

# 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 2015 were \$495,194. We awarded \$18,300 in scholarships this year to 9 students. In the past 20 years, we have awarded \$191,293 in 125 scholarships to 82 different students. We now have 181 contributors who have made 472 gifts.

It is important for us to support graduate students in the counseling program working in the FSU Career Center. FSU annual graduate tuition is now \$11,544 (in-state) and \$26,698 (out-of-state).

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.

This scholarship program is important to me because so much of my personal and professional life is connected to it in varied ways. I believe many of you share this view, including the 17 scholarship award recipients who have a name plate on the contributor plaque in The Career Center.

Go Seminoles!

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## 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 \$26,011 from 6 contributors.

Career Advisor Alumni Scholarship Fund (No. 1953). This fund was established in 2001 and has \$52,527 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 \$122,415 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 \$176,462.

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 \$81,230.

Joel Ross Driver Memorial Scholarship Fund (No. 7595). A sixth fund was added in 2013 in memory of one of our career counseling alumni and an assistant director in our Career Center. Joel’s family and friends established the fund in his honor. This fund is operating with \$36,549 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.

## 2015 Fellows

After reviewing the criteria for the six funds, the selection committee named nine students as recipients for 2015 awards. 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.



*Katelyn Garrison*

The third *Driver Fellow* is **Katelyn Garrison**. She has a BA in French and international affairs from FSU and graduated magna cum laude. She was a teacher in Ruskin, FL before returning for her MS/EdS degree in career counseling. She plans to relocate to New England next year upon graduation.

The newest *Peterson Fellows* are **Caitlin Sweeney** and **Vanessa Freeman**. Caitlin was summa cum laude in psychology at the University of Oregon and is a second-year master's student in career counseling. She anticipates pursuing an EdD in educational leadership and a career in higher education. Vanessa is a third-year doctoral counseling student. Her MA in counseling in higher education and BS in sociology are 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.



*Caitlin Sweeney*



*Vanessa Freeman*



*Shae McCain*



*Taylor Pentz*

The 2015 *Rand Fellows* are **Shae McCain** and **Taylor Pentz**. Shae is a first-year doctoral student with BS and MS degrees from Valdosta State University. His background includes mental health work with ResCare, Inc. and the FamilyWorks Clinic in Valdosta, GA. Taylor has a BA in psychology from East Carolina University and is a first-year MS/EdS career counseling student. He was president of the ECU career center liaison committee.



*Kristen Haller*

**Kristen Haller** is the 16th *Career Advisor Alumni Fellow*. She is a first year MS/EdS student with a BS in family and child sciences from FSU. Along the way, she volunteered for 3 years with Relay for Life and served for 2 years with FSU's Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

The newest *Reardon Fellows* are **Mary Buzzetta** and **Laura Beth Lancaster**. Mary has a BA in psychology from Southeastern Louisiana University and a MS in counseling psychology from the University of Southern Mississippi. She is a fourth-year doctoral counseling student and active in NCDA initiatives. Laura Beth is a second-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.



*Mary Buzzetta*



*Laura Beth Lancaster*



Ryan Mazon

The 19th *Bobkin Fellow* is **Ryan Mazon**, a first-year MS/EdS student in career counseling with a BS in family and child sciences and psychology from FSU. He worked in three different student services offices as an undergraduate.

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. **I believe their titles and affiliations validate the goals of this scholarship program.**

**Sarah Schaefer** (Rand 2013) is a student services coordinator-career consultant in the School of Education, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

**Dr. Brittany Melvin Joslyn** (Peterson 2010, Alumni 2011) is a postdoctoral consultant with Leadership Worth Following in Dallas.

**Rosemyrtle Jean** (Rand 2013, Reardon 2014) is program planner analyst in the Upward Bound Program at the University of South Florida.

**Leigh Eskin Mascolino** (Peterson 2011-12) is now manager of career services in the College of Pharmacy, Ohio State University.

**Dr. Mary-Catherine McClain** (Bobkin 2011, Peterson 2012) is now teaching at Mercer University and providing services at Riner Counseling in Macon, GA.

**Tiffany Nelson** (Rand 2012) is a prevention counselor with counseling services at Saint Leo University (Florida).

**Tyler Finklea** (Driver 2013, Peterson 2014) is a graduate clinical intern in the Counseling Center at American University in Washington, DC.

**Christine (Richer) Certain** (Rand 2008) is program director for Children's Home Society of Florida.

**Pam (Wood) Watkins** (Rand 2013) is an associate director of student engagement at Florida State College at Jacksonville.

**Maddie Foster** (Reardon 2012) is a STEM career counselor at the University of California at Santa Barbara.

**Devan Coughlin** (Bobkin 2008, Reardon 2009) is now assistant director in career services at the University of South Florida.

**Emily Fiore** (Alumni 2013) is a student employment coordinator at the University of South Florida, Tampa.

**Brian Montalvo** (Rand 2005) is director of career advising, counseling & education in the Career Development Center at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton.

**Liz Pawley** (Peterson 2013, Rand 2014) is the career counselor/internship coordinator, Graham Office of Career Management (College of Business), University of Kentucky.

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

**Rebecca Hale** (Rand 2012) is assistant director of graduate and professional school advising, University of Virginia.

**Tracie Scott** (Rand 2000) is deputy director for development at Best Buddies International in Dallas.

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

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

**Kathy Dorsett Ledwith** (Rand 2009) is Coordinator of Pathway Advising at Pikes Peak Community College, Colorado Springs, CO.

**Inika Pierre** (Peterson 2012) is 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 director of career coaching, University of Phoenix.

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

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

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

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

**Kateena James** (Bobkin 2007) is an independent educational consultant at Doors of Opportunity in Houston.

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

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



**Dr. Sara (Cummings) Bertoch** (Rand, 2006, Peterson, 2007-2008, 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.

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

**Dr. Emily Bullock-Yowell** (Peterson 2002-2003, Rand 2004) is an associate professor in counseling at the University of Southern Mississippi.

**Sarah Clark** (Bobkin 2004, Alumni 2005) is the assistant director in prehealth advising with the Emory University Career Center.

**Emily Kennelly** (Alumni 2010) is 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.

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

**Dr. Cassandra Smisson** (Alumni 2006) is a clinical psychologist with Smisson Psychology Services in Houston.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## How to Contribute

All six CAS Funds welcome contributions. A gift of \$100 places your name on our Career Center contributor board.

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