CONVOCATION
Tuesday, August 30
11 a.m. to noon
Koch Arena
Join students, faculty, staff and alumni in this fun annual tradition.

Welcome to a new academic year

After a long, hot summer, it is refreshing to see all the students returning to campus, ready to continue their pursuit of higher education. Many developments have occurred since spring semester: scholarships have been established, SmartBoards have been installed in classrooms, and new faculty have joined us. Our returning faculty have worked hard developing new programs for our students.

The Wichita Teacher Quality Partnership continues to grow and new grants are funding programs and research across the college. Highlights of the progress made in the college over the past two years are featured in the biennial report found on our website.

New faces in the college of education

This fall, students will see new faces in the college as well as some familiar faces in new roles. Returning to us, but in a different capacity, are Dr. Sherry Goodvin as coordinator of alternative certification and Mary Spencer as visiting professor in special education, both in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction. Also joining the Dept. of C&I are: Raymond Flores, Ed.D., Texas Tech University, assistant professor of secondary mathematics; Jim Granada, Ed.D., Northern Arizona University, assistant professor of elementary social studies; and visiting professor for secondary social studies, Dan Krutka, who expects to receive his doctoral degree in December from the University of Oklahoma.

Also joining us are Eric Freeman, Ph.D., North Carolina State University, assistant professor in educational leadership and Claude Weathersby, Ph.D., University of Missouri, St. Louis, visiting professor in educational leadership.

Dean Sharon Iorio

We believe in the POWER of education to change the world

Sherry Goodvin

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From left: Claude Weathersby, Mary Spencer, Eric Freeman, Jim Granada, Dan Krutka, and Raymond Flores.
Dr. John Scholarship for Elementary Ed students

Dr. John Wilson and his wife Kathy have established a scholarship specifically for College of Education students majoring in elementary education to assist them financially in their student teaching semester. An alumnus of the College of Education and professor emeritus, “Dr. John” supervises elementary education majors during their student teaching field experience. The student teaching semester is especially difficult financially, since the students are working in the classroom fulltime, but are not paid and have course requirements to work on in the evenings—leaving little to no time for paid employment.

College of Education receives KBOR grant

A three-year grant from the Kansas Board of Regents for approximately $163,000 yearly was awarded to the College of Education in July. The grant will support: a program to increase the number of teachers endorsed to support English Language Learners, efforts to increase enrollment in teacher education, and creation of a new residency program to prepare those who currently hold a bachelor's degree and wish to become middle level or secondary teachers by gaining field experiences through cooperative education or as a school para-professional.
Welcomefest kicks off fall semester

College of Education faculty, staff and students enjoyed refreshing ice cream sundaes and cookies at Corbin during WSU’s annual Welcomefest celebration. The WSU Steel Band provided a tropical beat. Please note that one of our faculty, Kate Bohn-Gettler (center of photo) is a member of the band!
WSU alumni nominated for KTOY 2012

Nine of the 20 nominees for Region IV KSDE Teacher of the Year award are COEd alumni, receiving one or more degrees from WSU. The Kansas Teacher of the Year award recognizes representatives of excellent teaching in the elementary and secondary classrooms of the state. Its mission is to build and utilize a network of exemplary teachers who are leaders in the improvement of schools, student performance, and the teaching profession. These nominees are:
Elementary—Tanya Hastings, Shelly Hill, Shawn Springer and Sherry White.
Secondary—Terri Browning, Kelyn Draut, Carla Hibbs, Sharon Landrum, and Vicki Rierson.

TALK program offers study abroad

Teach and Learn in Korea (TALK) is a cooperative effort between the Institute of International Education and the Korean Ministry of Education, Science and Technology; its goal is to attract more American students to Korea. Participants in the program teach conversational English in rural Korean elementary schools. TALK Scholars receive a one-month orientation, round-trip airfare, a settling-in allowance, a monthly stipend of approximately $1,300, health insurance and organized trips to historical locations in Korea.
The application deadline for participation during the spring semester is December 1, 2011. Go to the TALK website for more information.

Golf Tournament to benefit scholarship fund

Stephanie McCart was a 22-year-old COEd student when she was killed in a car crash in Texas over spring break in 2009. Her family established a scholarship fund in her memory to assist WSU College of Education students who have a love of children and dream of becoming teachers.
On Saturday, September 10, the 3rd Annual Stephanie McCart Memorial Golf Tournament is scheduled at the Wedgewood Golf Course at 9007 W 1st St. in Halstead. This is an 18-hole, four person scramble, $160 per team which includes lunch and two carts. All proceeds go to the Stephanie McCart Memorial Teaching Scholarship. To register and for more information, contact Cheryl McCart at cmccart@cox.net.
College news

♦ Dr. Fuchang Liu, has recently published *Preservice teachers' perceptions of departmentalization of elementary schools* in the International Journal of Whole Schooling.

♦ Dr. Michael Rogers, Dr. Jeremy Patterson, and Nick Walton attended the American College of Sports Medicine annual conference in Denver in June. They co-authored 13 presentations, including seven with exercise science graduate students and six with colleagues from Japan and Spain. Dr. Rogers also presented a one-hour symposium for physicians on exercise and older adults. Dr. Patterson was awarded Fellow status in the ACSM. Former graduate student, Kaelin Young, now earning a Ph.D. at the University of Oklahoma, was awarded one of three student research awards from the ACSM.

♦ Dr. Michael Rogers was invited to present two papers, both coauthored by Dr. Jeremy Patterson and two exercise science graduate students, at the International Conference on Therapy and Exercise in San Francisco, CA in July: *Effect of whole body vibration exercise on muscle activity when using elastic resistance bands in younger and older adults* and *Effect of Biofreeze gel on power output and blood lactate during a 30-second bout of high-intensity anaerobic exercise.*

♦ Dr. Gayla Lohfink presented at the International Reading Conference in Orlando, FL on May 11: *The Nature of Mexican-American Students’ Responses to Culturally-relevant Picture Books: Connecting Research to Classroom Literacy Practices.* She also presented at the KU Strategies for Educational Improvement conference in Lawrence, KS on June 17: *Confronting the Bully via Children's Literature.*

♦ Dr. Kate Bohn co-presented *Age, skill, and working memory effects on inference generation* at the annual meeting of the Society for Text and Discourse, Poitiers, France in July. Dr. Bohn and her colleagues also presented a poster, *The effects of a questioning-while-reading intervention on the eye movement of struggling adolescent readers.*

Upcoming Events

**Saturday, September 10**
♦ 3rd Annual Stephanie McCart Memorial Golf Tournament, Wedgewood Golf Course, 8 a.m.

**Thursday, September 22**
♦ Bobby Gandu, Director of Admissions, brown bag luncheon at 12:15 in room 155CE.

**Thursday, September 29**
♦ COEd Faculty/Staff meeting, 3:00 p.m. CE155. Guest: Jill Pletcher, Career Services

**Monday, October 24**
♦ KPTP Training for Spring 2012 student teachers RSC West Ballroom, Session 1, 10:30 a.m.— noon, Session 2, 1:00 p.m.—2:30 p.m.
♦ KTOY Team campus visit

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, October 31, November 1, 2**
♦ KSDE Conference, Wichita Hyatt

Students!
Be sure to submit scholarship applications along with a one page personal statement before February 1, 2012 to be considered for awards for the 2012-2013 academic year.

Go to COE Scholarships on Blackboard.
If you don’t see it in your list of Blackboard courses, contact the scholarship coordinator:
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