



# SVC Education Department Newsletter

*“...Seeking to integrate professional ethics and goals with the broader purposes of human life.” – excerpt from Mission Statement, Education Department*

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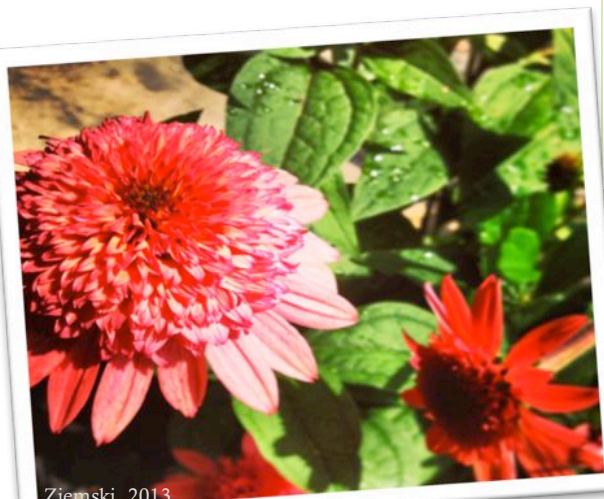
## Welcome New Faculty!

For new staff bios, see page 4

- Dr. Linda Jukes      Assistant Professor,  
Special Education and  
Elementary Education
  
- Mrs. Carol Borland      Coordinator for  
Experiential Learning  
in Teacher Education
  
- Ms. Briana Taylor      Adjunct, Graduate  
Course – Ed. Media and  
Technology
  
- Mr. Stephen  
Kuniak      Adjunct, Graduate  
Course – Counselor  
Education

## SVC ADDS MASTER’S DEGREE PROGRAM IN COUNSELOR EDUCATION

The new Master of Science in Counselor Education program will certify SVC Education students as professional counselors in Pennsylvania schools from Pre-Kindergarten to grade 6 and from grades 7 to 12. The program was created in response to reports by the U.S. Department of Labor that school counselor positions are expected to grow at a rate of 19 percent from 2010 through 2020. The Pennsylvania Department of Education approved the program in May 2013 and class sessions will officially begin during the fall 2013 semester. To enroll for fall sessions or for more information about the program contact the Office of Graduate and Continuing Education at 724-805-2933 or [www.stvincent.edu/graduateprograms](http://www.stvincent.edu/graduateprograms).



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## Recent Graduates Employed!

The Education Department extends its warmest congratulations to our recent graduates! Listed below are our graduates who have been hired as educators for the 2013-2014 academic school year. We wish you all a wonderful start to your teaching journey! If you know of any additional 2013 graduates who have secured a teaching position, please let us know by contacting us at [education@email.stvincent.edu](mailto:education@email.stvincent.edu).

**Bobbi Lynn Brooks** – Middle School Science, Washington County, MD

**Gloria Bullock** – Elementary position at Head Start, Irwin, PA

**Taylor Guido** – Chemistry, Norwin School District, PA

**Colleen Hanlon** – Loudoun County Schools, VA

**Mary Kate Kenna** – Secondary English, Alexandria, VA

**Bethanie Kern** – William A. Diggs Elementary School, MD

**Greg Mittleider** – Trinity Middle School, Washington, PA

**Ashley Myers** – Lee County, FL

**Sean Murphy** – Adjunct, Chemistry Dept., SVC

**Neal Nanassy** – Math/Physics, Norwin School District, PA

**Brittany Sedlock** – Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Altoona, PA

**Patricia Young** – Middle School Math, John Paul II Catholic Schools, Tallahassee, FL

**Meghan Waterbury** – Secondary English, Loudoun County Schools, VA

## Save the Date! Step-Up! Summer Event

**When:** August 14, 2013

**Where:** Winnie Palmer Nature Reserve

**Time:** 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Join us on our Bricks 4 Kidz® Space Exploration as we provide a spark of creativity that takes us on an adventure that's out of this world! The Bricks 4 Kidz® approach to learning is imaginative, multi-sensory and fun, and creates a dynamic learning experience for students.

Register by emailing Wanda Reynolds: [wanda.reynolds@email.stvincent.edu](mailto:wanda.reynolds@email.stvincent.edu)

**Include:** Parent(s), Name(s) of children, Age(s) of children, and Contact information: Phone and email



# Students and Teachers Honor Memory of a Friend

Library collection dedicated to Matthew V. Russo: beloved student, leader, teacher, Bearcat, and friend

The Saint Vincent College Student Government Association and Early Childhood Education Club have honored the memory of friend and fellow Bearcat, Matthew V. Russo, who tragically passed away in December 2011.

A collection of approximately 40 award-winning books was purchased and is housed in the Education Department library with an inscription inside each book in Matt's honor.

Kathy Beining, Director of PreK4 – Middle Grade Education, reflects on Matt's dedication: "Matt was a wonderful young man who allowed all of us to watch him grow in ability and confidence as a future educator. Literature is a powerful tool for any early childhood educator. I am so touched to see Matt's memory honored through this library that will support the growth of many early childhood educators that pass through Saint Vincent (College)."



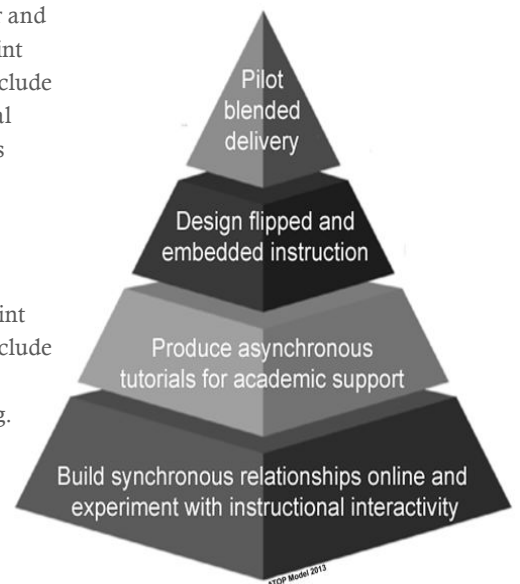
## Professors Published in PAC-TE Journal

An article written by Dr. Veronica Ent and Dr. Stacie Nowikowski has been accepted for publication in the PAC-TE Journal. The piece titled, "Tiers Without Fears: A Model for Teaching Pre-Service Teachers How to Teach Online" discusses a preparation model (ATOP) for teaching online pedagogy to pre-service teachers. The article explains the steps leading to the successful incorporation of online teacher training. The article profiles the need for teacher preparation programs to see online education as a requirement and not an option toward preparing teachers for their future.

Dr. Veronica Ent is an associate professor and Chair of the Education Department at Saint Vincent College. Her research interests include instructional design and technology, visual thinking and learning, curriculum systems design, and instructional strategies.

Dr. Stacie Nowikowski is an assistant professor in middle grade education at Saint Vincent College. Her research interests include middle grade education, classroom collaboration, and technology for learning.

For more information regarding the publication, contact Dr. Ent at [veronica.ent@email.stvincent.edu](mailto:veronica.ent@email.stvincent.edu).



## Upcoming Early Childhood Club Program

The Early Childhood Club will take the lead on a Christmas community service project that is especially close to its heart. With the support of the various education clubs, education students and faculty will support the Westmoreland County Children's Bureau in providing Christmas gifts for children who would otherwise have nothing under their tree. Look for details on how to be part of this heartwarming opportunity early this fall or email Kathy Beining, Faculty Advisor of the ECE Club at [kathleen.beining@email.stvincent.edu](mailto:kathleen.beining@email.stvincent.edu).



## Welcome New Education Faculty!

The Education Department is proud to welcome two full-time faculty members and two adjunct instructors for the fall 2013 semester!

### **Dr. Linda Jukes, Assistant Professor**

After 34 years as a special educator for Intermediate Unit 1, Dr. Jukes will join our faculty to teach undergraduate and graduate classes focusing on Early Elementary Education and Special Education. During her first 18 years at the IU, Dr. Jukes taught Secondary Learning and Emotional Support. She then spent 16 years as a Transition and Lead Support Teacher, supporting IU 1 and district special educators. Dr. Jukes says, "I'm excited to be joining the family of SVC."

### **Mrs. Carol Borland, Assistant Professor and Coordinator for Experiential Learning in Teacher Education**

Mrs. Borland joins our faculty after 12 years in the Norwin School District as the Reading/Federal Programs Coordinator. She has a background as a Reading Specialist, Supervisor, and an Elementary Educator. Her 38 years of experience will guide her as a student teaching supervisor here at SVC as well as coordinator of the Step-Up! Program.

### **Ms. Briana Taylor, Adjunct Instructor**

Ms. Taylor joins us as an adjunct instructor who will teach GCEM 673 (Emergent Information Management and Instruction). She is an Instructional Technologist and Designer at Saint Francis University. As part of the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL), Ms. Taylor provides instruction, training, and support for the Blackboard Course Management System. Her most current project involves collaborating with the School of Business to transition courses from face-to-face to online versions.

### **Mr. Stephen Kuniak, Adjunct Instructor**

Mr. Kuniak joins us as an adjunct instructor who will teach GCCE 601 (Orientation to Counselor Education, Services, and Technology). Currently completing his PhD in Counselor Education with a BA in Psychology, Mr. Kuniak is a nationally certified and licensed professional counselor. His career experience includes employment as a family therapist, drug and alcohol counselor, and clinical supervisor. He is currently a Program Director for a local family counseling center. Mr. Kuniak says he is always interested in having a conversation about his "geeky" pursuits as well as in any of the topics related to his diverse counseling background.

## Challenge 2013!

This past summer's installment of the Challenge Program was truly epic! Attendees braved The District (week one) and faced The Pirate Adventure (week two) of the middle/ high school themed program. Day-program elementary students went to Wizard College and on a Pirate Adventure. During the course of the program over 120 students enjoyed enrichment classes, activities, and excursions. Current SVC education students acted as program counselors who gained immeasurable experience, while SVC alumni, current graduate students, and current faculty provided course development and instruction. Students from across Pennsylvania including children of SVC faculty and staff were in attendance as well as some who traveled from Arizona, Michigan, and New York City. Even grandchildren of SVC and Challenge alumni were present! We are proud to have offered five scholarships supported by community interests. Anyone interested in the program or in supporting a scholarship should please visit the website at: [www.stvincentchallenge.org](http://www.stvincentchallenge.org) or contact Mrs. Kathy Beining, Executive Director at [kathleen.beining@email.stvincent.edu](mailto:kathleen.beining@email.stvincent.edu).



## Graduate Courses Change Titles

Through discussion with the Director of Graduate and Continuing Education Admissions, Mrs. Lisa Glessner, and Vice President for Marketing and Communications, Ms. Suzanne English, it was decided that two graduate programs would be renamed.

The *Master of Science in Educational Media and Technology: Library Science* has been retitled: *Master of Science in Information and Library Studies*. Rationale behind this change is explained by Dr. Veronica Ent: "When marketing to school professionals interested in school library certification, the title "Educational Media and Technology" does not appeal to incoming students. Changing the title will attract new students wishing to be librarians or media specialists in the K-12 school setting. A Google search demonstrates that "master of science in library science," "master of science in library and information science" and "master of science in library and information studies" are three of the top five keywords that are used for search in this area. Renaming the degree will better align the program with prospective students' goals and search habits. In addition, the program Web page will be optimized for these terms."

Similarly, The *Master of Science in Educational Media and Technology: Instructional Technologist Specialist* was retitled: *Master of Science in Instructional Design and Technology*. Dr. Ent provides a fitting rationale: "In order to broaden the marketing base to fields of online private, public, and postsecondary education, vocational education, industry training, and professional development, replacing "Educational Media" with "Instructional Design" will attract a larger audience of students. A Google search demonstrates that "master of science in instructional design," "master of science in instructional technology" and "master of science in instructional design and technology" are three of the top five keywords that are used for search in this area. Renaming the degree will better align the program with prospective students' goals and search habits. In addition, the program Web page will be optimized for these terms."