As we begin a new academic year, we welcome WSU President John Bardo who brings us new ideas and plans for the university. We also welcome 15 new faculty and staff members to the College of Education. Student success is the hallmark of our college and all of our faculty are committed to students first, challenging them through active learning environments.

We start this new academic year with much forward movement. We have a new department - a merger of two previous departments; we now house the Kansas Mentoring Center and the WSU College Readiness Partnership Initiative. And if that’s not enough, renovation of the human performance lab is underway at the Heskett Center.

We offer congratulations to all those involved in the hard work leading up to the Commission on Sport Management initial accreditation for our Department of Sport Management, joining only eight other universities worldwide with COSMA-accredited programs.
Welcome new faculty and staff

Back row from left: Kaelin Young, Assistant Professor, HPS; Boyd Teemant, Assistant Professor, CLES; Wonyoung Kim, Assistant Professor, SM; Joel Abaya, Assistant Professor, CLES; Dan Krutka, Assistant Professor, CI; Kathy Busch, Co-Director, TQP Pre-baccalaureate Program
Front row from left: Susan Bray, Assistant Professor, CLES; Amy Alfred, ECU Liaison, TQP; Mandy Lusk, Assistant Professor, CI; Judy Forsse, ESOL Urban Coordinator, KBOR; Ashlie Jack, Assistant Professor, CI

From left: Sarah Longman, Placement Coordinator, KBOR; Wayne Jennings, Research & Budget Coordinator, WTQP; Cathy Durano, Clinical Educator, C&I

Clarification of Exceptions Policy

As the hallmark of WSU’s teacher education program, diverse and strategic field experience in partnership schools is invaluable in preparing high quality teachers. When a student requests placement outside the established partnerships, the college incurs additional costs involved in monitoring and evaluating the student’s performance. Because of this, the policy regarding exceptions to field experience placement has been clarified:

Elementary, middle level and secondary candidates in the teacher education program complete their field experiences in identified partnership schools. A list of current identified partnership schools is kept by the College of Education field placement coordinator.

Candidates requesting an exception to placement outside of the partnership schools must file an application for exception, available on the ESS website.

Exceptions are only considered for the final semester (student teaching). The following hardships are the basis for consideration of exceptions:

- Documented medical conditions
- Documented family emergency

When exceptions are granted, a $500 per semester fee is assessed.
NEWS and NOTES

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Check out the WSU College of Education Website

Degree Application Online

WSU requires students to submit an online application for degree.

Log in to myWSU to find the application under Graduation Links.

Degree applications must be submitted two semesters before the expected graduation date.

Dean’s Assistant, Claudia Keller and her daughter, Heather Ballard (second and third from left) perform at President Begg’s farewell as part of the WSU Summer Choir.

KATS Kamp

More than 25 WSU teacher education candidates attended the 43rd Annual Kansas Association of Teachers of Science (KATS) Science Education Conference ("KATS Kamp") at Rock Springs 4-H Camp near Junction City. In addition, three pairs of WSU candidates shared presentations at this yearly gathering of science educators from across the state:

- Brittni Conrardy and Stephanie Capps – Winner Winner, Chicken Dinner: Positive and negative impacts of antibiotics in food industry
- Juan Yanez and Tim Elsen – A Cup of "Joe": Hands-on experiment to demonstrate student anxiety and build confidence
- Melissa Koehn and Kim Massey – Aerodynamics and Biomimicry: Nature-inspired designs connecting technology, society, and science

WSU was well-represented at this statewide science education conference. Two WSU alumi—Darcie Lowry (Maize South Middle School) and Haley Gordon (Marshall Middle School)---were recognized for receiving Science Teacher Mentor/Mentee scholarships. Dr. Daniel Bergman, Assistant Professor in the C&I Department, was elected as KATS Vice-President for 2012-2013.

COEd students head off to KATS Kamp
Merger results in new Department of CLES

The merger of the Department of Counseling, Educational and School Psychology and the Department of Educational Leadership has resulted in the Department of Counseling, Educational Leadership, Educational and School Psychology (CLES). Dr. Jean Patterson is the department chair with administrative offices in Hubbard Hall 104. The department will maintain existing offices on the third floor of Hubbard Hall as well.

Kansas Mentoring Center

Wichita State University and Kansas State Department of Education have initiated the process of developing a Kansas Mentoring Center to support beginning teachers in the state. Dr. Sherry Goodvin is the director of the Mentoring Center. This program is designed to reach new educators through its focus on new hires, college to classroom teachers, and both peer and mentor support. The New Teacher Center program model is being piloted in five school districts in the state of Kansas including: Wichita USD 259, Augusta USD 402, Newton USD 373, Olathe USD 252, and Blue Valley USD 228. The center will focus on training faculty, mentor teachers and cooperating teachers in the areas of consulting, collaboration, coaching and observation in an effort to support and foster growth and build strong teachers and leaders.

KPTP fees to begin in 2013

Beginning Fall 2013, each student teacher will be expected to pay a processing fee for the KPTP (Kansas Performance Teacher Portfolio), as required by the Kansas State Department of Education. The fee for this test will be $60.00. This will be collected from each candidate by WSU during enrollment and then sent to KSDE. During this next academic year 2012-2013, candidates will not be charged.

COEd alumna receives award of excellence

Each year the University Council for Educational Administration (UCEA) recognizes exemplary school administrators. One of this year’s awardees is a 2000 graduate of the WSU Educational Leadership doctoral program, Ranelle Lang. Dr. Lang currently is superintendent of schools in Greeley, Colorado.
Faculty News

- Dr. Catherine Bohn-Gettler recently presented “Tracking causal information during reading comprehension” at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Reading. She also presented “The interplay between mood and working memory on inference generation” at the annual meeting of the Society for Text and Discourse, both in Montreal, Canada.

- Dr. Donna Sayman recently published “My journey into qualitative research”. In J.M. Meloy (Ed.). Twenty-first Century Learning by Doing (3rd. ed.)

- Dr. Katie Mason recently co-published “Locating queer community in award-winning LGBTQ-themed young adult literature (2005-2010)” in The ALAN Review.

- Dr. Michael Rogers presented “Effective exercise interventions for active aging” and "Falling Less in Kansas: Preventing falls in rural older adults" at a conference in Wichita called Positive Aging: Protect your health, wealth and self.

- Drs. Susan Unruh and Nancy McKellar recently wrote “Evolution, Not Revolution: School Psychologists’ Changing Practices in Determining Specific Learning Disabilities”. It has been accepted for publication in the journal, Psychology in the Schools.

- Dr. Donna Sayman from C&I, Dr. Mark Vermillion from Sport Management and Dr. Catherine Bohn-Gettler and Craig Elliott from CLES recently completed a two-year, on-line “bootcamp” workshop offered by WSU Media Resource Center. These faculty members used their training to revise and develop online courses for their departments.

Upcoming Events

Monday, August 20
- First day of classes Fall semester 2012

Thursday, August 23
- Welcomefest for students, faculty and staff, Corbin Education Center, west patio, noon to 2 p.m.

Monday, September 3
- Labor Day, Offices closed, no classes

Wednesday, October 10
- Mid-term point

Friday, October 12
- Presidential Inauguration, Hughes Metropolitan Complex, 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 8 - Friday, December 14
- Finals

Sunday, December 16
- Fall Commencement, Koch Arena, 2:30 p.m. Graduates should arrive at 1:30 p.m.