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Calendar of Upcoming Events

December

- 4: Holiday Potluck
11: Graduation Celebration
17: Winter Break begins

January

- 6: New Student Meet & Greet
7: Spring classes begin
19: MLK Birthday—University Holiday

February

- 16-20: Mardi Gras—University Holiday



May the season fill
your home with family
and friends,
your heart with love,
and your life with
laughter.

LETTER FROM THE BOARD . . .

Friends and colleagues,

Faced with impending holidays, graduate goodbyes, and a new year on the horizon, I have a couple of thoughts on my mind.

First, I want to send a special thanks to all of you who dedicate so much of yourselves to our department, but specifically to CSI. We would not be half as developed of a chapter if it weren't for everyone's involvement. We have reached the middle mark for the 2014-2015 school year and have already accomplished plenty. It truly is remarkable. So, thank you!

Next, I have to acknowledge the bittersweet feeling that this month (and each graduation month) brings for me. I say bittersweet because although I know each of the five graduates this semester will move on to amazing things, I am sad to watch them leave our halls. These individuals have gravely influenced my time here in one way or another. While I never could have planned to establish these profound relationships, I can not imagine this journey without any of you. I will forever carry your influences with me, and I hope that you each can do the same.

I've said it before and I'll say it many times more, we are fortunate to be part of a program invested in fostering meaningful relationships. My hope is that everyone continues to take advantage of every opportunity to engage with each other and develop such relationships.

Yours dearly,

Bri Cortez
Parliamentarian/Historian
Chi Sigma Iota: Alpha Phi Chapter

*Remember: CSI events are an opportune time to relate!



Chi Sigma Iota Eligibility

Students are invited to join CSI during the Fall and Spring Semesters. Consideration is based on the following criteria from our chapter by-laws:

4.1 The following shall be deemed eligible for membership in the Society through endorsement of their chapter:

4.1.1 **Students:** Those students who are enrolled in a counselor education program leading to graduate degrees (Master's, specialist, or doctorate).

4.1.1.1 They shall have completed the equivalent of at least one full academic term (semester or quarter) of counseling courses carrying approved graduate credit as defined by the institution and are deemed promising for endorsement as a professional counselor whose ethical judgment and behavior will be exemplary.

4.1.1.2 They must have maintained an overall scholastic grade point average of 3.5 or better (on a 4.0 system), or the equivalent, while enrolled in the program.

Call for Submissions

Is there a topic in counseling that you want to spread the word about?

This is your chance! We want to hear it!

We are always accepting article proposals for the next issue.

Send your ideas to Bri Cortez at bncortez@loyno.edu.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the Date!

The 6th annual Graduate Student Research Symposium will be held April 14, 2015 @ 11:00am-2:00pm in the Common Area of Monroe Library, Loyola University New Orleans. If you have research (preliminary or complete) you would like to present, please contact Dianna Whitfield dwhitfi@loyno.edu for the reservation form. Reservation Applications are due March 30, 2015.

Fall 2014 Graduation

Congratulations to the Fall 2014 Graduates:

*Katie Bowman, Brandy Craig, Vik Kannan,
Molly Sanders, & Nina Stewart*

In honor of their achievements, the Counseling Department will hold a graduation celebration on December 11, 2014, 7:30pm in the Senior Commons Room of the Danna Center.

Professional Development Workshop

CSI is pleased to be in the beginning stages of offering an exceptional opportunity. In the Spring of 2015, CSI will host a professional development workshop to answer this question: "How do we obtain the professional support that we need in order to succeed in this *business*?" Many of us have entered this field for the personal value of helping others. Unfortunately (outside of self-care), we don't often consider the ways in which we can help ourselves and we are, in fact, in a *business*. This workshop will be designed to address the business side of counseling—advocating for the profession and ourselves so that we can develop our practices and ultimately garner greater monetary success.

Maria Cicio (macicio@loyno.edu) will host a **Focus Group** on **January 9, 2015 at 10:00am** in the Big Room to further discuss this endeavor.

EVENTS

Beyond the Degree

On November 7, 2014, the Counseling Department held its 2nd Annual Beyond the Degree. Panelists included Loyola Alumni who shared their post-graduation experiences, including supervision practices, certification processes, public service loan forgiveness, & more. Attendees expressed an appreciation for the wealth of information provided and acknowledged feeling better aware of what to expect after graduation. CSI would like to send their gratitude to the participating panelists, (bottom left photo, from left to right) Michelle Gay Cowherd, Kellie Camelford, Peter Santos, Mary DePartout, Matthew Watson, Joanika Leblanc, and Rebecca Garside.





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EVENTS (CONT.)

Congratulations!

After an exciting debut season, the Counseling Department's Pink Freuds participated in the Intramural Women's Recreational Flag Football playoffs. On November 15, 2014, they claimed the 2015 Female League Flag Football Championship! Thank you to everyone who supported the team this season. Hard work and good sportsmanship pays off. Way to go, **Pink Freuds!**



CSI After Hours

Location: BARCADIA

Date: November 21, 2014

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LPC Supervisors

Are you a soon-to-be graduate, recent graduate, newly employed Counselor Intern, or simply looking for a change in supervisors? If you're searching for a supervisor, Alpha Phi has something useful for you! This section of our newsletter will now contain contact information for LPC Supervisors, like this one, to aid in your search.

Check back regularly!

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