Spring Grads, Summer Courses

Believe it or not, commencement is only five weeks away. Our staff has planned a wonderful reception for our graduates, their families, friends and faculty on the esplanade around the fountain at Corbin immediately following the ceremony.

The College of Education has a variety of offerings this summer for those who want to catch up, get ahead, get in shape or expand their knowledge. The Departments of Curriculum and Instruction and Counseling, Educational and School Psychology offer lectures and workshops, while the Department of Human Performance Studies also offers activity courses ranging from golf, to horsemanship, to kickboxing. Check the schedule of courses online for the most up-to-date information about these opportunities.

COEd Faculty and Staff earn top honors

Frank Rokosz, instructor in Human Performance Studies received the University Excellence in Teaching Award for academic year 2010-2011. This award is WSU’s highest honor for teaching and is especially notable due to its award by a committee of faculty peers. Frank has a large, demanding, and ever-changing schedule of courses to coordinate which he accomplishes with a very special sense of humor. Frank’s expertise is in nurturing students. This award is a wonderful validation of Frank’s long and dedicated career at WSU. Frank will receive his award in a ceremony on Tuesday, May 10.

Mary Myers, administrative specialist in the Department of Sport Management, is the recipient of the President’s Distinguished Service Award for this year. This university award is highly competitive and reflects the many years of exceptional support Mary brings to our faculty. Mary will receive her award at a reception scheduled for Tuesday, May 3, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Rhatigan Student Center ballroom.
Congratulations to those selected for this year’s College of Education Awards

Doris Burgert
Teaching
Anh Tran
Research
Ruth Hitchcock
Service
Mike Ross
Technology
Innovation
Lynda Cushman
Staff

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2011 Teachers of Promise and Horizon Award Winner

Melissa Engelbert (left), elementary education major and Brianna Reyes (center), secondary English language arts major are this semester's Teachers of Promise. Tracy Blunt (right), WSU graduate and math teacher at Truesdell Middle School, received the Horizon Award, a recognition of exemplary first-year teachers. Congratulations to these award winners.

WSU KNEA-SP brings home awards

Seven students, along with instructor Judy Ruder, from the WSU College of Education attended the Kansas National Educators Association—Student Program (KNEA-SP) representatives assembly in Manhattan, Kansas last month. Dr. Gwen Mukes (in photo at left) was recognized as the Outstanding Local Advisor at the event for her support and commitment to the student organization. The group won top prize for a banner made by Maranda McArthur, Penny Blattner, Susie Kelly and Kara Yoder. The banner will go on to the national KNEA-SP meeting, where it will compete with banners from all 50 states.

The KNEA-SP students’ banner was selected as the best banner to represent KNEA-SP at the national meeting.

Clockwise from left: Wendy Case, Maranda McArthur, Erika Horton, Judy Ruder, Susie Kelley, Jordan Hadley, Kara Yoder and Alysia Owen.
**Other Student News**

About 40 Sport Management Student Association members and department staff plan to attend the third annual trip to Oklahoma City on April 8. In addition to the usual meeting with alumni and other staff members of the NBA Thunder franchise, the student will meet with sport managers from the RedHawks and Barons organizations. The group will meet alumni

Susan Grommash, graduate of the WSU Transition to Teaching Program, received honorable mention in the NAAC Scholarship for Outstanding Alternative Certification Intern Award Ceremony on Friday March 11, 2011 at the National Association for Alternative Certification Conference in Chicago, IL. Susan is a middle school science teacher at Mead Middle School in Wichita USD 259, and is currently working on her Masters of Arts in Teaching degree at Wichita State University.

**Upcoming Meetings and Events**

**Monday, April 11**
- First day to enroll in fall classes—enroll early to get the classes of your choice, be sure you’ve met with your advisor to stay on track

**Wednesday, April 20**
- Professional Education Advisory Council, 5:00 p.m. Hubbard 227

**Thursday, April 21**
- Faculty-Staff Meeting, 3:00 p.m. Corbin 155

**Saturday, April 30**
- 16th Annual Graduate Research Showcase, 8 a.m. to noon RSC

**Monday, May 9**
- Spring classes end

**Tuesday, May 10**
- Study Day

**Wednesday, May 11— Tuesday, May 17**
- Final exams

**Thursday, May 12**
- Rehearsal for commencement platform party, banner bearers and marshals, 2:30 p.m. Koch Arena

**Saturday, May 14**
- **COMMENCEMENT!** Grads and faculty arrive at 10 a.m. Ceremony is at 11 a.m.
- **COMMENCEMENT RECEPTION** immediately following ceremony at Corbin Education Center

Dr. Donna Sayman recently presented *Contracting with Omar the Tentmaker: Masculinity and Men in Nursing* at the American Men’s Studies Association conference in Kansas City.

Drs. Kay Gibson, Gayla Lohfink, Donna Sayman and Ahn Tran received a Tilford Incentive Grant from the WSU Office of Multicultural Affairs and will teach courses that enhance diversity related themes and content in our curricular offerings.

Dr. Michael Rogers was quoted in a *Newsday* article about weight lifting by older adults called “For a 50th birthday lift, try 300 pounds.” He was also quoted in a New York Times article titled “A trainer who acts your age.” Dr. Rogers has recently published “Effects of hydraulic-resistance training on strength and power in untrained healthy older adults” in the April issue of *Journal of Strength and Conditioning*.


Dr. Kate Bohn has published Bohn-Gettler, C.M., & Rapp, D.N. (in press). Depending on my mood: Mood-driven influences on text comprehension in the *Journal of Educational Psychology* and Bohn-Gettler, C.M., Rapp, D.N., van den Broek, P., Kendou, P., & White, M.J. (in press). Adult’s and children’s monitoring of story events in the service of comprehension in *Memory & Cognition*.

Roscoe the magician with Kara Yoder and Dr. Tran

Teruko Mitchell and family won a flip camera in the raffle!

Maranda McArthur and Penny Blattner explain raffle tickets

Face painter Marci Koleman paints the cheeks of student Steve Oltman’s son.