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School of Education and ARCC Win Door Decorating Contest!

The School of Education and the Advising, Retention, Certification Center (ARCC) won first place in the holiday door decorating contest! Congratulations to the amazing group – specifically Chrissy Sachs, Camille Gardner, and Kennedy Wagener for their contribution to the Harry Potter themed project! You did a fantastic job!



School of Education Student Participates in Elevate Leadership

Emma Bujnak, an Elevate Leadership participant and School of Education student graduating December 2019, shows off her certificate and cords for the program with her mentor Dr. Brittany Neunuebel. Congratulations, Emma!



Counseling, Social Work, and Behavior Analysis

Social Work Student Alliance Adopts a Family for the Holidays

Each year the Social Work Student Alliance (SWSA) adopts a family for the holidays. This year they adopted a single mother with three children from Franklin County. Nicole Nordwald, social work major (December 2019) was completing a 400-hour practicum at Children's Division in Union, MO and this was one of her cases. This mother has been working very hard utilizing resources, going to training and working. With generous monetary donations from Personal Assistance Services (PAS) Nicole was able to take the mother shopping for her children. They needed shoes, clothes, and diapers. In addition, they were able to purchase each child several toys. SWSA's way of "adopting a family" is to allow the parent or guardian to shop for their children and pick out special items just for them. This empowers the parent to be part of the process. Students assist the parent with purchasing and then gift-wrapped everything. The mother stated, "I didn't think we were going to have a Christmas."

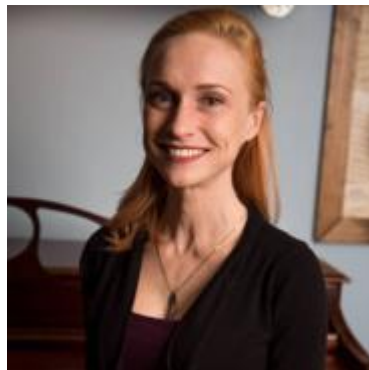


Dr. Pavone's Research in Health Sports and Fitness Blog

Dr. Pavone, Assistant Professor for Behavioral Analysis, recently had research highlighted in the Health Sports and Fitness Special Interest Group Blog. Please take a chance to read the article, which shows a unique area of practice in behavior analysis.

[Check out Dr. Pavone's Research here!](#)

In other exciting news, Dr. Pavone was awarded one of two annual grants from the Dissemination of Behavior Analysis Special Interest Group of ABAI. The grant will be used to fund the editing and production of an open educational resource (OER) textbook titled, "Special Topics in Behavior Analysis." The book is a collaboration from Dr. Pavone and former Lindenwood behavior analysis students and will be one of the only open-access textbooks in behavior analysis ever published. Topics include behavior analysis applied to eating disorders, pivotal response training, the use of restraint, staff training, treatment of rumination, and many others. OER textbooks are a great way to reach a wider range of readers and to reduce the cost of student materials in higher education settings. This book will be able to be adopted into undergraduate and graduate behavior analysis programs at no cost.



BCBA Program - Two Symposia Approved for Washington D.C. Conference

It has been a busy month in the BCBA program! On Thursday, December 19, the Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI) approved two symposia for their 46th annual conference in Washington DC in May 2020. The first symposium "Everyone Eats: Behavior Analysis Applied to Eating and Meal-Related Behaviors," will showcase research completed by Dr. Pavone and recent Lindenwood alumnus, Clint Evans. Dr. Nicole Vaux will act as discussant on the symposium. The second symposium, "ProgressCharter and the Pragmatic Organizational Performance Engineering Process," will highlight research on effective educational practices and school management completed by Dr. Pavone, Dr. Hantak, and two BCBA community partners- Dr. Bruce and Dr. Beudreux of Appealling Solutions, LLC.

BCBA Program Welcomes Two New Community Partners!

The program welcomed two new community partners for students pursuing supervised behavior analytic fieldwork. The first, Emergent Learning Center, LLC offers mindfulness, ACT, and social skills training to children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. The second, Rockwood School District, serves students of all abilities in typical K-12 settings. These new partnerships offer exciting new opportunities for students in the Master's degree program and will increase the diversity of experiences available to fieldwork students.

Educational Leadership

Doctoral Candidate Honored with "Apple for the Teacher" Award

Jarnell Flowers, a doctoral candidate pursuing an Ed.D. -Educational Administration, was honored on November 23 for an "Apple for the teacher" award by the Alpha Zeta Chapter of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. Mr. Flowers was recognized for providing distinguished service in education. He is currently in his 11th year as a school counselor. He was formerly employed by Saint Louis Public Schools, and now works in the Hazelwood School District.



Teacher Education

LindenTeach Interns Share Information about their Authentic Work Experiences with School of Education Faculty

LindenTeach is a supervised, paid professional field experience that School of Education students can opt into towards the end of the Initial Teacher Certification program. Interns engage in highly reflective practices and receive regular feedback to improve their teaching skills during this experience. Lindenwood School of Education partners with Orchard Farm School District and St. Charles School District for this unique program.



Congratulations Student Teaching Students!

Congratulations to our teacher candidates who have recently completed their student teaching experience! A celebration seminar was held on Friday, December 6 to recognize their hard work and many accomplishments.





Cooperating Teachers Are Finalists for Presidential Teaching Award

Two of our cooperating teachers that have hosted student teachers were both named as finalists for the presidential teaching award. Check out the story below!

[Check out the story here!](#)

LindenTeach Mentor Earns National Board Certification

LindenTeach mentor and former Cooperating Teacher, Amy Delaney, just earned her National Board Certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. Ms. Delaney is a French teacher in the City of St. Charles School District. Congratulations!



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