Briarcliffe College Expands Access to Much Needed Dental Care

Dental care is expensive and there is a great need for high quality preventive and dental hygiene services on Long Island. Reconciling this dynamic is what led Briarcliffe College to establish a new Dental Hygiene program and clinic. The clinic offers free dental hygiene services to Long Island residents while providing learning opportunities for Briarcliffe College students.

To date, the program has enrolled its fifth cohort of students, and offers dental hygiene services at no-cost in its community-based clinic. Services include provision of dental and medical histories; vital signs; radiographs; oral cancer screening; periodontal treatments; fluoride applications; dental sealants; coronal polishing and other preventative services. Dental hygiene students, under the supervision of licensed program faculty members, provide all services.

According to Dr. Benitez, the program’s flexible schedule accommodates adults and non-traditional students returning to college and students with full time jobs. It also bridges language barriers between patients and dental hygiene professionals.

Since opening to the public in the spring of 2013, the clinic has provided services to 2,123 patients. Of these patients, 507 had special needs; 280 were age 60 or older; and 376 were children under the age of 12.

“Briarcliffe students will not only utilize their classroom and clinical skills and knowledge, but will help build a new foundation for affordable and accessible dental hygiene care,” said Dr. George Santiago, president of Briarcliffe College. “Students will meet this critical health need with the highest level of dedication and care in order to make a difference in the Long Island community.”

The program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association.

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The College of Westchester’s Director of Library Learning Services to Serve on Fulbright Scholar Peer Review Committee

The College of Westchester’s Director of Library Learning Services, Monecia Samuel, has been selected to serve on the Fulbright Scholar Peer Review Committee. For the 2015-2016 cycle, Samuel will review up to 30 Fulbright Scholar applications as one of three members of a Discipline Peer Review Committee for Library Science applications.

Discipline Reviewers work independently through an online review platform, where they read each application and provide comments based on established criteria. “I am frozen with excitement,” said Samuel. “Keeping current with advancements made in my area of expertise has always been important to me. Working with other academics and professionals in the field will afford a greater level of understanding.”

The Fulbright Scholar Program attracts some 800 U.S. faculty and professionals each year to 140 countries to lecture, teach and conduct research. An equal number of academics and professionals from overseas visit the United States to universities and research institutes abroad. The scholars offer expertise on issues of global interest, from cutting-edge research to policy, to technical expertise in curriculum development, institutional planning, program assessment, and institutional capacity building.

Fulbright awardees have included students, scholars, teachers and other professionals from various disciplines. The Fulbright Program is one of the most prestigious awards programs worldwide, operating in more than 155 countries. Fifty-three Fulbright alumni have won Nobel Prizes and 78 have won Pulitzer Prizes.

Located in White Plains, The College of Westchester is a bachelor-degree-granting private college. For more information, call 914-831-0200 or visit www.cw.edu.

Happy 75th Birthday LIM College!

If you haven’t taken a look at LIM College’s website lately, you should. LIM College is celebrating its 75-year anniversary in style with a special section of the site devoted to the history of fashion. As it takes you throughout the past 75 years of styles and trends in the dynamic business of fashion, you learn how LIM College morphed into the distinguished institution it is today.

LIM College offers a renowned undergraduate program, as well as master’s degrees, and is focused exclusively on the study of business and fashion. This fall, look for LIM College to launch...
two new degree programs: a Bachelor of Science degree in International Business and its third Master of Professional Studies degree, Visual Merchandising.

In addition, while combining classroom instruction with required internships in the fashion industry is a hallmark of the college, LIM is sending more of its students to study and complete internships abroad. To date, countries include England, France, China, Australia, Ireland, Spain and Italy.

LIM College has been recently featured in Women's Wear Daily, (website subscription required), and LIM College President Elizabeth S. Marcuse was profiled on GradSchools.com.

New Gainful Employment Information - The Microsite Expands!

APC's microsite dedicated to news and information regarding the Department of Education's proposed Gainful Employment Rule (GE) continues to expand. To start, a separate GE blog page has been created, enabling us to post frequent updates that are easy to locate. To date, there are 12 blog posts detailing timely and relevant information regarding GE. The latest highlights LIM College and its exceptional outcomes.

In addition, APC released a whiteboard animation video, titled “Gainful Employment’s Failing Grade” to illustrate the shortcomings GE and the metrics supporting it. More than 1,600 people have watched the video, which can be found here.

The issue continues to make news; a Washington Post editorial published on Aug. 23 concluded “Government should not hold for-profit colleges to a higher standard.”

How Do I Access the Gainful Employment Microsite?

To access the GE section of the website, including the GE blog, go to the APC website home page, http://www.apc-colleges.org. Scan downward along the right hand side of the page and you will find “New Gainful Employment Information.”

Below this heading, you will find two links: Visit our Gainful Employment Perspective Page and our Gainful Employment Blog. You can also get to the GE blog from the top navigation bar that runs horizontal across the screen. It is the sixth tab from the left.

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