



Fall/Winter Grad News

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Beyond Desolate: An Update

BE ON THE LOOKOUT for *Beyond Desolate* penned by Tammy Schultz and Hannah Estabrook that will be released Spring 2011!!!

Beyond Desolate begins with the story of a princess who was raped and lived a desolate life. Her story sets the stage for

the book and begs a response to the questions— Does God see or care about what happens when people are ravaged? Is there life after abuse? Like an unannounced tornado that touches down before unsuspecting city-dwellers have a chance to take cover, sexual abuse blindsides victims in

its wake. Against the backdrop of torment, Jesus, a fellow-sufferer, speaks into our sorrow and paves the road towards a life beyond desolate. *Beyond Desolate* proclaims hope into a world not absent of ache, but a world where He bleeds with us and brings us a new song.



Oil painting by Aleksandra Nowak

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Scholarship and Loan Repayment Opportunity

The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) has increased its offer of \$50,000 to \$60,000 for Licensed Professional Counselors (also called Licensed Mental Health Counselors) to use toward school loan repayment in exchange for two years of service in an NHSC-approved site in a Health Professional Shortage Area. In exchange for five years of service, NHSC will pay \$170,000 toward loan repay-

ment, and they will pay more than that in exchange for six years of work.

According to the website, "About half of Corps members serve in federally-supported health centers. Other approved sites are rural and Indian Health Service clinics, public health department clinics, hospital-affiliated primary care practices, managed care networks, prisons, and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

sites."

An alumna of the Grace College M.A. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling program recently took advantage of this offer and received \$50,000 to pay off her school debt!!! For more information about this offer, visit <http://www.nhsc.hrsa.gov/loanrepayment/>. Applications for the 2011 fiscal year are currently being accepted.



Hope and a Marathon: Jennifer Cullins' Story

Jennifer Cullins completed the Chicago Marathon this past October. Here are a few words she penned about the experience:

The entire marathon experience--training and execution--has expanded my vision of what is possible. Admittedly, training became wearisome toward the end, as I ran along a country road called Pierceton without any company. Plus, I lost two big toenails in the process. Amusingly, however, I developed a bit of a reputation in this small, sweet Norman Rockwell-like town. One morning one woman pulled alongside me and said, "You are my hero. You've been out here since 6:30am and still at it." Another woman in the post office said, "Are you the woman who runs along Pierceton? You are dedicated. You betcha!" Along that country road, I received honks, waves, thumbs up and shout outs. "You are lookin' good!" "You are doin' great!" Those words buoyed me so!

Yet nothing compared to the motivation of the crowd on marathon day. The atmosphere was exceedingly positive; the camaraderie truly excellent as we were all about to embark on an excellent adventure. 10/10/10 was unforgettable. The weather was beautiful but

most poignantly, over 45,000 people converged on Chicago to bring on their A-game. It was on! Seeing all different shapes, sizes, speeds and stories stretching themselves was truly inspirational. One lady's T-shirt said, "I had brain surgery, what's your excuse?" Another lady's T-shirt said, "I turned 60 and this is my first marathon." My favorite T-shirt was "Toughen up buttercup!" The music DJs played carried me tremendously. Old school hip-hop, of course, like "Jump around! Jump around! Jump up, up, get down!" I did get my groove on. I always thought the marathon was a serious event yet it resulted in a joyous carnival. One man was juggling balls and running at the same time.

Then something amazing in its providence happened. I had been running the course, bemoaning that I did not have a running partner. Up ahead was a gentleman wearing a sky blue T-shirt reading "Jesus is my Savior." I decided to follow him because, as I related previously, running was an answer to prayer. Somehow we connected. Jeff and I ran the majority of the race together, strengthening one another. What was providential was that Jeff is a Christian counselor, the exact field I wish to pur-

sue upon graduation. What are the odds of that? God was winking at me! So now I have a friend to run the race with physically, spiritually and professionally. A blessing from on high indeed!

I crossed the finish line strong, with the widest smile, already planning to return to do my second marathon in 2011. The Chicago Marathon is one of the most outstanding things I have ever done. The marathon is a metaphor of life and my experience with Jeff animated my hope for my professional life, to walk alongside a person and call them to wholeness. God in His infinite wisdom and good humor saw fit for me to get a foretaste of my future work. How can I call another person to run the race of life if I'm not a marathon runner myself? As Jeff and I were running along, we said to each other, "I got your back!" But as Jeff was brought into my life serendipitously, as many of you have been, I know that "God has got my back!"

~Jennifer L. Cullins



Indiana Addictions Grandfather Licensing Still Available

Licensed Mental Health Counselors (LMHCs) still have the opportunity to take advantage of being grandfathered to become a licensed addiction counselor.

Those wishing to benefit from this offer need to turn in an application and \$50 application fee to the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency (PLA) and meet the following requirements:

Option 1

- Level II or higher Certification; or

- Certification as an addiction counselor or therapist approved by the Board.

- 10 Years of addiction counseling experience.
- Submit an application prior to July 1, 2011.

Option 2

- 3 years of addiction counseling experience
- Hold a valid license as a LSW, LCSW, LMFT, LMHC or psychologist
- Submit an app. prior to July 1, 2011

***Cannot have a conviction of violence or be convicted of anything that has a direct

bearing on your ability to practice competently in the previous 2 years.

No licenses will be issued until the Fee Rule has been published in the Indiana Register. Once that happens, the Indiana PLA will issue licenses to approved applicants who have had their completed the process. For more information, visit <http://www.in.gov/pla/3050.htm>

Addictions Counseling



Student Snapshots: Jennifer Lewellyn



Q: Where are you from?

A: I am originally a "Connecticut Yankee," but have been feeling at home in Ohio for several years now.

Q: How did you hear about the Grace Graduate Counseling and Interpersonal Relations program?

A: My mother was an alum of Grace Theological Seminary's Biblical Certificate program, so I grew up hearing about Grace as a school. Specific to

the Counseling program, though, I'm thankful for a good friend at church who had several acquaintances going through Grace's program, and she passed their recommendations on to me.

Q: Where did you do your undergrad?

A: I studied Multi-age Special Education and Early Childhood Education at Cedarville University in Ohio.

Q: What is a passion of yours when not studying?

A: I love music! I am a flutist and piccolo player and enjoy playing periodically in church with special music, as well as in the summers with a local community concert band.

Q: What do you sense your calling is/hope to do when you have graduated?

A: A calling that I feel has been placed in my heart is to return to the mission field, somewhere where the Gospel is

little known, and use both special education and counseling skills jointly to demonstrate God's love incarnationally. Most places in the world have little awareness of or value for people with special needs, and often there is a host of emotions associated with having special needs or having a relative with special needs, especially in areas where the religion places shame upon them.

I really sense that counseling and special education would work powerfully hand in hand (both with natives, missionaries, and other expats), with the special education as a practical way to serve while aided in discipleship interactions by counseling skills. There is so much pain in our world, but there is so much Hope we can extend to them, as well.



Student Snapshots: Lisa Harris

Q: Where are you from?

A: I was born and raised in Akron, IN, about 30 miles southwest of Warsaw.

Q: How did you hear about the Grace Graduate Counseling and Interpersonal Relations program?

I researched CMHC programs, found that Grace had just the program I wanted. The location was perfect, it allows me to commute and be near Lakeland Christian Academy where my son is a junior, we will both graduate in the spring of 2012!

Q: Where did you do your undergrad?

A: I received my undergraduate degree in Psychology from Purdue University on the IPFW campus in 2008. It took me 10 years to complete my degree, but the slow pace allowed me to stay involved with my kids and to take 2 years off to care for my ailing mother-in-law. It was well worth the struggles of juggling a family and

school.

Q: Are you married/ have kids?

A: My husband Mark and I will celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary on December 28th of this year!

We have two children, Katharine, 21, lives in Pittsburgh, PA. She is seeking her PhD. in Bio-Medical Science, we both started grad school together this fall. Samuel, 17, loves basketball. He is an awesome young man, fortunately we don't have a sarcastic, sullen teen living at our place.

Q: What is a passion of yours when not studying?

A: I spend most of my free time with my family and friends. When I get a chance, I am crazy about playing scrabble. I also enjoy crossword puzzles and jigsaw puzzles. Typically in

the winter months there's a puzzle on my kitchen table, we even eat our meals on it! Not sure how that is going to work out as a graduate student—it may be too much temptation.

Q: What do you sense your calling is/hope to do when you have graduated?

A: I am very open to the Lord's leading. I have a heart for people that are marginalized and get overlooked and lost through the cracks. I am interested in end of life

care and I have been thinking about family education programs that might serve as a way to allow for families to remain intact through prevention education. Honestly, there are so many options, I guess I'm mainly excited to see what the Lord has in store.





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Graduate Department of Counseling and Interpersonal Relations Purpose Statement:

"The Graduate Department of Counseling and Interpersonal Relations is committed to equipping students to be scripturally grounded, professionally skilled, and interpersonally competent as they actively engage in ministry and clinical mental health settings."

College Mission Statement:

"Grace College is an evangelical Christian community of higher education which applies Biblical values in strengthening character, sharpening competence, and preparing for service."

Hope begins in the dark, the stubborn hope that if you just show up and try to do the right thing, the dawn will come. ~Anne Lamott

Alumni Updates:

✠ Mike Haarer, MA, LMHC, a 2008 graduate, passed his licensure exam in November. Congrats, Mike!

New Arrival!

✠ Freya Serena Wessels was born December 1, 2010 at 8:14 a.m. in Goshen General Hospital to student Nate Wessels and his wife, Susan. She was 8lbs., 2 oz. and 21.5 inches long. Freya joins her 2-year-old sister Mazie. Congratulations, Nate and Susan!



Do Good Using GoodSearch Engine

By Ashlea Reinsch

GoodSearch, a search engine powered by Yahoo!, donates money to 95,506 charities. Users can select a charity to receive a penny almost every time they enter a word into the search box. Money is not donated for the following scenarios: 1) image searches; 2) video searches; 3) "search this site" searches; 4) searches for URL's (i.e., search terms ending in .com, .org, .net, .edu); 5) searches to sites for which the URL is well known such as HotMail, ESPN, MySpace, Facebook, GMail, AOL, etc.; 6) searches for stock quotes; 7) searches for word definitions; 8) Yellow Pages searches; 9) any searches generated from fraudulent use of the site.

The money for the donations comes from the advertising on the site, which is www.goodsearch.com. Another way money is given to charities is through partnerships with companies in the GoodShop mall. Up to 20% of a purchase will go to the user's designated charity. The aver-

age amount donated is 3%. Stores in the GoodShop mall include Amazon, Khol's, Target, and Old Navy. Thousands of stores have their online shopping in the GoodShop mall. For more information about GoodSearch and GoodShop, visit the website. This free search engine provides legitimate results and money to nonprofit organizations.

Department Updates

✠ We are hard at work on our CACREP self-study to finish it by Fall 2011 and expect a site visit in Spring 2012.

✠ The first Hybrid cohort has begun with a great group from Indiana, Ohio, and Colorado.

✠ Addictions grandfathering licensing is still available!

✠ Melissa Duttweiler completed her MA in CMHC and Peter Carpenter finished his MA in IR. Congratulations Pete and Melissa!