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Office of Admissions Upcoming Events

Students of Color Day
- February 6, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- Rhatigan Student Center
- Opportunity for students of color and their parents to learn about WSU. Information on campus life, academic programs, resources and services will be presented.

Presidential Scholars
- February 20 and 26, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- Rhatigan Student Center
- High school juniors in the top 10% of their class are invited to visit WSU for a special program to recognize their accomplishments.

ESS Mission Statement

The primary mission of Education Support Services is to assist prospective and current College of Education students at Wichita State University attain their educational goals. This mission is accomplished by providing appropriate information and services to students, faculty, staff, and administrative personnel.

The primary purpose of the Grow Your Own Teachers (GYOT) scholarship program is to increase representation of people of diverse backgrounds at all levels of education in the Sedgwick County districts/schools and the Catholic Diocese of Wichita. Its goal is to create an educational system that is sensitive to the needs of all students. An Advisory Committee selects individuals for the program based on their academic record, aptitude for entering teacher education, and their verbal and written communication skills.

Congratulations are in order for the 2004 GYOT recipients:*

Sadie Bell
Johnny England
Navid Haeri
Dana Hageman
Thuthuy Kahler
Teri Lisenby-Butts
Maria Lopez
Ebony Martin
Rachel Oliver
Sena Peden
LaNier Roberts
John Simkins

*Source: Grow Your Own Teachers 2004 Directory
COE Student Ambassadors

Ginger Baerg, Secondary Ed/Mathematics
Amy Dick, Secondary Ed/Spanish
JoRene Dixon, Elementary Education
Michelle Fields, Secondary Ed/Mathematics
Jessica Gipson, Communicative Disorders & Sciences
Caleb Grove, Exercise Science
Tammara Heesel, Communicative Sciences & Disorders
Jolene Kaufman, Elementary Education
Stephanie Smith, Communicative Disorders & Sciences
Beverly Wilson, Elementary Education

Messages from WSU Teacher Education
Student Teachers Abroad

Written by:
Tim Lane
Placement: Italy

I am currently living at Capodichino Naval Station and have to take a military shuttle to the Support Site which includes both the elementary school and the high school. Everyone at the school is so helpful and I absolutely love being here. I am going to be in a 5th grade Italian immersion classroom (for seven weeks) and a 2nd grade regular classroom (for the other seven weeks). The kids are military dependents and attach to you just like in the states. You wouldn't believe the food here! Even at the school cafeteria, some of the best food I have ever had. The school provided all of this semester’s student teachers with ICR (inter cultural relations) class for four days and it really helped because it is taught by an Italian citizen. They introduce you to the language and then you get to travel around Napoli (Naples) for two days so you can learn the public transportation and manage to get your bearings on a different culture. I regret not learning a lot of Italian, but I am committing myself to pick it up while I am here. I am currently living with other student teachers (one from KU, one from Montana and another from Iowa) and we really are learning the ropes. It is a wonderful experience and I love the school. We also get to participate in the students’ field trips to such places as the archeological ruins down by Pompei and a vineyard. I can sum up my experience in one word, "magnifico".

Written by:
Angela Brodhagen
Placement: Germany

After being in Germany for a week and a half, I have already learned so much. Besides this being a learning experience in the classroom, I will learn lots “on the street.” Did you know that you are not allowed to make any noise on Sundays? It’s a German law that you are not supposed to do anything to disturb others around you. You may not mow your lawn, hammer a nail into your wall, or play loud music. It’s been fun getting to know my students. They are all fluent in at least two languages. I hope to teach these children new things, but I know that they will be teaching me much more than I ever expected to learn in my student teaching experience.

Spotlight on COE Student Ambassador: Ginger Baerg

Ginger chose to major in secondary mathematics education because she had too many friends who hated math in high school because of their teachers. Ginger hopes to be like her former teachers who made her enjoy and appreciate math. She offers a word of advice for Core I students: Hang in there and make sure to budget your time!

Thank you for all your help Ginger. We wish you the very best!