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### Calendar of Upcoming Events

#### May

- 5-8: Final Exams  
8: Graduation Celebration, 7:30p  
9: University Baccalaureate Mass  
10: GRADUATION! 9:00a  
19: Practicum/Internship Begins  
26: Memorial Day - Holiday

#### June

- 2: Summer Classes Begin  
26: CSI After Hours (tentatively)

#### July

- 4: Independence Day - Holiday  
21-22: Final Exams  
24: CSI After Hours (tentatively)

### Reminder:

Please join us as we  
celebrate the 2014  
Summer and Spring  
Graduates.

The Counseling  
Department's  
Graduation Celebration  
is May 8 at 7:30pm  
Audubon Room,  
Danna Center

Good luck  
with finals!



## LETTER FROM THE BOARD . . .

Hello friends,

This semester has been a particularly difficult one for me—managing coursework, juggling CSI activities, and organizing my personal life. I've managed to get by, as I surprisingly do each semester; but now, I face the most difficult aspect of this semester—saying goodbye. Quite frankly, I don't want to face the reality of losing any of you. I have grown very close to many of you in the department and I cherish each relationship I've gained. I value the time we've had together and know that I will long for it back. I take great comfort, however, in knowing that I am not losing any of you forever. The stories, knowledge, and relations I gained from each of you will never be lost. I hold a piece of you—each and every one of you.

In addition to graduating students, we also must say goodbye to a retiring professor. Dr. Justin Levitov has helped create this department that we know and love. He has been an integral part to each of our paths—not only as counselors but as humans. I know we will each take a bit of him with us as we move forward with our lives. I feel privileged to have grown to know him over the last few years and it truly saddens me to say goodbye. Dr. Levitov, you have a remarkable way of connecting with people. I hope to one day possess a similar ability, but until then I'll cherish the profound way you've managed to affect my life in just two short years. You. Are. Incredible. I will miss you in our hallways, but I know that this “goodbye” isn't forever either.

To all of you, we are incredibly fortunate to have been well trained as counselors, but even more fortunate to have been part of a program that promotes profound personal growth through deep, meaningful relationships. I hope that wherever you go in life, you forever carry that with you.

Most sincerely,

Bri Cortez

Parliamentarian/Historian, Chi Sigma Iota: Alpha Phi Chapter



\*P.S.—You made it! Congratulations graduates!

### 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](mailto:Bri.Cortez@loyno.edu).

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### EVENTS

#### Graduate Student Research Symposium April 8, 2014



Megan Loos  
and Ben Ng



Tracy Kinamore



Katie Bowman  
and Kaitlin Short



Nina Stewart  
and Meredith Vizzini



Brian Fleischer



Anna Edelman  
and Stephanie Spengel



Ma'Ya Blount



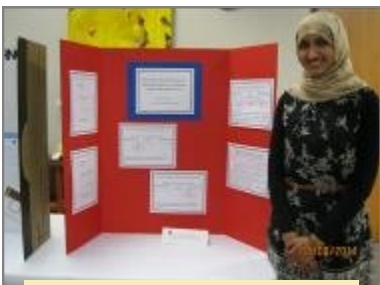
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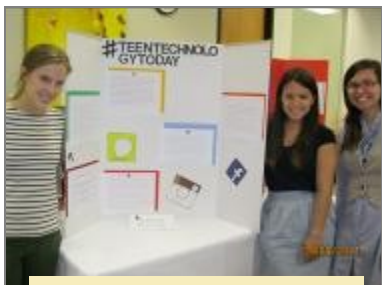
Brianne Cortez



Kristen Centanni and Blaire  
Hirstius (not pictured)



Nasima Khan



Hannah Piper, Chloe  
Kingery, and Sarah Finney







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### 45 Year Celebration

April 10, 2014

*Current students, alumni, faculty and members of the Loyola community gathered for a celebration of our 45th year as a department. With each passing year, we grow and continue to exhibit the Jesuit identity. Allowing this milestone to pass unnoticed was not an option. We also utilized this opportunity to recognize Dr. Justin Levitov for his contributions to the department's growth. Our hope is that the department will continue to grow and positively impact our community. We were honored to have so many of you join us. Thank you for all of your support!*



## CSI Initiation & General Meeting - April 24, 2014



Congratulations and welcome to CSI's newest members!  
Xenia Hatzillas, Sarah Finney, Dorie Deats, Chloe Kingery, Lesley Demartin, Lynsey, Hinnenkamp, Blaire Hirstius, Kristen Centanni, and Tracy Kinamore



Members enjoyed each other's company as we discussed CSI news and relished our NAMI College Challenge victory with a delicious ice cream bar provided by NAMI!





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### Department Crawfish Boil! April 26, 2014

By far, our favorite  
annual event!  
Thanks to all who joined!







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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Best wishes to our 2014  
Spring & Summer Graduates!*

<i>Leigh Boyer</i>	<i>Neema Murimi</i>
<i>Lauren Finan</i>	<i>Tina Robinson</i>
<i>Stephanie Garcia</i>	<i>Frances Rodriguez</i>
<i>Michelle Gay</i>	<i>Jesse Roessler</i>
<i>Justin Genovese</i>	<i>Peter Santos</i>
<i>Kerry Hegarty</i>	<i>Richelle Stansbury</i>
<i>Lizza Ieromazzo</i>	<i>Sean Tate</i>
<i>Rae Jacobson</i>	<i>Becca Weingard</i>
<i>Summer Keenan</i>	

*Congratulations!*

Comprehensive Exam results are in!  
Congratulations to those who passed. Your  
success is a direct reflection of your hard  
work and dedication. Well done!



## LAGNIAPPE



Students in one section of the Philosophy and Counseling course paid homage to Dr. Justin Levitov by holding their own farewell party and creating a unique depiction of Dr. Levitov's idol - Martin Buber!

*Between classes,  
students in Group  
Counseling find time  
to hang out in the Big  
Room and converse  
over lunch.*



\*Correction to previous issue, Conference Presentations: Loyola Graduate Counseling Student, **Stephanie Garcia**, presented with LSU Play Therapy Center colleagues, Veronica Buccola and Gabriela Bourque, their research entitled "Play Therapy: What Clinicians Know and What Parents Need to Know" at the **Louisiana Association for Play Therapy Conference 2014**.