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UNI Gerontology

MESSAGE FROM THE PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Welcome to 2012!

As our population of older adults continues to grow, the number of students enrolled in the Gerontology major and minor at the University of Northern Iowa continues to increase. Our graduates continue to find jobs working with older adults.

The following are career paths of recent UNI Gerontology graduates:

- *Social Services Coordinator East Towne Care Center*
- *Iowa Hospice Social Services*
- *Programs Director at Senior Star*
- *Social Service Director at Touchstone Living Center*
- *Adult Day Services Coordinator at Tenco Industries*

- *Nursing Home Administrator at Care Centre Management*
- *Resident Coordinator at Western Home Communities*
- *Activity Director at Vinton Lutheran Home*
- *Nursing Home Administrator at Tripoli Nursing and Rehab*

Congratulations to all recent graduates on their employment! We are proud of the difference you are making in the lives of older adults and their families!

Sincerely,

Elaine

Elaine M. Eshbaugh, PhD

FALL 2011 GRADUATES

Congratulations to our December 2011 graduates: Robyn Christensen (Social Sciences), Seth Reeves (LTC Administration), & Ethan Walton (LTC Administration). Seth and Ethan will seek licensure as nursing home administrators, whereas Robyn plans to continue her education in Gerontology at Iowa State University in fall 2012. Best of luck!

Gerontology Highlights

- We continue to have the only undergraduate Gerontology program in the state of Iowa.
- Our program meets the state requirements for those who want to become licensed Iowa nursing home administrators.
- Our faculty regularly present research at conferences such as the *Association for Gerontology in Higher Education*.
- Students have recently interned in settings such as the Hawkeye Valley Area Agency on Aging, New Aldaya Lifescapes, and Care Initiatives Hospice.
- Undergraduates Kelsey Hillebrand and Josie Davie have a research article under review on career choices in the field of aging.
- Dr. Elaine Eshbaugh (UNI Gerontology) and Meredith Smith (Iowa Hospice) coordinated a three-part Gerontology & Grief Series for the campus and local community in November 2011.

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promoting healthy aging.

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