Dean’s Message

Another successful semester has flown by as our college continues to grow and develop.

We are excited to be able to search for eight new faculty as well as four other positions that are grant funded. Enrollment is increasing rapidly in Sport Management and Human Performance Studies departments and is steady in teacher preparation with strong growth over the past five years.

As we make our transition to the professional development school model for teacher education, these new colleagues will allow us to be even more effective in preparing our students for careers as 21st century professionals.

Several of our faculty are already being asked to speak about our program transformation at academic and school organization meetings across the country. You’ll read about those in subsequent newsletters.

Technology Center’s annual gift collection to benefit Wichita Children’s Home

The tree in the Corbin Tech Center is decorated and ready for donations for the Wichita Children’s Home to be placed underneath. A Hot Cider Social is planned for Tuesday, December 6 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Tech Center, with cookies to accompany the hot apple cider. Students, faculty and staff are invited to attend and to bring unwrapped gifts for the clients of the Wichita Children’s Home. The WCH has put together a wish list again this year to assist donors in meeting the children’s needs.
Alternative certification students receive honorable mention

College of Education students, (from left) Mindy Eaton, Lexy Sigg, (Dr. Sharon Goodvin) Abbie Ercker and Blake Smith received honorable mention in the competition for scholarship awards from the National Association for Alternative Certification. The competition consists of an essay and DVD recording of the teacher candidate actively teaching in the classroom, demonstrating the candidate’s level of teaching effectiveness and ability to engage students, among other criteria. These students placed in the top eight out of hundreds of applicants from around the country.

Dr. Sharon Goodvin, alternative certification program coordinator was pleased with the performance of her students in the competition, “Our students received very high scores which validates that our program is doing well in preparing our students to be highly effective teachers.”

Welcomefest Warm Up

Wednesday, January 18

Heskett Center Lobby

12:30 p.m. — 2:00 p.m.

Join us for music, hot cocoa, cookies and sandwiches.
Faculty News

- Dr. Michael Rogers, along with Terry Radebaugh (Regional Institute on Aging), LaDonna Hale (Physician Assistant Dept.), Candace Bahner (Physical Therapy Dept.), and Nicole Rogers (Public Health Sciences Dept.) presented *Falling Less in Kansas: Preventing Falls in Rural Older Adults* at the 68th Annual Kansas Public Health Association Conference in Wichita on September 22.

- Drs. Kim McDowell and Jeri Carroll’s manuscript *Manipulating Word Properties: Targeting Vocabulary Learning for Children with and without Speech Sound Inaccuracies* was recently accepted for publication in Child Language Teaching and Therapy.

- Dr. Donna Sayman recently published *Navigating the contradictions: Relationships between male and female peers in nursing* in the Journal of Philosophy and History of Education.

- Dr. Shirley Lefever-Davis has been nominated by the Association of Teacher Educators (ATE) to serve as a Board of Examiners member for the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.


- Dr. Danny Bergman published an article, *Synergistic Strategies: Science for ELLs Is Science for All*, in the *National Science Teachers Association journal, Science Scope*.

- Dr. Marie Patterson, adjunct instructor in the College of Education since 1993, recently received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Kansas Association of School Psychologists. Dr. Patterson has been in the field of education for more than 40 years, 30 of which have been as a school psychologist.

Upcoming Events

**Tuesday, December 6**
- Cider Social, Corbin Technology Center, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Bring donations for Wichita Children’s Home

**Thursday, December 8**
- WTQP Meeting of student interns, cooperating teachers, faculty, supervisors and staff, Hughes Metropolitan Complex, 5:00 p.m.—6:45 p.m. Those involved will receive emails and additional correspondence.

**Saturday, December 10—Friday, December 16**
- Finals

**Friday, December 23—Monday, January 2**
- Holiday Close Down—campus offices closed

**Wednesday, January 18**
- Welcomefest Warm Up at Heskett Center, 12:30 p.m.—2:00 p.m.
Sport Management Student Association assists Habitat for Humanity

Sport Management students and faculty spent an afternoon this fall touching up interior paint, helping install countertops and light fixtures and preparing the lawn for seeding at a house being constructed by Habitat for Humanity volunteers.

They also were in attendance of a dedication ceremony in which the owner of the house next door received the keys to the new home recently completed by Habitat for Humanity volunteers.

What Teacher Ed Student Interns are saying

“My CT (Laural Nichols) is truly a master teacher. She taught me that our job as educators is the most important job out there. Her dedication and commitment to the kids was astounding. She showed me that teachers truly make a difference.” Lynsi St Clair

“ Irving Staff is amazing!!! I felt welcomed and appreciated every day.” Brenda Monjaras

“My Irving CT taught me more than I could have imagined! Her loving compassion and dedication taught how to be and involved and engaged teacher. Also, the energy and excitement about learning among the students is contagious. I watched the students and myself grow throughout the semester.” Rachelle Blades

THANK YOU

Dr. Kim McDowell, sponsor of the WSU Dance Marathon to benefit the Children’s Miracle Network, announces that 100 students participated in the event and raised more than $17,000 for CMN. Thank you to all those who participated and contributed to the effort.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

The WSU Child Development Center is searching for a person to educate and work with children. A.A. required and B.A./B.S. is preferred. One year of successful teaching experience in a licensed child care facility is required. The position is posted on the WSU website.
Tech Center
Hot Cider Social

Every year, the College of Education Technology Center raises donations for the Wichita Children’s Home.

This year we are hosting a Hot Cider Social and encourage you to bring an item for the Wichita Children’s Home on:

Tuesday, December 6th
From 10:30 am to 12:30 pm
In Corbin Hall, Room 156A

Items can include anything for children from infants to 17 years old. Wichita Children’s home also supports BRIDGES Transitional Living and Street Outreach for the homeless.

Help us fill our tree and bring in a donation for the Wichita Children’s Home!

All Donations will be delivered on December 19th. Please see the Tech Center for a complete list of requested donations.