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FROM THE DEAN...



Dr. Edward L. Guthrie, iTAC Dean

What a great time to be at Wilmington University and particularly in the iTAC Division. Our enrollment is growing and we are working to add additional methods of delivery, such as distance learning for our course offerings. There is much happening already this year. For example, iTAC students recently volunteered to assist with the annual "Go Red for Women" luncheon and fashion show. This event, sponsored by the American Heart Association, raises funds for re-

search and awareness to combat heart disease in women. This effort involved live simultaneous broadcasting of the event into multiple rooms at the Sheraton in Dover, as well as development and design of the brochure.

The iTAC Open House and Art Exhibit is taking place this month featuring the work of our students. Later in the month, also look for "Fifteen Minutes of Fame," a short play written by Joel Tau and presented by Mr. Tau's drama class. Studio Production students are also producing the weekly show, "Youth in Sports," which is filmed live in our studio and broadcast weekly.

Finally, congratulations to Adjunct Instructor Kevin Wright on his recent promotion to Adjunct Professor. Kevin's dedication to his students and the University serves as an example. Finally, don't forget to check out our new myspace page and our website for further news.

 $\underline{www.myspace.com/wilmu_technology}$

ANGELA SPINELLA TAKES CREATIVITY TO D.C.

Angela Spinella graduated from Wilmington University in May, 2008, with a bachelor's degree in Design Media Photography. Three months later, she was happily decorating a classroom, ready to begin her first day as a special education teacher at the John Burroughs Educational Center, an inner city school in Washington, D.C.

Angela went to D.C. to make a difference in people's lives. "I need to do something - not just make money – but feel like I'm helping people." A friend encouraged her to join a teaching program rather than immediately try to become competitive in the photography field.

She applied and was hired as a teaching fellow of The New Teacher Project (TNTP). The TNTP was founded in 1997 by Michelle Rhee, current Chancellor of the D.C. school system, and in the last 12 years the program has recruited 10,000 noneducation majors to teach in the inner city schools of 20 states and D.C.

Angela was assigned to the John Burroughs School. She is also able attend graduate school at George

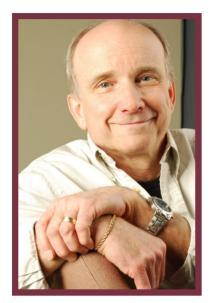
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- ◆ February 20, 2009 6pm
 iTAC Open House
 and Student Art
 Exhibit, Peoples
 Library Building, New
 Castle Campus
- ◆ February 24th and 25th
 "Fifteen Minutes of
 Fame" a short play
 written by Joel Tau,
 New Castle Campus,
 DAC Auditorium;
 Showtimes:
 2/24/09 at 12 noon
 2/25/09 at 7pm.
- ◆ Spring Contemporary
 Topics Forum ~

 "Computer Crime
 Investigations", April
 7th, 6-8pm, Dover
 campus auditorium
- ◆ iTAC Annual Awards
 Ceremony previously
 scheduled for May 7th



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT ~ LARRY HEINOLD



Larry Heinold, Adjunct Faculty, iTAC

The iTAC Division is home to a host of talented instructors. Our spotlight today shines on Larry Heinold, Business Computer Science adjunct faculty member.

A Delaware native, Larry completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Delaware and earned a Masters Degree in Business Management from Central Michigan University. A 30-year career in the corporate world followed—most of

which was spent at the corporate offices of DuPont. His career focused on the human resources While at DuPont, competency. Larry's work touched many areas, including corporate real estate management, leadership training and development, business process consulting, organizational development as well as a stint as an IT consultant. It was here that he began to consult with organizations on integrating technology into the workflow to help people become more effective and efficient in their work and "doing the right things right." Larry was the IT lead on such projects as internal intranet job posting system, executive compensation reporting and analysis, and a new process for corporate variable compensation.

Upon pensioning from DuPont, Larry continued his passion for training and development joining Wilmington University in the fall of 2002. On campus he can be found in PC labs where he teaches the BCS206-Computer Applications for Business curriculum at New Castle and Dover. He specializes in training students to be more effective

and efficient in using Microsoft products relating to work, school and leisure activities. When not teaching, Larry has been studying photography, adding yet another dimension to his knowledge, skills, and abilities.

Outside the University community, Larry is a period furniture maker and avid wood turner, operating a small craft business, Signature Wood Creations. He has spent more than 40 years "discovering how wood likes to be worked." On warm, beautiful Saturday nights Larry and his wife can be found visiting the local classic car cruise nights showing their 1968 Camaro muscle car, listening to Jimmy Buffett and wishing they could invest like Warren Buffett. Larry also enjoys rollerblading, cycling and learning anything about everything.

Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream.

—Mark Twain

DID YOU KNOW?

Production Teams Now Forming

iTAC junior or senior students interested in becoming Production Assistants (camera operator, floor director, non-linear editing, etc.) for the weekly cable TV show "Youth in Sports" are invited to apply for the summer session. Full commitment every Thursday evening is required. For further details please contact:

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Preparing for an Internship?

Visit <u>iTAC Internships</u> to learn procedures and download forms.

iTAC Awards 2009

Visit <u>iTAC Student Web</u> to submit projects for this years Student Award Contest.

CREATIVITY TO D.C. (CONT.)

Washington University where, at the end of her twoyear fellowship, she will have earned a master's degree in special education. She had been assigned to teach seven children, ages five through eight, who have autism

Angela recalls, "Everything I planned for that first day went wrong. I honestly had no idea what to do with my kids."

Her only teacher training had been a five-week crash course the month before, and her knowledge about autism was nil. For two months she scrambled and improvised with limited available resources. However, Angela quickly become frustrated with a lack of equipment such as computers and was determined to find a solution.

She credits her ITAC professors with giving her the wherewithal to overcome barriers. "I think it was just more about being in a creative major. My professors always said 'Use your creativity. Draw on it in any situation,' and that has helped me. When I have problems in the classroom or with the administration, I am able to draw on my creative nature and the skills I learned at Wilmington University."

It took twelve weeks, but Angela finally got computers into her classroom. "It was terrible, but I used creativity to get around it. I spoke to the principal, I called ten different places, I wrote letters, and I got the computers."

Angela plans to remain in education, but not in the schoolroom. "Now that I've seen the way special education students are treated, I'd like to be more on the policy end in education reform because special education kids don't receive the resources they need." She is hoping for an internship this summer, either with Chancellor Rhee or on "The Hill" with Congress, to begin building her resume on education policy.

But for now it's the classroom still that beckons. "I know that I am doing good things," she wrote to Program Coordinator, Susan Gregg, "I am just thrilled to know that I am making a difference."

Keep us informed.

Share news of your professional accomplishments or contributions to the community.

Send information to your program coordinator or: Wilmington University - iTAC Division 320 North DuPont Highway, New Castle, DE 19720

"Sick of the two-step process of deleting objects and then having to empty the Recycling bin? **Highlight** the item you want to get rid of and **Shift** + **Delete**. One step! Just be careful, because it's really gone!"

- From: http://www.worldstart.com/

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