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UMD CSD Department Rings in the New Year at Chester Park

The Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders and the Robert F. Pierce Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic at the University of Minnesota Duluth now have a new address! After residing in Montague and Bohannon Halls for years, we are pleased to announce that we have moved to our new location in the former Chester Park School.

The new Department has accessible and expanded space for students, faculty, and staff, including a new clinic.

The new RFP Clinic at Chester Park offer many benefits to our clients:

- Free parking near the front door

- Beautiful and accessible new facilities
- Air-conditioned comfort
- Low-cost, high-quality speech-language-hearing services, with fee support available

Fall Semester 2009 therapy services are scheduled for 09/14/09-12/15/09. If you wish to know more about our services, please contact us at 218-726-8199.

You can read more about events in the Robert F. Pierce Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic and the Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders on our Web page at www.d.umn.edu/csd.

Open House for New CSD Department: Let's Celebrate!

Please join us for an Open House Celebration and see our new Department.

Thursday, October 1, 2009

5:00—7:00 PM

Chester Park Building,

31 West College Street

Duluth, MN 55812

2009 Fall Eddy Lecture:

AAC and Inclusive Education for Students with Disabilities

Stephen Calculator, Ph.D.

The next presenter for the Eddy Lecture Series will be Stephen Calculator, Ph.D., Professor and Chair in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders and Adjunct Professor of Pediatrics at Dartmouth Medical School in Hanover, New Hampshire. Dr. Calculator will present "AAC and Inclusive Education for Students with Disabilities" on Saturday, September 26, 2009.

Early registration fee (by 09/11/09) is \$50 and includes refreshments as well as a light lunch. Late registration is \$60. Registration flyers will be sent out later this summer. Participants may register by mail or on-line at <http://www.d.umn.edu/csd/eddy/index.html>. The lecture will be offered for .6 ASHA CEUs. Attendees also have the option of registering for .5 college credit through UMD CE. Watch the CSD Web site for updates! www.d.umn.edu/csd.

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Educational Exchange, Ewha Women's University

The CSD Department finalized a collaborative partnership with the Graduate Program in Communication Disorders at Ewha Woman's University in Seoul, South Korea. The purpose of the partnership is to develop teaching, research, and service activities between the two programs in communi-

cation disorders. At this time, the relationship is focused towards recruiting students to take Communication Disorders courses offered at the University of Minnesota Duluth. In May, Sang Eun Shin, a graduate student from Ewha University enrolled in a May session CSD course focused in augmentative

and alternative communication. In June, Kendra Caywood, from UMD, will travel with seven UMD Education students to participate in a 28-day program of study at Ewha Woman's University to immerse themselves in the Korean educational system and culture.

Second China International Conference

The Second China International Conference on Speech Therapy, co-hosted by the University of Minnesota Duluth, the Chinese Medical Doctor Association and the Beijing Rehabilitation Medical Association, brought together speech-language pathologists and related clinical rehabilitation professionals in Beijing on June 27-29.

Conference participants included rehabilitation professionals from Australia, Canada, China, Hong Kong, Saudi Arabia and the United States. Attendees exchanged current information about the diagnosis and treatment of speech, hearing, language, and swallowing disorders.

Four faculty members and eight students from UMD presented at the conference.

In addition to providing a forum to exchange professional knowledge, the international conference offered participants the opportunity to exchange friendships and cultural understanding. Jana Smith, a graduate student in the CSD Program and presenter at the conference, recommends that students take advantage of international student learning opportunities, saying, "You learn such different things that you can't get out of a book."

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—Jana Smith, CSD Grad Student

Representing UMD at the conference were: Paul Deputy, Dean of the College of Education and Human Service Professions; Mark Mizuko, Professor and Head of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders; Lynette Carlson, Clinic Director; and Jolene Hyppa-Martin, Instructor. The student participants include graduate students Connie Beaumont, Cortney Bongard, Tracy Cutrone, Angela Heacock, Maggie Mork, Jana Smith and Danielle Visina and undergraduate students Moriah Matteve and Megan Mizuko.

Faculty from China and the CSD Department Collaborate on Voice Research

Xie Yan, M.D., Associate Professor in the Department of Physiology at Capital Medical University in Beijing, has been working with Dana Collins, Ph.D., Assistant Professor in UMD's Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, to analyze the effects of Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) on voice quality of individuals with Parkinson's disease.

Parkinson's disease can negatively im-

pact a person's speech and voice quality. DBS is a medical treatment in which a device is implanted in a person's brain to mitigate the effects of the disease. Dr. Yan Xie and Dr. Collins have completed computer analyses on voice samples of people who have DBS implants, to determine the effects on voice. Dr. Yan Xie hopes the research will lead to improvements in treatment for individuals with Parkinson's disease. Dr. Yan Xie came

to Duluth in April as part of an international education exchange between Capital Medical University of UMD. Her research combines her expertise in vocal music, physiology, and neuroscience.

UMD CSD Community Advisory Committee Members

The speech-language pathology shortage has strained programs and professionals throughout the country, and we need more practitioners to provide communication services. A group of local SLPs has committed to helping our program prepare new graduates for entering the field.

In 2007, a UMD CSD Community Advisory Committee was formed to support the mission of the CSD Department. Mem-

bers include volunteer speech-language pathologists from the community and representatives from the CSD Program.

Since its inception, the committee has provided input and feedback on a number of topics related to student education to include new standards for ASHA CCCs, CSD curriculum, clinical education, and current issues affecting clinical practice. ***Our thanks to the committee members!!***

CSD Community Advisory Committee:

Angie Heacock, UMD Graduate Student
Moriah Matteve, UMD Graduate Student
Vicki Jacques, Northern Lights SpEd
Joan Jeannetta, SMDC
Susan Johnson, ISD 709

Lynda John, UMD
Sharon Lahti, St. Lukes Hospital
Brenda Schrader-Johnson, Northern Lights SpEd
Rachel Komarek, Duluth Public Schools Academy
Cindy Spillers, UMD
Lynette Carlson, UMD

Spotlight on CSD Alumnus Betsy Rosensweig

It is “powerful to continue to support where we came from.” Those are the words of Betsy Rosensweig, a 1977 graduate of the UMD CSD program. . Betsy works for the Duluth Public Schools birth –to- two program and focuses on supporting families and daycare facilities with children with communication difficulties. Betsy is a longtime supporter of numerous UMD programs. She currently is working with the CSD Department on the transition to its new location in Chester Park.

After earning her undergraduate degree at UMD, Betsy obtained her Master’s degree

from UW-Steven’s Point in 1978. Before coming to the Duluth Public Schools, she worked with children, birth to 21, in Heartland Education Agency in Iowa, for Superior Public Schools.

Betsy encourages all her SLP colleagues to “stay connected through organizations like the Minnesota Speech-Language-Hearing Association (MSHA)”

of which she has been a member for sixteen years. She plans to attend the CSD Open House in the fall, to celebrate and show her ongoing support for the place from which she came.

Thank you, Betsy!

Are you an alum of UMD CSD?

We would love to hear from you! Contact us at cd@d.umn.edu.

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—Betsy Rosensweig

New Medicare B Rulings Threaten Access to RFP Clinic

The Robert F. Pierce Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic serves people of all ages with speech, language, and hearing impairments through comprehensive assessment and individually designed treatment programs. A nominal clinic access fee typically is charged to partially offset the operating costs of the clinic. For some clients, even the nominal fee is difficult to pay.

As of July 1, 2009, SLPs in private practice are able to bill Medicare B for reimburse-

ment. This ruling had far-reaching implications for university speech-language-hearing clinics that serve clients eligible for Medicare, as university clinics have been categorized as “private practice” entities. The Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders is severely impacted by this ruling, potentially impeding our mission to educate students, serve the community, and conduct research through the Robert F. Pierce Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic. In response to this situation, the

Dean College of Education and Human Service Professions has suspended the clinic fees for service for fall semester, to allow time to clarify the impact of the Medicare ruling and create a plan for Spring Semester. While fees for fall semester are suspended, the costs of operating a clinic remain for providing client care.

It is anticipated that the nominal fees for service will resume for Spring Semester 2010.



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Mission Statement

The mission of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD) is to prepare undergraduate and graduate professional personnel in the deliver of clinical services to individuals requiring supportive patient care.

This mission is accomplished through utilization of a clinical training model in which skills and competencies of concern include those related to prevention, assessment, habilitation, and rehabilitation of disease or disorder.

In addition, the CSD Department accepts an obligation to give particular attention to the clinical health care needs of the region in its research, outreach, and service programs in communication disorders.

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