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IAAN President Earns Certification



Kathie Wentworth, Tri-State University Director of Academic Support Services, recently earned certification as a developmental education specialist from the Kellogg Institute for the Training and Certification of Developmental Educators.

Wentworth was among 45 educators selected from across the United States to participate in the Kellogg Institute and its certification process during the 2006-2007 academic year.

The 28-year-old institute offers a month-long living/

learning experience for the training and certification of educational professionals who work with academically unprepared students on college campuses.

Each year, 45 individuals participate in a summer training program, followed by a semester-long practicum in which they implement new techniques on their home campuses.

For her practicum, Wentworth implemented an Academic Foundations program last fall at TSU to work with the University's least prepared students.

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IAAN Mission

The Indiana Academic Advisors Network (IAAN) is a group of professionals from colleges and universities across the state of Indiana. The organization was formed to foster the personal and professional development of its members. The membership of IAAN is comprised of faculty members, administrators, peer advisors and other professionals who are concerned with the advising needs of students.

The goal of the organization is to promote communication among its members. By joining IAAN members will get the opportunity to share ideas, learn about new programs, and meet colleagues with similar professional interests and situations.

IAAN will also provide to its members additional services, such as professional referrals, job placement information and an in-state resource clearinghouse. Because IAAN is a National Academic Advising Network (NACADA) allied organization, members will also be able to obtain links to other professionals, associations, and resources beyond Indiana, extending members' networking and information circle.

They met in a classroom setting three times a week to determine their strengths and weaknesses, upgrade their college reading skills, and establish good college student habits. She targeted a 55 percent success rate as measured by academic standing, and reached 57 percent.

She was awarded the certification as a result of her participation in the training program and completion of the TSU project.

The certification as developmental education specialist is awarded through the institute in conjunction with Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C.

Purdue Calumet hires three new professional advisors

Purdue University Calumet's School of Management recently re-organized and in doing so, increased its advising staff from two to four advisors. Jeff Hamilton, formerly of PUC's Computer Information Systems Department relocated to the Management Department as an academic advisor. Jeff earned a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership and Supervision. This past Spring, Jeff completed an Associate Degree in Computer Graphics Technology. He will now begin an MBA or a MA in Communications.

Jeff is also the new webmaster for IAAN and is responsible for the new website design. He advises the Management majors and those who wish to enter the computer area of Management.

Also new to the School of Management is Lisa Edwards-Foster. Lisa is the Coordinator for the Preparatory Program as well as a Management Advisor.

She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from Tennessee State University and a Master of Arts degree in School Guidance and Counseling from Lewis University in Romeoville, Illinois. Before joining the Purdue family, she served as a High School Guidance Counselor for Campagna Academy Charter School (CACS) in Schererville, Indiana. She also worked as a Program Manager for the Center for Speech Therapy in South Holland, Illinois. Prior to her employment at CACS and the Center for Speech Therapy she worked as a Special Education Teacher.

Lisa is currently a member of the National Academic Advising Association and American School Counseling Association.

The third advisor is Dachea Hill-Bryan. Dachea is an Academic Advisor/Recruiter for the Computer Information Technology Department in the School of Technology.

Dachea earned a Bachelor of Science in Marketing with a minor in Industrial/Organizational Psychology at DePaul University, Chicago, IL. She is currently pursuing a MSED in mental health counseling

Dachea worked for 5-1/2 years in admissions and recruiting at DePaul University where she worked with first year, adults, transfer, international and graduate students. She also recruited for all academic programs at DePaul.

In her final role as Associate Director of Adult, Transfer and International Admissions & Graduate Recruiter, she was responsible for recruiting all aforementioned populations, evaluating and rendering decisions on adult, transfer and international student applications, transfer credit evaluation and admission counseling. She spent the past year as Academic Coordinator at the University of Illinois Chicago campus for the School of Public Health's division of Epidemiology and Biostatistics where she advised and assisted Master of Science, Master of Public Health and Doctorate of Philosophy students navigate their way through the university system and the student life cycle from admissions to graduation.

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