We’re not waiting for Superman

A current media blitz is spotlighting public schools. You might see a very dramatic and critical movie, “Waiting for ‘Superman’” or see the news series “Education Nation” on NBC. You may start wondering about your chosen career path of teaching. But you are in the right place at the right time.

WSU College of Education is ahead of the curve, implementing a $6.5 million grant from the Department of Education to create a communitywide educational partnership for children in urban, low-income neighborhoods. This is a partnership where those who complete the program will be prepared to teach students whose first language is not English and to meet the challenges of teaching in an environment where many children are in poverty. The goal is to create a wide pipeline for the recruitment, education and retention of highly qualified teachers for urban schools.

In Kansas, we’re not waiting for Superman, we’re tackling the challenges and with the expertise of our superb faculty, we’re making a difference.

WSU Night at Wichita Thunder—BE THERE!

The Wichita Thunder will host WSU Night Oct. 23 when they play Allen at 7:05 p.m. in Intrust Bank Arena. The team will wear special Wichita State jerseys that will be auctioned off during the game. Net revenue generated by the auction will be donated to WSU Sport Management. Single game tickets go on sale Sept. 20 and can be purchased by calling 316-755-SEAT or visiting SelectASeat.com.
WSU COEd alumni are KS Teacher Of the Year finalists

Kim A. Morrissey, an elementary physical education teacher at Dodge Literacy Magnet Elementary School in Wichita and Lu Anne Vides, a seventh-grade mathematics and science teacher at El Dorado Middle School, were named Region 4 finalists for the 2011 Kansas Teacher of the Year award.

The announcements were made during ceremonies at the Wichita Airport Hilton. As finalists for the Kansas Teacher of the Year distinction, Morrissey and Vides each received a $2,000 cash award from Security Benefit, a major partner in the Kansas Teacher of the Year program. In addition, they are now eligible to be named Kansas Teacher of the Year, an announcement that will be made during ceremonies in Wichita on Nov. 20.

Shock Cancer Walk

The Sport Management Student Association and WSU Athletics are teaming up for the 2nd annual "Shock Cancer Walk" part of Shock Cancer Saturday festivities on Sat., Oct. 16, at Charles Koch Arena.

Sport management students have played a significant role in planning the event, and sport management classes are lending their services for the development of social media and marketing for the event.

Participation is $25, and includes a chance to walk with WSU coaches and athletes and a t-shirt. Participants are encouraged to build teams for the walk. Registration for the event begins at 3 p.m., and the walk begins at 3:30. Participants with a "Shock Cancer Walk" t-shirt will receive free admission to the volleyball game that evening, and everyone is encouraged to stay for Shocker Madness, as WSU's 2010-11 basketball teams make their debut in Koch Arena.

More information can be found at http://www.shockcancerwalk.org

Doris Burgert Honored as Bender of Twigs

In 1976, Doris Burgert began her career at WSU as a graduate teaching assistant in the English department, teaching composition. She completed her M.A. in English in 1979, by which time she was a lecturer for the English department, and became a full time instructor in 1984. In 1990 Doris earned a second master’s degree in education while teaching in the Learning Resource Center. She began teaching and advising in CESP in 1999 and became a full time instructor in 2004. She says, “Somehow all the teaching and advising I did over the years added up (finally!) to 25 years of service. Doris was honored in September as a “Bender of Twigs,” a designation given to those who have been employed at WSU for 25 years.
HPL Partnership improves quality of life for cancer survivors

Dr. Jeremy Patterson, director of the Human Performance Lab recently was interviewed by KSN news as part of a story on breast cancer survivorship. The WSU HPL has formed a partnership with the Center for Breast Cancer Survivorship, screening patients in the lab before, during and after cancer treatments to analyze bone density, body fat, balance and stability. These tests help cancer survivors maintain their health during and after treatment, providing them with a better quality of life. See the video at ksn.com/news.

♦ Dr. Linda Mitchell presented *Child development and early learning: Laying down lifelong foundations for literacy*, a parent workshop for St. Thomas Aquinas School, Wichita, Kansas, September 15.

♦ In January, Dr. Daniel Bergman will be accepting an award from the Association for Science Teacher Education for his paper, *Synergistic Teaching of Science to English Language Learners: Comparative Analysis of the STRATEGIES*.

♦ Drs. Mara Alagic, Sherry Goodvin, and Fuchang Liu participated in the 7th Intercultural Communication Competence Conference (ICCC7), held in Khabarovsk, Russia, September 14-16. Mara Alagic facilitated a Global Learning Café workshop focused on global education and intercultural understanding and had two collaborative research presentations: *Frames as a Model for Understanding Cultural Sensitivity* (with Tatiana Orel, York University, Toronto and Glyn Rimmington, WSU) and *World Café: A Structure for Dialogue* (with Lisa Lutz, Wichita Public Schools). Dr. Goodvin made a virtual presentation of *The Digital Learner: An Educator’s Disorienting Dilemma*, focused on the cultural/generational differences in the digital learning environment of the 21st century. Dr. Liu also made a virtual presentation: *Foreign language acquisition in the context of global learning and multicultural communication*.

Student notes

♦ College of Education seniors Jennifer Cole and Diana Meister attended the Pre-Service Teacher Institute from July 11-23 at Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas. The PSTI exposes education majors to aerospace, mathematics and science activities designed to stimulate and improve learning in elementary and intermediate school students.
Monday, October 25

You are invited to meet the
Kansas Teacher of the Year Team
Sponsored by Wichita State University, KNEA-SP & Phi Delta Kappa

On October 25, 2010 Kansas Teacher of the Year Team (KTOY), WSU, KNEA, and Phi Delta Kappa will join together to challenge WSU College of Education students and community to look ahead to the future of teaching. The KTOY team will share their experiences and accomplishments and will have their audience fully engaged through media, laughter, anecdotes, and active involvement.

This year’s theme is “Celebration of Teaching.” This is a wonderful opportunity for teacher candidates to meet with these outstanding teachers, learn more about the teaching profession, and be inspired to continue pursuing a career in teaching.

Event: Meet with WSU College of Education students
Time: 8:30 – 10:30 am
Place: Room 157 Corbin Education Center (WSU Campus, 21st & Yale)

Event: “Celebration of Teaching” with area high school students
Time: 1:00 – 2:30 pm
Place: WSU Metroplex (29th & Oliver)

Event: “Celebration of Teaching” with WSU College of Education student
Time: 3:00 – 4:30 pm
Place: WSU Metroplex (29th & Oliver)

Students, faculty, and community members are welcome to attend any of these events.

Upcoming meetings and events

Tuesday, October 12
♦ Fall semester midpoint

Thursday, October 14
♦ Fall Break begins

Friday, October 15
♦ KS Association of Teacher of Mathematics Conference

Saturday, October 16
♦ Shock Cancer Walk 3:30 p.m. Koch Arena

Thursday & Friday, October 21 & 22
♦ KS Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance Conference

Saturday, October 23
♦ WSU Night at the Wichita Thunder game, 7:05 p.m. Intrust Bank Arena

Monday, October 25
♦ KTOY Celebration of Teaching—see above for details

Thursday, October 28
♦ October Faculty Staff Meeting 3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.