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Message from our Chair

Well wishes for a wonderful safe and joyous holiday season! As always, enthusiasm and energy are displayed in the classroom by the students. Current themes across the university revolve around initiatives, which emphasize higher-level, critical thinking, speaking, writing, and numeric skills coupled with global citizenship. At the foundation of our curriculum is the enthusiasm of our faculty and staff in modeling and promoting our vision: Experience a difference... To make a difference.



William Higelmire, Chair

As you move forward in this New Year with your own personal and professional resolutions, I encourage each of you to

resolve yourself to make the commitment to make a difference. Only through your active participation will others continue to reap the benefits. BE THE ONE to commit to making a difference 2014!

We would enjoy hearing from you. We have established a Facebook page for the department that can be found here: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/eiuereadmin> 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.



This year, the **Distinguished Alum Award** was presented to **Kent Johnson ('81)**

Distinguished Alum Award

This year the speaker for the EIURAA Student Forum was Mr. Kent Johnson who graduated in 1981.

Mr. Johnson started his career with the Y in 1982 in Sheboygan, Wisconsin as the Youth Sorts and Day Camp Director. He then moved in 1985 to the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago, working in camp settings. In 1996, he was named Group Vice-President of the YMCA of

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2013 Celebration of Publications, Creative Works, and Grants

The following list of publications was displayed in the annual Celebration of Publications & Creative Works sponsored by the Division of Academic Affairs:

- **Barkley, J.R.** & Kruger, L.E. (2013). Place meanings as lived experience. In W. Stewart, D.R. Williams, and L. Kruger (Eds.), *Place-based conservation: Perspectives from the social sciences* (pp. 89-98). Dordrecht Heidelberg New York London: Springer Press.
- Stewart, W.P., Glover, T.D., & **Barkley, J.R.** (2013). Sharing stories of place to foster social learning. In W. Stewart, D.R. Williams, and L. Kruger (Eds.), *Place-based conservation: Perspectives from the social sciences* (pp. 137-150). Dordrecht Heidelberg New York London: Springer Press.
- **Holmes-Layman, P.** (2013). Therapeutic Recreation Practice: A Strengths Approach. [Review of the journal *Therapeutic Recreation Journal*, by L. Anderson & L. Heyene]. *Therapeutic Recreation Journal*, 47(2), 137-140.
- McKinney, W.R., **Mulvaney, M.A.**, & Grodsky, R. (2013). The development of a model for the distribution of merit pay increase monies for municipal agencies: A case study. *Public Personnel Management*, 42(3), 471-492.

16th Annual CEPS Research Fair

The College of Education and Professional Studies 16th Annual Research Fair was held February 25, 2013. Dr. Mulvaney displayed his study titled, "What's in a Certification? The Certified Park and Recreation Professional Certification and Job Self-Efficacy of Public Park and Recreation Professionals"

2013 Distinguished Alum (continued)

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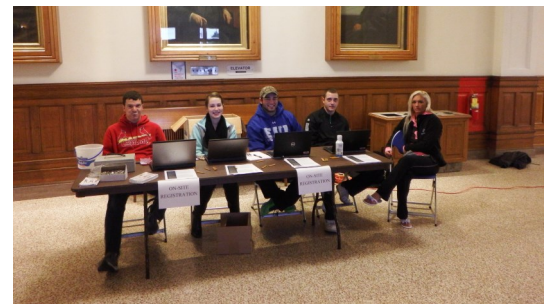
Metropolitan Milwaukee and became President/CEO in 2004. While in these capacities he expanded services and educational opportunities to low-income communities including creation and operation of a 500 student YMCA charter school in the heart of the inner-city. In addition he was part of the creation of a network of after-school safe place sites.

In 2007, he assumed his current position, Senior Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer for YMCA of the USA. He provides leadership for the national office which serves over 900

YMCA's throughout the U.S.

Along the way Mr. Johnson has continued his education by attending the Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management and the Harvard University Business School. He has been active in community leadership and the YMCA movement leadership. Serving as the United Way Campaign Division chair, Wisconsin State Truancy Task Force, the Association of YMCA Professionals and the World Urban Network to name a few.

He has been recognized in



Students positioned and eager to assist with registration/check-in for the 2013 EIU 2.5K Homecoming Race

Perspective Magazines Unforgettable YMCA professionals, been awarded the Vision for Milwaukee award by the Milwaukee Ethnic council and received the Best Places to Work Award by Milwaukee Magazine.

His hobbies include fishing and mediocre golf. It was an honor and pleasure to have Mr. Johnson address the EIURAA Student Symposium as the keynote speaker.

*Scott Smith Named Recipient of EIU Alumni Award:
Louis V. Hencken Alumni Service Award*



Scott Smith '88, '93, who serves as Charleston's city manager, is considered one of the strongest advocates of the recreation administration program and has provided countless hours of service to the department and the College of Education and Professional Studies (CEPS) over the years. He served on the department's alumni board from 1990-1999 and has served on the CEPS alumni board since 2009. A frequent guest speaker for faculty members on campus, he is active in the Illinois Park and Recreation Association and has served as the university's representative on the organization's college and university relations committee. Scott also routinely mentors individual students and assists them with the development of their professional networks. He resides in Charleston with his wife, Paula '95, '05, and their three daughters

Gary Balling Receives 2013 CEPS Lifetime Achievement Alumni Award

Gary Balling retired in 2012 after 36 years in the Illinois Park and Recreation Profession. During his career he served the profession at the Naperville, St. Charles, Northbrook, Morton Grove, and Oak Park Park Districts. Gary's last 25 years were in the role of Executive Director in Morton Grove and Oak Park.

He is a 1976 graduate of Eastern Illinois University, with a bachelor's degree in recreation administration. Gary received his master's degree in management and development of human resources from National Louis University. During his career, Gary served as the Board Representative to the Illinois Parks and Recreation Association (IPRA) Recreation Section and served as chairperson for numerous IPRA Committees.

Gary has also taken an active part in local and regional committees including: IPRA Recreation Section, Council of Section & Nominations & Elections Committee; Park District Risk Management Agency; Illinois Park Employee Health Network; Park District of Oak Park Infrastructure Committee; West Suburban Special Recreation Association Board; Eastern Illinois University Recreation Department Alumni Board; and Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation Board among many other organizations. Gary authored five IPR Magazine articles and has also presented numerous professional presentations through IPRA, Eastern Illinois University and even presented in Moscow, Russia.

He is the recipient of many distinguished awards including: Eastern Illinois University Distinguished Alumni Award, 2002; IPRA Professional Recognition Award, 2000; Outstanding Recreation Professional Award, 1998-99; and Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce VIP Award, 1988. Gary is a genuine visionary, and loyal and dedicated public servant leader. He prides himself on consensus building and creative problem solving. He has earned the highest level of respect from those he has worked with including Park Board members, staff, community constituents, and his colleagues.

EIURAAA Student Forum

The 15th Annual EIURAA Student Forum was held on Friday, October 18th. The opening keynote address was given by Kent Johnson. Jamie Gower, Risk Manager, Decatur Park District spoke on Risk Management in ALL of Recreation. Judy Miller, Environmental Program Manager, Urbana Park District, presented Environmental and Nature Programming. Corky Emberson, Superintendent of Recreation, Urbana Park District discussed Aquatics and Referendums. Lindsay Woods, Recreation Coordinator, Rockford Park District, provided information on Tips and Strategies for the CTRS Exam. Nick Bard, Superintendent of Revenue Facilities, Bolingbrook Park District, discussed My Life in Vegas! And well-rounded experiences. Kelly Kessler, EIU graduate student, presented Experiences in the YMCA and Campus Recreation. Many thanks go to the 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, Todd Ranum, Jamie Gower, and Candice Holbrook). For more information or to volunteer to work on next year's forum, feel free to contact Ms. Candice Holbrook at candice@oregonpark.org or call her at (815) 732-3101.



2013 Distinguished Alumni Recipient, Kent Johnson, receiving the award from Dr. William Higelmire.

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.

The Illinois Park and Recreation Conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency (Chicago, IL) on January 23-25, 2014. Several students, faculty, and alumni will be in attendance. We hope to see you there!

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_____ 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 Annual EIURAAA Student Symposium luncheon. \$20.00

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Please make your check payable to **EIU Recreation Administration Alumni Association** and return to:

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c/o CJ Applegate, Treasurer
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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?

Michael Mulvaney Named EIU 's Faculty Laureate



Michael was named Eastern Illinois University's 2013-2014 Faculty Laureate, an honor presented to him by the institution's Council on Academic Affairs. In addition to his duties as a faculty member in the Department of Recreation Administration, Mulvaney spends the 2013-14 academic year as the university's official spokesperson on the importance of a general/liberal education.

His first opportunity took place on Friday, Aug. 16, when he delivered the keynote address at Convocation, a welcoming ceremony for EIU's incoming students. There, introduced three major thoughts to his audience.

"First, I wanted them to reflect on their own experience and life journey," Mulvaney said. "I encouraged them to think about, and embrace, who they are and where they want to be."

Then, he added, "I encouraged these students to truly engage themselves in the many opportunities they'll have here at EIU. This is their chance, their time, and they'll only get out what they put in to this educational experience. They need to take advantage of it. It's not too often a person gets an opportunity to immerse him or herself into an experience like this."

And finally -- "Have fun during the journey," he said. "I've noticed that somehow, the fun one can and should have in life is frequently lost."

Mulvaney, who lives near Tuscola with his wife, Megan, and their Labrador retriever, Atticus, received his master's degree in sports administration/physical education from Eastern. He then took a job with the Decatur Park District before receiving his doctorate in recreation, sport and tourism from the University of Illinois.

Mulvaney joined the faculty at Eastern in 2006 and while his area of research centers on management issues within public park and recreation agencies, his course load includes a junior-level general education course, "World Leisure," open to students of all academic disciplines.



A collection of students, faculty, & alumni at the 2013 Student Symposium

Faculty News



Peggy Holmes Layman

What a busy 2013 fall semester it has been! I have been busy with four courses, conferences and writing along with committee work. One of the reviews I wrote for the Therapeutic Recreation Journal was in relation to the new American Therapeutic Recreation Association's "Standards of Practice" for those doing therapeutic recreation/recreation therapy. The new publication is available from the ATRA website and costs \$40; less if you purchase it at a conference and are a member of the organization. It is a must read for all practitioners and also for students before they start their internship. The publication showcases 12 standards and then provides a second section which outlines several areas of practitioner/unit assessment. This second section gives many guides for assessing a unit or services' staff, client

satisfaction, documentation and many other topics. It guides the practitioner to develop and improve a Written Plan of Operation and Policy and Procedure manual. It completely supports the requirements from the main accrediting bodies, Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations (JC), Central Management Services (CMS) and Council on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF). I encourage everyone to purchase a copy and begin the needed tasks that are detailed in this workbook. It can help to standardize the services of the Therapeutic Recreation field.

I attended the Illinois Therapeutic Recreation Association's Conference in Chi-

cago and the American Therapeutic Recreation conference in Pittsburgh. Both conferences provided much new information as the field is constantly upgrading and changing. All of this information is crucial to bring back to our TR majors. We have a large group going out on their internship this spring and summer and many of them will be working with our EIU alumni- thanks for taking our interns!

My many roles tied to professional organizations have also kept me busy: ILRTA Board Member, ATRA Publications Co-chair, and Book Co-editor for the Therapeutic Recreation Journal. There are several new publications coming out in the

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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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- **John Schmeink**— St. Louis VAMC, St. Louis, MO—John.Schmeink@Va.Gov
- **Mike Sterba**- Coloma TWSHP Park District, Rock Falls, IL - ctpd4fun@essex1.com
- **Lyndsay Woods**—Rockford Park District, Rockford, IL - LindsayWoods@rockfordparkdistrict.org

Please consider serving on this vital Council!

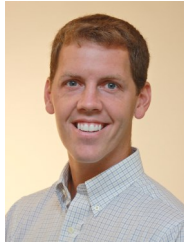


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Therapeutic Recreation field, including a new book on Evidence Based Practice and one on Community TR and the Autistic child. These are available through Sagamore Publishing. All are encouraged to check out the latest information that is available. There are also a lot of new applications usable on the iPhone or other smart phones or tablets for all types of interventions and populations. If interested I can direct you to these resources; just let me know!

As always, I look forward to seeing many of you at the IR-PA Conference in Chicago in January. Stay Warm!



Michael Mulvaney
Hello! I hope all is well with each of you. During the fall semester, I have enjoyed teach-

ing Financial Practices for Leisure Service Agencies, Research & Evaluation in Leisure Studies, Pre-Internship, and Operations of Leisure Facilities. In the Finance course, students were given the opportunity to develop 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 im-

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Annual Scholarship Recipients

- Ewen “Lefty” Bryden Alumni Scholarship – Allison Sheehan
- Dorothe L. Johnson Memorial Scholarship – Allison Sheehan
- William A. Smith Scholarship – Victoria Trebels
- Gretchen Sue Denton Scholarship - Nicolette Jerik
- William Riordan Scholarship—Nicole Kapala

Recreation Administration GRADUATES

FALL 2012

Jeremy Early
James Huetson
Ryan O’Rourke
Joe Salerno
Tyler Wirth

SPRING 2013

Kyle Fischer
David Holzrichter
Allison Salo
Megan Sklade

SUMER 2013

Patrick Balleto
Kevin Herrick
Cassie McCorkle
Bridget Murphy
Cory Racusen
Jenna Strader
Haylee Swanson

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!
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EIU Alum, Corky Emberson, presenting to students at the 2013 Fall Student Symposium Event

Faculty News (continued)

plementation during their internship or first full-time job. In addition, the Finance course took the lead on budgeting, organizing, implementing, and evaluating the Annual Homecoming Race. In Research & Evaluation, the students partnered with the Edgar County Highway Department (Paris, Illinois) in conducting trail & greenway interests study. The project built upon the results of research conducted by the fall 2012 Research class. The project culminated with students presenting the results of the study to the Edgar County Highway Department administration and stakeholders. The practicum experience that was originally developed in 2011 in conjunction with the Operations of Leisure Facilities course was expanded to include the Mattoon

YMCA, Charleston Parks & Recreation, Decatur Indoor Sports Center, Scovill Zoo, and Effingham Park District. For these practicum experiences, each student spent 8-10 hours with the agency where the professionals provided application-based experiences that were directly aligned with the content discussed within the Operations course. The intent of this experience was to further connect the classroom discussions with the actual field setting.

In addition to teaching, I have authored one article for *Public Personnel Management* examining

performance appraisal systems in public park and recreation agencies and am scheduled to deliver two presentations (the impact of the CPRP certification on various job performance-related outcomes/ conducting a comprehensive performance appraisal of an agency's recreation programs) at the upcoming IPRA/IAPD Conference in January. I also continue to serve on the Certified Park and Recreation Professional (CPRP) examination development committee where we wrapped up our annual

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Annette 's Perspective



Hello to everyone.

Another year has passed and how fast it has gone. I remember thinking last year at this time that Christmas of 2012 will soon be over and Christmas

of 2013 will be here much sooner than we are ready for it and it is here. My life has been very uneventful this past year which is good. Only two major events happened in the year of 2013. First I had total knee replacement on my left knee on May 29th at Sarah Bush Lincoln in Charleston. After my surgery I went to my daughter's home in Glen Carbon, IL to recuperate. Each day she would take me to Pro Rehab in Edwardsville and drop me off for therapy. I enjoyed my visit with her family. It was like a mini vacation with rehab. My three grandkids Morgan, Lucas, and Bailey were always there to help me as well as Paul and Kelle. I came back to

work at EIU on July 2nd. Was glad to be back to work but did miss being waited on. My right knee needs replaced but plan to wait awhile on that one. The second major event was the birth of my newest great grandson who was born in Bloomington, Illinois on September 1. He has been name Ian Gabriel Gannaway. This now makes 3 great grandkids and nine grandkids. All who are a blessing in their own way.

Christmas is an amazing time of the year and I doubt there is anyone who has not had a story to tell about their Christmas past. Each year my family gathers at my home and this year it will be on Christmas day. Twenty-two will be there and we have a blast. Games, presents, food, pictures and just a lot of fun all being together.

Remember send me you latest news about yourself either by email (ardiehl@eiu.edu) or on Facebook (Annette Cwright-Diehl). If I do not hear from you I cannot include you in the newsletter for other alumni to see what you are doing.

Hope every one of you have a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful new year. REMEMBER slow down and enjoy life as it only comes your way once. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

Faculty News (continued)

exam review/development meeting in September at the NRPA Headquarters (Ashburn, VA).

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

The Recreation Administration Department at Eastern continues to promote friendship and adventure through a blend of traditional and experiential educational opportunity. This past year has been full of interesting adventures both in and out of the classroom. This past semester I taught Planning and Design of Leisure Facilities, Outdoor Living Skills, Introduction to Leisure Service Agencies, and World Leisure. Leading and participating in these courses has provided many fond, and valuable memories.

The highlights of the Fall 2013 semester include a case study in Planning and Design in which the students developed concept plans for an historic use area at the Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site (LLCSHS). Through agency collaboration with the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency and the Lincoln/Sargent Farm Foundation the students learned more about the scope of the project, budget constraints, physical constraints and more. Applying traditional park planning principles through 'real life' agency collaboration, the students developed thoughtful and inspiring designs focused on the history of the Civilian Conservation Corps' *Camp Shiloh*, once located on the grounds of the

LLCSHS. Site visits, photo-analyses, mapping exercises, and primary stakeholder focus groups all contributed to student learning and plan development. To complete this application of course information in the 'real world,' the class spent many hours in the Gregg Technology classroom learning how to operate multiple software packages and organize the information to provide a cohesive, organized park plan proposal.

Of the many fun outings in Outdoor Living Skills this fall, the 19 mile round trip [overnight] backpack was the biggest adventure of all. At noon on Saturday, September 14th the class of 14 Recreation

sunny, 70 degree weather. The experience included close encounters with poultry, a student-led frog-gigging seminar, and sleeping out under the stars with the sound of distant [and some not-so-distant] coyotes. As we sat around the fire that night we could also distinctly hear the cheers as the Panther football team was taking apart in-state rival Illinois State for a 57-24 result a few miles away at O'Brien Field. The trip and the football season were both sensational

Along with teaching, service work and research has been keeping me busy both on and off-campus. This past semester I have served as the Chair of the Department Curriculum Committee, Secretary of the College Curriculum Committee, Chair of the College Social Committee and departmental representative on the College Minority Recruitment and Retention Committee, Library Committee, Commencement Speaker Committee, and more within the Department. Outside of the campus community my service and research remain tied through an Action Research agenda that focuses on youth program research and development.

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REC 3560 students arrive for an overnight after a 9.5 mile backpack.

Administration majors departed McAfee Gymnasium after a classroom session where the students charted the exact route to the Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site, where we were to camp for the evening. We hiked along rural routes in

Student Association for Recreation & Rho Phi Lambda Updates

Student Association for Recreation

I (Dr. James Barkley) have enjoyed being a part of the Student Association for Recreation as a faculty adviser. The Bowling Challenge this fall brought out some very talented ten-pinner among our Majors and once again, I was forced to eat my words and provide the winners with victory t-shirts. Along with consuming my own verbosity, I also had a great time noshing with students at the progressive dinner sponsored by the Club. The Club has focused on organizing a crew to be a part of the 2014 IAPD/IPRA Annual Conference, so look for our students in Chicago as they seek guidance moving forward in their Recreation careers. I look forward to more friendship, adventure, fond memories, and learning in 2014.

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 the national honorary society. As of the Fall 2013, fifteen students are active members of Rho Phi Lambda. Throughout the semester, the students have



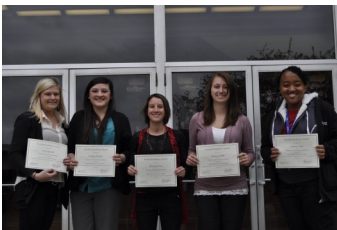
Students attending the 2013 Senior Send-Off roundtable discussions

volunteered and assisted with a variety of campus and community events, including the 2013 2.5K Homecoming Race, Fall Family Festival, and many more! Rho Phi Lambda looks to continue its work with REC 1320 (“Leadership in

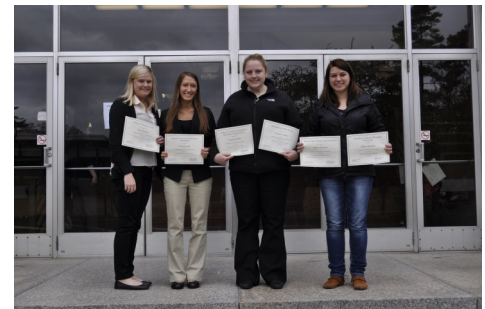
Recreation”) by assisting with a mentor program for students and professionals in recreation administration. Recognized for their leadership and scholarship, Rho Phi members will serve as peer mentors for students within the REC 1320 course. Rho Phi members will help orientate these freshman/sophomore-level 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 qualities 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, 2013 these are the names of individuals that contributed to the drive.



- Gary Balling
- Charles Balling
- Teri Becker
- Victor Brooks
- Ewen Bryden
- Robin Burchfield
- Charles Evan
- Jennifer Farrell
- Rita Fletcher
- Susan Friend
- Richard Glazebrook
- Robert Hale
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- Scott Smith
- Mary Wernick
- Lori Wilson



2013 Student Scholarship Recipients



Dr. Mulvaney & research assistant, Carly Schroeder ('13), find a friend on a site visit in Edgar County.

This focus has culminated in the implementation of after-school youth athletic programs to reduce barriers to participation and increase student/youth participation in organized recreational sport. These enhanced offerings are the result of the collaboration of the Urbana Park District (UPD) and the Urbana School District 116 (USD116). The progress of this Action Research project along with lessons learned is the subject of the inter-agency collaborative presentation at the 2014 IAPD/IPRA Annual Conference. Along with the research project focused on Afterschool Athletics, I have been privileged to work with Dr. Mulvaney as the co-investigator for a trail development project through the Edgar County Highway Department. Working through a survey-driven public input process is great fun and I look forward to further collaboration with Dr. Mulvaney as we continue to learn, and to share what we have learned through the process.

6th Annual Undergraduate Research & Creative Activity Fair

The sixth 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:

- Developing a User-Friendly Paperless Site Analysis: Charleston Community Center—Carly Schroeder (Faculty Mentor: Dr. James Barkley)
- A Financial Plan/Proposal for a Summer Wakeboarding Camp—Morgan Skalla (Faculty Mentor: Dr. Mike Mulvaney)
- Marketing Video for Bent Tree Golf Course—Andrew Maronich (Faculty Mentor: Dr. Mike Mulvaney)
- Mattoon YMCA—Allison Salo (Faculty Mentor: Dr. William Higelmire)
- A Community-Wide Recreation Study for the City of Paris—Liz Dole & Fabian Sienkowski (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.

Alix Bernhardt—SU '10 Alix is the Office Manager/



Administrator at Schneider Logistics in Chicago, IL.

Janel Geary—FA '93, CPRP Serving as Recreation Superintendent for the Crete Park District (Crete, IL).

Maggie Goy—FA '04— Maggie is an Employment Specialist for Countryside Association in Palatine, IL.

Jill Presutti—SU '09, CTRS Jill is the Activity Director for Heritage Health Therapy & Senior Care in Bloomington, IL.



Martha Rauch—FA '10 Martha has started her own business focusing on empowering and educating individuals about personal health/wellness care. Through her business she enables people to live leisure lifestyles with financial stability.

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 **2015 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

2013 Distinguished Alum Award: Kent Johnson (class of 1981)
(see the story on page 1)

The Department of Recreation Administration would like to thank you for your continued support and wish you the best for the holidays and new year!