The Counseling and Human Services Department sponsored a minicamp for middle school girls on March 24, 2018 at Lambert's Point Community Center. The camp was spearheaded by Dr. Sparkman-Key (Human Services), Dr. Santo (Institute for the Humanities) and Dr. Jovanovic (Engineering Technology).

"The minicamp takes a human-centered approach to teaching robotics by focusing on design thinking," Santo said. "The camp asks participants to envision themselves as problem solvers in their communities and to conceive ways that the robots they create would address community needs and values."

Fifteen girls attended from ForKids and Lambert's Point Community Center and enjoyed a day of creativity and robotics. Each participant received a Kamagomi Robot to take home and was invited to hear Kimberly Bryant speak at Ted Constant Center, along with their parents. Bryant's talk, "The Rising Tide of Diversity in Tech," explored the need to create more pathways for girls of color to become leaders and innovators in science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics (STEAM) fields.

"It is exciting and gratifying to see so many stakeholders from across the University rally around this event," Santo said. "It goes to show how diversity and equity inform so much of our mission as an institution, regardless of our disciplinary specialties, and it opens up important conversations about how we might work together to address these issues collaboratively."

Breanna Foreman and Tobias Bohn, seniors in the Human Services program, participated as group facilitators.

Dr. Sparkman-Key highlighted the event on WTKR News 3.
Darden College of Education Ranked in the 2018 Best and Most Affordable Online Colleges for Human Services by SR Education Group

Written by Amy Kurfist

The Human Services program at the Darden College of Education was recently included in the 2018 Best and Most Affordable Online Colleges rankings by SR Education Group. Of the 25 ranked programs, Old Dominion University was ranked number nine on the list of best online colleges and number sixteen on the list of most affordable online colleges for its high academic standards and commitment to affordability.

Located within the Department of Counseling and Human Services, the B.S. in Human Services is offered both in person on the main campus and online. The coursework prepares students for entry-level positions in a wide variety of community services settings. Students in the program learn the roles and functions of the human services professional, characteristics of human growth and development; characteristics of human services agencies; theories and skills of human services; and the basics skills related to program evaluation, grant writing, and fund-raising.

"We are incredibly pleased to be recognized by SR Education Group for both the quality and the affordability of our online program," said Dr. Jeffrey Moe, department chair for Counseling and Human Services. "We understand the importance of these qualities in students' college choice, so we are thrilled to be ranked among the best in both."

SR Education Group is an education research publisher founded in 2004. Their mission is to help prospective students find a college suited to their individual needs.

One of six academic departments within the Darden College of Education, Counseling and Human Services offers undergraduate and graduate degrees. To learn more about the academic programs, visit the Department of Counseling and Human Services.
School Counselors Receive Crisis Training at ODU!

On Wednesday, Feb. 28 and Thursday, March 1, the Darden College of Education partnered with the Virginia Department of Education Tiered Systems of Supports to offer free training to local school counselors from the Coastal Virginia region. The training, entitled Recognition of Mental Health Disorder and Behavioral Distress, drew approximately 100 school counselors to campus. The sessions were in such demand that they filled up in less than 5 days with approximately 75 counselors on the wait list.

Organizer of the event, our very own Dr. Emily Goodman-Scott, stated “Seeing the education building filled today with school counselors for this workshop shows our dedication to serving and improving our local community and school systems. This response also shows the importance of mental health, and the need to continue increasing awareness on this crucial topic.”

Throughout the day, school counselors engaged in hands-on activities, and role-played simulations, as required by the Code of Virginia for initial licensure or renewal of a school counseling license. Participants also learned how to recognize and respond to warning signs of mental health issues and crises in adolescents (ages 12-18) and a five-step action plan for crisis and non-crisis situations.

Allison Dobson, school counselor from Kempsville High School, participated in the training session. “The sessions provided incredibly important resources that I can bring back to the teachers and administrators that interact with our students on a day-to-day basis. To be able to impart that skill set and empower them to recognize the signs before we reach a crisis is invaluable.” Dobson said.

“We are particularly thankful for our strong partnership with the Virginia Department of Education and their support for this initiative,” said Dr. Jeffry Moe, department chair for the Department of Counseling and Human Services. “We look forward to continuing to work together to provide these vital services to our community.

Thank you for this wonderful organization and partnership, Dr. Goodman-Scott!
On April 20, 2018, our Masters counseling students participating in the Integrated Behavioral Health Care pro-
gram (as part of a four-year grant supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration – HRSA) took
part in an Empathy Day training.

In collaboration with the Virginia Cooperative Extension and the 4-H Program, students enrolled in COUN 695:
Integrative Care for Children, Adolescents and Transitional-aged Youth had an opportunity to ‘take a walk’ in
their prospective clients’ shoes.

During the 90 minute simulation, counseling students gained some insight into some of the barriers clients face
when seeking services, as well as the benefits of interprofessional collaboration in client treatment.

This program was coordinated
by Dr. Kaprea Johnson, IBH
Project Director; Stephanie
Smith-Durkin, IBH Program
Masters Graduate Assistant; and
Betsy Zimmerman, Doctoral
Graduate Assistant.
Over Spring Break, HMSV students spent 9 days in Jamaica learning about the culture, as well as the social and economic history, from University of West Indies professors. They worked to build self-esteem among pregnant teens through presentations, group interactions, and creative activities, such as the backpack activity "Butterfly of Emotions."

Students also attended a lecture by Dr. Sparkman-Key on Recognizing Suicide at the University of West Indies along with local social workers, school officials, and medical staff.

This trip aims to prepare ODU students for work in the field of Human Services and related service oriented professions by giving them hands-on experiences with culturally and ethnically diverse populations. Communication, cultural sensitivity, helping skills, and diversity are core competencies focused on in HMSV 343W/495.

Through participation in this service learning oriented study abroad experience, students will develop and sharpen their communication, cultural sensitivity, awareness, and diversity competencies while examining firsthand the relationship among theory, research, and practice.

For more details, please contact Narketta Sparkman-Key at nsparkma@odu.edu or the Office of Study Abroad.
In February 2018, a group of our doctoral counseling students traveled to Lynchburg, VA to attend and present at the Virginia Association of Counselor Education and Supervision (VACES) Graduate Student Conference!

Doctoral student, Chi Li, was awarded with the VACES Research Grant for her potential dissertation study titled as “The Supervisee Disclosure in Supervision: Contributions of supervisory style and supervisory working alliance.”
ODU Counseling students and faculty had a great time at the American Counseling Association (ACA) National Conference this past April! ACA, the world's largest association exclusively representing professional counselors, is a professional and educational organization that is dedicated to the enhancement and growth of the counseling professional.

They participated in five professional presentations as well as book author sessions, education sessions and roundtable discussions focused on the overarching conference theme of the future of counseling.

**Dr. Jude Austin** and his twin brother, Dr. Julius Austin, signed their book, *Counselor Self-Care*, at ACA.

ODU Counseling faculty, doctoral and masters students, and alums gathered at an ODU reception to make and renew friendships and professional connections.
This past April, doctoral students Melanie Burgess, Rawn Boulden and George Wilson, along with counseling masters student Stephanie Smith-Durkin, traveled to New York to present at the annual Evidence-based School Counseling Conference.

Their presentation, entitled, ‘An Empirical State of Mind: Evidence-Based Practices in the Supervision of Future School Counselors’ shared recent school counselor supervision models and provided attendees with practical strategies school counseling supervisors and educators can easily use to further enrich the supervision experience for school counselors in training.

Pictured from left to right: George Wilson, Rawn Boulden, Stephanie Smith-Durkin, & Melanie Burgess.

Counseling faculty, Dr. Emily Goodman-Scott and Dr. Chris Sink, also conducted presentations at the conference.
The Beta Gamma chapter of Tau Upsilon Alpha Human Services Honor Society has been involved in many community services events and volunteer opportunities throughout the years. This past Fall 2017 semester, several of our returning and new members participated in the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention’s Out of the Darkness Walk and prepared Thanksgiving baskets for homeless families through ForKids, Inc. This Spring 2018 semester, we have organized and are currently facilitating a stuffed animal drive for the children receiving long-term treatment and care at the Children’s Hospital of the King’s Daughters in Norfolk, VA. Our chapter will be participating for the second year in a row in the annual Relay for Life fundraising event held on Old Dominion University’s campus to raise money for cancer research and celebrate with cancer survivors and honor those who lost their battle with cancer and their families.

Our chapter’s goal is to become more involved within our community over the next year in order to truly put into action TUA’s mission “to promote excellence in service to humanity.” We have also hosted a very successful Induction and Graduation Ceremony in the fall at ODU’s Baron and Ellin Gordon Art Galleries and had almost 30 people in attendance. We hosted the ceremony at the Art Galleries again this spring and officially inducted our new Spring 2018 members and celebrated our graduating members, with over 40 attendees! We believe this school year has been a great success for our chapter and hope that our community will continue to benefit from our growing involvement.
The Human Services Undergraduate Symposium took place February 3, 2018 at the Perry Library. Three students completed poster presentations based on the program evaluations conducted in Dr. Key's 440W course.

PhD student, Tony Dice, shows off his heels for ODU’s 9th annual “Walk a Mile in Her Shoes.” This international initiative was held in conjunction with Women's History Month for men to help raise awareness about the effects of sexualized violence against women.

CSI organized their Spring Meet and Greet with a circus theme. In addition, CSI found it very important to have an event centered around self-care and created a rejuvenation room towards the end of the semester.
Halley Maza, an alumni from our School Counseling Master’s program has been named Dorchester School District Two’s 2017-2018 Counselor of the Year. She was among several nominees interviewed by a selection committee for this award. Maza has served as a counselor at Summerville High since 2015 as a school counselor. In addition to her day-to-day tasks, such as conducting individual graduation plan meetings, creating student schedules, and homebound coordination, Maza serves as the counselor in charge of the ECPI dual enrollment program. She also coordinates financial aid planning nights, works with at-risk students in computer labs, and leads a small group to support students who have terminally ill parents.

“Mrs. Maza beautifully balances advocating for students and teaching students to advocate for themselves,” Summerville High School Principal Kenny Farrell said in a press release. “She works hard every single day, which inspires those around her to do the same.”

Maza says she feels pure gratitude to be in a position to provide students with a safe place and to support them in their endeavors. An exemplary role model for her students, Maza was recognized for her award at the Feb. 26 school board meeting.
CSI Award Winners!

Yesim Giresunlu, Outstanding Master’s Student
Melanie Burgess, Outstanding Doctoral Student
Melanie Burgess, Outstanding Doctoral Mentor
Kurtis Hooks, Outstanding Practitioner Supervisor Award
Chi Li, Outstanding Research Award
Sonja Lund, Outstanding Service to Chapter

School Counseling Graduates 2017-2018
Congratulations on your new employment!

Stephanie Smith-Durkin: Ocean Lakes High School: VBCPS
Jamie Wyss: Rosemont Elementary School: VBCPS
Randee (Lloyd) Barbosa: Green Run High School: VBCPS
Ericka Thompson: Banning Lewis Academy (charter school): 49th district, Colorado
Rachel Evans: Working at ODU as a Success Coach and Academic Advisor, with freshman students
Ericka Jurist: Smithfield Middle School, Isle of Wight
Kelly Potts: Oscar Smith Middle School, Chesapeake
Sue Corno: Elementary school counselor in Frederick County Public Schools, VA
Student Accomplishments

Congratulations on successful dissertation defenses to our counseling doctoral students!

**Dr. Anthony Vajda** (April 9, 2018) Psychosocial Determinants of Medication Adherence among HIV-Positive Individuals in Mexico City

**Dr. Debra Lewis** (July 20, 2018) An Exploration of Practicum Students’ Experiences of Meaning Making through Altruism

**Dr. Marla Newby** (April 9, 2018) Addiction Counselors’ Perceptions of Clinical Supervision Practices

**Dr. Mary Roberts** (August 1, 2018) Exploring the Variant Experience through which Ethnic Minorities Select Art Therapy as a Career

**Dr. Sandy-Ann Griffith** (July 11, 2018) Examining Demographic Factors as Moderators and Behavioral Self-Regulation as a Mediator of Adverse Childhood Experiences and Adult Relationship Health for Predominantly Low-Income, Racial and Ethnic Minority Individuals

**Dr. Stacey Fernandes** (July 10, 2018) Risk and Resiliency Factors Affecting the College Adjustment of Students with Intersectional Ethnocultural Minority and LGBTQ Identities

**Dr. Vanessa Dominguez-O’Hare** (April 2, 2018) Multilevel Confirmatory Factor Analysis of the Family Adjustment Measure with Lower-Income, Ethnic Minority Parents of Children with Disabilities

**Accepted Positions:**

**Anthony Vajda**—Assistant Professor of Counselor Education at the University of Arkansas

**Sandy Griffith**—Assistant Professor of Counselor Education at Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi

**Vanessa Dominguez-O’Hare**—Assistant Professor of Counselor Education at the University of South Carolina
Reflections

Student Accomplishments

Presentations:


Carlisle, K., Dice, R., & Dice, T. (April, 2018). Ethical dilemmas: Practical application of ethical decision-making. Education session conducted at the annual convention of the Southern Organization of Human Services (SOHS), Johnson City, TN.


Publications:


Other accolades:

Human Services student, Ivon Porttelaz, was awarded the Jill C. Dustin Excellence in Service and Leadership Award by the Darden College of Education.

Human Services student, Sean Poslusny, was awarded “Outstanding Human Services Student” by the Darden College of Education.

Doctoral student Sandy-Ann Griffith was awarded “Outstanding Doctoral Student in Counseling” by the Darden College of Education.

Master’s student Rachael Evans was awarded the “Outstanding Master’s Student in Counseling” by the Darden College of Education.

Student Accomplishments

Other accolades:

Master’s student Sue Corno was recognized as the Virginia Alliance for School Counseling Graduate Student of the Month.

Doctoral student Johana Rocha received her certification as a National Certified Counselor (NCC) by the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC).

Doctoral student Betsy Zimmerman was selected as a 2018 Virginia Counselors Association Foundation Pete Warren Graduate Student Fellow. The fellowship is designed to identify and support graduate students in VA who aspire to be involved in leadership in the counseling profession. Betsy was also appointed as a Graduate Student Representative for the VACES Executive Board.

Betsy Zimmerman is currently serving on the President’s Task Force for Inclusive Excellence for the university. This Task Force represents a cross-section of the ODU community which remains committed to diversity, equality, and inclusive excellence.

Doctoral student Rawn Boulden was appointed by ODU's Board of Visitors to serve as ODU's 2018-2019 Student Representative to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV). Rawn is also beginning a position as a middle school counselor at Norfolk Collegiate this Fall.

PhD student, Sonja Lund, being recognized as the 2018 American College Counseling Association (ACCA) Emerging Leader.

Doctoral students Frankie Rivas and Ne’Shaun Borden were invited to present on the struggles that women and first generation students have in higher education at NASA - Langley Research Center. Frankie and Ne’Shaun have been invited back to put on other seminars that focus on career development for NASA employees!
Faculty Accolades

Presentations:


**Li, C., & Kemer, G. Development and Validation of Supervisee Disclosure in Supervision Scale. Poster presentation presented at the American Counseling Association (ACA) Conference, Atlanta, GA, April 26-29, 2018.**

**Carlisle, K., Dice, R., & Dice, T. (April, 2018)**. Ethical dilemmas: Practical application of ethical decision-making. Education session conducted at the annual convention of the Southern Organization of Human Services (SOHS), Johnson City, TN.

**Carlisle, K. L., & Carlisle, R. M. (March, 2018)**. Is my instructor a robot? Establishing social presence in online education. Education session conducted at the Virginia Regional Interdisciplinary Academic Conference (VRIAC), Norfolk, Virginia.

**Publications:**


Faculty Accolades

Other Accolades:

Dr. Emily Goodman-Scott was awarded “Outstanding Faculty” by Chi Sigma Iota, Omega Delta Chapter.

Dr. Narketta Sparkman-Key received the Darden College of Education Community Service Award on March 12 for her community engagement locally and internationally.

Dr. Gulsah Kemer was announced as the 2018 recipient of American Counseling Association (ACA) Research Award. This award honors an individual for innovative or groundbreaking research in a specific line of inquiry. Her research examines what beginning and expert clinical supervisors think and how their thoughts inform their supervision practices.

In the spring semester, President Broderick awarded Dr. Shuntay Tarver the Diversity Champion Award.

Dr. Jeffry Moe, Department Chair of Counseling and Human Services and last year’s champion winner, provided the keynote address - a tradition the former winner gets to deliver to the campus community!

“I wish to congratulate Dr. Lea Lee and Dr. Shuntay Tarver for their commitment to encouraging and advancing the principles of inclusive excellence, of which the John R. Broderick Diversity Champion award promotes.”

-Dr. Jane S. Bray, Dean, Darden College of Education
Congratulations Spring & Summer 2018 Counseling Graduates!

**Master’s/Ed.S.**

Randee Barbosa  
Jacqueline Carrera  
Bianca Cornelius  
Susan Corno  
Ryan Erickson  
Rachael Evans  
Meghan Flanagan  
Jeanel Franklin  
Yesim Giresunlu  
Stephanie Green  
Wayne Handley  
Kristin Hassell  
Emily Hauser  
Maurice Jones  
Rachel Jones  
Ericka Jurist  
Ragan Killen  
Blair Labudovich  
Jennifer Lynch  
Rachael Mays  
Elizabeth Nowell  
Angel Phillips  
Elizabeth Puckett  
Jacob Ryder  
Stephanie Smith-Durkin  
Erica Thompson  
Ashley Tuttle  
Courtney Wagner  
Kaitlin Walsh  
Catherine Williams  
Lindsey Wright

**Doctoral:**

Anthony Vajda  
Debra Lewis  
Marla Newby  
Mary Roberts  
Sandy-Ann Griffith  
Stacey Fernandes  
Vanessa Dominguez-O’Hare
Congratulations Spring & Summer 2018 HMSV Graduates!

Acosta, Arlette
Alhassan, Simli
Ambers, Lakasha
Ambles, Tabria
An, Hui
Aughtry, Zaria
Ayers, Rachel
Banks, Jalissa
Beebe, Devon
Bell, Kaalyne
Bell, Yariah
Belsches, Sydney
Boeglin, Brianna
Bonovitch, Katie
Boyd, Breasia
Bray, Faith
Breland, Heather
Brown, Angelica
Brown, Cehsalie
Brown, Lakesha
Burnette, Kenna
Burton, Patrice
Burtt-Henderson, Jennifer
Bustamante, Jessenia
Cain, Brittany
Calamita, Tatiana
Callis, Silena
Cantrell, Isabella
Cartes-Alvarez, Drema
Clark, Brittany
Copeland, Kimiada
Cole, Mtiya
Collins, Robert
Corallo, Jessica
Corbin, Gertrude
Corbitt, Shauna
Cowden, Terri
Cronick, Katlyn
Cuff, Erin
Cuffee, Aundrea
Davenport, Amy
Davis, Gregory
Davis, Meshon
Degrouchy, Nicole
Dempsey, Tamara
Dillon, Colleen
Dise, Deana
Dubuisson, Widney
Duncan, Kuanisha
Eitches, Elyse
Ellis, Raven
Etheridge, Katelyn
Eutsler, Skylar
Fernandors, Prudence
Fields, Ayjah
Finnell, Monica
Finnie, Sharniece
Fisher-Monroe, Sarah
Fitzgerald, Mattie
Fleming, Emily
Foreman, Breanna
Freeman, Linda
Fulcher, Mishel
Gable, Ashley
George, Salisha
Georgiades, Emily
German, Lanesha
Gibson, Amy
Givens, Taylor
Gottlieb, Darby
Gravely, Jolanda
Green, Frankena
Griffith, Justine
Grubb, Derek
Heneghan, Brianna
Hill, Brianna
Hill, Jessica
Hines, Daisha
Holloway, Jazlyn
Hughes, Brittany
Hurtienne, Jocelyn
Jackson, Garfield
Jackson, Keshia
Jackson, Laura
Johnson, Dominic
Johnson, Jordan
Johnson, Selena
Kester, Joshua
Ledwitz, Natalie
Lee, Samantha
Lewis, Tiyanah
Lynch, Ashley
Madden, Bryant
Manley, Marion
Marco, Amanda
Martin, Leah
Martin, Mariah
Mask, Sierra
Mccargo, Latrisha
Mepherson, Tiffany
Mcrae, Arileris
Merrill, Ti
Miller, Cynthia
Miller-Hott, Hillary
Minton, Kayla
Nicholson, Tracey
Nolte, Mariann
Novkovic, Sandra
Nwanze, Maria
Oluwole, Akinola
Ortiz, Cynthia
Osborne, Isaac
Osterberg, Maureen
Owens, Crystal
Owens, Tracy
Peters, Tatiyana
Petersen, Wayne
Phelps, Sierra
Pledger, Deanna
Polk, Tierra
Poole, Miya
Portellez, Ivon
Porter, Dionna
Portillo, Jacquelin
Poslusny, Sean
Probst, Christopher
Reader, Tiffany
Reeker, Kaitlin
Richards, Nicola
Riordan, Jannine
Rivas, Alexis
Roberts, Jared
Robinson, Kimberley
Rose, Madison
Russell, Haley
Russell, Joy
Sakyi, Ivy
Sessoms, Ranita
Sheddan, Andrea
Short, Nathaniel
Shultz, Lyndsey
Shury, Jarad
Simmons, Sharon
Smith, Mackenzie
Smith, Shanice
So, Mellanie
Sowards, Emily
Stanfield, Janai
Staten, Corzet
Stephens, Marquitta
Stone, Charles
Sumner, Kelly
Sweet, Baylee
Sweet, Janis
Thompson, Kate
Tisdale, Kaylah
Tollman, Bar
Travis, Kristen
Turner, Emerald
Turner, Heather
Turner-Monroe, Brianna
Victoriano, Rosa
Wagner, Kayla
Wallace, Cathy
Walton, Sherron
Weise, Kaylin
Whitaker, Sherri
White, Hollie
Wilkins, Morgan
Williams, Jade
Williams, Joleeta
Wilson, Alicia
Workneh, Makda
Wrencher, Adgerianna