

# CAREER ADVISOR SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

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



## News and Views

*by Bob Reardon, Ph.D.*

Welcome to another edition of Career Advisor Scholarship (CAS) News. According to my unofficial records, our scholarship funds in October 2014 are \$519,367. We awarded \$16,953 in scholarships this year to 10 students. All three of these numbers are new highs for our program.

In the past 20 years, we have awarded \$172,933 in 116 scholarships to 75 different students. We now have 175 contributors who have made 455 gifts.

Graduate students in the counseling program, especially those working in the FSU Career Center, are extraordinarily talented and committed. It is important for us to support them. FSU graduate tuition is now \$479 per credit hour (in-state) and \$1,111 (out-of-state). Graduate degrees from our FSU counseling programs require 72 hours for the MS/EdS and 105 hours for the Ph.D. This year, we had 18 scholarship applications but could only make 10 awards.

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.

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There are many worthy causes deserving our financial support, but this scholarship program is important to me because so much of my personal and professional life is connected to it. I believe many of you also share this view. We have received 21 contributions totaling \$7,635 thus far in 2014, and I’m hopeful we can finish strong. Go Seminoles!

## How We’re Doing

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 \$27,204 from 6 contributors.

Career Advisor Alumni Scholarship Fund (No. 1953). This fund was established in 2001 and has \$52,978 with gifts from 42 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 \$130,748 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 FSU graduate. This fund is fully endowed at \$188,667.

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 \$84,555.

Last year, we added a sixth scholarship in memory of Joel Ross Driver, one of our career counseling alumni and an assistant director in The Career Center. Joel's family and friends established the Joel R. Driver Memorial Scholarship Fund (No. 7595) in his honor. This fund is operating with \$36,030 from 60 contributors.

While the criteria for these funds differ slightly, 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.

## 2014 Fellows

After reviewing the criteria for the six scholarship funds, the selection committee named the following students as recipients for 2014. 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.



*Mary Buzzetta*

The second Driver Fellow is **Mary Buzzetta**. She has a BA in psychology from Southeastern Louisiana University and an 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. She is a third-year doctoral counseling student and active in NCDA initiatives.

The newest Peterson Fellows are **Tyler Finklea** and **Julia Kronholz**.

**Tyler** is a fourth-year doctoral student in the Combined Counseling and School Psychology Program. She arrived at FSU with an MA in counseling from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and a BS in geosciences from Mississippi State University with a concentration in broadcast meteorology.



*Tyler Finklea*



*Julia Kronholz*

Her goals include working in a college counseling center or a psychology practice. **Julia** is a doctoral student with a focus on career development. With a BS in psychology from FSU and an MEd in higher education from the University of South Carolina, she was part of the employer relations team in the FSU Career Center for 4 years. She will pursue higher education leadership positions in the counseling field upon graduation.



*Liz Pawley*



*Vincent Debili*



*Caitlin Sweeney*

2014 Rand Fellows are **Elizabeth Pawley**, **Vincent Debili**, and **Caitlin Sweeney**. **Liz** is a second-year career counseling student with a BA in communication from the University of Kentucky. She graduated with a cumulative 4.0 GPA and plans to work in higher education career services. **Vince** is a counseling doctoral student with a BS in psychology from FSU. His work experience includes the FSU Counseling Center, Gadsden Correctional Institution, and the Student Disability Resource Center. His long-term goal is to promote social justice via media and community resources. **Caitlin** was summa cum laude in psychology at the University of Oregon and is a first-year MS/EdS student in career counseling. She plans for a career in higher education.

The newest Reardon Fellows are **Rosemyrtle Jean** and **Christine Edralin**.

**Rose** graduated with a bachelor's degree in psychology and a minor in education from FAMU in Tallahassee and is a second-year career counseling student. She plans to pursue a career as a school counselor. **Christine** is first-year doctoral student from Jacksonville and plans a career in a clinical setting. Her interests include the nexus of mental health and career development.



*Rose Jean*



*Christine Edralin*



*Laura Beth Lancaster*

The new Career Advisor Alumni Fellow is **Laura Beth Lancaster**, a first-year MS/EdS student in career counseling. Her undergraduate degree was from Flagler College in teacher education where she was also a scholarship volleyball player.

The 15th Bobkin Fellow is **Shel McGuire**, a first-year MS/EdS student who worked in the chemistry field in consumer services and environmental protection for 20 years before entering the program.

Congratulations to these award recipients. As you can see, 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.



*Shel McGuire*

## Past Fellows

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

**Brittany Melvin** (Peterson 2010, Alumni 2011) is a psychological intern at Utah State University Counseling and Psychological Services.

**Leigh Eskin** (Peterson 2011-12) is an academic advisor, Psychology Department, Ohio State University.

**Dr. Mary-Catherine McClain** (Bobkin 2011, Peterson 2012) is a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Georgia Counseling and Psychological Services.

**Greg Rosenberg** (Rand 2012) is a career counselor at the University at Buffalo (SUNY).

**Tiffany Nelson** (Rand 2012) is an assistant director, Career Planning Services, Saint Leo University (Florida).

**Rebecca Hale** (Rand 2012) is a health and law professions advisor/counselor in the Office of University Career Services, University of Virginia.

**Tracie Scott** (Rand 2000) is a training and instructional design professional in Dallas.

**Shawn Utecht** (Rand 2007, 2008) is the manager of Undergraduate and Graduate Career Counseling, College of Business, Colorado State University.

**Brook Serrano** (Rand 2007) is a career advisor in the Schools of Digital Media and Entertainment Arts at the Savannah College of Art and Design.

**Inika Pierre** (Peterson 2012) is now a school counselor at Conley Elementary School in Tallahassee.

**Dr. Marissa Brattole** (Rand 2005-06) has opened Premier Psychology practice in St. Petersburg, FL.

**Jill Lumsden** (Rand 1998, 1999) is the director of career counseling, Education to Careers, University of Phoenix.

**Pam (Wood) Watkins** (Rand 2013) is the career development center manager, Florida State College at Jacksonville downtown campus.

**Dr. Sarah Hartley** (Rand 2003-04, Peterson 2005) is a program director, Primary Care-Mental Health Integration, Salem VA Medical Center, Virginia.

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

**Katie Meyer-Griffith** (Bobkin 2005, Rand 2001-04) is the associate director of graduate and alumni services at the University of Tampa.

**Dr. Debra (Norris) Osborn** (Bobkin 1996) is now an associate professor in Psychological and Counseling Services at FSU.

**Kateena James LaPrade** (Bobkin 2007) is a site coordinator for Communities in Schools and an independent educational consultant at Doors of Opportunity in Jacksonville, FL.

**Rachel (Kreisberg) Adkins** is president, AD Benefits & Strategies, with Colonial Life in Ft. Lauderdale.

**Dr. Julia (Panke) Makela** (Rand 2000, Peterson 2001) is the associate director for assessment and research at the Career Center, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

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

**Yas (Djadali) Hardaway** (Rand 2000) is the career services director and adjunct faculty in psychology, Graduate School of Education and Psychology, Pepperdine University.

**Dr. Elisa Rudd** (Rand 1998) is a licensed clinical psychologist with Insight Psychological Services, LLC, in Portland, OR.

**Dr. Sara (Cummings) Bertoch** (Rand 2006, Peterson 2007-08, Reardon 2009) is a rehabilitation psychologist, Spinal Cord Injury at Brooks Rehabilitation in Jacksonville.

**Dr. Stefanie Mihalopoulos** (Peterson 2008) is a neuropsychologist and sport psychologist with Comprehensive MedPsych Systems in Sarasota.

**Dr. Ashley K. Chason** (Peterson 2008) is a licensed forensic psychologist in New York and Georgia.

**Amy Johnson** (Alumni 2009, Reardon 2010) is an assistant director, Graduate Career Services, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan.

**Dr. Emily Bullock-Yowell** (Peterson 2002-03, Rand 2004) is 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 assistant director in prehealth advising with the Career Center at Emory University.

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

**Emily Kennelly** (Alumni 2010) is now the senior assistant director for career advising and counseling 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.

**Conquaya James** (Rand 2002) is the assistant director for career development at Georgia State University, Atlanta.

**Christine Richer** (Rand 2008) is a clinical program director for Children's Home Society of Florida across several counties.

**Dr. Cassandra Smisson** (Alumni 2006) is president of Smisson Psychology Services in Houston.

**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, Soldier For Life—Transition Assistance Program, West Point.

**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. He is a Florida Certified Guidance Counselor for K-12.

**Elizabeth Hirst** (Alumni 2009) is a guidance counselor at Montford Middle School, Tallahassee.

**Dr. Jake Galles** (Rand 2010, Reardon 2011) is a licensed psychologist with Utopia Wellness in Tampa.

**Dr. Darrin Carr** (Peterson 2000, Rand 2001) is a clinical assistant professor of psychology at Indiana University-Purdue University, Columbus.

**Dr. Casey Dozier** (Alumni 2008, Rand 2009) is now program director for career advising and counseling in the FSU Career Center.

**Deanna Allen** (Peterson 2010, 2011) is an admissions recruiter with ITT Technical Institute in Tallahassee.

**Maddie Foster** (Reardon 2012) is a learning specialist at Southern California University of Health Sciences, Anaheim.

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

## How to Contribute

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