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## Message from our Chair

I hope this finds you and yours in good health and able to engage in those activities that bring you joy and invigoration. We are delighted to welcome our new Office Support Specialist, Ellen Shupe, to the department! She has hit the ground running and already has made our life easier and more efficient.



William Higelmire, Chair

She brings a wealth of information about the college and our systems as she was in the Department of Student Teaching prior to her move to us.

Everyone misses Annette who retired effective June 30, and the department will always have fond memories of her. We wish her and Everett a wonderful retirement filled with great adventures!

Our re-accreditation by the Council on Accreditation for Parks, Recreation, Tourism and Related Professions

(COAPRT) will take place this April. Many hours have been spent compiling the report and related documents and we now look forward to the visitation team and their findings. As

part of the process, the team will want to talk with a variety of constituents (alumni, intern supervisors, board members). If you would be willing to meet with the team, please contact me and I will be sure to include you.

Students in the department continue to be involved in a wide variety of service-learning and research projects that are highlighted in this newsletter. The level of productivity is a clear indication of the commitment our faculty have made to “make a difference”. !

We would enjoy hearing from you. We have established a Facebook page for the department that can be found here: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/eiuadmin> Why not take a few moments to share a picture or a few words about you?



This year, the **Distinguished Alum Award** was presented

## Distinguished Alum Award

This year the speaker for the EIURAAA Student Forum was Ms. Chelsey Byers who received her B.S. in Recreation with an option in Therapeutic Recreation in 1999. She obtained her CTRS later that year and completed her Masters of Arts in Gerontology at Eastern Illinois University in 2004.

She began her professional career as an Activity Therapist for a 40 bed Alzheimer’s dementia unit at the

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## *2014 Celebration of Publications, Creative Works, and Grants*

The following list of publications was displayed in the annual Celebration of Publications & Creative

- **Mulvaney, M.A.** (2014). Leave Programs/Time Off and Work-Stress Family Employee Benefits Programs. Organizational Commitment, and Self-Efficacy Among Municipal Employees. Public Personnel Management, 43(4), 459-489.

### *6th Annual Showcase EIU 2014: Exploration & Inquiry by Undergraduates*

An annual spring event at Eastern Illinois University, Showcase EIU is an opportunity for the university community to showcase the exploration and inquiry by the undergraduates in a venue that allows interdisciplinary learning and observation. The following are the presentations that were included from Recreation Administration.

Blackhawk Trail Needs Assessment  
Mollie Brown, Alexis Gooch, Michelle Mark, Taylor Gross  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Michael Mulvaney

A Financial Plan for an Archery Club  
Nathaniel Talley  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Michael Mulvaney

A CVPA for an Indoor Rock Climbing Wall at EIU  
Sean Diamond  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Michael Mulvaney



## *2014 Distinguished Alum (continued)*

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Illinois Veterans home in Manteno, Illinois. In 2005 she moved to the Alzheimer's Association in St. Louis as a professional education coordinator. While there she delivered programs to 38 counties and consulted with assisted living communities, nursing homes and community organizations on specialized activity programs and environments for individuals with dementia.

In her present position as Family Life Education for the Uni-

versity of Illinois Extension, she has researched, developed, designed and wrote family consumer science materials and programs. She has provided leadership and collaborated with other service providers to reach low-income and traditionally underserved populations. She continues to deliver innovative educational programs covering a wide range of adult and aging issues in a community context, particularly as they relate to health and wellness of seniors that

maximize the ability of older adults to remain active and independent.

Ms. Byers has made numerous professional presentations at the local, state, and regional level. She has either developed, co-authored or reviewed several curriculum materials related to aging issues. Chelsey is a member of the American Society on Aging, Sigma Phi Omega, and the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. She has been presented with professional awards, is a member of the EIU Alumni Association Board of Directors and has served as president of the Illinois Extension Association for Family and Consumer Sciences.

## *Richard “Corky” Emberson Receives 2014 CEPS Leadership & Service Award*



Richard (Corky) Emberson is the Superintendent of Recreation at the Urbana Park District, serving in that capacity since 2009. Corky is responsible for all programs, facilities, personnel, and budget management within the Recreation Department.

Corky received a bachelors degree in Recreation Administration from Eastern Illinois University in 1994. Upon graduation, Corky was hired as Director of the Paxton Park District. During his almost seven years as Director of the Paxton Park District, he was able to lead the district through the design, construction and payment of their first Community Center.

Corky moved to the Urbana Park District where he served in various managerial positions for Fitness, Aquatics, Athletics, and Community Programs. As Superintendent, he helped lead the planning of the new Crystal Lake Park Family Aquatic Center, which received a

2014 Illinois Park and Recreation Association (IPRA) Outstanding Facility Award. He has been instrumental in leading the district to their first Distinguished Agency Accreditation. Currently he is working to initiate a cooperative effort with Urbana public schools and local universities to find ways to reach underserved Urbana residents. He has served on the Eastern Illinois University advisory council for the Department of Recreation Administration and has chaired the Council during the last three years. He is a member of the National Park and Recreation Association, IRPA, Central Illinois Recreation Council for Leisure Experiences, and the Illinois Association of Park Districts. Corky earned his CPRP (Certified Park and Recreation Professional Accreditation) in 2011. He also serves on the Board for Champaign-Urbana Special Recreation, a joint effort of Champaign and Urbana Park Districts.

Corky resides in Fisher, Illinois. He and his wife Sue have four children: Caleb, Josh, Phillip, and Ellie.

## *Kent Johnson Receives 2014 CEPS Lifetime Achievement Alumni Award*



The nation’s YMCAs strengthen community through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility, serving more than 21 million children and adults each year.

Kent Johnson has been a leader in bringing the Y’s programs and services to life since joining the organization through an EIU fieldwork experience as a summer camp counselor in 1979.

Today, Kent serves as the executive vice president and chief operating officer of the YMCA of the USA (Y-USA), the national resource office for YMCAs in the U.S. He is responsible for leading the assessment, strategy development and delivery of resources for YMCAs nationwide.

Previous to joining Y-USA in 2007, Kent held leadership roles for the YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee, including president and CEO. Prior to the Milwaukee Y, he worked for the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago and the Sheboygan, Wisconsin YMCA, where he began his full-time Y career in 1982. Kent received his bachelors degree from Eastern Illinois University in 1981 and has participated in the nonprofit executive education programs at both Northwestern University’s Kellogg School of Management and Harvard Business School.

He has a long history of service to the community and the social sector, including his current role as co-chair of the National Human Services Assembly’s Chief Operating Officer Affinity Group. Kent has written a number of articles for publication and was profiled in *Perspective Magazine*’s “Unforgettable YMCA Professionals” special edition. He received the Distinguished Alumni award from the Eastern Illinois University Department of Recreation Administration in 2013. Kent and his wife Chris, also an EIU alum, have been married for 32 years and have two grown children.

## *EIURAAA Student Forum*

The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual EIURAAA Student Forum was held on Friday, October 24th. The opening keynote address was given by Chelsey Byers. Jessica DeYoung, CTRS, Youth & Teen Coordinator, Champaign-Urbana Special Recreation spoke about the Importance of Community Based TR. Hannah Morgenroth, Transition Employment Specialist, QIPD/Case Manager at Marcfirst, presented Non-Profits and Community-Based Services. Don Olson, CPRP, Executive Director of Champaign-county Forest Preserve, discussed the Non-Traditional Route of Recreation. Jill Presutti, CTRS, Activity Director for Heritage Health, gave insights on Therapeutic Recreation with the Elderly Population, plus NCTRC Study Tips! Lydia Pond, Coordinator of Recreation, Assistant Athletic Facilities and Events manager, North Central College. Many thanks go to the EIURAAA 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) For more information or to volunteer to work on next year's forum, feel free to contact Ms. Candice Holbrook at [Candice@oregonpark.org](mailto:Candice@oregonpark.org) or call her at (815) 732-3101.



A social media promotional piece produced by two Communications Majors working on a project to promote Rec. Club

## *EIURAAA Update*

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 22 –24, 2015. Several students, faculty, and alumni will be in attendance. We hope to see you there!**

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
RECREATION ADMINISTRATION  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (EIURAAA)

**2015 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  
Annual EIURAAA Student Symposium luncheon. \$20.00

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

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

**EIU Recreation Administration Alumni Association**  
**c/o CJ Applegate, Treasurer**  
**Charleston Parks and Recreation Department**  
**520 Jackson Avenue**  
**Charleston, IL 61920**

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

Hello from Charleston! Students are preparing for a bit of a break after many nights of working on projects and assignments and studying for finals. As usual this semester, I have been teaching 4 courses and have seen a lot of personal growth and hard work in all of the classes; from the seniors (from different majors across campus; not Rec and not-TR majors) in senior seminar, to the TR/RT majors and general recreation majors. Some are just beginning their path to graduation and a career and have wonderful great energy!

In addition to teaching, I have been busy with conferences this semester. I was involved with several committees and many exciting sessions at the annual ATRA Conference in Oklahoma, and did two presentations at the Illinois Recreation Therapy Conference in the Chicago area. One presentation was in conjunction with two

other professors and our topic was the need for students and practitioners to go on for the doctoral degree. We are in deep need for new PH.Ds in the Field of TR/RT, so if you have been thinking about going back to school, being in this profession as an academic is wonderful and most definitely a rewarding job will be waiting for you when you would complete your doctoral studies! Let me know if you have any questions about this possibility!

Another presentation I did was about the new TR/RT “Standards of Practice and Self-Assessment Guide”. I recently completed a review and article about this very thorough ATRA publication and find it to be a great guide for TR/RT practice. And I was happy and excited to share this information with

the many practitioners present. The field needs all practitioners to be on the same page for our discipline to be consistent and to thrive. All TR/RT practitioners should be following it and it is available for purchase through the ATRA website (Cost is only 28.00 for members).

In related news, the NCTRC has just completed a new Job Analysis and the test will be reflective of this newer analysis of the tasks, knowledge, skills and abilities of the TR/RT professional. NCTRC has also made a change in how often the certification test happens. The test will move to being available every other month, so there will be many more testing periods to choose from. And the most exciting news of all is that now practitioners can get CEU credit for

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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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- **Dorthea DiGuido**—ILRTA
- **Tim Dimke**— Rockford Park District, Rockford, IL—[TimDimke@rockfordparkdistrict.org](mailto:TimDimke@rockfordparkdistrict.org)
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***Please consider serving on this vital Council!***



## Faculty News (continued)

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supervising a TR/RT student. This, of course, comes in very handy when going through the process of recertification. We are grateful for all the support we get from our TR/RT supervisors that help us here at EIU, and we are glad to see them getting a reward of sorts for all their hard work! All of this information about these upcoming changes is on the NCTRC website, so be sure to check it for the latest discussion about these policies.

Those are some of the pieces of news from the department and the field. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about updates in the field or other changes. We like to share our department resources and provide information when it is needed! Have a great 2015 and I hope to see everyone at the annual spring "Senior Send Off" which happens at the end of the spring semester!



**Michael Mulvaney**

Hello! I hope all is well with each of you. During the fall semester, I have enjoyed teaching Financial Practices for Leisure Service Agencies, Research & Evaluation in Leisure Studies, Pre-Internship, and Operations of

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## Annual Scholarship Recipients

- **Ewen "Lefty" Bryden Alumni Scholarship** – Jessica McNeilly & Gabrielle Klein
- **Dorothe L. Johnson Memorial Scholarship** – Nicole Blair
- **William A. Smith Scholarship** – Shelbie Kearfott
- **Gretchen Sue Denton Scholarship** - Allison Sheehan
- **William Riordan Scholarship**—Taylor Gross

## Recreation Administration GRADUATES

### FALL 2013

Nicole Kapala  
Chris O'Connell  
Morgan Skalla

### SPRING 2014

Elizabeth Dole  
Veretta Gray  
Amanda Hatcher  
Brianna Johnson  
Tiffanie Kempke  
Phil Melton  
Ethan Peterson  
Jade Riebold  
Carly Schroeder  
Jillian Schultz  
Crystal Shipps  
Jonathan Switzer  
Victoria Trebels

### SUMER 2014

Eric Farringer  
Alexis Gooch  
Taylor Gross  
Clinton Hall  
Lauren Hendrickson  
Nicolette Jerik  
Logan Johnson  
Michelle Mark  
Andrew Maronich  
Rebekah Maurer  
Megan Murphy  
Taryn Olson  
Grace Rolnicki  
Jillian Schultz

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>

## *Faculty News (continued)*

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 implementation 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 Decatur Indoor Sports Center (Decatur Park District) in conducting a facility assessment study. The project culminated with students presenting the results of the study to the Decatur Park District administration and stakeholders. Two of our alumni, Steve Fox (Assistant Manager, DISC) & Jamie Gower

(Director of Recreation) of the Decatur Park District, were in attendance during the students' presentation.

In addition to teaching, I have authored another article for *Public Personnel Management* examining Family-Friendly Employee Benefit packages in public park and recreation agencies. I also delivered a presentation at the NRPA Congress in Charlotte, NC and am scheduled to deliver two presentations 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 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 have any ideas, I would love to hear from you. Have a happy winter and spring season!

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### **EIU Alumni Association Membership Drive**

The EIU Alumni Association is conducting a membership drive. A special price through January 15, 2015. By utilizing the following you can sign up for only \$25: <http://www.eiu.edu/alumni/renew.php>

With the membership members are notified of local and national deals, help fund student scholarships, are provided a subscription to the EIU Alumni Magazine and have access to Alumni events.

## *Welcome Ellen!*



Greetings!

Dr. Higelmire warmly welcomed me as secretary in the Department of Recreation Administration this summer. The faculty and students are very friendly and helpful. I appreciate the opportunity to be of assistance here. I have

been employed at EIU for 29 years, half of that time in the Student Teaching Department. When it was absorbed by the Dean's Office this year, I was relocated to Annette's former position. She

has been and continues to be of invaluable assistance to me.

I attended this fall's EIURAAA keynote speaker event and three of the workshops. These were very informational and helpful in showing the end-results, and some ongoing-results, of having a REC or REC/TR degree. It was an interesting and enjoyable introduction to our majors and graduates.

I have a bachelor's degree from Blackburn College ('80) in Social Science. I am mom to Justin, grandmother to Leah and MIL to Stacy of Mattoon. I live in Charleston and enjoy music, reading and cooking/baking. REC 1200 is on my schedule for Spring 2015.



## Faculty News (continued)



**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 2014 semester include a case study in Planning and Design in which the students developed concept plans for the expansion and development of Morton Park in Charleston. Through agency collaboration with the Township Park District 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 that incorporate newly developed land adjacent to the existing park.

Site visits, photo-analyses, mapping exercises, and researching comparable park designs were key elements to developing the plans that the students then presented to the Township Park District. In fact, the comparable design research was kicked off with a brainstorming exercise called ‘the Digital Cocktail Napkin’ during the EIU RAAA Symposium in October. Dur-

ing this session, students in the class and alumni spent time together in the Gregg Technology classroom where the class meets almost weekly. After being briefed on the comparable park assignment, Lydia Pond (’09) and Mike Sterba (74’) worked with Megan Powers (16’) in developing some inspiring comparable locations/ideas.

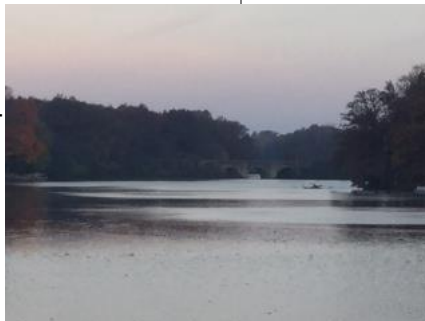
Along with teaching, service work and research

have 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, member 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. My

research this past semester has focused on a contract extension with the Edgar County Highway Department in an ongoing effort to improve trails and greenway planning in and around Paris, IL. As a

co-investigator with Dr. Mulvaney, I have spent time with many key stakeholders in the Paris area in efforts to build a platform for productive stakeholder dialogue. Paris will open their new High School in FA 15 so

trail and greenway development for students accessing the site is a priority for stakeholders to engage in trail and greenway planning within the area.



**A view of the historic train bridge over Twin Lakes, Paris, IL**

Lastly, I have enjoyed being a part of the Student Association for Recreation as a faculty adviser. The executive board for the Rec. Club has been active in both event planning and fundraising; sponsoring several different events and doubling the budget through some new and creative fundraising. The Bowling Challenge, McAfee Cookout, and Progressive Dinner were some of the events sponsored by Rec. Club. A Monical’s Pizza fundraiser was implemented whereby a percentage of each check for patrons (with the Rec. Club ‘coupon’) was given back to the Club. Along with that, the Club designed and sold cups. Both of these are new sources of revenue for the club and were integral in growing the budget.



**REC 4600 students begin their exploration of Morton Park with checklists in hand**

## *Student Association for Recreation & Rho Phi Lambda Updates*

### **Student Association for Recreation**

The Club has focused on organizing a group of students to be a part of the 2015 IAPD/IPRA Annual Conference, and would like to thank Tim Dimke ('77) and Corky Emberson ('94) for the generous contributions in support of our students attending the conference. Please 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 2015.



**Students volunteering at the 2014 Spring Special Olympics Track & Field Meet!**

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](mailto:mamulvaney@eiu.edu) or (217) 581-6589.

### **TR/RT Club**

The TR/RT Club officially started this fall (2014)! The club expects a very active spring with a lot of student interest and enthusiasm! Welcome TR/RT Club!

### **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 2014, fifteen students are active members of Rho Phi Lambda. Throughout the semester, the students have volunteered and assisted with a variety of campus and community events, including the 2014 2.5K Homecoming Race, Fall Family Festival, and many more!



**2014 Rho Phi Lambda Members**

## **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, 2014, these are the names of individuals that contributed to the drive.

- William F. Higelmire
- Diane H. Jackman
- Ewen L. Bryden
- Michael A. Rylko
- Karen R. Chambliss
- Scott Smith
- Michael S. Black
- Robin K. Burchfield
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- Michael P. Sterba
- Keri J. Stepp
- Julie A. Schnell
- Mark Greider
- Janey Jolley
- Gayle Dixon
- Annie Lee Jones

## *7th Annual Undergraduate Research & Creative Activity Fair*

The seventh 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 N 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:

- ◆ Mollie Brown, Alexis Gooch, Michelle Mark, & Taylor Gross – Blackhawk Trail Needs Assessment Faculty mentor: Dr. Michael Mulvaney
- ◆ Sean Diamond – A CVPA for an Indoor Rock Climbing Wall at EIU Faculty mentor: Dr. Michael Mulvaney
- ◆ Shea Talley – A Financial Plan for an Archery Club Faculty mentor: Dr. Michael Mulvaney
- ◆ Mollie Brown, Alexis Gooch, Lauren Hendrickson, & Andrew Maronich – Camp Shiloh: Concepts for Developing History Through Park Design at Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site Faculty mentor: Dr. James Barkley
- ◆ Alexis Gooch, Alison Sheehan, & Sean Diamond– Lincoln Log Cabin Historic Site: A Photographic Survey Faculty mentor: Dr. James Barkley
- ◆ Carley Schroeder – Oswegoland Park District Internship Experience Faculty mentor: Dr. William Higelmire
- ◆ Liz Dole - VHA St. Louis Health Care System (Jefferson Barracks) Faculty mentor: Dr. William Higelmire
- ◆ Tiara Ashmore-Towle and Shelbie Kearfott – Anger Management Interventions and Their Evidence Base in TR/RT Faculty mentor: Dr. Peggy Holmes-Layman
- ◆ Lauren Hendrickson and Stephanie Howell – Evidence Base Reminiscence Therapy Interventions in TR/RT Faculty mentor: Dr. Peggy Holmes-Layman
- ◆ Shannon Tunney and Erika Kicher – Evidence Base for Stress Management Interventions in TR/RT Faculty mentor: Dr. Peggy Holmes-Layman
- ◆ Lauren Hendrickson - De-Stress Quest Game Faculty mentor: Dr. Peggy Holmes-Layman
- ◆ Madison Hennes- A Game to Improve Self Concept Faculty mentor: Dr. Peggy Holmes-Layman
- ◆ Erika Kisher – Exploring Anger: A Game Approach Faculty mentor: Dr. Peggy Holmes-Layman

## 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 us an email at [leshupe@eiu.edu](mailto:leshupe@eiu.edu)!

### **Alexis Gooch—(2014)**

Alexis is the Tuxedo Manager at Michelle's Bridal (Champaign, IL).

### **Amanda Hatcher—(2014)**

Amanda is employed with Mardi Gras

World (New Orleans, LA).

### **Lauren Hendrickson—(2014)**

Lauren is the Activity Manager at Clearbrook in Rolling Meadows (IL).

### **Nicolette Jerik—(2014)**

Nicolette is the Recreation Supervisor at Charleston Parks and Recreation Department (Charleston, IL).

### **Nicole Kapala—(2013)**

Nicole is the Marketing & Special Events Coordinator for the Wheaton Park District (Wheaton, IL).

### **Logan Johnson—(2014)**

Logan is an After-

Kindergarten Program Teacher for the Barrington Park District (Barrington, IL).

### **Andrew Maronich—(2014)**

Andrew is the Operations Manager at Ice Valley in Kankakee, IL.

### **Meghan Murphy—(2014)**

Meghan is a Recreation Specialist at NEDSRA (Addison, IL).

### **Victoria Trebels-(2014)**

Victoria is a Program Specialist with NWSRA (Rolling Meadows, IL).

## *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](mailto:whigelmire@eiu.edu)

**2014 Distinguished Alum Award: Chelsey Byers (class of 1999)**  
(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!**