Happy Winter Break from RC48!

- **RC48 Program Coordinator!** We are pleased to announce that as of January 2016, Damara Paris will assume this essential responsibility. In addition, Damara will continue as director of the RSA scholarship program, a federally-funded grant that she co-authored with ESU faculty in 2014. Damara is the academic advisor for all graduate students who are on RSA scholarships.

- **Fundraising!** We are delighted to report that RC48 has been awarded $750.00 from the Kathrine K. White Faculty Incentive Grant Program for our 50th program anniversary celebration and educational symposium in Fall 2016. Amos Sales, who was the first program coordinator, will deliver our keynote. **Save The Date:** Saturday, October 29, 2016.

- ‘**Tis The Season!** If you are looking to make a tax-deductible donation before January 1st, please consider giving to the Berta I. Miller Disability Education Fund. You can donate online. The Fund is managed by the Emporia Community Foundation.

- **International Presentations!** In early December, Katrina Miller and Damara Paris, with Counselor Education colleagues Alice Hinck and Mijin Chung, traveled to Freiburg, Germany, to present on application of the multiple intelligences to counselor education at the Christmas Conference of the International Journal of Arts and Sciences. Additionally, Damara presented on Deaf Native American women and their leadership identities as visualized through arts-based media.

- **Theatre of War!** On November 7th, Damara Paris served on a Veteran’s Day panel at ESU with military wife Sheri Hall (ESU alum Ret. Major Jeff Hall), and MSG Lyle Babcock. The purpose of the panel was to increase community awareness of post-deployment psychological health issues. New York actors Jennifer Mudge and Chris Coffey gave a dramatic reading by Sophocles as arranged by Bryan Doerries.

- **National LPC News!** LPCs who received their counseling degree from regionally accredited counseling programs can become independent practitioners serving members of the military and their families under TRICARE until 2021.

- **State Licensing Update!** The Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board hosted a teleconference on November 11th. They have drafted SB 254, to introduce the Masters Licensed Addiction Counselor credential. It has been confirmed that CACREP-accredited counseling programs no longer have any limit on how many online classes students can take, however, CORE-accredited counseling programs may only offer up to half of their coursework online.

- **Congratulations!** to Damara Paris and Tony Martin, who were married on Saturday, November 21st at League City, Texas.

- **Service to the Profession!** Damara Paris reviewed and rated 14 applications to the NBCCF Military Scholarship this month.

- **Back Issues!** RC48 Online News back issues are available at our program website.