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# GSE Spotlight

WHITWORTH COLLEGE, SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

## 44 New Masters' Degrees for Graduate Studies

by Vernice Hunnicutt

May 17, 2003, was a milestone date for Whitworth graduate students as they were granted their masters' degrees at the Graduate Commencement in Cowles Auditorium. Proud family members, friends, faculty and staff gathered in support of graduates from the Graduate Studies in Education Department, the Master in Teaching Department, and Master of International Management Department. Forty-four GSE students received the following degrees:

- master of education (secondary/elementary education), administration (school and general), counseling (school and agency);
- master of arts in teaching: gifted and talented, special education
- master of arts: counseling, agency.

The commencement address by Whitworth President Bill Robinson, *Doing Leadership: And the Word Became Flesh*, was yet another example of Robinson's inspirational leadership.

Student speakers represented each of the three graduate departments. Mardi Paulson (M.Ed. elementary education) did an outstanding job as the GSE student speaker. She and Lucien Saurette (M.Ed. secondary education) were songleaders, and Don Fuller (M.Ed. counseling, agen-



The GSE class of 2003 poses proudly under the pines.

cy), read the New Testament scripture. Following the ceremony, many students and families gathered in Lied Square, in the HUB, for a reception lunch.

The day was filled with hugs, words of congratulations, and celebration. Sincere and enthusiastic congratulations to our 2003 graduates!

## Orientation Session Gets New Students Off to a Good Start

by Randal Carasco

Are you going to be a new graduate student at Whitworth in September? Perhaps you have a semester or two under your belt but are still unaware of what the Security Department can do for you, or how to sign up to use Whitworth's swimming pool or fitness center.

If these circumstances apply to you or if you'd just like to know more about the rich history of the institution, you are strongly encouraged to attend the GSE Fall Orientation on Sept. 2 at 6 p.m. in Room 206 of Dixon Hall.

During this meeting, representatives from the library, the Financial Aid Office and virtually every other significant department will dispense a mother lode of practical information

and answer your questions.

In addition to all of this individualized attention, attending students will receive a packet chockfull of useful information.

The orientation will end with refreshments – the icing on the cake for an instructive evening.

### Graduate School of Education Fall Orientation

Sept. 2, 6 p.m.  
Dixon Hall  
Room 206

### Graduate Academic Calendar 2003-2004

#### Fall Term

- Aug. 20..... Bookstore coupons deadline
- Sept. 2.....GSE Orientation
- Sept. 3.....Fall classes begin
- Nov. 2 ..... Jan Term registration begins
- Nov. 26-28 ..... Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 2 .. Spring Term registration begins
- Dec. 9-12 ..... Final exams

#### Jan Term 2004

- Jan. 5..... January classes begin
- Jan. 19..... Martin L. King, Jr., Holiday
- Jan. 20..... Bookstore coupons deadline

#### Spring Term

- Feb. 2 ..... Spring classes begin
- Mar. 22-26 ..... Whitworth Spring Break
- May 11-14..... Final exams
- May 15.....Graduate commencement

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## Two Spokane Sisters Are in Sync

Each 2003 graduate had her or his own story of success, and this year's degree candidates carried with them a stream of inspiring stories as they walked across the stage of Cowles Auditorium. One such story is of two sisters, Marcy (Grillo) Fox and Carrie (Grillo) Kuhl.

Marcy's degree is M.A.T. gifted and talented, and Carrie's is M.Ed. school counseling. These sisters have much more in common than genes and receiving their masters' degrees this year. Each graduated with a bachelor's degree in education from Whitworth in 2000, and both teach in the Central Valley School District. The sisters owned a house together until each married this year, and they now live 2.5 miles



Marcy, left, and Carrie at graduation. from one another. Marcy says that they chose Whitworth because they value their own close relationship and they knew they could enjoy close relationships with professors and staff here. And now that they're alums of Whitworth's graduate programs, they look forward to more joint projects.

## From the Director's Desk

Summer is passing rapidly, and some people are lounging on the beach – but Whitworth graduate students are hitting the books, writing papers, and growing professionally. I've been teaching two courses this summer, and the synergy that occurs when passionate professionals talk about excellence is pretty exciting.

In mid-July the Graduate Student Advisory Board (GSAB) met one hot afternoon to get acquainted with new members, to plan for fall – including the Graduate Student Orientation on Sept. 2 – and to assign helpers to guide you during the first week of classes. You can count on their help if you are wandering through Dixon Hall looking for your classroom. Many of the members for this coming year are pictured here. Front row:



Kim Allen (School Administration, alumna), Darla Freeborn (General Administration), Carolyn Henry Cary (Secondary Education), and Melinda Keberle (School Administration). Standing: Dave Lundgren (Agency Counseling), Randy Carasco (School Counseling and advisory-board chairman), JoElle Neiwert (Gifted and Talented), and Linda Anastasio

(Special Education). Not pictured: Debbie Ogden (Elementary Education).

These GSAB members are your representatives. Look for them in classes to share good things as well as any concerns about your graduate program. They are wonderful advocates for you, and many changes have come about in our graduate programs through their collaboration with the Whitworth administration and faculty.

One thing GSAB members have proposed is online registration for graduate students. A pilot online-registration project will take place this fall, and by spring term everyone who chooses to will be able to register from home. Look for more information via your e-mail account and/or our next newsletter.

Speaking of your Whitworth e-mail, please be sure to check it regularly for the latest information. We're working on regular news updates for you, and, through the work of administrators and the GSAB, we have been able to stop all those "Meet you in the Loop for Frisbee!" e-mails that used to clutter your mailbox. For those of you who haven't yet accessed your Whitworth e-mail, come to the GSE Orientation and we'll give you your username and password.

The Graduate Admissions Committee has been busy reviewing applications and files for many new graduate students hoping to enter this fall. Welcome to all of you, and hurray for those of you who are in your second or third year and continue to persevere. We value you and the contributions you are making to Whitworth.

Take some time this summer to enjoy family and to remember why you are doing the good work that you do. You make a difference!

Blessings,  
Sharon Mowry

## Congratulations to:

- **W. Earl Appleby**, '02 M.Ed. agency counseling, on his new position as chaplain with Horizon Hospice in Spokane.
- **Tricia Brown**, '97 M.Ed. agency counseling, who recently had a chapter on play therapy published in a textbook, *Days in the Lives of Counselors*, edited by Dingman and Weaver. Brown received her doctorate in counselor education from Idaho State University and is an assistant professor in the school-counseling program at Truman State College, in Missouri.
- **Doug Edmonson**, current M.Ed. secondary education, on his marriage to Sarah Stocks May 31.
- **Rebecca Hood**, current M.Ed. school counseling, on her marriage to David Moser June 1.
- **Brenda Meenach**, '03 school administration, who has accepted a position as vice principal at Glover Middle School.
- **Sharon Mowry**, director of Graduate Studies in Education, for a \$25,000 grant award (with an additional \$25,000 next year) from the Character Education Partnership. The project will train Whitworth faculty in character-education methodologies, which will be incorporated into undergraduate and graduate teacher-education coursework. Partners in this project are Mead and West Valley school districts.
- **Michelle Schimmels**, '03 M.A.T. special education, who is teaching preschool children with autism in the East Valley School District as part of a team with Susan Moon, Ed.D.
- **Bryan W. Smith**, M.A.T. special education, on his new position at Shamrock Educational Academy.
- **Aimee Moseanko Tyvan**, '01 school counseling, new mother of twin girls, Heather and Heide, born Feb. 19 in Puyallup.

## Whitworth Hosts DREAM Conferences

*"To accomplish great things we must first dream, then visualize, then plan . . . believe . . . act!"*

— Alfred A. Montapert

During the past school year, the Whitworth campus was host to some of the finest researchers in early intervention from across the nation. These notables included Diane Bricker, Ann Turnbull, Todd Risley, Michael Regalado, Johanna Darrah, and Robert Palisano, among others. Whitworth has been a partner with the Spokane Guilds' School in hosting the four regional conferences for professionals from an array of disciplines who provide services to infants and toddlers with disabilities. The DREAM conferences (Designing Research in Early Intervention and Assessment Models) were part of a federal project located at the Spokane Guilds' School and directed by Betty Fry Williams, professor and coordinator of Whitworth's Special Education Program. The last conference was held at Whitworth June 3.

The Spokane Guilds' School has provided services to children with disabilities and their families for more than 40 years. Their newest effort is focused on investing that experience, skill and knowledge in forming a brighter future for these children. Thanks to the work of Washington congressional representative George Nethercutt and the support of Washington senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell, the school was given funding to carry out a new grant for designing research in early intervention and assessment models.

Few parents are prepared to undertake the care of a child with disabilities. At Spokane Guilds' School, a team of professionals works together with the family of an infant or toddler with disabilities to ensure that the child eventually reaches his or her full potential. Community support at an early age means that long-term outcomes for each child are greatly enhanced and the community then benefits from that child's contributions.

At the DREAM conferences, representatives from multiple disciplines joined their voices in four conversations on research and practice in the areas of identification and assessment, educational treatment, pediatric therapies, and family involvement. Each conference also featured an



Speaker Diane Bricker makes a point.

evening presentation open to the public so the wider community could take part. A book reporting the proceedings from these four conferences is being edited by Williams and will be distributed to participants at the end of the grant year.

Fourteen nationally known researchers from different disciplines were involved in the four conferences. They represented education, physical therapy, speech and language therapy, medicine, audiology, psychology, and families. Williams, a special educator and author on early intervention, is directing the project, administering the grant, identifying presenters, planning conferences, and facilitating research planning and development.

In addition, the Spokane Guilds' School is seeking partners from regional colleges and universities to commit to carrying out research to improve ser-

vices for children with disabilities and their families. Together, the school's staff and researchers will identify and develop effective assessment and treatment procedures, improved educational approaches, and appropriate family support services.

Marc Hamilton, a counselor, school psychologist and adjunct instructor for Whitworth's Counseling Program, acts as the research coordinator, contacting universities throughout the Inland Northwest to invite their direct involvement at the Spokane Guilds' School. He is assisted by a team of resident researchers, staff from the school who collaborated in planning and carrying out research while protecting the direct services that are given to children. The resident researchers include Maureen Rager-McKinnon, physical therapist; Steven Saunders, speech and language pathologist; Joy Eastgate, occupational therapist; Shirley Hart Riley, special-education teacher; and Elizabeth McAndrews, social worker. Two part-time conference coordinators, Gail Quaid and Carol Kinzebach, organized conference facilities, contacted conference participants, arranged for travel and accommodations, and prepared materials for each conference.

The year has been full of excitement and promise. It has provided a tremendous model for inter-disciplinary collaboration that will lead to continued partnerships between the Spokane community and higher education.

## REGISTER! for Fall Financial Aid

Students who use financial aid to assist with tuition costs must be registered in order for financial aid to transfer to their student accounts. **A student must register at least two weeks prior to the start of the term to assure timely transfer of funds.** Students expecting to receive a check after their loan funds have transferred and their tuition costs are covered should be able to pick up checks in the Student Accounts Office after they have attended their first class.

New students borrowing for the first time from the Federal Direct Stafford Loan Program are required to complete both a Stafford Loan promissory note (at [www.dlenote.ed.gov](http://www.dlenote.ed.gov)) and Stafford Loan

entrance counseling (at [www.ed.gov/directloan](http://www.ed.gov/directloan)).

Visit the Financial Aid Office's updated website at [www.whitworth.edu/financialaid](http://www.whitworth.edu/financialaid). Other helpful financial-aid websites: To apply for a federal PIN, which allows students to use various federal-aid websites, go to [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov). To apply for federal student aid by completing an online Free Application for Federal Student Aid, go to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) (requires federal PIN). To view your student-loan history, amount owed and current holders of loans, go to <http://nslds.ed.gov> (requires federal PIN).

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