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# JIU INSIDER

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION  
*newsletter*



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## Hello School of Education Students!



I hope you are having a lovely fall and are enjoying your classes and professors at JIU! The JIU Insider newsletter is a new way for us to communicate with you each month to let you know what is happening in the SoE, to highlight our faculty and students and share news from the field of education.

We are in the midst of preparing for our state accreditation visit, coming up the first week of December. We look forward to the opportunity to showcase the quality and impact of our programs on our students around the nation. We will have a team of visitors here to review what we do best.... serve the educational needs of our students through a relevant, project-based curriculum and expertly designed courses that open doors of opportunity for our students. To better serve our students, we are also seeking accreditation from the **National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)**.

Thank you for being a part of our global learning community. As always, we look for your feedback so we can continue to be attentive to your personal and professional growth goals.

Sincerely,

### ***Don't forget!***

The last day to register for a December course is December 3.

Call your ASC today at  
**800.811.5663**

*Debora L. Scheffel, PhD*  
Dean, School of Education, JIU

## **Exciting New Education Specialist Degree Program**

JIU is thrilled to offer the **Education Specialist (EdS) in K-12 Education Leadership** degree program in the School of Education, marking a major step forward in our commitment to providing the pinnacle of academic credentials to the education leaders of tomorrow. This program has a mission to graduate successful and influential K-12 leaders who are critical thinkers and able to apply theory to the creative and innovative solutions of practical education problems. The EdS is designed to be of service to both students and the learning organizations and communities in which the graduates serve. The program is delivered completely online and can be completed in 24 months. If you are interested in this new program, please contact an Admissions Counselor at **800.811.5663**.

### **Professional Career Advising Through Total Professional Advantage<sup>®</sup> 2.0**

Are you aware that as a JIU student you have 120 minutes of complimentary\* guidance provided by a licensed Professional Career Advisor with expertise in your chosen field? Your Professional Career Advisor will help you:

- explore your career options
- assess your skills and talents and clarify career goals
- develop a job search or career management strategy and action plan
- help you refine and develop a first-class résumé
- build and improve your networking skills



Students can access a Professional Career Advisor by going to the Total Professional Advantage 2.0 portal (found on your My Courses page) and entering Workshop 1. After completing a short survey, your Professional Career Advisor will contact you and arrange a series of personalized and confidential coaching sessions tailored to meet your specific needs.

For more information about this service, students can contact [careerservices@international.edu](mailto:careerservices@international.edu).

Alumni can learn more by going to [www.readyminds.com](http://www.readyminds.com) or calling 888.225.8248.

\* JIU alumni receive a significant discount on this service.

## New Website for Jones e-global library®

Check out the newly designed Jones e-global library home page. The new design is easy to navigate and provides quick and easy access to information, resources and help online.

## Library Information Sessions

To learn more about the tools and resources available through Jones e-global library, join us for one of our library informational seminars:

### What does Jones e-global library offer?

Tues., Dec. 9, 2008, 4:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. MT

### Research Databases 101

Tues., Nov. 25, from 4:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. MT

Tues., Dec. 18, from 10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. MT



Please email Jones e-global library at [jiudoctorallibrary@international.edu](mailto:jiudoctorallibrary@international.edu) to participate in any of the sessions. Each session is limited to the first 15 people to respond, so RSVP today!

## GRADUATE PROFILE:

### Artist David White Excels as Teacher and Student

When catastrophic floods crippled Jakarta, Indonesia, JIU student David White miraculously found a computer with Internet access.

"My professor was 100 percent understanding," he says. "She was concerned mostly about my safety. It was comforting to know she cared about my education because she cared about me."

Living and working in Jakarta as a secondary-school visual arts teacher, White dealt with several logistic challenges. Despite difficulties, White is emphatic that without JIU he could not have earned his MEd in Secondary Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment.

"JIU offered one of the few programs that never required me to be in a specific geographic place. I was halfway around the world from most of my classmates and professors with a 12-hour time difference."

White's goals were ambitious. Teaching Visual Arts at Jakarta International School (JIS), White



saw opportunities to apply lessons learned at JIU in his Jakarta classroom and opportunities to expand and improve their arts program.

"Everything I was working on with my professors at JIU was being put into action in my school. Step by step, we developed a pilot-type curriculum for visual arts that could work in any part of the world."

The number of students in the Visual Arts Program grew from 124 to 247 over three years. The JIS high school population has averaged 900 the past three years. The Visual Arts Program has attracted 1/3rd of the entire high school. Especially gratifying for White, many of his graduating students went on to visual arts colleges and several were accepted to prestigious colleges in the West to pursue visual art.

"JIU adapted to me," White says, gratefully. "My professors believed in me. I trusted JIU and they guided me every step of the way."



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