Congratulations on finishing the 2017-2018 academic year in the graduate programs in applied behavior analysis (ABA) at USJ. We’d like to welcome Dr. Mann again in her role as Practicum Coordinator for our graduate programs. Dr. Mann (cmann@usj.edu) is available to answer questions about BACB experience hours or the practicum opportunities at the Gengras Center School. Feel free to reach out with any questions and concerns and have a wonderful summer!

-Andrea B. Courtemanche, Ph.D. BCBA-D

**Congrats to the Graduating Class of 2017-2018!**

The third annual Autism and Applied Behavior Analysis Hooding Ceremony was held on May 11, 2018. Thank you to Kimberly MacDougall Eaves, MS BCBA for her words of wisdom as this year’s alumni speaker. Best of luck to the graduating students and future behavior analysts!

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**Thesis Award Recipients**

Michaela Moebius  
Advisor: Dr. Laura Turner  
*The Impact of Mindfulness on Stress Among Special Educators*

Jon Peterson  
Advisor: Dr. Andrea Courtemanche  
*The Effects of Environmental Enrichment and Choice on Stereotypy among Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder*

Katie Falvey  
Advisor: Dr. Nicole Groskreutz  
*Teaching Prepositions to Children with Autism using Matrix Training*

Katie Jacobs  
Advisor: Dr. Charlotte Mann  
*Teaching Adolescents with ASD to use Self-Questioning as a Problem-Solving Strategy for Answering Questions of Past Recall*

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**Academic Excellence Award Recipients**

Katie Jacobs  
Christina Sabo  
Jennifer Wood
USJ STUDENT PRESENTATIONS


Pare, E. & Turner, L. (2017, October). *The effects of rate feedback versus quality feedback on task completion.* Poster presented at the Berkshire Association for Behavior Analysis and Therapy 38th Annual Conference, Amherst, MA.


USJ Faculty Publications


News and Announcements

Congratulations to:

Katie Jacobs for being awarded the *Rachel D’Avino Memorial Outstanding Student Award* at 14th Annual Connecticut Association for Behavior Analysis Conference.

Julie Conti for being awarded the *Exceptional Contribution to Behavior Analytic Research in Applied Context* award at the 14th Annual Connecticut Association for Behavior Analysis Conference.

Hannah Haggerty for being award the University of Saint Joseph Symposium Day Poster Award for her project entitled, *Assessing the Impact of Literacy Promotion on the Rate and Quality of Parent-to-Child Speech.*

Hannah Haggerty and Michaela Moebius for being awarded USJ Student Research Grants to help support their thesis projects.

Dr. John Molteni for his 10-year anniversary at USJ.

Dr. Andrea Courtemanche and Dr. John Molteni for being nominated for the Father John Stack Teaching Excellence Award at USJ.

Congrats to the new BCBAs!

In 2017, 27 USJ graduates took the BACB exam and 19 graduates passed on their first attempt (70% pass rate). The national average pass rate for 2017 was 65%.

A Special Thank You

The ABA faculty would like to extend a huge thank you to Kathleen Hunter for all of her work that she completed for the program throughout the year. Kathleen retired this year after dedicating many years to the Department of Counseling and Applied Behavioral Studies. She will be greatly missed.