Greetings!

Welcome to the Spring 2011 Newsletter for the Sport Studies Program (SSP) and the Physical Education Department (PED) at Reinhardt University.

The purpose of the newsletter is to provide information about the SSP and PED to program majors, potential majors, and alumni, and to Reinhardt faculty, staff, students, and friends of the university.

The past year has been one of exciting growth in the program. Approximately a dozen Sport Studies majors are set to graduate at May 2011 commencement, and twenty-five freshmen declared as majors in fall (our largest groups to date in both categories). Sport Studies students represented Reinhardt locally, nationally, and internationally by completing internship and practicum placements at nearly twenty sites. Finally, two SSP alumni returned to campus to teach as adjunct instructors.

It is truly a wonderful time to be part of the Sport Studies Program and the Physical Education Department at Reinhardt.

Enjoy the newsletter!

Join the Team!

Sport Studies Majors
(pictured from top)

- Bailey Arnaud ('12)
- Ethan Starr ('12)
- Cole Dial ('10)
- Kordel Alexander ('10)
- Andrea Thibaudeau ('12)
- Ricky Johnson ('11)
Enjoy the 2011 Newsletter!

Sport Studies Program

Mission Statement

The mission of the Sport Studies Program is to develop graduates with a broad cultural perspective of sport, with practical skills suitable for employment in sport-related settings, and with ethical and moral characteristics suitable for assuming leadership roles in contemporary society.

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Sport Studies Program Newsletter
Reinhardt University

What is the Sport Studies Program?

Sport Studies is a degree program within the Price School of Education at Reinhardt University. Majors earn a Bachelor of Science in Sport Studies with a concentration in Sports Administration or Sports Information.

What students major in Sport Studies?

Sport Studies combines aspects of a traditional liberal arts degree with the practical applications of professional degree programs.

From a professional preparation perspective, the SSP attracts students interested in pursuing sport-related career opportunities. Work in college athletic administration, professional sport management, coaching and teaching, recreation and youth sport, exercise and fitness management, golf pro shop management, and several others are popular fields.

From the liberal arts perspective, the SSP is designed for students who may not seek a specific career path, but are interested in the scholarly study of sport (just as other students might be interested in studying history, religion, literature, or similar academic areas).

FAQ

How can I best prepare for a career in sports?

- Make good grades. Often, sport related degrees (including Sport Studies, Sport Management, Sport Administration, Kinesiology, and the like) are not perceived as having the same academic rigor as Accounting, Biology, Literature, etc, so a good GPA is a must.
- Learn beneficial skills. Read the Sport Studies Program Outcomes in this newsletter and evaluate whether you meet those.
- Complete strong internship and practicum experiences. Our internship placement record (left) is substantial. Start thinking early about what you want to do, and learn how to land the site you seek.
- Visit the Sport Studies website via the School of Education on Reinhardt’s webpage and check out “A Must Read for SSP Majors” … you’ll find plenty of answers there.

Where have some of your recent graduates gotten jobs?

- Mizuno Sports, Young Harris Athletics, North Georgia College Athletics, Richard’s Private Wellness and Fitness, Gordon College, Woodland Middle School, Holy Innocents School, Pickens High School, Marietta City Club Golf, Cherokee Parks and Recreation.

How do I become a Sport Studies major?

- Contact Dr. Epling (rte@reinhardt.edu or 770.720.5615) to learn more about the program or simply complete a “Change of Major Form” (available at the Records Office) to declare. Join the team!

Note: List at left includes most (but not all) previous/present SSP Internship and Practicum sites
My time as a Sports Studies Major has been priceless. The courses and all the other experiences have really helped prepare me for a career in the sport industry.

For my 150-hour practicum, I worked at Shorter University alongside Athletic Director Bill Peterson. While there I was assigned many different office related tasks. Among other duties, I worked with the Sports Information Director on their athletic website, worked with Coach Peterson on the departmental annual report, and helped draft a Student Athlete Handbook. Working at Shorter helped me develop communication skills and learn how to work in a college athletic department. My time at Shorter also gave me a better understanding of what an Athletic Director does, and I enjoyed every minute of it.

For my 600-hour internship, I am set to work with the Rome Braves, the Atlanta Braves Single A affiliate. I am excited about the R-Braves internship because I could see myself making a career out of baseball front office work. During my time there I will be working in different areas. I will spend time in the Press Box, assist with Game Day operations, and help with overall Stadium Operations.

I very much enjoyed my time at Reinhardt as a Sports Studies Major. Everything about the program has been great and I would definitely recommend the Sports Studies Program to any incoming freshman or current student at Reinhardt.

Ryan Achin  
Sport Studies Class of 2011

The Sport Studies Program has been very beneficial, and provided me with great opportunities and hands-on activities. The classes were fun and implemented useful information that will benefit me in my career. Field trips to visit various facilities in the area to get a look at the management side of the sports industry gave me helpful insights.

I completed my 150-hour practicum at Jenkins County Recreation Department in Millen, GA. While there, I assisted in all aspects of the day-to-day running of the department - such as paperwork and filing, attending district meetings with the director, field maintenance, concessions, all-star programs for baseball and softball, assisting in and helping develop programs for Senior Citizens, and marketing and running a summer day camp for fast-pitch softball.

Not only was I able to use communication and leadership skills, but also coaching skills. I was given the remarkable experience of working with the local high school fast-pitch team and assisted in coaching the team. I was able to use skills learned in my sports studies classes as well as my own experiences as a college athlete and relay that to the young girls. It was during this time I realized that coaching is what I want to do in the future. It was an awesome experience!

This summer, I will be completing my internship at Twin Creeks Recreation Department in Cherokee County. I am thoroughly excited and can’t wait to see what the future holds. I will be helping with management of facilities, organization of summer programs and tournaments, and all other aspects of running a recreation department.

Cali Lovett  
Sport Studies Class of 2011
### Getting to Know the Majors!

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**Other:** 3 dogs, a cat, a horse!
Congratulations!

The following Sport Studies majors were recently recognized as

Who’s Who
In American Colleges and Universities!

Kelsey Galyon
Kinsey Galyon
Zack Schultze
Justin Slead

Congratulations to all!

Current Majors
(A-K)

The following students are currently registered as Sport Studies Program majors (sorry for any errors or omissions):

Achin, Ryan
Aiken, Kayla
Alexander, Hunter
Arnaud, Bailey
Blackwell, Carrie
Blanding, Monique
Bradshaw, Andrew
Bridges, Matthew
Carl, Kelsey
Carmichael, Jerome
Clark, Jessie
Coulton, Jack
Courington, Erin
Davidson, Brandi
Evans, Justin
Fletcher, Chris
Fletcher, Jonathan
Forness, Keegan
Fuller, Regent
Galyon, Kelsey
Galyon, Kinsey
Hewett, Sarah
Hilburn, Ciara
Hobbs, Gabe
Holland, Tim
Hoyt, Channing
Huffman, Jay
Johnson, Miles
Johnson, Ricky
Jones, Wes

Current Majors
(L-Z)

The following students are currently registered as Sport Studies Program majors (sorry for any errors or omissions):

Lacy, Darius
Lawson, David
Lee, Brandon
Lindsey, Zach
Lovett, Cali
Mastowski, Jason
McCurty, Jemere
McDowell, Ryan
Merriman, Dan
Murphy, David
Patterson, Christian
Polhill, Deross
Poole, David
Pringle, Andy
Reakes, Adam
Robinson, Ashley
Roddie, Robert
Schultze, Zack
Slead, Justin
Smith, Dallas
Spinnenweber, Tyler
Starr, Ethan
Taylor, Stephen
Thibaudeau, Andrea
Van Lierop, Steven
Villhauer, Jordan
Waite, Elizabeth
Wall, Sarah
Williams, Haley
Willingham, Ben
Wilson, Tom

Current Majors
Class of 2011

Ryan Achin
Kelsey Galyon
Kinsey Galyon
Tim Holland
Ricky Johnson
Wes Jones
Brandon Lee
Cali Lovett
Jemere McCurty
Ryan McDowell
David Poole
Justin Slead
Stephen Taylor

Congratulations to all!

Sport Studies Program
Class of 2011

Kelsey Galyon
Kinsey Galyon
Zack Schultze
Justin Slead

Kelsey Carl >>>
Class of 2012
NAIA Scholar Athlete
AAC All Academic Team
(Soccer)

<<< Kinsey Galyon
Class of 2011
NAIA Academic All America
Alpha Chi Honor Society
4.0 GPA
(Basketball)
Dear Dr. Epling,

Cole Dial is doing a great job for us. He’s eager to learn and willing to put in the effort it takes to get the job done. We’re fortunate to have him.

Go Orange!
Doug Marrone
Syracuse University Head Football Coach

Ryan Achin did a great job for us ... Because of his efforts, we will be happy to utilize more RU interns in the future. Please send more!!

Bill Peterson
Director of Athletics
Shorter University

Kordel Alexander has done an excellent job with our JV program ... he gained the respect of all his players.

Jeffrey Pourchier
Reinhardt University Head Men’s Basketball Coach

Ricky was a great asset to our program ... if it looked like it needed attention, he addressed it.

Steve Teschner
Head Baseball Coach
South Gwinnett High School

Jemere McCurty was very helpful. The fact she played collegiately got the attention of my players. They respected her opinion and related to her well.

Shon Thomaston
Girls Basketball Coach
Carrollton High School
ALUMNI NEWS

Alumni: In Their Own Words

Heath Hooper - Sports Administration Class of 2009

I am currently an Assistant Men’s Basketball Coach for Young Harris College. Duties include: recruiting, maintaining budget, scheduling, academic advising, monitoring academic progress, on the court practice and workouts, and creating/maintaining the strength and conditioning program. I will finish Graduate School in August with a Master’s Degree in Coaching & Athletic Administration. My current plan for the future is to continue coaching at Young Harris College, complete the Masters, and look to earn a doctorate degree within the next eight years. My short term goal is to become an NCAA head basketball coach and then pursue a role as Athletic Director with an established university.

The Sports Studies Program at Reinhardt taught me the fundamentals and basics of a sport related career, and the internship I completed at Young Harris was the best stepping stone into my career. I will always be thankful for the mentorship of Dr. Epling; he has been a huge influence in my life.

Alumni: Spotlight

Amanda Durley Peckham
Sports Administration Class of 2002

Amanda Durley Peckham (02) has been teaching lower school (elementary) Physical Education at Holy Innocents’ Episcopal School in Atlanta GA since 2008. She has been the Head JV/Asst. Varsity softball coach, the Head Varsity Cheerleading coach for basketball, and the Head JV/Asst. Varsity Women’s Lacrosse coach. In the fall, she will be the Head Varsity Football Cheerleading coach for the Golden Bears. She previously coached at North Springs High School in Atlanta from 2002-2008 and worked one season with the Atlanta Braves in 2003.

Pictured: Amanda with son Ryan (born August 10, 2010) and husband Mike
MORE ALUMNI NEWS

Dana Jackson
Class of 2009
Graduate Assistant Softball Coach
Auburn University Montgomery

Chris Busby
Class of 2002
Masters UGA 2004
Personal Fitness Trainer
Chris taught Exercise Physiology
at Reinhardt Fall Semester 2010

Josh Travis
Class of 2002
Assistant Men’s Basketball Coach
North Georgia College and State University

Nicole Mathews Muns
Class of 2003
Licensed School Counselor
Grades 10-12 Counselor
Lakeside High School
(Evans GA)

T.J. Rosene
Class of 2001
Head Men’s Basketball Coach
Emmanuel College

T.J. was one of the two original program graduates
(with Rebecca Lawler)

Coach of the Year
(2010-2011)
Southern States Athletic Conference

SSP - 10 Years of Graduates!!

Other Alumni News

Joseph Mullins (03), a teacher and coach at Pickens High, is returning to campus as an adjunct instructor. He will teach Sport Marketing the last eight weeks of Spring 2011. Welcome back Joe!

Kristin Rogers Travis (02) is a Special Education teacher at Woodland Middle School in Cartersville.

Mesha Hightower (07) is pursuing a Masters Degree in Sport Administration at Georgia State University. Congratulations Mesha!

Drew McDaniel (09) has remained in a full-time position with Mizuno Sports USA since completing his internship at the company’s Norcross-based North American headquarters in the spring of 2009.

Send Alumni News To:
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Ron Akers

Dr. Ron Akers continued his state leadership role in the Georgia Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance by serving as the Northwest District Representative. Dr. Akers led presentations at state, regional, and national conferences, including the acclaimed “Share the Wealth” Physical Education Conference on Jekyll Island.

>>>Bobby Epling

Dr. Bobby Epling received the United Methodist Exemplary Teacher Award from the Reinhardt faculty in Spring 2010. He wrote the SEC preview for The Kickoff college football yearbook, attended SEC football media days and the SEC championship game on assignment, and participated in the National Consortium for Academics and Sports annual conference.

Dr. Walter May

Dr. May (Assistant Dean of Students and Director of Student Activities) teaches the Camping activity class.

Amanda Clonts

Coach Clonts (SSP ’05 and head women’s basketball coach) teaches Aerobics and Basketball courses.

Jennifer Sackman

Coach Sackman (head men’s and women’s tennis coach) teaches Fitness for College and Life and Tennis courses.

Steve Ruthsatz

Mr. Ruthsatz (Assistant Athletic Director and Head of Media Relations) teaches Athletics and Media Relations.

Ashley Wolary

Ms. Wolary (Head Athletic Trainer) teaches Exercise Science and Athletic Training Courses. She will offer Introduction to Athletic Training Fall 2011.

Not Pictured

Chris Busby
(Exercise Physiology)

Glen Crawford
(Weight Training)

Marc Garduque
(Karate)

Dick Laing
(Golf)

Mark Merges
(Health for ECE Teachers)

Joseph Mullins
(Sport Marketing)
FOR YOUR HEALTH

Benefits of Regular, Moderate Physical Activity

- Reduced risk for Heart Disease
- Reduced risk for Diabetes
- Less risk for high blood pressure
- Reduces high blood pressure
- Reduced risk for colon cancer
- Alleviates depression and anxiety
- Enhances self-image
- Promotes psychological well-being
- Builds bones, muscles, and joints
- Helps maintain body strength
- Helps maintain mobility

What is Regular, Moderate Physical Activity?

- Activity on most days of the week
- Activity sufficient to burn 150 cals per episode or 1000 cals per week

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Sport Studies Program Outcomes

1. Communicate effectively in a sport agency and in academic courses as evidenced by written, spoken, and visual examples.
2. Exhibit personal integrity and leadership skills as evidenced by documented experiences in academic courses and sport agency settings.
3. Recognize moral and ethical issues associated with sport (from contemporary and historical perspectives).
4. Analyze social, cultural, and historical factors influencing the development of sport agencies and the decision-making processes for sport managers in those agencies.
5. Work collaboratively and in leadership roles in a sport-related professional career setting.

COURSE INFO

PHYSICAL EDUCATION ACTIVITY COURSES

FALL 2011

PED 109: Golf (MW 11:00-11:50) (Session I)
PED 109: Golf (MW 12:00-12:50) (Session I)
PED 114: Camping (MW 10:00-10:50) (Session I)
PED 117: Tennis (T/TH 11:00-11:50) (Session I)
PED 118: Karate (MW 4:30-5:20) (Session II)
PED 121: Walk/Jog (MW 12:00-12:50) (Session II)
PED 123: Weight Train (MW 11:00-11:50) (Session I)
PED 123: Weight Train (MW 10:00-10:50) (Session II)
PED 127: Social Dance (MW 11:00-11:50) (Session II)

Register for Your Activity Course Starting March 28th!!!

SPORT STUDIES MAJORS COURSES

SUMMER AND FALL 2011

SUMMER 2011

PED 200: Adult Fitness and Wellness (M 6:00-10:50) (Session II – June/July)
PED 498: Baseball and American Culture (MW 11:00-1:20) (Session II – June/July)
PED 380/480 Sport Studies Practicum/Internship

FALL 2011

PED 200: Adult Fitness and Wellness (M 6:00-10:50)
PED 230: HPE for Teachers (T/R 11:00-12:15)
PED 230: HPE for Teachers (M 6:00-10:50)
PED 298: Intro to Athletic Training (T/R 11:00-12:15)
PED 298: Intro to Kinesiology and SSP (MW 12-1:15)
PED 340: Principles of Coaching (T/R 12:30-1:45)
PED 350: Sport Administration (T/R 9:30-10:45)
PED 380: Sport Studies Practicum
PED 480: Sport Studies Internship

Register for Your Sport Studies Courses Starting March 28th!!!

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