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Mission Statement

The mission of the Adler Graduate School is to educate ethical, reflective, highly competent, comprehensively informed, continually learning, Adlerian-based professionals who are prepared to improve the interactions and conditions of the people, organizations, and/or the communities they serve.

The Adler Graduate School offers a Master of Arts in Adlerian Counseling and Psychotherapy, a Master of Arts in Adlerian School Counseling, a Master of Arts in Management Consulting and Organizational Leadership and certificates in Professional Life Coaching and in Coaching & Consulting in Organizations.

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School Counseling Licensure Program Approved by Chris Helgestad, M.A.

The Adler Graduate School (AGS) is proud to announce that the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) has given its endorsement to the AGS School Counseling Licensure program and that the school may now begin enrolling students in its program. A formal recommendation to the Minnesota Board of Teaching will be made by MDE in mid-December.

We, here at the Adler Graduate School, are very excited about this achievement and believe AGS will be a great training ground for those aspiring to complete their

licensure in school counseling.

For many years students have done their general counseling coursework at Adler and then entered the field of school counseling by completing their licensure at another institution.

Now students will complete a comprehensive licensure program at AGS that includes education in the philosophy and psychology of Alfred Adler; Adlerian consultation; and specific techniques such as Positive Discipline as well as others based on the book *Maintaining Sanity in*

the Classroom by Rudolf Dreikurs.

Approval from the MDE is the result of nearly two years of hard work by many dedicated members of the Adler Graduate School community. Because AGS recommends students for licensure, the school receives a great deal of scrutiny as it completes the process of receiving approval from the State Board of Teaching.

Unlike the LMFT or LPC programs where students qualify for licensure via a national exam following the completion of their master's program, school students will

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Did You Know?

The Adler Graduate School sponsors Watershed High School, a charter school located in Minneapolis.

Watershed High School is a Waldorf charter high school which began as a

dream of students who wanted to continue their Waldorf education beyond middle school.

In 2002 Watershed became a public charter school which means it is tuition-free.

AGS reviews the school every three years and decides whether or not to renew its charter with Watershed.

AGS signed on as the school's sponsor in July of 2002 and renewed its

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contract with the high school as of July 1, 2005.

The Adler Graduate School provides counseling services to the students of Watershed

and also is involved in the overall supervision of the school.

AGS is proud to be associated with

Watershed High School.

For more information, go to <http://www.watershedhs.org/>

Alumnus John Reed Helps Reunite Children with Families after Hurricane Katrina

John Reed, a consultant for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) with Team Adam, was sent to Baton Rouge, Louisiana to help locate and reunite missing children with their families in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Reed was deployed to southern Louisiana as of September 7th and worked with social services, followed up on leads and checked databases for the better part of two months, twelve to sixteen hours a day.

Thousands of children were

listed as missing after the hurricane and many parents tried to escape the flooded areas only to find a rescue boat or bus was nearly full. Parents made sure their children were transported outside of the danger areas and waited for the next mode of transportation to arrive. A child may have been transported to San Antonio while the parent was sent to Houston. Many children were split off from their families in this way, but one case in particular stands out for Reed.

A two-year-old, whose

name officials thought was Tyler, was rescued off the streets of New Orleans and cared for by the family who found her.

The family alerted authorities and John Reed was sent to talk to the little girl. He met with her for an hour and a half and says, "I used every trick, technique or tip I've ever learned trying to get information out of this two-year-old." He gave her a stuffed lion which seemed to make a connection with the girl. He took a photo of her, showed it to her and
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School Counseling

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counseling students are recommended to the Minnesota Board of Teaching for licensure immediately upon completion of their master's degree at the Adler Graduate School.

Our goal is to start the first cohort in January of 2006 with students taking the class, *Introduction to Adlerian Psychotherapy and Child Guid-*

ance. As enrollment dictates, additional join the program in the spring and/or fall of 2006.

There will continue to be close collaboration between the Adler Graduate School and the Minnesota Department of Education over the next few years.

Thank you to those who have supported and encour-

aged this exciting effort at the Adler Graduate School.

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President's Corner

by Dennis Rislove, Ph.D.

Adler Graduate School Continues to Expand

The Adler Advisory council recently approved the final plan for the Management Consulting and Organizational Leadership Program which becomes effective January 1, 2006.

AGS was also recently informed by the Minnesota Department of Education that our new program in K-12 School Counseling has been approved. This program is projected to begin on January 1, 2006.

These new programs will add two cohorts to the enrollment of our school in January and, over time, these new programs could easily double our total enrollment.

Classroom space at Eisenhower has been very tight this fall. The addition of two new programs will further challenge our need for space after the first of the year. We are working with our architect, our legal counsel, and the current owner of a building to facilitate our move to the new facility

as soon after the first of the year as possible.

We, at the Adler Graduate School, are all looking forward to the relocation of the school and the additional space that will be available for our programs. We are also excited about the option to have a permanent home for AGS. I'll keep you informed as progress is made on our move.

Dennis Rislove, Ph.D.
President,
Adler Graduate School

John Reed

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the girls said it was Tyler.

When Reed asked who the little girl's mama or grandma was, hoping she'd mention a last name, there was no answer at all. "But every time I asked her about her mother," says Reed, "she'd tear up."

Reed worked on the case for a month checking out every lead that came in. "There was one clue I'd missed, though," says Reed. "I don't know if anybody could have gotten it."

Reed had heard the girl call her doll, "Stephanie", but thought it might be the name of a sibling. "I did not think it was her name," he says.

The search continued while the child's photo was posted on the website for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. That photo was the key that finally unlocked the mystery of the girl's identity.

A woman called NCMEC and said two of her grandchildren had gone to the library and found their cousin's picture on missing-kids.com. Reed drove to the city of Gonzales to meet the grandmother and was shown a picture of the child.

The woman said her granddaughter's name is Stephanie. Her nickname is Mussy. The woman also described a small scar under Stephanie's eye which was a result of a

finger nail cut during a tussle between the girl and her three-year-old cousin.

"I went to see the little girl," says Reed. "She was playing with other children in the yard so I yelled, 'Mussy, come here!'" She immediately turned and ran to Reed who subsequently arranged a meeting with the woman claiming to be Mussy's grandmother.

The sheriff's office was the site of the meeting where a television producer and two cameramen were present to film the impending reunion.

Also present were Reed, the sheriff and the woman and her grandson

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January Adler Café

The **January 18th** Adler Café will feature AGS faculty member Jana Goodermont and AGS alumna Priscilla MacDougall.

They will provide short demonstrations of some of the learning that took place at ICASSI this past summer in Malta.

Jana and Priscilla will also talk about the logistics of traveling, how to register for ICASSI, what the costs will be and how students may receive academic credit.

Students, faculty and others who attended the Malta conference are invited to the

café to share their perspectives on the conference experience.

All café sessions are held in the Wetland's Café at the Eisenhower Community Center beginning at 7 p.m.

John Reed

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(who'd given his cousin the cut under her eye).

"Stephanie walked into the room and just stood there like a statue," says Reed. "We wondered if this is her grandma."

The cousin saw Stephanie and ran to her yelling, "Mussy! My Mussy!" throwing his arms around her. She hugged him back. "Well, two- year-olds don't lie," says the experienced Reed. "We can pretty much assume that is who she is."

After the reunion aired on ABC, a pastor from Oklahoma called to say the little girl's mother was with him just outside of Tulsa. She'd

been put up in an apartment and she was so traumatized she wouldn't talk to anyone. She thought her baby had died.

"I had taken photos of Stephanie smiling and I emailed them to the pastor right away," says Reed.

Then, says Reed, "We arranged a flight and sent grandma and Stephanie home to her mother."

There are many more successful reunion stories amidst the aftermath of Katrina. If you'd like to read more about the children who have been recovered go to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's website at: missingkids.com

John Reed, M.A. is an alumnus of the Adler Graduate School of Minnesota.

A native of Alabama, he has family in the Katrina-devastated area. Though Reed's family lost a half dozen homes, no one from his family was lost or injured.

John Reed was interviewed by Dateline NBC before Stephanie was sent home and that interview was included in the airing of the Learning Channel's *Children of Katrina*.