ASC Football Players Win Awards

By: Barb Kooser

Congratulations go to two of the ASC football players who won awards for their performance on the football field this fall.

JACK FOY, running back/wide receiver, was named to the first team all-conference where he led the Mountain East with 93 catches on the season, eighth most in the country, and established a new program record. He had 354 yards receiving, also a program record, ranking second in the conference in that category (NDC press release, 11/20/2013).

Congratulations also go to BRIAN HARP who earned Honorable Mention from the Mountain East Conference for his performance as a captain of the offensive line and three-year starter. Brian was described as being an integral part of an offense that established a number of program records (NDC press release, 11/20/2013). In addition, Brian has been awarded a $2000 post graduate scholarship from the National Football Foundation!

In the Spotlight …

Dr. Yvonne Allen

Dr. Yvonne Allen, Associate Professor of Education and Chair of the Division of Professional Education, joined Notre Dame College in August, 2010 and became Division Chairperson in 2012. Her background is rich in both faith and professional accomplishments. As Division Chairperson, she has a profound understanding of and strong commitment to both undergraduate and graduate students.

Twenty-three per cent of our ASC students have a declared education major. Dr. Allen shared: “In our division the question we ask ourselves is: How do we best prepare our students to facilitate learning as a profession—a life calling?”

Enthusiasm, resilience and advocacy characterize Dr. Allen, who sets high expectations and conveys a strong desire to build relationships of mutual respect and support while conveying the reality that every teacher-candidate’s knowledge, preparation, and skill levels will be measured by the Division, the Ohio Board of Regents and NCATE accreditations. Successful teaching extends beyond wanting to teach or liking children— even though many enter the profession for these reasons. Without the requisite communication skills, knowledge and independent decision-making necessary to manage a safe and active classroom during student teaching, candidates face daunting challenges. Dr. Allen encourages students to recognize their personal strengths and weaknesses and use guidance to foster a win-win situation regarding appropriate professional goals.

Using a scaffold as an image, Dr. Allen spoke of how important it is for students to use all the supports available and then, as they internalize necessary skills, to rely less on external supports and become their own self-advocates. “It is important to know yourself and to assess your capabilities based on external evidence and criteria. Never forget the power of persistence and that you are a child of God.” Dr. Allen observes that we reach goals through a series of adjustments—valuable advice regardless of our profession!

IT’S ALL ABOUT WORDS

By: Sister Joela Leinberger, SND

This little article offers some suggestions to initiate professional conversation with adults and authority figures:

1. In all capital letters; in email etiquette this is yelling at the person to whom you are writing. One more reminder: you are your first and best advocate. You know what you need better than anyone: a further explanation, a jump start with a paper, a review of due dates or a request for extended time for a legitimate reason. You need to speak for yourself, and there are proper ways to do so in order to get a good upper hand in any adult situation.

2. Remembering William Holmes.

The Notre Dame College community mourns the loss of Bill Holmes. Bill was a part-time instructional advisor in the Academic Support Center. Before Bill came to NDC, he worked as a financial executive for Republic Steel Corporation, M.A. Hanna Company and Tivo. Bill also operated his own strategic, financial and crisis management consulting practice. In his honor, The William Holmes Business Award will be established. The Academic Support Center will announce the recipient at Recognition Day 2014. The award will be based on student, G.P.A. and service. “Grieve not, nor speak of me with tears. But laugh and talk of me, as though I were beside you. I loved you so, twas Heaven here with you.” excerpt from the funeral of William Holmes.

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TAKE RISKS. Life is too short to spend your time avoiding failure.

HAVE PERSISTENCE. Persistence really does pay off.

GIVE BACK. You are ultimately responsible for your success and failure, but you only succeed if you share the reward with others you to grow.

NEVER STOP LEARNING. The most powerful word in the English language is “Why.” There is nothing as powerful as an open, inquiring mind. Whatever field you choose— be a lifelong student.

MAKE THEIR OWN LUCK. Luck plays a part in success, but the harder you work, the luckier you get.
CREATING A STUDY SCHEDULE

Here are a few directions!
1. Write out times of the week for:
   - sleeping, eating, personal grooming, set or fixed activities, & study periods.
2. Allow time to study in your schedule:
   - Schedules for studying will differ because students differ. The amount of your studying time depends on your general ability and the type of difficulty in your assignments. 
   - Schedule your studying at the time you work best—not when your energy is at its lowest.
   - Have a definite period of time for studying each subject and indicate which subject you are studying for.
   - Tackle the difficult subjects when you are the most fresh.
   - Vary your types of subjects.
3. Write in your other activities to complete:
   - Plan your recreation, exercises, and social activities as carefully as your study hours.
   - Reward yourself for keeping to your schedule.

NOW FOLLOW YOUR SCHEDULE!

“Don’t let life discourage you; everyone who got where he is had to begin where he was.”
— Richard L. Evans

Important Dates to Remember...

Upcoming Workshops for Spring 2014

January 21
   - Calculating Profit
   - Calculating the Long Run
   - Calculating the Short Run
   - Calculating the Long Run
   - Calculating Total Cost

February 11
   - Seminar on Math for Success

March 6
   - Seminar on Math for Success

April 10
   - Seminar on Math for Success

Transfer to Action

January 29
   - Seminar on Math for Success

February 5, 12
   - Seminar on Math for Success

March 12, 19, 26
   - Seminar on Math for Success

Events

March 3-7
   - Spring Break

March 13
   - Delta Alpha Pi Induction Ceremony

April 11
   - Recognition Day

April 17-21
   - Easter Break

May 8
   - End of semester

May 10-11
   - Graduation

SPRING 2014

From the Desk of Gretchen Walsh

Winter break has flown by, and the spring 2014 semester is now under way. The Academic Support Center has had a wonderful fall in 2013. We have met the challenge grant of $375,000 through a donation by an alumni, a parent of an ASC student, and the Miller family. Previously, we had received a $100,000 donation from the Noetzel family for the expansion to Regina. Due to this combined generosity, construction has started at Regina, and we are now raising money for an ASC endowment. Our deepest gratitude goes out to our generous donors.

Fall, 2013 was also a good semester for our students academically. Fifty-six of our students had above a 3.0 GPA, and sixteen students have been invited to join the Delta Alpha Pi Honor Society. Congratulations to all of our high achievers! Also, congratulations to our eleven students, who were selected by the Workforce Recruitment Program.

In the spring 2014 semester, we have welcomed three transfer students to the ASC/NDC. We have high hopes for a smooth transition for them this semester. Additionally, we are looking forward to an ASC bowling event, a fantastic Career Day, our Delta Alpha Pi Induction Ceremony, and Recognition Day. Please join us for all of these activities!

We have created an ASC Twitter page to tweet about the exciting things happening at NDC, the ASC, higher education and in the LD community. Follow us, @NDC_ASC! If you are interested in topics like your learning difference, self-advocacy or executive function and want to learn a little more about all this stuff ties together then subscribe to our twitter feed. You can also check out some of the great organizations, institutions and people we are following.

Don't forget to LIKE the Academic Support Center Facebook page to get more up to date information on the center.

“The best way to predict the future is to invent it.”
— Alan Kay

END OF SEMESTER