

## From the Director

Dear Colleagues:

We are pleased to be welcoming in a new academic year. The aim of the Grants Office is to continue increasing the number of faculty we serve, and to increase the success rate of funded proposals. We look with pride upon last year's large group of awardees. Ninety proposals were submitted last year, and over \$1.5 million in funding was received. If you have an idea for a project that we could help you seek funding for, please contact us so we can begin looking.

If you're already pursuing grant possibilities, we can provide you with tools and assistance to strengthen your proposal. No matter what stage of the process you find yourself at, please let us know how we can help you to reach your goals!

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**Suggested Web Site:** [www.grantsalert.com](http://www.grantsalert.com) offers email updates, and allows you to search for grants by interest area, sponsor type, or both. It has an abundance of well-categorized education grants, and much more.

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## Internal Grant Deadlines

Just a reminder...proposals for **Programs in Support of Equity & Diversity** must be submitted to the Office of Grants & Sponsored Research by 4 p.m. on October 10th.

**Faculty/Student Research Grant** materials must be submitted by 4 p.m. on October 31st.

**Teaching, Learning, and Technology Roundtable (TLTR)** proposals must be submitted by 4 p.m. on November 7th.

You can access the full RFPs on the Grants Office webpage at <http://www.sru.edu/pages/4958.asp>. If you have any questions about these programs, please contact the Grants Office.

## Professional Development Day

Professional Development Day will be held in the MPR on October 11th. It will begin with poster presentations from 8-10 a.m. (If you'd like to present a poster on your department's use of assessment to improve learning, please send a 100-word abstract to [thomas.flynn@sru.edu](mailto:thomas.flynn@sru.edu) by September 30th.)

At 10 a.m., Dr. David Shupe (eLumen Collaborative) will give the morning keynote address, entitled "Accountabilities: An Academic Response to Outcomes Assessment That Resores Balance Among Expectations." At 1:30 p.m., Dr. Dan Weinstein (Millersville University) will give the afternoon keynote address, "A Middle States Perspective on Assessment at SRU." From 3-4:30 p.m., Dr. Shupe will hold a workshop on evaluation, and Dr. Weinstein will hold a workshop on his degree specification model. To register, please RSVP to the Grants Office by October 6th!

## New Grad Assistant

The Office of Grants and Sponsored Research asks you to welcome Melanie J. Martin, who assumes the position of graduate assistant. Ms. Martin earned a B.S. in English from Slippery Rock and is working toward her M.A. in English. Her principle duties will include assisting faculty and staff members by researching potential funding opportunities, maintaining the grantseeker keyword database, dispersing information regarding deadline announcements and requests for proposals, and preparing the yearbook and newsletters. If you would like to have an idea for a potential grant researched, contact Melanie at extension 2045 and she will be happy to assist you.



## Awards Received January 2005 - June 2005

**Dr. Robertha Abney**, sport management, was awarded \$500 from the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) for a drug and alcohol education program. The program invites NCAA-approved speakers to talk to SRU students about substance abuse.

**Pamela Arnhold and Dr. David Valentine**, exercise & rehabilitative sciences and computer science, were awarded \$5,054 by the PA State System of Higher Education for their project "Pedagogical Expert System to Design Exercise Programs for People with Disabilities." Their cross-disciplinary program uses technology to create more options for disabled individuals, and to design a personalized exercise program. They will pilot the program in the Fall 2005 adapted therapeutic exercise course.

**Dr. Robert Arnhold**, exercise and rehabilitative sciences, received an award of \$15,000 from the Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation to sponsor a project entitled "Physical Activity, Wellness and Sport Mentorship for Young Women with Spinal Cord Injury by Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation Scholars." This four-year project began in 2003, and has been funded by the CRPF for three years. It works to create a mentoring system for young women with disabilities, to support their physical and professional success.

**Dr. Robert Arnhold and Jennifer Kaminski (U)**, exercise & rehabilitative sciences, received an award of \$3,128 from the Grable Foundation for a project entitled "Kids in Action," an after-school program for autistic children. Students in the adapted physical activity minor at SRU work with autistic children in this program. This grant will enable them to integrate sensory/perceptual motor equipment into their program. The equipment stimulates autistic children's senses in order to gain their attention, a strategy the Autism Society of America highly advocates.

**Fran Bires**, McKeever Environmental Learning Center, received an award of \$34,154 from the PA Department of Environmental Protection for the McKeever Center's New Wind Energy project. The Center will install a wind turbine to demonstrate how wind energy works. It will reduce other forms of energy use, aide in studying the reduction of pollution after other forms of energy are diminished, and help to educate visitors about environmentally-friendly energy.

**Dr. John Bonando**, Student Services, was awarded \$10,000 by the PA Department of Community and Economic Development for the Man 2 Man program. This program began at SRU in Fall 2004, and promotes a positive idea of masculinity for young men. It educates young men about violence toward women, emphasizing that this kind of violence negatively affects both women and men.

**Pamela Frigot**, International Services, received approval from the Open Society Institute to sponsor four students for the 2005-2006 undergraduate exchange program. OSI will provide \$55,612 for the student's tuition and fees.

**Pamela Frigot**, International Services, also received approval from the International Research and Exchange Board to sponsor one international student in her 2005-2006 Eurasian Exchange program. IREX will provide \$13,773 for tuition and fees.

**Dr. Athula Herat**, physics, received an award of \$3,850 from the PA State System of Higher Education for a project entitled "Applying Physical Diffusion Models to Animal Dispersal and Population Dynamics." The purpose of the project is to present the dispersal of animals from protected environments to non-protected environments, particularly in marine areas, and to examine the cost:benefit ratio of protected areas.

*Total awards for FY05 equaled \$1,591,052. Congratulations to all involved!!! If you are interested in learning how to receive sponsored funding, contact the Grants Office at extension 2045 or email [grantsoffice@sru.edu](mailto:grantsoffice@sru.edu)*

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**Jennifer Keller**, dance, received an award of \$4,188 from the PA State System of Higher Education for a project entitled "Body Politic: An Evening of Dance at the Kelly-Strayhorn Theater." With guest artist Gwen Hunter Richie, Keller will perform on October 19th and 20th, 2005.

**Dr. Kathleen Kellinger**, nursing, received approval for a graduate student in nursing to receive a \$5,000 scholarship from the PA Higher Education Fund's G. Fred DiBona Scholarship program.

**Deborah Mariacher**, academic services, received an award of \$170,000 from the PA Department of Education through the Act 101 Program. This program sponsors equal opportunity by providing tutoring and counseling services, and funds an advisory board for equal opportunity in education.

**Susan Parsons and Dr. Armand Policicchio**, academic services, received a four-year award totaling \$947,864 from the US Department of Education for a student support services program that extends until September 2009. The award, given in yearly increments of \$236,966, funds counseling, tutoring, and academic skills instruction, assists students who have additional needs, and provides for personnel costs and technical costs of the program. The program works with approximately 165 students each year.

**Dr. Joyce Penrose**, nursing, received an award of \$24,322 from the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) for the Joint MSN Traineeship Program. The program, sponsored by Slippery Rock, Clarion, and Edinboro universities, supports medical training and outreach in rural areas.

**Lisa Ringer**, SGA Childcare Center, received the Keystone Stars Merit Award from the Child Care Resource Developers of Western Pennsylvania. This grant, totaling \$22,495, funds the ongoing development of childcare centers.

**Lisa Ringer**, SGA Childcare Center, also received the Keystone Stars Education and Retention Award of \$7,000. This award supports the quality of childcare by strengthening the education of early childhood professionals.

**Dr. Pamela Soeder**, elementary and early childhood education, was awarded \$83,636 by the PA State System of Higher Education. The award funded the Pittsburgh Partnership Program, a summer enrichment program for high school students from Pittsburgh. In the summer after their sophomore year of high school, students attend a five-week long college-simulation experience at Slippery Rock and Shippensburg Universities.

**Dr. Donald Zapien**, chemistry, received \$52,323 from the National Science Foundation (NSF) for his project entitled "Investigation of the Relationship of Ferritin's Structure to Its Electron Transfer Reactions," which aims to research the electrochemical properties of the protein ferritin in biological cells.

**Dr. Donald Zapien**, chemistry, also received an award of \$5,500 from the PA State System of Higher Education to support a student assistant's studies on electron transfer reactions. The award will also allow the student to present research findings at a national conference.

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