Welcome to the fall of 2023! With eager anticipation, we set sail into a new semester, fueled by our steadfast dedication to "Education for Well-being" and our relentless pursuit of cultivating global-minded professionals.

Within the pages of this fall newsletter, I am delighted to present a snapshot of the vibrant tapestry that unfolded within our college over the summer months.

As we transition into the fall semester, we will relish in the radiance of our summer accomplishments and eagerly propel our college to new heights.
This June, we were thrilled to unveil the dedication of the Carol Ammon Conference Room, in honor of our generous donor, Carol Ammon.

Looking ahead, we are excited to announce that we are dedicating a conference on AI in pre-K to 12 classrooms to Carol Ammon, in honor of her support of our college.
On Monday, May 8, the Ruth S. Ammon College of Education and Health Sciences honored all graduates from the Class of 2023. Dean’s Awardees were recognized for their hard work and dedication, and Community Awards were given to members of the community who had brought honor to Adelphi University. Donor Carol Ammon delivered the Pre-Commencement Address, and alumni Troy Walker, Grace Qi Hu and Paola Rodriguez delivered inspiring speeches for the Class of 2023.
Our college’s “Education for Wellbeing” approach to health science and higher education has gained significant recognition, and is being showcased in a broadcast by Viewpoint in 50 states. The video features interviews with Dean Wang, Dr. Greg Bouris and Ruth S. Ammon students.
During her 2023 Pre-Commencement Ceremony speech, Paola Rodriguez explained that it had been a journey that led her to Adelphi. After a career change and much determination, Paola graduated with her MS in Speech-Language Pathology. Paola will be starting as a Bilingual Speech Pathologist at PS/MS 280 in the Bronx this fall.

*How did Adelphi University prepare you for what's ahead?*
Adelphi taught me to be resilient. Also, since I studied abroad in Italy, it taught me to be dynamic, to come out of my shell a little bit.

*What was it about Speech-Language Pathology that spoke to you?*
The aid of bilingual and multicultural students. I'm bilingual myself, I was born in the country and raised in Colombia. I'm passionate about providing people voice.

*What is your favorite Adelphi memory?*
Definitely studying abroad. I am so grateful for the experience of going to the schools, because we went to several different schools in Italy. Every single aspect of the cities we went to had a historical component, a learning component. It wasn't just about teaching, it was also about the culture. It was a very comprehensive course.

*What would you want current students to know?*
Please take advantage of every single opportunity you get while you're at Adelphi. Take advantage of the classes provided, and touch base with professors.
FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS
Ruth S. Ammon College of Education and Health Sciences

Professor Rita Verma, PhD, is the chief editor of a journal titled *Critical Debates in Humanities, Science and Global Justice*. The Ruth S. Ammon College of Education and Health Sciences is proud to sponsor the inaugural issue, in which Dr. Verma and her colleagues are working with high school students, inviting them to submit original scholarly work for publication.

Professor Christopher Mellor, PhD, along with a colleague from the University of Memphis received the Research Grant from the Spectrum Institute for Teaching and Learning for their project titled Investigating the Role and Use of the Spectrum in Modern PETE Programs.

Professor Carl Mirra, PhD, is currently working with Ukrainian schools and the National Academy of Pedagogical Sciences of Ukraine on a civic education/social emotional learning project. They are co-developing curriculum with teachers and examining the impact of war on students' resilience and values (growth mindset, desire for political participation and tolerance). Dr. Mirra traveled across the country to observe schools, from the capital city to the contact line to gain an understanding of the varied challenges facing Ukrainian schools. This July, Dr. Mirra was appointed to the Editorial Board for the Journal of the National Academy of Educational Sciences of Ukraine (Kyiv), Theoretical and Methodological Problems of Children and Youth Education.

School children in Kovel, Ukraine, who are wearing Adelphi t-shirts and holding up books donated by Adelphi professors

A lecture and discussion on civic education at Dominanta Educational complex high school in Kyiv

Donetsk, eastern Ukraine
FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP

Our Ruth S. Ammon faculty continue to be prolific in their work. Below are highlights of faculty publications and presentations this summer.

**Professor Sladjana Lukic, PhD**

**Professor Kevin Mercier, EdD**

**Professor Carl Mirra, PhD**

**Vice Dean and Professor Erik Swartz, PhD**
Dr. Swartz presented The NATA Position Statement on Reducing Intentional Head-First Contact Behavior in American Football Players and Reducing Head Impact Exposure in American Football: The HuTT808 Trial at the FWATA Annual Meeting & Clinical Symposium on July 13 and 14, 2023, in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii.

**Dean and Professor Xiao-lei Wang, PhD**

**Professor Meredith Whitley, PhD**
Welcome

Please welcome our new faculty and staff at Ruth S. Ammon College of Education and Health Sciences.

Tamara Pelosi, EdD
Early Learning Center Director

Won Seok Chey, PhD
Assistant Professor of Physical Education (HSS)

Juntack Oh, PhD
Assistant Professor of Physical Education (HSS)

Hariklia (Harriet) Proios, PhD
CSD Department Chair

Alyssa SooHoo, PhD
Assistant Prof of Early Childhood-Special Education (SOE)

Marie Esperancilla Wicks, MS
Coordinator of Advisement, Office of Student Success

Promotions
Meredith Whitley, EdD, and Pavan Antony, PhD, were approved for promotion to Full Professor in the June Board Meeting, effective Sept 1. We would like to extend our congratulations to Dr. Whitley and Dr. Antony!
The Alice Hoffman Young Writers Retreat at Adelphi University has been running for 19 years as of July 2023. The retreat invites talented high school writers to work with Adelphi graduate students and visiting authors in a multigenerational workshop. Highlights this year included a morning with Jan-Henry Gray, author of the acclaimed poetry collection: *Documents*.

This year Professor Rob Linné worked with archive librarians to pull examples of the writing process from the Alice Hoffman papers, housed at Adelphi. Students found this “behind-the-scenes peek” into the stages of drafting a novel fascinating and inspirational.
Students in Dr. Clara Bauler’s Community, Schools, and Society classes had the opportunity to work on projects with virtual exchange students in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and Sevilla, Spain. Students communicated internationally via Zoom, and collaborated on creating magazines or websites together.

Other students produced podcasts on varied topics on sociolinguistics, including idioms in different languages, and how multilingualism is viewed in the classroom, and assumptions, ideologies and beliefs about the English language. Students shared their work on the @AUmultilingualism Instagram page. Follow along for more!
The Ruth S. Ammon College of Education and Health Sciences was proud to co-sponsor the International Conference on Special Education in Thiruvananthapuram in India this July.

Dr. Stephen Shore and Dr. Pavan Antony attended and spoke at the conference. Dr. Stephen Shore was the keynote speaker.

**RUTH S. AMMON CEHS IN INDIA**

Dr. Stephen Shore and Dr. Pavan Antony met potential future students at an admissions table, and spoke to them about Special Education Programs offered at Ruth S. Ammon CEHS, including the Advanced Certificate in Autism Spectrum Disorder (Non-Teacher Certification) and the MS in Childhood Special Education Studies (Non-Certification track.)
Professor Meredith Whitley Along With Graduate Students Kiano Brodie and Em Fallin Evaluated the Laureus Sport for Good Summit in London This June.

The Laureus Sport for Good Foundation hosts an annual global summit in which they bring elite athletes, global leaders, and their grantees (leaders of 'sport for social change' organizations around the world) together to connect, learn, and grow. The summit was held in Tottenham Hotspur Stadium in London this year.

Our college sponsored the attendance of two graduate students, Kiano Brodie and Em Fallin. Both students are first-year graduate students in Manhattan majoring in Sport Management and specializing in Sport-Based Youth Development.

"It was an incredible experience for all of us, especially the two students," Professor Whitley said. "They learned so very much, and also made some really valuable connections for their careers!"

"As a dedicated student, I believe that immersing myself in this kind of practical experience will be the most rewarding aspect of my graduate education."

-Kiano Brodie
INTERNATIONAL COURSES

Upcoming International Courses

Exploring Italy: Unveiling the Rich Tapestry of Italian Culture, Winter Intersession 2024
All students and alumni from Adelphi are welcome to participate.
Destinations include Florence, Venice, Rome, Sorrento, Pompeii, Tuscania, Viterbo and more! For more information, email Dean Xiao-lei Wang or JeanMarie Ignatiadis (xlwang@adelphi.edu, jmignatiadis@adelphi.edu).

Service Learning in Kenya, January 6–18, 2024
This 1-credit course combines a service-learning experience with a total immersion into Kenya’s culture, traditions, food and scenery. Students will design and implement service-learning projects for the Caroline School, a K–8 school in Wangige, Kenya. For more information, email Dr. Esther Kogan or Dr. Anne Mungai (kogan@adelphi.edu, mungai@adelphi.edu).

Travel to Kingston, Jamaica, Winter Intersession 2024
This 3-credit course is open to graduate students in the Speech-Language Pathology program who can demonstrate clinical experience. The course begins with four synchronous online classes of learning about global speech-language pathology and Jamaican culture. Email Miriam Velsor or Dr. Ianthe Dunn-Murad for more information (mvelsor@adelphi.edu, murad@adelphi.edu).

INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

On July 19, Dean Wang and Rector Maia Gurgenidze of the British Teaching University of Georgia met in Oxford, UK, and continued the discussion on the collaboration of our two institutions. We look forward to the future of our partnership with the British Teaching University of Georgia.