Graduate School News

Dr. Matthias Herfert joins Graduate School faculty.

Dr. Jeff Johnson, Dean of Sullivan's Graduate School and his wife, Jessica, were recently featured in the fall issue of Kiplinger's Safe Investing magazine. In the article, Jeff and his wife spoke about their use of targeted retirement funds and their general investment strategies. Jessica is a sales manager for a local Best Buy and a part-time student in Sullivan's Human Resource Leadership program.

Sullivan graduate student teaches at Chicago event

Christine Marchoro, an advanced student in Sullivan's Master of Dispute Resolution degree program, recently led a panel on workplace conflict at the Chicago Hilton for the annual meeting of The Illinois Municipal League. There were more than 3000 participants at the event, which was presented by Managing Conflict in the Workplace, focused on organizational conflict and taught the audience on basic tools for managing and reducing conflict between employees. Christine said the presentation was an excellent opportunity to share her work with students preparing for work in dispute resolution.

Free autographs available

During academic year 1994-1995, Graduate School professor, Dr. Alan Naslund experienced Japanese culture first hand when he taught at the Communications Department at Gakuen University. Upon returning from Japan, Dr. Naslund, began publishing in the Abiko Annual, a literary magazine devoted to Japanese appreciation of James Joyce, the Irish writer who established the stream-of-consciousness form of the novel. Naslund has published two short stories and some twenty-five poems. Some of his longer poems include a few Japanese words, his poems published in Japan have been in English. Dr. Naslund's book of poetry, Silk Weather was published in the Fleur-de-lis imprint, a publication of Spalding University. A copy of Silk Weather may be found in the Sullivan University library, for sale on the Internet and locally at Carmichael's Bookstore.

Students services received top grade

Two Sullivan Master of Dispute Resolution degree students, Barbara Dean, Director of Sullivan's Fort Knox campus and Admissions Officer Jim Kort, were named to a select list of the most rewarding experiences of the year. Barbara's and Jim's work is unique in that it combines their education to use in a unique learning opportunity when they facilitated contract negotiations between an Indiana school corporation and its teachers union. Using facilitative mediation techniques, they were instrumental in assisting successful negotiations. Many key issues between the schools and union were settled, and the parties were more than 3000 participants at the annual meeting of The Illinois Municipal League. There were more than 3000 participants at the event, which was presented by Managing Conflict in the Workplace, focused on organizational conflict and taught the audience on basic tools for managing and reducing conflict between employees. Christine said the presentation was an excellent opportunity to share her work with students preparing for work in dispute resolution.

Outstanding in their field!

LaVena Wilkin (left) and Victoria Mash both PhD candidates in conflict analysis, was designed to deepen managers’ and employees’ cultural awareness and to help them understand and handle behaviors, but it also asks organizations to change policies, systems, and practices.

Left, Dr. John Willis and Tony Belak with Kentucky State Senator Georgia Powers. Senator Powers is holding the Conflict Resolution Day proclamation which cited him and other Kentuckians who have worked for conflict resolution.

Sullivan University hosted Diversity Workshop.

Sullivan was instrumental in developing Kentucky’s first Conflict Resolution Day.