

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 2013 were \$456,954. We awarded \$15,855 in scholarships this year to nine students. In the past 19 years, we have awarded \$172,933 in 116 scholarships to 75 different

students. We now have 168 contributors who have made 420 gifts.

This scholarship endowment is one of the largest in the College of Education. Indeed, our College provides twice as many scholarships each year as UF and UCF. Moreover, FSU alumni give back at 19% which leads all Florida public universities.

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 our peers.

Graduate students in the counseling program, especially those working in the FSU Career Center, are extraordinarily talented and committed. We congratulate all of them 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 career advisor scholarship to make a gift to these funds. I’ll match whatever you contribute up to \$300.

We have received 14 contributions so far in 2013 and I’m hopeful we can finish strong. Thank all of you for being a part of our efforts even in these difficult economic times. Go Seminoles!

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How We’re Doing

This year, we added a sixth scholarship in memory of Joel Ross Driver. Joel was one of our career counseling alumni and an assistant director in our Career Center. Joel’s family decided to work with the FSU Foundation to establish a scholarship fund in his honor. As a result, the Joel R. Driver Scholarship Fund (No. 7595) now has \$28,399 with contributions from 53 persons and one group.

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 \$24,009 from 6 contributors.

Career Advisor Alumni Scholarship Fund (No. 1953). This fund was established in 2001 and has \$45,266 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 \$117,932 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 \$170,238.

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 \$71,110.

While the criteria for these funds differ slightly regarding required GPA or test scores and other things, 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.

2013 Fellows

After reviewing the criteria for the six established scholarship funds, the selection committee named the following students as recipients for 2013. 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.



Tyler Finklea

The first Driver Fellow is **Tyler Finklea**. She is a third year doctoral student in the Combined Counseling and School Psychology Program. Tyler 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. Her goals include working in a college counseling center or a psychology practice.

The newest Peterson Fellows are **Anastasia Cantonis** and **Elizabeth Pawley**.

Stasia is a new counseling doctoral student. Her undergraduate work was at Southern Methodist University where she majored in corporate communications and public affairs, and her master's degree was in professional/school counseling at the University of Georgia.

Liz is a first year career counseling student with a BA in communication from the University of Kentucky. She graduated with a cumulative 4.0 GPA.



Stasia Cantonis



Liz Pawley



Vanessa Freeman

The fifth Reardon Fellow is **Vanessa Freeman**. Vanessa is a first year doctoral counseling student and has an MA in counseling in higher education and BS in sociology from the University of Delaware. She worked for two years as an academic advisor in the Office of Letters and Sciences at the University of Maryland.

The new Career Advisor Alumni Fellow is **Emily Fiore**. Emily is a Tallahassee native and completed a BS in family and child sciences at FSU graduating Summa Cum Laude. Along the way, she worked as an academic support assistant in the Family and Child Sciences Department.



Emily Fiore



Mary Buzzetta

The 15th Bobkin 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 second year doctoral counseling student.

The three co-recipients of Rand Fellowships this year are **Pamela Wood**, **Rosemyrtle Jean**, and **Sarah Schaefer**.

Pam is a second year MS/EdS student in career counseling with a BS in psychology from FSU. She has worked as a domestic and sexual violence counselor and an addictions treatment counselor.

Rose graduated with a bachelor's degree in psychology and a minor in education from FAMU in Tallahassee. She was a gear-up tutor in the Developmental Research School and a resident assistant in University Housing.

Sarah has a BS in sociology from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. She is also a first year career counseling student and previously was an assistant teacher/co-teacher of young children.



Pamela Wood



Rosemyrtle Jean



Sarah Schaefer

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.

Past Fellows

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

Brittany Melvin (Peterson 2010, Alumni 2011) is a doctoral candidate and a practicum student at the Baton Rouge Community Based Outpatient Clinic.

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

Mary-Catherine McClain (Bobkin 2011, Peterson 2012) is a predoctoral intern in the Counseling Center at Johns Hopkins University.

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.

Shawn Utecht (Rand 2007, 2008) is a 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.

Dr. Kate (Racoff) Musgrove (Bobkin 2006) is a linkage coordinator for the Ryan White Program in Atlanta.

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 a director of career counseling, Education to Careers, University of Phoenix.

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 2001-2004) is an 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 a past-president of the National Career Development Association.

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.

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

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

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

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

Dr. Sara (Cummings) Bertoch (Rand, 2006; Peterson, 2007-2008; Reardon, 2009) is licensed and now a clinical psychologist with the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago.

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

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

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

Dr. Emily Bullock (Peterson 2002-2003; 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 an assistant director in prehealth advising with the Career Center at Emory University.

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

Emily Kennelly (Alumni 2010) is an assistant director for career advising, counseling, and programming 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 an assistant director for career development at Georgia State University in Atlanta.

Christine Richer (Rand 2008) is a clinical program supervisor for Children's Home Society of Florida

Jill Parker (Rand 2000) is a 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 (ACAP) at West Point.

Devan Coughlin (Bobkin 2008; Reardon 2009) is a director of the Career Development Center at Jacksonville University in Florida and a contracted career counselor at the FDIC's East Coast Temporary Satellite office.

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.

Dr. Jake Galles (Rand 2010; Reardon 2011) is a postdoctoral intern with the Vanderbilt University/VA Medical Institute Consortium in Nashville.

Dr. Casey Dozier (Alumni 2008; Rand 2009) is a psychological resident at the Psychological Center for Growth and Development in Thomasville, GA.

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.

Dr. Cassandra Smisson (Alumni 2006) is a clinical psychologist with Stuart Nathan & Associates in Houston.

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 \$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. Contribute \$100, and I'll make sure your name appears on our Career Center contributor board.

Gifts can be made online at <http://www.foundation.fsu.edu>, or use the gift form below and mail your contribution to:

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2010 Levy Avenue, Building B Suite 300,
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