

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS



Lisa M. McBride

Lisa M. McBride is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution and will soon be defending her final dissertation. Lisa recently earned a position at Tallahassee Community College as the Assistant to the President for Institutional Diversity.

In this position, Lisa will assist in implementing diversity initiatives related to faculty recruitment and retention, provide administrative support to the diversity and engagement committee, serve as the liaison between the college wide departments and faculty, serve as a communications representative at appropriate cross-functional team meetings, serve as an advocate for students from diverse racial, cultural and ethnic backgrounds, sexual orientations, and abilities, provide leadership for the development of educational, cultural, and social programs that enhance intercultural understanding, work cooperatively with admissions, faculty, administration and students to build and strengthen support networks on campus and to increase and retain representation of historically underrepresented groups.



Rita Benasutti

Dr. Rita Benasutti is a 2002 doctoral graduate of the Department of Family Therapy. Since her departure from SHSS, Dr. Rita has opened her own counseling center in Boca Raton, Florida. She specializes in marital therapy, sex therapy, and infertility counseling. Dr. Rita is also published in the Journal of Couple and Relationship Therapy.

In addition to her doctoral degree, she is a licensed mental health counselor, licensed marriage and family therapist, certified sex therapist, certified family mediator, and a national certified counselor.

She has appeared on television, broadcast on radio, and been quoted in numerous publications such as Cosmopolitan Magazine, the Sun-Sentinel, The Palm Beach Post, Miami Living Magazine, and Vive Magazine.



Michelle Cromwell

Michelle Cromwell, is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution and will be defending her final dissertation this Fall. Michelle recently became an Assistant Professor for Social and Political Systems at Pine Manor College in Chestnut Hill, MA. In addition to her professorship, she is an Associate for Multi Curriculum Development at the school's Center for Inclusive Leadership and Social Responsibility. In this role, she trains faculty to incorporate multi-cultural pedagogy into their teachings.

Pine Manor College has been cited by U.S. News & World Report as the number one college for diversity in the United States.