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YIEP Program Offers Access To Underserved Community

Access to education can open up all kinds of doors. Bellevue University's partnership with Yeshiva Initiatives Educational Programs (YIEP) was designed to open doors for Orthodox Jews. The customized programs, administered through the University, allow Orthodox Jews to continue their education in an environment that does not conflict with their lifestyle demands and cultural customs.



The first group to complete the Master of Arts in Educational Leadership program gathered for a group picture back in 2005.

The program began in 2005 after Rabbi Pesach Lerner contacted the University seeking to develop a program compatible with the Orthodox Jewish community's beliefs. A meeting with lead faculty, Dr. Mary Hawkins (provost at the time) and others was arranged and an agreement sprang from the meeting. The Master of Arts in Educational Leadership was the first program offered through the partnership. Other degrees available through the partnership include bachelor's degrees in business and human services, an MBA, and a Master of Science in Clinical Counseling.

"We currently have about 200 students – across a variety of YIEP programs – in the system," said Dr. Stephen Linenberger, who oversees the program on the University's end. "It's the longest running educational partnership in Bellevue University's 50-year history. Clearly the program has been very sustainable."

Students pursue a number of paths following graduation and a majority of graduates have advanced their careers, started a career, or have gone on to pursue additional education at Ivy League institutions.

Doni Silverstein earned his MAEL from Bellevue University in 2006 and earned a Master's degree in Social Work from Columbia University in 2014. He is currently a Staff Therapist at the Center for Applied Psychology at the Bikur Cholim organization in the greater New York City area.

"I had always wanted to pursue a master's degree, but with restrictions on time and location, I could never find the right fit until Bellevue University came into my life," Silverstein said.

Working with professors who promoted interaction and a group of highly-motivated peers made for a wonderful learning experience, Silverstein said. The format also allowed Silverstein to manage his school responsibilities in

addition to his job and family obligations.

"I really enjoyed the content and subject matter of each course, the University afforded me an interesting and fun learning experience making sure I never felt overwhelmed getting back into the swing of attending graduate school," he said.

And when it came time to tackle Columbia and Ivy League academic standards, Silverstein felt prepared.

"Bellevue University prepared me for Columbia University in a myriad of ways," he said. "I would say the importance of learning and perfecting the ability to manage my time properly (time management), the ability to synthesize, analyze, and integrate information into graduate level writing, and the self-confidence to not only pursue my degree at Columbia University, but also succeed at an Ivy League school level. "

Bellevue University has continued to impact Silverstein's life beyond Columbia as well.

"Bellevue University has impacted my life and career on multiple levels. First, there is no question that without my degree I never would have had the ability to apply to Columbia University and pursue my career as a therapist. Second, earning my MAEL offered me a graduate-level education about topics such as: leadership, education, non-profits, psychology, and group dynamics, subject matter that I deal with in my current career on an almost daily basis," he said. "Finally, my degree has also given me the opportunity to become an adjunct professor at the University and give back to the student body."

Lerner has been pleased with the quality and growth of the program over the years.

"The partnership is successful because everyone really cares for the student, they want the student to learn and be successful. And it shows!" he said.

UniversityNews

Skills to Performance – Key Initiative

At the June 26 All Campus Meeting, President Mary Hawkins spoke of two important reasons the University is focused on the Skills to Performance initiative:

- This initiative will change education for Bellevue University and our country.
- We continue to intensify our focus on the student.

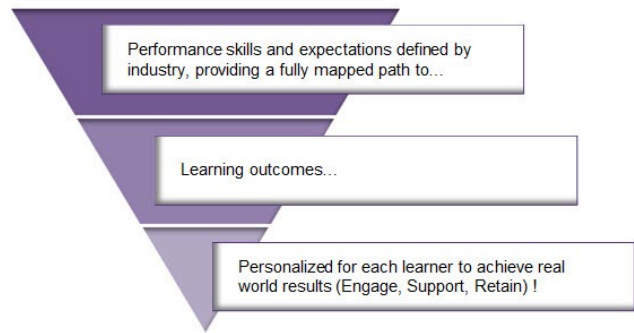
Everyone has a role in the Skills to Performance initiative. In the coming months, a plan and timeline will be rolled out for the Skills to Performance initiative.

To make sure everyone is on the same page, the definition of Skills to Performance is:

Education designed to drive learning outcomes based on the performance expectations defined by industry while

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recognizing the varying skill levels of students and architecting paths for them to achieve success.



Prepare for the future by looking for these Skills to Performance communications. If you have further questions, please contact Tim Dorn, Ed Jarecki, or Dr. Rod Hewlett.



You Spoke and We Listened!

Due to popular demand, the ShoutOut Committee is enhancing your ability to recognize peers by increasing the maximum character count to 400, enabling submitters to better describe the above and beyond contributions of their peers.

In addition, to saving time and energy, you now have the option to recognize an entire department as well as an individual!

This is effective starting today, so don't hold it in...[Shout It Out!](#)



BrewBoard Updated

The next version of The BrewBoard was installed on July 1st. The BrewBoard is available to you anytime at <https://brew.bellevue.edu>.

Here are the new features installed:

- Updated User Interface (UI) to make better use of the space, which aims to improve the experience on all screens

Details for Brewing Period, Current status in the Employee-Driven Innovation Process and number of volunteers also listed on the front page

- New sorting feature to quickly re-sort the list of brews based on particular criteria
- Notifications for brew authors when they gain supporters, volunteers or a comment on their brew's details
- Help/FAQ updated with the details of the new Employee-Driven Innovation Process

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- Brewing Periods are now 60 days
- For any brew posted after July 1, it now has until the end of the brewing period to gain 10 supporters in order to move along in the process

Any brew reaching 10 supporters before that date will receive an email with further instructions to move along in the process, which starts with the Executive Summary

More features are planned for the start of Brewing Period 2, which is September 1. Please continue to submit your fantastic ideas and feedback!

ISIS Students Published in The Caspian Project Sweep Worldwide Trending Positions



As of July 2, articles written by students and faculty in the University's International Security and Intelligence Studies (ISIS) program occupied four of the top five articles trending on the Modern Diplomacy website.

The articles are included in the most recent edition of The Caspian Project. The articles include The Transcaspian Pipeline: Geopolitics Near and Abroad by graduate student Dianne

Valdez, The Hydra of the Caspian Sea: Iran's Naval Strategy by graduate student Taylor Morse, and The Foundation of Central Asia: Kazakhstan's Journey From Past to Future by graduate student Jeanette Harper. Dr. Matt Crosston's article The Silk Road Superhighway: Kazakh Transportation as Geopolitics was also among the trending articles.

As Crosston mentioned, "In our world, in our discipline, and in the larger environment of Social Sciences, it is still extremely rare for a program to produce graduates that have independent publications to their name that are NOT connected to the home institution," Crosston said. "It is an affirmation of our quality, our development of their skills, and their ability to compete in the free-market of ideas against people not affiliated with ISIS or Bellevue University in general. Most universities give very big talk to the idea of 'student scholarship.' What we are doing is raising the bar to a level few, if any, universities have been able to match. Not LIKE institutions with Bellevue University, mind, but literally ANY institutions around the globe, including the most famous, historical, and prestigious."

Crosston also considers it a legitimate and promising potential to make the University in general and the ISIS program in

specific a recognized expert on the important Caspian region: "My hopes are to see this become a regular part of our program and it could even, given the right development and management, end up positioning BU as a go-to place for high-end analysis and commentary for this region of the world, something very similar to what happened at the University of Nebraska-Omaha with its Afghanistan center," Crosston said. "Only the Caspian region includes Russia and Iran and therefore gives us a guarantee of having an enormous amount of thematic possibilities and analytical breadth."

In real terms, quantitatively speaking, having 4 of the top 5 trending spots on the influential Modern Diplomacy website means the ISIS students have had their work viewed by over 12,000 readers and 'followed' at present by over 1,000 people all across the globe. The editor-in-chief of Modern Diplomacy has remarked this is the very first time in the site's history that a single institution has made such a prominent scholarly mark all at once and greatly looks forward to what Bellevue University and the ISIS program may come up with next for future projects on the site.

Food Trucks Scheduled



Due to changes this year, food service will not be available in the Student Center in July. But we won't let you go hungry!

Join us and the following food vendors for lunch from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.!

Monday, July 6 - 402 BBQ

Tuesday, July 7 - Piccolo's

Wednesday, July 8 - No Vendor

Thursday, July 9 - VooDoo Taco

Friday, July 10 - Piccolo's

Monday, July 13 - Maria Bonita's

All vendors will be food trucks located in front of the Muller ASB.

Bellevue Welcomes

Joining the Bellevue University family this week:

Carissa Zachary – Student Account Specialist

Nicholas Banks – Admissions Counselor; High School

Dr. Irene Harper – Assistant Professor

Dr. Theresa O'Halloran – Associate Professor

David Denly – Head Coach, Women's Basketball

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Undergraduate Admissions Counselor Jay Ludwig offered advice to a potential student during the June 30 Open House in the Muller ASB Multi-Purpose Room.

Promotion Ceremony



Lieutenant General David D. Halverson (left) swears in Major General Jason T. Evans (right) as part of Evans' promotion ceremony on July 3 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Bellevue. Evans is a 1984 graduate of Bellevue University (then Bellevue College).