Welcome to Spring 2011

After a nice, long winter break, we’re all refreshed and ready to start in again. Our Wichita Teacher Quality Partnership is in full swing, providing experience-rich learning opportunities for our teacher education candidates. The Educational Leadership Department is revamping its offices and conference rooms for more efficient operation. The Center for Activity and Aging, operated by the department of Human Performance Studies is offering a new lunchtime fitness class to keep us looking and feeling good.

Dr. Jeremy Patterson, assistant professor in the Department of Human Performance Studies, is the co-investigator of a $99,956 Fit for Kansas Kids grant through the United Methodist Health Ministry Fund. The project aims to prevent obesity in young children by involving pregnant women in physical activity and nutrition programs. It combines research with teaching as Dr. Patterson will involve his students in interviews and surveying the research participants who live in close proximity to the university.

New faces welcome students in ESS

Two student assistants have been hired to staff the reception desk in the Education Support Services office. Celia Porter is a junior majoring in elementary education. She is hoping to teach in a lower elementary grades. Ashley Reid is a junior in art education and hopes to teach art in a high school. The student assistants answer the phone, set up advising appointments, perform clerical duties and welcome students to the ESS office.

Celia Porter, left, and Ashley Reid, right, are the new student assistants in the ESS office.
Sport Management Alum is “ShunSational”

Shun Miyamura earned a master’s degree in Sport Administration in 2007. As part of the Sport Management program, Shun interned with the Cincinnati Reds (pictured here with Ken Griffey, Jr.) working in media relations. He is currently the director of the Tokyo Giants New York office where he is involved in contract negotiations with U.S. based players who the Tokyo Giants hope to sign.

Sport Management Department Chair, Clay Stoldt, found comments on a Major League Baseball blog about Shun, “Shun was one of our hardest working interns we had here in Cincinnati and certainly deserves all the best.” The blog referred to him as Shun “Sational” Miyamura.

Dr. Stoldt is currently in “negotiations” with Shun, hoping to make arrangements for him to speak to Sport Management students this semester.

CPAA Fitness

A new class focusing on functional fitness in the areas of muscular strength and endurance, cardiovascular health and balance is offered on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from noon to 1 p.m. in the Heskett Center gym. Enrollment is $50 per semester. For more information contact Nick Walton at 978-5150 or nicholas.walton@wichita.edu.

Register to volunteer at this year’s MINDSTORMS Challenge

Teacher Education Candidates—Before heading out to work in a school, make sure you have a TB (tuberculosis) test on record at the ESS office.
News and Notes

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Check out updated info on the WSU College of Education Web site

Innovation in living and learning

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The winners of this year’s HPS Chili Cook-Off

Norris Poole
People’s Choice Student

Nick Walton
People’s Choice Faculty

Marla Lindenmeyer
Judge’s choice

College news

♦ Dr. Gayla Lohfink has recently published an article along with Juana Loya, a counselor in the Garden City, KS public schools: The nature of Mexican-American third graders’ responses to culturally-relevant picture books. It appears in the Bilingual Research Journal.

♦ Dr. Marlene Schommer-Aikins has been selected to receive the 2011 Distinguished Alumni Award from the College of Education at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Dr. Schommer-Aikins received her PhD in Educational Psychology from U of I.

♦ Dr. Anh Tran has recently co-edited a book, Teaching Listening: Voices from the Field, which addresses emerging trends in language education in and out of the Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) classroom.

♦ Dr. Jeremy Patterson is a co-investigator for The United Methodist Health Ministry Fund, Fit for Kansas Kids Grant. In addition, Dr. Patterson was awarded $11,000 by the Susan G. Komen Foundation to support HPS laboratory assessments on breast cancer survivors. He has also co-authored (with alum Chase Curtiss) State Licensure documents that will be submitted to Oklahoma Legislature in 2011 ‘Vote Yes For Clinical Exercise Physiology Licensure’.

♦ Dr. Donna Sayman recently published How to Build a Delinquent: An Analysis of the Emotionally Disturbed Label in Special Education in Power Play: A Journal of Educational Justice. She published ‘A few good men’ or ‘Are you man enough?’ an analysis of media recruiting campaigns and men in nursing in the Journal of Philosophy and History of Education. Dr. Sayman also was a presenter at the Society of Philosophy and History in September and the American Educational Studies Association in October.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Monday, January 24
♦ Last day to add full semester classes, change sections or drop a course and NOT have it appear on student’s record—also last day to withdraw and receive a 100% refund

Tuesday – Thursday, February 1-3
♦ SIOP Training 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (Thurs. 8:00-1:00) RSC Ballroom

Thursday, February 3
♦ PDS Meeting 4:15 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Marcus Welcome Center

Tuesday, February 8
♦ NCATE Steering Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 15
♦ Scholarship priority deadline

Thursday, February 17
♦ College of Education Faculty Staff Meeting 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 12
♦ MINDSTORMS CHALLENGE—9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Heskett Center

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