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Cal U to Offer Doctor of Health Science

Cal U is poised to offer its first doctorate, a move that interim University President Geraldine M. Jones described as "an academic milestone for our University."

The Doctor of Health Science: Health Science and Exercise Leadership was approved July 9 by the Board of Governors for Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education. It will be the first D.H.Sc. degree available within the State System.

"This degree is a natural outgrowth of our successful bachelor's and master's degree programs in exercise science," said Dr. Bruce Barnhart, acting provost and vice president for Academic Affairs.

"There is a growing demand for highly qualified health care professionals as our population ages and the health care system shifts its focus from treating disease to promoting wellness and fitness. This program addresses that demand."

Dr. Marc Federico, Dr. Jeffrey Hatton and Dr. Stan Komacek prepared the degree proposal presented for State System approval.

The 50-credit program will be delivered through Cal U Global Online, making it a convenient choice for working professionals seeking to enhance or advance their careers.

Graduates will be prepared to work as educators and leaders in areas such as



The hard work of Dr. Marc Federico (above), along with Dr. Jeffrey Hatton and Dr. Stan Komacek, has Cal U ready to offer a Doctor of Health Science degree with a concentration in Health Science and Exercise Leadership beginning in the Spring 2016 semester.

athletic training, physical or occupational therapy, exercise physiology, wellness and fitness, rehabilitation science, and allied health care professions.

The first cohort will begin in the Spring 2016 semester. Coursework can be completed in three years of full-time study.

Research points to a favorable

employment outlook for program graduates, and student interest also appears to be strong.

"Graduates of our master's degree programs in exercise science have been asking about a doctorate for quite some time," Barnhart said. "We started to get inquiries as soon as the new program was announced."

Candidates for the D.H.Sc. will be expected to complete 42 credits of coursework, pass comprehensive written and oral exams, and submit an 8-credit dissertation representing applied, evidence-based research clearly linked to exercise, wellness and/or fitness.

Students who hold an M.S. in Exercise Science and Health Promotion from Cal U will be eligible for advanced standing, which may shorten the time to graduation.

"Alumni of Cal U's existing master's degree programs in exercise science are at work across the country and around the world," President Jones noted in a message to the campus community.

"Their success in a wide variety of settings, from their own businesses to the locker rooms and practice fields of professional sports teams, demonstrates the quality of our University's academic programming in this discipline."

"Over the years Cal U has become a recognized leader in health and exercise science," she added, "and our new post-professional degree builds on that tradition of success."

Applications for the Doctor of Health Science program are being accepted now. Information is available online at www.calu.edu or through the Global Online office, e-mail DHS@calu.edu or call 724-938-3938.



Volunteers will help students and their families move into the main-campus residence halls on Aug. 21 and Aug. 23.

Cal U Makes Move-In Day Plans

With an eye on the Aug. 24 start of fall semester classes, Cal U will welcome first-year students as they move into University Housing during the week of Aug. 16-23.

New and returning students are expected to arrive at Vulcan Village, on the upper campus, throughout the week.

On the main campus, Move-In Day for first-year students has been scheduled for Aug. 21. New students whose names begin with letters A-M are scheduled to arrive between 9 a.m. and noon. Students whose last names begin with N-Z will move in between noon and 3 p.m.

Volunteers will be on hand at the main-campus

residence halls to greet incoming students and their families, and to help carry their belongings.

Move-In Day 2015 will begin the seventh annual Cal U for Life New Student Orientation, a student-focused experience that closes with a core values candlelight ceremony and fireworks on Aug. 23. The three-day program helps freshmen and transfer students meet their classmates and discover the programs and services offered at Cal U.

Move-In Day activities include a picnic-style lunch for all new students and their families from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Convocation Center. Interim University President Geraldine M. Jones plans to drop by and chat informally

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Future Pilots Take to the Skies

The skies cleared during what had been a rain-soaked summer, and all systems were go for take-off as six students from two area school districts took to the air over Washington County Airport on July 11.

They were among the 11 student winners of the Future Pilots League competition, a game-based learning activity sponsored by the Cal U Center for Innovation at Southpointe and developed by the center with assistance from Scott Kedall, a retired U.S. Air Force and commercial pilot.

Teams of three to nine players from 12 different schools used flight-simulation technology on loan from Cal U to take on the roles of air traffic controller, first officer and pilot. Together, each team worked to master the challenges of air travel logistics and piloting an aircraft.

Members of the winning teams — from Peters Township High School and Pleasant Hills Middle School, in the West Jefferson School District — earned short flights with Sen. Camera Bartolotta, of Washington County, who pilots a privately owned airplane.

They also listened to aviation experts and learned more about how a passenger plane operates.

The Center for Innovation serves as a resource for the community, forming links between the

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Young students from the Mon Valley Performing Arts Academy will conclude their summer experience with a 4 p.m. Aug. 1 performance of "Seussical Jr."

'Seussical Jr.' Onstage Saturday

The Mon Valley Performing Arts Academy, now in its 18th year, will wrap up its 2015 summer theater experience for young performers with a fully staged production of the children's musical "Seussical Jr." at 4 p.m. Aug. 1 in Steele Hall Mainstage Theatre.

Hosted by Cal U's Department of Theatre and Dance, the academy gives students ages 8-17 an opportunity to study musical theater.

After acting, voice and dance classes and rehearsals, students present a musical complete with stage sets, costumes and props.

Thirty-four MVPs — Mon Valley Performers — are participating in this

year's academy. Students study and rehearse from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays.

"Seussical Jr.," with music by Stephen Flaherty and lyrics by Lynn Ahrens, is a family-oriented musical featuring characters from the popular books by the late Theodore Geisel, aka Dr. Seuss.

"I have been waiting for the time to be right for our academy to tackle this, and I don't think I can express how excited I am that now is that time," said Dr. Michele Pagen, the academy's artistic director and the chair of the theater department.

"As we all know, Dr. Seuss's books had lessons for everyone. Parents and

children alike will fall in love with these characters and the music."

Cal U student Paige Zalar is the stage/company manager for the production, and classmates Kellee Colihopp, Annabel Lorence and Kayla Grimm are counselors.

The Mon Valley Performing Arts Academy is fully accredited by the National Association of Schools of Theatre, the same organization that has accredited Cal U's Bachelor of Arts in Theatre program since 2005.

The production of "Seussical Jr." is open to the public. Ticket price is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. Tickets may be purchased at the door. To order tickets in advance, leave a message at 724-938-4220.

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University and the region's businesses, schools and residents.

Christopher Allen, community education manager at the Cal U Center for Innovation, said the program was designed both to introduce aviation as a potential career path and to allow students already interested in the field to explore it further.

"The more hands-on, educational programs we develop, like the Future Pilots League, the more we can help students discover their passions. These kinds of programs also connect business and industry with the workforce of the future," Allen said.



Sen. Camera Bartolotta (left) provided rides in her airplane to students Sam Hazo and Joska Troutman, two of the winners of the Future Pilots League competition.

GRANTS AWARDED

The Office of Sponsored Programs and Research reports that:

- **Cal U** has been awarded a \$687,500 contract from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. The PennDOT funding will be used for wetland mitigation within State Game Land 302 in Rich Hill Township, Greene County. Dr. Robert Whyte, of the Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences, will be the project investigator. José Taracido, of the Partners for Fish and Wildlife program, will coordinate tasks at the work site. The University also has been awarded a \$235,950 PennDOT contract to be used for stream mitigation in the park along Pike Run in California Borough. Dr. David Argent, of the Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences, will be the project investigator, and Taracido will coordinate work site tasks.

- **Debbie Wojcik**, of the Government Agency Coordination Office (GACO), has been awarded a Procurement Technical Assistance grant of \$212,215 from the Defense Logistics Agency. This award will be used to continue the services provided to businesses for obtaining government contracts.

- **Daniel Harris**, of the Department of Earth Sciences, has received approval to continue 20 MOVE licenses for structural modeling and analysis software for the upcoming academic year. The academic site licenses are valued at \$155,800.

- **Robert Mehalik**, of the Department of Student Affairs, has been awarded a grant of \$40,000 from the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board. This funding will be used to support "Strengthening the Cal Community Collaboration Initiative 2015-2017." The project aims to reduce underage and dangerous drinking within the campus, borough and nearby communities.

- **Dr. Thomas Mueller**, of the Department of Earth Sciences, has been awarded a grant of \$23,500 from the U.S. Geological Survey through AmericaView. This funding will continue to support the development and operation of the Pennsylvania StateView Program for 2016. AmericaView is a nationwide partnership of scientists who use public-domain satellite data and technologies in support of applied research, K-16 education, workforce development and technology transfer.

- **Dr. David Argent**, of the Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences, has been awarded a grant of \$15,000 from the Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds. This award will be used to support his project, "Status of Eastern Brook Trout Populations on Pennsylvania's Laurel Hill: Impacted by Acid Deposition; Threatened by Climate Change." In addition, Argent was awarded a Hupits Wildlife grant of \$3,200 from the Sierra Club to support his project, "Biosessment of Abandoned Mine Drainage Mitigation in the Blackleggs Creek Watershed of the Kelleys-Cornelagh River Basin."

For information, contact the Office of Sponsored Programs and Research at 724-938-1662 or voigt@calu.edu.

New Crosswalk Signs Promote Safety

Pedestrians and drivers will be seeing new signs on campus, thanks to ongoing collaboration between University Police and the state Department of Transportation.

PennDOT recently provided the University with \$3,000 worth of signs, including reminders that motorists must yield to pedestrians using marked crosswalks.

Other signs urge drivers to "Park the Phone" — a reminder to avoid distracted driving, including texting while behind the wheel.

University police have arranged to deliver that message to first-year students on Move-In Day, Aug. 21, using a driving simulator that demonstrates what happens when a driver is impaired or distracted.

"Awareness is so important, and the signs and the simulator help deliver the message," said Colleen Lantz, traffic safety coordinator for the Pennsylvania Traffic Safety Network, which will provide the simulator.

"It's similar to a video game and gives a nice visual that the students can relate to.

The computer-based program will present various scenarios, including a texting-while-driving simulation.

"Young drivers are obviously one of our target age groups," said Jay Ofsanik, safety press officer for PennDOT. "Texting (while driving) is against the law, and this is an opportunity to educate young people and help them understand the danger."

The message hits home for assistant campus police chief Michael Miles, who has taken the lead in the signage and safety campaigns.

"Both of my daughters are starting to drive," he said. "It's extremely important that students realize how important it is to not be on the phone texting and driving."

Cal U police chief Ed McSheffery praised Miles for working closely with PennDOT to obtain the new signs.

"This helps everyone, on the highways and on our campus, and hopefully it will save lives," he said.



Showing off one of the new signs that will be placed on campus crosswalks are (from left) Ed McSheffery, chief of the Cal U Police Department; Jay Ofsanik, PennDOT's safety press officer; and Mike Miles, assistant chief of the campus police department.

Campus BRIEFS

Vets, K-9 Officer Meet at the Movies

During the Memorial Day weekend, Cal U veterans and their family members were treated to a free screening of *Max*, a film about a heroic military dog.

To raise awareness about the amazing abilities of trained K-9 units, Cal U police officer Sgt. Robert Kwiatkowski and K-9 officer Bas mingled with moviegoers at the Carmike 15 Theater in Greensburg, Pa.

The event was part of a nationwide VetTogether sponsored by Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA), in partnership with Warner Bros. Pictures and MGM. Similar screenings were held in more than 40 cities across the United States.

"This is a nationwide event that we are honored to be taking part in," said Capt. Robert Prabh, director of the Office of Veterans Affairs at Cal U.

The IAVA also treated the Cal U group to lunch before the show.

Professor Joins Board

Assistant professor Dr. Shelly DiCesaro has been elected to represent the southwestern region on the Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers Society's executive board.

Director of the graduate athletic training program in Cal U's Department of Health Sciences, DiCesaro was elected to a full three-year term after spending the past year filling a vacancy on the panel.

Executive board elections took place during the society's 35th annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium, which was held last month in Gettysburg, Pa.



Dr. Shelly DiCesaro



Estill Voice Training

More than 30 voice enthusiasts, speech pathologists, musicians, performers and educators from the United States and abroad attended an Estill Voice International workshop last month in Steele Hall. Hosted by Cal U's Department of Theatre and Dance, the sessions, held June 25-30, provided techniques to empower and preserve voices. Taking a moment from the training are (from left) Corinne Morini-Mager of Vienna, Austria; Caitlin Bower of Astoria, N.Y.; Dr. Kim Steinhilber, president of Estill International and course instructor; Esther Spadaro of Clinton, Pa.; Dr. Michele Pagan, chair of Cal U's Department of Theatre and Dance; Brian Eisiminger, Cal U Theatre and Dance instructor; Kim McGinnis of Greensburg, Pa.; and Drew Bayara of Scottsdale, Pa.

Infinite Opportunities

Sundays | 2:00 pm PCN



State System Launches TV Program

"Infinite Opportunities," a 30-minute television program featuring Cal U and the 13 other universities in Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education, premiered earlier this month.

The weekly public affairs program airs at 2 p.m. Sundays on PCN, the Pennsylvania Cable Network.

Each week's episode will be available online the following Wednesday at www.pashe.edu/infiniteopportunities, where past programs are also archived.

"Infinite Opportunities" features stories about new initiatives, academic offerings and student life at the 14 State System universities. It includes interviews with university leaders and stakeholders, as well as one-on-one discussions between State System leaders and university presidents.

"The title of the program says it all," said State System Chancellor Frank T. Brogan. "Our universities do indeed provide infinite opportunities to our students, and this program highlights some of those opportunities while giving viewers a closer look at what makes each of the institutions special."

The initial episode focused on health-related programs across the State System, including the Applied Behavioral Analysis program at Cal U.

A conversation between Chancellor Brogan and interim University President Geraldine M. Jones is scheduled for episode 6, which airs on Aug. 9.

Runner Named Scholar-Athlete

Aaron Dinzeo '15 concluded his undergraduate career in intercollegiate athletics by being named the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) Pete Nevins Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

Dinzeo is the first Vulcan runner, and the fifth Cal U student-athlete, to receive this honor. He graduated in May with a 3.89 cumulative GPA, having earned a bachelor's degree in anthropology, with concentrations in archaeology and forensic science.

The conference's sports information directors select the winners of the Pete Nevins Award, presented annually to the top male and female student-athletes who have achieved at least a 3.50 cumulative grade-point average (GPA) while competing in the PSAC at an outstanding athletic level.

The 25-year-old award was renamed in 2007 to honor East Stroudsburg's sports information director, who died earlier that year.

Senior Kristin Day, a swimmer at Clarion University, received the 2015 women's award.

Head coach Daniel Caulfield said he expected academic success from Dinzeo, who came to the University as a high school valedictorian.

"What most people don't know is that Aaron has an immense love for learning about anything," Caulfield said. "He is intensely interested in all aspects of life, and that is what I will personally miss."

"He certainly left his mark on our programs."

More honors

Earlier this summer Dinzeo was chosen as the Capital One Academic All-American of the Year, while also



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being named a Capital One First-Team Academic All-American for the third time in his career.

A competitor in both cross country and track and field, Dinzeo concluded his career as a seven-time NCAA Division II All-American. He was a three-time cross country All-American, and last fall he finished second at the 2014 national championships.

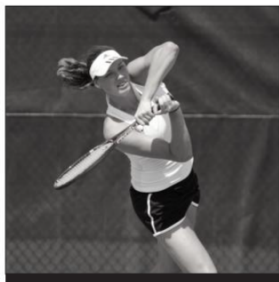
In track, he earned three All-American honors in the 5,000-meter event and one All-American nod in the

10,000-meter run, following a third-place national finish in 2014.

Dinzeo missed out on his final indoor and outdoor track seasons because of an injury but tentatively plans to compete in the U.S. Olympic Trials.

"Obviously we were bitterly disappointed that Aaron was unable to race his senior track seasons, but I believe bigger and more exciting competitions are to follow," Caulfield said.

Vulcans Score in Academics



Women's tennis standout Ramona Coulson is one of 136 Cal U student-athletes on the PSAC's Spring 2015 Scholar-Athlete list. The tennis team's 3.50 cumulative grade-point average last spring was tops among all Vulcan teams.

Cal U's athletic program heads into the 2015-2016 academic year having compiled a cumulative grade-point average (GPA) of 3.10 or higher for the past 11 consecutive semesters.

During the Spring 2015 term, the Vulcans' 16 NCAA varsity athletic programs collectively achieved a 3.12 GPA, with 27 student-athletes earning a perfect 4.0.

The women's tennis team earned the highest team GPA, at 3.50. The cross country team led the men's side with a 3.19 GPA.

All told, 134 Vulcans were named Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Scholar-Athletes for achieving a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or better. With 37 percent of its student-athletes earning the distinction, Cal U was in the top half of athletics programs fielded by universities within Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education.

In all, 172 Vulcan student-athletes were named to the spring 2015 Athletic Director Honor Roll for achieving a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher.

"These significant achievements show the commitment of our student-athletes to their academic program, as well as the hard work of our athletic academic area and the Cal U faculty," said Dr. Karen Hjerpe, Cal U's athletic director. "We are proud of our student-athletes' work in the classroom."

Lend a Hand for Move-In Day

Students who volunteer to assist their new or returning classmates will be registered through OmgSync so their service can be reflected on their Activities Transcript.

Students who volunteer on Friday, Aug. 21, will receive Move-In Day T-shirts; volunteers on Sunday, Aug. 23, are urged to wear Cal U gear or a T-shirt representing their student organization, fraternity, sorority or athletic team.

For more information, students can visit OmgSync or contact Brittany Halinka at halinka@calu.edu or the Center for Volunteer Programs and Service Learning at volunteer@calu.edu.

Employees are encouraged to welcome new and returning students and their families, if their work schedule allows. Employees may ask their supervisor for release time to assist on Aug. 21, or they may volunteer on Aug. 23. (No comp time will be given.)

Staff and faculty members are encouraged to wear Cal U gear or a nametag indicating their role at the University.

Students to Move In Aug. 21

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with the Cal U community's newest members.

"This is an exciting time, but we realize that it also can be an anxious one for our new students and their families," the President said. "We want to help them get to know the campus and begin to feel at home."

"It's so important for all our students and their families to know that we truly care about them, and the University community is here to assist them."

Returning students will move in to main-campus housing from noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23. Volunteers will welcome them back and help to move their belongings.

As it becomes available, parking information and other details about Move-In Day and the 2015 New Student Orientation will be posted at www.calu.edu.

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