Shocker
MINDSTORMS
March 10
9 a.m. to 4: p.m.
Heskett Center

SPRING BREAK
March 19—25

Dean’s Message

The field experience portion of the Professional Development School model is so important to our teacher education program that we wanted to make it more helpful to students by creating some scheduling changes to give students a more focused time in the PreK-12 schools.

These changes in scheduling will allow a greater block of free time for teacher education students to organize their work and study time. Students needing field experiences should consult the Fall 2012 catalog carefully and be sure to meet with advisors to understand how the changes will affect their schedules.

Teachers of Promise and Horizon Award

Recommended by faculty and recognized by the Kansas State Department of Education for their exemplary performance, these WSU students were named Teachers of Promise during the 2011-2012 academic year: (from top) Katie Wiechman, middle level math/English; Marnie Etter, elementary education; Sydney Simon, Early Childhood Education; Cody Melander, middle level math/science.

Receiving the Horizon Award, which recognizes outstanding first-year teachers, is Blake Smith, an Earth & Space Science alternative certification student who teaches science at Maize High School.

WSU graduate in elementary education, DeAnn Nelson (not pictured), was also recognized for earning National Board certification.
A Day Made Better

Claudio Flores, an alternative certification student, working on his Master’s of Art in teaching and a 5th grade math teacher at Curtis Middle School, was surprised with a gift of classroom supplies from Office Max through the company’s “A Day Made Better” program. This year the retailer and its customers have donated $1,000 worth of classroom supplies to 1,000 teachers nationwide.

17th Annual Graduate Showcase
All students, faculty, staff and community partners are invited to attend

The College of Education will host its 17th annual Graduate Research Showcase from 7:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 28 in the Heskett Center. Graduate students from all five departments in the college: Educational Leadership; Counseling, Educational and School Psychology; Curriculum and Instruction; Human Performance Studies and Sport Management will make presentations, and display posters and portfolios. They will present research from doctoral dissertations, field studies and master’s theses. Undergraduate students are encouraged to attend to learn more about the opportunities for master’s degrees and a doctoral degree within the college. President Beggs and Dean Iorio will open the event. Interim provost Keith Pickus will provide the closing.
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At the invitation of Dr. Catherine Bohn-Gettler, Dr. Steven Yussen presented “Discussing contemporary fiction: Lessons from adult book group discussions” and led discussions on publishing education research with WSU faculty. Dr. Yussen is professor and director of undergraduate studies and honors program at the Institute of Child Development, University of Minnesota – Twin Cities where Dr. Bohn-Gettler earned her doctorate.

More than a dozen sport organizations served as exhibitors for the 8th annual Sport Management Career Fair Feb. 28 in the Heskett Center lobby. Co-sponsored by the Sport Management Student Association (SMSA) and the Office of Cooperative Education and Work-Based Learning, the event drew roughly 60 students seeking jobs or internships or simply seeking to establish contacts in the field.

On February 3, the HPS 324 Elementary Methods class helped run stations at Collegiate’s Jump Rope for Heart event as part of the Kansas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (KAHPERD) Collegiate Partnership Program.

For the second year in a row, WSU physical education majors helped elementary students at Wichita Collegiate School with their Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart event.
Faculty News

♦ Dean Iorio has been invited to speak about the Wichita Teacher Quality Partnership at the Great Teachers for Our City Schools National Summit, hosted by Metropolitan College of Denver to be held in April.

♦ Dr. Gayla Lohfink was lead author of two recent publications: A distance-delivered teacher education program for rural culturally and linguistically diverse teacher candidates in The Rural Educator and Growing effective CLD teachers for today’s classrooms of CLD children in Action in Teacher Education.

♦ Dr. Michael Rogers was appointed to the editorial board for the European Journal of Sports and Exercise Sciences. He is also on the editorial boards of Aging Health and the American College of Sports Medicine’s Health and Fitness Journal, and serves as editor-in-chief of Active Aging Today and associate editor in charge of the section on aging for the Journal of Sports Science and Medicine.

♦ Dr. Michael Rogers, along with collaborators from across the WSU campus and community partners, was awarded a WSU Multidisciplinary Research Project Award for a study titled “Translating the Falling LinKS Toolkit for use with Home Instead Senior Care”. This study will create a training program for care providers to implement their fall prevention toolkit in the homes of older adults.

♦ Dr. Anh Tran published Asian-American Students and Academic Achievement Motivation in the Fall 2011 issue of The Kansas Teacher Education Advocate.


♦ Dr. Marlo Schommer-Aikins presented iWin2: Developing a culture of professional use of technology in the on-ground classroom at the American Society of Business and Behavioral Sciences in Las Vegas, Nev.

Daniel Lavin, a 2008 graduate of the M.Ed. Sport Management program now works as a building services supervisor for Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Ind. in which Super Bowl XLVI was played. The photo was taken during game week and features Daniel at the 50-yard line with the NFL’s Lombardi Trophy.
Upcoming Events

Saturday, March 10
♦ Shocker MINDSTORMS Challenge, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Heskett Center

Tuesday, March 13
♦ KPTP training for Fall 2012 student teachers 10:00 a.m to 11:30 p.m. or 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Hughes Metropolitan Complex.
♦ Tornado Drill—mandatory for all faculty, staff, students and guests, 1:30 p.m. All persons on campus are required to go to their assigned shelters until the “all clear” is given. Assigned shelters are: Corbin—basement of Devlin Hall, Heskett—locker rooms, Hubbard—center of basement.

Monday, March 19—Sunday, March 25
♦ Spring Break

Thursday, March 29
♦ COEd Faculty/Staff Meeting, 3:00 p.m., CE155

Friday, March 30 & Saturday, March 31
♦ Representatives from KSDE will be scoring KPTPs in the Tech Center from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

Wednesday, April 11
♦ Kansas Teacher of the Year team on campus

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♦ 17th annual Graduate Showcase, 7:30 a.m. to noon, Heskett Center

Thursday, May 3
♦ Last day of classes

Saturday, May 12
♦ Commencement, 11:00 a.m. Koch Arena
♦ Commencement Reception immediately following at Corbin Education Center

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Ron Jones, secondary education liaison for the Wichita Teacher Quality Partnership addressed students from eight Wichita High Schools over the course of three days in February. The students were members of the Future Educators Association, interested in pursuing education as a profession.