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Editor Insights

Advocacy comes in many different forms. Omega Lambda Iota Chapter of Virginia Commonwealth University Vice-president Jen Gerlach and President Shajuana Isom-Payne walked with the chapter team in the 2015 Out of the Darkness Community Walk, and Jen Gerlach coordinated VCU’s first campus walk in Spring 2016.

Coming together as counselors, educators, as people dedicated to human rights... this is the heart of advocacy. We tend to see more professional advocacy in the public and on the news each night. We are also seeing more need for advocacy, both for the profession as well as individuals we may be serving. At times, I feel like it can be easy to get lost in our own "battles" or to be overwhelmed by the sheer need for advocacy. Yet, it can be so easy to lend a helping hand... even when we know people are very capable and resilient.

Sometimes we have to make difficult decisions while advocating. In this issue of the Exemplar, Associate Editor Bradley McKibben explores how ACA wrestled with a decision to move its annual convention when discriminatory laws were passed in Tennessee. Implications for CSI members engaging in political levels of advocacy are explored. In addition, Dr. Angela McDonald shares how she has advocated within her state for licensure law changes.

Involvement in service is part of the foundation of CSI. As you read this issue, you will uncover many opportunities for you to be involved but also how others are involved in their chapters. Exemplar Student Editor and CSI Intern Devon Romero also gives you a behind the scenes look at what we do as an editorial staff. We’re biased, but writing articles and publishing them in the Exemplar can be advocacy also!

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Chief Executive Officer’s Update

by Holly J. Hartwig Moorhead, CSI Chief Executive Officer

“The world of professional counseling, in its training or in its practice, cannot be a world of minimums, learning only enough to get by; it must be a world in which one continues to seek maximum insights, maximum skills, maximum competencies; a life devoted to continuous learning as one accepts the reality that to counsel, to intervene in the life of others, is a world of obligation to render the most effective service, to do no harm, to be attentive, to give the gift of time and hope to clients as a manifestation of one’s commitment to the quest for personal excellence.”

Dr. Edwin L. Herr
2000-01 CSI International President
Rho Alpha Mu,
The Pennsylvania State University

“The Quest for Personal Excellence”
presented at the Spring 2000 CSI Leadership Day Training, Washington, DC

Fall is here, and most everyone is busy – busy with the start of a new academic term, studying, attending conferences and meetings, chapter activities, and all of the personal and professional obligations that come with this season. During the Spring 2000 CSI Leadership Workshop Day held in Washington, DC, Dr. Edwin L. Herr, 2000-2001 CSI International President, shared, “The Quest for Personal Excellence,” which included the words noted above. He encouraged CSI members to pursue personal excellence as a professional necessity. CSI members, through their chapters, work to advance CSI’s mission, to promote excellence in counseling, and in doing so, share a commitment to personal excellence. In the busyness of fall, CSI Headquarters is partnering with our members and chapters to provide many different resources and opportunities to help CSI members continue to achieve excellence.

CFA Trainings, Chapter Leaders Trainings, & CSI-Sponsored Sessions at ACES Regional Conferences

CSI thanks the leadership of ACES regions for inviting CSI-sponsored trainings and sessions to be part of their fall conferences! All Chapter Faculty Advisors (CFAs) are encouraged to attend the CFA Trainings, coordinated by CSI’s CFA Committee, at all of the ACES regional conferences. We hope to see many chapter leaders at the Chapter Leader Trainings, presented by CSI’s Chapter Development Committee, that are being offered at every regional ACES conference as well. Be sure to look for additional CSI-sponsored sessions at some of the ACES regional conferences.

CSI Funding Opportunities

Fall also is the season to apply for funding opportunities, including the following:

Excellence in Counseling Research Grants

Individual CSI members are invited to apply for CSI’s Excellence in Counseling Research Grants, specifically related to these funding priorities: Professional Advocacy Research, Leadership Research, Wellness Counseling Research, and Developmental Counseling Research. Researchers applying for Wellness Counseling Research Grants especially are encouraged to look at the Wellness Research menu link on the CSI Webpage to access a host of valuable wellness research resources and connect with researchers around the world who are studying wellness. Dr. Tom Sweeney, Founding CSI President and Executive Director Emeritus, and Dr. Jane Myers, 1987-88 CSI President and Executive Director Emeritus, are recognized authors who developed wellness models based in the counseling literature. Recently, Dr. Sweeney graciously transferred to CSI a comprehensive website that they maintained for many years on counseling wellness research (Wellness Research menu link on the CSI website). More information about Excellence in Counseling Research Grants is available online. All applications for Excellence in Counseling Research Grants are due November 15, 2016 at 5pm EST.

Chapter Development Grants

Chapters are encouraged to apply for CSI’s Chapter Development Grants, which provide $50-$250 as seed money for chapter projects that promote and recognize excellence in leadership, professional identity, advocacy, scholarship, and enhanced member involvement through active counselor community engagement. Grants will be awarded to both large and small chapters. All applications for Chapter Development Grants are due October 15, 2016 at 5pm EDT.
Statewide-Regional Networking Grants

We also hope to see many chapters apply for CSI's Statewide/Regional Networking Grants, which typically provide $100-$400 to help members network with other CSI chapters in their states and/or regions. Individual chapters, as well as collaborating chapters, may apply for these grants. All applications for Statewide-Regional Networking Grants are due October 15, 2016 at 5pm EST.

Leadership Essay Contest, Co-Sponsored by CSI and CACREP

Sharing a commitment to support the counseling profession through recognizing excellence in our field, CSI and CACREP are co-sponsoring a Leadership Essay Contest for the third year in a row. This year’s theme is “Wellness Leadership in Organizations.” The first place award recipient will receive a $500 award, a one-year CSI membership renewal, and the first place essay will be published in the CSI Exemplar, the CACREP Connection newsletter, CSI’s website, and CACREP’s website. More information about second and third place awards and the contest requirements can be found on p. 20 of this issue of the Exemplar. All Leadership Essay Contest submissions are due November 15, 2016 at 5pm EST.

CSI Awards

Last year, CSI was pleased to give 42 separate awards to members and chapters – and we look forward to the opportunity this coming year to recognize more members who demonstrate personal excellence to advance excellence within the profession. Be sure to read the Call for Award Nominations online and on p. 22 in this issue of the Exemplar more information about nominating deserving CSI members. All awards nominations and related materials are due December 1, 2016 at 5pm EST.

2016-2017 Webinars for NBCC-Approved Continuing Education Hours

For just the cost of membership, CSI members can attend live webinars and/or view recorded webinars presented by leaders within the counseling profession and, if they choose, complete a quiz to earn NBCC-approved continuing education hours. Some topics that will be featured during CSI's 2016-2017 Webinar Series include: trauma, treatment for hoarding, understanding and responding to microaggressions, CFA training, and CSI chapters connecting with counselors. CSI awarded more than 2,000 NBCC-approved CE hours last year!

We warmly welcome new CFAs and leaders who have accepted chapter leadership this fall! This is a friendly reminder that these requirements must be met for chapters to maintain active status, including eligibility to receive chapter rebates that will be sent in summer 2017.

1. Submit an Annual Report by April 30th (present officers) at least once every two years.
2. Submit an Annual Plan by September 30th (incoming officers) at least once every two years.
3. Recruit and initiate new members at least once every two years.
4. Have a representative attend an annual CSI Delegate Business Meeting on CSI Day at least once every three years.
5. Comply with CSI policies as determined by the Executive Council.
6. Send CSI Headquarters contact information of officers including the Chapter Faculty Advisor(s) annually and when there are changes.
7. Have the required number of approved, qualified Chapter Faculty Advisors who are active members of CSI as required in the CSI Bylaws. CFA changes may be proposed by submitting the online CFA Change Form.

During the 2015-2016 fiscal year, CSI Headquarters issued more than $142,000 in chapter rebates and since CSI was established in 1985, our Society has returned more than $1.2 million to fund counselor education. We hope to see every chapter qualify to receive a rebate this year!

CSI is a unique honor society because we are not just a student organization. We are a professional honor society of almost 300 active chapters and more than 110,000 initiated members who are counseling students, practitioners, researchers, and educators sharing a commitment to excellence. We continue to grow. We extend a warm welcome to these new chapters that have been chartered in the past several months:

Delta Sigma Mu Chapter at Philadelphia University
Epsilon Beta Alpha Chapter at City University of Seattle
Mu Alpha Chi Chapter at Spring Arbor University-Spring Arbor
Tau Tau Upsilon Chapter at Tennessee Tech University
Upsilon Iota Upsilon Chapter at Union Institute and University

We are also delighted to reactivate these CSI chapters:

Mu Chi Chapter at Montreat College
Upsilon Psi Upsilon at the University of Phoenix - Utah

Thank you for being part of the important work of CSI. Please be in touch with CSI Headquarters with comments, suggestions, or ideas about ways to continue to enhance member services (office@csi-net.org or holly.moorhead@csi-net.org) and continue to support our members in pursuing personal excellence for the good of the counseling profession.
It was an honor to be granted an interview with Dr. Angela McDonald, Associate Professor and Associate Dean of the School of Education at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke (UNCP). She is a National Certified Counselor and a Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor in North Carolina. This article documents her experiences and motivation in advocating for the counseling profession as a licensed counselor, counselor educator, and President-elect of the American Association for the State Counseling Boards.

Dr. McDonald has always been interested in improving things by challenging the status quo. When she began her counselor education role at UNCP, she became immediately involved in counselor professional advocacy. During this time, the mental health counseling program was housed in the Psychology Department, while the school counseling program was housed in the School of Education. Recognizing that this was an inefficient model, and valuing the professional identity of counselors, she was instrumental in moving the mental health counseling program to the School of Education. She educated her students to have clear counselor identities that play valuable roles in treating, diagnosing, and caring for mental illnesses.

Further, Dr. McDonald believes it is important to advocate for the profession because counselors and the community should see that we are a unique profession with a distinct role and identity. She encourages students in counseling to have a strong professional identity so that when they become professionals, they may engage in advocacy through educating others about the profession.

Recently, she was active in providing education related to the counseling profession in North Carolina when legislators proposed making drastic policy changes. Dr. McDonald joined with counseling associations and colleagues across the state to provide feedback to the legislators about the potential harm the proposed changes would cause. Ultimately, through these advocacy efforts, the bill was revised and the final changes will require future counseling license applicants to have attended programs with CACREP accreditation. She believes that important, current advocacy issues include upholding professional counseling’s need to be its own determinant of its ethical codes, scope of practice, and education standards. She also highlighted the importance of parity with other helping professionals. Additionally, a unified counselor identity is necessary to achieve success in professional advocacy efforts.

The advocacy project that Dr. McDonald is the most proud of is gaining initial CACREP accreditation of the counseling program at UNCP. Her efforts included communicating needs, leading a team of stakeholders, and locating the resources needed to reach this important milestone in the development of UNCP’s training program. Today, the program has amazing faculty and students with a strong counselor identity who are very active in the profession. In addition to helping a university to achieve initial accreditation, Dr. McDonald is also very proud of and humbled by service to the North Carolina Board of Licensed Professional Counselors. She encourages all counseling students and counselors to get to know their board members and to consider participating in this important public service. Dr. McDonald is a true example of an advocacy agent for the counseling profession.

Through high-quality research, scholarship, and professional dialogue, JCLA will promote the development of leaders to serve in diverse counseling settings, bring awareness to professional and client advocacy initiatives, and provide a forum for discussing professional issues. JCLA welcomes empirical, theoretical, and conceptual manuscripts focused on leadership, professional and client advocacy, and professional identity for counselors, counseling students, and counselor educators. Because evidence-based practice is at the heart of the counseling profession, JCLA will occasionally publish exemplary scholarship related to evidence-based practice in counseling practice, supervision, and education.

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Professional Counselor Advocacy in Response to LGBTQ+ Legislation

By W. Bradley McKibben
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Earlier this year, professional counselors collectively held their breath as Tennessee HB 1840/SB 1556 passed through the TN legislature and made its way to Governor Bill Haslam’s desk. On April 27, 2016, Haslam signed the bill into law, despite opposition by the American Counseling Association (ACA), the TN Counseling Association, the American Civil Liberties Union, and many others. TN HB 1840 states in part,

No counselor or therapist providing counseling or therapy services shall be required to counsel or serve a client as to goals, outcomes, or behaviors that conflict with a sincerely held personal belief of the counselor or therapist; provided, that the counselor or therapist coordinates a referral of the client to another counselor or therapist who will provide the counseling or therapy.

David Fowler, former TN Senator and current President of Family Action Council of Tennessee (FACT), was one lobbyist for the bill’s passage. FACT is a state affiliate of the Family Research Council (FRC, n.d.), which, accurately or not, has been labeled an extremist, anti-LGBT group by the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC, n.d.). FACT’s website touts the bill’s passage as a victory in protecting the religious beliefs and moral convictions of professional counselors (FACT, n.d.). Although TN HB 1840 specifically addresses professional counselors and the ACA 2014 Code of Ethics, Fowler has previously referred to psychiatrists as “off track” for removing homosexuality from the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Psychiatric Disorders in 1973 (Fowler, 2011).

In contrast, many professional counselors see TN HB 1840 as openly discriminatory. ACA’s Director of Government Affairs, Art Terrazas, noted that the bill allows for legally sanctioned discrimination by professional counselors against clients for essentially any reason (ACA, 2016a). ACA’s Chief Executive Officer, Richard Yep, further noted that the law violates ACA’s 2014 Code of Ethics and limits counseling services to clients, particularly to those in rural areas (ACA, 2016b). In response to the new law, ACA’s Governing Council made the decision to relocate the upcoming 2017 conference from Nashville, TN, to San Francisco, CA.

Dr. Jared Rose (Beta Gamma), Secretary for the Association for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues in Counseling, noted that although Tennessee’s law specifically targets professional counselors, there currently are at least 15 states with broader “conscious law legislation” that allow for denial of services or products based on strictly held beliefs. Twelve more states have legislation in progress to get similar laws passed. Dr. Rose emphasized that TN HB 1840 not only affects our clients, but also our professional credibility to provide competent services to an openly marginalized population. “When only our professionals are the ones that are legally allowed to deny services, what message does that send to the general public?” asks Dr. Rose. “The populations we serve who are turned away because of strictly held beliefs will begin to take notice and question our genuine-ness... the LGBTQ+ community is very much taking notice of our interaction with them.”

Given the clear implications for the clients and communities served by professional counselors, as well as the direct challenge to counselors’ ethical duty to prioritize client autonomy, beneficence, nonmaleficence, justice, fidelity, and veracity over our own personally held beliefs, counselors may have a lot of questions. How should I feel about TN HB 1840 and other “conscious law legislation?” How should I respond? How can I be an ally? How can I advocate for clients and communities affected by this legislation?

Professional counselors may have a clear reaction for or against TN HB 1840 and related legislation, and others may have mixed or ambivalent reactions. Whatever the reaction, the ACA Code of Ethics remains clear that counselors’ beliefs and values are important and are important to bracket so that the client takes precedence. Dr. Catherine Roland (Gamma Rho Omega), current ACA President, noted that, “The lead [for counselors] remains the ACA Code of Ethics, and it takes the guesswork out of it. It’s not about you and your values or morals; it’s about your client. Our ethics are for the good of our clients. It’s about respect and acceptance, not tolerance.” Notably, TN HB 1840 has not made the unethical, and counselors should continually adhere to professional counseling ethical codes.

Laws like the ones discussed in this article represent a call for professional counselors to take action. As Dr. Roland stated, “You can’t not fight it. You have to do something, and we have to be vigilant, remain positive, and maintain the high road on this.” Similarly, Dr. Laura Shannonhouse (Chi Epsilon), Chair of CSI’s Leadership and Professional Advocacy Committee, encourages counselors to balance action with reflection so that leadership and advocacy efforts come from a place of reflective practice. She noted the importance of differential advocacy (i.e., “acting with”) from activism (i.e., “acting for”), which requires that counselors continually reflect upon and check their reasons for action so that the needs of those for whom we are advocating remain at the forefront.

At an individual level, professional counselors have many options for taking action. Dr. Roland recommends engaging in legislative advocacy, working with peers and constituents, connecting and collaborating with groups and organizations, infusing diversity and inclusion into what you do, and telling your own story to engender empathy. Multiple counseling and allied organizations have been, and continue to be, involved in directly addressing TN HB 1840 and similar legislation, and counselors can connect with these organizations (e.g., ACA, TCA, PFLAG) to learn how to best lend themselves to the efforts. In CSI, members can engage in social justice projects which, as Dr. Roland suggested, may extend beyond community service to include familiarizing one’s self with state legislatures and legislators. Raising awareness of community needs within the community and the state is a prime way for members to advocate from within their CSI chapters. CSI members can band together to research the needs of the community and amplify the voices of the voiceless. In essence, CSI members not only serve their community, but raise public awareness of why service is needed.
Dr. Shannonhouse highlighted that CSI members can access a Counselor Community Engagement Model and Counselor Community Engagement Guidelines on CSI’s website. These resources offer opportunities to provide meaningful services in the community and create learning opportunities for student leaders and faculty. Dr. Shannonhouse summarized, “The notion of engaging with intentionally can be, and should be, empowering for the community and community members. Allowing ourselves to be impacted, and allowing community member to witness that, is empowering and validating for them.”

Collectively, counselors have power in the legislative process. As Dr. Roland pointed out, “Counselors are voters and laws come from legislators who sit in the legislature. Laws do not come out of the air and do not necessarily come from a large group of people; we vote people in and keep them there.” With over 57,000 professionals represented in ACA, and over 110,000 members initiated into CSI, professional counselors by no means have a silent or soft voice in the legislative process. Counselors can advocate collectively by rallying together and speaking with a unified voice through their organizations, through consistent and sustained engagement with legislators, and through informed voting. Notably, each CSI member’s profile page on www.csi-net.org includes the name and contact information for your state senator(s) and representative(s).

CSI members can develop and use their collective voices at state or regional levels by engaging in a CSI statewide/regional meeting devoted to advocacy. For example, Dr. Melanie Larussi (Iota Delta Sigma), President of the Southern Association for Counselor Education and Supervision, shared that CSI chapters from The University of Alabama and Auburn University are co-hosting a statewide CSI chapter meeting for all CSI chapters in the state of Alabama in April 2017, and the focus will be on advocacy. Dr. Larussi stated, “Dr. Bradley McKibben and I decided to focus on advocacy to help counselors prepare to confront state bills that may arise in Alabama that threaten the ACA Code of Ethics and the counseling services provided to people who reside in Alabama. The statewide meeting will provide opportunities for CSI members and counseling professionals to learn from advocacy leaders… It is our hope that we will take unified, intentional steps to advocate for the counseling profession and for people who reside in the state of Alabama.” CSI members who wish to engage in similar efforts at the state or regional levels can learn more about potential funding on CSI’s Chapter Grants webpage.

To end on a personal note, I admit I had no idea what I would find out or what I would learn in the process of penning this article. I knew that legislation was happening. I had read the headlines, I had seen the back and forth on social media and professional listservs, and I had formed an opinion. But, call it heteronormative privilege, plain ignorance, a combination of the two, or something else entirely; I was, for all intents and purposes, under-informed, and I suspect many other professional counselors may be as well. As counselors continue what will likely be an ongoing and expanded struggle for equitable access to professional counseling services in an increasingly diverse society, we cannot, we must not, allow the voices of our clients, particularly those who are systemically and systemically marginalized, to be drowned out. Above all else, counselors need to be allies with (not for) the LGBTQ+ community. Kate Bornstein, author, playwright, and gender theorist, succinctly captured the essence and importance of being an ally: “I have problems with the word ‘ally.’ Many people think, ‘I accept you, therefore I’m an ally.’ No, you’re not. You’re an accepting person. Ally means you ask me what I need. I tell you, and you tell me what or how much of that you can actually supply. If I say, ‘I need help getting through that crowd of people who think I’m a freak, and I need you to be a bodyguard,’ that would be an ally to me. Ask, don’t assume you know…That’s the first step of being a good ally.”

May today be the day we each take a step.

References


Call for Student Reflections

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“Wellness” is not a new concept for CSI members, but what does “wellness leadership” mean for members, the counseling profession, and CSI?

According to CSI President, Dr. Michael Brubaker, wellness leadership is imperative for CSI to demonstrate. What are your thoughts and experiences in wellness leadership as an individual or within your CSI Chapter?

Submit a 500 word reflection by January 1, 2017 to: Dr. Donna Gibson (exemplar@csi-net.org)
Behind the Scenes:
A Look at the Roles and Responsibilities of the Evolving CSI Exemplar Staff
by Devon Romero, CSI Intern & Exemplar Student Editor

The season of fall signifies change and transformation, thus allowing for a timely opportunity to speak of changes within our very own newsletter. The Exemplar has undergone several significant changes since Dr. Donna Gibson accepted the offer to serve as Editor. Apart from the substantial visual changes, the most noteworthy change was in making the newsletter completely electronic. This allowed for a more mobile and interactive newsletter with the opportunity for hyperlinks to be included within articles. Changes in both the structure and format of the newsletter may be noticeable, but what may not be as obvious are the changes that were made after the Executive Council (EC) meeting in Montreal this past spring.

With clear vision for the future of the Exemplar and its staff, Dr. Gibson presented notable changes to the EC. “With all of those [visual and format] changes, it was inevitable that the position description of Editor would need to be modified,” Dr. Gibson stated. First, revisions were made to the previous Exemplar Editor role description with the intent to provide more up-to-date information regarding the practices and procedures for composing editions of the newsletter. After publishing several editions of the newsletter, she was afforded the opportunity to evaluate the specific tasks associated with this newsletter compared to the former version, which provided insight into how the role description needed to be modified. Second, she developed and proposed a new role description for the position of Associate Editor. When asked about what this particular change means to her, she stated, “As Editor, I believe that the newsletter needs consistency in the staff.” She described the Associate Editor role as not only an apprenticeship to the Editor role, but also one in which feedback on the direction and participation in the creation of the newsletter is expected.

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The current Associate Editor, Dr. Bradley McKibben, once a Leadership Fellow, was Dr. Gibson’s first Student Associate Editor. Dr. McKibben stated, “When I joined Dr. Gibson on the Exemplar in 2013 as a leadership fellow, she WAS the Exemplar staff!” In prior years, the Exemplar utilized the roles of Editor and Student Associate Editor, which was traditionally filled with a CSI LFI who expressed some interest in the newsletter. This individual serves a one-year term to be replaced the following year with another LFI. Although the Exemplar will continue to utilize LFIs to fill the Student Editor role, the Associate Editor role provides the Exemplar Editorial Staff with continuity of leadership as it is a three-year term.

In May of this year, the EC voted to accept the proposed changes, and Dr. McKibben was approved by the EC to fill the role of Associate Editor. Having held the role of Associate Editor since 2015, Dr. McKibben shared, “I’m incredibly grateful to Dr. Gibson for her ongoing mentorship and support and to the CSI EC for approving a formal role description. It not only clarifies my role and responsibilities, but it signals to me that our editorial efforts are supported as we continue to grow the Exemplar in new and innovative ways.” When asked about his thoughts on this change he responded, “I see the formalization of my role and the other roles as intentional steps toward sustainability and continuity of our staff, thereby ensuring we have the support and systems in place to be successful at what we do.” In consideration of future Exemplar servant leaders, Dr. McKibben stated, “At some point, new talent will phase in to work on the Exemplar, but the roles will remain formally defined, thus ensuring that the Exemplar remains the award-winning newsletter it has become.”
community engagement, advocacy, and research. As Editor, I feel the responsibility of the recorder of our CSI history through public documents like newsletters but also a provider of physical evidence of our efforts to promote professional identity. It’s an interesting role that allows me to be creative while providing service. Kinda cool!

**Associate Editor, Dr. Bradley McKibben**

My role is the Associate Editor of *Exemplar*. I work with the Editor to clarify what needs to go in an upcoming edition of the newsletter, and I assist the Editor as needed to get an edition completed and ready to publish. That might include writing an article, asking others to write an article, copy-editing or general editing, or working with others to generate new ideas and bring them to fruition. I was asked to take lead on the Summer 2016 edition of *Exemplar*, and I am learning more about the process of designing the editions that come out.

**Assistant Editor, Dr. Sandi Logan**

Similar to the Student Editor, my role as Assistant Editor includes providing editorial support to the rest of the editorial team. Typically, the Assistant Editor is responsible for at least one article within each edition of the *Exemplar*. Other responsibilities include proposing new ideas in content/formatting, conducting interviews with professionals and students in the field, coordinating resources/materials for the rest of the editorial team, and serving as a liaison for requests from CSI International Headquarters.

**Student Editor, Devon Romero**

I have had the privilege to serve with Drs. Gibson, McKibben, and Logan since my Internship with CSI began in May of this year. As I am new to this role, I have asked former Student Editor, Dr. Logan to provide some insight into what the roles and responsibilities are of a Student Editor. She shared, “the Student Editor of the *Exemplar* holds a variety of responsibilities. First and foremost, he/she is to provide timely editorial support to the rest of the editorial team. This could include, but is not limited to, copyediting of article submissions, creating hyperlinks within articles, and researching specific facts or information. Also, the Student Editor is responsible for providing general formatting feedback to the Editor.”

Reflecting on this opportunity to hear from my peers, there is no doubt why the *Exemplar* is an award-winning publication. In addition to sharing their roles and responsibilities, Drs. McKibben and Dr. Logan expanded on their experiences with serving on the *Exemplar* staff.

Two things stand out to me. First, I like the flexibility to do different things. Writing an article and copy-editing an edition require a different focus from me, and I like that I can do nerdy things in a versatile way. Dr. Gibson values and promotes creativity, and I really appreciate that about her. That ties into the second thing – I like the people with whom I work on *Exemplar*. Dr. Gibson is a great mentor, and she balances innovation with practicality. I have learned a lot from her, and I am still learning! Dr. Logan brings a lot of positive energy and perspective to the staff, and Devon is already bringing in a great student perspective. Everyone gets along and is responsive. The healthy, positive, supportive relationships among the staff mean more to me than anything!” – Dr. Bradley McKibben

I have been on the editorial team since 2014, when I became a Leadership Fellow, and I have to say that it has been one of my favorite service responsibilities. I strongly value and support CSI’s mission “to promote scholarship, research, professionalism, leadership, advocacy, and excellence in counseling” and feel honored to serve in this role. Also, I enjoy working with a team that embraces creativity. I truly have fun working with this team and being afforded the opportunity to interact with counseling professionals across the country.” – Dr. Sandi Logan

Collectively, the Editorial Staff is an amazingly dedicated and passionate group. Individually, each staff member brings unique perspectives and contributions to the team. I am honored to serve alongside them this year and work to provide CSI and its membership with an outstanding publication.
Chi Sigma Iota Announces New Counselors’ Bookshelf Editors

Chi Sigma Iota’s Executive Council and staff are pleased to announce the appointment of a new Senior Editor and three new Section Editors for CSI’s Counselors’ Bookshelf. The Counselors’ Bookshelf is an interactive online publication that provides reviews of books, movies, TV shows, and music that CSI members have found useful in their work with clients. All active CSI members have free access to this resource.

CSI’s Executive Council has appointed Dr. Barbara Mahaffey to a three-year term as the Senior Editor of the Counselors’ Bookshelf. Dr. Mahaffey is an Associate Professor at Ohio University-Chillicothe. She also serves as the Chair of CSI International’s Professional Member Committee, and she plans to continue developing the Counselors’ Bookshelf as a resource for both student and professional members of the Society. Dr. Mahaffey is a Life Member of CSI from the Alpha Chapter at Ohio University.

Dr. Mahaffey’s staff includes five Section Editors, who work with the Editorial Review Boards to consider submissions to the five sections of the Counselors’ Bookshelf. Mr. Christian Chan (Rho Theta Chapter) is serving as the new Section Editor for Movies & TV Shows. Dr. Matt Glowiak (Omega Zeta Chapter), Chair of CSI’s Counselor Community Engagement Committee, is the new Section Editor of the Books That Help Me Become a Better Counselor section. Dr. Adrianne Johnson (Omega Chapter) serves as the new Section Editor for Professional Books. The three new staff members join returning Section Editors Dr. Tiffany Stoner-Harris (Xi Chapter), who oversees the Bibliotherapy Section, and Dr. Hayley Stulmaker (Rho Kappa Chapter), who oversees the Music Section.

If you know of a book, movie, TV show, or song that professional counselors could use with their clients, please consider making a submission to the Counselors’ Bookshelf. The Counselors’ Bookshelf is a peer-reviewed publication, and more than 30 CSI members help the Section Editors to evaluate submissions by serving as a member of an Editorial Review Board. If you are interested in being a reviewer, please visit our Volunteer Opportunities webpage and complete the online Volunteer Interest Form. You may be asked to make your own submission to the Counselors’ Bookshelf first so that you can experience the review and editing process as an author.

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2016-2017 Leadership Essay Contest

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This year, CACREP and CSI are sponsoring a joint essay contest with the theme of “Wellness Leadership in Organizations” to build upon CSI’s 2016-2017 focus on Wellness Leadership. Those two organizations, leaders in the field of professional counseling, are interested in fostering the wellness of all persons and want to know how CSI members promote wellness in the many organizations they are part of.

Essays can be submitted in one of two membership categories:

- Entry-Level Students
- Doctoral Students / Professional Counselors / Counselor Educators

Prizes in each category will include:

- First place: $500, a one-year membership renewal in CSI, and publication of their essays in the CSI Exemplar and at csi-net.org. Essays will also be published in the CACREP Connection newsletter.
- Second place: $200, a one-year membership renewal in CSI, and publication of their essays at csi-net.org
- Third place: $100 and a one-year membership renewal in CSI, and publication of their essays at csi-net.org

All active members of CSI are eligible to participate in the contest. Essays should be written by one person and submitted as sole authored. For submission guidelines and the online entry form, please visit www.csi-net.org > Leadership > Essay Contest.

The deadline to enter the contest is Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 5:00 PM EST.

Essays will be evaluated by a panel comprised of members of the CACREP Board and leaders in CSI International. Criteria will include originality, clarity, and relevance to the counseling profession. Submissions will become the property of Chi Sigma Iota.

If you have questions, please contact Dr. Laura Shannonhouse, Chair of the CSI Leadership & Professional Advocacy Committee, at essaycontest@csi-net.org.
CALL FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS
Kristen N. Dickens, CSI Awards Committee Chair
Gamma Sigma Chapter, Georgia Southern University

It is time to nominate deserving CSI members, programs, and chapters for awards! The Awards Committee encourages you to submit your recommendations so that we may recognize those who exemplify the mission of CSI. Individual, program, and chapter awards will be presented during CSI’s events at the 2017 American Counseling Association Conference & Expo in San Francisco.

The CSI Awards webpage provides information about the awards nomination process as well as eligibility criteria for each of the awards. We are pleased to share that Chapter Training Modules are available to help you prepare a successful awards nomination packet and organize your own chapter awards process. You can also visit CSI’s Recorded Webinars webpage to watch a Chapter Leaders Training entitled, “Developing a Chapter Awards Program.” Awards categories include:

- Outstanding Chapter
- Outstanding Chapter Individual Program
- Outstanding Chapter Newsletter
- Outstanding Entry-level Student
- Outstanding Doctoral Student
- Outstanding Practitioner
- Outstanding Research
- Outstanding Practitioner Supervisor
- Outstanding Service to the Chapter
- Outstanding Chapter Faculty Advisor
- The Thomas J. Sweeney Professional Leadership Award ($1000 stipend)
- The Jane E. Myers Lifetime Mentor Award ($1000 stipend)

A chapter can submit one nomination per award by completing the corresponding online submission form and uploading all nomination materials as a .pdf formatted document no later than December 1, 2016 at 5:00 PM EST. Chapters are also encouraged to submit nominations for CSI’s Internships and Fellowships.

CSI’s yearly Internships and Fellowships include:

- Two Leadership Internships
- Eight Leadership Fellowships
- The Edwin L. Herr Fellowship for Excellence in Counseling Leadership & Scholarship ($1000 stipend)

Awards nomination forms must include a short endorsement letter from the Chapter Faculty Advisor. Please verify that nominees are active CSI members. Further information about the awards nomination and selection processes is available at the CSI website, or you may contact Dr. Kristen Dickens, CSI Awards Committee Chair, at awards.committee@csi-net.org. If you are interested in serving on the 2016-17 Awards Review Panel that considers nominations, please contact Dr. Dickens (awards.committee@csi-net.org) and Dr. Stephen Kennedy, CSI’s Chief Operating Officer (stephen.kennedy@csi-net.org).

Voting Procedures for Election 2016
CSI Nominations Committee

As an annual reminder, voting for Chi Sigma Iota International officers occurs each year by a collective vote per active chapter. This year, CSI members will be voting for the President-Elect and Treasurer officer positions. Most importantly, all active chapter members are invited to vote for the candidate they believe will serve CSI best in these respective positions through their home chapters.

In the coming weeks, CSI Headquarters will send instructions to Chapter Faculty Advisors about how to download a list of their chapter’s active members from the CSI website. During October, each chapter’s leaders should contact their members about the CSI chapter voting procedures. Once all individual votes within a chapter are received, Chapter Faculty Advisors will tally their chapter members’ votes and report the candidates receiving the highest number of votes to the Nominations Committee no later than 5 pm EST on December 1, 2016. Overall, the potential candidates that receive the highest number of chapter votes will be elected to CSI office.

It is helpful to remember that current Social Media sites (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, chapter websites) are a viable way to communicate information about the CSI election process at the chapter level. We want to urge chapters to include active alumni members in their election outreach efforts. This year’s candidate information is available through our website, Facebook, Exemplar, and the E-News.
2016-2017 PRESIDENT-ELECT CANDIDATES

Dr. Nicole Hill
Sigma Upsilon Chapter

BIOGRAPHY
Dr. Nicole R. Hill joined Alpha chapter of Chi Sigma Iota as a master’s student at Ohio University where she served as a student chapter leader. Since that time, Dr. Hill has served on the CSI Executive Council as Secretary, as Regional Chapter Facilitator, as Chapter Faculty Advisor for ten years, and on committees focused on chapter development and student members. Currently, Dr. Hill is the Department Chair, Doctoral Program Co-Coordinator, and CACREP Liaison at Syracuse University. She is committed to leadership and professional engagement that strengthens graduate education, counseling, counselor education, and supervision.

Her professional initiatives focus on cultivating faculty and student development, championing humanistic engagement in professional communities, and advocating for excellence. Her leadership as President for Association for Counselor Education and Supervision and Communications Officer for Counselors for Social Justice has contributed to a broader understanding of how to advance the profession through service and advocacy.

GOAL STATEMENT
Chi Sigma Iota embodies the principles of celebrating excellence, promoting a strong sense of counselor identity, fostering a legacy of leadership, and cultivating an emphasis on wellness and professional identity. CSI has a distinguished history of translating these principles into action at the international, national, regional, and local levels. One of the things I most appreciate about CSI is that we, as a collective, couple values and words with action. We not only celebrate excellence, but we create excellence. Adler once stated: “Trust only movement. Life happens at the level of events, not of words.” For me, this quote emphasizes the need to be professionally engaged and to couple our words and values with action.

My own professional engagement has been profoundly impacted by CSI and the leaders who have shaped it. I hope to honor the strength and vitality of CSI by focusing on two primary goals: Professional Stewardship and Leadership Excellence through Mentorship.

PROFESSIONAL STEWARDSHIP
CSI has a vibrant, collaborative, and engaged role within professional counseling, and I believe we are uniquely positioned to strengthen professional collaborations with ACA, ACES, CACREP, NBCC, and other associations. At the chapter level, we are capable of transforming our institutions and communities with our emphasis on wellness and professional identity. For us to engage in professional stewardship, we can intentionally cultivate relationships with other professional associations and other constituents at all levels. We can champion the voices of our members to impact the ways in which professional counseling is understood by others. I will work with chapters to identify the resources and training they need to have meaningful impact on their communities. I would like to build upon the community-based engagement initiatives fostered by CSI to expand how we nurture the impact we have at the local level. I will engage all of our members, active and lapsed, to better understand the professional needs and issues they are encountering. Such data will inform the ways in which CSI can advocate for the stewardship of professional counseling.

LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE THROUGH MENTORSHIP
Mentorship is a critical professional relationship that profoundly shapes professional identity development and promotes the strength of CSI. I would like to build upon the work of the Chapter Development Committee regarding mentorship by reviewing all chapter mentoring initiatives reported in annual plans, establishing evaluation methods to assess the impact of such initiatives, identifying creative strategies to engage alumni and professional members in the mentorship framework, and creating exemplars of how mentorship fosters leadership excellence. I would like to recognize leadership excellence that is cultivated by mentoring and increase collaboration between students, faculty, alumni, and professional members.

Excellence is dynamic, and thus, we must always be stewards of the counseling profession through celebrating our values, engaging in reflective practice, embracing leadership, and practicing wellness. It would be an honor for me to serve CSI in the role of President-Elect at a time of growth that celebrates the excellence of the leaders who have contributed so much to the legacy of the association.

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BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Dana Heller Levitt is Professor of Counseling at Montclair State University. She was Graduate Program Coordinator for 5 of the 8 years she has been on faculty, a position she also held during her tenure as Associate Professor of Counselor Education at Ohio University. Her Chi Sigma Iota service and leadership have included Leadership Fellow, Rho Beta Chapter President, Alpha Chapter Faculty Advisor, and Exemplar Editor. Dr. Levitt completed a term on the CACREP Board of Directors last year, including 3 years on the Executive Committee. She is a past member of the ACA Ethics Committee, serves on the Counseling and Values editorial board, and has held several state counseling association leadership positions. Dr. Levitt remains an active scholar in ethics, counselor development, and pedagogy. She co-authored Values and Ethics in Counseling and the forthcoming Guide to Graduate Programs in Counseling, in addition to authoring more than 30 journal articles and book chapters.

GOAL STATEMENT

CSI celebrates a rich history of academic, professional, and scholarly excellence. The pervasive personal and value-based engagement and leadership stand out in my experiences as a long-standing member: a fellow student when I first became a member, leaders consulting with our reenergizing chapter, or Tom Sweeney personally contacting me to become more involved. Each interaction reflects CSI’s vision, mission, and values. I now approach servant leadership with great responsibility. For example, how can I contribute to the visions created by those before me, uphold the mission, and help the organization move forward? My leadership experiences with organizations such as CSI and CACREP are successful and meaningful because of two key principles that reflect my vision as CSI President-Elect: ethical leadership and values-based engagement and decision-making. This umbrella vision creates a platform for goals of chapter engagement and a broad definition of academic excellence.

CHAPTER ENGAGEMENT

CSI is the penultimate grassroots organization. We can best assist chapters to engage members with one another at the local level. We encourage chapter leadership and activity that is reflective of values and sociocultural needs, therein creating leaders who engage chapters in dialog and action. Chapters can be so engaged internally that they may forget about their connection to the larger organization. I would like to see CSI undertake strategic initiatives to strengthen connections within, among, and between chapters that reflect our mission, goals, and resources. CSI Fellows and Interns and other national leaders can engage in chapter outreach, partnerships, and consultation. We can support and highlight chapter successes using existing CSI platforms and networking opportunities such as the website, social media, E-News, and the Exemplar. Engagement through national leadership partnerships fosters greater connection and creates networking opportunities for chapters and leaders to learn from and collaborate with one another.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

A mentoring and engagement initiative between chapters and leaders may likewise foster scholar activity and publication. The CSI mission may serve as a call for chapters to validate successes through research and scholarship. The poster sessions at CSI DayS at the ACA conference is an outstanding start. Let’s further encourage chapters to write about their initiatives and to engage in research to measure the effects of their work, publishing in platforms such as CSI’s Journal of Counselor Leadership and Advocacy to promote scholarship, research, and excellence.

CSI membership is a reflection of individual excellence. We must continue to highlight successes with chapter and national recognition and build upon our Association of College Honor Societies certification and other markers of academic excellence. We may further demonstrate our standards for professional excellence through chapter engagement and collaboration. We can even further demonstrate our leadership excellence through CSI’s established relationships and collaboration with partner organizations such as CACREP, NBCC, and ACA. There is no other professional counseling association that upholds the principle of excellence by nature of its mission. Through ethical leadership and values-based engagement, we can attend to chapter engagement and the broad spectrum of academic excellence through initiatives that reflect the values of CSI, its members, and the counseling profession.

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CANDIDATES FOR TREASURER

BIOGRAPHY

Laura Shannonhouse, PhD, LPC, and ASIST Trainer, is an Assistant Professor and member of the Chi Epsilon chapter of Chi Sigma Iota at Georgia State University.

Laura has served as a CSI contest reviewer, member and co-chair of the Counselor Community Engagement Committee, Chapter President, Leadership Intern and Fellow, and as assistant to executive director Dr. Jane Myers. She currently serves as the chairperson of the Leadership and Professional Advocacy Committee. Laura has been a professional counselor in crisis, collegiate, and oncology settings, and is an editorial board member for the Journal of Counseling & Development.

Her research interests include crisis intervention and disaster response, with emphasis on social justice issues. Currently, she conducts community-based research in K-12 schools to prevent youth suicide (suicide first aid), and with disaster impacted populations to foster meaning making through one’s faith (spiritual first aid), and with disaster impacted populations to foster meaning making through one’s faith (spiritual first aid). Her work is dedicated to positioning paraprofessionals to promote wellness in their communities.

GOALS STATEMENT

Being invited to run for a leadership position, Treasurer, in Chi Sigma Iota is an incredible honor. This organization has meant so much to me throughout my journey to professional counselor and then counselor educator. The moments I have shared with my four chapter communities (Beta, Upsilon Nu Chi, Upsilon Mu Eta, & now Chi Epsilon) were some of the most genuine and transformative of that journey. It is humbling that the leaders of this organization, whom I consider to be leaders of the profession of counseling, have called me to service in this way. If elected as Treasurer for CSI, I will serve on the executive council as an advocate for our shared pursuit of excellence and our identity as professional counselors – change agents rooted in developmental and wellness perspectives.

Officially, the Treasurer’s duties are clearly delineated in the CSI by-laws. I would be most excited to use my knowledge of budgeting (from my prior life as the senior secretary to the University of Florida’s Band program) to address those responsibilities. In practice, the CSI Executive Council works collaboratively for the betterment of our organization, with each officer bringing their unique perspective and representing a particular focus. I envision the Treasurer as having a role that looks to both what we can do with the money we have, and also how we will get the money we need to accomplish what we want.

In the broader sense of priorities, I would advocate for CSI to continue being at the forefront of professional counseling. Our values have shaped counselor training programs across the world, and our leaders have been responsible for much of the research that informs our practice and the professional organizations that serve to accredit and certify who professional counselors are. In the fast-paced present, with pressing issues of social equity, instant access of communication, and continued threat of natural disasters and lack of resources, the place for professional counselors committed to the wellness and dignity of all persons is clear.

It is vital that CSI remains a champion of excellence in practice, scholarship, and leadership so that our voice continues to push the profession forward through our struggles for licensure, insurance reimbursement, and even the ability to govern our own ethics! It would be my privilege to lend my voice to this advocacy by serving as Treasurer on the Executive Council. If called to serve in this capacity, I will gladly continue to Care, Support, and Inspire and be the change I wish to see.

BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Julia Whisenhunt is an Assistant Professor of Counselor Education and College Student Affairs at the University of West Georgia. Julia earned her M.A. in Psychology and Ed.S. in Guidance and Counseling from the University of West Georgia. She earned a Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Practice from Georgia State University. She holds licensure as a professional counselor (LPC) in the state of Georgia. In addition, Julia is a National Certified Counselor (NCC) and a Certified Professional Counseling Supervisor (CPCS) in Georgia. Julia is a member of ACA, AARC, ACES, SACES, CSI, and ISSS. Julia has served the field as an editorial reviewer for the Journal of Counselor Leadership and Advocacy and the Journal of Research in Education.

She has served CSI as a Chapter Development Committee Member, Bibliotherapy Reviewer, and Chapter Faculty Advisor. Julia serves her community through volunteer clinical work and through her advocacy work in the area of suicide prevention. Julia specializes in self-injury, suicide prevention, and expressive therapy.

Dr. Julia Whisenhunt
Gamma Zeta Chapter
GOALS STATEMENT

Personally, I am honored and humbled to be nominated for the position of Treasurer of Chi Sigma Iota International. This is a nomination that I do not take lightly; indeed, serving as a leader for one of the most prestigious and well-recognized organizations in the field of professional counseling requires respect for the high expectations and responsibilities entailed therein. I believe that I am a strong candidate for the position and can fulfill those expectations. Through my membership and various service roles within CSI, I have developed a clear understanding of CSI’s mission, vision, and standards. In addition, I have approximately three years of experience in banking, which equipped me with relevant knowledge and skills that are invaluable to the treasurer’s role. Beyond any specific qualifications, I seek election to this office as a means of giving back to both CSI and my professional field. As a representative of CSI, I continually seek to uphold CSI’s mission to “promote scholarship, research, professionalism, leadership and excellence in counseling, and to recognize high attainment in the pursuit of academic and clinical excellence in the profession of counseling.” Election to this office would provide me with an opportunity to advocate on behalf of CSI and the field of professional counseling.

If elected to the position of Treasurer, I would seek to serve with the level of professionalism and integrity that has been established by my esteemed peers over the past 31 years. This includes developing annual budgets and annual reports, and working with the administrative council to monitor all financial operations. In addition, I will seek to identify ways to further enhance CSI’s fiscal stability and provide resources to help chapters most effectively manage their financial resources.

I appreciate this nomination and hope to serve the members of CSI through the position of Treasurer.

REMINDER:

VOTING BY CHAPTERS FOR ALL CANDIDATES BEGINS NOVEMBER 1ST

CONCLUDES 5 PM EST, DECEMBER 1, 2016!
As a recipient of Chi Sigma Iota’s grant, I’m proud to say that it was instrumental in building leadership within our chapter. With the funds from the grant, Phi Gamma Sigma provided workshops to its members, the student body & counseling professionals. The presentations provided wonderful and vital insights into how to work with refugee clients with respect to culture and theoretical approaches. Another presenter focused on self-care as an ethical mandate. The presenter discussed the importance of wellness and how to create a self-care plan and maintain it for personal and professional well-being. Members obtained additional resources for their counseling tool-box.

Rho Zeta
The University of Kentucky
Primary Grant Author: Lisa Dunkley (lisa.dunkley@uky.edu)
Chapter Faculty Advisor: Dr. Ralph Crystal (ralph.crystal@uky.edu)

Our grant was used to conduct a webinar/informational session for the members of Rho Zeta. The session was opened up to students in the Department of Early Childhood Special Education and Rehabilitation Counseling (EDSRC) on the Rehabilitation Counseling transition from being a CORE to a CACREP accredited counseling program. This forum allowed students to ask questions in a welcoming environment about the knowledge needed to adequately prepare for certification as well as licensure as new professional counselors and how it will affect their degrees. Individuals attended the seminar in person and via Zoom media to include distance learning members. All participants enjoyed door prizes, and refreshments were provided.

Sigma Delta Sigma
South Dakota State University
Primary Grant Author: Kari Johnson (kari.johnson716@jacks.sdstate.edu)
Chapter Faculty Advisor: Dr. Andrea Bjornestad (andrea.bjornestad@sdstate.edu)

Our chapter hosted an Addictions Counseling Workshop. Dr. Mary Merrigan, a Licensed Addictions Counselor, Licensed Mental Health Counselor, and an Assistant Professor at the University of South Dakota, was the speaker. She provided information on substance use disorder identification, assessment, counseling techniques, and much more. The members and potential new members who attended gained a deeper understanding of substance use disorders and increased their comfort level in providing services to clients with addictions. Subsequently, the attendees gained leadership and professional identity within the counseling field.

Upsilon Nu Chi
The University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Primary Grant Author: Kelly King (kmking7@uncg.edu)
Chapter Faculty Advisor: Dr. Christine Murray (cemurray@uncg.edu)

Upsilon Nu Chi’s chapter grant funds were used to assist in a student member’s implementation of a service learning project meant to educate counselors about teen dating violence. The event was held at the Family Justice Center, an important community resource for victims of domestic violence. The event brought together various leaders to comprise a panel, and each member contributed to the topic with insight specific to his or her role. This included law enforcement, counselors, and counselor educators. Funds were used to provide informational handouts and pamphlets concerning teen dating violence, and to provide a light breakfast.

This year’s application period is open through October 15, and I highly encourage chapter leaders to considering developing grant proposal. You can find more information on the Chapter Grants page.

Call for Journal of Counselor Leadership & Advocacy Editor

CSI invites applications for the position of Journal of Counselor Leadership & Advocacy Editor. The editor will serve a 3-year term at the pleasure of the Executive Council beginning May 1, 2017. Interested persons should electronically submit a resume or curriculum vitae and a letter of interest to publications@csi-net.org no later than January 15, 2017. Although not necessary, contact information for two or three colleagues with whom you have published or edited could be helpful.

The Journal of Counselor Leadership & Advocacy (JCLA) provides professional counselors, counselor educators, and counseling students with research and evidence-based recommendations in topics that promote scholarship, research, professionalism, leadership, advocacy, and excellence in counseling. Published by Taylor & Francis, JCLA is distributed to over 15,000 members and available in over 2,000 libraries worldwide. Our goal is to maintain high standards while forwarding the mission of this publication to promote the development of leaders to serve in diverse counseling settings, bring awareness to professional and client advocacy initiatives, and provide a forum for discussing professional issues.

We are seeking a servant leader who is an active, current member of CSI; has a history of successful leadership in CSI at the local, national, or international level; and demonstrates strong organizational skills, experience with professional writing, and publishing and/or editing comparable works. Scholarly expertise in the area of professional identity, leadership, and advocacy in the field of counseling is required. Those with prior journal editing experience are encouraged to apply.
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