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Message from our Chair

It is amazing how fast the semesters go by and new groups of students enter our program. Our programs continue to evolve to meet the needs of our students and to serve our profession. New courses are being developed to reflect our changing needs of students and certification standards.



William Higelmire, Chair

Our faculty is exceptional. They go well beyond the traditional methods of teaching in order to deliver an integrated and holistic educational experience, when our faculty members teach; they blend theory and practice with a genuine concern for the learning and success of their students. They always want to see their students do well. The Recreation Administration faculty is available to students in many different ways, which is a hallmark of an excellent department.

The faculty had the opportunity to display their works in the 2012 Celebration of Publications, Creative Works and

Grants. Dr. Michael Mulvaney had four scholarly pieces included in the reception and was recognized for his grant work. Dr. Holmes-Layman displayed her recent publication. Dr. Mul-

vaney received an Achievement and Contribution Award in the "Balanced" category. This award is very meaningful as your peers select the recipients.

I am proud to announce that that Dr. James Barkley has joined our faculty as a full-time tenure track member. Dr. Barkley, who specializes in stakeholder representation in park planning, received his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois. He brings a wealth of practi-

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This year, the **Distinguished Alum Award** was presented to **Rita Fletcher** ('83)

Distinguished Alum Award

This year the speaker for the EIURAA Student Forum was Rita Fletcher who has served as the Executive Director of Bartlett Park District since 2005. She works with a seven member Board of Commissioners and they have completed several major facility renovations and expansions in recent years. A recently passed 18 million dollar referendum has allowed for the expansion of the outdoor aquatic center and the establishment of an 18 hole golf course/ski hill with banquet facilities.

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cal experience and he will add to our outdoor curriculum offerings.

Students are driven to get things done and have a strong work ethic. I see the same qualities in our alumni, often reflected in a passion for their work and their communities. People believe in living life to the fullest, and it's inspiring to us all.

The College of Education and Professional Studies 15th Annual Research fair was held on February 27th. Dr. Mulvaney, as faculty mentor, along with students Allison Salo and Jennifer Colbert, had their research project on display. In

addition, Dr. Mulvaney presented "A comprehensive Programming Performance Evaluation System of Public Park and Recreation Agencies: A Conceptual Framework".

The 2012 College of Education and Professional Studies Alumni Awards were presented on March 28, 2012. A Leadership and Service Award, which recognizes significant impact in the chosen field, community or society" was awarded to Ryan Jastrzab (99). The Lifetime Achievement Award that "indicates the recipient has attained distinguished professional success and prominence" was awarded to Tim Dimke (77).

When an extraordinary

faculty and student body are matched up the result is a unique culture with opportunities that make a difference on many fronts. In today's highly competitive world of higher education, we have to be much faster, more flexible.

I have visited with many fieldwork and internship sites recently and there is a general feeling that we are slowly improving, but we will need to adjust to a new fiscal reality. This indicates that we need to work smarter, not necessarily harder. We need to get closer to our customers and determine how we can serve them better.

We would enjoy hearing from you. We have established a Facebook page for the department that can be found here: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/eiurecadmin> Why not take a few moments to share a picture or a few words about you? If you're not into Facebook, just send us a note in the mail or shoot me an email at whigelmire@eiu.edu. Just send us the update; we want to hear from you.

2011 Distinguished Alum (continued)

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Rita began her career with Bartlett Park District in 1986 when she named Assistant Superintendent of Recreation. As part of her duties she oversaw the renovation of a former preschool building into a teen center. In addition, she managed the Life Center Health Club with 4000 members.

In 2002, Ms. Fletcher assumed the Superintendent of Recreation position. While in this position she developed safety checklists for various facilities, secured the Nike USA Cup National Basketball Tournament host site location for Bartlett, and oversaw several facilities and athlet-

ic fields. In addition, she was responsible for training and supervising recreation supervisors and the marketing manager.

Ms. Fletcher received her B.S. in Recreation Administration in 1983 and a M.S. in Recreation Administration from Aurora University. Rita has been actively involved in the Illinois Park and Recreation Association, is an active member of the Rotary Club, and has been a youth sports coach for many years. She has spoken at both the state and national level, has served on the NRPA Great Lakes Region Committee and



EIU Alum, Mike Sterba networking with students during the alumni roundtable sessions of the Senior Send Off Luncheon & Department Research Fair

was a South Elgin Parks and Recreation board member.

It was an honor and pleasure to have Ms. Fletcher address the EIURAA Student Symposium as the keynote speaker.

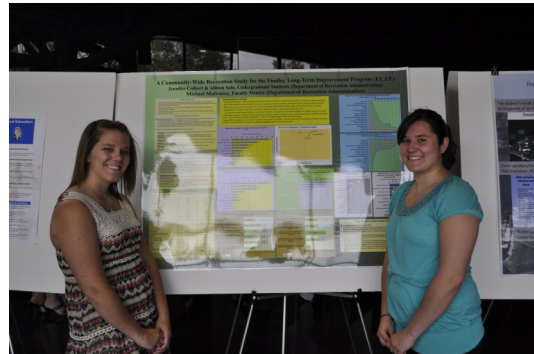
EIURAAA Student Forum

The 14th Annual EIURAA Student Forum was held on Friday, October 26th. The opening keynote address was given by Rita Fletcher. Jacqueline Kelly (07), presented the Wounded Warriors Program. Zach Norman (08), discussed finance and its application into programming and marketing for private and non-profit sectors via skype. Resume and cover letter tips was given by Ryan Jastrzab (99). Lydia Pond (09), spoke on campus recreation. Jamie (Crisup) Davis (01) presented getting that first job. Lindsay Woods (10) discussed therapeutic recreation at the Rockford Park District. Finally, Kate Price reviewed the resort industry via Skype. Following the forum all attendees were treated to a free pizza lunch. Many thanks go to the following EIURAA Board of Directors for their fine work on this annual event: Ryan Jastrzab, President, Kelly LaMore, Past President, Jamie Davis, Secretary, CJ Applegate, Treasurer, R. Scott Smith, and Todd Ranum. For more information or to volunteer to work on next year's forum, feel free to contact Mr. Ryan Jastrzab at Ryan-Jastrzab@lemontparkdistrict.org or call him at (630) 257-6787 x3003.

2013 Distinguished Alum Award

It is with great pleasure to announce that Kent Johnson ('81) has been chosen as the distinguished alum for 2013.

Mr. Johnson is currently serving as the Senior Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer for YMCA of the USA. Come join us next year when he gives the keynote address at the EIURAA Student Forum. Save the date: October 18, 2013.



Allison Salo & Jennifer Colbert at the College of Education & Professional Studies Research Fair

EIURAAA Update — Ryan Jastrzab, Director

Over the past couple of years the Eastern Illinois University Recreation Administration Alumni Association (EIURAAA) has been sponsoring a Student Symposium on the Friday of Homecoming. EIURAAA has been running under the leadership of several individuals to make this Alumni Association a success. We are here to help raise scholarships, trips to conferences and to give back and teach the Recreation Administration students practical and useful information which will help them become leaders in their profession.

It's easy to get involved on the committee which we encourage all Alumni to do. But it's easier to become a member. Our Membership rate per year is \$25 which goes to support the current Recreation Administration students. If you're interested in becoming a member please contact C.J. Applegate at 217-345-6897. He would be happy to assist you in renewing your membership or becoming a member. If you're interested in becoming involved on the EIURAAA committee please contact Ryan Jastrzab, Deputy Director, Lemont Park District at 630-257-6787 X 3003 or ryan-jastrzab@lemontparkdistrict.org Coming soon is the new EIURAAA Facebook Page where you will be able to communicate with friends, share ideas and network with other recreation professionals. This will be a great tool for EIURAA so please become a friend. If you would like more information, please contact me. If you would like more information, please contact me.

The Illinois Park and Recreation Conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency (Chicago, IL) on January 24-26, 2013. Several students, faculty, and alumni will be in attendance. We hope to see you there!

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
RECREATION ADMINISTRATION
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (EIURAAA)

2013 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Check One: *New Membership* *Membership Renewal*

Name _____ Year Graduated from EIU _____

Agency _____ E-mail _____

Business Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

_____ Yes, I want to be a member of the EIU Rec. Adm. Alumni Association \$10.00

_____ Yes, I will contribute to help fund student travel/registration/lodging and \$20.00
Annual EIURAAA Student Symposium luncheon.

_____ No, I'm not interested at this time but keep me on the mailing list -----

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

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EIU Recreation Administration Alumni Association
c/o CJ Applegate, Treasurer
Charleston Parks and Recreation Department
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If you are interested in serving on a committee or the Alumni Board of Directors, please call
CJ Applegate (217) 345-6897

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Do you have any comments or suggestion for future EIURAAA activities?

Faculty News



Peggy Holmes Layman

What a busy 2012 fall semester it has been!

New NCTRC Standards go into effect in January, 2013, so we have been busy making sure all students meet the new requirements, can sit for the exam and become certified as CTRS's. This process required one small group of students to take one of the new courses we put into place last semester, before they graduate. As we wind up the fall semester, all of these students are well on their way to securing their internships. We also have an increase in TR majors and they (plus General Recreation students) have been studying hard and continue to provide awesome activities for the GYM REC NIGHT service learning opportunity with individuals with developmental disabilities. This service has been occurring for

over 25 years and still is provided, tied to the REC 2250 class. The Halloween party was amazing and lots of good interaction took place over those Wednesday nights.

My teaching responsibilities have been expanded this semester due to higher enrollment, with 113 students over 4 classes. That has kept me hopping and they are all doing a great job in the general recreation classes as well as the TR classes.

I continue to be busy in many roles tied to our professional organizations: ILRTA Board Member, ATRA Publications Committee Member, Illinois Therapeutic Recreation Ed-

ucators Council Member and Book Co-editor for the Therapeutic Recreation Journal. I also attended the Annual ATRA Conference in Phoenix, where the big discussion was about our Standards of Practice. Nothing is resolved yet, but much interesting discussion took place. I also attended and presented at the Illinois Therapeutic Recreation Association Conference in Alsip, Illinois. I did a presentation on Internships and the new standards related to NCTRC. Two students also presented with me about their fieldwork experiences and did a great job! Congratulations to Victoria Trebels and Jillian Schultz for doing their first conference presentation!

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Department of Recreation Administration Advisory Council

The department wishes to recognize and thank our **Department of Recreation Administration Advisory Council** for their excellent service!

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Please consider serving on this vital Council!



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Hope to see many of you at the IRPA Conference in Chicago in January. Stay Warm!

CEPS Alumni Awards

Who should receive an award next year?

Nominate an EIU CEPS Alumnus at
www.eiu.edu/~cepsalumni

Nominations due Dec. 10, 2013



Annual Scholarship Recipients

- Ewen “Lefty” Bryden Alumni Scholarship – Michelle Mark & Katarina Belt
- Dorothe L. Johnson Memorial Scholarship – Colleen Sheridan
- William A. Smith Scholarship – Emily Toth
- William Riordan Scholarship—Amy Leisten & Anthony Pritchard

Recreation Administration GRADUATES

FALL 2011

Adrian Arrington
Jodi Cluskey
Chris Dugan
Alex Holden
Kathryn Klimek
Matt Lux
Todd McTaggart
Steve Panepinto
Brittany Prysock
Anne Schnura
Jeff Springer
Monique Williams

SPRING 2012

Robert Brooks
Robert Hale
Kyra Hampton
Kelly Kessler
Hannah Morgenroth
Kelly O’Brien
Anthony Pritchard
Andrew Underwood

Thank you! Alumni and friends of the Recreation Administration Department are providing vital resources to our students. Gifts to our Annual Fund are allowing us to:

- Endow the William A. Smith Scholarship
- Support the newly created Undergraduate Research Fair held in conjunction with our annual Awards Banquet
- Provide for travel expenses so students can attend the IPRA/IAPD State Conference
- Host the annual Student Symposium that brings well known professionals to campus to interact with students.

Please, give a gift and help the next generation of Recreation Administration majors at Eastern achieve their dreams!

<http://www.eiu.edu/~develop/gift.php>



Emily Toth Displays her Business Plan Project at the Showcase EIU event in April

SUMER 2012

Blake Andrews
Jennifer Colbert
Kelly Doane
Anthony Eells
Kevin Garner
Amy Leisten
Layn Newman
Jason Nunn
Amanda Rakers
Colleen Sheridan
Emily Toth

Student Association for Recreation & Rho Phi Lambda Updates

Student Association for Recreation

Active, as always, "Rec Club" engaged in a variety of activities this year. President of Rec Club, Dave Holzrichter, established a priority of engaging the student body with recreation programs, volunteer efforts, and networking opportunities. The year started with an ice cream social where current Rec Club members welcomed new students to the major (with free ice cream!) and concluded with a pizza party and (t-shirt) tie-dying social. Other activities held throughout the year included a progressive dinner hosted by Rec Club Executive Board members and Professor Higelmire; the Dr. Barkley "Bowling Challenge"; the EIU 2.5K Homecoming Race; dodgeball, and; several social, networking, and fundraising opportunities. Rec Club looks forward to attending the IPRA/IAPD Conference in January as well as many other exciting activities for the spring semester!

Rho Phi Lambda

Students who have a major GPA above 3.20, completed at least 45 semester hours, and demonstrate a record of scholarship, leadership and service are invited to join this national honorary society for recreation, park and leisure services students. As of the Fall



2012-13 Rho Phi Lambda Members

2012, fourteen students are active members of Rho Phi Lambda. One of the largest fundraisers of the year for Rho Phi, the EIU 2.5K Homecoming

Race, was a huge success with over 170 runners participating this year. Rho Phi Lambda also looks forward to continuing their mentor-mentee program for students and professionals in recreation administration. Rho Phi members will serve as peer mentors for students within one of our intro courses, REC 1320 "Leadership in Recreation". Rho Phi members will help orientate these freshman/sophomore-level students into the department and recreation field by providing support, guidance, volunteer opportunities, and leadership. As the Rho Phi faculty advisor, I would also like to connect each Rho Phi member with a professional mentor who could provide these same mentorship experiences to them as they prepare for their professional careers. If you are interested in serving as a mentor, please contact me (Mike Mulvaney) at mamulvaney@eiu.edu or (217) 581-6589.

Annual Telefund Drive

The generous contributions of the many donors listed below provide funds that support students through scholarships and awards and enhance what is otherwise a limited budget in providing for faculty development, technology acquisition and other enhancements to our program. Our sincere thanks to all of you who donated to the Annual Telefund Drive this year. As of November 30, 2012 these are the names of individuals that contributed to the drive:

- Annie Lee Jones
- C. J. Applegate
- Charles M. Evans
- Charles T. Balling
- David W. Volkers
- Dennis H. Alldridge
- Douglas M. Raffel
- Erik O. Westberg
- Gary F. Balling
- Janey Jolley
- Jill S. Rohr
- Jodi C. Hoffman-Gosse
- Jody L. Goetting
- Joseph M. Pollina
- Karen R. Chambliss
- Karen V. Bollman
- Lori R. Willson
- Michael A. Mulvaney
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- Rita K. Fletcher
- Robert E. Hale
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- Scott Smith
- Sherry L. Egan
- Steve D. Persinger
- Steven B. Hudson
- Susan B. Friend
- Teri E. Becker
- Thomas H. Elliott
- Vicki A. Hampton
- William C. Voorhees
- William F. Higelmire



2012 Student Scholarship Recipients

Faculty News (continued)



Michael Mulvaney

Greetings! I hope all is well with each of you. This fall I am teaching Financial Practices for Leisure Service Agencies, Research & Evaluation in Leisure Studies, Pre-Internship, and World Leisure. The students have been engaged in many high impact experiences and projects this semester. In the Finance course, students developed business plans and budgets for a new product, business, or program. Many of these plans required extensive networking with professionals in the field and have the potential for immediate implementation during their intern-

ship or first full-time job. Again this year, the Finance course took the lead on budgeting, organizing, and implementing the Annual Homecoming Race. In Research & Evaluation, the students worked with the City of Paris (Paris, IL) in conducting a community-wide recreation needs assessment study. The project culminated with the students delivering a presentation of the study's results and recommendations for implementation to Paris administrators on December 7.

In the area of scholarship and creative activity, I recent-

ly finished co-authoring two textbooks—*Making the Most of Your Internship: A Strategic Approach* and the *Official Study Guide for the Certified Park and Recreation Professional Examination (4th ed.)*. I also authored an article on pay-for-performance appraisal systems for *Public Personnel Management*. Finally, I worked with the Decatur Park District in conducting a comprehensive programming performance assessment for their agency's recreation programs.

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Annette 's Perspective



Over the past few days I have been thinking about what to write for my section of our newsletter. I usually update everyone about my life, whether it be ups or downs, and one the lives of the ones I love. As I reflect on this past year, I am actually quite proud to say that this past year has been rather uneventful. We have all gone through so much over the past few years that is actually quite nice to think about just living and taking in life's little pleasures rather than focusing on milestones, etc.

While I was trying to think of something to report on, I realized the correlation of the holiday season to my life over the past year. As with my life, Christmas seems to be a time that everyone gets caught up in hustle and bustle of the season. We don't really stop

to enjoy the meaning of Christmas, whether your meaning be religious or just to spend time with family and friends. All of those things seem to get drowned out by what has become a very stressful holiday. With that said, I was thinking that maybe me not having a huge thing to celebrate or mourn is not such a bad thing. If you take all the pizzazz, sparkle, parties, presents, etc. out of Christmas, you can still find the beauty and amazement in it. Basically - don't wear yourself out!! . Sometimes it is okay to slow down and take joy in the little things.

I hope every one of you has a wonderful holiday season. I wish for each of you health, prosperity, and peace. I enjoy getting to know you all, and I hope that you continue getting all the things you deserve. I would love to know what you have been doing and please feel free to contact me at ardiehl@eiu.edu or give me a call at 217-581-3018. You can also message me on Facebook (Annette Cutright Diehl). I handle the alumni updates for the newsletter, so if I don't hear from you then I cannot let everyone else know what you have been up to. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to everyone

A collection of seniors at the "Senior Send Off" event in April



Faculty News (continued)

I continue to work on creating additional application-based activities for my courses as well as my research and service lines. If you or your agency has any ideas, I would love to hear from you. Have a happy winter and spring season!



James Barkley
Starting the year with a new title has been inspiring! During the course of last year, I was hired/promoted from a full-time lecturer

to an Assistant Professor. With this new title I have continued getting to know the students, faculty, and various other members of the University community as well as beginning a journey of professional development in the area of experiential education [often referred to as outdoor education]. This semester I taught Challenge of Leisure, Environmental Interpretation, and Planning and Design of Leisure Facilities. We had some neat experiences and projects, both in and out of the classroom this semester.

The highlights of the semester included a case study in Planning and Design in which the students developed concept plans for a Community Center in Charleston. Part of the process included having important stakeholders to such a project come and visit the classroom and share their expertise. Guests to the classroom this semester included Brian Jones [Director of Charleston Parks and Recreation]. As a class, we were regulars in the Gregg Technology Lab classroom as we worked through multiple programs and exercises to produce quality concept plans and become more acquainted with facility-related demands in today's technology-rich workplace.

In Environmental Interpretation we investigated the art of storytelling in the context of environmental interpretation as we visited several sites of natural and/or historic significance in the Charleston area. These significant interpretive sites included: Fox

Ridge State Park, the Lincoln Douglas Debate Museum, the Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site, and areas significant to the infamous 'Riot on the Square,' in downtown Charleston. Guests to the classroom included Lori Henderson, president of the Lincoln-Sargent Farm Foundation, who gave a detailed history of the Civilian Conservation Corps in the Charleston area. The stories that are currently told and those that are being crafted at these significant Charleston-area sites filled our minds with possibility as we discussed the impact of storytelling in terms of public memory – a conceptual structure complimented by the 'public memory at EIU' display at Booth Library that we visited during our first class

the Department's Curriculum Committee; representing the Department on the College Curriculum Committee, Minority Affairs Committee, and Library Committee; as well as co-advising the Recreation Majors Club with Dr. Mulvaney. The social committee put on a nice holiday social and the Recreation Club had several great outings that included bowling night, dodge ball, a progressive dinner [special thanks to Bridget Murphy, Dr. Higelmire, and Nicole Kapala for providing the special places and food], and a first-ever tie-dye event in which Recreation Club members tie-dyed their Recreation Club t-shirts.

In addition to teaching and service over the past year, my research agenda has been taking shape nicely. As a researcher and author, after a switch in publisher it was nice to finalize proofs for my primary book chapter published in *W.P. Stewart et al. (eds.), Place-Based Conservation: Perspectives from the Social Sciences. A Springer publication, this edited volume contains my*



REC 4600 students & Dr. Barkley completing a site analysis for the "future" Charleston Community Center. Photo: Morgan Skalla

authorship in two chapters: (1) "Place meanings as lived experience," (Barkley and Kruger, 2013); and (2) "Sharing stories of place to foster social learning," (Stewart, Glover, and Barkley, 2013). In addition to this publication I have begun a research project with the Lincoln-Sargent

period.
Along with teaching I have taken on an enhanced service role. My University service activities have included: serving as chair of the College Social Committee and

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Farm Foundation that focuses on park planning at the Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site according to the theoretical and methodological framework that is spelled out in the aforementioned book chapters. This new project has received approval from Eastern's Internal Review Board (IRB) and data collection will begin early in the new year (e.g., January/February 2013). Another research project that has begun to take shape is a collaborative effort between the Recreation Administration Department, the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, and the Charleston Parks and Recreation Department. This is an action research project that seeks to improve kid's diet and physical activity as a result of their participation in an after-school program that seeks to expose kids to new and/or better ways to eat and exercise. The next step in this project is to finalize the structure for a pilot program to be implemented in Fall 2013.

In addition to teaching, service, and research, this semester afforded me a unique opportunity for professional development in the area of experiential education. With four eager students, our party of five traveled to southern Illinois' Camp Ondessonk where we took part in the three day, student-led symposium sponsored by the Heartland Region of the Association of Experiential Education (AEE). We all had a great time camping, exploring, and learning together. A trip back next year is already being planned. This semester has gone extremely quickly and I look forward to more fun and learning again next semester.

5th Annual Undergraduate Research & Creative Activity Fair

The fifth annual Undergraduate Research & Creative Activity Fair was held in April. Students displayed a variety of projects that were mentored by faculty in core classes and during internship. The displays were set up just in McAfee gym. The event was by all accounts a success and many positive comments were received regarding the quality of the displays. Works displayed included:

- Equine Therapy—Dani Weine (Faculty Mentor: Dr. Peggy Holmes-Layman)
- Water's Edge Golf Club—Christopher Dugan (Faculty Mentor: Dr. Bill Higelmire)
- Facilities Planning at Lake Charleston: A Boathouse Concept—Andrew Underwood, Kelly Doane, Amanda-Hatcher, & Shane Thompson (Faculty Mentor: Dr. James Barkley)
- Social Skills Galore! - Victoria Trebels (Faculty Mentor: Dr. Peggy Holmes-Layman)
- A Budget Proposal for a Youth Swim Program—Emily Toth (Faculty Mentor: Dr. Mike Mulvaney)
- Manners 101—Layn Newman (Faculty Mentor: Dr. Peggy Holmes-Layman)
- Touch it—Amanda Rakers (Faculty Mentor: Dr. Peggy Holmes-Layman)
- A Community-Wide Recreation Study for the Village of Findlay—Colbert and Allison Salo (Faculty Mentor: Dr. Mike Mulvaney)
- Oh the Places We Can Go—Jordan Miller (Faculty Mentor: Dr. Peggy Holmes-Layman)
- Mattoon Area Family YMCA—Kelly Kessler (Faculty Mentor: Dr. Bill Higelmire)
- What's Your Social Skill? - Veretta Gray (Faculty Mentor: Dr. Peggy Holmes-Layman)
- Outdoor Living Skills: An Experience to Remember—Daniel Hale, David Holzrichter, Jake Provaznik & Andrew Underwood (Faculty Mentor: Dr. James Barkley)
- What Recreation Means to Me—Katarina Belt and Victoria Trebles (Faculty Mentor: Dr. Mike Mulvaney)
- Stepping to Sobriety—Amy Leisten (Faculty Mentor: Dr. Peggy Holmes-Layman)
- Fox Ridge State Park: Opportunities & Experiences - Liz Dole, Jake Provaznik & Morgan Skalla (Faculty Mentor: Dr. Mike Mulvaney)



Alumni News

The Annual EIURAAA Student Symposium would like to have you present for the Department's students next Fall.



What the alums are doing?! Please let me know what you

are doing-always need new names to add to the alum info list-send to me either by way of Face Book (Annette Cutright-Diehl) or email—ardiehl@eiu.edu.

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Terri Covelli Englert –FA '82- Terri and her husband Ed live in Chana, IL

Teri Dietzen Becker –FA '90

She is now living in Riverview, FL. They moved there over 2 years ago after Teri retired from the IL Army National Guard (22 yrs.) Teri had returned from a deployment to Kuwait/Iraq just before retiring. John, her husband was offered a position

with a company called Mosaic in Riverview, FL , right outside of Tamp and she is working independently as a Speech Language Pathologist. Teri and John have three daughter (Tori 20, Miranda is 18, and Lianna is 11 and in 6th grade). tebcceslp@gmail.com

Jodi C. Hollman Gosse—FA '74 Retired in February of 2012 from Homewood-Flossmoor Park District. Jodi is now enjoying practicing what she used to preach! "LIFE IS GOOD."

Call for Alumni Award Nomination

A big part of our department are the alumni and we want to recognize them for the leadership, service, and dedication they provide for the field of recreation! We need your help! We are currently seeking nominations for the **2014 Distinguished Alumni Award**. Self-nominations are accepted and encouraged!

The following criteria will be assessed when determining the award:

1. Must have graduated from the Department of Recreation Administration (or Leisure Studies).
2. Must have made significant contribution to the profession at large in which they work.
3. Must show evidence of successful accomplishment in their job/agency profession.
4. Must show evidence of civic and professional leadership in the community in which they live.

Please forward nominations to whigelmire@eiu.edu

2012 Distinguished Alum Award: Rita Fletcher (class of 1983)
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