

SPALDING GRADUATE EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME

Welcome Paul Bolton and Jill Gaines to the Office of Graduate Education Admissions Team

SU graduate Paul Bolton, BS '01, MSM, is the new Direction of Graduate Admissions and SU graduate Jill Gaines, BSBA & BSAct '14, MSBC '17, is the new Graduate Admissions Counselor at Spalding. Both will work within the Office of Graduate Education to help recruit, track, coordinate, and grow graduate admissions for Spalding's 13 graduate programs. Please congratulate Paul and Jill if you see them around campus. Their offices are located on the

second floor of the ELC.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS UPDATE

MA in Writing is Spalding's 13th Graduate Program

The Graduate and Curriculum committees approved Spalding's newest graduate program, (pending approval by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges), the MA in Writing (MAW) in late 2018. The new program, part of the new School of Creative and Professional Writing under the leadership of Professor Kathleen Driskell, will provide a one-year professional writing graduate degree with two tracks: creative writing and professional writing. The degree is for those in the professions and non-profit and for-profit communication and administration. It is for those coming out of undergraduate education or others already in their careers who want to polish their writing, analysis, and professional skills. The MAW program is innovative and can also be taken as a bridge to the MFA in Writing as well. The program's first class will begin in fall 2019. Please contact the MFA program at 502-873-4400 or mfa@spalding.edu if you have any questions or want more information.

Congratulations to the School of Professional Psychology on its 10-year APA Accreditation and Dr. Katsikas named KPA's "Psychologist of the Year"

The office of Graduate Education is pleased to announce the 10-year American Psychological Association accreditation of the School of Professional Psychology's PsyD

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program, which has set a new standard with that particular (longer) accreditation threshold. Congratulations to Dr. Steve Katsikas, Professor and Chair of the SOPP, for being named “Psychologist of the Year” by the Kentucky Psychological Association (KPA) in December 2018. Dr. Katsikas also won the election as the new President (for 2020) of the KPA as well. We are proud of Dr. Katsikas (a 12-year member of the faculty at SU) and these important accomplishments.

Partnerships with Spalding Graduate Programs Growing

In late fall 2018 two new partnerships with Spalding graduate programs began to crystallize. First, the Humana RN to BSN and RN to MSN evolved with Spalding partnering with the local 55,000 Degrees organization. Spalding applied and was selected as one of four institutions nationally to assist with degree completion of up to 9000 RNs working in the Humana system. Other schools selected included Maryville University (St. Louis), and Arizona State University. Thanks to Jill Gaines, Provost Joanne Berryman, and Dr. Patty Spurr for taking the lead on this important initiative. In addition, the new post-professional Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) degree has created a partnership with Kindred Health Systems in order to deliver graduate professional education to occupational master’s degree-trained therapists wanting to earn their terminal degree in the OT field. Thanks to Dr. Quake-Rapp and Provost Berryman for their work on this.

GRADUATE PROGRAM DIRECTORS COUNCIL

Session Information

The Graduate Program Directors Council will hold a “Blue Ocean” session at the city’s new innovation space, LouieLab, 745 West Main Street on Friday, February 22, 2019 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Graduate Program Directors are welcome to come and go as they see fit, but the goal of the meeting is to have a broad discussion about the future of the Graduate Education area at Spalding and which priorities need to be addressed. This visioning process will be led by Dean Jefferson. He will provide an agenda prior to the meeting. Lunch will be served.



GRADUATE STUDENTS

Graduate Student Advisory Council

The Graduate Student Advisory Council (which began in spring 2018) met in December 2018 and will meet again on February 21, 2019 at 4:30-6:00 PM in the ELC Welcome Center. A light dinner will be served. The GSAC has grown to 16 members and is tackling many topics such as enhancing the graduate student experience, promoting graduate programs via social media, broadening academic support services for graduate students, and the creation of a more graduate student-centered campus. Please see Dean Jefferson (office: ELC 301B, 502-873-4172, kjefferson@spalding.edu.)





Graduate Assistantships

Graduate Assistantships are offered in various offices across Spalding's campus. Graduate Assistantships are designed to be supportive of graduate students' intellectual and professional development. Graduate Assistants receive tuition remission based on their award amount. The application can be found at our website, posted below in the Contact information. The deadline for current GAs is March 1, 2019, and the deadline for new GAs is March 15, 2019. Decisions are made mid-May, and the GA year runs from July 1 - June 30.



DEAN'S CORNER

Welcome to the new "Graduate Education Newsletter." As an important communication tool for our campus community and friends of Spalding University, we hope the newsletter will provide a brief update of the information, events, and people (students, faculty, and staff) that are making graduate studies thrive at SU. After 13 months on the job as the founding Dean of Graduate Education, I see exciting times ahead. We have just added our thirteenth graduate program, the MAW (mentioned on page one) and we are developing others and enhancing and growing our existing programs. We are also making a commitment to enhancing a high-touch graduate admissions process led by Paul Bolton and assisted with leadership from Jill Gaines (see page one). With over 850 graduate students, about 45% of our student body, we believe that the quality programs and faculty here at SU are providing our students with a solid foundation for personal development and career advancement. It is my hope that this communication tool will allow you to learn more about our programs and the vision that is evolving. Please contact me and my team if you have any questions. Have a great spring!

Kurt Jefferson, Dean of Graduate Education & Professor in the Doctoral Program in Leadership



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Spalding University Graduate Programs

Masters Programs:

- MS in Athletic Training (Director: Dr. John Nyland)
- MS in Business Communication (Director: Dr. Robin Hinkle)
- MEd in Teacher Leadership (Director: Dr. Kristen Harris)
- Master of Fine Arts in Writing (Director: Professor Kathleen Driskell)
- MA in Writing (Creative Writing or Professional Writing) (Director: Professor Kathleen Driskell)
- MS in Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner) (Director: Dr. Pam King)
- MA in School Guidance Counseling (Director: Dr. Michael Roadhouse)
- Master of Social Work (Coordinator: Dr. Cindy Conley)
- MAT in Teaching (Director: Professor Pat Todd)

Doctoral Programs:

- EdD in Leadership (Director: Dr. Linda LaPinta)
- Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) (Director: Dr. Pam Elzy)
- Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) (Director: Dr. Cindee Quake-Rapp)
- Doctor of Psychology in Clinical Psychology (PsyD) (Director: Dr. Steve Katsikas)

