

CENTER UPDATE

JANUARY, 2014

PROMOTION ANNOUNCED

The Counseling Center is pleased to announce the promotion of **Renae Chung, Ph.D.** to the position of Director of Counseling/Psychotherapy Services. Dr. Chung was previously employed as staff psychologist in the same program. Dr. Chung is a graduate of the California School of Professional Psychology with a major in clinical psychology and a minor in cross-cultural psychology. She completed her internship at the Counseling and Student Development Center at Northern Illinois University.



Prior to coming to Wooster, she was employed at Evansville State Hospital in Illinois, where she performed psychological evaluations, managed crisis interventions, conducted individual and group therapy, and provided supervision and consultation. She has also worked as an adjunct professor at the University of Southern Indiana, the University of Phoenix and Oakland City University. She also has experience working with children and youth, domestic violence victims, juvenile courts, and residential settings. In addition to her work at the Counseling Center, Dr. Chung provides disability evaluations at the SourceOne Group, Inc.

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING SCHEDULED

Mark Weaver, MA, PCC-S, Director of Community Education and Prevention Services, will be offering the Counseling Center's Mental Health First Aide course at two locations in the coming months. On February 3 a course targeted specifically to the concerns of local pastors and clergy will be offered. On March 7, a second session, open to members of the general public, will be offered in conjunction with Wooster Community Hospital. Mental Health First Aid, recognized by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Agency (SAMHSA) as an Evidence-Based Practice, is designed to provide participants with the ability to recognize and successfully intervene in various mental health crises, just like general first aid teaches persons emergency response skills for various physical emergencies. For additional information on either offering, contact Mr. Weaver at the Counseling Center's main office (330) 264-9029.

AWARD TO SUPPORT EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

The Counseling Center was recently awarded a cy pres distribution of \$36,442 from the Ohio Honor Project Trust to expand the work of the Center's Employment Services Unit. The purpose of the Honor Project Trust is to identify 501 (c) (3) organizations which demonstrate a societal impact in the State of Ohio with special emphasis on organizations that impact employment related issues, including the effects of unemployment. Cy pres is a doctrine used in class actions to handle settlement monies which are unclaimed by class members after distribution is finished. This distribution emanated from litigation in a case with the Ohio Attorney General's office. The cy pres funds will be used to add an additional Job Coach to the Counseling Center's employment program. The Center's program focuses on assisting persons with mental illness in finding and successfully maintaining competitive employment. In the last fiscal year, the Employment Services Program served 96 different persons, 26 of which obtained some type of work/volunteer positions.