Dean’s Message

Welcome to fall semester 2013! I am happy to be serving the College of Education as interim dean. I’m also pleased that Dr. Clay Stoldt, former chair of the Department of Sport Management, has stepped up to serve as interim associate dean. We will be working with faculty, staff and students to ensure that the college continues to advance and improve. This is a critical year as we address numerous key initiatives, including strategic planning at the college and department levels, the search for a permanent dean and adapting to changes in our education accreditation standards. Most importantly, we look forward to new opportunities to work with our students and prepare them for future success. We invite all students, faculty and staff to join us at Convocation at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 27 at Koch Arena and then join us at Corbin Education Center for Welcomefest activities on Thursday, August 29 from noon to 2:00 p.m. as we kick off a fantastic new academic year.

Mark Vermillion is Sport Management Chair

Dr. Mark Vermillion has accepted the position of chair of the Department of Sport Management. Dr. Vermillion is also the Executive Director of the Partnership for the Advancement of Sport Management. His research focus regards the socio-cultural and psychological dimensions of sport. “It’s a wonderful learning experience and I’m glad to help out the department however I can,” said Dr. Vermillion. “Our goal is to continue the tradition of productivity in education that Dr. Stoldt has established.”

Faculty are encouraged to attend the All Faculty Assembly, 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 4 in Hubbard 209.
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Faculty, please join us in welcoming the newest members of our academic faculty.

New Faces in the college

Dr. Jennifer Stone comes to us from the University of Texas at San Antonio where she earned a Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Learning and Teaching after teaching in the San Antonio public schools for 12 years. Dr. Stone is Assistant Professor of Special Education - Early Childhood Unified and will be teaching Introduction to Diversity and Foundations of Early Childhood Unified courses. Teachers' Use of Universal Design for Learning in Early Childhood Inclusion Classrooms; Young Children with Autism; and the Pre-Service Teachers' Perceptions of Children with exceptionalities.

Molly Brown is the office manager for the Department of Curriculum & Instruction. She previously was senior administrative assistant in the Barton School of Business. Molly will be assisting the chair of the C&I department, supervising student assistants in the office, and providing support to C&I faculty, staff, and students.

College Hill Elementary Benefit

The College of Education is planning to spread some "Shockershine" on College Hill Elementary School, which is recovering from a fire that resulted in a move to the Bryant school campus. The school lost textbooks, teacher’s resources, manipulatives, just about everything an elementary teacher uses in the course of a classroom day. We will be gathering some of these items to take to College Hill Elementary in September. If you would like to donate items, bring them to the Tech Lab in Corbin 156a by Monday, September 16. Here are some suggested items:

- Children’s books
- Games for indoor recess/latchkey
- Manipulatives for math activities
- Teachers’ activities/lesson plan/idea books
- Stickers to put on student work
- Office supplies
- Bulletin board supplies
- Bright, cheery room decorations
Klose Scholarship Competition
For high-achieving high school seniors planning to earn a degree in math or science education. Three finalists are selected each year who will receive scholarship and grant packages that pay tuition, fees and books for all four years at WSU.

Registration is open through October 1

Check out the WSU College of Education Website

Students of Note

Athletic Training graduate student, Danielle Stern is a Fall 2013 recipient of the Dora Wallace Hodgson Outstanding Master's-level Student Award. Danielle was nominated by Dr. Jeremy Patterson and her nomination was reviewed by a committee made of faculty representing each college at WSU. Danielle is a Graduate Assistant Athletic Trainer for WSU men's and women's track and field.

Three College of Education Students participated in the McNair Scholars Program this year and presented their undergraduate research at a Symposium in August:

Raven Bell, Elementary Education
Kim McDowell, faculty mentor
The Relationship between Home Literacy, Language Practices, and Phonological Awareness Skills in Young English Language Learners

Sharon Cox, Sport Management
Jeff Noble and Mark Vermillion, faculty mentors
Youth Sport Administrators’ Perceptions and Knowledge of Organizational Policies on Child Maltreatment

Monica Williams, PreK-12 Spanish
Jeri Carroll, faculty mentor
From Blackboards to Discussion Boards: An Exploration of Virtual Education in the Midwest

Two of our teacher education students participated in NASA’s Johnson Space Center Pre-service Teacher Institute in Houston this past summer. Angie Nelson (right), elementary education and Angie Taylor (left), early childhood unified, recently shared lessons learned at the institute with instructor Mary Robillard’s Elementary Science class.
College of Education faculty and staff kick off the new academic year at their first meeting of fall semester on August 15.
Faculty News

♦ Drs. Susan Unruh and Nancy McKellar recently published an article, RTI and practitioners: What trainers need to know, in Trainer’s Forum.
♦ Drs. Unruh and McKellar also made a presentation at the Midwestern Psychological Association’s annual meeting in Chicago: Decreasing special education evaluations: What makes a difference?
♦ Dr. Michael Rogers co-presented “Effect of deep stripping massage vs. deep stripping massage combined with eccentric resistance on hamstring length and strength,” at the International Massage Therapy Research Conference on April 25-27 in Boston, MA.
♦ Dr. Susan Bray’s article, Master’s-level Students’ Beliefs Concerning the Causes of Poverty, Implicit Racial Attitudes, and Multicultural Competency will be published in the Journal of Professional Counseling: Practice, Theory, and Research in the Summer 2014 edition.
♦ Dr. Catherine M. Bohn-Gettler, PhD, Associate Professor, Educational Psychology will serve on the editorial board for the journal Discourse Processes
♦ Rick Pappas, Physical Education Educator, made a presentation to all Shawnee Mission School District K-12 physical education teachers regarding the use of Kansas College and Career Ready Standards in physical education classes and appropriate PE practices for the primary grades.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, August 27
♦ Convocation, 11:00 a.m., Koch Arena, Section 104, Rows 14-16

Thursday, August 29
♦ College of Education Welcomefest, Duck races and ice cream social, noon to 2:00 p.m. Corbin patio.

Thursday, September 26
♦ COEd Faculty/Staff Meeting, 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Heskett Center lobby

Thursday, October 24
♦ COEd Faculty/Staff Meeting, 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Heskett Center lobby

Friday, November 15
♦ Klose Scholarship Competition, 8:15 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Corbin Education Center

Thursday, November 21
♦ COEd Faculty/Staff Meeting, 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Heskett Center lobby