Welcome back students & faculty

Positive energy abounds at the start of this academic year with new projects such as expanding our math and science programs, the Teacher Quality Partnership with the Wichita public schools, working toward accreditation of the Sport Management department and a new direction for the Center for Physical Activity and Aging.

We have a large number of additions to our faculty and staff as well. Three assistant professors replaced those who retired or resigned in the Department of Curriculum & Instruction: Drs. Gayla Lohfink – Elementary Reading, Katherine Mason – Secondary Language Arts, and Donna Sayman – Special Education. Dr. Susan Unruh, who is fluent in Spanish, comes to us to support our school psychology program, with established research publications focusing on English as a second language.

We are also happy to add Rick Pappas as a clinical educator in our K-12 Physical Education program. Rick is the president-elect of the Kansas Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. Nick Walton is an exercise physiologist who will help us expand our work with the community in activity and aging. Dr. Bob Lane joins us as a Senior Fellow in Alternative Certification and Dr. Sherry Goodvin will serve as Senior Fellow in Alternative Certification and Educational Leadership.

Grant-supported staff include: Amy Beldon, IT specialist; Dr. Sandra Bequette, early childhood special education liaison; Kim Davis, Educational Technology; Ann Eastwood, alternative education educator; Ron Jones, secondary liaison; Teruko Mitchell, TQP secretary; and Chris Reed, elementary liaison. Dr. M.E. Yeager has returned to us as a post-doctoral administrative fellow.

As you can see, many people are working on many new projects and activities, energizing the college. With our students as the center of our work, all this positive energy is sure to make this one of our best academic years ever.

Be sure to attend the 11th Annual Convocation

Free t-shirts, pizza and ice cream while supplies last!
It’s the official WSU pep rally to kick off a new academic year.

Tuesday, August 31
11 a.m. Charles Koch Arena
Faculty publications

The 2009-2010 academic year was a productive one for faculty scholarship. College of Education faculty published articles and book chapters on topics ranging from bullying to bone mineral density. Of special note was an article written by Dr. Daniel Bergman from the Department of Curriculum and Instruction titled, “Elements of stylish Teaching: Lessons from Strunk and White’s compositional classic.” This article, published in the Phi Delta Kappan, was awarded as one of twelve "Must Read" articles for 2009-2010 by Kappan editorial staff.

In addition to publications, faculty were engaged in scholarship through local, state, national and international presentations at professional conferences. For a complete listing of faculty publications, go to the publications page on the College of Education website.

Stephanie McCart Memorial Golf Tournament to be held August 28

The 2nd annual Stephanie McCart Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, Aug. 28, at Wedgewood Golf Course in Halstead, Kan. The cost is $160 per team and includes lunch and two carts. All proceeds will go to the Stephanie McCart Memorial Teaching Scholarship through the WSU Foundation. Details are provided by a flier on the WSU website. McCart, a WSU College of Education student, was only 22 when she died on March 14, 2009, in a car accident. The McCart family established the scholarship in her memory and is also host of the golf tournament.

Co-op students are effective and appreciated

The following is a recent email to Cathy Ellsworth, education coordinator for Cooperative Education and Work-based Learning at WSU:

Cathy,

I know I’m a bit early, but I want to make sure I get West’s request in to have 2 Math and 2 English Coop Tutors again. They were absolutely integral in our bump in state scores this past year; English up 6.6% and Math up 4.6%!

Please keep us at or near the top of your list for the 2010-2011 school year.

Thanks!

Eric Hofer-Holdeman
Business & Hospitality Principal
Wichita West High School
The College of Education scholarship application priority deadline is February 15 each year.

Apply now through February 15 to be considered for scholarships for the 2011-2012 academic year.

Contact the editor: patrice.hein@wichita.edu

College news

- This summer the College of Education said good-bye to Drs. Peggy Anderson, Ruth Bohlken, Fran Clark, Judith Hayes and Nikki Currie.
- The largest known gift in the nation in the form of scholarships for math and science education was made to the WSU College of Education by the Doris and Ralph Klose estate. Their gift of $7.5 million will be awarded as full support scholarships to qualified juniors and seniors enrolled in these high-demand content areas, starting in Fall 2011. The guidelines for these scholarships are on the WSU Foundation website.

Alumni notes

- Teresa Sindelar, a 2010 graduate from the COE Masters in Curriculum and Instruction, has accepted a position at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, TX. She will be working with the astronauts developing curriculum for on-orbit activities, on-site at JSC in the Teaching From Space Office. She began her new career at NASA on August 9.

Students—apply for scholarships

When you log into myWSU and look at your list of courses on Blackboard, you should find one that’s called COE Scholarships. This is your resource for finding information about scholarships and grants and includes the link to the college’s scholarship application. If you are enrolled in the College of Education and this “organization” does not show up in your Blackboard list, please contact patrice.hein@wichita.edu.

Upcoming meetings and events

**Thursday, August 26**
- KNEA-SP College of Education Welcome Back to School Carnival, Corbin 5:30—8:30 p.m.

**Saturday, September 11**
- KS Teacher of the Year Reception & Dinner, Wichita Airport Hilton, 5 pm.

**Sunday, September 12**
- KS Teacher of the Year Banquet & Awards, Topeka Capitol Plaza Hotel, noon

**Thursday, September 23**
- COEd Faculty & Staff Meeting