Dean’s Message

Finals are upon us and I encourage students to make good use of study day to prepare for their final exams. Finals are such an important closure to the semester and being well-prepared is the way to end it on a good note.

Congratulations to our graduating seniors. If you have not registered to walk at commencement, be sure to log in to myWSU and click on the graduation links. There is information for graduates on the WSU website if you type Commencement into the search box.

For students in our teacher education program, we have put together a flier regarding the Teaching English as a Second Language (TESOL) endorsement -- there is a link on page two of this newsletter. All students pursuing a teacher education degree receive preparation to sit for the TESOL endorsement exam. When the exam is taken is a matter of choice for the student. If you read the flier carefully, you’ll see that the most economical option is to take the endorsement test at the same time as the PLT (Principles of Learning and Teaching) and the Praxis content tests. That way, students will be required to pay only one fee.

I wish happy holidays and a relaxing winter break to all our students, faculty and staff. When we come back together in January we will be refreshed and ready to continue on our journey.

Rick Pappas honored with Osness Award

Rick Pappas, P.E. educator in the college’s Department of Human Performance studies, received the highest award made by the Kansas Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (KAHPERD). The award was presented in November at the annual KAHPERD conference held in Lawrence this year.

The Wayne Osness award is made to members of KAHPERD who have provided leadership and made significant contributions to the profession. Congratulations Rick!
**HPS Fall Research Poster Session**

HPS graduate students’ research posters will be displayed at the top of the stairs in the main entrance of the Heskett Center from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 5.

Dr. Jeremy Patterson said, “We managed to complete more than 20 studies over a five-week period. This year was particularly challenging with our lab being renovated and the majority of the equipment in storage, but the excitement about the new lab in spring had everyone thinking creatively and working well in the limited amount of space.”

“This is the first attempt at research for these students and many of them will use their end of the year feedback to revise their protocols for spring projects that they’ll present at conferences next summer or fall. Last year’s class completed 19 studies, six were presented at GRASP, two were presented at a regional conference, and three were accepted and presented at the American College of Sports Medicine National Conference in San Francisco.”

**Sport Management announces Case Cup Team**

Graduate students Loren Scarbrough (captain), Julica Bonsall, Boomer Jenkins and Travis Richardson will represent the WSU Sport Management Department when they travel to Orlando in January to compete in the 2013 National Sports Forum Case Cup Competition.

Mike Ross, Sport Management Educator said, “This competition is very prestigious, and a great opportunity for participants thanks to its association with the National Sports Forum, widely seen as one of the largest gatherings of top-ranking sports executives in the world.”

Watch for the results to be posted on Facebook and Twitter.

**Emerging Leaders Program**

Emerging Leaders is a unique opportunity for WSU students to get on the fast-track to student leadership, campus and community involvement. Throughout the program, students will have an opportunity to develop their leadership abilities through workshops, activities and reflection in order to prepare them for future leadership experience at WSU and beyond. Included in the emerging leaders program is the pairing of freshman members with older mentors in the same college. Freshmen who would like to have a mentor or upperclassmen who would like to serve as mentors can find an application on this webpage about the Emerging Leaders Program.
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.

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Klose Scholarship Competition

The third annual Klose Scholarship Competition was held on Friday, November 9 at Corbin Education Center. Nine high school seniors planning to pursue a degree in math or science education competed through a series of group and individual activities.

Three Klose Scholars were selected: Shannon Crow, Valley Center High School; Laura Brockmeyer, Wichita Heights High School; and Lydia Newquist, Salina High School South. Dr. Raymond Flores (left) and Dr. Daniel Bergman (right) serve on the Klose Scholarship committee.

These students will receive scholarships to cover tuition, fees and books for four years while enrolled in a math and science education program at WSU and maintaining a minimum GPA of 3.25.

Current Klose Scholars, many college faculty and staff helped conduct the panel discussions, activities and scoring to make for another successful scholarship event.
Tech Lab collects items for Children’s Home

The Technology Lab staff will once again collect items to benefit the Wichita Children’s Home.

Bring items to the tech lab anytime before December 14. Here is a link to the Children’s Home Wish List.

9th Annual HPS Chili Cook-off

The winners of this year’s annual HPS Chili Cook-off were: (from left) Cole Surber, Best Student Chili; Ashleigh Weber, People’s Choice and Marla Lindenmeyer, Best Faculty/Staff Chili. More than 20 competitors provided samples to those in attendance who donated canned food or money to benefit the Kansas Food Bank. Thank you to competitors, judges and chili-eaters!

State of Kansas helps students pay back loans

If you are interested in setting up residency in a rural county of Kansas, you might qualify to have your student loans of up to $15,000 paid for you. The State of Kansas has established Rural Opportunity Zones to encourage college graduates to move to rural areas of Kansas. Go to the Kansas Department of Commerce website for more information and an application.

Claudia Keller (left), assistant to the dean and Joann Loquist (right), licensure specialist both became “Benders of the Twig” in a ceremony in September.

They were honored for 25 years of service to the university.

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♦ Dr. Jean Patterson presented “High School 21st Century Learning Initiatives as a Manifestation of Neoliberalism” also at the American Educational Studies Association conference.

♦ Dr. Joseph Mau and Dr. M.E. Yeager were recently awarded the Kansas Educational Research Scholars Program award from the Kansas Board of Regents. The study is titled, “Factors influencing Kansas college students’ choice of a STEM major and factors influencing their success in completing a STEM degree.”

♦ Dr. Gayla Lohfink was co-author of “Developing cultural competence through problem posing and multicultural literature in Advocate.”

♦ Dr. Nancy McKeller presented “Legal Issues that Impact School Psychological Practice” at the Kansas Association of School Psychologists annual conference in Lawrence this fall.

♦ Dr. Susan Unruh was the WSU representative on a panel, "School Psychology Practice: Here I Come" at the Kansas Association of School Psychologists annual conference in Lawrence.

♦ Dr. Dan Krutka presented “Student Civil Liberties: Is Your School Violating Student Constitutional Rights?” and co-presented "Bayard Rustin and the Social Studies Curriculum: Thoughts about Citizenship in a Complex World” at the Kansas Council for the Social Studies in Topeka.

♦ Dr. Donna Sayman and Dr. Dan Krutka co-presented "A Freirean Analysis of Identity for Individuals with Asperger Syndrome,” also at the KCSS conference in Topeka.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, December 5
♦ Hot Cider Social, Corbin Tech Lab, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 6
♦ HPS 9th Annual Chili Cook-off, Heskett Lobby, 11:30 a.m. Bring canned good or $2.00 for the Kansas Food Bank.

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.

Saturday, December 22 - Tuesday, January 1
♦ Holiday Close-down

Thursday, January 17
♦ COEd Faculty/Staff meeting

Thursday, January 24
♦ Wild, Wild Welcomefest, Heskett Center Lobby, noon to 2 p.m.

Monday, January 28
♦ KNEA-SP Meeting, Corbin 156C, 7:30 p.m.