Dean’s Message

Please join us in celebrating the completion of the remodeling of the Human Performance Research and Learning Lab in the Heskett Center. An open house will be held on Friday, April 26 from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., with remarks at 2:00 p.m. in the lab, located on the second floor of Heskett.

Students and faculty will be on hand to explain the equipment and technology to visitors. The lab will greatly enhance the research efforts and learning opportunities for faculty and students in the Department of Human Performance Studies.

We also have the Graduate Showcase coming up on Saturday, April 27 at the Heskett Center. I encourage faculty, staff and students to stop by to see the outstanding research being done in the college’s advanced programs.

Before long, commencement will be upon us and we wish the best for all our graduates as they begin a new part of their journey.

Education Student is Senior Honor Man

College of Education student Devon Lockard was named a Senior Honor Man 2013. Selection is based on a combination of proven ability as a student leader, personal character and dedication to Wichita State and to the community. Devon will be graduating this spring with an education degree in secondary physics.

“After taking physics in high school, I knew education in physics was something I wanted to do,” Devon said. “With this major at WSU I received a vast amount of knowledge and experience, especially from my adviser and professor Dr. Daniel Bergman. To add on to this experience I worked with the Co-op Office as a math para-educator at Northeast Magnet High School to give me real world applications to my classroom learning, as well as receive a lot of knowledge from the faculty and administration. I will be teaching physics and math next year at Wichita West High School, and I am excited to be a Pioneer, but I will forever be a Shocker! Go Shocks!”
Jean Patterson named Phenomenal Woman by Office of Multicultural Affairs

Dr. Jean Patterson, professor and chair of the Department of Counseling, Educational Leadership, Educational and School Psychology was recently honored as Faculty Phenomenal Woman by the WSU Office of Multicultural Affairs. The award recognizes a faculty member who has distinguished herself in academic work and leadership, who has contributed to the personal growth and success of others, and whose achievements create positive social change, increase equality for all, and build community through service.

New Faces in the college

Zach Brown is quickly settling into the Education Support Services Office as Licensure Specialist. Zach earned a B.A. in Political Science and an M.A. in Communication, both from WSU. He most recently was a lecturer in the Elliott School of Communication and is the debate and forensics coach at Wichita East High School. Zach will be assisting our teacher education graduates in obtaining their teaching licenses.

Vicki Opalewski joins the Department of Curriculum & Instruction as clinical educator in middle level/secondary English language arts. Vicki earned a B.S in Comprehensive English/Secondary Education from the University of Wisconsin - Platteville and an M.A. in Communication from the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee.

The ESS office staff, colleagues, family and friends wished Joann Loquist (third from left) well in her retirement at a reception in March.
Capitol Graduate Research Summit

Karin Cernik, a graduate student in School Psychology, presented her research at the 10th annual Capitol Graduate Research Summit held at the Capitol Building in Topeka in February. Her presentation was based on her master’s thesis, *Do Epistemological Beliefs and Ways of Knowing Predict Reactions to a Child With Asperger Syndrome?*

The study explored the relationship between epistemological beliefs (beliefs about the nature and source of knowledge), ways of knowing (connected knowing, or perspective taking, and separate knowing, or devil's advocate), and parenting style to determine if they would predict how an individual would react to a child with Asperger Syndrome acting out in public.

The study found that people who scored higher on connected knowing gave more appropriate advice to parents in such a situation, and thus might be better suited to working with children on the autism spectrum.

Karin said she enjoyed the experience. “I had several opportunities to speak with members of the Board of Regents, as well as other people who were looking at the various displays, and met several who have children with autism spectrum disorders somewhere in their family,” she said. “It was also a wonderful opportunity to see the research that is being done both in other departments at WSU and the other universities, and talk with the other students.”

Recent grad is Master Teacher

Brittni Conrardy graduated from the WSU science education program in May of 2012 and is currently finishing her first year as a biology teacher at Heights High School. She has been recognized as a Master Teacher by USD 259 and will be a mentor for new teachers in the upcoming year.

Outstanding teachers are recognized through their selection to become a Master Teacher. Responsibilities include opening their classroom to first-year teachers for scheduled visits throughout the school year. Master Teachers, also host/present a three-hour interactive session for first-year teachers and new district hires called Model Classroom during their school new staff orientation session. They become part of a team of four teachers preparing and presenting information regarding planning and preparation, classroom environment, instruction, and professional responsibilities.
New initiative in Sport Management

The Partnership for the Advancement of Sport Management (PASM) was approved by university administrators earlier this semester, and department faculty and staff are currently working to get the new organization up and running.

The purpose of the PASM is to serve the profession and society as a resource regarding sport management knowledge and practice for the purpose of advancing the field and its impact on key constituents. PASM activities are expected to include:

- Enhance linkages with practitioners and other academics in the field of sport management.
- Engage in interdisciplinary networking and scholarship.
- Provide a forum for faculty, staff, students, practitioners, and/or community members to present and disseminate professional information and scholarship.
- Work with sport organizations in order to provide both faculty and students with professional experiences and improve the organizations effectiveness.

Dr. Mark Vermillion, associate professor, has been named PASM’s Executive Director. “The Partnership for the Advancement of Sport Management is an exciting opportunity to provide students, faculty, practitioners, and community members with access to important sport-related ideas,” he said. “The PASM will serve as a repository for information, which can be used by anyone interested in sport or sport management activities.”

Graduate Showcase

The 18th Annual Graduate Research Showcase is scheduled for Saturday, April 27 from 7:30 a.m. to noon at the Heskett Center. Items are being sought to give as door prizes for the students participating in the event -- WSU memorabilia, WSU merchandise, gift cards, etc. would be appreciated. Anyone wanting to donate items should contact Wonyoung.kim@wichita.edu.

Students, faculty, staff and community partners are all invited to attend the event.
Scholarship memorializes COEd student

Bill Ownby was a returning adult student in our college, majoring in secondary history/government. He was dedicated to learning and becoming a teacher. During the spring of 2012 he was diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer. Although the doctors told him that he might only have months to a year to live, his outlook remained optimistic. He finished the spring 2012 semester, attended classes in the summer of 2012 and began the fall semester as well. Bill continued to attend classes until it was no longer physically possible. He passed away in September at age 52. Bill’s family will accept a posthumous diploma to be awarded at this spring’s commencement.

His professor, Dan Krutka and his classmates have established a scholarship in his memory. If you would like to make a contribution to the scholarship, there are two options:

- Donate online at foundation.wichita.edu/give – Choose amount, click “Please direct my gift” from drop down menu and type in “Bill Ownby Scholarship”
- Send checks to the WSU Foundation. Specify that it is for the Bill Ownby Scholarship.
  Wichita State University Foundation
  1845 Fairmount St.
  Wichita, KS 67260-0002

Visit BillOwnby.blogspot.com for more information

Team K-12 (Physical Education Student Organization) hosted a discover scuba night on April 9. Adventure Sports provided the equipment and instructors.
Faculty News

- Dr. Daniel Bergman made two presentations at the International Conference for the Association of Science Teacher Education in January: The portrayal of science teachers found in Google Images and implications for science teacher education and Comparing the effects of science content courses and instructors on elementary pre-service teachers’ self-efficacy of teaching science. Dr. Bergman also recently published Blending language learning with science in The Science Teacher.
- Dr. Gayla Lohfink is lead author of Developing cultural competence through problem posing and multicultural literature in Advocate and Latino fourth graders make meaning of multicultural literature: Implications for teachers of culturally and linguistically diverse students in Kansas Journal of Reading.
- Boyd Teemant is co-author of An examination of the influence of clicker technology on college student involvement and recall in the International Journal of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education. He is lead author of Problem-based learning in the family science: A good fit in theory and practice in Family Science Review.
- Dr. Michael Rogers co-authored a book chapter in the American College of Sports Medicine’s Guide to Exercise and Physical Activity for Older Adults titled, Helping older adults select the physical activity program that’s right for them.
- Dr. Susan Bray presented Research and training in counselor’s work with clients who live in poverty at the American Counseling Association conference in March.
- Dr. Kate Bohn-Gettler has published The benefits of recess in primary school in Scholarpedia.
- Dr. Katie Mason earned a 2013 Virginia Hamilton Essay Award Honor Citation for an article she co-authored titled, Locating queer community in award-winning LGBTQ-themed young adult literature, published in The ALAN Review.
- Dr. Kim McDowell co-authored Rhyming and improving student engagement: Ipad use in prekindergarten in Kansas Journal of Reading.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, April 25
- COEd Faculty/Staff meeting, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Hubbard 211

Friday, April 26
- HPS Open House, 1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Remarks at 2:00 p.m. Heskett HPS Research and Learning Lab

Saturday, April 27
- Graduate Showcase, 7:30 a.m. to noon, Heskett Center. Everyone invited.

Saturday, May 11 - Friday, May 17
- Finals

Saturday, May 18
- Commencement, Koch Arena, 11:00 am. Graduates and faculty check in at 10:00 a.m. Reception immediately following at Corbin. Graduates, families, faculty and staff are all invited.