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President's Message



Greetings, PCA Members!

I'm writing this message from Philadelphia International airport where I'm currently waiting to catch my flight to San Francisco for the American Counseling Association's 2017 conference! In addition to my excitement about seeing Irv Yalom speak, I'm immensely proud that PCA will have such a strong presence this year. This should be a fun weekend, and congratulations to any PCA members that will be presenting!

A few quick updates on some important matters...

As a reminder to everyone on our mailing list, the Pennsylvania State Senate is considering a bill that would ban conversion therapy with minors. The American Counseling Association formally opposes conversion therapy because it violates our Code of Ethics, can and does cause harm to clients, and attempts to provide "therapy" to something that is not a mental disorder.

PCA would greatly appreciate your support in making a ban on conversion therapy a reality in Pennsylvania.

If you're willing, please click the link that follows to log in and send your

message:

<https://www.votervoice.net/BroadcastLinks/kkWOKIfbjRCfdYn5SHMG3g>

If you prefer to send a written correspondence instead (or as well), a template is available on our website. You can find your legislators at https://openstates.org/find_your_legislator/.

On a related note, we're also working diligently with our law firm in Harrisburg to continue developing a formal practice act for professional counselors in Pennsylvania. It has required a tremendous amount of phone calls, emails and meetings... but we're confident we can pull it off.

Once more, I and the rest of the folks at PCA are immensely grateful for your membership and continued support.

Hope all is well,

Charles

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Past-President's Message

Paul A. Datti, Ph.D., CRC, HS-BCP



Welcome to Spring! 2017 is off to a great start for PCA. Lobbying efforts continue, we are advocating for a ban on conversion therapy in PA, and our spring conference is just around the corner.

And as you know, we will have a new President-Elect this year! Nominations have been accepted and by the time you read this, voting will be in progress or finished. As I noted last time, I think I can speak for the Past-Presidents of late and say that we enjoyed our tenures, appreciated the opportunity, and had a lot of fun as we presided over this terrific organization. I am confident that whichever candidate wins the election, PCA will be in great hands.

On that note, my time as any type of president for PCA is coming to an end this June, and the next Past-President's message will be from Charles. I want to say thank you to all of you – the executive committee, board members, and the PCA constituency as a whole – for the amazing support that I felt during my three year term as President-Elect, President, and Immediate Past President. I can truly say that I am humbled to have been surrounded by such terrific people who care so much about the counseling profession and the welfare of the counselors and clients they serve in the state of Pennsylvania. I will truly miss being in this type leadership position, and, believe it or not, will miss being in the board meetings. They have come to be the most productive, meaningful, and fun meetings I have been in throughout my 12 years as a PCA member and almost 8 years as a board member. I may have some board withdrawal!

As I continue my membership in PCA (and please continue yours too!), I look forward to the organization's continued growth, and the terrific work that is sure to come for the counseling profession, clinicians, and clients we serve.

Cheers,

Paul

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President-elect's Message

Linda Thompson, Ph.D., LPC, LMFT



It is a busy time for the executive team as we prepare to attend the ACA annual conference in San Francisco, which is an amazing opportunity to network with other states and divisions. I am excited about talking with the North Atlantic Regional group and getting sage advice from ACA on our legislative initiatives, particularly our enthusiastic pursuit of adding diagnosis to our practice act and further defining what a counselor does in protection of our title. This effort is a priority for me right now, as it is critical for LPCs in PA to establish equity and parity with LMFTs and LCSWs if we are to have access to third party reimbursements in the future. Please reach out to our legislative committee to ask how you can help with these efforts.

I am also gearing up for the 49th annual conference in King of Prussia. We are working hard to make this an exceptional event. This year we are adding a social networking event on Saturday night, a special track on diversity issues, and a pre-conference on LGBT issues. We have expanded the number of sessions available, so there should be something for everyone. This is not one to miss!

Linda

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**SAVE THE
DATE!**

**49th Annual
PCA Conference**

Nov 3-5, 2017

King of Prussia, PA

PCA Conference Update: CALL FOR PROPOSALS!

On April 1st, 2017, the Pennsylvania Counseling Association will be putting out a call for proposals for the 49th Annual PCA conference located in King of Prussia. The conference will take place from **November 3rd until November 5th**. Our theme this year focuses on **Working Across Disciplines**. We are making a concerted effort to invite our colleagues from other helping professions such as social workers, licensed marriage and family therapists, and psychologists to participate in the conference.

Conference proposals will be due **Thursday June 1st** at midnight. We anticipate a larger than usual crowd and proposal submissions this year. Therefore, we will most likely NOT extend the June 1st deadline. Please plan accordingly.

We are also asking members to consider donating an item for a raffle or creating a basket to be raffled off at one of the social events. As always, we are looking for sponsors to purchase adds, help fund events, or create a bas-

ket of prizes. Sponsors can be agencies, schools, or individuals whose values align with the mission of PCA. Interested constituents should email the PCA Conference co-chairs at pca.programs@gmail.com. Also, please let us know of organizations that you believe may be in our best interest to reach out to for sponsorship.

Lastly, the PCA Conference co-chairs are considering creating spaces for members who are interested in starting a new group or who would like to assist in the development of our emerging leaders. More to come on this idea.

Until then, please keep an eye out for our program submission proposal email and deadlines.

See you in November!

*Lisa Corbin & Linda
Thompson*

49th PCA Conference—

November 4th at King of Prussia

Luncheon Keynote Speaker



Maiken Scott hosts WHYY's weekly health and science show "The Pulse" which is heard on public radio stations across the country. Every week, the Pulse takes listeners on a journey, and introduces them to the people and places at the heart of health and science.

For the show, Maiken has reported on fake service dogs, the jukebox in our heads, early interventions for people with schizophrenia, and annoying hospital alarms just to name a few. Maiken has focused on mental health issues for much of her career at WHYY – first as producer of Voices in the Family with psychologist Dan Gottlieb, and then as the station's first behavioral health reporter. She continues to oversee behavioral health reporting at the station, which is funded by the Thomas Scattergood Behavioral Health Foundation.

From the desk of the Awards Committee:

*Lauren Ostrowski, MA, LPC, NCC, DCC & Ryan Gruber, MEd
Committee Co-chairs*



Looking ahead...

We all Know an Outstanding Counselor, Student, or Program: Help PCA Recognize our Professional Heroes!

Please take a look at the criteria and think about who you may nominate next year. This is our opportunity to showcase a few of our unsung heroes. Please consider nominating a colleague, program, or graduate student for an award. The award categories are listed below. Winners will be announced at the annual PCA conference luncheon.

PCA Outstanding Practitioner Award -- Awarded to an outstanding professional counselor for service to the profession; nominees do NOT need to be PCA members.

PCA Lifetime Achievement Award -- Awarded to a PCA member who is a State of Pennsylvania resident and who has demonstrated outstanding dedication, service, and/or achievement in professional counseling.

PCA Outstanding Administrator Award -- Awarded to an outstanding institutional administrator who has demonstrated support of the professional counseling profession.

PCA Outstanding Counselor Education Program Award -- Awarded to an outstanding professional counseling program in the State of Pennsylvania.

PCA Outstanding Graduate Student Award -- Awarded to an individual who is currently a graduate student in professional counseling within the State of Pennsylvania and who shows excellent potential and professionalism; this individual shall be a PCA student member and shall have had some involvement with the association.

PCA Outstanding Research/Publication Award -- Awarded to a PCA member who has contributed to the professional counseling profession through outstanding effort in the area of research and/or publication.

David W. Hall Advocacy Award -- Awarded to an individual who has promoted the profession of counseling through advocacy to whom the many professional counselors in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are forever indebted.

From the desk of PACES

Jenn Barna, PhD

This year the Eastern PACES meeting is a joint conference between PACES and the Marywood University Chi Sigma Iota Pi Chapter!

7th Annual Chi Sigma Iota PA Statewide Conference

“CREATIVE STRATEGIES FOR COLLABORATION IN COUNSELING, TRAINING, AND SUPERVISION”

Saturday, April 8, 2017

Keynote: **Dr. Spencer “Skip” Niles,**

Dean of the School of Education at the College of William and Mary

Cost is \$25 and includes a light breakfast, sit down lunch, keynote address, and afternoon refreshments.

Attention School Counselor Educators -

An attempt has been made to contact school counselor educators, directors, and/or coordinators via email to form a group to discuss PDE training expectations and criteria required for PA School Counseling Certification, for example, items associated with ESSA or Career and College Readiness. The purpose is to share updates from programs and to keep communication open between PDE, PSCA and counselor training programs. The group met last month to plan a meeting agenda for the April 8th CSI conference. If you are interested in becoming involved in this group, or would like your name added to the email list, please contact Karen Dickinson - KDickinson@wcupa.edu.

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From the desk of Social Media...

Abby Dougherty, M.S., NCC , LPC & Bonnie Steich, M.A., NCC, LPC

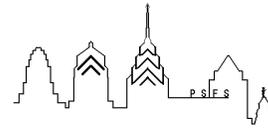
Chairpersons

Are you an LPC with a practice in PA? Are you holding a workshop or group and would like some support getting the word out? PCA wants to support counselors with their professional endeavors. Let us know. In the meantime, check us out at:



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From the desk of Greater Philadelphia Area Counseling Association (GPACA)



The Greater Philadelphia Area Counseling Association has been building membership and designing programs for local professional counselors and counseling students. On Saturday March 4th, 9:30 – 12 noon at Drexel University, we hosted a networking event featuring a workshop on *Trauma Informed Advocacy*, presented by Minna Davis, PCA & GPACA member. This workshop brought 40 professionals and students together, resulting in many new memberships and ideas for future programming.

In April, we are collaborating with the American Red Cross and Chestnut Hill College to deliver a four-and-a-half-hour training on *Disaster Mental Health*. John Weaver, LCSW, Disaster Mental Health Volunteer and Mid-Atlantic Division Advisor, will be leading this workshop.

In June we plan to hold a Job Fair. We are asking about 15 local agencies who have a history of hiring LPCs and aspiring LPCs to staff tables. Please let me know if your agency would be interested. We plan to include round table conversations on supervision, private practice, licensure, and career prepara-

tion for students and new professionals.

Hearing what our sister organizations are doing has prompted GPACA to consider holding clinical chats, touring local facilities, and establishing partnerships with agencies to offer larger events (Thank you GPACA!). We are also in the midst of planning a Suicide Prevention workshop for Fall 2017.

For those of you who live in the Philadelphia area, keep an eye out for elections as we have positions to fill. In addition, we would love to have you attend our meetings!

Also, check us out on Facebook and Twitter. Email us with questions, comments, suggestions, or concerns.

Lastly, we are excited to have the PCA conference in our backyard and hope to have a strong presence of Philadelphia area counselors and students at the conference in King of Prussia. One of our goals this year is to increase membership in both GPACA and PCA, so please consider joining our associations!

Lisa

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SAVE THE DATE

GPACA

Invite you to...

American Red Cross

Disaster Mental Health Workshop with

John Weaver,

Disaster Mental Health Volunteer & Mid-Atlantic Division Advisor

When: Saturday, April 22nd, 2017 ♦ 12:00 - 5:00 pm

Chestnut Hill College-Rotunda, 9601 Germantown Ave, Philadelphia

Fee (includes lunch): \$25.00 for Members, \$35 for Nonmembers

RSVP by 4/15/2017 to Lisa Corbin at GPACAweb@gmail.com

From the desk of the Government Relations Committee...

Nellie Scanlon
Co-Chair

The Government Relations Committee has an active role in the ad hoc committee for amending language in the PA Title Protection Act for LPCs to make it a stronger Title Protection and Practice Act.

Specifically, five members, Nellie Scanlon, Kristen Hawk, Kurt Kraus, Travis Schermer, and Lauren Ostrowski, have been working with members of the Executive Committee and the representative from the Lobbying Firm Wooten & Malady to clarify what constitutes the practice scope of LPCs based on the ACA's 20/20: Vision for the Future of Counseling project definitions and the PA State Board regulations.

We are following in suit with what the Social Workers have already proposed in the current House Bill 445 and with what the Marriage and Family Therapists are looking to do as well.

Strengthening our Title Protection and Practice Act will enable us to continue to provide quality care and treatment to our clients.

If you are interested in becoming an active member of the Government Relations Committee, please email us at PCAGovernmentRelations@gmail.com

Nellie

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ACA 2017 Conference & Expo!
San Francisco

For those of you who attended, it is now but a memory. I am confident that you were inspired and energized, so please take a moment to write an article for the summer issue of PCA Inc. and share your enthusiasm and new knowledge with those of us who missed out on this awesome experience.

Minna at 4pcanews@gmail.com

Graduate Student Liaison-Reflections...

Dara Schwartz

M.A. Candidate, Clinical Mental Health Counseling,

My term as your Graduate Student Liaison has been a transformative experience. It has been a privilege to serve the PCA and I am looking forward to continuing to serve as co-chair of Advertising and Social Media committee and in other capacities that I am called to as I transition into being a member of the professional counseling community.

We have a call for leadership. My leaving Graduate Student Liaison role creates a unique leadership opportunity for the next graduate student who is ready to engage with leaders in the counseling community, gain exposure to key regulatory issues affecting the counseling community as-it-happens, and be a voice for the student community at the graduate and under-graduate levels.

Goals of the Graduate Student Liaison include:

- Increasing PCA visibility to students on campuses
- Increasing student enrollment
- Development of student initiatives to increase engagement
- Giving students an awareness of the benefits of PCA membership after they graduate

Qualifications

- Strong communication skills
- Requires working with others and reaching out for support
- Flexibility
- Vision and goal-oriented
- Perform tasks outside of meetings as needed
- Student member of the Pennsylvania Counseling Association

The role allows for creativity, the liaison can develop programs that reflect their own areas of interest to life, such as the Student Ethics Roundtable Discussion held at our 2016 fall conference.

I look forward to continued engagement with you and the PCA.

Best,

Dara

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Call for Papers: Journal of the Pennsylvania Counseling Association

Richard Joseph Behun, PhD

Earn up to 2 free Continuing Education credits by reading selected articles in each issue of *The Journal of the Pennsylvania Counseling Association* (JPCA).

Call for Papers:

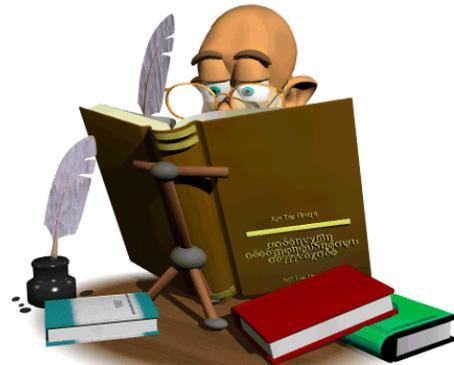
Journal of the Pennsylvania Counseling Association

The *Journal of the Pennsylvania Counseling Association (JPCA)* is a professional, refereed journal dedicated to the study and development of the counseling profession. The Editor invites scholarly articles based on existing literature that address the interest, theory, research, and innovative programs and practices of professional counselors. **For our next edition, we are specifically looking to publish papers on conversion therapy!** All submissions are blind peer reviewed and authors should expect a decision regarding a manuscript within two months of acknowledgement of receipt. To review the Guidelines for Authors, please go to the PCA webpage: <http://www.pacounseling.org/jpca.php>. Manuscripts may be submitted via email to Dr. Richard Joseph Behun, JPCA Editor, at pcajournal@gmail.com.

Call for JPCA Reviewers

Anyone interested in being a reviewer for the *JPCA* should send a letter-of-interest and CV to Dr. Richard Joseph Behun, JPCA Editor, at pcajournal@gmail.com. This position is a unique opportunity to grow professionally and to contribute meaningfully to the PCA, the counseling profession, and the larger mental health field. Beyond contributing to JPCA and Pennsylvania professional counselors, reviewing manuscripts for JPCA also will greatly enhance your professional writing ability.

Joe
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Looking for a Counseling Job? PCA CAN HELP!

THE PCA CAREER CENTER IS NOW EVEN EASIER TO USE!

The Career Center has moved to the public section of the PCA website!

At the Career Center, you'll find jobs that are specific to counseling professionals. These are targeted opportunities that can't be found on larger job board websites.

Why should you visit PCA's Career Center?

- Find positions targeted for counselors
- Post your resume anonymously
- Create personalized job alerts
- Save searches, store jobs, keep notes, communicate with employers through an internal messaging system, and more!



To Access the Career Center:

Go to

<http://www.pacounseling.org/>

- Click on the Career Center link.
- Upon entering the site, you'll be prompted to create a free account.
- Customer Service is available M-F from 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. EST.

1-860-437-5700

support@jobtarget.com

Want to Post a Job?

Check out the

Employers Section

for more information on advertising counseling positions.

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Advertise with us and get your message out to PCA members!

PCA Inc is distributed electronically 4 times annually to approximately 500 active PCA members. It is a great way to reach your target audience!

Please submit your AD as a JPEG, PDF or Word document (Word if it is text only). Please make sure it is print quality resolution or 300 dpi. Checks can be made out to the Pennsylvania Counseling Association and mailed to PO Box 8222, Philadelphia, PA 19101-8222. Members generally receive PCA Inc on the first of the month - October, January, April and July. Submission deadlines fall one month prior.

Submit your ad to:
PCA Newsletter Editor
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1/4 PAGE AD 2.5" x 7.5" OR 5" x 3.5"	\$60.00	\$80.00
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1/2 PAGE AD 10" x 3.5" or 5" x 7.5"	\$120.00	\$150.00
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