Dean’s Message

This fall, as students crossed the stage at commencement to be recognized and shake hands with university dignitaries, they received something “extra” with their handshake. Along with the scroll signifying their academic accomplishments, students received a challenge coin. Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Tony Vizzini, brought the idea of a challenge coin, a longstanding tradition in the American military, to WSU. A challenge coin is a meaningful, customized token representing unity among those who carry one.

Designed by WSU students, the challenge coins have the WSU seal on one side and a design unique to each college on the other. The College of Education coin depicts rays of light and the flame of knowledge rising from an open book. The coin is presented by the dean to faculty, staff, graduates, alumni and friends of the college.

Once you own a challenge coin, you are expected to keep it in your possession at all times in anticipation of a “coin check”. A coin check consists of a challenge and a response. A challenge is initiated by presenting the coin and verbally announcing a challenge. The required response consists of those being challenged to present their coins in a like manner.

Upon meeting an alum or other friend of the college who does not have a challenge coin, you may present them with your coin and request a replacement from the dean of the college. We encourage all College of Education “coin collectors,” to send their name, email address and their connection to the college (alum, community partner, etc.) to the Dean’s Office. Coin collectors will be put on a mailing list for newsletters and invitations to special events.

The challenge coin is a symbol of pride and provides a tangible way of connecting with alumni and friends of the college. To carry on the tradition of the coin, at commencement each graduate will receive their first coin to serve as a reminder and symbol of their connection to their college family.

For more information on the history of the coin and an example of rules associated with coin ownership click on this Coin Rules and History link.
WSU OPEN HOUSE
Friday, April 11
8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Guided tours, behind-the-scenes access, demonstrations and activities are planned across campus.

Corbin Education Center will have information tables and fun activities on the patio.

Join us in welcoming prospective students, alumni and Shocker fans!

Sport Management faculty in the spotlight
Jeff Noble, assistant professor in Sport Management was the quoted source in *The Wichita Eagle* article regarding the secondary ticket market for collegiate sporting events. Mike Ross, sport management educator, was interviewed on camera and for online news articles by KAKE TV and KWCH TV regarding some of his recent teaching activities in his Sport Public Relations class, such as lobbying ESPN to bring its Gameday to Wichita State. Mike, who also teaches classes in sport marketing and technology in sport was recently interviewed by a reporter from the *New York Daily News* regarding his class activities related to the WSU Men’s Basketball team’s stellar season.

2013 Final Four exposure worth half a billion dollars according to PASM research
Faculty and graduate students in the Department of Sport Management conducted a study of the value of media exposure garnered by Wichita State during the 2013 Men’s Basketball run to the Final Four. The study, an initiative of the Partnership for the Advancement of Sport Management (PASM), examined the amount of exposure Wichita State received from print, digital and broadcast media in relationship to the average advertising rates for each of those media. The results showed that if WSU had paid for the amount of advertising it received, it would have cost just over half a billion dollars. The study is published on the PASM website.

Spring Commencement Reception
All spring COEd graduates, students, faculty, staff and their families are invited to a reception at Corbin Education Center immediately following commencement on May 17. A festive event is planned, with food, music, prizes and fun on the patio. Graduates can have their photos taken with family, faculty and friends. Pictures will be posted to and can be downloaded from Shutterfly.com. After the event, the photo album will be found at: https://wsugrad2014.shutterfly.com/
Students - You can now change your major online as long as you are GPA eligible for the new major. Access the online change of major through myWSU, My Classes tab. You can also add a minor or second major. If you have already submitted an application for diploma, it will have to be disabled before you can submit a change of major or add a major/minor. For a double degree, please consult your advisor.

Check out the WSU College of Education Website

79 High School FEA (Future Educators Association) students participated in WSU College Day in March. They visited campus and read to students at L’Ouverture Elementary School, where Wu appeared to cheer on the students and teachers.

Kaitlyn Patterson (third from left), graduate student in Exercise Science, won the award for best poster/presentation at the Capitol Graduate Research Summit in Topeka for master’s degree students. Kaitlyn was one of five students chosen to represent WSU at the event in Topeka.

Dr. Jennifer Stone (first from left), assistant professor in C&I, was a judge at this year’s MINDSTORMS robotic competition for teams of 4th-8th graders. The event is a collaboration of the Colleges of Engineering and Education. Dr. Stone was among several participating COEd faculty and staff.
College of Education Advisory Council

Front row from left: Connie Simcox, Linda Weir-Enegren, Becky Endicott, Rachel Allen, Jean Patterson, Caleb Klein.
Back row from left: Clay Stoldt, Mark Vermillion, Mike Rogers, Ron Holt, Jane McHugh, Trudy Swint, Shirley Lefever-Davis and Jeri Carroll.

The College of Education Advisory Council met in February at Corbin Education Center. The council includes community members from a wide range of organizations and industries with an interest in the development and promotion of our college. Council members provide valuable input, perspectives and feedback to help guide the direction of the college.

More than 80 people attended the Teacher Education Program Advisory Council meeting in February at the Hughes Metropolitan Complex.

Klose Scholarship recipient Lydia Newquist demonstrated educational apps on an iPad to Vice President of Academic Affairs, Tony Vizzini and other guests at the all-university Scholarship Reception in February.
WSU Degree Application Online

WSU requires students to submit an online application for degree. Degree applications must be submitted two semesters before the expected graduation date.

Log in to myWSU to find the application under the “myClasses” tab.

Faculty News

♦ Rick Pappas, HPS Physical Educator, has been selected by the Kansas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (KAHPERD) to be their lead representative in working with the Kansas Health Foundation and Healthy Kansas Schools on assessing the physical activity piece of the Kansas wellness policy throughout the state.

♦ Drs. Danny Bergman, Katherine Mason and Ashlie Jack, along with former faculty, Drs. Dan Krutka and Raymond Flores recently published Microblogging about teaching: Nurturing participatory culture through collaborative online reflection with pre-service teachers in Teaching and Teacher Education.

♦ Counseling program faculty Drs. Ruth Hitchcock, Joseph Mau, Susan Bray and Risk Gaskill presented Play Therapy: Overview, Application, Research and Caution at the annual Kansas Counseling Association Convention held in Manhattan, KS March 5-7, 2014.

♦ Dr. Mara Alagic was presented with this year’s Phenomenal Woman Award by Danielle Johnson of the Office of Multicultural Affairs for her contributions to the advancement of women and minorities.

♦ Dr. Sherry Goodvin and colleague Ann Eastwood presented Renewal and Renovation of a Transition to Teaching Program through Deliberate Program Review, at the National Association for Alternative Education in Orlando.

♦ A video about the Sway Balance iPhone Application and its creator, Chase Curtiss (an HPS grad and this spring’s commencement speaker), also featuring Dr. Jeremy Patterson and HPS students, can be found at this URL: http://motherboard.vice.com/read/are-you-concussed theres-an-app-for-that

Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 26
♦ Graduate Showcase, 8:00 a.m. to noon, Heskett Center

Thursday, April 24
♦ COEd Faculty/Staff Meeting, Heskett Center

Friday, April 25
♦ College Advisory Council Meeting, 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Woodman Alumni Center

Friday, May 9
♦ Study Day
♦ COEd Faculty/Staff Meeting, Heskett Center Lobby, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Koch Arena

Saturday, May 10 – Friday, May 16
♦ Finals

Saturday, May 17
♦ Commencement, 11:00 a.m. (graduates and faculty should arrive at 10:00 a.m.) Koch Arena. Reception immediately following at Corbin.