Message from the dean

After many, many hours of hard work by our faculty and staff, I am pleased to announce all 29 of our programs that have been reviewed by KSDE have been recommended for approval. These results reflect an exceptional pass rate and a validation of the strong education that College of Education students receive in all of our programs. We still have much work ahead as we continue toward national re-accreditation of our college, but I’d like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has worked so hard to make us shine!

Dr. Radebaugh is new Technology Director

Dr. Day Radebaugh will lead the College of Education technology team in project management, coordinating the data management system, and helping to make our data collection and analysis more efficient.

A graduate of Michigan State University with a B.S. in Philosophy, Dr. Radebaugh received a master’s and doctoral degree in Philosophy from Johns Hopkins University and an M.S. in Computer Science from George Washington University. Dr. Radebaugh retired from the Federal Reserve Board as Assistant Director of Information Resources Management Division in 2002. He also is a visiting adjunct in philosophy here at WSU.

Laura is the new face in ESS

Laura Hostetler is the new student assistant who not only greets and directs visitors to the Education Support Services office, but answers the phone and performs many helpful organizational tasks for the ESS staff.

Laura is a senior in secondary English and is looking forward to teaching in an urban high school. She says she enjoys working with young people who are becoming adults and are faced with making those difficult adult choices.
Another Superlative Grant

Mark Vermillion, assistant professor in the Department of Sport Management, has been awarded a $4,000 grant in support of a student internship with the Superlative Group (the sport marketing firm doing the marketing for Intrust Bank Arena). This will be the fourth Sport Management student to receive such a grant from Superlative, and one has already been hired on a full-time basis.

Heskett Scholarship student to focus on music in global learning

Lisa Lutz, an Educational Leadership doctoral student, won a Heskett Scholarship ($3,000) to support her dissertation research, which will focus on music in global learning among schools in Spain, Austria, Japan and in Wichita.

In the summer, she will visit collaborators in each location to attend to details for the learning activities. Lisa has also been selected to represent the College and University at the Capitol Graduate Research Summit on March 12, showcasing students’ research to Kansas legislators.

Master’s in Educational Leadership assessment scores are at top end of scale

A new emphasis within the Educational Leadership department focuses on preparing leaders for the high levels of ethnic and cultural diversity of urban schools. Candidates in this “Urban Cohort,” as it is called, recently completed their Praxis Test—the School Leaders Licensure Assessment.

The median score for the state is 178 and average range for Kansas is from 172-184. The cutoff score is 165. The majority of the cohort members were at or above the top of the average range with the highest score being 193: Off scale compared to the state average.

This outcome is due in no small part to the team, who created the Urban Leadership cohort and those, who have dedicated their time during the last 2 years to running the program, namely Dr. Denise Seguine, Lisa Lutz and Sue Farag from USD-259 and the new Program Coordinator, Dr. Pat Terry. WSU Educational Leadership in partnership with USD-259 is playing its role in preparing outstanding leaders for the challenges of urban education.