

GRADUATE STUDIES BULLETIN

Staying in the Loop:

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MU | Alert is a state of the art communication system called e2Campus that notifies you about emergencies (including weather related events) via text message on your cell phone or to your email account. This is a useful tool for grad students who have a lengthy commute in to campus. To sign up to receive these messages, visit the MU | Alert webpage:

[http://
mualert.millersville.edu/](http://mualert.millersville.edu/)

Important Dates

To Remember

The following dates are when the GA/RA/Peer Mentors will be paid during the fall semester:

- ◇ 09/25/2009
- ◇ 10/09/2009
- ◇ 10/23/2009
- ◇ 11/06/2009
- ◇ 11/20/2009
- ◇ 12/04/2009
- ◇ 12/18/2009
- ◇ 12/31/2009

ONE NEW FRIEND REQUEST...

We know as graduate students you live full and busy lives, often not able to participate in campus life as fully as undergraduate students. We also know that there are times when feeling connected to other students with common lives, goals and stresses can be helpful, supportive and fun!



In an effort to help connect graduate students at Millersville University, including applicants, current students and alumni, Graduate Studies is currently exploring opportunities to build a presence on social networking and video sites such as Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, YouTube, etc. We also began a blog this summer with a graduate student blogging about her trip for the [Latino Language, Pedagogy and Culture Immersion Institute in Puerto Rico](#). Graduate



Studies hopes to build this blog further in the near future to include content from newly admitted, current students and alumni. You can view the Graduate Studies blog online at <http://www.millersville.edu/futurestudents/graduate/blog/>.

Graduate studies needs the help of talented bloggers and anyone who has suggestions for helping us to build the online community of Millersville graduate students. We encourage any students interested in being a part of this initiative, to contact Melissa Wardwell at melissa.wardwell@millersville.edu or Megan Kauffman at megan.kauffman@millersville.edu. We look forward to connecting with you online!

GSA Corner: PRESIDENT'S MINUTE

Welcome Back! It is my pleasure to welcome each and every graduate student to Millersville University. This year is special for us here at MU! We are celebrating 50 years of graduate studies being offered at our university. Please mark your calendars for October 22, 2009 when we will be celebrating our success through a graduate studies symposium, an open house, and traveling socials.

As president, it is my personal goal to illuminate graduate student life here at MU. Graduate studies can be more than that weekly class, run in and run out. It can be a rewarding experience. From conducting Graduate Research and participating in the Graduate Student Research Symposium to participating in the Millersville Parade to service on the Graduate Student Association Executive Board, we offer many ways to enlighten and enhance your experiences here at Millersville.

I urge all of you to attend the various graduate studies events, contact a GSA officer, and to just GET INVOLVED! Dr. DeSantis, dean of Graduate & Professional Studies, has been working hand in hand with our GSA to organize events, open houses, and drop-in conversations to discuss your continued involvement in graduate student life.

Feel free to contact me or Jessica Taylor, Vice President, at anytime to discuss how you can become involved.

Again, I would like to extend best wishes for a productive academic season and looking forward to meeting you and standing beside you as we celebrate 50 years of continued graduate excellence.

Sincerely,

Donna Randolph, M.Ed.
President-GSA-2009-2010

Jessica Taylor
Vice President-GSA-2009-2010



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Information for Commencement Participants:

All graduation applications must be received by the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies by close of business (5pm) on Thursday, **September 24th**. Please note applications must be signed by your advisor and graduate program coordinator before being submitted to the graduate office. If you have questions, please contact (717) 872-3099.

The last day to order your cap and gown for December commencement will be **Wednesday October 28th**. Your payment for cap/gown will be due at the time of pick-up, and no pre-paid orders will be accepted. The price for Master's academic regalia is \$49.50.

Questions regarding commencement regalia may be directed to (717) 871-2117 and further information and an order form is available at: www.millersville.edu/commencement



Something to Celebrate: 50 Years of Graduate Studies



With a longstanding tradition of professional training and development for educators, Millersville University officially became a graduate-level institution in 1959. Dedicated to the pursuit of higher learning, the first graduate curricula were offered in the areas of Elementary and Industrial Arts Education, with the addition of Secondary English Education, Social Studies Education, and Guidance Counseling by the time of the first graduate catalog publication in 1962. Through out the 60's and 70's, Millersville led the way in course offerings, with a rapid growth to over sixteen courses of study. Now, as we celebrate our fiftieth year of graduate education, we offer over fifty graduate degree and certification programs to serve the Commonwealth. Millersville University is dedicated to pioneering the next fifty years of graduate study to serve the needs of adult learners in our community and beyond.

The Founding of Graduate Studies at Millersville University:

In 1959 both the Middle States Association, as well as the State Council of Education approved the founding of Graduate Studies at Millersville University, with Eugene K. Robb, Ed. D, serving as the first official dean. Graduate curricula were limited to two courses of study: Elementary Education and Industrial Arts Education (focused around a two-year completion schedule). Two years later, the board of trustees approved the expansion of Graduate Studies to include English, School Guidance and Social Studies. Ten years after its conception, Graduate Studies at Millersville included 16 programs within the Masters of Education, Masters of Arts, and Masters of Science degrees.

For years prior to the founding of Graduate Studies, the education department had been sponsoring summer institutes and workshops for elementary and secondary school teachers. In 2009, Millersville has created Graduate & Professional Studies to encompass all post-baccalaureate learning.

The Early Years of Graduate Studies at Millersville University (Programs offered according to the Graduate Catalog as first published in 1962):

1962: Elementary Education, Secondary English Education, Guidance, Industrial Arts Education and Secondary Social Studies Education.

1964: The original five programs plus: Special Education, Biology and Mathematics.

1967: The addition of: Earth and Space, Foreign Languages, Physical Science and School Psychology.

1970: Programs began to indicate whether a program of study was an MA vs. M.Ed in the Graduate Catalog.

1973: The Graduate Catalog clearly indicated Clinical Psychology as its own course of study.

Highlight on Graduate Assistants

Hello, my name is Elizabeth Gee and I am the Graduate Assistant (GA) for the Office of Academic Advisement. I have been working as the GA for the Office of Academic Advisement since July, 2008, where I began learning my new position over the summer. I am currently pursuing my M.S. in Clinical Psychology.

The Office of Academic Advisement is located on the 2nd floor of Lyle Hall. Our office works with undergraduate students in Millersville's Exploratory Program (for undeclared majors) and offers academic advisement for these students. Our office also offers services for the Improve my Performance (IMP) program, which offers guidance and teaches time management skills for undergraduates who are having academic troubles. The Office of Academic Advisement also assists the Registrar's Office by updating and posting the forms for major and minor degree requirements for undergraduates. You can find the Office of Academic Advisement's webpage at:

<http://www.millersville.edu/~advisement/>

As a GA, I also assist our office in various programs that the university offers throughout the year. I attend the transfer student orientations, international student orientations, information sessions at various freshman seminars, Carnival of Majors, and visit Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC) to provide information about transferring and advisement to students, just to name a few activities. The GA's in the Office of Academic Advisement also write the Advisement Times newsletter for undergraduates, which can be seen on our webpage.

Through my GA position at the Office of Academic Advisement, I have had numerous opportunities to work with undergraduates and Millersville University staff in a variety of settings. Examples include group presentations, working with students one-on-one, and interacting with various departments throughout the university.

~Elizabeth Gee, Graduate Student in the M.S. Clinical Psychology Program

A Fresh Face: launch of "Graduate and Professional Studies" website makes for a more useful online resource

An overhaul of the MU website has been well underway for sometime, and university departments have patiently waited for their electronic transformation to a more stylish and user-friendly interface. One look at the new "GPS" homepage and students will find a wealth of integrated resources, as the offices of 'Graduate Studies & Research' and 'Professional Training and Education' have merged to provide better student service.

With up-to-date event announcements and contact information on every page, the new GPS site is designed with the student in mind. Links to Distance Learning course offerings (with useful filters), Graduate Student Life, including the Graduate Student Association, Graduate Assistantships and Graduate Student Research information provide a convenient reference for student needs.

The next time you find yourself online, check out the new and improved webpage:

<http://www.millersville.edu/gps>