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## Graduate Studies Newsletter

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### A Message from Dr. Chernobilsky

Working on this issue of the Newsletter has been a trying and yet a rewarding experience. While it took us a long time to collect the information and then write and edit this issue, working on each piece underscored how rich and how strong each of the graduate programs at Caldwell really is. We are fortunate to have young and seasoned faculty and wonderful students. We are truly blessed to have members of the Board of Trustees who understand the issues we, as an institution grapple with and who can help us face these issues successfully.

I am looking ahead to a busy spring. This semester, the Office of Graduate Studies is launching its first annual 3M Thesis Competition. This launch is the result of a brainstorming session where a former student, Matt Block, offered to help the University launch the event. He worked with Dr. K. Reeve of the ABA Department and Dr. J. Jasmine from the School of Education to develop this initiative. We invite all doctorate students who defended their dissertations in 2017-2018 or are about to defend their work in the spring of 2018 to participate. The winner will be announced at the Honors Convocation and will advance to the regional competition ran by the North Eastern Association of Graduate Schools. The details can be found on the Graduate Studies page of the portal.

As the spring draws near I, as the Director of Graduate Studies, look forward to the Kappa Gamma Phi nomination process and to the Honors Convocation. As always, this is an exciting time to celebrate our students and their accomplishments.

Working on the Newsletter is always a time consuming process full of unexpected pitfalls. I want to thank Tiffany Polite-Hill, our Federal Work Study student who took a lead role working on this issue. Additional thank you goes to Julie Kajouras, our new office assistant, who took time to proofread and edit the issue. Without them the issue would still be in the planning stages, I am sure.

# The New Art Therapy Center!



In the new Art Therapy Classroom

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The new Art Therapy Center is open for business! This Center occupies more than 1,500 square feet of previously unused space in the Student Center. The center includes two new, bright classrooms, each with state-of-the-art technology, office space for art therapy faculty, and bathrooms. The expansion was made possible by grants from the New Jersey Department of Education, the George I. Alden Trust Fund, the Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey, an alumna match, and private donors.

Art Therapy is an innovative mental health profession that integrates visual art, human development, and psychological principles. It is based on the belief that the creative process involved in the making of art is healing and life-enhancing. Art therapy is not a technique, but a distinct profession that emerged in the 1940s. Today the field has national and state organizations, active research, peer-reviewed journals, and standards of accreditation and credentialing.

Caldwell offers two graduate-level programs. Our *M.A. in Mental Health Counseling with Art Therapy Specialization* prepares students to function as mental health counselors and art therapists in a variety of human service settings. This program is the first program of this type in the

nation to become accredited by the prestigious Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) and the first and only graduate Art Therapy program in New Jersey. It fulfills coursework requirements for licensure as a professional counselor.

The *Post Graduate M.A. in Art Therapy Program* is designed for professionals who already have a degree in a related field such as counseling and want to become art therapists.

Both of these programs prepare graduates for registration as an art therapist with the American Art Therapy Association and the forthcoming Licensed Professional Art Therapist (LPAT) credential in New Jersey.

During the 800 hours of supervised internship experience, our students work in a variety of human service settings such as mental health clinics, substance abuse programs, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, hospice, community centers, and forensic sites. Graduates are well positioned to enter the professional work force owing to their unique training and eligibility for dual licensure as both art therapists and counselors. Many of our graduates are offered jobs at their internship sites or find work within six months of graduation.



Professor A. Vaccaro with her students

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## Faculty Highlight: Kenneth Reeve

**K**enneth F. Reeve, Ph.D., BCBAD is the Alvin R. Calman Professor of Applied Behavior Analysis at Caldwell University. Ken is a doctoral level Board Certified Behavior Analyst who received his Ph.D. in Behavior Analysis with a specialization in developmental disabilities from the City University of New York.

He has conducted research in the areas of concept formation, infant behavior, staff training, and teaching applications for children with autism and other developmental disabilities. Dr. Reeve is a co-author on over 40 published studies in these

areas. Dr. Reeve also serves on the editorial boards of The Psychological Record and Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis.



### **CALDWELL RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ARTS DAY**

**APRIL 25, 2018**

**Come out and see the research conducted by your fellow peers! Or why not participate yourself?**

This research day will feature a variety of disciplines including Business, Education, Music, Nursing, Science, and others! Graduate students will present their work from 4:30 to 6:30PM. The event will be followed by the Honors Convocation, where the best presentations will be recognized and awarded.

# Linda Luciano, Board of Trustees

## Vice Chair & Caldwell Alumna

Linda Luciano is the Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees and a proud Caldwell Alumna. Linda was drawn back to Caldwell University in March 2004, when she was selected to receive the Veritas Award for Excellence in Health Administration. A couple of months after the award ceremony, then President of Caldwell College, Sister Patrice Werner asked Linda to serve on the Board of Trustees.



One portion of Caldwell University's mission statement is particularly important to Linda:

"We transform student's lives by preparing them through the liberal arts and professional studies to think critically, pursue truth, and contribute to a just society."

As a student at Caldwell College for Women, Linda had a wonderful education. Her positions in student government prepared her for multiple roles. These roles helped her achieve her many career goals. The mission statement for Caldwell resonates with Linda because it reminds her that each of us who serve the institution does so to help a new generation of students pursue their own goals.

Throughout her career, Linda has mentored, sponsored, and coached young people to realize their career potential. In February 2017, Linda launched a career coaching practice that focuses on two types of clients: students and women in higher education. Through coaching, she has seen dramatic changes

in students who came to her unsure but who gain the confidence needed to reach their career goals.

The women she has coached have learned to identify their core strengths and talents, which helps them to leverage those strengths and talents to advance their careers.

During her 40-year career, Linda served in various higher education roles including Vice President of Planning, Chief of Staff to the President, Vice President of Career Services, Associate Dean, Chief Operating Officer and an adjunct professor. Some other roles include: Vice President of Integrated Services and Business Administration and Project Coordinator for a Federal Grant. In 2013, she earned a doctorate in Higher Education Management from the University of Pennsylvania. Each of these experiences in higher education inform the decisions she makes with the Board at Caldwell.

# Call for Graduate Assistantships!

Students in Caldwell University graduate programs are invited to apply for a graduate assistantship position for the Academic year 2017-2018. Graduate Assistantships offer opportunities for graduate students to engage in research, teaching, or work in academic or administrative offices on the University campus as determined by the Office of Graduate Studies and the individual departments.

A limited number of assistantships is available for the 2017-2018 academic year. Graduate Assistants are expected to work up to fifteen(15) hours per week. Compensation for the work will be in the form of tuition remission for up to six (6) graduate credits in both the Fall and Spring semesters (i.e. 12 graduate credits per academic year). Fees that are specific to courses or to individual students (e.g., parking, health insurance, art studio supplies, etc.) are not included in the remission. Responsibilities will be determined by the Department and faculty to whom the assistant is assigned. Previous experience is preferred but not required. Graduate Assistantships are awarded annually. At the end of the academic year in which the assistantship is awarded, the assistant is expected to submit a final report detailing the learning experiences throughout the year.

## Eligibility:

Graduate Assistantships are open to all new or continuing graduate students (Master's and Doctorate level) who are fully admitted into a University program, are in good academic standing, and are enrolled as matriculated students in the semesters in which the Assistantship is awarded. In the event of multiple applicants, preference may be given to continuing students who have established a strong academic record.

## To apply:

To be considered for the Graduate Assistantship students must submit

- A completed application filed with the Office of Graduate Studies. The application is located on the left side of the Graduate Studies page of the Portal.
- Resume
- Two letters of reference, one of which could be from a Caldwell University faculty member familiar with the applicant's work on campus
- A personal statement of approximately 1000 words discussing the student's academic and professional goals and a brief explanation of how (s)he anticipates being an asset to a faculty, program, or Department

**Application Deadline: April 15, 2018.**

No email applications will be considered.

For questions about the program or the assistantships please contact the Office of Graduate Studies at [gradstudies@caldwell.edu](mailto:gradstudies@caldwell.edu).



**D**iane Quiroga, is an Adjunct Professor and alumna in the School of Psychology and Counseling at Caldwell University, instructing both undergraduate and graduate students in various Art Therapy courses. Diane earned a Master's Degree in Counseling with an Art Therapy Specialization in 2009 from Caldwell University, and loves remaining part of the Caldwell community in a different role, part of the very program that shaped her own professional career.

Diane is currently a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), a Board Certified and Registered Art Therapist (ATR-BC), as well as an Approved Clinical Supervisor (ACS) and an Art Therapy Credentialed Supervisor (ATCS), supervising professionals

working towards their credentials as well as Caldwell students. For the past 12 years, Diane has been working with children of all ages in varied therapeutic settings. She has developed and piloted various Counseling and Art Therapy pediatric therapeutic programs in the past, most recently launching the successful East Orange Head Start and Early Head Start Art Therapy and Social Skills program. While currently taking a hiatus from professional board involvement, Diane has also previously served as Secretary and Diversity Chair on the New Jersey Art Therapy Association Board, and is proud to have been apart of such a wonderful association and group of professionals dedicated to expanding the field in our state.

In addition, due to her work at her private practice, Art Talks LLC, Diane has received the honor of being included to New Jersey Family Magazine's 2014, 2015, and she is listed in 2016 Favorite Kids' Docs list by the Psychotherapy category for providing beneficial counseling and art therapy services to children and teens. She hopes to continue to be able to offer her guidance and knowledge to the future generations of Caldwell students, as her previous Caldwell professors have done for her, for which she is eternally grateful!

## Faculty Highlight: Helen McGowan

**H**elen Antoniou McGowan, Esq. is an Assistant Professor in Caldwell University's School of Business. She graduated from the University of Maryland, College Park with a Bachelor of Science in International Business and a Bachelor of Arts in Government and Politics. Professor McGowan earned her Juris Doctor from Seton Hall University, School of Law. Prior to becoming a full-time professor, she practiced commercial litigation and insurance defense at a large New Jersey law firm. As the daughter of a Caldwell alumna, Professor McGowan was thrilled to join the faculty at Caldwell University. Professor McGowan has experience teaching undergraduate and graduate business courses, both in the traditional and online formats. In the M.B.A program, she teaches BU 649 "Business Law, Ethical Behavior, and Social Responsibility" and BU 652 "Employment Law". She is an advisor to the Women's Leadership Initiative, a new campus organization, which will be focused on providing mentorship and networking opportunities to female students of all majors.



## Library Resources

The Library provides a wide range of databases for research. Student and faculty can use Interlibrary Loan (ILL) if the library does not own the book.

### Librarians trained in specific fields:

**Heather Cook, MLIS**  
973-618-3696; hcook@caldwell.edu  
Liaison for Communication Arts, Education, English, and Modern Languages

**Ellen Johnston, MLS**  
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Liaison for ABA, Art Therapy, Psychology, Counseling, Sociology, Public Health and Criminal Justice

**Linda Salvesen, MLIS**  
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Liaison for Business, Nursing, Math, and Science

**Kim Reamer, MLIS**  
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Liaison for Art, History & Political Science, Music, Theology and Philosophy

# Celebrating Current Students

## Daniel O'Connor



Daniel O'Connor is currently pursuing a Post-Master Principal Certification at Caldwell University. He aspires to be an elementary school principal, and eventually a superintendent. His hometown is Westwood, Massachusetts. He graduated from Yale University with a degree in political science. His thesis focused on transforming underperforming public schools in Philadelphia.

One of his main undergraduate extracurricular activities was a program called PALS Tutoring and Mentoring. It was a program that paired New Haven public school students in grades K to 5 with Yale undergraduate tutors. Being a tutor in this program motivated Daniel to pursue a career in teaching.

Shortly after college, Daniel joined Teach For America and moved to Philadelphia, PA. He taught first and second grade in Philadelphia, where he met his wife, Julie. They both taught at the Grover Cleveland School, a school in the Mastery Charter Schools charter network. During the two years in Philadelphia, he also completed a master's degree in Urban Education from the University of Pennsylvania, focusing his thesis on charter school authorizations.

In 2014, Daniel and his wife moved to Verona, New Jersey. "We originally moved to an apartment in Verona, right down the street from Caldwell on Bloomfield Avenue. That's when I first learned about Caldwell. We bought a house in

Wayne in 2015, and we are currently expecting our first child in January." Daniel's wife is a 6th grade English/Language Arts teacher at Link Community Charter School in Newark, which coincidentally, was founded by Caldwell's own Sisters of St. Dominic in 1969.

Daniel currently teaches kindergarten at Nishuane Elementary School in Montclair, NJ. It is a K – 2 school serving about 425 students. This is his fourth year teaching kindergarten at Nishuane. He is now the kindergarten grade team co-leader. In addition, he co-coordinates the school's Title I before-school program called Ready, Set, Grow. It is a program that gives extra support to students who read below grade level. In 2017, Daniel received the Governor's Educator of the Year/Program Teacher of the Year award for his program building for the 2016 – 2017 school year.

### Travel Grants

Deadline to apply:

**March 30th, 2018**

Travel Grants assist Master and Doctoral students with travel to conferences.

For more information and to apply, login to the Student Portal and then click on the Graduate Studies Page. There is a link that leads to the online application.

## Celebrating Our Alumni, Melanie Peters



Melanie Peters is a 2017 graduate of Caldwell University MA in Mental Health Counseling with a specialization in Art Therapy. When she was studying visual arts during her undergraduate years at Ramapo College of New Jersey, she took a course which led her to volunteer at Rockland Psychiatric Center providing group art activities to patients with various psychiatric diagnoses. Through this work Melanie saw firsthand the therapeutic benefit of creating artwork and the impact it had on the patients' lives thus cementing her decision to pursue a career in Art Therapy. Choosing Caldwell University to pursue her master's degree was an easy one: not only was Caldwell University the country's only CACREP-accredited graduate Art Therapy program but it also came with amazing testimonies as to the level of training and education achieved upon graduation.

During her time at Caldwell University, Melanie was awarded a graduate assistantship in Art Therapy, volunteered with Caring Contact and the campus hotline, was a member of the Graduate Research Team,

and presented research at the annual American Art Therapy Association and American Psychological Association conferences. In addition, she interned with the Atlantic Health system where she provided art therapy and counseling services to pediatric inpatient, pediatric intensive care, and adult palliative care patients and their families. Through her internship experiences, Melanie was exposed to a variety of settings and mental health/medical concerns which have taught her to be creative in responding to the complex and wide ranging needs of clients. Melanie attributes her success in these different patient care areas to her well-rounded and comprehensive education and to the peer and professional support systems in place at Caldwell University.

Now having graduated, she looks forward to entering the workforce where she can continue to contribute and serve others utilizing all of the skills she has learned while at Caldwell University. Melanie currently facilitates Art Therapy groups for adult inmates at her county correctional center where she pioneered and implemented the center's first Art Therapy program. Providing an outlet for individuals unable to verbally express themselves while aiding them in discovering new personal insights through self-reflection has been a powerful and rewarding experience. As for the future, Melanie has recently accepted a job with Hunterdon Healthcare in the Family Crisis Intervention Unit where she will be providing community services to teens and families in crisis.

## Art Therapy Student Gallery



Left: Samantha Castellano  
*The Comedian*

Center: Chelsea Darling

*Ram*



Right: Jen Albright

*Disembodied*

The Art Therapy Programs Student Gallery is pleased to present its Spring 2018 Art Therapy Student Exhibition. This exhibition showcases the work of three Caldwell University graduate students from the Mental Health Counseling with Art Therapy Specialization program. When traversing this exhibition, the viewer will find an array of styles, techniques, and mediums displayed. Each artist represents her own individuality and unique artistic identity with the subject matter portrayed, themes explored, and materials used.

Showcased are the works of Chelsea Darling, Jen Albright, and Samantha Castellano. Each student possesses her own unique artistic approach, style, and thought process. The Spring 2018 Caldwell University Art Therapy Student Exhibition highlights the artists' creativity and distinctiveness while bringing attention to the collective talent and diversity of the students in the Mental Health Counseling with Art Therapy Specialization program.

## Spring Calendar 2018

### March

March 29th—April 1st: Easter Break, No Classes

### April

April 4th: Last Day to Withdraw

April 9th: Fall/Winter Registration Week Begins

April 11th: Career Fair

April 20th: 43rd Presidential Scholarship Gala

April 25th: Caldwell Research Day  
Honors Convocation

### May

May 5th: Last Day of PB Saturday Classes

May 20th: Graduate & Undergraduate Commencement

# Get connected with Professional Organizations!

## For Counseling/ABA

**ACA:** American Counseling Association

[www.counseling.org](http://www.counseling.org)

**ASCA:** American School Counselor Association

[www.schoolcounselor.org](http://www.schoolcounselor.org)

**AATA:** American Art Therapy Association

[www.arttherapy.org](http://www.arttherapy.org)

**APA:** American Psychological Association

[www.apa.org](http://www.apa.org)

**ABAI:** Association for Behavior Analysis International

[www.abainternational.org](http://www.abainternational.org)

## For Education

**NJEA:** New Jersey Education Association

[www.njea.org](http://www.njea.org)

**AASA:** American Association of School Administrators

[www.aasa.org](http://www.aasa.org)

**NJAHPERD:** NJ Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance

[www.njahperd.org](http://www.njahperd.org)

**NJASCD:** NJ Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development

[www.njascd.org](http://www.njascd.org)

**NERA:** Northeastern Educational Research Association

[www.nera-education.org](http://www.nera-education.org)

## For Business

**ABWA:** American Business Women's Association

[www.abwa.org](http://www.abwa.org)

**NSA:** National Society of Accountants

[www.nsacct.org](http://www.nsacct.org)

**AMA:** American Marketing Association

[www.ama.org](http://www.ama.org)

**EO:** Entrepreneurs' Organization

[www.eonetwork.org](http://www.eonetwork.org)

**BNI:** Business Network International

[www.bni.com](http://www.bni.com)