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NEWS and NOTES

Message from the dean

Happy new year and welcome to spring semester, 2009. Our records show that some students who enrolled last fall are not enrolled for the spring semester. If you are one of those students, please remember that our classes are filling very fast in all five departments. We want to insure that you have a place in the courses you need, so **please enroll as soon as you can**, avoid late enrollment fees, and get a timely start on the new semester. A university degree is a major life accomplishment. We hope you'll continue your educational journey with our WSU faculty toward your degree, and we look forward to seeing all our students return next week.



Dean Sharon Hartin Iorio

**Do you Twitter?
We do!
Check out the
COE tweets at
[http://twitter.com/
WSUcollegeofED](http://twitter.com/WSUcollegeofED)**

T2T candidate wins Horizon Award

One of our Year 2 Transition to Teaching candidates, Teresa Sindelar, was just notified that she is the recipient of the 2008 KSDE Horizon Award. The mission of the Horizon Award is to recognize exemplary first-year teachers who perform in a way that distinguishes them as outstanding.

Teresa is an earth/space science teacher at Buhler High School. She came to WSU after working at the Cosmosphere for a number of years.

Two of our candidates were nominated. It is a very positive reflection on the quality of our applicants and preparation in our program.

Congratulations Teresa!

Help Wanted: Student Assistant

The Education Support Services Office is accepting applications for Student Assistant.

Daily / Weekly Duties:

Answer telephone, take messages, answer general questions about the College of Education, schedule appointments, make copies, run errands, sort and deliver mail, data entry, type reports and record information, file and keep records. This position also provides clerical support for the Assistant Dean, Licensure Specialist, Records Secretary and the Academic Advisors. New student assistants are trained in the office procedures and the use of all equipment.

The position requires excellent spoken and written English skills. It is open to undergraduate students only. Preference will be given to College of Education students.

For more information, contact Jane Eshelman, Office of Education Support Services, 107 Corbin Education Center, 316-978-3300.

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Upcoming Events

Pay tuition by
**Wednesday,
January 14**
to make sure your spot
is reserved in the classes
for which you've
enrolled

WSU Offices
will be closed
**Monday,
January 19**
in observation of
**Martin Luther
King, Jr. Day**

**Spring Classes Begin
Tuesday,
Jan. 20**



February
is
Black History
Month

Officially celebrated every February since 1976, Black History month recognizes the roles and contributions of African-Americans in the fabric of American life.

Watch for campus-wide events throughout the month

Click [here](#) to check out updated info on the WSU College of Education Web site

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Once More the Migratory Birds

By Jo Bennett

Once more the migratory birds,
they come.

Tonight as the sky
turns from blue to
crimson above the fields,
the birds have laced the wires.
The poles. They grace the A-shaped
enlargements, and anything
else that holds,
the birds,
loudly clustering beyond
even Hitchcock's wild imaginings.
They swarm on any hanging thing
above this former Kansas field.
I drive under this floating village,
embraced by their excitement
of cold and change and flying
South. My car moves diagonal
to them, beyond this open space.

I move barely down the road
and there, they fly no more.
I hurry with my task. Return to
bask in their loud goings on.

But now the sky, a crimson red & grey,
empty, shows they have gone.

The birds have moved on.

Dr. Bennett is assistant professor in educational leadership. She began writing poetry while a parent volunteer in her children's school. She says it brought out her creativity.

Would you like to Zumba?

The Department of Human Performance Studies is offering some great classes this spring—some will really get you moving, some are just for fun:

ZUMBA -- aerobic fitness activity incorporating latin dance routines.

TAI CHI -- a soft form of Chinese martial arts performed in slow motion and designed to instill a sense of calm and well-being.

JIU JITSU -- a form of self defense based on blocking, evading and throwing rather than striking.

POKER -- learn how to play Texas Hold'em at the West Campus.

Technology will enhance communication

Communication with students, faculty, staff and community partners is key to the growth and improvement of our college. We are expanding our use of technology to provide clearer, faster communication among all our constituents.

Look for LCD screens to be placed in Corbin North and South which will provide updates on events, deadlines, and important information for students, faculty and staff. The College of Education can also be found "twittering" (see the link at the top of the sidebar on page 1), providing new information on scholarships, events, last-minute meeting changes, anything we may need to "tweet" about.

We'll also be revamping and streamlining the scholarship application process. Watch for more information about it later this spring... we just might twitter about it.