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# NEWSLETTER

Master of Arts in Adult, Professional, and Community Education

### Did you know...

The **Graduate College** is operational and ready to help you despite the Coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions. https://bit.ly/33K3MUT

Last day to drop a Full-Term course with an automatic W grade is **April 3, 2020.** 

To avoid failing a course, as well as the negative impact on your plan of studies, please consider dropping a class by the deadline.

Follow us on Twitter for quick updates on **job openings** around the world!



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### **Editorial Board:**

Dr. Clarena Larrotta, M.A. *Program Coordinator* HeeJae Chung, *Doctoral Research Assistant* 



### **Editor's Note**

Dear Students,

I hope this message finds you well and healthy.

With the COVID-19 social distancing measures, you are all in my thoughts. I would like to emphasize the need for us to stay connected and avoid isolation.



We are here as an academic community to help you achieve your goals and to provide the much-needed friendship.

The faculty and staff in the APCE program are available via email and Zoom to meet and help answer your questions. We are putting all our energy on supporting the students and each other to overcome the current challenges regarding COVID-19.

This newsletter includes useful information and student highlights to help us stay connected. Please enjoy the read and stay healthy.

"Never lose hope. Storms make people stronger and never last forever."
- Roy T. Bennett, The Light in the Heart

Sincerely, Dr. Larrotta



### Registration for Summer & Fall 2020 semesters starts March 30, Monday:

Make sure ALL the courses are at the 5000 level! Per Graduate College policy, Master's students are <u>not</u> allowed to register 7000 level courses.

#### **Commencement vs. Graduation**

Commencement is the graduation celebration, and has been postponed to August. Students will still graduate in May and their degree will post to the transcript as usual.





**Grad College Shop Talks** are here to guide you through the transition from face-to-face courses to remote learning! <a href="https://bit.ly/3bxgDwg">https://bit.ly/3bxgDwg</a>

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### Outstanding Graduate Student Award Nominee



**Krystal M. Saenz**was nominated for
the 2020 Outstanding
Graduate Student Award.
Congratulations!

# **Internship Experience**



Nicole Clarkson,
LaTonya Coleman-Hill,
Rikki Jiang,
Diana Lopez,
Amanda Longtain,
Ayesha Mukaddam, and
Omayma Raafat
are currently immersed in their
internship experiences.
Stay tuned to hear about their
experiences!

Thank you Dr. Mattyna Stephens for your efforts supervising internship.



## Student Highlights

### **Amanda Longtain**

Amanda works in the education sector and focuses her efforts on increasing access and equity for Texas' most vulnerable students.

"I am currently standing-up an adult education non-profit: The Training Kitchen (<a href="https://thetrainingkitchen.org">https://thetrainingkitchen.org</a>), using a simulate restaurant environment to educate and credential young adults who are seeking an articulated pathway to hospitality management, self-sufficiency, and growth."





### Katsuya (Katz) Sato

Katz leads and coordinates the bi-monthly Japanese Conversation Circle at Texas State University. He is also a

tutor at the Student Learning Assistance Center (SLAC) on our campus. Katz aspires to become a Japanese language professor in the near future.

"Teaching Japanese and discussing Japanese culture with my students is very encouraging. I love to help others learn about my native country."



### Rikki W. Jiang

Rikki interns at Adult Curriculum for Community, Employment, and Social Skills (ACCESS) located at the Texas School for the Deaf. She works with students in the areas of self-advocacy and independent living skills.

"As a proudly deaf female individual, deaf is an identity that I embrace within myself. I have a passion for improving the quality of the well-being of the educational system for deaf adult learners. My goal is to continue to serve them in the near future."



### Connect with your APCE community!

If you have an exciting academic or professional piece of news, please send it our way! Accompany your narrative (50 words max.) with a relevant picture to help us tell your story.

Please email: CL24@txstate.edu or H\_C173@txstate.edu