Faculty/Administration

Dr. Michael R. Langlais, FSID, coauthored a 2015 article in the Journal of Family Studies with Catherine A. Surra, Edward R. Anderson & Jennifer Priem, entitled “Differentiating declining commitment and breakup using commitment to wed.” To link to this article: http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/13229400.2015.1120225

Impact

What are you doing? Where are you going? What impact are you making? Tell me, please!

Students

The Industrial Distribution Organization has been engaged with the Friends Program for a number of years. Annually they have a Christmas gathering where they and Santa provide the children with gifts. See attachment- By Brenda Jochum- “For many years the Industrial Distribution Organization has partnered with the Friends Program as one of many opportunities for students to get involved in serving in our community. Students serve as a mentor for an elementary student connecting with them once a week and they take part in a leisure activity such as bowling, visiting the children’s museum, and going to the YMCA.

To further support this program, IDO created Toys 4-kIDOs in 2012. Now every child in the Friends Program is given a Christmas present. This past year was the largest ever with 80 gifts purchased and wrapped. A party was hosted in the Otto Olsen Building on December 8 for everyone in the Friends Program. Mentors brought their little friend for an evening of snacks, entertainment and gift opening.

Zachary Ramold, a senior in the ID program, dressed up as Santa Claus and handed out gifts to the kids whose ages ranged from kindergarten to sixth grade. It was truly amazing to see the faces of the kids as they received their gifts and the excitement after opening the presents. Chase Hasty of Holdrege, NE put on a fantastic magic show for the crowd. Chase was great with the kids and had the entire crowd in awe as he performed his tricks. This event would not have been
possible without the generous donation of $4,000 from UNK’s ID program partner, Winsupply. IDO would like to thank Winsupply, the Friends Program, Chase Hasty, and anyone else who helped make this a special night for the kids."

**Experiential Learning/Internship**

**Tell me about your alumni!**

**Puja Kandel**, 2002 Computer Information Systems and Business Administration graduate, launched CMIT Solutions of West Omaha which is the first NE franchise location for the Texas-based company. She plans to expand the organization to additional Nebraska communities where she will provide a broad range of IT services, remote backup and recovery, outsource support, and antispam solutions. She has worked as an IT programmer analyst intern for West Corporation and in CHI Health’s IT department prior to this endeavor. She received a certificate in Leadership Franchise and a certificate from the Sandler Sales Boot camp Training Program.

**Billie Kunzman**, Marketing Emphasis 2015 graduate, is employed with C&A Industries of Omaha as a nurse recruiter for Aureus Medical Group.

**Randy Mousel**, Business Administration graduate, is the Senior Vice President of brokerage sales for Mutual of Omaha. He is responsible for the sales and marketing strategies of the company’s brokerage distribution health products. Mousel joined Mutual of Omaha in 1995 as a distribution specialist in the supplemental distribution operation.

Please remember to forward your news items to Marsha Yeagley so that proper coverage can be provided. Your news may be added to the next Dean’s List, and/or posted on the "Notables" section of the website, or the Dean’s page of the site. When appropriate, a news release will be sent to students’ hometown newspapers and/or the Hub, as well as covering the item in the June publication of the College of B&T Annual Report. Remember that what you and your students do "makes a difference." In order to send the press release to the students’ hometown newspaper, please provide the hometown. Help us in the recruitment and retention process by informing Marsha of your news.

Send to: yeagleym@unk.edu

Please only send information regarding papers and presentations after the fact. Think about doing an article for the Kearney Hub during the 2015-2016 academic year. Also, consider promoting your program, students, and/or event on NTV (first Wednesday of the month at 6:25 a.m.) and KGFW Talk of the Town (4th Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.) The schedules are attached.

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  * 500 words or less
Business tips/backed by your research if you so choose
Long text or short bullet points
Author picture and short bio
Every other month to start

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