American Sentinel Cares about Our Children, Our Troops & Our Community

This year, American Sentinel University participated in the Toys for Tots program by collecting unwrapped toys and donating them to children in need. “The objectives of Toys for Tots are to help less fortunate children throughout the United States experience the joy of Christmas; to play an active role in the development of one of our nation’s most valuable resources – our children; to unite all members of local communities in a common cause for three months each year during the annual toy collection and distribution campaign; and to contribute to better communities in the future.” We were pleased to share all of the generous donations that American Sentinel staff members contributed this year!

Additionally, we proudly adopted a soldier - SPC Cheston Micyk – who is stationed in a
remote part of Afghanistan. In support of SPC Cheston Micyk, American Sentinel staff members joined together to send encouraging letters and emails of gratitude as well as care packages throughout the year. We are grateful for the contributions of not only SPC Cheston Micyk, but all of our U.S. military personnel.

We also participated in the Aurora Warms the Night campaign, during which American Sentinel staff members collected and donated warm clothing and coats for homeless families and individuals in Colorado. Last winter Aurora Warms the Night provided motel vouchers to an average of 82 people per night when temperatures dipped below 25 degrees. They served a total of 432 unduplicated clients with toiletries, warm clothing, blankets and sleeping bags. We are proud to support this worthy cause and help our community survive the ever-changing weather in Colorado.

We are proud to support our children, our troops, and our community and look forward to another year of service to our students and our community. Happy New Year, from all of us at American Sentinel University!

**Message From Student Services**

**Student Services Spotlight: Lucy Robinson**
Meet Lucy Robinson, a re-enrollment advisor in the student services department. While Lucy has held this title for five years, she actually started at American Sentinel almost 13 years ago as a Special Projects Coordinator; she co-founded the student services department under the management of the registrar’s office and even served as an admissions advisor for a short time. Currently, Lucy says the favorite part of her job is working with students to form bonds and build trust.

Despite the fact that Lucy works in an office, her goal is to do any activity that will get her outdoors. Lucy enjoys the mountains, yoga, and paddling down rivers. Additionally, she just got back into mountain biking. Lucy loves living in the Birmingham home her husband designed for them and also loves dancing and attending local events in her community.

**January Webinars**

**Rebound from the holidays with a research workout!**
Decoding the mystery of a successful research strategy can not only improve the quality of your research, but also the speed at which you are able to find what you’re looking for. Dr. Cheryl Wagner, RN, PhD, MSN/MBA, will guide attendees through the nuances of conducting effective research, including how to

- Access Virtual Library from a Moodle classroom.
- Explore attributes of nursing library search engines.
- Find several nursing books and articles of interest.
- Determine nursing search engine of preference for any search.
- Learn what to do when search ends unsuccessfully or requires monetary expenditure to complete successfully.
- Discuss validity of website information (including Wikipedia, government websites, commercial websites).

*When: Jan, 16, 6 p.m. MST*

**Shape-up your use of potential academic productivity apps on your mobile device**

We have all heard that smartphones can help us multi-task and increase our productivity, but how? During this webinar, you will gain a better understanding of the use of productivity apps on your mobile device and their applicability in an academic setting. Don’t miss your chance to explore a variety of apps that could help you with everyday academic obstacles, participate in live demonstrations, and build a list of apps to add to your mobile device.

*When: Jan. 30, 6 p.m. MST*

*Note: You will receive an invitation for each webinar, the week of the live event. If you are interested in either one, be sure to pencil them onto your calendar so that you are sure to attend after the invitation is received.*

**Technology News**

Will Windows 8 tip businesses back from iPad envy?
It’s no secret that Apple has dominated the business industry as go-to devices. However,
Microsoft has come out with Windows 8, featuring an overhauled interface that works natively with touchscreens, as well as its own family of Surface tablets. And other hardware vendors are producing a variety of tablet and tablet-notebook hybrids, all running the new operating system. Could Microsoft be giving Apple a run for the money? Read more.

In the News ...

Congratulations to adjunct faculty member Dr. Irena Kenneley, Ph.D., APRN-BC, CIC, whose recent press release with American Sentinel about C. difficile has led to an interview in Health Business Blog and two upcoming bylined pieces in The American Journal of Nursing and Long Term Care News. Also, compliments to Suzanne Richins, MBA, program chair, health informatics, who contributed an article to Executive Insight on the high demand for nursing informaticists.

Make better decisions with data – here’s how

Most small business owners spend their days trying to find customers, improve their operations, fend off competition, and make more money. Many trust their commercial education to the school of hard knocks. But some formal education on management and how it can use so-called big data in conjunction with geographic information systems (GIS) to provide a strong competitive advantage. How can GIS help you make better business decisions? Read more to find out.

What is the Future of Business Intelligence Technology in the Military?

Just in the past two years, BI technology has been used for data analysis, improving transportation hubs and health care, to name a few. The Defense Department’s U.S. Transportation Command has been using Information Builders’ WebFocus business intelligence tools to improve medical care planning and monitoring of injured or sick military personnel while they’re in transit. What are the career opportunities for military BI professionals? Read more to find out.

Turning Rejection into Opportunity - When They've Hired the Other Candidate

Change is inevitable, but that doesn’t make it any easier. The problem is: often the head and mind disagree. Fervently. Switch: How to Change When Change is Hard provides both
insights into how two different aspects of your brain work and how to use the specific strengths of those different aspects to help you change your behaviors or those of others. Read more.

Recent Graduates

November 2012 Graduates

- Robert White - Bachelor of Science Business Administration
- Steven Braker - Bachelor of Science Business Administration, management specialization
- Michelle Colyer - Master of Science Nursing, nursing education specialization
- Alexander del Valle - Bachelor of Science Business Administration, management specialization
- Frank DiSapio - Master of Science Information Systems
- Curtis Lewis - Master of Science Business Intelligence, Master of Science Health Systems Management
- Melody Parsons - RN to Master of Science Nursing, nursing education specialization
- Henry Long - Bachelor of Science Computer Science
- Miranda Chih - Master of Science Nursing, case management specialization
- Matthew Schroedel - Bachelor of Science Geographic Information Systems
- Todd Armstrong - Bachelor of Science Technology Management
- Rochelle Gaymon - Master of Science Nursing, nursing informatics specialization
- Pamela Rogers - RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
- Paul Alderman - Master of Science Computer Science, computer programming specialization
- Sulema Flores - RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
- Elizabeth Wemple - Master of Science Business Intelligence
- Sonja Moore - RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
- Lynn Youngblood - RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
- Sherry Reji - RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
- Shakeva Swain - Master of Science Nursing, nursing management and organizational leadership specialization
- Teresa Ragland - RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
- Silvy Devasia - RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
- Sara Abraham - RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
- Maria Gentry - RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
- Lawrence Brodhead - Master of Science Nursing, nursing informatics specialization
- Debra Burgers - RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
- Elizabeth Thomas - RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
- Amie Brogden - RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
- Julie Ursenbach - RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
- Tracy Seward - RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
- Roy George - RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
- Joe Schra - Master of Science Computer Science
- Joy Morgan - RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
- Jessica Perry - RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
- Ancy James - RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
- Matt Thompson - RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
- Tracy Kiefert - Master of Science Nursing, nursing management and organizational leadership specialization
• Kelli Caves - RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
• Suzanne Corbett - RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
• Dana Hamilton - RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
• Vanessa Russell - RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
• Laura Burnett - Master of Science Nursing, nursing management and organizational leadership specialization
• Yvette Grijalva - RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing

December 2012 Graduates

• James Fogarty - Bachelor of Science Information Systems
• Russell Johnson - Bachelor of Science Computer Science
• David Reichenecker, Jr. - Bachelor of Science Information Systems
• Marjorie Fiorilli-Minski - Master of Science Nursing, nursing management and organizational leadership specialization
• Jennie Yates - RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
• Joyce Meyer - RN to Master of Science Nursing, nursing management and organizational leadership specialization
• Victoria Sensano - Bachelor of Science Information Systems
• Rebecca Dunn - Bachelor of Science Information Systems
• Scott Fowlston - Bachelor of Science Geographic Information Systems
• Timothy Moreland - Bachelor of Science Business Administration, management specialization
• Lija James - RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
• Benita Woodgeard - Master of Science Nursing, nursing education specialization
• Mitzi Stolicker - RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
• Michelle Richardson - Master of Business Administration Health Care
• Sreedevi Nair - RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
• Tracy Sansossio - Master of Science Nursing, infection prevention and control specialization
• Don Brown - RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
• Sherly Padinjarekutt - RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
• Lissy Rajan - RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
• Nicole Thompson - RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
• Maria Meade - RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
• Denia Howard - RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
• Li Ling - RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
• Leticia Johnston - RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
• Delcie Oyewole - RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
• Cara Bergthold - RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
• Lisa LaBrie - RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
• Margaret Nworji - RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
• Robin Topley - Master of Science Nursing, nursing management and organizational leadership specialization

If you do not wish to receive future email from American Sentinel University, please UNSUBSCRIBE