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Alumni on ISCA Race and Equity Committee

Kirsten Perry (MEd '11), president of the Illinois School Counselor Association (ISCA), convened the association's first race and equity steering committee. The committee will recommend anti-racist and equitable practices and will help develop a race and equity credential members can earn through free ISCA training. Associate Professor of Counseling Melissa Ockerman, Brian Coleman (MEd '14) and Alicia Funes (MEd '15) also serve on the committee.



AUSL Partnership

Academy for Urban School Leadership (AUSL), a nonprofit organization that manages more than 30 Chicago public schools, has formed an exclusive partnership with COE for its Chicago Teacher Residency program. The program provides teacher preparation and a master's degree to participants who commit to teach in an AUSL-managed school for at least four years. The current cohort includes more than 70 candidates in special education and elementary, middle school and secondary education. They began the program at DePaul this past summer and are following an accelerated course schedule that can be completed in 12 months.

Honors and Awards

Nicole Axe (EDU '20) was awarded a Fulbright teaching scholarship, which will support her planned trip to Greece to research elementary education.

Stephanie Berryhill (EDU '15), a Chicago Public Schools special education teacher and former COE academic advisor, won DePaul's [Gerald Paetsch Academic Advising Award](#) for her service at DePaul in the 2019–20 school year.

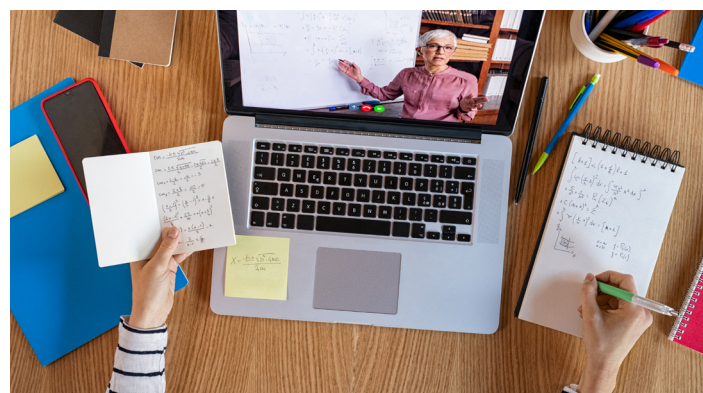
Jazmin Brito, a Bilingual-Bicultural Education program student and [BiLD Lab](#) research assistant, won the DePaul Student Employee of the Year Award.

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Global Conversations

After the COVID-19 pandemic hit, faculty and staff from COE and DePaul's Office of Global Engagement have facilitated several "Global Conversations" via Zoom with 10 other institutions in Australia, Brazil, India, Mexico, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. These 90-minute sessions, part of the ongoing program series, give students around the world an opportunity to connect and reflect on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in their lives and how it has affected various academic disciplines and industries.



Pandemic Response Portal

COE has created a [COE Responds to COVID-19](#) web portal that lets faculty, staff and students share their expertise in remote teaching, learning, school leadership and counseling. The portal is open not only to students, but also to K–12 teachers, school counselors, community organizations and the public.



DePaul WORKS

DePaul WORKS is a new COE program in which 10 counseling student interns provide career and wellness coaching in English and Spanish via a phone hotline to essential workers and individuals whose jobs have been affected or eliminated due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Led by Associate Professor of Counseling Rebecca Michel and housed within the Education and

Counseling Center, the service receives referrals from 16 workforce development nonprofits associated with [Chicago's Community Based Organization Collective](#).