During the opening faculty meeting held in August 2013, Dr. Barbara G. Lyman, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs, presented the Provost’s Award for Extraordinary Service to several individuals who had significantly contributed to Academic Affairs in the past year. The Provost’s Award for Extraordinary Service is given for exemplary accomplishments in teaching, research/scholarly activities, and/or service. Each recipient played a crucial role in making new academic majors, minors, or certificate programs a reality. Dr. Christine Royce, professor of teacher education, and Dr. Joseph Shane, professor of chemistry, were recognized for their work with the Master of Arts in Teaching/Science Education degree. Dr. Jonathan Skaff, professor of history, was honored for his leadership in developing the international studies major. Dr. Carol Wellington, professor of computer science and engineering, and Dr. Thomas Briggs, associate professor of computer science and engineering, were recipients due to their work on the software engineering major. Dr. Allison Carey, associate professor of sociology/anthropology, was recognized for her efforts in developing the disabilities minor. Dr. Azim Danesh, professor of accounting/MIS/ITBE and Dr. Jonathan Kohn, retired professor of finance/supply chain management were each awarded for their leadership in establishing the management information and supply chain management certificates. Dr. Jerry Fowler, associate professor of educational leadership/special education, received the award for his innovative education leadership residency program. All of these new programs are in
Shippensburg University welcomed several new tenure track faculty in Fall 2013. The campus community has already begun benefitting from the addition of these highly qualified individuals.

**College of Arts & Sciences**

**Ms. June Y. Kim** – Assistant Professor in Communication/Journalism. Ms. Kim received her M.A. in 2009 in Communication and is currently a doctoral candidate at the University of Florida, Gainesville, FL. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Ms. Kim was an Instructor of Record at the University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.

**Dr. Emily B. Kramer** – Assistant Professor in Biology. Dr. Kramer received her Ph.D. in 2008 in Molecular and Cell Biology from the University of Maryland, Baltimore, MD. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Kramer was an Instructor at Wright State University, Dayton, OH.

**Dr. Kathryn S. Shirk** – Assistant Professor in Physics. Dr. Shirk received her Ph.D. in 2012 in Materials Science Engineering from Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN. Dr. Shirk was a full-time adjunct in Physics in 2012-2013. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Shirk was a Graduate Assistant at Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN.

**Dr. Andrew P. Vassallo** – Assistant Professor in Economics. Dr. Vassallo received his Ph.D. in 2012 in Economics from Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Vassallo was a Senior Consultant at Criterion Economics, Washington D.C.

**John E. Grove College of Business**

**Dr. David W. Hwang** – Associate Professor in Finance & Supply Chain Management. Dr. Hwang received his Ph.D. in 2011 in Manufacturing and...
Dr. Dung A. Pham – Associate Professor in Finance & Supply Chain Management. Dr. Pham received his Ph.D. in 2012 in Finance from the University of South Florida, Tampa, FL. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Pham was a visiting Professor at Cleveland State University, Cleveland, OH.

Dr. Brian J. Wentz – Associate Professor in Accounting /MIS/ ITBE. Dr. Wentz received his D.Sc. in 2010 in Information Technology from Towson University, Towson, MD. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Wentz was an Assistant Professor at Frostburg State University, Frostburg, MD.

College of Education & Human Services

Dr. Michele P. Bratina – Assistant Professor in Criminal Justice. Dr. Bratina received her Ph.D. in 2011 in Criminology from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, PA. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Bratina was the Program Director of the Criminal Justice Program at Keiser University, West Palm Beach, FL.

Dr. Kathryn K. Brooks – Assistant Professor in Counseling & College Student Personnel. Dr. Brooks received her Ph.D. in 2001 in Counselor Education from the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA. Dr. Brooks was a full-time adjunct in Counseling & College Student Personnel in 2012-2013.

Dr. Jayleen Galarza – Assistant Professor in Social Work/Gerontology. Dr. Galarza received her Ph.D. in 2013 in Human Sexuality from Widener University, Chester, PA. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Galarza was an Instructor at West Chester University, West Chester, PA.

Dr. Charlene G. Lane – Assistant Professor in Social Work/Gerontology. Dr. Lane received her Ph.D. in 2012 in Social Work from Adelphi University, Garden City, NY. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Lane was an Assistant Professor at York College (CUNY), Jamaica, NY.

Dr. Calli G. Lewis – Assistant Professor in Educational Leadership/Special Education. Dr. Lewis received her Ph.D. in 2013 in Special Education from the University of North Texas, Denton, TX. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Lewis was a Doctoral Fellow at the University of North Texas, Denton, TX.

Dr. Matthew R. Shupp – Assistant Professor in Counseling & College Student Personnel. Dr. Shupp received his D.Ed. in 2007 in Leadership in Higher Education from Widener University, Chester, PA. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Shupp was an Adjunct Faculty Member at Widener University, Chester, PA

Student Affairs

Ms. Miranda S. Fisher – Instructor and Assistant Director of Sports Medicine. Ms. Fisher received her M.S. in 2011 in Exercise Science and Health Promotion from California University of Pennsylvania, California, PA. Ms. Fisher was an Interim Assistant Director of Sports Medicine at Shippensburg since February, 2012. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Ms. Fisher was an Interim Athletic Trainer at Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA.

Ms. Tanya L. Miller – Instructor and Assistant Director of Sports Medicine. Ms. Miller received her M.S. in 2001 in Exercise Science and Adult Fitness from Bloomsburg University, Bloomsburg, PA. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Ms. Miller was the Head Athletic Trainer at Elizabethtown College, Elizabethtown, PA.
high demand areas and have the potential for significant growth, thereby benefitting both the university and the region it serves.

The Teaching Innovation and Pedagogy Spotlight (TIPS) Awards were also presented at the opening faculty meeting. Co-sponsored by the Provost’s Office and the Center for Faculty Excellence in Scholarship and Teaching (CFEST), the awards recognize outstanding tenured/tenure-track faculty in each college and school who have developed an innovative course. The innovation can be in implementing technology to support teaching and learning, integrating research projects, promoting field experiences with real and varied assessments, and facilitating collaboration among students. Nominations for the awards came from the campus community with awardees ultimately selected by the CFEST Campus Support Committee. The four recipients were found to provide especially exemplary academic experiences for their students. Dr. Allan Dieterich-Ward, associate professor of history, was chosen for HIS 386, History Research Seminar, for its use of intensive peer-led support, including assistance with research and writing needs. Dr. Viet Dao, assistant professor of information systems management, was recognized for ISM 242, Design and Development of User Information Systems, and how he incorporated research, technology, student collaboration, and field experiences into the course. The combined efforts of Drs. Jennifer Clements, Liz Fisher, and Marita Flagler, all associate professors of social work, to design and teach SWK 370, Practice with Organizations and Communities, were recognized. The course’s practical applications of theory and integration of community partnerships were particularly noted. Two additional faculty member nominees were deserving of Honorable Mentions: Dr. Ben Meyer, assistant professor of exercise science, for ESC 400, Methods of Coaching, and Dr. Freddy Siahaan, assistant professor of economics for ECO 333, Research and Analysis in Economics.

“Because innovation often proceeds incrementally, the gradual coalescence of such developments into a discernable movement can be overlooked,” said Lyman. “However, from my perspective as provost, Shippensburg faculty are becoming increasingly impactful in pedagogical innovation. We host the annual statewide academic innovation conference. Our faculty are increasingly being recognized not only by our own internal awards, such as TIPS, but also externally, such as through the International Conference on College Teaching and Learning, among other awards from outside the university.”

The Provost’s Award for Extraordinary Service includes a certificate and $250 each to use toward professional development activities this year. Previous award winners include Dr. Angela Bartoli (2012), Dr. Laurie Cella and Dr. Allen Dietrich-Ward (2011), Dr. Claire Jantz (2010), Dr. Sean Cornell and Dr. Jose Ricardo (2009), and Dr. Sue Morin and Dr. Kim Weikel (2008). The TIPS Award includes a $500 travel grant. Previous winners include Dr. Scott Drzyzga, Dr. Ian Langella, and Dr. Mary Paxton.
students partnered with the fifth grade students of the Grace B. Luhrs University Elementary School to create a display in the quad of international flags from the 37 countries represented in the campus community. The week proved to be both enjoyable and informative to all who participated!

On October 22nd, Rowland Hall was transformed into a cultural bazaar as it hosted its annual Immersion Afternoon. Students prepared exhibits on China, France, French-speaking countries of sub-Saharan Africa, Germany, Guadeloupe, Haiti, Latin America, Martinique, Morocco, Spain, and Tahiti. The campus community came to learn the heritage of people from the various areas, to try their hand at an assortment of language and cultural activities, and to sample tasty cuisine from the regions.

The event was part of International Education Week, October 21-25, sponsored by the International Studies Program and the Office of International Programs, which highlighted not only the various cultures on campus but also study abroad opportunities. Social Work students coordinated the Ship World Party: A Taste of the World at SHIP which included international dances, food, and crafts. International Studies

Service Learning Spotlight: SU Students at the Literacy Carnival

As part of New Student Orientation in August, incoming students have the opportunity to engage in service learning projects. Approximately 120 new students participated in one of nine service learning projects. One such project was to help at the LIU12 Franklin County Literacy Council’s Literacy Carnival. SU students assisted children to complete various literacy-related activities – including visiting with the famous Cat in the Hat - all to help the young readers realize just how much fun reading can be.

This service learning opportunity was coordinated by Dr. Laurie Cella, assistant professor of English, Dr. Karen Johnson, assistant professor and director of the Writing Studio, and Marie Steinbacher, coordinator of the LIU12 Franklin County Literacy Council.

SU students volunteered at the Literacy Carnival as part of a new student service learning project
And Now A Word From Our Sponsor....  
Barbara G. Lyman, Provost & Senior VP for Academic Affairs

The following is a powerful question for everybody to consider: what will be your contribution to life? There are so many ways to contribute – from small acts of kindness to large, global campaigns – and part of our students’ experience at Shippensburg University is to learn how they can impact those around them. In this newsletter alone, you see several examples of Ship students working with area children in order to develop a love of learning or to foster intellectual curiosity in the young minds. Annually, the Honors Program sends students to the Dominican Republic to work with students and teachers there, showing that the commitment to fostering educational opportunities spans beyond the local region. The impact Ship students have on these young learners, near and far, is a wonderful “verse” to contribute.

The success of Shippensburg University students is supported and facilitated by dedicated faculty, staff, and administrators. These individuals all contribute “verses” – to their disciplines, to the university, and most importantly, to the well-being and education of our students. The recipients of the Provost’s Award for Extraordinary Service and of the TIPS Awards are just some examples of faculty who have undertaken initiatives for the betterment of the academic experience of SU students.

Our students are noticing the opportunities provided at Shippensburg University to write their respective “verses.” Students’ perceptions that at Ship they have extraordinary opportunities for engagement in meaningful learning were reflected in the most recent results of our administration of the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE). On the NSSE, 94% of Ship seniors compared to only 86% of PASSHE seniors indicated that they had had the opportunity to engage in one or more high impact educational practices. Such high impact practices include service learning, student-faculty research, learning communities, intensive writing, team projects and group assignments, internships, capstone or other integrative courses, and study abroad, to name many.

Assessment processes allow us, as an institution, to examine the “verses” we are contributing. One such assessment process is the university’s Periodic Review Report which we will be submitting to the Middle States Commission on Higher Education this June. I encourage members of the campus community to engage in the review process – attend open forums, review the document, make suggestions. Your involvement is key in making sure the “verses” contributed by faculty, staff, and administration as well as by students are documented in ways that fully capture the essence and quality of Shippensburg University.

- Walt Whitman / Mr. Keating, Dead Poets Society