

From the Director

Dear Colleagues:

Welcome back! The start of a academic year is always exciting — everyone is ready to begin working on new projects and make thought provoking discoveries. The Grants Office is eager to work with faculty and staff members who are interested in seeking external funding for their research projects, programs or scholarly endeavors.

Last year, we assisted 86 faculty, staff and students in submitting 87 grant proposals. I am pleased to report that SRU received 38 award notifications totaling over \$2.9 million!

My goal is to increase both the number of proposals submitted and the number of successful proposals. You can help me meet this goal by contacting the Grants Office and letting us assist you in pursuing external funding.

Best wishes for a successful and rewarding semester. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Nancy L. Cruikshank, CRA
*Director, Office of Grants
and Sponsored Research*

We've Moved!!!

The Office of Grants and Sponsored Research has moved! Over the summer, we relocated to the first floor of Patterson Hall. Casey McCandless, Secretary, is located in room 140, Nancy Cruikshank, Director, is located in room 141 and the IRB Office is located in room 142. Feel free to stop by and visit us!

Awards for fiscal year 2008 totaled \$2,901,358. A complete listing of the awards is on the following pages of this newsletter. Congratulations to all awardees!

UPCOMING EVENTS

****HOLD THE DATE****

Professional Development Day

Tuesday, October 7, 2008 is Professional Development Day. A full day of interesting workshops and sessions is being planned. Watch your e-mail for the agenda and registration form that will be sent out soon.

New Face in the IRB Office

The Institutional Review Board (IRB) asks you to welcome Bridget Caci as the IRB Graduate Assistant. She assumed the position as a half-time GA in August and will be joining Jen Sanborn-Miller, who will continue as a half-time GA this semester. Bridget received her B.A. from the State University of New York at Binghamton in Medieval Studies. She is currently pursuing her M.A. in sustainable systems.

Bridget will provide assistance to the IRB committee members to ensure the protection of human participants in research conducted by SRU faculty, staff and students. If you are planning a research project involving human participants, please contact Bridget or Jen by phone at extension 4846 or by e-mail at irb@sru.edu and they will be happy to answer your questions.

External Awards Received July 1, 2007—June 30, 2008

Amissah-Arthur, Abigail – geography, geology and the environment, received an award from the National Science Foundation (NSF) in the amount of \$53,460 to sponsor travel to Nigeria for 20 scientists from universities throughout the United States to attend a week-long conference. The overall goal of the project is to draw on the complementary expertise of the US and Nigerian scientists in order to generate novel approaches to drought management that will lead to the development of integrated models of drought management.

Ambrosio, Nora – dance, received an award from the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education's Diversity and Equity Grant Program in the amount of \$8,384 for a program entitled "Diversity in the Curriculum: Afro-Caribbean Dance and Performance". This funding will bring Tania Isaac, an up-and-coming Afro-Caribbean dancer/choreographer, to SRU in April 2008 to conduct a two-week residency.

Ambrosio, Nora – dance, was awarded \$1,500 from the Venango Center for Creative Development for "Bringing the Arts to Underserved Regions: Kaleidoscope – The Slippery Rock University Regional Arts Festival 2008".

Arnhold, Robert – exercise and rehabilitative science, received funding in the amount of \$5,000 from the Pennsylvania Department of Health to evaluate the Building Inclusive Communities mini-grant program offered by the Bureau of Family Health and to determine best practices or models that may be applied to other mini-grant programs.

Arnhold, Robert – exercise and rehabilitative sciences, received \$50,000 from the DSF Charitable Foundation for Year 02 of a two-year grant to fund the Center on Disability and Health. The two-year grant totaled \$100,000.

Arnhold, Robert -- exercise and rehabilitative sciences, received a grant in the amount of \$24,923 from the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation to expand a student-led fitness program for local veterans with disabilities. The program will introduce wheelchair basketball and quad rugby to veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

Arnhold, Robert – exercise and rehabilitative sciences, received \$20,000 from Foundation for the National Institutes of Health for the I CAN DO IT, YOU CAN DO IT program. The program, part of SRU's adapted physical activity minor, places SRU students in leadership roles teaching exercise programs to youth and adults with intellectual disabilities.

Arnhold, Robert – exercise and rehabilitative sciences, received \$95,000 for Year 01 of a two year grant from the Edith L. Trees Charitable Trust to address the gaps in quality services of physical activity for persons with intellectual disabilities, to establish a research plan that will validate

effective programs addressing health promotion and reduction of secondary conditions, and to disseminate those findings at regional and national conferences. The grant will also assist in the development of the new Masters of Science Graduate Program within the Adapted Physical Activity Program.

Baker, Deb – public relations, was awarded \$4,500 from the Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation to support bringing the performance of Philadanco to SRU as part of the 2006-2007 Performing Arts Series.

Baker, Deb – public relations, received an award in the amount of \$500 from the Venango Center for Creative Development to support bringing the performance, "Five Guys Named Moe", to SRU as part of the 2006-2007 Performing Arts Series.

Bateman, Renee – health center, was awarded a grant from the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board in the amount of \$11,500 to prevent underage and high risk drinking at SRU by expanding faculty involvement in activities in alcohol prevention efforts.

Bateman, Renee – health center, was awarded \$11,500 from the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board to enhance alcohol education and prevention efforts on campus in order to prevent underage and high-risk drinking.

Cobb, Thom – dance, received a Faculty Professional Development Grant in the amount of \$4,725 from the PA State System of Higher Education for a project entitled "Dancing in our 50's: Integrating Personal Life Experiences into the Performance of Professional Choreography."

Condrary, Jace – English and Women's Studies, received an award from the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education's Diversity and Equity Grant Program in the amount of \$7,000 for a program entitled "Women in the Conflict Zone: A Western SSHE Universities Initiative". This project will bring two critically acclaimed women of the Middle East to speak at both SRU and Clarion University to address issues of oppression, prejudice and stereotyping of women of Middle Eastern cultures.

Cooke, Colleen – President's Commission on LGBT Issues, received an award from the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education's Diversity and Equity Grant Program in the amount of \$8,000 for a project entitled "Development of an LGBTQ Mentoring Program and Resource Center". The center will house educational resources and host events for student, faculty and staff on issues regarding diverse sexual orientations and gender identities.

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Cooper, Tamara – admissions, received an award from the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education's Diversity and Equity Grant Program in the amount of \$14,100 to host the "Joint Recruitment West". The goal of the Joint Recruitment West program is to showcase PASSHE universities to underrepresented high school students by hosting and funding a college fair in Pittsburgh.

Decker, Renee – Center for Government Contracting Assistance, received a grant in the amount of \$2,500 from the Dominion Foundation to conduct the Veteran-Owned Business Assistance Program.

DePalma, Judith – nursing, was awarded \$36,418 from the Pennsylvania Higher Education Foundation, Inc. for scholarships for graduate nursing students under the Graduate Nurse Education Grant Program.

Fleming, DaNine – intercultural programs, received an award from the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education's Diversity and Equity Grant Program in the amount of \$3,900 for the "Board of Governors' Jump Start Mentoring Program." This program is designed to assist with the recruitment and retention of a diverse student population with an emphasis on the Board of Governors' scholarship recipients' matriculation to graduation.

George, Cathy and Ringer, Lisa – SGA Child Care Center, received a grant in the amount of \$147,500 from the PA Department of Education through Lifesteps, Inc. for Year 01 of a three year Pre-K Counts Program Grant. This program is designed to enroll 3 and 4 year olds in high-quality, pre-kindergarten programs. The SGA Child Care Center will provide full-day preschool for up to 20 children at no cost to their families through this program.

George, Cathy – Student Government Association (SGA), received an award of \$5,000 from Pittsburgh 250 Community Connections to expand two greening programs on campus and in the Slippery Rock community. Students will plant 100 trees and obtain at least 10 new bicycles for a Green Bike Initiative that makes loaner bicycles available to anyone on campus

Hladio, Patricia – financial aid, received notification that SRU will receive \$74,646 from the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) under their Workforce Advancement Grant for Education (WAGE) program. This program benefits adult students who may face financial barriers in pursuing higher education opportunities.

Holland, Carol and Chiprean, Kristina – counseling center and health center, received \$1,000 from the Pennsylvania Faculty Health and Welfare Fund to provide SRU faculty and staff with the opportunity to study and practice yoga. The goal of the project is to decrease the effects of work

place stress, improve work productivity and health of the participants.

Ijose, Olumide – school of business, received an agreement with Tri-County Workforce Investment Board, Inc. in the amount of \$15,000 to conduct professional development workshops to area small business owners. **Christine Byrd, Renee Decker, Susan Lubinski, Larry McCarthy, and Bruce Orvis** will assist Dr. Ijose with this training program.

Isherwood, Robert – special education, received a grant in the amount of \$6,766 from the PA State System of Higher Education for the Principals Leadership Induction Network (PLI). This program involves having experienced administrators mentor newly-certified principals during their first year of service.

Johnson, Paulette and Livingston, Jack – environmental education and geology, geography and the environment, received an award in the amount of \$10,000 from the PA Game Commission for a research project entitled "Northern Goshawk: Survey, Status, Best Management Practices and GIS Habitat Classification Model".

Johnson, Paulette – parks and recreation/environmental education, was awarded \$10,000 from the US Department of Agriculture Forest Service, Allegheny National Forest, for a research project entitled "Northern Goshawk: Survey, Status, Best Management Practices and GIS Habitat Classification Model". **Jack Livingston**, geology, geography and the environment, will serve as an investigator on this project.

Jones, Diana – nursing, received a grant in the amount of \$10,310 from the Pennsylvania Higher Education Foundation, Inc. for scholarships for disadvantaged nursing students during the 2008-09 academic year. This award is under the Dr. Edna B. McKenzie Scholarship for Disadvantaged Students program of PHEF.

Kaiser-Drobney, Alice – Institute for Community, Service-Learning and Non-Profit Leadership, received a grant in the amount of \$439,179 from the Corporation for National and Community Service through PennSERVE for the first year of a three year grant. The total three year award is \$1,310,000. The goal of the CONNECTOR CORPS AmeriCorps program is to leverage social capital for an enhanced quality of life in the communities where members serve.

Lisco, John and Pitstick, Randall – parks and recreation/environmental education, were awarded \$46,136 from the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to develop, coordinate and facilitate a training program for state park law enforcement managers.

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Lisco, John and Pitstick, Randall – parks and recreation/environmental education, received a grant from the US Department of the Army Corps of Engineers in the amount of \$215,000 to manage the interpretive services for Bulltown Historic Area in Burnsville, West Virginia.

Mariacher, Deborah – academic services, was awarded \$175,000 from the PA Department of Education for the continuation of the Act 101 Program for this fiscal year. This program assists students in acquiring skills necessary for academic success, to connect them to essential university services, to advocate for them, and to partner with them during their academic journey.

Massey, Catherine – psychology, was awarded \$3,600 from Adagio Health, Inc. to coordinate the PA Students Working Against Tobacco (PA-SWAT) program. This program provides tobacco prevention and cessation services to the SRU community.

Meredith, Matthew – athletics, received a grant in the amount of \$5,223 from the United States Tennis Association to defray the cost of resurfacing the SRU tennis courts located on the SRU campus.

Misner, John and Mong, Donald – school of business, were awarded \$90,247 from the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education to plan and design a business incubator as the hub of Slippery Rock's budding entrepreneurship program. The business incubator will allow SRU to contribute to the economic re-development of the underserved areas of western Pennsylvania, focusing on the counties of Beaver, Butler, Lawrence and Mercer.

Nelson, Ramona, and Lewis, Deb – nursing, received an award of \$36,000 from the Pennsylvania Higher Education Foundation, Inc. to provide scholarships to nursing students enrolled in the RN to BSN program.

Nichols, Randall and Zillifro, Tracy – physical education, were awarded \$29,559 for Year 02 of a three-year grant from PE4LIFE. The total of the three-year grant is \$92,672. The primary goal of this project is to demonstrate that PE4LIFE programs are having a positive impact on the health of children by increasing the physical activity and diminishing childhood obesity. Drs. Nichols and Zillifro will work with the students and teachers in the Titusville, Pennsylvania schools.

Parsons, Susan – academic services, received funding in the amount of \$236,966 from the US Department of Education for the continuation of the Student Support Services Program. This program provides supportive services, such as orientation sessions, learning strategies and student mentoring, to low-income, first-generation and disabled students at SRU.

Penrose, Joyce – nursing, was granted \$137,059 from the Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA) for Year 03 of a three year grant for a project entitled "Preparing Family Nurse Practitioners for Rural and Underserved Pennsylvania" which will improve access to quality health care through appropriate preparation, composition and distribution of prepared nurses through the enhancement of advanced nursing education. The total three-year award was \$439,505.

Ringer, Lisa – SGA Preschool and Child Care Center, received a grant in the amount of \$12,590 from the PA Department of Education under the Keystone Stars Quality Improvement Grant Program. This funding will assist providers in improving the quality of service and rewarding early learning and school-age programs.

Rose, Suzanne – elementary education, was awarded \$495,457 from the US Department of Education for a Teacher Quality Enhancement grant entitled "Systemic Program Reform Supporting Minority Candidates at Slippery Rock University". This is for Year 03 of a three year grant totaling \$1,305,375.

Russell, Bruce – College of Business, Social and Information Science, received a grant in the amount of \$30,000 from the Pennsylvania State System of Education to develop a campus-wide internship coordinator office to assist all academic departments to enhance current internship sites and recruit and develop additional internship sites within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Slogar, Kelly – international services, received notification that the Open Society, Inc. (OSI) will place four international students at SRU for the 2007-08 academic year. OSI will provide funding for tuition, fees and room/board for the students totaling \$57,924.

Slogar, Kelly – international services, received notification that the International Research & Exchange Board (IREX) will place one international student at SRU for the 2007-08 academic year. IREX will provide funding for tuition, fees and room/board for the student totaling \$14,481.

Slogar, Kelly – international services, was notified that the Open Society, Inc. (OSI) will place four students at SRU under their 2008-2009 Undergraduate Exchange Program. OSI will fund the tuition, fees, and room/board for the international students totaling \$67,712.

Slogar, Kelly – international services, was notified that USAID/World Learning will place three students at SRU under their 2008-2009 Forecast Exchange Program. USAID will fund the tuition, fees, and room/board for the international students totaling \$50,094.

Smiley, Laura – theatre, received a Faculty Professional Development Grant in the amount of \$3,499 from the PA State System of Higher Education for a project entitled “Learning and Performing Stage Combat Techniques for the Society of American Fight Directors Proficiency Certification.”

Soeder, Pamela – elementary education, received a grant in the amount of \$80,000 from the PA State System of Higher Education to conduct the Pittsburgh Partnership Program at Slippery Rock University. This multi-year college preparatory program helps students from urban high schools in Erie, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Reading prepare for and attend college.

Walker, Christophas – academic services, received an award from the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education’s Diversity and Equity Grant Program in the amount of \$12,000 to fund the “Frederick Douglass Institute for Academic Achievement and Human Development.” The Frederick Douglass Institute has created a clearinghouse where outreach services and programs have focused on academic achievement, campus climate and community aid not only in the retention of African American and Latin American students, but also expands diversity programming throughout the university community.

Werner, Judy – elementary education/early childhood, was awarded \$5,000 from the PA State System of Higher Education for the Collaborative for Excellence in Teacher Preparation in Pennsylvania (CETP-PA) program.

White, Frederick – English, received an award from the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education’s Diversity and Equity Grant Program in the amount of \$3,000 to fund the “Native American Celebration Day” scheduled in November 2007. The goal of this program is to raise awareness of important Native American contributions to society and to inform the community about Native American identity.

White, Frederick – English, received a Faculty Professional Development Grant in the amount of \$6,500 from the PA State System of Higher Education for a project entitled “Haida Language and Culture Research.”

Zapien, Donald – chemistry, received a Faculty Professional Development Grant in the amount of \$6,000 from the PA State System of Higher Education for a project entitled “Probing the Conformational Change of Ferritin Covalently Immobilized on Gold Electrodes.”

If you are interested in learning how to receive sponsored funding, contact the Grants Office at extension 2045 or by e-mail at grantsoffice@sru.edu

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