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NEWS and NOTES

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Upcoming Events

KTOY

Tuesday, Oct. 28

Meet the Kansas
Teacher of the Year,
Jeri Powers and the
KTOY team

Sport

Management

Recognition Night

Wednesday, November 5

**Heskett Center Lobby
6:30 p.m.**

**Keynote Speaker:
Dr. Andy Gillentine,
University of Miami**

Look for more
event information in this
newsletter

Message from the dean

A great university experience offers students a wide range of opportunities outside the classroom as well as inside. This fall, our faculty have worked hard to offer our students in the college of education several excellent opportunities to be inspired by leaders who are masters in their fields. Jeri Powers, the Kansas Teacher of the Year and the KTOY team will be making presentations to education students, faculty, high school students and the community on October 28.



Dean Sharon Hartin Iorio

On November 5, Dr. Andy Gillentine, associate dean and director of the sport administration programs at the University of Miami, will be keynote speaker at the Sport Management Recognition night. Dr. Gillentine wrote the book, Foundations of Sport Management, which is widely used in Sport Management Programs throughout the country. Be sure to take advantage of these opportunities as our college brings nationally and internationally known experts in their fields to our campus. Also, take time to have fun and enjoy the beautiful autumn in Kansas.

Dr. Lefever-Davis is new associate dean

Dr. Shirley Lefever-Davis officially began her duties as associate dean of the College of Education on September 22.

"I am both humbled and excited about the chance to serve the faculty, staff and students in the college of education in a broader capacity," she said.

Among the things that Dr.

Lefever-Davis plans to do as associate dean is to work with faculty and department chairs to continue to advance the national stature of each of the college's programs.

"We are so fortunate to have such a high quality and dedicated faculty who are making important contributions to the professions we are affiliated with.

It is an honor for me to represent all of us."

Dr. Lefever-Davis has also been elected to the board of the Association of Teacher Educators, a national organization devoted to the improvement of teacher education, representing over 700 colleges and universities.

Dr. Bakken to chair Curriculum and Instruction

Dr. Linda Bakken has been a professor of human development at WSU for more than 20 years. After a "partial" retirement last spring, Dr. Bakken has accepted the position of

chair of the department of Curriculum and Instruction. She had previously served as chair of the department of Counseling, Educational and School Psychology.

Dr. Bakken says that the faculty and staff have been very welcoming and she expects they will be quite helpful in her efforts to be effective as chair of the department.



**Congratulations
to the
Department of
Human
Performance
Studies
for receiving
accreditation
of its
Athletic
Training
program**

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From our Fan Mail:

Madame:

Dr Tran, it was a pleasure to speak with you the other day for a moment in your office. I certainly felt proud to knock on your door as an ESL teacher, and part of the pleasure is to thank you and tell you how well your programme prepared me for the challenges that I have faced teaching while in Grad school. Every lesson plan, and every class that I teach draws on lessons that I learned in your programme, which also has well-prepared, indeed, easily allowed me to engage in the theoretic and academic discourse of my peers in my own Graduate-level Comp-theory and Linguistics classes. Especially, I find – more so than my BA-English Major colleagues – I am better prepared with practical pedagogical concerns and strategies.

Good-bye for now,
Mac Thompson

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This is a thank you email for helping me achieve two major goals during my sabbatical. Those goals were to pass the Praxis II Middle Level Language Arts and the English Language Arts Content Area tests on the first attempt. Passing these allows me to teach English at both the High School and Middle School level. I passed the Middle Level test with ease back in July, and I just received word that my Content Area English test was a passing grade, also. So, I'm finished, thanks to all of you, directly or indirectly. This gratitude is for imparting your wisdom and knowledge to someone who almost flunked English his Freshman year in High School.

Again, I feel I owe you all thanks for your help,

Michael Brilk-----Highly Qualified now to teach English to grades 5-12

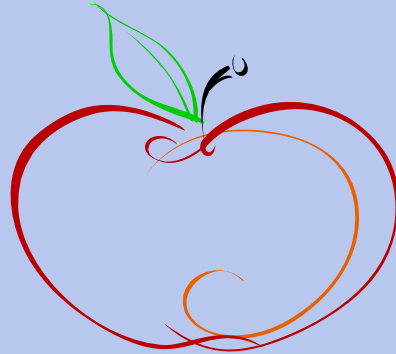
Need help paying for your Ed degree? Try UTPP

The Urban Teacher Preparation Program represents an exciting collaboration between Wichita State University and Wichita Public Schools. In the spring of 2009, this program will provide the opportunity for six elementary education candidates to complete their final four semesters in an education program at WSU and commit to teaching in the Wichita Public Schools. Candidates completing this program will be endorsed to teach both Elementary Education and English Language Learners (ELL).

Those selected for this program will receive financial support for Wichita State tuition from the Wichita Public Schools in the form of a forgivable loan for 15 hours within each of the final semesters. Applications are available online at the Wichita State University website at www.wichita.edu/utpp. Application deadline is November 3, 2008.

To learn more about the program contact:

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***The Power Of
A Teacher:
You Can Make
A Difference!***

Tuesday, October 28, 2008

***You are invited to meet the
Kansas Teacher of the Year
Team***

**FLIP VIDEO
CAMERAS**

The College of Education technology center has Flip video cameras available for check-out by students, faculty and staff. The cameras are easy to use and downloading video from them is a snap.

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

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Throughout the day on October 28th, the Kansas Teacher of the Year (KTOY) Jeri Powers and the KTOY Team will be challenging high school and WSU College of Education students to become a teacher who can make a difference in the lives of their students. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with these outstanding teachers and be inspired.

Event: Meet with WSU College of Education students

Time: 10:00 – 11:30 am

Place: Room 155 Corbin Education Center (WSU Campus, 21st & Yale)

Event: Celebration of Teaching with area high school students

Time: 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Place: WSU Metroplex (29th & Oliver)

Event: Meet with WSU College of Education student teachers

Time: 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Place: WSU Metroplex (29th & Oliver)

Event: Reception with WSU faculty and area community members

Time: 5:00 – 6:30 pm

Place: WSU Metroplex (29th & Oliver)

The evening reception will begin with a presentation from Ms. Powers and the team reviewing the day and asking the audience to think how they can encourage the development of outstanding future teachers.

Students, faculty, and community members are welcome to attend any of these events.

There is no cost, but we ask that you register in advance so we have enough materials and refreshments for everyone. When registering, please list the event(s) you are planning on attending and your school or community affiliation.

For more information or to register, e-mail Jane Eshelman at

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Sport Management
alum,
Nick Taylor won
his second Olympic
gold medal in
doubles tennis at
the Beijing
Paralympics

Nick is coached by
Jeremy Patterson,
assistant professor
in Human
Performance
Studies

Congratulations!

Click [here](#) to see
photos from Beijing

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Sport Management Recognition Night

Dr. Andy Gillentine of the University of Miami (Fla.) will be the keynote speaker at Sport Management Recognition Night Nov. 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Heskett Center lobby. The event will also include the presentation of several honors, and all students, alumni and other program constituents are invited to attend.

The evening will begin with a reception, followed by the presentation of awards to the Undergraduate Student of the Year, Graduate Student of the Year, Alumnus of the Year, and Practitioner of the Year. Dr. Gillentine will then offer a presentation which will include his assessment of the business of sport and challenges facing sport managers today.

Dr. Gillentine's research interests are sport marketing, professional development, and management issues in sport. Dr. Gillentine has conducted research projects for numerous sport organizations that have resulted in over fifty publications and over 100 national and international presentations.

Health Education and Leadership Project

The Health Education and Leadership (HEAL) Project is a collaborative community effort involving Wichita State University, Breakthrough, Genesis Health Club and Kansas School of Medicine - Wichita. HEAL aims to empower individuals who have serious mental illness to take charge of their wellbeing through physical activity and healthy nutrition skills.

The HEAL Project was launched on October 8 with a gathering of almost 400 people to hear a motivational presentation, "Never give up, never stop trying: Seven steps to success," by two-time Olympic wrestling medalist Rulon Gardner.

Dr. Jeremy Patterson, assistant professor and laboratory director in the college of education's department of human performance studies, will develop the curriculum for the project, in addition to performing long-term studies assessing the effects of exercise on participants.

Funding for the project is provided by a three-year grant of \$396,000 from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the nation's largest philanthropy group devoted to health and health care. The grant has also received a \$256,000 match so far from project funding partners, including Cargill Cares and the Wichita Community Foundation.

Re-design the College of Education's Conceptual Framework logo and you could win valuable prizes!

Check out the graphic on the Web page listed below. It's the rope made by weaving six strands (the six guiding principles) together. We need to update the look—perhaps the rope is woven into a tapestry, or a basket—use your imagination! Make sure your design will be easy to reproduce in publications, on T-shirts, etc. This contest is open to any College of Education student, faculty, staff or alum.

Submit your design to patrice.hein@wichita.edu.

[Conceptual Framework](#)