Spring semester is flying by and we are fast approaching the halfway mark. We have survived snow, brutal winds, and freezing temperatures this winter. Faculty and students look forward to warmer days, spring break, and a semester filled with the anticipation of comprehensive exams, completion of action research, field studies, dissertations, and other final projects, as we move toward the matriculation of students to the status of graduates. Before we get there, though, several major events are happening this semester. Of particular note this spring is the College of Education’s NCATE accreditation visit coming up March 28-30, 2010, which is the culmination of 5 years of hard work to demonstrate that we are preparing competent, collaborative, reflective professionals. Some of you (students, alumni, faculty) are likely to be called upon to meet with members of the Review Team, which is comprised of representatives from institutions in Kansas as well as nationwide. Preliminary feedback on reports the college submitted has been positive and we expect the on-site visit to go well. Perhaps more than any other department, not only do many of you represent the College of Education in the capacity of students and program graduates, but you are the superintendents and principals who mentor future school and district leaders, who collaborate with the college on student teacher placements, and who provide internships and opportunities for future school counselors and psychologists.

Another event on the horizon this spring is the College of Education’s annual Graduate Showcase, which is scheduled for Saturday, April 24, 2010, from 8:00am -12:00pm at the Metropolitan Complex. Dr. Craig Elliott is chairing the program this year, and has contributed an article in this issue describing the activities that he and the organizing committee have planned this year. Educational Leadership master’s students will be presenting their action research projects, District leadership students will be presenting their projects, and doctoral students will be presenting field study and dissertation research. Even if you are not presenting, you are invited to attend the sessions and see the high quality work Educational Leadership students are producing that can be used to make a difference for students at all levels of education.

We want to use this newsletter as a forum for highlighting the accomplishments of Educational Leadership students, graduates, and faculty, so please let us know so we can recognize them – we want to know about promotions, awards, conference presentations, publications, and so forth so we can share the good news with everyone. I look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Patterson
GRADUATE SHOWCASE

15th Annual Graduate Showcase - April 24 – Metroplex (37th St and Oliver) – 8:30 a.m. to Noon

Many of you are probably wondering what in the world is Graduate Showcase? Graduate Showcase is an annual event that started 15 years ago by several curriculum and instruction professors. This event is an opportunity for graduate students in the College of Education to present their research and projects to colleagues, mentors, and local and area school and business leaders. It provides a forum whereby potential students, employers, community members and family from South Central Kansas have opportunities to create dialogue with resident experts in their field of study.

Last year, 170 candidates presented their work which comprised a combination of presentations, posters and portfolios from field study research, masters theses and doctoral dissertations.

For those of you who are mentors or have students enrolled in one of our programs we would very much appreciate your participation as a spectator. We would also ask that if you know of aspiring masters or district-level leaders you encourage them to attend this event. If you are unable to attend, please pass along your support to your employee and candidate for their efforts in advancing professionally. Light snacks and drinks will be provided. If you would like more information about this year’s Showcase feel free to contact Craig Elliott at craig.elliott@wichita.edu or 316 253 8530.

Celebrations

Please join in me congratulating these students and alumni on their recent accomplishments: Doctoral student Lance Stout will be serving as the Superintendent of Liberal USD 480 beginning with the 2010-11 academic year. Doctoral student Shelia Rathbun was named Principal of Maize South High School in January 2010. Mary Jo Taylor, EdD 2003, will be honored as a recipient of the 2010 KSHSAA Governor’s Award.
Featuring: Sherry Goodvin, Ed.D.

Dr. Sherry Goodvin has been teaching as adjunct faculty for WSU in the College of Education since 2006, teaching courses in Educational Leadership for the Masters District and Doctoral level programs, courses included the district level practicum, School Law and personnel, Action Research and Field Study Research. She has also been teaching an online course for C & I’s Transition to Teaching Master level Program for the past 4 years.

Sherry received her Ed.D. from Wichita State University in 2005, both her bachelors and masters degrees are from Pittsburg State University. She has a bachelors degree in business education with an emphasis on accounting and her masters is in special education with an emphasis on learning disabilities. She is licensed in both building and district level administration in the state of Kansas.

Sherry started her career at McCune High School in southeast Kansas as a business teacher, where she taught for 2 years. She spent 10 years at Girard high school, where she began her leadership role in the integration of technology into instruction. After 5 years of teaching at Maize high school, she transitioned into the administrative role becoming director of technology. After 19 years at Maize she retired as Director of Secondary Education and Student Services this past June. While at Maize she served as Chief information officer for K-12 district technology program. She Administered Maize Online – High school online program, and coordinated the implementation of a K-12 Distance Learning, and web 2.0 tool integration. She directly supervised implementation of secondary education curriculum and instruction 6-12 and 21st Century skill development in staff.

In working with masters and doctoral level students she brings her leadership perspective on meeting the needs of the digital student culture into the course content.

Volunteers Needed for Andover USD 385’s SPIRIT Program

Andover Public Schools is involving middle and high school students in the U.S. Department of Justice’s SPIRIT Program (Student Problem Identification, Resolving Issues Together) to address concerns around issues of diversity that were revealed in their district’s climate survey. The district is seeking volunteers who are willing to attend a 2-hour training session on March 2 from 2:00-4:00 pm, and then co-facilitate a group of 10 middle and/or high schools through the problem identification and resolution process. The SPIRIT process will take place in Andover on Wednesday, March 3 and on Friday, March 5. 12 facilitators are needed each day and the sessions will take place during the school day from 8:00-3:00. Lunch will be provided.

The Department of Justice has indicated they prefer that the facilitators come from outside the community and have said that college students make the best facilitators.

If you would like more information or would like to volunteer for a good cause, please contact Dr. Andy Koenigs, Associate Superintendent of Andover USD 385. His email address is koenigsa@usd385.org or you can reach him by phone at 316-617-6822.
It is becoming a tradition for Educational Leadership alumni, faculty, and students to represent Wichita State University well at the annual USA Conference and this year was no exception. Conference organizers plan three sessions of Learning Clusters, and WSU alumni, faculty, and students presented in numerous sessions.

Doctoral students Steve Noble, Heather Eubank, and Shelia Rathbun presented Adolescent Literacy Challenges in a Large Urban District, from their 2008-09 field study.

Doctoral students Natalie Grant and Lance Stout also presented from their 2008-09 field study, Parent Involvement: What Urban Schools can Learn from Rural Counterparts.

2008 graduate Dr. Kathy Mickelson co-presented her dissertation research, Creating a Culture of Inclusion in an Elementary School with the principal of the elementary school she studied.

Doctoral student Diane Nickelson, Clearwater Elementary Principal, co-presented with her staff members MTSS: A Journey in Progress.

Doctoral program graduates Dr. Edwin Church and Dr. Steve Neill, professors at Emporia State, co-presented the session The Rural School Superintendent, Yesterday and Today.

Jill Lachenmyer, graduate of the Master’s and District Leadership programs, co-presented the session One Size Does not Fit ALL with several colleagues from Newton USD 373.

Dr. Craig Elliott co-presented a session with Maize USD 266 staff members titled, Tips from Research and Practice for Reducing Teacher Absenteeism.

Dr. Pat Terry concluded the afternoon by presiding over a session of emeritus members.

Through sharing their expertise at USA/Kansas, WSU faculty, students, and alumni are modeling collaboration, inquiry, and reflection and truly embody our Mission Statement: The Department of Educational Leadership is committed to providing innovative, collaborative education opportunities for the practitioner-scholar in diverse settings.
Las Madres como Lideres en la Comunidad
“Mothers as Leaders in their Community”
“Careers for Tomorrow”

The event will bring the mothers and their children to the university environment. Presenters will encourage and promote career awareness information to the mothers and their children will be provided a college awareness seminar. The mothers are USD 259 Family Literacy Program participants along with their USD 259 5th to 12th grade students.

The event will be sponsored by the City of Wichita (part of the Community Services Block grant stimulus funds) In partnership with: Wichita State University Education Leadership program, Wichita State University Multicultural Center, Hispanic Women’s Network, USD 259 AmeriCorps GRASPS Program and USD 259 Family Literacy Program

The event will be March 29 in the Rhatigan Student Center

Submitted by Jo Bennett

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