

# CAREER ADVISOR SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

*Published annually to update alumni and friends of The Florida State University about career advisor scholarships.*



## News and Views

*by Bob Reardon*

Welcome to the 16th edition of our *Career Advisor Scholarship (CAS) News*. As in the past, some of you are receiving this newsletter as a PDF. According to my unofficial records, our scholarship funds in October 2012 were \$415,818, a slight increase since October 2011. This scholarship endowment is one of the largest in the College

of Education. We awarded \$16,363 in scholarships in 2012, \$2,128 more than last year.

The good news is that we now have 154 contributors making 396 gifts. We are a special group considering that less than 15% of alumni give back to FSU. Thank you for sharing in this endeavor to support FSU graduate students who are committed to professional counseling and career services! We believe this is the only program of its kind in the nation, and it is the envy of many of our peer institutions.

We recognized 10 outstanding students at the College of Education Pre-Game Tailgate event on October 13, 2012. In the past 15 years, we have awarded \$157,078 to 69 different students through 107 scholarships.

Graduate students in the counseling program, especially those working in The FSU Career Center, are extraordinarily talented and committed. We congratulate all of our students on the scope and quality of their achievements, and we want to encourage and assist them in every way!

Remember—a gift to our endowed scholarship funds lives on—it “keeps on giving.” Only 4% of the interest earned from a gift is made available each year for scholarships; the remainder, along with the original gift, will contribute to another scholarship in the future.

As in the past, I “challenge” those of you who have received a scholarship to make a gift to these funds. I’ll match whatever you contribute up to \$250. Several alumni have taken me up on this and I hope that more of you will do it this year.



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Thank you for being a part of our efforts even in these difficult economic times. Best wishes for the remainder of 2012 and the forthcoming 2013! Go Seminoles!

## How We’re Doing

In January 27, 2012, we experienced an unprecedented and sad event. Joel Ross Driver, one of our career counseling alumni and an assistant director in our Career Center, died in Fort Walton Beach, FL after a 19-year battle with cancer. Joel was 34 and had worked in career services at UT-Austin before returning to FSU.

Joel’s family decided to work with the FSU Foundation to establish a scholarship fund in honor of his memory. As a result, the Joel R. Driver Scholarship Fund (No. 7595) now has \$21,721 with contributions from 53 persons and groups. When it reaches \$25,000, it will be endowed for a scholarship award. In 2013, we hope to be making awards from six funds. Please help us make sure that happens!

Career Advisor Alumni Scholarship Fund (No. 1953). This fund was established in 2001 and has \$41,077 with gifts from 42 contributors.

Bobkin Fund (No. 1952). The Bobkin Fund was established in 1995 by Sandy and Randy Barker of Richmond, Virginia, and named for Sandy’s mother, Alyce B. Bobkin. This fund is operating currently with \$21,967 from six contributors.

Peterson Fund (No. 1955). The Peterson Fund was established in 1995 by Mike and Jean Shahnasarian of Tampa and named for Gary W. Peterson, Mike's major professor. At the present time, this fund is operating with \$110,562 with gifts from 16 contributors. This fund is on the list for a state match of \$50,000 for further enhancement.

Rand Fund (No. 1959). The Rand Fund was established in 1996 by Herb Rand in honor of his late wife, Josie, a longtime music educator and graduate of FSU. This fund is fully endowed at \$159,666.

Reardon Fund (No. 2129). The Reardon Fund was launched in late 2007 with a major gift from Mike and Jean Shahnasarian, which was further supported by 64 additional contributors. The fund is currently operating with \$64,825.

While the criteria for these funds differ slightly regarding required GPA or test scores and financial need, all seek to recognize and support students who have made a commitment to the career counseling area, have outstanding academic records and work histories, and have the potential to provide leadership in the broad area of career development and human resources.

## 2012 Fellows

After reviewing the criteria for the five established scholarship funds, the selection committee named the following students as recipients for 2012. Here are brief profiles of the newest fellows. They are all presently working as career advisors in The FSU Career Center and pursuing degrees in Psychological and Counseling Services.

The newest Peterson Fellows are **Leigh Eskin**, **M.C. McClain**, and **Inika Pierre**.



Leigh M. Eskin



M.C. McClain



Inika Pierre

**Leigh's** undergraduate work was at Ohio State University where she majored in psychology. She was a peer career advisor in the Arts & Sciences Career Services Office there, and is in her second year in the MS/EdS program at FSU.

**M.C.** has a BS in psychology from Wofford College and MS/EdS degrees in the mental health counseling program from FSU. Now in the combined doctoral program, she is tracking on careers in college counseling and teaching.

**Inika** is a first year career counseling student with a BA in elementary education from Florida A&M University. She taught first grade and her goal is to implement career services programs that address the needs of at-risk youth.



Debbie Weitz

The third and fourth Reardon Fellows are **Debbie Weitz** and **Maddie Foster**. Both are first year MS/EdS students. **Debbie** has a BA in international affairs from the University of Georgia and aspires to work in a college career center. **Maddie** received her BS in psychology from California State University in San Luis Obispo and will pursue positions as a high school or college counselor when she finishes graduate school.



Maddie Foster



Mary Buzzetta

The new Career Advisor Alumni Fellow is **Mary Buzzetta**. **Mary** has a BA in psychology from Southeastern Louisiana University and a MS in counseling psychology from the University of Southern Mississippi. She was a career counselor at the University of Texas at San Antonio before entering the doctoral program at FSU, and she plans to continue with postsecondary work at the college level when she completes her degree.

The 14th Bobkin Fellow is **Julia Kronholz**. **Julia** is a first year doctoral student in counseling and school psychology. She has a BS in psychology from FSU and an ME in higher education and student affairs from the University of South Carolina. With four years of FSU Career Center staff experience in employer relations, she aspires to positions in a university counseling or career center.



Julia Kronholz



Rebecca Hale



Tiffany Nelson



Greg Rosenberg

There are three co-recipients of Rand Fellowships this year. **Rebecca Hale**, **Tiffany Nelson**, and **Greg Rosenberg** are all second year students in the MS/EdS career counseling program and working as career advisors in The FSU Career Center.

**Rebecca** received her BA in psychology from the University of Virginia and will seek positions as a college career counselor.

**Tiffany** received her BA in psychology from the University of Notre Dame and plans to work as a career counselor in a postsecondary setting or private practice.

**Greg** has a bachelor's degree in social work from FSU and his long-term goal is to direct a career center that serves people from diverse backgrounds and areas of life.

Congratulations to these award recipients! They are an impressive group and outstanding examples of the more than 20 graduate students pursuing coursework and practical training in counseling this year in The FSU Career Center.

## Past Fellows

**Here are updates on the professional activities of some of our past fellows:**

**Shawn Utecht** (Rand 2007, 2008) is the manager of undergraduate and graduate career counseling in the College of Business at Colorado State University.

**Brook Serrano** (Rand 2007) is senior international student adviser at the Savannah College of Art and Design.

**Kate (Racoff) Musgrove** (Bobkin 2006) is a doctoral candidate in rehabilitation counseling at Auburn University

**Dr. Jon Shy** (Peterson 2004, 2006, Rand 2002-03) is a licensed psychologist with Comprehensive Psychological Services in East Lansing, MI.

**Jill Lumsden** (Rand 1998, 1999) is Associate Director of Career Counseling, Education to Careers at the University of Phoenix.

**Katie Meyer-Griffith** (Bobkin 2005, Rand 2001-2004) is now associate director of graduate and alumni services at the University of Tampa.

**Dr. Debbie (Norris) Osborn** (Bobkin 1996) is a faculty member in counseling at FSU and the past-president of the National Career Development Association.

**Kateena James LaPrade** (Bobkin 2007) has a private career counseling practice in Jacksonville.

**Dr. Julia (Panke) Makela** (Rand 2000, Peterson 2001) is a visiting research specialist in the Office of Community College Research and Leadership at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

**Mark Colvenbach** (Rand 2001) is the career services director at the University of Tampa.

**Yas Djadali** (Rand 2000) is the assistant director of career services education in the Graduate School of Education and Psychology at Pepperdine University in Los Angeles.

**Dr. Elisa Rudd** (Rand 1998) is now a clinical specialist with Protocall Services in Portland, OR.

**Dr. Sara (Cummings) Bertoch** (Rand, 2006, Peterson, 2007-2008, Reardon, 2009) has accepted a position with the VA at the Lovell Federal Health Care Center in Chicago.

**Dr. Stefanie Mihalopoulos** (Peterson 2008) is a licensed psychologist at PsychForKids in Bradenton, FL.

**Dr. Ashley K. Chason** (Peterson 2008) is a forensic psychologist at West Central Georgia Regional Hospital in Columbus.

**Amy Johnson** (Alumni 2009, Reardon 2010) is a career coach in the university advising and career development center at Eastern Michigan University.

**Dr. Emily Bullock** (Peterson 2002-2003, Rand 2004) is now an associate professor in counseling at the University of Southern Mississippi and engaged in teaching and research in vocational psychology.

**Sarah Clark** (Bobkin 2004, Alumni 2005) is the new associate director for administration in The FSU Career Center.

**Brian Montalvo** (Rand 2005) is now the associate director of the Career Development Center at Florida Atlantic University.

**Emily Kennelly** (Alumni 2010) is the assistant director for internships and cooperative education in The FSU Career Center.

**Dr. Liz (Ruff) McHugh** (Alumni 2004, 2007; Rand 2005, 2008) is a psychologist for CHE Senior Psychological Services in Manhattan and Queens providing geropsychological services.

**Dr. Laura Wright** (Peterson 1997) is a staff psychologist and training director in Counseling and Psychological Services at Florida Gulf Coast University.

**Tracie Scott** (Rand 2000) is the instructional design program manager in the Knowledge and Learning Department with VCA Animal Hospitals, where she develops training materials for 2,700 veterinarians across the nation.

**Conquaya James** (Rand 2002) is the assistant director for career development in career services at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro.

**Jill Parker** (Rand 2000) is the director of advising, career, and retention services at Front Range Community College in Ft. Collins, CO.

**Rachel Coleman** (Rand 2007) is a counselor with the Army Career and Alumni Program at West Point providing career and transition services to veterans and family members.

**Devan Coughlin** (Bobkin 2008, Reardon 2009) is the director of the career development center at Jacksonville University in Florida.

**Adrian Fuller, Jr.** (Rand 2011) is a behavior specialist with Seminole County Public Schools in Sanford, FL.

**Haley Foutch** (Rand 2011, Bobkin 2010) is a career coach with the University of Phoenix/ReadyMinds.

**Jake Galles** (Rand 2010, Reardon 2011) is a predoctoral intern with the Vanderbilt University/VA Medical Institute Consortium in Nashville.

**Casey Dozier** (Alumni 2008, Rand 2009) is a psychology intern in the counseling center at the University of Akron.

**Deanna Allen** (Peterson 2010, 2011) is a management trainee with ITT Technical Institute in Tallahassee.

**Erin Harvey** (Rand 2011) is a career counselor at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

**Rachael Kreisberg** (Rand 2010) is a community youth counselor with the Memorial Healthcare System providing in-home substance abuse counseling to teens.



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## How to Contribute

All six CAS Funds welcome contributions! In case you were wondering about the need for these scholarships, FSU graduate tuition is now \$478 per credit hour (in-state) and \$1,109 (out-of-state). Graduate degrees from our FSU counseling programs require 72 hours for the MS/EdS and 105 hours for the PhD. Contribute \$100 and I'll make sure your name appears on our contributor board here in The FSU Career Center!

Gifts can be made on-line at [foundation.fsu.edu](http://foundation.fsu.edu), or use a gift form from this page and mail your contribution to:  
The FSU Foundation, Inc., Innovation Park,  
2010 Levy Avenue, Building B Suite 300,  
Tallahassee, FL 32310-2739.

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