

# IPS Newsletter

Bi-Monthly Communication for IPS Students

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UNIVERSITY

INDIVIDUALIZED PROGRAMS OF STUDY  
HELPING YOU HELP YOURSELF TO SUCCESS!

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## From the Director's Desk . . . . .



Greetings to all of you on this maiden voyage of the *IPS Newsletter!*

I have not seen many of you since we sat down for your conference when you entered the IPS program.

This bi-monthly, brief email publication will be sent to you for the purpose of encouragement and enlightenment:

**Encouragement** to grow and develop your skills and experiences;

and

**Enlightenment** to provide you with resources to help you achieve that growth.

Each edition will contain the sections you see in this first issue. If you would like to be in our Testimonial

Section, please contact us at [individualstudy@liberty.edu](mailto:individualstudy@liberty.edu).

We trust these tips, quotes and resources will enhance your knowledge and inspire you!

*Barbara Sherman*, Director  
Individualized Programs of Study



### IPS Opportunities:

Individualized Studies, B.A.  
Individualized Studies, B.S.  
(formerly Interdisciplinary Studies)

Interdisciplinary Studies, B.S.  
(formerly General Studies)

### Resource Reservoir "Internships" by Michael Skillman Internship Coordinator

If you have ever read an entry level job description, then you will notice that all of them require at a minimum one to two years of experience. How does one gain this experience especially if it is an entry level position? An internship is a great solution for gaining vital experience in your discipline. In fact, while only fifteen majors out of the twenty-six at Liberty require an internship for graduation, there are many employers that would say an internship is essential for all disciplines. Although some employers are willing to overlook the experience requirement to find the right person, job seekers that have experience certainly stand out more in a competitive job market. Statistically, 72% of employers are looking for people that have relevant experience and an internship is that perfect element for any job seekers resume.

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### Testimonial by Julianna Crider, 2011

When I first arrived at LU I was not exactly sure about declaring a major. After taking some classes in the nursing area, I realized that I was truly passionate about helping people with their health through nutrition. Because Liberty doesn't have a specific nutrition/dietetics program, I was directed by one of my professors to the Individualized Programs of Study. By comparing courses offered at LU and dietetics programs at other schools, I was able to design my own degree program. I am now working on my Master's degree at the Graduate Center for Nutritional Science at the University of Kentucky. I am grateful for the guidance and encouragement that was given to me at Liberty so that I could pursue the area of my passion. I am hoping and praying that the Lord will allow me to use my training to serve Him on the mission field as a nutritionist.

## Professional Tips. . . .

"Hello. This is Sally Swan and I have a question about your upcoming event. Please call me at 465-1234." What's wrong? Can't read the number because they are jumbled on top of one another?

That's what many voice mail messages sound like. Callers speak their phone number so fast that recipients need to replay the voice mail several times in order to capture the number.

Try writing each number as you say it. If you can't write it as fast as you say it, neither can the recipient.



## Prayer for the Month

O mighty God, the only true guide to life, please help me to know you will more completely. I want to live for you and to please you. I want others to know of my allegiance to you — not just because of the words I speak, but also through the character of my conduct. In Jesus' name I ask it. Amen.

## Are you interested in improving your Reading Speed and Vocabulary?

### CLST 301

Build vocabulary, accelerate reading speed and develop higher level critical reading skills needed for upper division and graduate courses.



Spring 2012 registration starts  
October 24, 2011!