Cohort Connection
Ed.D. Program Newsletter

2012-2013 Doctoral Program Welcomes
Newest Student Cohort

The LIU Post Ed.D. program in Interdisciplinary Educational Studies welcomed its newest cohort of students this past September, 2012.

The cohort of 26 students is representative of the K-12 education, higher education, health, business and corporate sectors. These students have joined the three previous cohorts of students in the doctoral program which focuses on preparing leaders in Pre-K-16 education, as well as in organizations involved in educationally-related activities.

Third Year Doctoral Students Win
Awards and Scholarships

Several third year doctoral students have been awarded grants and scholarships.

Sara B. Woolf (Fall, 2009), along with a colleague in the special education program at Queens College, Peishi Wang, PhD, was awarded a $1,250,000 grant from the US Department of Education for a 5-year personnel preparation project. This project includes multiple components: targeted recruitment and enrollment; graduate level academic training; and innovative professional development and clinical support designed to enhance candidates’ professional competencies in early childhood special education.

Sandy Sarcona (Fall, 2009) Dietetic Internship Director at LIU-Post, was the recipient of the American Dietetic Association Foundation’s Commission on Dietetic Registration Doctoral Scholarship.

Lynne Manouvrier, (Fall, 2009) was awarded the Gerald Melton Memorial Scholarship to help support her doctoral studies. This scholarship is given for academic excellence, the quality of professional activities, and contributions to Phi Delta Kappa. Doctoral students must be in the top fifteen percent of the class and be part of a program which emphasizes educational leadership and administration.

Lynne’s dissertation will examine the attitudes of Hispanic parents concerning the visual arts and cognition.
From the Dean’s Desk...

I am thoroughly enjoying my re-entry into academia. My first year was among the most rewarding in my career. Working with faculty and students reminds me of the importance of persevering and what is right about the world. I have been around the block a few times, changed jobs, changed careers, been fired in mid life from a job I hated yet did not have the courage to leave. The proverbial golden handcuffs. That experience, however, gave me perspective and reminded me that what we first judge as failure almost always turns into opportunity. Losing that job in fact inspired me to pursue my doctorate and begin my long-postponed career in education. Each of you is here for different reasons, but I assure you that if you persevere, you will gain skills and perspective that will enrich your life and make you distinctive.

I learned during my recent stint in the corporate sector the importance of having a big view, the ability to understand complex problems from multiple perspectives. We don't know what challenges and problems the future will bring; but we do know that the solutions will need to bring to bear multiple fields, perspectives, and viewpoints. In short an interdisciplinary approach.

The first cadre of students in the program reached the research and writing stage of the program, and I was pleased to be facilitating a class with them this past spring.

I have enjoyed getting to know some of you during my first year at Post and look forward to meeting and working with all of you throughout your programs. Thanks for your scholarship, your hard work, and good attitude. You help make Post a most pleasant place to be.

Please continue to check the Doctoral Program website at http://eddprogram.net
From the Ed.D.

Program Director

Dr. Paula Lester

I hope that this semester is going well for you and that you are enjoying the use of your iPads. It is very exciting to be in the fourth year of our doctoral program. We will be holding an Open House for new doctoral students on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 from 6:30 to 8:30 in the Top of the Commons. Please share this information with your colleagues. Registration for spring 2013 has begun. You may register online (go to My LIU). Planning is currently taking place for the summer 2013 and fall 2013. As soon as all courses are staffed and approved, you will be notified.

Over the past year, the Executive Committee discussed the procedures for the dissertation and we are in the process of preparing a dissertation manual as well as updating our frequently asked questions. We are so pleased with the progress of our 2009 cohort. Approximately, one third of the students have successfully defended their dissertation proposals. At the current time, another three students are preparing their proposal defense. You will be kept informed as information becomes available. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or any other member of the Executive Committee.

For those students who are currently in their second year of studies, you will be receiving a listing of faculty and their areas of interest so that you will be able to speak with them prior to setting up your dissertation committees (this will not take place until the middle of your second year).

Everyone will be receiving e-mails from Joan McCarthy about upcoming events. Please check your e-mail regularly. Also, if your e-mail has changed, please let Joan know. In addition, please visit our website for current information and policies:

http://eddprogram.net

On behalf of the doctoral faculty, I wish you continued success.

iPad Program

All fall 2009, 2010, & 2011 doctoral students should have received their individual iPads.

Fall 2012 students have the option to purchase an iPad at the special university rate.
Here are some links to sources of potential support for dissertation study and writing.

Ford Foundation [http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/FordFellowships/PGA_047959](http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/FordFellowships/PGA_047959)


The Spencer Foundation [http://www.spencer.org/content.cfm/fellowship-awards](http://www.spencer.org/content.cfm/fellowship-awards)

National Academy of Education

(take a look at some of the topics of previous award recipients) [http://naeducation.org/NAEd_Spencer_Dissertation_Fellowship.html](http://naeducation.org/NAEd_Spencer_Dissertation_Fellowship.html)


AERA Dissertation Grant [http://tinyurl.com/9qc7oay](http://tinyurl.com/9qc7oay)