

From the Director

Dear Colleagues:

Welcome back! I hope, by this time, you are settled into the routine of the fall semester. The Grants Office has been busy with a steady stream of requests from faculty and staff seeking external funding opportunities.

We have also been receiving award notifications from funding agencies for grant proposals that were submitted during the last fiscal year. On the following pages, you can read about these awards and the people who have been successful in their efforts to secure funding. Please congratulate these colleagues on their success.

Our goal for this upcoming year is to continue to increase the number of faculty and staff interested in seeking external funding and increasing the number of external applications submitted. Contact the Grants Office to see how you, too, can share in the success!

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Suggested Website: All Federal grant opportunities are listed on Grants.gov. This is a free database searchable by category, date and eligibility. Grants.gov also has an e-mail alert service to inform you of upcoming deadlines in your area of interest. Check it out at www.grants.gov

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Upcoming Internal Grant Deadlines

The Faculty/Student Research Grants RFP has been released. The purpose of this program is to provide support for research proposals that directly involved undergraduate or graduate students in scholarly research or creative activity directed toward a joint presentation, publication, demonstration, and/or performance. The deadline to submit proposals is **4:00 PM on Monday, October 30, 2006.**

The Teaching, Learning and Technology Roundtable (TLTR) Committee released their RFP for

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New Faces in the Grants Office

The Office of Grants & Sponsored Research asks you to welcome two newcomers: Tera Dent and Jesse Williams. Tera joins the staff part-time as the Grants Office Secretary. She also works as a secretary in the Department of Political Science. Tera received a B.A. from Calvin College in Michigan with a double major in Sociology and Spanish. She is a successful grant writer; Tera received an award of over \$5,000 from the Bill and Bea Idema Foundation for a proposal that she wrote for Camp Tall Turf's Youth Empowerment Program. Among other duties, Tera will be assisting those with active grants by keeping them informed of upcoming reporting deadlines. Feel free to stop by the Grants Office to welcome Tera to SRU.

Jesse assumed the Graduate Assistant position this semester. Jesse earned a B.A. in Education from SRU and is working towards an M.A. in Secondary Education/Social Studies. His principle duties are researching potential funding opportunities and dispersing information regarding upcoming grant deadlines to faculty and staff. Jesse will be happy to help anyone interested in having an idea researched for a possible funding source. He can be reached at extension 2045.

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grants to be awarded for the purpose of encouraging and supporting the integration of technology for teaching and learning. The deadline to submit proposals is **4:00 PM on Wednesday, November 8, 2006.**

PASSHE has released the RFP for the Faculty Professional Development Council Annual Grants Program. This grant program was established to encourage continuous attention to the professional growth and development of System faculty as teaching scholars. The deadline to submit proposals is **4:00 PM on Monday, January 22, 2007**

Additional information on these programs, including accessing the entire RFP for each program, can be obtained on the Grants Office website at <http://www.sru.edu/pages/4958.asp>

Awards Received

January 1, 2006 – June 30, 2006

Arnhold, Robert – exercise and rehabilitative sciences, was awarded \$4,230 from the PA State System of Higher Education for a Faculty Professional Development Council grant to assist the faculty in the development an application for a new academic program for a major in Adapted Physical Activity.

Arnhold, Robert – exercise and rehabilitative sciences, received a grant of \$58,151 from the FISA Foundation for the first year of a two year grant to support community service learning programs that provide physical activity to several hundred individuals with disabilities and to enhance the Adapted Physical Activity program.

Baker, Deb – Public Relations, received a grant in the amount of \$3,040 from the PA Performing Arts on Tour (PennPAT) to underwrite the cost of bringing the Duquense University Tamburitans to SRU as part of the 2006-2007 Performing Arts Series.

Balach, Claudia – elementary education/early childhood, and C. Jay Hertzog, College of Education, received \$5,000 from the University of

Pittsburgh under a federal grant from the US Department of Education for the Teacher Quality Enhancement (TQE) program.

Bonando, John – Student Life, will oversee funding from the US Department of Transportation through the PA Department of Transportation in the amount of \$610,995 to construct lighted pedestrian pathways to increase safety for students and visitors walking, jogging or biking on campus.

Brown, George – political science, received a grant from the US Department of Education in the amount of \$68,790 under the Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad program. The primary purpose of this project is to promote the expansion of curriculum of colleges and universities on Southeast Asia. During the summer of 2006, twenty professors from fourteen colleges and universities in the United States will travel to Malaysia and Singapore to learn first-hand about the political, social, economic and cultural dynamics of these countries through formal presentations and on-site visits.

Carlson, Herbert – facilities and planning, was granted \$27,500 from the PA Department of Environmental Protection to erect a solar and wind energy system to provide power to the Robert M. Macoskey Center for Sustainable Systems Education and Research.

DePalma, Judith – nursing, received funding in the amount of \$3,050 from the PA State System of Higher Education's Faculty Professional Development grant program to update the current distance education nursing curriculum in the RN to BSN program to increase the number of professional nurses prepared at the baccalaureate level.

Fagan, Wendy – exercise and rehabilitative science, received funding in the amount of \$3,000 from the Sarah Heinz House Association for the 2006 VIP Sports Camp, an overnight sports camp for children who are visually impaired or blind. The camp, the only one of its kind in Pennsylvania, teaches the children basic through advanced skills in a variety of sports adapted for the visually impaired or blind and promotes health and wellness through physical activity.

George, Cathy – Student Government Association, and **Ringer, Lisa** – SGA Child Care Center, received funding of \$38,657 for Year 04 of a four-year grant from the US Department of Education to encourage non-traditional students to attend college and obtain a degree by providing affordable child care on campus.

Ijose, Olumide – School of Business, along with **Christine Bryd, Renne Decker, Susan Lubinski, John Misner, Joseph Lisciandro, and Bruce Orvis**, received an agreement in the amount of \$8,329 under the Self Employment Assistance program of the Tri-County Workforce Investment Board, Inc. This project will deliver training to unemployed individuals living in Butler County who are interested in developing business plans, and to provide assistance in implementing such plans.

Johnson, Paulette – environmental education, along with **James Kushner**, lifelong learning, was awarded \$37,717 from the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources under their Wild Resource Conservation Program. This project creates a structure for a Pennsylvania-specific web-based resource that allows access to reliable Pennsylvania species information and supportive educational resources.

Kaiser-Drobney, Alice – Institute for Community, Service-Learning and Nonprofit Leadership, received an award of \$334,800 from the Corporation for National Service through PennSERVE: The Governor's Office for Citizen Service for Year 02 of the Connector Corps AmeriCorps Program at SRU. The goal of this program is to connect individuals, organizations and communities in surrounding areas through ways that increase an agency's volunteer capacity, community building, community organizing efforts, or civic engagement of clients and provide direct services that improve life for children, youth and their families while generating social capital.

Kaiser-Drobney, Alice – Institute for Community, Service-Learning and Nonprofit Leadership, as granted \$2,995 from PennSERVE for activities related to Martin Luther King Day of Service. The program involves university students and K-12 students working together to serve their community for the "Make It a Day On; Not a Day Off" campaign.

Kaiser-Drobney, Alice – Institute for Community, Service-Learning and Nonprofit Leadership, received \$10,000 from the West Central Job Partnership to create a career exploration program, HORIZONS at the House, for children in grades 1-12.

Kellinger, Kathleen – nursing, was awarded \$20,180 from the PA Higher Education Foundation's Graduate Nursing Education Grants Program to provide scholarships to nursing students enrolled in the joint MSN program with Clarion, Edinboro and Slippery Rock Universities.

Mariacher, Deborah –academic services, received \$170,000 from the Pennsylvania Department of Education to fund the Act 101 Program. The Act 101 Program allows SRU to provide approximately 270 undergraduate students with an opportunity to maximize academic potential, acquire skills necessary for academic success, connect to essential university services, utilize advocacy, and earn a degree from the university.

Massey, Catherine – psychology, received \$8,000 from the Pennsylvania Department of Health through Clarion University to support a program entitled, "Pennsylvania Students Working Against Tobacco" (PA-SWAT). This program aims to promote a tobacco free lifestyle at SRU and in local communities through intervention, prevention, and targeting tobacco policy.

Nichols, Randall and Zillifro, Traci – physical education, were awarded \$33,378 for the first year of a three-year grant to conduct a research study to determine if children who participate in physical education classes taught by PE4LIFE trained teachers have higher levels of activity and have better fitness scores than students who receive traditional physical education classes only.

Parsons, Susan – academic services, received an award of \$236,966 for Year 02 of a four-year grant from the US Department of Education for the Student Support Services (SSS) program. This program provides a variety of support services, including orientation sessions, academic advisement and counseling, a Learning Strategies course and Student Mentoring Program, to low-income, first-generation and disabled college students to increase admission and retention of these students

Ringer, Lisa – SGA Child Care Center, received \$22,477 from the Child Care Resource Developers of the Western Region to fund the STARS Merit Award. The purpose of this project is to improve the quality of early care and education through the Keystone STARS Program of the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, Office of Child Development. This program rewards achievement and/or maintenance of a STAR level.

Ringer, Lisa – SGA Child Care Center, was awarded \$10,000 from the Child Care Resource Developers of the Western Region to fund the Keystone STARS Education & Retention Award (ERA). This award is designed to assist childcare providers in the Keystone STARS Program who have achieved STAR 2 designation or higher in establishing a stable workforce as they work to reduce turnover and improve the education of early childhood professionals.

Soeder, Pamela – elementary education/early childhood, received \$83,823 from the PA State System of Higher Education's R. Benjamin Wiley Pittsburgh Partnership Program to help high school students achieve success in the classroom by introducing them to many aspects of a college life during a two-week residency. The participants consist of inner-city high school juniors and seniors from the Pittsburgh area.

Solito, Jodi – McLachlan Student Health Center, was awarded \$6,000 from the PA State System of Higher Education's Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity for the 18th Annual PASSHE Undergraduate Women's Summer Leadership Institute.

Awards for January through June 2006 totaled \$1,807,078. Total awards in FY06 equalled \$2,996,776. Congratulations to all awardees!! 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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