

What's Up, Wildcat?

Bay Path University Psychology Department
Student Newsletter
Winter 2018-2019

CHD Through Her Eyes Conference



Students had the opportunity to attend the CHD Through Her Eyes Conference in October, along with Dr. Sheila Foley and Dr. Diane Hall.

Through Her Eyes, presented by the Center for Human Development “is a professional conference packed with best practices, practical workshops, inspirational keynotes, and high-quality networking for anyone working in social work, direct care, education, or other helping professions. With a focus on at-risk girls and young women, this conference provides the tools to better serve vulnerable populations.”



BP alum Amanda Dunlap '15 visits the Research Methods class to discuss her work as a Research Assistant with the Institute of Living in Hartford, Conn.

Amanda earned a Bachelor's degree in General Psychology from Bay Path University in 2015. She **minored in Neuroscience** and completed an Independent Research Project and Thesis. She earned her Master's degree in Neuroscience at the University of Hartford.



Student Spotlight



Haleigh Bassett

Haleigh is a senior here at Bay Path University. She completed her Bachelor's degree in Psychology this December. **She will be the first of her immediate family to attend and graduate from college.**

Here at Bay Path, Haleigh has been involved in a variety of activities and has had many opportunities. During her freshman year, she attended the First-Year Leadership Institute. There she learned a variety of leadership skills, which have helped her throughout the rest of her college career. In her sophomore year, she was accepted into the Psychology Co-Op Program, inducted in Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology, and won the Campus Theme Essay Contest at Bay Path. In her junior year she had the opportunity to work as a Research Assistant for a project through UMass Amherst. Haleigh also traveled to Rome on the Capitals of the World trip. This past summer, she completed her internship at the Hampden County Sheriff's Department, where she made many great connections. **She would not have had these opportunities if it were not for Bay Path.**

Throughout all four years here Haleigh has been a work study student in the Registrar's Office. Additionally, she has been a Student Learning Assistant and is currently a Writing Tutor. Haleigh is also the captain of Bay Path's basketball team.

As a senior in the Honors Program, Haleigh is currently conducting her own research study, examining the impact of nutrition on cognitive functioning. She will present her findings at Academic Achievement Day in 2019.

After graduation, Haleigh hopes to get into a Clinical Ph.D. Program in Psychology. Until she is accepted, she plans to use her connections at the Sheriff's Department to seek employment. Haleigh's ultimate goal, many years from now, is to teach at a collegiate level.

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NEPA Conference



The Annual Conference of the **New England Psychological Association** was held in November at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Students were accompanied by Dr. Vernon Percy and Dr. Princy Quadros-Mennella.

Career and Networking Event



Alum Speakers from left to right:

Chris Moya;
Dajara Wright;
Mary
Fitzpatrick;
Kaley Camilleri

On Wednesday, November 7, students had the opportunity to attend a Psychology Career and Networking Event. They listened to the panelists share their career stories; learned about the ways you can create a career path; practiced introducing themselves and sharing their career aspirations; expanded their professional network; and explored Psychology career options. The panelists included:

Chris Moya, B.A. '14
Correctional Officer, Hampden County Sheriff's Dept.

Dajara Wright, B.A. '12
Education Coordinator, Key Program, Inc.

Mary Fitzpatrick, M.S., LPC '14
Outpatient Therapist, Community Health Services

Kaley Camilleri, B.A. '16
Residential Supervisor, Community Health Services

Faculty Spotlight



Sandra Sherry-Pitzer, M.Ed., LSW, CHT

Professor Sherry-Pitzer teaches a variety of Psychology and Sociology courses, including Child Development, Childhood Psychopathology, and Marital and Family Systems. She earned her Bachelor's from the University of MA Amherst and her Master's in Counseling and Education from Cambridge. At Westfield State College, Sherry-Pitzer undertook numerous Special Education courses. In addition, she holds a license in Social Work and certifications in Corrections, School Counseling, and Hypnosis Therapy. Sherry-Pitzer is an Associate Member of the American Psychological Association.

In her teaching career, Sandra Sherry-Pitzer has had the opportunity to work with youngsters in preschool and kindergarten, high school students in special education, and with adults in the private sector. Building upon and enhancing her teaching experience, Sherry-Pitzer's career in counseling has afforded her the opportunity to work with at-risk/adjudicated youth, incarcerated adults, and students with behavioral and emotional disorders.

Sherry-Pitzer finds herself extremely fortunate to be employed by institutions that support the growth and healthy development of young people in our community, notably the Behavioral Health Network where she has worked for many years as a clinician. She greatly enjoys teaching part time at Bay Path and sees the exceptional opportunities offered to students.

Sherry-Pitzer is a teacher, a counselor, and an advocate. She is the mother of amazing and beautiful daughters. She is a doting grandmother. Sherry-Pitzer lives in Western MA with her husband and two delightful rescue dogs.