Happy end of the semester!

Finals are fast approaching, and with the excitement of the holidays and commencement, it is easy to feel a little stressed. Students ask me each semester, “What can help me most?” So here are some tips for getting through finals with as little stress as possible:

- Organize - you know which finals you’ll sail through and which will be most challenging. Plan your study time accordingly. Organize notes and make study guides.
- Study groups - studying together with classmates can be helpful—or not. It’s best to study with students who are motivated to do well, but helping someone who doesn’t quite “get it” can further your understanding as well.
- Sleep, exercise, eat well - expect to do your best on tests. Avoid becoming sleep deprived, sluggish from junk food, or hyper from caffeine.

Programs in the College of Education are accredited by four different national associations, so be confident whatever your major, that you are being well prepared in the COEd.

Klose Scholarship Competition Winners

Julia Emberson, Andale High School, Claudia Trevino, Kapaun-Mt. Carmel High School and CleoAnne Worthan, Campus High School were named Klose Scholars in the first Klose Scholarship Competition held recently at Corbin Education Center. High school seniors who declare a math education or science education major in the WSU College of Education, have a minimum GPA of 3.5 and a minimum ACT score of 24 will compete each fall to be named a Klose Scholar. The Doris and Ralph Klose Scholarship will pay their tuition, fees and books for their junior and senior years. Other scholarships and financial aid packages will pay for their freshman and sophomore years.

Klose Scholarship Committee and Klose Scholars: (from left) Amy Strong, Greg Novacek, Julia Emberson, Dr. Daniel Bergman, CleoAnne Worthan, Dr. Janice Ewing, Claudia Trevino and COEd student Nathan Riley.
SPORTS MANAGEMENT RECOGNITION NIGHT

More than 100 people attended the annual Sport Management Recognition Night held recently in the Heskett Center, making this year’s event the most highly attended yet. The event featured a welcome from Dean Sharon Iorio, the presentation of five awards and a keynote presentation by alumnus and Paralympic gold medalist Nick Taylor. The award recipients were:

- Undergraduate Major of the Year: Jesika Elmquist
- Graduate Major of the Year: Sharon Erwin
- Alumna of the Year: Rebecca Endicott, WSU Athletics
- Practitioner of the Year: Matt Brokaw, Wichita Thunder
- Special Recognition: Preferred Health Systems Wichita Open Staff

RICK PAPPAS HONORED AT PRICE-HARRIS

On October 29, Price-Harris Communications Magnet School named their gym in honor of Rick Pappas, Clinical Educator in the HPS department. At a reception in his honor, Rick was presented with a plaque and a permanent plaque will remain at the school with his picture and the following inscription: “For 34 years, Mr. Pappas taught the children of Price-Harris the importance of physical activity, health and sportsmanship. He made Physical Education a positive learning experience daily, and we will never forget his love and dedication for his students.”
College news

♦ Dr. Katharine Mason has two recent publications: a chapter titled, “Evolving Depictions of ‘coming out’ in Young Adult Literature: a Range of Possibilities in 12 Lambda Literary Award Winners (1992-2006)” that appears in volume 2 of Queers in American Popular Culture: Literature, Pop Art, and Performance, published October 2010. The other is an article in the Fall 2010 issue of The ALAN Review, “From Preservice Teacher to Trusted Adult: Sexual Orientation and Gender Variance in an Online YAL Book Club.”


♦ Dr. Linda Mitchell, as the invited keynote speaker, presented The right to belong: Community, Schools and Family. Finding Solutions, Families Together, Inc., Statewide Annual Conference, Wichita, Kansas, November 6, 2010.

♦ Dr. Gayla Lohfink made a presentation at the Kansas Reading Conference in Junction City in October and was elected secretary of the Kansas Reading Professionals in Higher Education.

Teachers of Promise

Keith George, middle level math/science major and Jennifer Cole, elementary education major, were selected as this year’s Teachers of Promise and were recognized at the Kansas Teachers of the Year workshop held at WSU recently. Department of Curriculum and Instruction chair, Dr. Janice Ewing (center), was also in attendance. She said, “Keith and Jennifer were recommended by faculty, not only because of their outstanding academic work, but their passion for the profession.” Each year, faculty from colleges of education across Kansas nominate exemplary teacher education candidates for this award.
Penny Longhofer’s teaching interns completed an exercise in writing about how they use the COEd’s Conceptual Framework guiding principles in their classes, their teaching and their lives. We’ll share some of these in our newsletters and other publications.

Living our Conceptual Framework...

Fortunately, WSU provides its education candidates the opportunity to learn what it means to accept all students the way they are. We were each put in very different schools and they were all very diverse, which allowed us to experience many different situations that could occur during our teaching careers.

— Hannah Lee, elementary education major

I have had many opportunities in my College of Education experiences to practice the theories of human development and fairness. I have been surrounded by diversity in both my college classes and my student teaching experiences. In both these areas I had to practice fairness and understanding, along with celebrating the differences among my peers and pupils.

—Ben Hershberger, elementary education major

Upcoming meetings and events

Thursday, December 9
✦ Fall classes end
✦ HPS Chili Cook-Off, 11 a.m. Heskett Center
Friday, December 10
✦ Study Day
Saturday, December 11
✦ Final exams begin
Sunday, December 12
✦ Fall Commencement, Koch Arena 2:30 pm.
Wednesday, December 15
✦ College of Education Faculty Staff Holiday Party
  2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.
Friday, December 17
✦ Final Exams end
Wednesday, December 23
✦ 5 p.m. Campus closes for the break

HAPPY WINTER BREAK!

Monday, January 3
✦ Campus re-opens
Tuesday, January 18
✦ Spring classes begin