DEPARTMENT HAPPENINGS

UPCOMING CONFERENCES
- 10/11-10/15 ACES Conference
- 11/2-11/3 AASP Hybrid Conference
- 11/15-11/18 ASHE Conference
- 12/12-12/17 Evolution of Psychotherapy Conference

CAMPUS EVENTS
- All Month - Clothing Drive for CIE
- 10/2 - International Gallery
- 10/5 - Culture Night
- 10/7 - Out of the Darkness Walk
- 10/13-15 - Family Weekend
- 10/18 - Pronoun Palooza

UNIVERSITY DEADLINES
- 10/2-10/20 Midterm Grades
- 10/27 Last Day to Withdraw

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT
- Sydney Snyder
- Andrew Horvath

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT
- Ji Eun Lee

CULTURAL SPOTLIGHT
- National Disability Employment Awareness
- Breast Cancer Awareness

AASP Conference EdS and PhD students, mark your calendars! The Arizona Association of School Psychologists (AASP) Annual Hybrid Conference will be on 11/2/2023 and 11/3/2023 in Phoenix. Every year a significant number of NAU students serve as conference volunteers, present research posters/papers, and attend professional development workshop sessions. Look for information from Dr. Fillhouer (NV campus) and Dr. Calderon (Flagstaff campus). It is a great opportunity for professional development, networking, and research presentation practice in a friendly setting. Check out the photo of our faculty and staff in attendance last year.

Please be sure to send us pictures and announcements of all the wonderful things that happen this year and we will feature them in the newsletter. Send these to Tessa.Alexander@nau.edu.
UPCOMING CONFERENCES

- American Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES) Conference will be held in Denver on October 11-15. This conference is ideal for masters students who are considering a PhD in Counselor Education. Click [here](#) for more information on how to volunteer and attend for a reduced cost.
- The Arizona Association of School Psychologists (AASP) Annual Hybrid Conference will be held on November 2-3 at the Desert Willow Conference Center.
- The [ASHE](#) conference will be held on November 15-18 in Minneapolis.
- Evolution of Psychotherapy Conference will be held in Anaheim on December 12-17th. You can register [here](#) for a chance to attend free by volunteering during the event.

ACADEMIC DEADLINES

- 10/2-10/20 Submission of Midterm Grades
- 10/27 Last day to withdraw from individual 16 week classes without a petition

CAMPUS EVENTS

- All Month | Warm and Professional Clothing Drive | Help international students joining NAU this winter by donating warm and/or professional clothes. Boxes are in Blome and the International Pavilion.
- 10/2 International Gallery | From 5 - 7 pm in the International Pavilion you can view students’ travel photos and vote on them. Refreshments are provided.
- 10/5 Culture Night | At 6 pm in the International Pavilion you can learn about cultures from around the world and enjoy free food.
- 10/7 Flagstaff Community Out of the Darkness Walk | From 9 to 11 am in Buffalo park you can visit tables from organization in the community that support the community and help to prevent suicide. Some of our CMHC students will have a table set up!
- 10/13 - 10/15 Family Weekend | There will be many events across campus for everyone. Take a look at the NAU events calendar to see everything that is happening.
- 10/18 Pronoun Palooza | From 5 to 9 pm in the Union, learn more about the importance of pronouns in inclusivity and create a pin to show your pronouns.
STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

This month we would like to highlight a couple of student leaders in the school psychology program. Our NASP and AASP Student Representatives are Sydney Snyder and Andrew Horvath. As student representatives of our state and national associations, they help to facilitate communication between those organizations and our program, and they serve as advocates regarding important initiatives pertinent to the field.

NASP Student Representative: Sydney Snyder
Sydney is a Phoenix, AZ native and enjoys spending time outside with her dog. She is a 2nd year graduate student in the School Psychology, Ed.S. program. Her undergraduate degree is in Secondary Education, English from Arizona State University. Sydney says her goal as a school psychologist is to “partner with other educational professionals, parents, and community resources to support and empower students who have academic and social emotional needs.” Sydney likes working within schools where the focus is on “providing a positive learning environment with opportunities to grow.” She says, “I love that education is always changing and we are always learning!”

AASP Student Representative: Andrew Horvath
Andrew Horvath is a first-generation American born in Arizona. He is currently a second-year student in the school psychology program at NAU North Valley. A father of two, Andrew has been a teacher since 2011 and has spent his career working in various communities throughout Arizona.
FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

For this month, we would like to spotlight Dr. Jieun Lee. Although she has been in the department for nine years, she may be a new face for some as she was on sabbatical during Spring 2023.

Dr. Lee received her M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Educational Psychology with a Learning Concentration at the Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College of Arizona State University (ASU) in Tempe. Prior to her time in our department, she worked for two years as a Postdoctoral Research Fellow in the T. Denny Sanford School of Social and Family Dynamics at ASU.

Dr. Lee says her research “focuses on the effect of students' future-oriented motivation (FOM: motivation for developing and pursuing academic future goals) and future-oriented self-regulated learning (FOSRL: commitment to utilizing self-regulatory strategies to achieve those goals) on academic success and STEM career interest.” Beyond that specific focus, Dr. Lee is also interested in applying her knowledge of advanced measurement, statistics, and methodology to diverse research projects.

Dr. Lee worked on her research while she was on sabbatical in the spring. She says, “I spent most of my time in South Korea (my home country) and conducted research remotely with my research assistants. My two sons learned the Korean language and cultures and received abundant love from grandparents and relatives. I am finishing my sabbatical research papers and grant proposal this semester, so it's been hectic but rewarding.”

Dr. Lee would like to wish you all the best for this semester!
CULTURE AND DIVERSITY SPOTLIGHT

National Disability Employment Awareness (NDEA) is celebrated throughout the month of October. The goal is to promote conversations about inclusion and celebrate the contributions of people with disabilities in the workforce. This year’s theme is "Advancing Access and Equity" to celebrate the passing of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and its significance in addressing access and equity for people with disabilities.

Awareness of those with disabilities began in 1945 toward the end of World War 2. Soldiers returning home with “new found” disabilities faced new challenges finding jobs. President Truman declared the first week of October as National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week to support this post-war effort. As the years progressed so did this event. Fast forward to the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 which broadened the definition of disability. This act prohibits employment discrimination within federal agencies and federal funded programs. Other years that include notable achievements:
- 1990 - The Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law, prohibiting discrimination in employment, transportation etc.
- 2001 - The Office of Disability Employment Policy was established
- 2014 - The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act helps to assist job seekers with disabilities to gain access to employment, training and support services

Disability Resources at NAU works with faculty, staff, students and the campus community to “cultivate a universally designed environment, and facilitate the removal of existing barriers for full inclusion of people with disabilities.” From this website, members of the NAU community are able to request accommodations, access resources, find links to the ADHD and Autism support groups and/or make a complaint. Some of the resources listed on this website include:
- Access to assistive technology devices & software
- Distraction reduced testing center
- Print matter in alternative formats
- Sign language interpretation

For additional information about the ADA National Network or National Employer Assistance & Resource Network on Disability Inclusion, click on the titles to go to these sites. Let’s share resources and spread information.

October is also Breast Cancer Awareness Month to educate everyone about early detection, screening and access to high-quality health care. To find resources, take a pledge to get a mammogram or contribute to the cause you can visit National Breast Cancer or Susan G. Komen websites.