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Organizational Leadership Quarterly News Update

A summary of newsmakers, alumni advancements, events,
and the latest developments at GSEP.

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Making Waves »

Program Enriched to Better Prepare Students for Success in the Modern Workplace



The Doctor of Education in Organizational Leadership (EDOL) program has been enhanced with the addition of an option for online-learning, sometimes referred to as distributed or remote learning, and two new classes relevant to current market trends. The changes offer students progressive skills-training and a competitive advantage over their peers in a period of economic uncertainty. [more>>](#)

Phi Delta Kappa Honors Emeritus Professor of Education with Emeriti Membership Status



Dr. Diana Hiatt-Michael, emeritus professor of Education, was honored with emeriti membership status by the board of Phi Delta Kappa (PDK) in Bloomington, Indiana. PDK is a dedicated advocate for public schools and strives to prepare the next generation of educators. Through a wide range of initiatives based on visionary leadership, relevant research, and dedicated service, PDK serves practicing teachers, administrators, college educators, and those concerned about public education. [more>>](#)

Student Presents Best Practices for Literacy Coaches at Regional, National, and International Conferences

Nicole Simmons presented her proposal on best practices for developing Literacy Coaches and their capacity to lead, entitled "Literacy Coach as Teacher Leader," at the California Association of Teachers English conference from February 20 to 22 in Santa Clarita, California. The conference topic was "Voices at the Epicenter of Change," and more than a thousand representatives of the California school system were in attendance. [more>>](#)

OL Candidate Promoting Student Leadership at Community Colleges

Student Nikki Schaper has been researching the valuable topic of student leadership activities in the community college setting. Her dissertation, entitled *The Relationship of Gender and Position on the Leadership Actions of Select Student Government Leaders in California Community Colleges*, discusses the leadership actions of students, the relationship between student government positions and actions, and the gender differences in student government using the Student Leadership Practices Inventory (S-LPI) (Kouzes and Posner, 2005). [more>>](#)

In The News »

- **Education Review, February 6:** Dr. June Schmieder-Ramirez, professor of education, was highlighted in the journal of book reviews for her assessment of Robert Sternberg's book *Wisdom, Intelligence, and Creativity Synthesized* (Cambridge University Press, 2003). Sternberg is the dean of the School of Arts and Sciences and professor of psychology at Tufts University.
- **ACCCA Reports, February:** The newsletter for the Association of California Community College Administrators included a full-page feature on the upgrades to the EDOL program, including the new Global Access format. The hybrid model, which offers 40% of classes online and 60% in-person at the West Los Angeles Graduate Campus, was developed to accommodate the nontraditional student who prefers the freedom of online learning and a fresh academic approach. In addition, Global Access is accessible to students who live across the nation or globe, but who wish to enjoy the prestige gained from earning a doctoral degree from Pepperdine University.

Alumni Updates »

Michael Moodian, '07, edited *Contemporary Leadership and Intercultural Competence* (Sage Publications, 2008). The book is composed of 20 chapters, many of which are written by GSEP faculty and alumni, and addresses the evolving role of cultural diversity in the modern workplace.

Tod Burnett, '05, was named the ninth president of Saddleback College in Mission Viejo, California. Burnett was appointed vice chancellor of the California Community Colleges in 2006 by governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, and previously served as his secretary of Deputy Appointments. Burnett has held appointments made by president George Bush and mayor Richard Riordan.

Resources »

NEW ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP – APPLY NOW



GSEP is excited to announce a new scholarship program to support Pepperdine alumni during the current economic downturn. The Waves Education Development Growth and Excellence (EDGE) program is open to all Pepperdine alumni interested in pursuing one of the six master's or five doctoral degrees offered at GSEP starting in summer or fall 2009. Waves EDGE was created to demonstrate GSEP's concern for our valued Pepperdine alumni, and reach out to them in a meaningful way during these difficult economic times.

Recipients will be awarded \$5,000 toward a master's degree, and \$10,000 toward a doctoral degree, to be disbursed over the first 3 terms of their program. To qualify, applicants must meet the admissions requirements and be accepted to their program of choice, complete a 2009-2010 Free Application for Federal Student Aid, and submit the three question scholarship application. Awards will be based on financial need, clarity of career goals, and alumni affinity for the university's mission.

Call Financial Aid at **310-568-5775**, e-mail gsepfaid@pepperdine.edu or visit the [web site](#).

WRITING SUPPORT



The Writing Support Center (WLA Graduate Campus, Room 522) offers guidance on the dissertation process, comprehensive reviews of papers and dissertations, advice on APA formatting, and workshops on writing mechanics. Make an appointment to talk in-person, over the phone, or via SKYPE, or visit the center during walk-in hours (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Tuesday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.).

Call Gina Meister at **310-258-2815**, e-mail regina.meister@pepperdine.edu or visit the [web site](#).

CAREER SERVICES



Advance your career by utilizing the specialized support and resources provided by GSEP Career Services. Assistance includes career counseling, cover letter and resume review, job search guidance, and interview preparation. Career Services also hosts PepPro, an easy-to-use database listing open positions, networking events, and other tools.

To set-up your PepPro username and password:

1. Visit <https://gsep-pepperdine-csm.symphlicity.com/students/>
2. Click on the "Register" tab

Call Career Services at **310-568-5666**, e-mail gsep.careerservices@pepperdine.edu or visit the [web site](#).

PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT



Are you interested in enhancing your professional profile? Explore new learning opportunities at a GSEP information session. GSEP offers six master's and five doctoral programs across its five graduate campus locations throughout Southern California and online. Programs are fully accredited by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, or the American Psychological Association. Visit the [web site](#).

COUNSELING CLINICS



Counseling is one way to enhance your coping skills. GSEP manages three counseling clinics at which members of the Pepperdine community can receive low fee services. The clinics are open to the public, and provide affordable, high quality, individualized therapy in a supportive and accepting environment.

Call the clinics toll-free at **866-396-8970**, or visit the [web site](#).

Upcoming Events »

- **14th Annual Los Angeles Times Festival of Books**
April 25, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
April 26, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
UCLA Campus

Please stop by the Pepperdine University booth to see titles from faculty and alumni, including From Crime to Crime by GSEP alumnus Dennis Palumbo.

- **Phi Delta Kappa Chalk Walk**
May 3, 8:30 a.m.
Exposition Park, Los Angeles

Chalk Walk is a fundraiser to support teachers locally and nationally by improving the status of the educational profession and creating community solidarity. Chalk Walk is sponsored by Phi Delta Kappa (PDK), the premier professional association for educators. PDK serves practicing teachers, administrators, college educators, and those concerned about public education.

Call April Uhlig at **310-568-5770**, e-mail pdk@pepperdine.edu.
Visit the Chalk Walk [web site](#).
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- **Lessons from Successful Charter Schools**
May 9, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.)
West Los Angeles Graduate Campus

Are you interested in or currently working at a California charter school? Attend this upcoming seminar, hosted by the GSEP Superintendent Advisory Council, to increase your skills and network with charter school leaders. Discussion topics will include using accountability measures and data to improve student achievement, parent engagement and outreach, creating a college-bound culture, and utilizing community partnerships to support student achievement. Presenters will include experts and peers from the Alliance for College-Ready Public Schools, Global Education Academy (K-5), Camino Nuevo Charter School (K-8), Oakland Aviation High School, and Gertz-Ressler High School. In addition, principals from local charter schools will be present and recruiting teachers for open positions. The \$10 cost includes the seminar, breakfast, and lunch. Call **310-568-5622** or [RSVP](#) online.

- **Commencement**
June 20, 10:30 a.m.
Malibu Campus, Alumni Park

Sharon Draper, a New York Times best-selling author and five-time winner of the Coretta Scott King Literary Award, will give the commencement speech, and alumna (2004) Jennifer Trubenbach, executive director of Operation of Hope, an organization that performs free facial reconstructive surgeries on children in need, will receive the 2009 Distinguished Alumnus Award.

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