Letter from the Past President
Felicia Proia, SASP President 2014-2015

Dear readers,

Over the past year as SASP’s president, I have had the distinct honor of watching my classmates grow as leaders, and my program foster a sense of community. This inaugural edition of the SASP Bi-Annual Publication exemplifies our initiative, and is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our team. Though graduate school can be very difficult, I always enjoyed meeting with my cohort to work on our next social or community event. I will surely miss them and will look fondly back on the memories we’ve created.

From tailgates to attendance at national and state level professional conferences, FSU has held a steady presence and upheld the garnet and gold through school spirit and professionalism. I am so proud of all of our accomplishments and am grateful to be a part of a program that has excellent faculty and superior facilities offered by the College of Education. Our program continues to recruit top-candidates, and produce ambitious doctoral students and competent interns, sending us well on way to be the top School Psychology program in the state of Florida.

I have complete confidence in the future of SASP. Small legacies like this newsletter help plant the seed for a stronger program. Inside this publication you will find out what is happening in the program today, as well as future prospects. Please enjoy this publication and look for additional publications in the future.

All the best,
Felicia Proia

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SASP President, Felicia Proia, attending the 2015 FASP/CEES Public Policy Advocacy Training
Springtime at the Stone Building
As the Spring 2015 semester whittled down to an end, SASP was in full-swing gathering supplies to donate to Kid’s, INC of the Big Bend, a local Tallahassee community based service provider supporting families and children through early education, child care, and parental resources – just up School Psychologists’ alley! We had a great week of volunteering, uniting the 28-member strong chapter. With doctoral candidate Emilee Valler in the lead, we gathered almost $200 in supplies and completed a full 60-hour weeks’ worth of reimbursable work!! Go SASP!! To learn more about Kids, INC of the Big Bend go to www.kidsincorporated.org.
Faculty Spotlight
Research by Emilee Valler
Interviews by Jen Baker, SASP Vice President 2015-2016

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Coordinator, School Psychology Program, Executive Director of the Adult Learning Evaluation Center. Education: Ph.D., University of Virginia, Clinical Psychology, 1985. Professional Qualifications: Licensed Psychologist. Areas of Interest: assessment and intervention for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder in college student, academic success in college students, the impact of executive functioning deficits on learning, and an emphasis on motivational theories.

Fun Facts!
Who in the field is your role model and why?
“Dr. Russell Barkley, because he has been a leader in the field of ADHD, especially in his work regarding Executive Functioning.”
If you had a theme song that played every time you came into the room (similar to an athletes “hype song”) which song would you choose?
“Happy by Pharrell Williams”

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Education: Ph.D., Florida State University, Combined Program in Counseling Psychology and School Psychology, 2004. Professional Qualifications: Florida Certified Associate Behavior Analyst, Postdoctoral Fellow, Division of Trauma, University of Florida – Shands Jacksonville, Postdoctoral Fellow, FSU, Florida Center for Research in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics/FCRR, SASP Faculty Advisor Areas of Interest: Content area literacy, high-stakes achievement testing, behavioral and academic interventions, crisis intervention, academic transition following trauma.

Fun Facts!
What is your go-to midnight snack?
“Cereal with unsweetened almond milk…or peanut butter on a spoon. It’s a toss-up.”
Tell us about a project or an accomplishment that you consider to be the most significant in your career?
“Having my kiddos – they have both validated me and humbled me in more ways than I can ever imagine.”
S. Kathleen Krach, Ph.D., NCSP
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Fun Facts!

What is your superpower or “spirit animal”?
My superpower would be my ability to multi-task. I am really good at having twelve different things going on at the same time. In terms of spirit animal, I would be a squirrel because they do a lot of gathering for the next big project. There is a lot of preparation in their lives and they are friendly.

If I came to your house for dinner what would you have prepared for me?
Whenever we make dinner, our first consideration is what does our guest want and need? If there were no restrictions, I guess the dish that I am most proud of is my grandmother’s cornbread dressing.

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Fun Facts!

An investor walks into your office and says you can have a million dollars to launch your best entrepreneurial idea, what is it?
Of course, $50 thousand to SASP organization! And the remainder to develop and implement a program that could be implemented in schools in the US and internationally that teaches strengths of the heart.

Who or what in your life is your greatest source of inspiration?
Well, my parents – who are no longer living, still serve as my most profound source of personal inspiration.

If you could give only two words of advice to SASP members what would they be?
FP: “Practice gratitude.”
AC: “Read! Read!”
SKK: “Consider everyone.”
SP: “Follow your heart. I know that this is three!”
SASP Social Happenings
SASP gets social!

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS TUBE OF CONSTRUCTION PAPER AROUND STONE??

SASP Welcome Social, Fall 2014

SASP celebrates our newest Nole! Congratulations, Jackie, on your healthy baby boy!

F-L-O-R-I-D-A!! S-T-A-T-E!!
FLORIDA STATE, FLORIDA STATE, FLORIDA STATE,
WHOО!!!
SASP gets social before a home football game!

Who says work can’t be fun! Class of 2017 being silly at FASP!
Study Hard, Play Hard!

SASP loves the outdoors and flexing some competitive muscle at our Spring 2015 Kickball Social!

If you are interested in joining SASP, please contact any current SASP Executive board member. Dues* are collected during the first weeks of the Fall semester and membership is open to all students admitted to the school psychology program (including Ed.S. and Ph.D. tracks) and enrolled in graduate coursework at FSU.

*Includes a School Psychology at FSU themed T-shirt!
Caroline Byrnes

“Hello, my name is Caroline Byrnes and I am originally from Miami, Florida. I attended school at Florida State and my favorite hobby is watching a lot of sports and Netflix! I am looking forward to getting to know my cohort members and learning more about the field of school psychology. Also, I am very excited to spend another 3 years at FSU!”

Danielle Eftaxes

“Hi, my name is Danielle Eftaxes and I am from West Caldwell, New Jersey. I graduated from the University of Connecticut and I love running and traveling. I am looking forward to moving to Florida and having a snow-free winter! Moreover, I am excited to meet my cohort and new professors! A fun fact is that I was accepted to FSU for undergrad and chose to stay closer to home & I almost transferred to FSU during my sophomore year at UConn. I am happy to finally be attending!”

Jessica Diaz

“Hi, my name is Jessica Diaz and I am from Clewiston, Florida (very small town really close to Lake Okeechobee). I went to Florida Coast University and my favorite hobby is baking. I’m looking forward to the program, meeting new people, and adding Tallahassee and FSU to my list of favorite places. P.s., I’m in love with all things Disney!”

James Gardiner

“My name is James Gardiner and I am from Tuscumbia, Alabama. I attended Huntingdon College in Montgomery, AL and I enjoy any hobby outdoors. I’m looking forward to living in a new place this year. Fun fact knowledge, I played baseball at Huntingdon College and won a conference championship my freshman year!”

Jack Bond

“Hi guys, my name is Jack Bond and I am from Delray Beach, Florida! I attended Palm Beach State College my freshman and sophomore years, and FSU my junior and senior years. A favorite hobby of mine is reading, particularly material from the A Song of Ice and Fire series. I am looking forward to returning to FSU and Tallahassee after two years, and ingraining myself in the program. An interesting fact about myself is that there is no one in my family named James!”

Rachel Martin

“My name is Rachel Martin and I am from Palm Harbor, Florida. I attended the University of Miami and I love to read, especially mystery and psychological thrillers. I am looking forward to taking classes that are directly applicable to my career. A fun fact about myself is that I studied abroad in Paris, France my junior year of college.”
Brianne Delisi
"Hi, my name is Brianne (Bri) Delisi, and I am from Crystal lake, Illinois. I attended college at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and my favorite hobby is to go boating with my friends and family. I am looking forward to starting a new adventure at FSU this year with everyone! A fun fact about me is I got to meet Patrick Kane on the Chicago Blackhawks!!"

Helaine Larach
“Hello, my name is Helaine Larach and I am from Clearwater, Florida. I attended UCF and my favorite hobby is reading book series such as Divergent or Harry Potter. I'm looking forward to meeting new people and exploring Tallahassee. Fun fact: living in Orlando allowed me to go to a theme park at least once a week, and I did.”

Erica Harris
“Hi, my name is Erica Harris and I attended Tulane University. I grew up overseas in Bangkok, Thailand and currently live in Fort Myers, Florida. I have also lived in Massachusetts, New Jersey, Nevada, and Louisiana. My favorite hobby is reading. I also enjoy cooking. I am looking forward to moving to a new place and meeting lots of new people. A fun fact about myself is that I won a school-wide hula hooping competition in the third grade.”

Yixue Wang
“My name is Yixue Wang and I come from Beijing, China. I graduated from Beijing File Academy majoring Film Directing and my favorite hobby is reading detective novels. I think immersing myself in a totally English-Speaking world is at first challenging, and also rewarding. I am preparing to be strong and not that nostalgic. I am also really good at swimming.”

Tanya Bawkins
“My name is Tanya Bawkins and I was born and raised in Clearwater, FL. I attended FSU for Undergrad and my favorite hobby is playing soccer and all kinds of sports. I am looking forward to learning more about school psychology and working with others who have the same interest as mine. A fun fact about myself is that my brother and sister are both adopted from foreign countries.”

Colleen Williams
“My name is Colleen Williams and I am originally from Naples, FL but have been living in Tallahassee for the past 3 years completing my undergrad degree at FSU. My favorite activity is spending time with family and friends. I’m most looking forward to starting graduate school in August and getting married in September. I also have two cats that both think they’re dogs - Fidel Castro and Napoleon.”

Tiffani Butler and Brian Mullen could not be reached before publication release but we look forward to getting to know you in August!
## Internship Placements

**Compiled by Breanna Nelson, SASP Conference Liaison and FASP Student Ambassador 2014-2015**

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<th>Name</th>
<th>County, State</th>
<th>Specialization/Most excited about:</th>
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<tr>
<td>Breanna Nelson</td>
<td>Martin County, Florida</td>
<td>MTSS Processes, Student mental health/counseling, Family/School Collaboration, and Gifted Evaluations</td>
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<td>Rachel Conway</td>
<td>Hillsborough County, Florida</td>
<td>family/school collaboration, EBD populations, crisis intervention, consultation, gifted evaluations</td>
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<td>Caitlin Forshier</td>
<td>Pinellas County, Florida</td>
<td>working with diverse populations, LGBTQQA, teacher consultation, MTSS/RtI, Family/school collaboration</td>
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<td>Katherine Yoho</td>
<td>Citrus County, Florida</td>
<td>Family/School Collaboration, EBD Population, Behavioral Interventions, MTSS and Problem Solving, Counseling, and Gifted Evaluations</td>
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<td>Ariana Gray</td>
<td>Duval County, Florida</td>
<td>working with ASD and EBD populations, getting experience at the secondary level, being a part of a multidisciplinary team, behavioral interventions, parent and teacher consultation, experiencing the process of RtI in a large district</td>
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<td>Margaret (Maggie) Gablehouse</td>
<td>Northeast Georgia area</td>
<td>Learning about and partaking in Georgia SST processes, cross-battery assessment, and EBD population</td>
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<td>Michelle Faulkner</td>
<td>Broward County, Florida</td>
<td>Family/School Collaboration, Pre-K assessment, Crisis and Trauma intervention, Counseling, and Gifted Evaluations</td>
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<td>Felicia Proia</td>
<td>Duval County, Florida</td>
<td>Working with a diverse school population, Mental Health Screening, Future Mental Health Research</td>
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<td>Emily Levine</td>
<td>Orange County, Florida</td>
<td>being a part of a multidisciplinary team, teacher consultation, family/school collaboration and consultation, crisis intervention, working with ASD and EBD populations, and behavioral interventions</td>
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<td>Samantha Ritts</td>
<td>Thomasville County, Georgia</td>
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<td>Calvin Smith</td>
<td>Atlanta, Georgia area</td>
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Hello my name is Nathaniel (Nate) McAuliffe and I graduated with a B.S. in Psychology from FSU with two minors in English and Communication. I was originally born in Cleveland, OH but I grew up in Tampa, FL. I enjoy reading, hiking, and hanging out with my friends. My academic interests include peer education and I hope to work primarily with secondary schools. As the SASP president, I lead the organization and handle the executive duties that come with it. Right now I hope to leave a permanent change in the organization by improving our grad lounge and growing SASP into a stronger organization. I look forward to being your president for the 2015-2016 year.

Vice President

My name is Jennifer (Jen) Baker and I received my bachelor’s degree from FSU in Psychology and Family/Child Sciences. After a brief break post-undergrad to work in Marketing in New York, I returned to Tallahassee to work as a preschool teacher and to study School Psychology. I enjoy cooking, reading and songwriting, but I mostly spend my free time socializing. My academic interests include school violence prevention, crisis intervention, and student mental health awareness. As the SASP Vice President, I support the organizations executive and general members and this year I will be starting a digital archive of FSU’s SASP history and events. I will be more than happy to assist you with any questions or concerns you may have regarding both SASP and academics, please feel free to contact me.

Secretary

Hello all! My name is Megan Attanasio and I graduated in 2014 from FSU with a B.S. degree in Psychology and a minor in Family and Child Sciences. I am originally from Naples, FL, but have really enjoyed my time in Tallahassee. My hobbies include spending time with friends and family, traveling, reading, and going to the theatre. As SASP secretary, I will take minutes at all meetings and notify members of upcoming events. I also hope to build SASP’s social media accounts to further spread the word about this great organization!

Treasurer

My name is Christen Cirks and I received by B.A. in Psychology and Criminology at the University of South Florida. My hobbies include playing and watching sports (any and all, all types of outdoor adventures, traveling within the US and abroad, and hanging out with friends. My career interests include working in an alternative school setting, specifically working with juvenile delinquents. As SASP Treasurer, it is my duty to manage funds and oversee expenses. I look forward to the upcoming year and activities to come!

Conference Liaison

Hi everyone! My name is Shannon Sparks. Prior to attending graduate school, I double majored in Family and Child Sciences and Psychology and received my B.S. also from FSU. Outside of academics, my interests include relaxing, food, the beach, FSU sports, horseback riding, and my spending time with my dog, Sophie. As SASP’s conference liaison, I hope to communicate to you all things FASP and NASP conference related and to better help you prepare to arrange and organize your travel and financial concerns regarding attending conferences.

Programming Chair

Hello there! I am Christina Morisi. Prior to attending this university, I obtained a B.S. in Psychology with a Minor in Education at the University of Central Florida. As for hobbies, I love being with friends, soaking up the sun, eating scrumptious food, and doing new things around town. You can say, I’m a bit of a gym rat and I’m always singing or dancing. As for SASP, I am currently on the executive board as your Programming Chair. For this position, I intend to plan and organize any fundraising, volunteering, or social events for all members. I think it would be great to get all of our members involved with their fellow classmates as well as the community. If you have any ideas for any SASP events for the upcoming year, feel free to inform me and we can work together on a plan!
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