckinger, Henry Chiu, Amy Goldblatt, Fatima Johara.

**SOE faculty and staff wish you all a wonderful holiday season and a happy, healthy New Year!**

Everyone brought their ethnic food signature dishes!

Guess who won the tackiest holiday outfit competition? Dr. McPherson and Kristen were a tie!

Any comments, questions please contact Dr. Shiang-Kwei Wang (skwang@nyit.edu). Any faculty, staff, students, or alumni who are interested in submitting articles to the newsletter, please e-mail it to Dr. Wang.