Recruitment News

During the month of February, ESS staff members visited three community colleges to promote Wichita State University’s Teacher Education program. The following data represent the number of academic advisors and administrative personnel who attended the presentations:

- Cowley County Community College: 30
- Barton County Community College: 20
- Pratt Community College: 25

Program Approved

On February 10th, the Kansas State Board of Education approved the Foreign Language Teacher Education Program. This program includes the Spanish, French, and Latin languages for grades PreK-12.

Congratulations to all those who worked on this project!

Attention Secondary Math Majors!!

A graphing calculator is required for Mathematics: Content Knowledge (test code 10061)

Information from the Kansas State Department of Education:

Some questions on the Praxis Series Mathematics: Content Knowledge test require the use of a graphing calculator. This information was not provided in List A of the current Praxis Series Registration Bulletin or in the Kansas-specific Supplement to the Bulletin. It is, however, explained in the Test at a Glance booklet.

Please advise test takers registering for this test that they are required to take a graphing calculator without a QWERTY (typewriter) keyboard with them on test day.

Please visit the ETS website if you have additional questions regarding this matter: http://www.ets.org/praxis/prxks.html

ESS Mission Statement

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JoRene Dixon, Elementary Education
Michelle Fields, Secondary Ed/Mathematics
Jessica Gipson, Communicative Disorders & Sciences
Caleb Grove, Exercise Science
Tammara Hessel, Communicative Sciences & Disorders
Jolene Kaufman, Elementary Education
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Beverly Wilson, Elementary Education

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