Happy Hallowe’en! And onward into the Fall season.

- **Olivier V. DeSmedt, 1975-2014.** Olivier DeSmedt passed away on November 3, 2014. He graduated from the RC program in 2000, and in the same year married RC alumna Elaine Ekart. Originally from Belgium, Olivier and Elaine made their home in Lakewood, Colorado, where both served as VR counselors. We offer our condolences to Elaine Ekart DeSmedt. Those who wish may mail a card or note to her at 1530 S. Harlan St. Lakewood CO 80232.

- **RSA Scholarships.** RC48 is currently accepting applications for students desiring to begin the program in January 2015. Deadline to apply for funding is November 30th. Click here to get started: [ESU Graduate School](#).

- **Position Vacancy: Faculty Member.** Currently seeking a full-time, tenure track faculty member to join the Rehabilitation Education Programs, working with undergraduate and graduate students. Teaching, scholarship, and service requirements; CRC preferred. Start date set for August 2015. Review full announcement at Chronicle of Higher Education.

- **Internship Opportunities.** Cornerhouse, an agency dedicated to supporting change in individuals with addiction, is currently accepting applications for RC internship placement in Emporia. Please contact acting director Rodney Shepherd, 620.342.3932.

- **Changes in RSE.** The undergraduate Rehabilitation Services Education degree was adjusted from 124 credit hours to 120. It is anticipated that this change will be beneficial towards developing a 2+3 program with local community colleges.

- **Rehab Club.** Officers for 2014-2015 are: Alexis Streeter, President; Courtney Haring, Secretary; Shara Williams, Treasurer. The club adviser is Michael Richard. Meetings are open to the public; every other Thursday at the Earl Center Conference Room, 6 PM. The club has a closed Facebook page. Those interested in joining may contact Courtney, charing@g.emporia.edu

- **Living Is So Big.** In partnership with Sigma Pi, the Rehab Club brought speaker Christopher Agudo to campus on October 6th. Agudo’s message was suicide prevention. Rehab Club members passed out suicide awareness wristbands in the Memorial Union Hall.

- **October is National Substance Abuse Prevention Month.** RC students organized a candlelight vigil for persons lost to drug and alcohol at ESU’s Wilson Park, which took place on October 24th; graduate students have been reaching out to local churches, providing information on co-occurring disorders and where to seek help.

- **Recruitment: Power Up! & Partners in Progress.** Katrina Miller attended Interhab’s Fall Conference at Topeka on October 16th to share information on grant-funded master’s training opportunities at RC48 with state and community rehabilitation workers who desire advancement; on October 28th she and RC student Josh Woolhiser attended the Nebraska VR State Staffing Conference at Kearney for the same purpose.

- **Region VII Concerns.** It has been suggested that NCRE Region VII (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska), which has five institutional members, be reorganized into a larger region due to low participation. Region VII members do not support the proposal. Barriers to greater participation include NCRE conference expenses, limits on faculty travel funding from universities, and minimal perceived benefits of the NCRE institutional membership.