Dean’s Message

Spring commencement is upon us and we share the joy that our graduates feel in reaching this important milestone in their lives. The College of Education has provided our graduates with valuable knowledge, experiences and skills that will take them far in their pursuit of fulfilling lives and careers. We wish them the best in their endeavors and hope they and their families will join us for a reception at Corbin immediately following commencement.

For those who are still working toward that milestone, be sure to check out the summer course offerings to keep you on track and making progress toward your graduation day.

Distinguished Classroom Teacher Award

Three graduates of WSU College of Education were among the seven teachers recently honored with the 2012 Distinguished Classroom Teacher award in the Wichita Public School district.

Katie Antholz-Mitchell (right), a 2009 graduate of the Transition to Teaching program, and currently teaching English at Southeast High School, won the award in the high school category. Megan Gross (left), a 2010 elementary education graduate, currently an intermediate special education teacher at Adams Elementary, won the award in the new teacher, elementary category. Marie Hampton, a 1984 elementary education graduate, and currently a sixth-grade math teacher at Coleman Middle School, won the award in the middle school category.

This award honors outstanding teachers who affect the quality of education in the Wichita Public Schools. Peers, building administrators or parents have nominated each of the recipients. A committee selects the final recipients.
Spring Scholarship Reception

Each spring a reception is held at the Marcus Welcome Center so that donors can meet the recipients of their scholarships.

Elementary Education student Courtney Heerey visits with donor Elinor Keesling.

Dean Iorio welcomes everyone to the annual scholarship reception at Marcus Welcome Center.

Donor Linwood Sexton talks with Jared Hall, middle level science/math student who received the Linwood Sexton Endowed Scholarship this year.

About 80 students, donors, COEd faculty and staff along with WSU Foundation staff attended this year’s scholarship reception.
Sport Management Alumni Reunion

The first-ever Sport Management Alumni reunion was held on April 20 and 21 to mark the 20th anniversary of the creation of the M.Ed in Sport Management program. Buffy Flippell, president of TeamWork Consulting spoke at the Sport Management banquet on Saturday, April 21. Ms. Flippell shared her thoughts on building successful careers while having a positive impact on the lives of others.

Dr. Lori Miller (center), professor emeritus, shares memories of the Sport Management program’s development and growth while Jenny Hromek, president of the Sport Management Student Association and Korey Torgerson, president of the Sport Management Alumni Association look on.

Sport Management Alumni, faculty, staff, administrators and students gathered for the first reunion to celebrate the program’s first 20 years.
Faculty News

- Dr. Johnnie Thompson, associate professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, will receive a President’s Distinguished Service Award on April 25 for outstanding service to the university community.
- Doris Burgert is the recipient of the University Excellence in Teaching Award for 2011-2012. This is the highest award for teaching given at WSU.
- Dr. Gayla Lohfink recently published *Confronting the bully via children’s literature* in Kansas Journal of Reading and *Facilitating preservice teachers’ cultural responsiveness through multicultural literature* in the Journal of Multiculturalism in Education.
- Dr. Nancy McKellar co-authored *Supporting students in foster care* in Principal Leadership.
- Drs. McKellar and Susan Unruh made recent research presentations: *School psychologists’ job satisfaction and challenge in RTI and traditional model schools and Branching out: School psychologists’ patterns of interactions and perceived sphere of influence in RTI and traditional model schools* at the American Psychological Association Convention, Washington, D.C. They also presented *Impact of RTI on work of the multidisciplinary teams and RTI and the identification of SLD by practitioners* at the National Association of School Psychologists Annual Convention, Philadelphia, PA.
- Dr. Michael Rogers, along with Nicole Rogers in Department of Public Health Sciences, published *Exercise recommendations for older adults: An update* in the latest issue of the Journal of Active Aging.

Upcoming Events

**Wednesday, April 25**

- Shocker Pride Celebration, 3:00 p.m., Miller Concert Hall, Duerksen Fine Arts Center

**Saturday, April 28**

- Graduate Showcase, 8:00 a.m. to noon, Heskett Center

**Thursday, May 3**

- Spring classes end
- Fall 2012 Interns meet with Cooperating Teachers and University Supervisors, Marcus Welcome Center, 5:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

**Friday, May 4**

- Study day

**Saturday, May 5 - Friday May 11**

- Finals

**Saturday, May 12**

- Commencement, 11:00 a.m. Koch Arena
- Commencement Reception immediately following at Corbin Education Center

**Monday, May 21 - Saturday, June 2**

- Summer Pre-session

**Monday, June 4 - Friday, July 27**

- Summer Session