Letter from the Editor

Is It Just Me?
Laura Dolan

I know it might seem odd, but August has always felt more like the beginning of a new year to me than January has. I suppose it comes from the start of a new school year, where things change more dramatically in the summer than they do in the winter, despite the obstinate consistency of the date itself. Now that I have gone from attending school to working at a school, where we just finished celebrating the efforts of the Class of 2013 at commencement, it feels like a new year here at AMU!

I had the pleasure of volunteering at commencement this year; if you were there, we may have chatted when you checked in at the registration table on Friday, or I may have adjusted your hood as you lined up with your fellow graduates on Saturday to take that walk across the stage. It was such a pleasure to share in your accomplishments just that little bit and to get to meet some of you!

I also got to celebrate a milestone this summer: I have completed my first year working with the university! So it is, quite literally, the start of a new year, and I am looking forward to seeing what the next one brings!

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Patrick Baker

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start of my second work year this summer. While I have always been excited to work here, I am becoming more and more appreciative of this position as others around me are unable to find jobs. You all have a leg up on the competition though! You've got a Career Services team looking out for you, and there are already employers looking for you! They've also given you some tips about how the sequester might be affecting your job search.

We've got a big change coming to the university bookstore, starting with the courses that begin in September: a new partnership with ED MAP will streamline the delivery of digital course materials using a single platform and with increased compatibility with various devices, allowing you to choose your own viewing device!

Whether or not this feels like a new year to you, I hope that the coming few months bring you the very best: smooth sailing, good grades, and all that jazz.

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(VP, Dean of Program Development) served on the credit evaluation team for the American Council of Education. [..]
A Revolution in Store: A Partnership Brings Bookstore Changes

The university is pleased to announce a new partnership with ED MAP Bookstore that will provide you with a superior experience for the acquisition and consumption of digital and print course materials. The new bookstore is going live for the September courses!

Today, the university provides course materials as part of our book grant for undergraduate students, mainly via digital book files housed on our servers and print books delivered by ED MAP. These digital files are in various formats, have limited features, and you do not currently have a direct choice regarding the format (print or digital) of your course materials. Starting in September, this is going to change!

With our new partnership with ED MAP Bookstore, you will experience a consistent and superior e-textbook experience using one platform, VitalSource. VitalSource Bookshelf® is the preferred and most-used e-textbook delivery platform in the world of higher education, used by over 2.2 million users on 6,000 campuses worldwide. By using a single, student-choice platform, you will now enjoy a streamlined distribution process administered and managed by ED MAP.

Bookshelf users can access content from over 200 of the world’s top academic publishers whenever and wherever they choose—via laptop, desktop, or mobile device—allowing users to download texts directly or access them via browser. More e-textbooks will be added every month, allowing you to continually build your virtual bookshelf.

A guide has been created to help you learn more about ED MAP and VitalSource. This site will be updated with new information as needed, so please visit it frequently. If you have any other questions, please email books@apus.edu for assistance.

Contributed by Andrea Dunn, AVP, Electronic Course Materials

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Congratulations, Class of 2013!

The 2013 commencement ceremonies, held on Saturday, June 15, 2013, were a monumental success and marked the biggest milestone in university participation to date! The Office of Student and Alumni Affairs led approximately 100 staff and volunteers in the ceremony preparation and execution of this two-day event. Graduates and their guests congregated at the Maryland National Harbor to be a part of this timeless university tradition. The graduate ceremony included over 400 graduates and their 2,500 guests, and the undergraduate ceremony included approximately 450 graduates and their 3,000 guests!

Our provost, Dr. Karan Powell, resided as our Master of Ceremonies, and our university president, Dr. Wallace E. Boston, addressed the Class of 2013 graduates and their guests. The ceremonies also included speeches from student honors speakers, Carol Jeffers and Eric Sifford, as well as our 2013 Commencement Speaker, CIA Chief of Corporate Learning, Mr. John Pereira.

Graduates from all over the world participated in this event, representing countries such as Australia, Uruguay, Canada, and Afghanistan, among others. Every branch of our Armed Forces was represented, and the Manassas City Police Department Honor Guard attended to present the colors. Those unable to attend this year’s events were able to stream the event live via our live stream video feed. Additionally, a video of graduates who were unable to attend the ceremonies in person was played during the ceremony. Photographs from the weekend are available online.

For the first time ever during this year’s commencement in June, we featured exclusive Class of 2013 merchandise in our onsite campus store. We are now excited to share these items and other new alumni gear with all of our recent graduates through our online portal. So, if you missed us at commencement, don’t worry! You still have time to get your own limited-edition items, including alumni mugs, hats, and car magnets. Shop today and use discount code ALUMNI13 before August 31, 2013, to get free shipping on all items – including the exclusive Class of 2013 t-shirt! If you have any questions or comments, please contact marketing@apus.edu. The official DVD recordings of the ceremonies are also available for purchase.

The festivities actually began the day before the ceremonies, Friday, June 14, 2013. Graduates and their families, along with members of the Golden Key International Honour Society, were invited to participate in our annual commencement service project at Crescent Ridge Adult Health Center. Sponsored by Golden Key, this event gave participants the opportunity to give back to the local community through landscaping, vehicle detailing, and a few fun...
games of bingo! Simultaneously, a second service event, sponsored by our Student Veterans of America chapter and Stop Hunger Now, occurred at the Gaylord National Hotel. Graduates and their families, along with university staff, joined together to assemble 10,000 meal packages that will be used to support developmental programs and save lives in developing countries throughout the world.

Following the service events, members of the class of 2013 were invited to participate in a number of informational and ceremonial meetings throughout the afternoon. Various university-recognized organizations met for their annual meetings, a New Alumni Meeting was held to inform new alumni of the available benefits, and we hosted the inaugural nurse pinning ceremony. The Corporate and Strategic Relationships team, along with the American Society of Transportation and Logistics (ASTL), also held a small ceremony for our Transportation and Logistics Management graduates.

The day’s events culminated in the 2013 Welcome Reception. Serving as a time for celebration and networking, the reception hosted over 900 graduates, guests, faculty, and staff, who had the opportunity to take photos in a prop-filled photo booth!

Our last pre-commencement event, the annual Academic Awards Breakfast, was hosted the morning of Saturday, June 15, 2013, prior to the start of our first ceremony. This breakfast was held to honor the recipients of our Academic Scholar, Excellence in Teaching and Learning, Alumni, and Faculty Anniversary Awards.

We’d like to congratulate all of our graduates from the Class of 2013 and hope that your commencement weekend was as memorable for all of you as it was for us! Pictures from all of our events are now available for viewing online and we encourage all of our graduates and your families to post your photos to our Facebook pages! If you are interested in obtaining more information regarding the 2013 commencement ceremony or have questions regarding future ceremonies, please contact commencement@apus.edu.

Contributed by Tracee Figueiredo and Nadya Garcia-Batiz

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Recognized Organizations: Setting the Standard

The university's many organizations and The Office of Student and Alumni Affairs recently kicked off the Virtual Organization Fair and summer membership drives in July, inviting new members to pledge and, better yet, become active members in one or more of our 20 virtual organizations.

Membership in a university organization can mean many things: academic recognition; professional organization affiliation; resources; networking and leadership opportunities; and a chance to engage with others who share a common interest.

At the university, all the recognized organizations strive to meet Chapter Standards, a program launched in January 2013 that sets expectations for each chapter. These expectations, which aim to engage members and promote community within the chapter, include both individual and group tasks. Chapters who achieve GOLD standing, the highest level of member engagement, receive a variety of benefits, including access to university funding for projects, events, meetings, and conferences. All chapters are expected to maintain GOOD standing with the university, which includes items such as maintaining an active presence on social media sites, a chapter Thanking Those Who Serve postcard project, and keeping chapter records current with the university.

Presently, many of the recognized organizations on campus are working to meet university chapter standards for 2013 as well as the requirements outlined by their national or international affiliates.

Recently, four of our recognized organizations were acknowledged at the national level for outstanding operations and member engagement! Each virtual chapter met the same qualifications as the same brick-and-mortar university chapters. Check out the organizations below and join us in congratulating these chapters for their contributions:

- **Pi Gamma Mu**
  - 2012 Roll of Distinction

- **National Society of Collegiate Scholars**
  - Gold Star Status Award
  - eChapter of the Year Award

- **Golden Key International Honour Society**
  - Gold Standing

- **International Association of Emergency Managers**
  - Student Chapter of the Year

Want to find out how you can get involved? Email studentaffairs@apus.edu for more information.

Contributed by Stephanie Matro

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**Employers Are Looking For You!**

In June, the department of Student and Alumni Affairs hosted its inaugural Career Week 2013! Events included a virtual career fair, two live webinars, and a day of in-person events, comprised of career coaching, two industry panels, and a career fair.

Employer participation was enthusiastic and crucial to the success of the career fairs. A total of 57 employers participated in one of the career fairs and 22 of them participated in both!

Take note of these six outstanding organizations which regularly participate in our career events and post jobs to our university job board:

- **Quicken Loans** flew in a recruiter for the in-person career fair. After much networking at the event, the recruiter has posted many open positions in the NACElink system.
- Many federal agencies are unable to hire due to restrictions resulting from the sequester. We invited them anyway, making our career fair accessible to federal agencies, and the recruiters were able to make connections for the future. The recruiter from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) was very pleased with the quality of our new alumni. The recruiter from U.S. Customs and Border Protection was pleased that the university hosted this complimentary event. When the hiring freeze is over, they will have AMU candidates to consider.
- A popular employer with our new alumni was Exfederal.com. The recruiters for Exfederal.com were able to share their expertise on contract employment.
- Hewlett Packard has been present at past virtual career fairs and was a welcome addition to our in-person event.
- American Public University System participated in both events, naturally. We are proud of our students and alumni! For the in-person career fair, candidates were able to meet with hiring managers from our IT department as well as our recruiting team for the whole university.

Employers continue to be impressed with the caliber of students and alumni at AMU – that’s you! Ginger Groeber, the CEO of Exfederal.com, had this to say: "I was so impressed with the experience that students had at the American Public University System (APUS) Job fair that we were able to give them leads for multiple job opportunities. APUS is a key partner in our recruitment strategy."

If you missed this event, but are interested in learning more about the above companies or others that participate in the university’s job board, reach out to careerservices@apus.edu. For more information about participating in an upcoming career fair as a recruiter, please visit our website.

Contributed by Eileen Shackleford and Sonia Ferraro

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How the Sequester Is Affecting Your Job Search

Ready or not, the sequester is here and appears to be staying for a while. No matter which field you are currently working or seeking employment in, you can bet that it will impact your job search. There are fewer federal jobs, and downsizing has become the new economical fad. But what may be the most disturbing aspect of the sequester is that the majority of the population in the United States does not understand it. What is it? Who started it? How will it affect the economy? Far too many people are asking these and other questions.

To put it in simple terms, the sequester is a federal government budget cut that will span over the next 10 years and cut hundreds of thousands of jobs. To break it down further, the effects of this massive budget cut will resonate throughout the economy, affecting even those outside the federal job market: unemployment benefits will drop, industries that support the government have already been affected, and the medical field has taken a hit. Specifically, universities that accept financial aid, any company that relies on government funding or that is in conservatorship, and many others have been or will be affected.

In an economy that is sinking, how can you stay above water?

The best thing you can do for your career is to get educated. Read the latest articles and watch the news to stay abreast of the sequester, hiring freezes, and job trends.

You also want to check search engines daily, but be sure to subscribe to email updates as well. Knowing about a job and sending in your application the day it’s posted can give you a leg up on the competition. Recruiters are now getting thousands of applications for one open position and, if they get a large enough response, will sometimes close the announcement early. Making sure your application is sent in within the first few days a job is posted can be critical.

Another way to shine above everyone else is to present yourself in the best way possible. Submit an error-free, well-written resume and cover letter. Practice your interview skills, and know your experience like the back of your hand. Let’s not forget about one of the greatest tools in today’s society: networking. More than that, remember to use social networking, which connects you to the world. Have your elevator pitch rehearsed, polish your LinkedIn profile, and put yourself out there. You never know if your next job will come from a meet-and-greet at a conference or from a simple connection request.

For people seeking federal employment, you may find yourself between a rock and a hard place. Due to the sequestration, some agencies are on a hiring freeze and downsizing; is it possible to break into this field now? Absolutely! Get your foot in the door with an internship. One option for students who are within two years of their conferred degree is the Pathways program. This federal internship program may lead to permanent employment within certain agencies.

The last piece of advice I have is this: you are never too old to continue education. Obtaining and mastering new skill sets is essential to your career. Joining organizations and obtaining career-specific certifications or degrees can give you a plethora of knowledge in your field and help you stand out in this cutthroat economy.

Contributed by Kristen Pearson
Spotlight on Michael Berry: A PMF Finalist

In 2013, 16 of our graduate students were named as finalists for the Presidential Management Fellows (PMF) program—making American Public University System the top-ranking online university and sixth highest among all universities. With more than 12,000 applicants, the PMF program is one of the most prestigious and competitive government opportunities in leadership development.

Meet 2013 PMF finalist, SFC (Ret) Michael Berry, Sr.

Sergeant First Class Michael Berry, Sr., dedicated the last three decades to serving his country and furthering his education.

The U.S. Army veteran received 24 medals and awards during his 21-year military career including a Bronze Star Medal, two Meritorious Service Medals, five Army Commendation Medals, four Army Achievement Medals, a Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, and an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal.

He did combat tours in Operation Iraqi Freedom and in Operation Desert Shield/Storm. During SFC Berry's distinguished career, he furthered his education by attaining a bachelor's degree in business management from Excelsior College and two master's degrees - one in education, the other in management - from American Military University (AMU).

He is currently working towards a doctorate in business administration (DBA), human resources management from Northcentral University, Arizona (NCU).

"AMU's flexible schedule was ideal for me," states SFC Berry. "The school has a very good relationship with its students, and I always received timely feedback. AMU provides a consistent and intuitive platform for success."

SFC Berry, a former member of the 82nd Airborne Division and 1st Cavalry Division, works for the Directorate of Human Resources at the U.S. Army Garrison (IMCOM) Fort Hood base in Texas. His career has always focused on human resources.

SFC Berry states that AMU was extremely valuable in his daily work activities. He often utilizes the information he learned from his classes and applies them to his everyday business practices.

"Learning the rules and regulations I obtained from AMU's coursework has helped me significantly in my current job function," states SFC Berry.

"I like to make a difference in a person's professional life, and that's why I've stayed in the HR area," states SFC Berry, whose numerous civilian honors include awards from The National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS); Sigma Beta Delta Honor Society; Golden Key International Honour Society; Society for Human Resources Management (SHRM); Texas Municipal Human Resources Association; Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD); and Order of Horatio Gates Bronze Medal.

"I am excited to see where it leads," says SFC Berry of his PMF recognition. SFC Berry hopes to land a federal job as a Human Resources Manager/Program Analyst, and his long-term goal is to...
work at the executive level for the federal government or a corporation.

Read more about all of the 2013 PMF finalists!

Want to learn how you can apply for the PMF class of 2014? Visit the Career Services PMF page or email careerservices@apus.edu.

Contributed by Francesca Sieloff

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Spotlight on Carol Caspe: Using PLA to Fulfill Her Dreams

Carol Caspe’s story may sound familiar to many students. She started college after high school, while working full-time as a retail assistant manager. She completed her Associate degree and intended to earn her Bachelor’s degree. But, life happened. She got married and completing her degree took a back seat to work and family.

Today, Carol has 30 years of experience in marketing. She left the retail industry and worked in radio sales for a while. Her natural sales ability and determination paid off. Carol moved on to different industries, including non-profit, and climbed the ladder to sales management positions. She currently works as an extremely successful marketing manager for a large, national bank. She learned a great deal along the way and has become a subject matter expert in her field.

Her story does not end there. Carol wants to finish what she started years ago. Not necessarily for career advancement, since she is looking forward to retirement in the next few years, but for her own satisfaction and the joy of learning. Her successful career has also taught her to manage her time and her finances. After visiting the website, Carol decided to investigate the Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) program to learn about earning credit for what she already learned through life experience.

Carol has been able to accelerate her path to degree completion through participation in the PLA program. While she enjoys taking classes and meeting other students from all over the world, she wants to focus on learning new things. Naturally, saving time and money makes PLA an even more attractive option!

So far, Carol has challenged four courses through portfolio and earned twelve credits while saving $2,000. She plans to submit at least two or three more!

Here is what Carol has to say about the PLA program: “The PLA program has allowed me not only to accelerate my learning path, but has allowed me to really look at my existing skills and talents. As a working professional, the PLA program has saved me time by allowing me to combine the traditional path of course completion with working on portfolios at my own pace. This is a great option and a great experience.”

Visit the PLA website to find out how to save time and money on your degree!

Contributed by Tedi Thompson-Magrini
Spotlights

Anna Marie De Marco: Not Accepting Excuses

Eugenie de Silva: 14-Year-Old Heads to Harvard

Natasha Snow: Living the American Dream

In this special edition, we have two additional spotlights for you! See the stories of Carol Caspe, who is using AMU's PLA program to fulfill her dreams, and Michael Berry, one of the university's 16 PMF finalists.

Student Spotlight on Anna Marie De Marco: Not Accepting Excuses

"I am too busy, I couldn't afford to go, and I am too old," were the excuses Anna Marie De Marco gave to herself before she decided to pursue her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and then her Master of Arts in Intelligence Studies, both from AMU!

Despite all odds, Anna fought for change. Her mother has an elementary school education and her father completed high school. Her father and sister both took ill, which quickly changed their lives and the direction of Anna’s. She found herself traveling from Washington D.C., where she worked as a law enforcement officer, to the Pennsylvania area on a weekly basis to take care of her family. However, the back and forth and tedious commute began to wear on Anna. "This forced me to look forward and prioritize the importance of family and a better quality of life that can come from higher education," she said. The strenuous and constant travel forced her to reflect on her situation, and she decided it was now or never.

"I knew that the only way to become more competitive with others in the law enforcement community was, at the very least, a bachelor's degree." She wanted to be an example for her family, to show them that it is possible to change no matter the direction your life takes. She set a goal to complete her bachelor's degree within two years, and she did just that!

While attending school full time, Anna was able to care for her sister and father and continue to work full time in D.C. Attending AMU online provided her the flexibility that was imperative to this critical time in her life. Upon completion of her bachelor’s degree, Anna was afforded an opportunity to change career paths to a civilian field, which allowed her to relocate closer to her family, where she is now pursuing her Master of Arts in Intelligence Studies. "I have a continuous drive and ambition to learn more and to continue my education," she said.

Anna, we are proud of your many accomplishments, made while you were maintaining your household and taking care of your family. Our hats are off to you for your dedication to school and home life!

Contributed by Jennifer Souza

Alumni Spotlight on Eugenie de Silva: 14-Year-Old Heads to Harvard

Eugenie de Silva’s accomplishments at 14-years-old are nothing short of astounding! Rather than heading to high school in Tennessee in the fall like the majority of her peers, Eugenie and her father will move to Boston so she can begin her master’s level coursework at Harvard.

De Silva’s ambition doesn’t stop there; she plans...
to enter the intelligence field as an analyst for the U.S. government and eventually hold the position of the U.S. Secretary of Defense. Also among her plans: a second master’s at AMU, a doctorate, and a law degree focused on criminal defense!

Eugenie was among the hundreds of graduates at this year’s annual commencement ceremony in the National Harbor, Md., touring the capital, joining hands with her fellow classmates in the intelligence studies program, and celebrating her academic accomplishments.

Check out Eugenie’s story in the news!

Contributed by Amanda Wilson

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Faculty Spotlight on Natasha Snow: Living the American Dream

“I drive a blue car to work.” It’s a simple sentence, but one that Faculty Member Natasha Snow will never forget. This was the phrase an immigration officer asked Natasha to write when checking her English proficiency. This day started her journey to become an American citizen, leaving her family in the Soviet Union to pursue her dream of becoming a lawyer.

Growing up in the Soviet Union in a single-parent home with her brother, times became hard. It was in high school that Natasha knew that college was her only option. Law school had always been her dream and, although the closest law school was only 200 kilometers away, life challenges and financial difficulties prevented Natasha from going.

While attending a local university, Natasha met wonderful missionaries from Alabama that ultimately changed her life. They invited her to study in the United States and, while leaving her family behind was difficult, she knew it was one hurdle she would have to overcome in order to prepare for a better living.

She soon found herself living in the land of the free, where she met her husband and began working sixty-hour weeks, all while obtaining her Master of Business Administration and then her Master of Arts in Russian and English, and in Teaching. In addition, she also completed 18 graduate credit hours in accounting from DeVry University. She was on a roll!

She came, she saw, and she conquered, but she was not finished yet! “I like the lawyer way of thinking,” Natasha said. “I respect the intensiveness of their work. I enjoy working with lawyers, and I have made a decision to become one.” Natasha began working with lawyers to review insurance contracts, and this reminded her of her ultimate dream of going to law school.

“This has been my goal for many years,” she said, “and reaching it required a long journey, longer than a trip over the ocean.”

Natasha attended the University of Alabama-School of Law as a Juris Doctor Candidate and is now an immigration lawyer. She recently won an immigration-related case in the Alabama Court of Civil Appeals. Aside from being an immigration lawyer, Natasha is also a business professor at APUS. She currently resides in Alabama with her husband. “Sweet home Alabama is now truly my home.”

Reflecting on all of the obstacles and turmoil getting to this chapter in her life, Natasha is nothing but grateful and appreciative of the opportunities presented to her. We congratulate you on chasing your life goals and overcoming the many obstacles that stood in your way!

Contributed by Jennifer Souza
Every edition we invite students, alumni, faculty and staff to share their most recent milestones with us, so that we may share their news with you! We hope that you celebrate with them in these moments, as much as we have. If you would like us to celebrate a milestone in your life, please use our online form and submit your milestone today.

**Class of 1999**

Brigadier General Brian Harris (Master of Arts in Military Studies) has been promoted to Brigadier General as a member of the Alabama Army National Guard.

**Class of 2003**

Robert Thompson (Master of Arts in Military Studies) wrote "A Woman of Courage on the West Virginia Frontier: Phebe Tucker Cunningham" and will be making several appearances in north-central West Virginia.

**Class of 2007**


**Class of 2008**

James Wemette (Bachelor of Arts in Intelligence Studies and Master of Business Administration) is running a campaign to run for City Counselor in Ward 6.

**Class of 2011**

Michael Eilassen (Master of Arts in Military History) co-wrote "Interoperability: Merging the Organizational Cultures of Special Forces and the Infantry" in the *Small Wars Journal Blog*.

**Class of 2012**

Patrick Baker (Masters of Arts in History) published an article in the March 2013 issue of *Medieval Warfare Magazine*: "Charlie's Martel's other great victory over the Moors - The Battle of the River Berre."

Robert Flowers (Bachelor of Science in Information Technology) co-published "Business Process Modeling Notation" for the *International Journal of Computer Science and Mobile Computing*.
Class of 2013

Scott Manning (Bachelor of Arts in Military History) presented “Infantry Dominance: The Predecessors to the Battle of Falkirt (1298)” at the 7th annual North Texas Medieval Symposium at UNT. He also presented “The Battle of Falkirk (1298): A Case and Method for Making the Messy Historical Process More Accessible” at the 18th annual James A. Barnes Graduate Student History Conference in Philadelphia, Pa.

Current Students

Don Barnett (Master of Arts in Management) will be pursuing his doctoral degree upon the completion of his AMU degree this summer.

Joshua Jones (Master of Arts in Emergency and Disaster Management) received a $2,000 scholarship from the Student Veterans of America - Illinois Patriot Education Fund.

Daniel Leubitz (Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies) was awarded the Golden Key Undergraduate Achievement Scholarship by the Golden Key International Honour Society.

Dewayne Perry (Master of Arts in Management) was hired as an aide to U.S. Army Surgeon General Patricia D. Horoho.

Jodie Fairbank (Master of Arts in Intelligence Studies) has been hired as an assistant Criminal Justice professor, as well as named the new head coach of Husson University’s volleyball team.

Matthew Bartlett (Master of Arts in Military History) wrote Gettysburg: The Forgotten Day and will present at the Cheshire Public Library. Matthew has also written four books about the Battle of Gettysburg and he is working on the fifth book in the series.

Bernie Madore (Bachelor of Arts in Transportation and Logistics Management) was among the first to respond during the Boston Marathon attack shortly after completing the “Tough Ruck” in honor of fallen military comrades. His story was told in The Huffington Post.

Faculty and Staff

Dr. William Gillum (Professor) presented “Utilizing Technology to March into the 21st Century” in March at the 52nd Annual California Council for the Social Studies Conference in Burlingame, Calif.

Dr. Jill Fuson (Faculty Director) presented “Techniques for Training Adjunct Faculty” in March at the North American Faculty Development Conference LERN Conference in Savannah, Ga.

David Keithly (Faculty Member) presented “How We Found Missiles 50 years Ago” at the International Association for Intelligence Education 9th Annual Conference in El Paso, Texas.

Dr. Fred Stielow (VP, Dean of Libraries) presented “Driving Outcomes and Student Retention with Course Materials” at the Association of Private Sector Colleges and Universities convention in June.
Josh Torres (Faculty Member) presented "A Portable/Practical Comparative Case Study Methodology for Intelligence Practitioners" at the International Association for Intelligence Education 9th Annual Conference in El Paso, Texas.

Dr. Valerie David (Professor, School of Security and Global Studies) presented "Critical Thinking & Decision Making" and "Diversity in Human Intelligence" in July at the Intelligence Boot Camp at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Jaques Koko (Professor) recently published a book, Determinants of Success in UN Peacekeeping Operations.

Dr. Amy Burkman (Director, M.Ed. in Education Leadership) co-authored "Leading the Digital District" for the National Forum of Educational Administration and Supervision Journal.

Dr. Robert Gordon and Dr. Oliver Hedgepeth (Professor and Program Director, Reverse Logistics Management) both contributed an article, "Case Study: The Retail Crisis of 2013," for the Retail Industry Leaders Association newsletter.

Dr. Francesca Catalano (Professor) presented "Developing Effective Discussion Boards" at the Lilly Conference in Washington, D.C., on May 13.

Matthew See (Manager, Interactive Marketing) recently presented at the West Virginia Press Association's Practical Digital Workflow Workshop at West Virginia University. The presentation focused on social media best practices.

Dr. Lisa Miller (Faculty Member, Sports Management) was recently interviewed for "Learned Optimism and the Power of Positive Leadership" in the April issue of the Authentic Leadership Series.

Dr. Charles Edeki (Professor, Information Technology) co-published "Business Process Modeling Notation" for the International Journal of Computer Science and Mobile Computing.

Dr. Kevin Fandl (Professor, Public Administration) co-wrote Lost in Translation: Effective Legal Writing for the International Legal Community.

Dennis Porter (Law Enforcement Outreach Coordinator) was recently honored with a scholarship in his name in recognition of the role he played in establishing the Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department university program during his service there.

Dan Allen (Military Outreach Coordinator) supported the MacDill Air Force Base Chief’s Golf Tournament in May. APUS was a sponsor of this event and raised over $45,000 to support enlisted military and dependents assigned to MacDill Air Force Base.

Joe DiRenzo (Professor, Security and Global Studies) wrote "US Coast Guard in Review" for Proceedings, a U.S. Naval Institute official publication. Joe was also a visiting lecturer at Purdue University earlier in the year during the DHS Center of Excellence program.

Teresa Williams (Professor, Arts and Humanities) will co-present "Remedial Training for Online Instructors" at the 2013 Distance Learning Administration Conference in Jekyll Island, Ga. She will also present "The Community Course: A MOOC Alternative."

Anne Erickson (Professor, Arts and Humanities) will co-present "Remedial Training for Online Instructors" at the 2013 Distance Learning Administration Conference in Jekyll Island, Ga.

Dr. Suzanne Minarcine (Faculty Director, School of Management) attended the UN General Assembly High-level Meeting on the Appraisal of the UN Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons in New York.

Dr. Angela Gibson (Director, First Year Experience) was recognized by Sloan-C as the featured facilitator during the month of May. Angela has been facilitating "New to
Online: The Essentials,” which supports community members in developing experience learning online and gaining familiarity with course design, roles, and expectations for online education.

**Dr. Molly Whitworth (Faculty Member, Environmental Science)** published "Precautionary Principles Needed to Protect Groundwater from Fracking" in the Jan/Feb issue of the *Environmental Science & Engineering Magazine*.

**Marie Harper (Program Director, Management)** was recently elected to the board of trustees of Education Works and appointed to the board of directors of Delaware End of Life Coalition.

**Larry and Jan Flegle (Professors)** will be celebrating their 44th wedding anniversary this year. They also presented "Coach or Cop: Managing Distance Learning Outcomes" at The Distance Learning Administration Conference in Jekyll Island, Ga.

**Jacquelyn Brookins (Employer Relations Recruiter)** gave birth to a baby boy in May.

**Dr. Gary Berry (VP, Dean of Program Development)** served on the credit evaluation team for the American Council of Education at the Joint Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Va.

**Dr. Karen Cieslewicz (Faculty Member, Emergency and Disaster Management)** is the recipient of the 2013 Doctor of the Year award and was recently interviewed by Close-Up Talk Radio.

**Dr. Christi Scott Bartman, M.P.A., J.D., (Professor)** has been elected to the Ohio Program Evaluation (OPE) Board.

**Dr. Christopher Reynolds (Dean, Center for Teaching & Learning)** was featured in the International Association of Emergency Managers magazine, *The Bulletin*, regarding the military emergency management activities during Hurricane Sandy.

**Major General David Morris (Professor, Military Studies)** was appointed to the Lemko Corporation’s Advisory Board.

**Dr. Jose Mora (Professor, Intelligence Studies)** presented "A Proposed Comparative Methodology for Understanding Pentecostal Political Incorporation in Latin America" at the Latin American Studies Association conference in May.

**Dr. Steve Greer (Faculty Member, Public Service and Health)** was elected as the new Chairman of the Heart of Georgia Regional Airport Authority.

**Elena Mastors, Jason Anderson, Nicole Burtchet, and Joshua Campos (Faculty Members)** were panelists for "Integrating Alternative Intelligence Methodologies in Intelligence Education" at the International Association for Intelligence Education 9th Annual Conference in El Paso, Texas.

**Raymond Uzwyshyn (Director of Libraries)** has been selected to join the new program advisory board for the Campus Technology Annual Summer Conference.

**William Drohan (Faculty Member)** presented “Teaching Denial and Deception” at the International Association for Intelligence Education 9th Annual Conference in El Paso, Texas.

**Leslie Weatherly (Professor, School of Management)** was selected by the Society of Human Resources Management (SHRM) to serve on the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) taskforce as a voting member.

**Dr. Kim Raines (Professor, Public Service and Health)** published "Nursing Education Perspectives," to be included as a chapter for an upcoming book, *Innovation in Nursing Education: Leading the Future of Nursing*.

**Dr. Pamela Terry (Professor, Public Service and Health)** presented "Preparing for Sudden Loss: A Menu of Health Education Strategies" at the Midwest Sociological
Society 76th Annual Conference.

Susan Fingerman, MLS (Online Librarian) facilitated "Being Virtual: A University Alternative To Textbooks," an APUS Online Library Course Guides project at the Special Libraries Association (SLA) Conference in San Diego. She also served as a peer reviewer for the *International Information and Library Review* publication.

Phylise Banner (Director, Teaching and Curriculum Quality) presented "Massive Open Online Learning: Creating Community through Open Online Learning" and "Seeing Through the Numbers" at the 2013 Technical Communication Summit sponsored by the Society for Technical Communication (STC). Phylise was also elected to the STC Nominating Committee.

Dr. Nancy Heath (Program Director, Child and Family Development) will present "Teaching Family Policy, From High School to Grad School to Cyber School" at the National Council on Family Relations 75th Annual Conference in San Antonio, Texas.

Dr. Philip Fellman (Faculty Member, School of Security and Global Studies) was appointed as Special Advisor for Counter-Terrorism to InterPortPolice.

Dr. Erik Hines (Faculty Member, Education) co-published "Parental Characteristics, Ecological Factors, and the Academic Achievement of African American Males," for the *Journal of Counseling & Development*.

Dr. Martin Catino (Faculty Member, Military Studies) will present "Ho Chi Minh: America's Most Capable Foe" at The Vietnam Era Conference.

Dr. Sebastian Diaz (AVP, Marketing Analytics) presented "Measuring Student Perceptions of Informal Learning Online" at The Distance Learning Administration Conference in Jekyll Island, Ga.

Dr. Jennifer Cramer (Faculty Member, Sociology) co-wrote "Variation in scrotal color among widely distributed vervet monkey populations" for *American Journal of Primatology*.

Gary Spoales (VP, Financial Aid Services Operations) was named co-chair for the 27th annual Bernie Hutzler Golf Classic at the Woods Resort in Hedgesville, W.Va.

Cathy Francois (Career Coach) just completed her M.B.A. from Kaplan University.

Sarah Fuller (Acquisitions Editor, ePress) successfully defended her dissertation, "From Natural Theology to Scientific Materialism: Victorian Philosophies of Science and Science Fiction."

Dr. Melissa Layne (Director, Research Methodology) presented "Measuring Student Perceptions of Informal Learning Online" at The Distance Learning Administration Conference in Jekyll Island, Ga.

Michelle Maldonado (AVP, Corporate and Strategic Relationships) will present two professional development workshops at Dollar General’s Annual Corporate Meeting—HR Summit Skill Build event in Goodlettsville, Tenn.

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