# Educational Support Services

## Upcoming Special Events and Dates

The ESS staff participates in the following events:

- **October visits to area community colleges:** ESS staff make visits to Cloud County, Butler County, Seward County, Garden Center, and Dodge City community colleges to talk to students and advisors about WSU COE academic opportunities.
- **Grow Your Own Teachers Applications are available in Corbin, #107.**
- **October 28, 2003:** WSU Career Service Counselors visit the Senior Seminar to assist with resume writing. Senior Seminar Students – please bring your resumes to class this evening!
- **November 3, 2003:** 2003-2004 Future Educators of America Induction Ceremony, Northwest High School, 7:00 pm.
- **November 4, 2003:** Elementary student teachers will have the privilege of having Cindy Potteete, a nurse in USD #259, as a guest in the Student Teaching Seminar: “Health Issues in the Classroom.”
- **November 5, 2003:** The spring 2004 schedule of courses will be available. Registration for the spring 2004 semester is scheduled to begin Monday, November 17, 2003.
- **November 6, 2003:** WSU Office of Admissions hosts 2003 Principal and Counselor Day. During this event, principals and counselors from Kansas, Oklahoma, and Missouri visit WSU for food, prizes, and information about WSU to help them help their students.
- **November 17, 2003:** Shawnee Mission School District Student Teacher Interviews: Indian Creek Technology Center, 4401 W. 103rd St., Overland Park, KS. This is recommended for students graduating in December and fifth-year students. Call (913) 993-6417 to schedule an interview.
- **November 20, 2003:** Celebration of Teaching: This event, sponsored by the WSU chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, is held for high school students who are interested in pursuing a career in education.
- **December 16, 2003:** Share-A-Story: Current student teachers will share their experiences with each other, 155 Corbin, 5:40-7:30 p.m.

## 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.
Featured Facts

- During the 2002-2003 academic year, 169 students qualified for initial teacher certification and 101 qualified for an alternative program teacher certification.
- The COE has 48 undergraduate December graduation candidates.
- The ESS advising staff visited with 84 student advisees during the month of September.
- The Teacher Education program placed students in 548 school settings in the Wichita and surrounding area during the spring 2003 semester.
- 56 student teachers were placed in 71 different schools during the fall 2003 semester.
- The Teacher Education program has 152 students who have submitted student teaching applications for the spring 2004 semester.
- Tim Lane has accepted a student teaching placement in Italy in the spring 2004.
- A new semester calendar containing important dates for students in the teacher education program is now available. Be sure to stop by the office to pick up your copy!
- Did you know? University supervisors Jo Auchterlonie, Susan Grelinger, Alice Potts, LeeAnn Bachand, Karen Lowery, and Royce Brunk supervise 46 elementary education students in their final semester at WSU.

Spotlight on COE Student Ambassador: Jo Dixon

Upon her graduation in December 2004, Jo will receive a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education with an endorsement in Middle School Mathematics and a minor in Sociology. She describes herself as a non-traditional student whose primary focus is on her husband of fifteen years and their two children. Prior to returning to school to finish her degree, Jo worked as a special education paraprofessional in the Derby school district for several years. In addition to serving as a COE Student Ambassador, Jo is a board member of Mortar Board, a national college senior honor society. She also had the privilege of sharing (with fellow student Callie Carroll) a presentation entitled “Fractions: Multiple Representations” at the Kansas Association of Teachers of Mathematics. Jo feels that attending the College of Education at WSU has been a wonderful learning experience.

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