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# College of Education

WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY

## NEWS and NOTES

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need to know about  
commencement

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**WSU College of Education is comprised of five departments whose synergy provides powerful understanding of lifespan development and academic innovation in living and learning. We prepare teachers, school professionals, counselors, educational psychologists, exercise and sport professionals for 21<sup>st</sup> century careers.**

### **Commencement**

Saturday, May 16  
Koch Arena  
Graduates check in 10 a.m.  
Ceremony begins 11 a.m.

**Reception  
immediately  
following  
at  
Corbin  
Education  
Center**

### **Message from the dean**

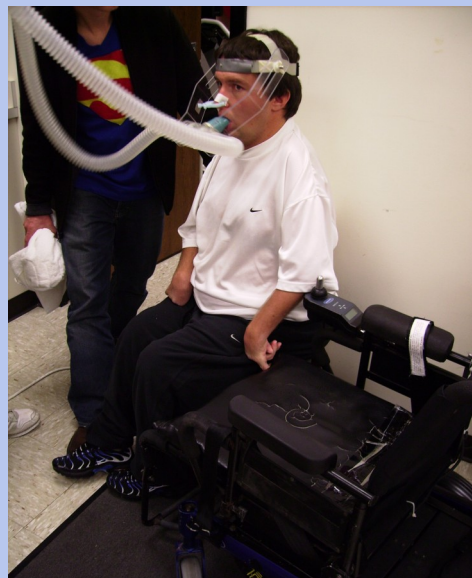
Congratulations seniors! Catherine Pulsifer once said "Graduation is a time of completion, of finishing, of an ending, however, it is also a time of celebration of achievement and a beginning for the new graduate." We are happy to celebrate your graduation and look forward to seeing you during commencement exercises at Charles Koch arena starting on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. The College of Education has 179 students graduating this spring 2009. Please bring your family and special guests and join us on the terrace, at Corbin Education Center following commencement ceremonies, for a reception to honor your achievements. Light refreshments and punch will be served, photos may be taken in front of the fountain or the sculptures, jazz music will be provided by a trio of WSU students, and the building will be open for tours. For more information about the commencement ceremonies please contact Sherena Langley at [sherena.langley@wichita.edu](mailto:sherena.langley@wichita.edu).



Dean Sharon Hartin Iorio

### **Commencement speaker is two-time gold medalist**

This year's commencement speaker will encourage and inspire our graduates as they prepare to face a new set of life's challenges. Nick Taylor, a WSU College of Education alum, is not only an example of exemplary academic achievement, he also serves as a model of perseverance, determination and leadership.



Nick has earned bachelor's degrees in Management Information Systems and in Sport Administration, as well as a master's degree in Sport Administration—all from WSU. He also is a two-time Paralympics gold medal winner in tennis. Nick brought home the gold in quadriplegic doubles in Athens, Greece, in 2004 and from Beijing, China in 2008.

Nick is an active leader throughout the Wichita community, increasing awareness of and access for wheelchair sports enthusiasts.

*In the Human Performance Lab, Nick performs a transfer test developed for him by his trainer, Dr. Jeremy Patterson.*



### Congratulations to HPS Associate Professor **Frank Rokosz**

Recipient of the  
2009 College  
Outstanding  
Teaching Award

### Applications for the **Urban Teacher Preparation Program**

Extended until Aug. 1  
We are now accepting  
applications for  
secondary students  
who are scheduled to  
graduate Fall 2010 or  
Spring 2011.

Contact  
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### Dean's Advisory Council

The Dean's Student Advisory Council is made up of highly motivated College of Education students who meet twice a year to learn about new programs in the college and provide feedback to the dean on classes and advise the dean on topics of interest to students. If you have ideas or suggestions about the College, ways the College can be of more help to students, and other topics that you believe to be important, find an advisory council member and provide some input.

Undergrad advisory council: Chase Boyd, Ryan Floyd, Candace Friedrich, David Lajza, Amy Nichols, Elena Nightingale, Christina Petrey, Devin Roberts and Naomi Streck.

### From a letter to Dr. Pat Terry, senior fellow in Educational Leadership...

*I know sometimes when we're doing this work (leadership paper and reflections), we may wonder at its usefulness, but for my part everything we're learning (in class) and experiencing (in practicum) is packing my brain and heart with knowledge and understanding of what truly is important in school leadership.*

*I just wanted all of you to know I appreciate your wisdom, guidance, mentoring, patience, and teaching.* - Susan Wright (grad student in the Educational Leadership Program)

### Alum Notes

#### One of our own nominated for KS Teacher of the Year

Terre Graham, an adjunct in C&I, has been nominated for the 2010 Kansas Teacher of the Year award. Besides teaching graduate students here at WSU, she also teaches 30 preschoolers with a variety of special needs at West Elementary in Valley Center. Terre received a bachelor's and master's degree, as well as a PhD in Communication Sciences and Disorders, and an endorsement in Early Childhood Special Education, all from WSU.

The Kansas Teacher of the Year award recognizes and utilizes representatives of excellent teaching in elementary and secondary classrooms of the state. Its mission is to build and utilize a network of exemplary teachers who are leaders in the improvement of schools, student performance, and the teaching profession. The award will be announced in November.

#### National AP Teacher of the Year

Janice Crowley, Science Department Chair at Wichita Collegiate School, has been named National AP (Advanced Placement) Teacher of the Year by the College Board and the Siemens Foundation. Janice formerly was a clinical instructor for the WSU College of Education.

#### College of Ed Alum heads to Iraq

R. Todd Hewlett (BA Sec. Ed and Med Sport Adm) was deployed to Iraq in April. He would love to hear from fellow classmates and faculty: Richard Hewlett, Unit #931003/TFTIR, APO AE 09391.