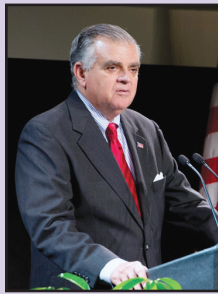


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Alumni News and Notes from Western Illinois University

An Open Letter to our Alumni and Friends:

I am sure you have a story about your first time on campus.

It was August 1975 when I first set foot on the Western Illinois University campus. And it was nuts! I stood in a line that stretched from the southeast side of Horrabin Hall to Stipes Hall to register for my fall quarter classes. And when I finally made it into the gym I found myself waiting in more lines to pick up my class cards. And then I did it all over again for the winter quarter ... and the spring quarter but in a big open room on the second floor of Sherman Hall.



Vice President for Advancement and Public Services Brad Bainter '79 MS '83 and Col. Rock III at WIU's Sherman Hall.

I'm sure you have stories about the good times you had at Western after your first day on campus, and about the impact that Western has had on your life.

My job has led me all over the United States and has allowed me to hear your stories. It has allowed me to talk with alumni who have graduated in every decade from the 1920s to today. Everywhere I go, I sense a feeling of pride and commitment to Western. You talk about making

in your life; of meeting your spouse or significant other at Western and going back for visits with your kids; or your favorite eating spot or bar; or Lake Argyle; or how Western gave you the opportunity to learn and grow and through that experience land a job and start a career.

It is gratifying to know that so many of you who credit Western with assisting in the successes in your lives have stepped forward to support our current \$60 million campaign. We are now over \$50 million toward our goal and I have no doubt that by Dec. 31, 2013, when the campaign ends, we will have exceeded our goal. The question is: "By how much?" And that depends on how many of you who have not yet contributed to the campaign do so in the coming year.

The last decade has certainly changed the landscape of higher education. No longer does money freely flow to the public

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2012 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients

The outstanding accomplishments of two Western Illinois University graduates were recognized May 12 at the Spring 2012 Commencement Exercises.

The recipients of the 2012 WIU Distinguished Alumni Award are John "Jack" M. Brannigan, the retired senior vice president for HomeSphere/BestContractors, of Denver (CO), and Laura J. Janus, chief investment officer and portfolio manager for Fixed Income and a founding partner of Holland Capital, of Chicago.

The Distinguished Alumni Award, given since 1973, recognizes alumni who have reached the pinnacle of their careers and have brought credit to the University and



John Brannigan '76



Laura Janus '70

themselves through their professional accomplishments or community service at local, state or national levels and have extended meritorious service for the advancement and continued excellence of WIU.

Brannigan, a 1976 engineering technology graduate, was named senior vice president at HomeSphere in January 2009. The company is the provider of technology-leveraged supply chain services to the homebuilding and remodeling industry. He previously served as the CEO of BestContractors for one year, and as the executive vice president and partner of Hanley-Wood, LLC, a \$250+ million, 700+ employee multi-division media, internet and e-commerce

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Wetzel Hall memories

By Darcie Dyer Shinberger '89 MS '98

From sliding down its steep hill in the winter on trays "borrowed" from the cafeteria to having a bird's-eye view over much of campus, to more than 22,000 Western Illinois University students along with countless numbers of housing staff, from 1970 to Spring 2009, Wetzel Hall was simply a home away from home.

To celebrate the life and memories of Wetzel prior to its summer demolition, a "virtual scrapbook" has been created at facebook.com/WIUWetzel. Former residents of the 15-story hall, which opened in September 1970, are encouraged to share their photos and recollections on the Facebook page. Information about the Summer 2012 event will also be posted at wiu.edu/wetzel.

According to **AJ Lutz MS '06**, assistant director of marketing and communications for University Housing and Dining Services (UHDS), Wetzel was the first residence hall established as a "house system" when it opened.

"The main goal of a house system is to build a community, which has pride, not only on each hall floor, but in the whole building," Lutz explained. "The concept allows residents to choose a name for their floor from a list of well-known buildings and landmarks. The objective for naming floors is to promote ownership and teamwork."

The house system became the foundation of what is still used today by UHDS, and that's "building great relationships within our residence hall communities," Lutz added.

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UPCOMING ALUMNI & FRIENDS EVENTS

July

- 15 Santa Ana, CA
- 16 San Diego, CA
- 28 Chicago, IL

August

- 2 Denver, CO
- 2 Oak Lawn, IL
- 3-4 Chicago, IL
- 23 Indianapolis, IN

September

- 6 Chicago, IL
- 13 Macomb, IL
- 15 Ames, IA
- 16 Minneapolis, MN
- 27 Princeton, IL



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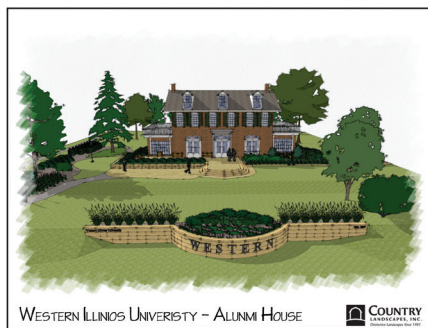
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NEWS FROM YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



Greetings Alumni and Friends,

Construction has begun! I am thrilled to announce the Alumni Legacy Project is in full swing and phase one will be completed by

the end of July—just in time for Homecoming Sept. 22. I look forward to you all coming back to



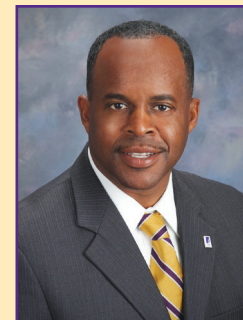
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see the improvements to YOUR ALUMNI HOUSE grounds! The renovations will be funded through the support of WIU Alumni and Friends. For more information or to make a contribution visit wiu.edu/alumni/groundsrenovation.php.

Amy E. Spelman

Amy Spelman

From the President



I want to welcome our newest graduates to Western Illinois University's Alumni Association. You will always be a part of our family, and you will have many opportunities to stay involved.

As you may have read on the front page, Vice President for Advancement and Public Services Brad Bainter has talked about the memories created at Western, the friendships developed and a lifelong affinity for this great institution. If you have not taken a moment to read this heartfelt connection, I encourage you to do so. As we near the end of our latest campaign, we are turning to you, our many alumni and friends, to help us reach our goal. We need your help now more than ever. To our alumni and friends who have been faithful contributors throughout the years, we offer our gratitude and heartfelt thanks.

While the cash flow and state's budget situation continue to present challenges for higher education, we remain committed to providing outstanding academic opportunities and services to our students, just like you experienced. We remain committed to providing an accessible, affordable education for all citizens, and we are committed to retaining our employees. We continue these commitments despite dwindling state appropriations because these are the right, and necessary, things to do. It is our job to educate and to send well-prepared graduates into the workforce.

Despite the challenges we face, I am honored to serve as the 11th president. July 1 will mark my one year anniversary, and it has been a great year. I have met so many wonderful people, and I look forward to meeting others.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment. I hope to see you at Homecoming Sept. 21-22, or at some other future events.

Sincerely,

Jack Thomas

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WIU ALUMNI & FRIENDS 2012-2013 EVENTS

JULY 2012

- 15Santa Ana (CA) Zoo Alumni & Friends Event
- 16San Diego Alumni & Friends Event at Island Prime & C Level
- 28Wrigleyville Rooftop Alumni & Friends Event- Cubs vs. Cardinals

AUGUST 2012

- 2Western After-Hours in Oak Lawn (IL) at 115 Bourbon Street
- 2Denver Alumni & Friends Event - St. Louis Cardinals vs. Colorado Rockies Social at Sports Column and Baseball Game at Coors Field
- 3-4Black Alumni Reunion Weekend in Chicago
- 23Indianapolis Alumni & Friends Social

SEPTEMBER 2012

- 6Western After-Hours in Chicago at N9NE Steakhouse
- 13Celebrating Town & Gown in Macomb
- 14Paint the Paws in Macomb
- 15WIU vs. Iowa State Pregame Social and Football Game in Ames (IA)
- 16Minneapolis Alumni & Friends Event - Twins vs. White Sox Pregame Social & Baseball Game
- 21-22Homecoming & Reunion
- 27Princeton (IL) Alumni & Friends Social

OCTOBER 2012

- 4Western After-Hours in LaGrange (IL)
- 11Charleston (SC) Alumni & Friends Social
- 12Raleigh/Durham Alumni & Friends Social
- 13Charlotte Alumni & Friends Social
- 14Atlanta Alumni & Friends Social
- 18Carthage (IL) Alumni & Friends Event at Lake Hill Winery
- 24Houston Alumni & Friends Social
- 25San Antonio Alumni & Friends Social
- 26Austin Alumni & Friends Social
- 27Dallas Alumni & Friends Social
- 28Ft. Worth Alumni & Friends Social

NOVEMBER 2012

- 8Galesburg (IL) Alumni & Friends Social
- 15WIU vs Missouri Pregame Social and Womens Basketball Game in Columbia (MO)

JANUARY 2013

- 24Orlando (FL) Alumni & Friends Social
- 25Tampa (FL) Alumni & Friends Social
- 26Sarasota (FL) Alumni & Friends Luncheon
- 26Naples (FL) Alumni & Friends Social
- 27Ft. Lauderdale (FL) Alumni & Friends Social

FEBRUARY 2013

- 17Tucson Alumni & Friends Social

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Business and Technology



U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood visits Macomb

By Jodi Pospeschil

While touting safe driving skills and bi-partisan politics, U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood visited Macomb April 30 to deliver the Robert and Mary Ferguson Lecture.

The lecture is part of the WIU College of Business and Technology's annual schedule and is named for **Robert Ferguson '43 MS '48**, the chair of the former WIU Department of Business Education for 20 years, and his wife, Mary. Robert passed away in 1991.

After a luncheon meeting with University, state and city leaders, LaHood spoke to a crowd of about 325 in the University Union's Grand Ballroom.

LaHood, the nation's 16th secretary of transportation, said he has been involved in public service for about 35 years. He is a retired U.S. Congressman



U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood spoke to a group of about 325 people April 30 as part of the Robert and Mary Ferguson Lecture.

from Peoria (IL).

Just before his lecture, LaHood was introduced by former Macomb Mayor Tom Carper, who is now the chair of the Amtrak Board of Directors. LaHood spoke highly of Carper and of the future of passenger rail service in Illinois.

"Amtrak, at its current status, is one of the best forms of transportation in America today," he said. "It connects communities like Macomb to the world."

LaHood also told students they should have a vision for their future, using their Western education as a base to expand their potential and to make contributions to the next generation.

"Western is an outstanding university," LaHood said. "You have graduated many outstanding students who have been very successful. Some

day you (students) may be standing here delivering the Ferguson lecture."

LaHood also talked with students about distracted driving and the use of cellular telephones in cars. He suggested that students put their cellular devices in the vehicle's glove compartment so they won't be tempted to text and drive.

During the luncheon and the lecture, LaHood also talked about the gridlock in Washington, D.C., caused, he said, by "the unwillingness of legislators to cross political party lines and work together to accomplish something."

"No one person gets their way in Washington," he said. "There is too much politics. Compromise with the goal of good policy has always worked in Washington, we just need to find the people to do it."

LaHood was appointed transportation secretary in 2009 by President Barack Obama.

Prior to that appointment, he served 14 years as the 18th District Congressman.

CBT Faculty Announce Retirements

Following the Spring 2012 semester, six College of Business and Technology (CBT) faculty have decided to hang up their teaching hats, take some time off, and join the ranks of the "retired." Feel free to send them your own personal note of congratulations!

Ron Bauerly, joined the WIU College of Business in 1987. He taught in the areas of advertising, promotion and retailing and was promoted to full professor in 1996.

Bauerly served as editor of the *Journal of Contemporary Business Issues* for 20 years, since its inception in 1992. He received the CBT "Excellence in Scholarly/Creative Activities" award in 2007 as well as an award for "Excellence in Service" to the CBT.

Bauerly earned his bachelor's degree in marketing and an MBA from the University of Iowa; and doctorate in business administration from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. He can be reached at RJ-Bauerly@wiu.edu.

Steve Axley started as assistant professor of management at WIU in August 1981. He was promoted to full professor in 1990 and taught in multiple areas, including organization behavior and leadership, organization development and strategic management.

Axley received the CBT outstanding teacher award in 1985 and 1997 and was selected by WIU students as an outstanding faculty member in 1987 and 1990. He was also director of the Small Business Institute from 1990-1992, and served on numerous department committees including the CBT faculty council board of directors and the WIU Management Department curriculum committee.

Axley received his bachelor of arts degree from Louisiana State University and his master's degree and Ph.D. from Purdue. He can be reached at S-Axley@wiu.edu.

Judy Brown '68 MS '87 started at WIU in 1985 as an academic adviser in LEJA.

Brown was awarded WIU Academic Advisor of the

Year honors in 1992. She began as a computer science instructor in 2000, teaching introduction to computers and microcomputer applications. She can be reached at jjudy.brown@gmail.com.

John Carlson began teaching animal science at WIU in 1980; started the Illinois Ram Test Program at WIU in 1984; and was involved with boar and bull testing programs and numerous international agriculture programs.

Carlson began teaching courses in international agriculture and agricultural communications in 2003 and has accompanied more than 200 students on study abroad trips to Russia, China, Costa Rica and Australia. He received the University's Excellence in Internationalizing the Campus award and was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship for travel to Russia in 2012. He can be reached at JP-Carlson@wiu.edu.

Ralph Dirksen is completing 43 years of service to WIU, which began in 1969 in the engineering technology department. He taught drafting and computer-aided design courses, was a departmental graduate committee chair and advisor to the Master of Science graduate program. Dirksen was also director of the technology education project exhibits, featuring the work of regional high schools, and the department representative to Malpass Library acquisitions.

Dirksen has life memberships in national and state associations in his discipline.

The teaching career of **Martha Klems** spans 32 years. She began at WIU in 1980, teaching math and then computer science in 1983. She served as interim director of the WIU Women's Center from 1994-1995, and was an active member of the Feminist Action Alliance, Western Organization for Women (WOW), University Women and the Women's Center Advisory Board.

Klems received the WOW Achievement Award in 1995 and was featured in the Women of Western

Centennial Photographic Exhibit. She received the 2007 Affirmative Action Director's Award for contributions to the University and the community and served on the University Professionals International executive board and on the University Professionals of Illinois (UPI) negotiating team for over 20 years. She can be reached at MS-Klems@wiu.edu

Ed Knod started at WIU as assistant professor in 1974. He received tenure as professor of operations management in 1984 and published numerous textbooks and professional articles with global recognition in the field of operations management.

Knod taught and developed several courses including statistics, quality control, job systems design, production control and material management, and total quality management. He is affiliated with many professional/industry organizations including multiple roles in the Decision Sciences Institute (DSI) over 30 years.

Knod earned his bachelor's degree at the University of Arkansas, earned his master's degree from the University of Southern California and his Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska. He can be reached at JE-Knod@wiu.edu.

After nearly 30 years of experience in the livestock industry, **Ken Nimrick** joined the WIU School of Agriculture in 1998. During his time at Western, Nimrick was honored with the School of Agriculture's "Outstanding Teacher Award" on two occasions. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, Nimrick organized the Western Illinois Grazing Conference for eight years, managed the WIU Performance Bull Test and Sale for nine years and managed the WIU beef cattle program.

Nimrick conducted research and demonstration field days, served as a presenter at a number of conferences and professional meetings and served as WIU's liaison with the beef cattle industry. He can be reached at KO-Nimrick@wiu.edu.

Keithley named outstanding advisor by National Organization

Ember Keithley '94 MBA '01, academic adviser in the School of Agriculture, has been selected as a 2012 Outstanding Advising Certificate of Merit recipient by the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) as part of their annual awards program for academic advising.

This award is presented to individuals who demonstrate specific qualities associated with outstanding academic advising of students or outstanding academic advising administration. Since 1983, NACADA has honored individuals and institutions making significant contributions to academic advising by enhancing the educational development of students.

NACADA's membership is represented nationally by more than 10,000 faculty, professional advisers, administrators, counselors and others in academic and student affairs concerned with the intellectual, personal and vocational needs of students.

"I am thrilled to be recognized by NACADA as an Outstanding Advising Certificate of Merit recipient in the Academic Advising—Primary Role category, and I am humbled by the kind words and letters of recommendation provided by my peers and students," said Keithley. "I am truly blessed to be recognized for doing a job I love and working with such a great group of individuals."

Keithley's recommendation for the award was sent to NACADA via an extensive 17-page nomination form, which was written and submitted by her supervisor, **Chris Ramsey '97 MS-Ed '04**. The nomination requires evidence of superior skills in 18 areas of criteria including: interpersonal skills, availability, frequency of contact



Ember Keithley '94
MBA '01'

with advisees, appropriate referral activity, student success rate, caring and helpful attitude, monitoring of student progress, mastery of institutional regulations, support of developmental advising, colleague perceptions and institutional recognition.

Ramsey noted in the nomination, "Ember has broadened and added depth to her knowledge and experience within the College of Business and Technology (CBT) and for that we are fortunate to have her expertise."

In addition to Keithley's meetings with students and the monitoring of their progress toward graduation, Ramsey added, "She also serves as a representative on COAA (Council of Academic Advisers), has administered

University-wide MAP (Making Achievement Possible) Works training, has presented the STARS (Student/Alumni Records System) segment at SOAR (Summer Orientation and Registration), has participated in the NACADA national convention and served on CAGAS (Council on Admission, Graduation and Academic Standards)."

Keithley started her advising career at WIU in 2000 following two-years of professional experience in the banking industry. She advised business students for nine years, and most recently has started advising students in the School of Agriculture. Keithley holds a degree in finance and an MBA from WIU.

In addition, she has been recognized at the local level as the Western Illinois University Outstanding Adviser Award for 2011.

Keithley will be honored and presented with this award in Nashville (TN) during the NACADA Annual Conference this fall.

WIU Team in Finals of Case Competition



WIU's Student Case Competition Team will participate in the finals of the IMA Student Case Competition in June in Nevada. Pictured are the team members, from l to r: **Grace Costello '10 M.Acct '11 (Camanche, IA)**, **Cory Gall '11 (Burlington, IA)** in costume, **Maureen Robinson (Cordova, IL)** and **Paulius Valaisa '12 (Countryside, IL)**.

Four groups of WIU accounting students teamed up to enter the Institute of Management Accountants' (IMA) Student Case Competition. For the competition, students had to submit a 15-minute video solution to the case "POGS at the Park, POGS at Home: C-ing Business Expansion Opportunities."

After the first round of judging, the field was narrowed down to the top eight teams in the nation, with WIU teams taking up two of the spots. The second round of judging was completed April 30, with one WIU team making it to the final four.

The top four teams will compete in a live presentation at the IMA Conference June 24 in Las Vegas (NV).

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CBT announces new human resource management major at WIU-Quad Cities

Beginning this fall, a new major in human resource management (HRM) will be available to students at Western Illinois University's Quad Cities (WIU-QC) campus.

WIU College of Business and Technology (CBT) Dean **Tom Erekson** said the addition demonstrates WIU's commitment to the future.

"WIU is educating business leaders for the Quad Cities by expanding the business majors offered to include the HRM program," he said. "We have highly qualified faculty and a first-rate program that meet Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) international accreditation standards."

According to **Susan Stewart**, associate professor of human resource management at the WIU-QC campus, WIU students who major in HRM gain a robust skill set that will help them to effectively manage human capital within organizations.

"We're excited to offer this major at the WIU-Quad

Cities campus," said **Gordon Rands**, interim chair of marketing and management at WIU. "In today's global economy, the HRM field is ever evolving. This field is diverse and spans a broad variety of pivotal functions from equal employment opportunity law to staffing to training and development and more."

While completing the degree, students take courses in several functional areas including staffing, compensation, legal compliance, performance management and training and development. These are in addition to courses in broader areas such as organization behavior and general management.

The national Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) also provides a Professional in Human Resource (PHR) Certification Exam and an Assurance of Learning Exam for students. Recently, five students from WIU-QC completed and passed the rigorous PHR exam and have achieved the certification.

"I'm proud that our students are taking this step

in their careers as human resource professionals," said Stewart. "By taking these exams they are demonstrating their knowledge of the most current principles and core practices of HRM, and they will better compete for the top HR positions across the nation and internationally."

Stewart planned "HRM Day" April 27 for students to network with HR professionals from the Quad Cities, learn more about career tracks in HRM and understand the HRM major and minor programs at WIU-QC.

"HRM is our newest educational opportunity, joining recent announcements of new English and communication majors, that once again is based on requests and documented need for local and regional employers," said **Joe Rives**, vice president for the Quad Cities, planning and technology. "We are proud to offer strong in-demand programs that help recruit and retain a highly talented workforce in the community and the region."

For more information, contact Stewart at SM-Stewart2@wiu.edu.

Business and Technology



Ekena serves as 13th Executive in Residence

Archers Daniels Midland (ADM) leader and Western Illinois University alumnus **Kim Ekena '80** visited campus as the Spring 2012 Executive in Residence April 2-5 for Western's College of Business and Technology (CBT).

Ekena, a finance graduate, has also been vice president of marketing for the American River Transportation Company (ARTCO) in Decatur for the past eight years.

While on the Macomb campus, Ekena presented to more than 500 students in nine class sessions and open forums.

He talked with students in a variety of CBT classes, including management, business communication, supply chain management, construction safety, agricultural marketing and economics, sales management and professional selling.

At ADM, Ekena oversees ARTCO's marketing and trading business, ADM Grain river terminal operations and ADM Terminal Services. During his 27 years of employment with ADM, Ekena has been involved with developing and growing the company's river terminal business.

Since 1990, Ekena has been a member of the National Grain and Feed Association's Trade Rules Committee, serving as chairperson of the Waterborne Commerce Committee from 2006-2008. He has also been a WIU Campus Champion, an honor given by ADM to recognize



Dean Tom Erikson with 2012 Spring Executive in Residence, Kim Ekena.

his work with Western, since 2010 and has worked with ADM to provide scholarship money to the WIU Supply Chain Management (SCM) program.

WIU SCM Professor **Bart Jennings** called Ekena "one of those industrial experts that every program needs."

"His experience is universal, covering all of the areas of the field, as well as internationally," Jennings said. "He loves nothing more than talking with a student or a faculty member about the strategies that he uses and the

experiences that he has."

Jennings said Ekena is also deeply interested in the future of the supply chain management field.

"He never hesitates to pop into a classroom and encourage students to learn the tricks used in the real world," Jennings said. "He has been instrumental in the supply chain management curriculum development process and in making WIU the key institution for logistics hiring at ADM."

The WIU CBT Executive in Residence program was started in 2005 by retired professors, **Jim and Carolyn Tripp**. Executives visit the WIU campus to speak about their careers and share insight with students.

For more information on participating in the program, contact **Becky Paulsen**, CBT director of development, at (309) 298-2442 or B-Paulsen@wiu.edu.

Six CBT students awarded CAT scholarships for semester in China

Thanks to a substantial donation to Western Illinois University by the Caterpillar Foundation, six students from the College of Business and Technology (CBT) will study on an all-expenses paid scholarship in China in Fall 2012.

The Caterpillar Foundation Scholarship, which was awarded to WIU in November, will pay for all costs related to each student's program of study, including travel expenses and meals.

Emily Gorlewski, assistant director of the WIU Office of Study Abroad, said each of the students will receive scholarship and financial assistance of more than \$15,000 for their four months in China.

"This is a rare opportunity that the Caterpillar Foundation has given our students," she said. "In all my years in study abroad, we have never received a donation of this size to help so many students spend a semester abroad."

Gorlewski added, "We have not had a WIU student spend a semester in China in recent memory, and this fall semester we will have six."

She noted that she was impressed with the quality of the applications and the character of the students who are participating in the program.

"They will do a great job representing WIU, and we

hope that their participation will pave the way for more WIU students to study in China," she said.

The Caterpillar Foundation awarded the scholarships to several universities as a result of an initiative suggested by President Barack Obama and Secretary of State Hilary Clinton. The pair proposed 100,000 students studying in China in the immediate future.

Although there was no funding mechanism in place for the programming, Gorlewski said private businesses, such as Caterpillar, made the money available for the study opportunities.

The one-time program was open to WIU students studying accountancy, computer science, engineering, engineering technology, finance, information systems, marketing, network technologies or supply chain management. Students were required to be in their sophomore year or above and in good judicial standing with a grade point average of 2.8 or higher.

The student recipients were required to complete an application, write a 500-word essay with letters of financial aid eligibility and provide a recommendation from a WIU faculty member.

Watch for more information about the students' progress and their memorable study abroad trip to China in a future edition of the Western News.

CBT to offer new minor in Entrepreneurship

By Schuyler Isley '98 MBA '04

This fall, WIU students who dream of opening their own businesses will be able to enroll in a brand new minor—entrepreneurship.

"Over the last 18 months, we've seen that more and more prospective students have expressed an interest in entrepreneurship during campus visits," said WIU Management and Marketing Department Interim Chair **Gordon Rands**. "CBT (College of Business and Technology) academic advisors have also reported that many existing WIU students have asked about additional courses in the area of entrepreneurship."

The minor is comprised of several prerequisites and three specific courses: Entrepreneurship I, Entrepreneurship II and Small Business Management. The first two courses will be delivered in sequence and the first of those will focus on the basic principles of entrepreneurship. This includes the ethical, legal and moral business environment as well as creativity and innovation in business.

"In this course, students will learn how to develop a business idea and refine it. We'll also help students determine the feasibility and viability of new ventures and help them to build a network to help launch their business," noted management instructor **Janice Gates '73 MBA '92**.

In the second course, students will focus on further development of the business plan, getting financing, intellectual property concerns, prototyping and forms of business ownership. Throughout the semester, the business plan will be fully developed with definition of the product/service, industry analysis, a marketing plan, pricing, financials, an operations plan, risk assessment, contingency plans and an exit strategy.

The final course in the series will focus on the day-to-day operations of the business with an emphasis on strategic planning for growth and expansion, management challenges, succession issues and prioritization of key business concerns.

"We've structured this minor to fill a very specific need. More and more young people would like to go into business for themselves," added Gates. "The minor will help give the students the foundation for creating a viable business plan and valuable knowledge of what it takes to maintain and grow a business after it is opened."

In today's economy, entrepreneurship looks to be a viable trend in itself. According to a recent study by the Kauffman Foundation, new business startups added three million new jobs per year to the U.S. economy from 1980-2005. This equates to nearly all the net job growth in the U.S. during this period.

"Not only will the minor in entrepreneurship be positive for WIU, it can also contribute to the economic well-being of our region and the nation," said Rands.

The new minor will be available to students both in Macomb and in the Quad Cities.

Accounting and finance sponsors panel on identity theft

The Federal Trade Commission estimates that as many as 10 million Americans have their identities stolen each year.

In an effort to educate the public about this crime, the Western Illinois University accounting and finance department hosted a panel presentation April 24 for the WIU and local community.

"People whose identities have been stolen can spend hundreds of dollars and dozens of hours cleaning up the mess thieves have made of their good name and credit record," said **Wael Aguir**, assistant professor of accounting and the panel moderator. "The potential for damage, loss and stress is considerable."

The panel included WIU Office of Public Safety Cpl. **Ted Anderson '00**, who addressed the ways in which identity theft is investigated and prosecuted, while panelist Sheila Henderson of MidAmerica National Bank discussed the ways in which financial institutions fight identity theft and protect consumers.

The panel also included three victims of identity theft who recounted their experiences surrounding the crime.

Accounting and Finance Instructor **Amy Ford '01 M.Acct '02** recounted how she found out that she was a victim of identity theft. It wasn't through an in-depth review of her credit report or financial statements, she noted, "I just opened the mail."

Upon receiving credit cards and notices of open credit



Identity Theft panel from l to r: **Brad Baker '06 MBA '10**, **Musa Sonmus '12**, **Sheila Miller**, **Ted Anderson '00** and **Amy Ford '01 M. Acct '02**.

lines in the mail (none of which she'd applied for), she found that her personal information had been obtained illegally and over a two-day period instant credit accounts had been opened in her name with more than seven companies, resulting in purchases totaling more than \$15,000.

"We had to call each company where an account was opened, and we started a fraud investigation. I had to sign an affidavit. We had to notify all the credit bureaus. We put a fraud alert on my Social Security number, and my husband's," she said.

It took her more than six months to rectify the situation and clean up her credit report.

Panelist and Master of Economics student **Brad Baker '06 MBA '10** (Galesburg, IL) commented that his personal information was fraudulently obtained and a bank account was opened in his name. Even though no funds changed hands, the activity qualified as identity theft, and he filed a police report and also a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission.

A third panelist, economics student **Musa Sonmus '12** (Turkey), found that he was a victim of identity theft when he used his credit card at a gas station in Illinois and received a call from the credit card company right away.

"They asked me how I could buy gas in Illinois and New Jersey at the same time," he said.

He then found that a perpetrator had made a copy of his credit card while he was in New Jersey and had subsequently made purchases in his name.

Aguir pointed out that he hopes to make this event an annual program and add more sessions to create an Identity Theft Awareness Day.

"This is such a timely topic and is important to WIU on many levels," he said. "The student population is especially vulnerable because young people are given more and more financial freedom with credit cards and loans."

CBT develops new 'integrated' MBA programs

By **Schuyler Isley '98 MBA '04**

Beginning this fall, high performing students from nine Western Illinois University majors will get the chance for a head start towards earning their MBA degree by enrolling in an integrated degree program.

"An integrated degree is a bachelor's degree and a master's degree that fit together seamlessly so that both can be completed in a five-year time period, saving a student both time and money," explained WIU College of Business and Technology (CBT) Associate Dean **John Drea**.

The integrated MBA program will allow students to start taking graduate courses during their senior year and they can count two of those courses toward both their bachelor's and master's degrees.

The nine degrees that will qualify for integration with an MBA include: accounting, computer science, economics, finance, human resource management, law enforcement and justice administration, management, marketing and supply chain management.

To be admitted into an integrated degree program, students must have senior status, have a declared major in one of the approved majors and maintain a 3.4 GPA through graduation.

"Integrated degree programs are growing in popularity as a way to help top students to move seamlessly through a bachelor's and master's degree," Drea added. "The College of Business and Technology is taking it a step further by integrating non-business degrees in computer science and law enforcement with the MBA. This is a first

of its kind initiative nationwide."

There are several benefits to the integrated degrees, he noted. Students in an integrated program are allowed to take two graduate courses during their senior year. These courses can count toward both undergraduate degree requirements and MBA requirements.

"This means students in the integrated degree program take six fewer semester hours than students who earn those degrees separately," Drea pointed out.

In addition, students "lock in" the tuition rate that appeared in the graduate catalog when they first enrolled at WIU. Throughout the student's time at WIU, the integrated degree program would bring savings of over \$4,000.

Students in an integrated MBA program will also finish their MBA at least one semester earlier than they would if they did not participate in an integrated degree program.

"We see this as a win-win for our students," Drea said. "It allows us to expand the MBA program and retain our highest performing students, while saving the students time and money."

Drea said the initiative is a great example of working across WIU's departments and colleges to more effectively serve students.

"These cutting-edge degree programs would not be possible without the support of the faculty and leadership from each of the departments and from senior administrators at the University," he said. "This was truly a team effort on behalf of our students."

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WIU's finalist team members are **Grace Costello '10 M.Acct '11** of Camanche (IA), a graduate student in accounting; **Cory Gall '11**, of Burlington (IA), a graduate student in accounting; **Maureen Robinson**, of Cordova (IL), a senior accounting major and **Paulius Valaisa '12**, of Countryside (IL), a senior accounting major.

This year's case was about the fictional minor league baseball team, the Pikesville Lightning, and owner Greg Storm. Students used statistical and financial methods to provide a financial analysis of a segment of the business, which included preparing a hybrid income statement. They also designed a future expansion project for the team.

During the competition, presentations are judged on a variety of factors, including content and style, and the names of the universities involved are not listed on any of the projects submitted.

"The IMA rules state that no more than 50 percent of the team members may be master's degree candidates," said the team's faculty adviser, **Amy Ford '01 M.Acct '02**. "Our finalist team was comprised of two graduate students and two undergraduate students. I think that having the master's of accountancy graduate students really helped this team develop a strong strategic plan. Accounting is generally a serious field, but this team incorporated humor into their presentation as well. Team member Cory Gall portrayed team owner Greg Storm in the solution, complete with a fake mustache and "Mississippi accent."

The team used WIU's baseball facilities as part of its project, filming a portion of the video at WIU's **Alfred D. Boyer Stadium**.

Students began preparations for the competition last fall and will continue through the spring and summer.

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Homecoming Week

"The Carnival Never Ends"

Thursday, Sept. 13 - Wednesday, Sept. 19
 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Royalty Voting
(Union Concourse or on STARS)

Friday, Sept. 14
 1-4:30 p.m. Paint the Paws
(front lawn of Western Hall)
 7 p.m. Volleyball vs. USD
(Western Hall)

Saturday, Sept. 15
 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Paint the Town *(Macomb Square)*
 7 p.m. Volleyball vs. UMKC
(Western Hall)

Sunday, Sept. 16
 12 p.m. Rocky's Boat Regatta *(Everly Park)*
 4 p.m. Dec the Campus *(Union Mall)*

Monday, Sept. 17
 All day Dec the Office

Tuesday, Sept. 18
 6 p.m. Variety Show *(Western Hall)*

Wednesday, Sept. 19
 1 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Purple & Gold Extravaganza
(Union Plaza)

Thursday, Sept. 20
 7 p.m. Yell Like Hell *(Western Hall)*

Saturday, Sept. 22
 1 p.m. Men's Soccer vs. Nebraska Omaha
(MacKenzie Alumni Field)

Homecoming Weekend

Friday, Sept. 21
 5-10 p.m. Alumni and Friends Social, Alumni House
 Complimentary food and beverages
 2012 Reunion Check-In & Social

Saturday, Sept. 22
 8 a.m. Old Stompin' Ground Runaround
 5K run/2 mile walk, Alumni House
(see registration form p. 10)
 9 a.m. Coffee and donuts, Alumni House
 10:30 a.m. Homecoming Parade—Watch from the
 Alumni House and Gwendolyn Brooks
 Park

Noon-3 p.m. Alumni Cookout—Menu: brats, burgers,
 hot dogs, chips, pasta salad, cupcakes,
 beverages, and cash bar at
 "The Right Place" (the big tent directly
 west of Hanson Field)

3 p.m. Leatherneck Football vs. Illinois State
 University, Hanson Field
 Following the game Saturday Night All-Alumni Social and
 Reunion Recognition Event, Alumni
 House

Lodging

On campus:
 University Union (309) 298-1941

Off campus:
 Comfort Inn (309) 837-2220
 Days Inn (309) 833-5511
 America's Best Value Inn (309) 833-4521
 Best Western-Macomb Inn (309) 836-6700
 Hampton Inn (309) 837-6000
 Inselhaus B&B (309) 833-5400
 Super 8 (309) 836-8888

Parking

Permits will not be required in lots as of 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21 through 7 a.m. Monday, Sept. 24, with the exception of residence hall lots. Visitor parking is not allowed in reserved residence hall lots. Tickets will be issued to violators in handicapped spaces, reserved spaces and no parking zones (any area not designated as a parking space). If you have any questions or a special parking need such as handicapped parking, contact Parking Services at (309) 298-1921.



Call the Office of Student Activities at (309) 298-3232 for details about any of the events held Sept. 14-22.

Homecoming Hotline (309) 298-1914
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Fill out your registration form on p. 10 and join us for Homecoming 2012 and/or your 25, 40 or 50 year reunion!



Join us at “The Right Place”

College of Fine Arts & Communication



Welcome to Homecoming 2012!

Don't miss the
School of Music SCHOLARSHIP CONCERT
 Fri., Sept. 21 • 7:30 p.m. • COFAC Recital Hall

See you at the **COFAC TABLE** in “The Right Place” tent

- Meet **William “Billy” Clow**—COFAC Dean
- COFAC alumni pick up your **FREE LUNCH TICKETS**
- Cheer on **BAND ALUMNI** marching with the Marching Leathernecks at half-time



Art ★ Broadcasting ★ Communication
 Communication Sciences & Disorders ★ School of Music ★ Theatre & Dance

College of Arts & Sciences

Join the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) for a wonderful lunch and create some new memories of Western. See all of the wonderful changes on campus since you graduated. We welcome you and your family to attend this afternoon of celebration with many other alumni and friends.



Pick up your complimentary lunch ticket from our table and visit with our dean and other faculty and staff.

Please contact **Bryce Dexter**, CAS director of development at bm-dexter2@wiu.edu or call (309) 298-1828 for more information.

School of Graduate Studies



The School of Graduate Studies invites you to visit our table at “The Right Place” under the big tent. Connect with staff and learn about graduate programs or just reminisce. Pick up a cool souvenir too!

Not able to stop by—visit us on the web at wiu.edu/grad. We're on Facebook too.

Student Services



Reconnect with friends and colleagues from the Division of Student Services!

Stop by our table for updates on major changes and projects and to see photos. An Admissions staff member will be on hand with applications and to answer questions. If you are planning to attend, please let us know in advance by calling

University Housing and Dining at (309) 298-3320, the Office of Student Activities at (309) 298-3232 or the Vice President for Student Services Office at (309) 298-1814. Lunch tickets will be available the day of the event.

We look forward to seeing you again this year!



Centennial Honors College



Welcome back to WIU! You are invited to drop by the Centennial Honors College table at “The Right Place”! We will be there to welcome you, so come tell us how you are doing and learn the latest about Centennial Honors College activities. All alumni of the Centennial Honors College (formerly the University Honors Program) are welcome!



The big tent near Hanson Field!

Center for International Studies

If you studied abroad or were an international or WESL student while attending WIU, we would love to see you at "The Right Place" tent this year. Last year, a couple of returned study abroad alumni even recognized photos on our display board that they took while studying abroad. If you come and talk to us about your study abroad, WESL or international student experiences, we may even pick up your tab at lunch, so make sure you stop by and see us first!



College of Education & Human Services

Welcome back COEHS alumni!

Stop by and see us at "The Right Place" tent this Homecoming! Dean **Sterling Saddler** will be on hand to share with you all the exciting changes that have happened with the College. While you are there, if you are a COEHS alumni, be sure to pick up your free lunch ticket and register to win a prize. Our faculty and staff look forward to reconnecting with you!



College of Business & Technology

Think Purple...Think Homecoming...Think CBT!

Business and Technology alumni: Join us for the 2012 homecoming festivities! And, if you're a CBT alumnus, we'll pick up the tab for your lunch at "The Right Place." Stop by the CBT booth for your complimentary lunch ticket!



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& TECHNOLOGY**

Accounting • Agriculture • Computer Science
• Construction Management • Economics •
Engineering • Engineering Technology • Finance
• Graphic Communication • Human Resource
Management • Information Systems • Management
• Marketing • Supply Chain Management

University Libraries



Reminisce about the good old days with University Libraries. Stop by our table at "The Right Place," and thumb through old copies of Western's yearbook, "The Sequel." Dean **Phyllis Self** will be on hand to answer any questions. "The Sequel" is also available for viewing and can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/wiusequel>.

Bachelor of Arts in General Studies Degree

Surprises await you at every turn during the Cirque Du Western, The Carnival Never Ends Homecoming festivities! Live it up with other BGS alumni and friends at "The Right Place" tent.





Make Your Homecoming 2012 & 25, 40, 50 Year Reunion Reservations Today!

Name _____ Class Year _____
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 Home phone _____ Home E-mail _____ Cell _____
 Workplace _____ Job Title _____
 Work address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Work phone _____ Work E-mail _____
 Spouse/guest(s) _____

# _____ Friday Night Alumni Social no charge	# _____ Saturday Cookout \$5/person \$ _____
# _____ Saturday Breakfast no charge	# _____ Mums \$5/each \$ _____
# _____ Football Tickets \$10/person \$ _____	# _____ Homecoming T-shirt \$10/each \$ _____
# _____ Saturday Night All Alumni Social and Reunion Recognition Event \$10/person \$ _____	(Circle one) Small Medium Large Extra Large 2X
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____ \$	

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____ 3-digit Security Code _____
 Print Cardholder's Name _____ Signature _____

Credit card reservations may also be made online at wiu.com/alumni. Return this form, along with your credit card information or check (payable to WIU Alumni Association) to: WIU Alumni Association, 1 University Circle, Macomb, IL 61455-1390. Credit card reservations may also be faxed to (309) 298-2914, phoned to (309) 298-1914 or visit wiu.com/alumni. Game tickets will be held at the Alumni House until 11 a.m.; they will then be at "The Right Place" tent until game time and at will call after 3 p.m.

26th Annual Homecoming Old Stompin' Ground Runaround 5K Fun Run/2 Mile Walk

Time: 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, 2012 **Registration:** 7-7:45 a.m. **Place:** Alumni House
Prizes: Based upon the number, ages and gender of the entrants, prizes will be awarded in a variety of categories with grand prizes going to the first male and female to complete the course.
Fee: \$10 entry fee entitles participants to a commemorative T-shirt (while they last). Sponsored by the WIU Alumni Association and Coca-Cola of Macomb.
Race route: visit wiu.edu/alumni/homecoming
Questions? Call (309) 298-1914 or e-mail A-Association@wiu.edu



Name _____ Class year _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Daytime Phone Number _____ E-mail _____ Cell _____
 T-Shirt Size M L XL (Circle one) Age on 9/22/12 _____ Male/Female (Circle one) Runner/Walker (Circle one)
 Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____ 3-digit Code _____ Signature _____

****Parent or guardian must sign for participants under age 18.**
 Being of lawful age and sound mind and desiring to participate in the Homecoming 5K Fun Run/2 mile walk Sept. 22, 2012, I do hereby waive, release, and forever discharge any and all rights and claims which may hereafter accrue to me against the City of Macomb or Western Illinois University and their officers, agents, employees, volunteer workers, and assigns for any and all accidents, injuries, damages, or losses incurred by me at this event or through my use of any facilities provided. I further declare that this release binds not only me, but my heirs, executors, and administrators. I am aware of the risks and hazards which may arise through participation in this event and voluntarily assume the same. I certify that I have trained for a race of this distance and weather conditions and am in suitable condition to compete in this event. By signing this release, I hereby certify that I have read and fully understand and accept the conditions and terms contained herein.

Signature _____ Date _____
 Witness _____ Date _____

Please send reservation form and credit card information or check for \$10 (payable to WIU Alumni Association) to: WIU Alumni Association, 1 University Circle, Macomb, IL 61455-1390. Credit card orders may also be faxed to (309) 298-2914 or by phone at (309) 298-1914. Entry will not be accepted without signature above. You may also register at wiu.com/alumni. Your signature will be required at the event.

University Libraries



William and Eva Little Graham Student Scholarship recipients

The 2012 William and Eva Little Graham Student Scholarship recipients are Western Illinois University students **Sarah Ritter '12** (Table Gove, IL) and **Mercedes Taylor '12** (Dunlap, IL).

Applicants were asked to write a short essay on the impact working at University Libraries has had on them. Each received a \$500 scholarship toward their tuition for Spring 2012.

Ritter is a senior majoring in instructional design and technology and journalism. She currently works in the government, legal, spatial and data services unit.

"When I heard I was being awarded this scholarship, I was so honored," Ritter said. "I have loved working for University Libraries throughout my college career."

According to **Shirley Haworth**, senior library specialist in the government, legal, spatial and data services unit, "Sarah is always cheerful and a joy to work with, always helping to keep her co-workers motivated and on task."

Mercedes Taylor is a senior majoring in forensic chemistry and anthropology. She currently works in the physical sciences branch.

"I was so happy to receive the scholarship



Sarah Ritter '12



Mercedes Taylor '12

because it meant that I had value as a student worker," Taylor said. "The knowledge that I have received as a student library worker will carry me into my future career."

According to **Kathleen Clauson '82 MA '86**, unit coordinator for the Physical Sciences Library, "Taylor's punctuality, strong work ethic and her sense of responsibility are noteworthy."

The William H. and Eva Little Graham Libraries' Student Assistant Scholarship was established through a bequest from Louis and **Maxine Haertle '42**, and is named after Maxine's parents, William H. and Eva Little Graham.

Eva Little Graham was a student in 1903-04 and many of her children and grandchildren attended WIU. Her daughter, Peggy Graham, was employed with University Libraries for 16 years.

The scholarship provides students with a tuition grant and offers an annual opportunity for acknowledging the generosity of the Graham and Haertle families to WIU and University Libraries.

Individuals interested in making a donation to the scholarship fund or any other library fund, may contact **Michael Jones MS '12**, director of library development at (309) 298-2356 or by e-mail at M-Jones2@wiu.edu.

Calendar of Events

University Libraries will host the following events in the Leslie F. Malpass Library during Fall 2012. All events are open free to the public.



- **Sept. 16** - Muslim Heritage Dress
- **Sept. 18** - Hybridizing the Medium: Using Film with Digital in Portrait
- **Oct. 4** - Making Music with Computers and Wii Remotes: Gesture and Metaphor
- **Oct. 24** - Through a Lens Naturally: Musings on the Land
- **Nov. 12** - Local artists **Jim Yunker** and **Jim Brakefield**
- **Nov. 29** - Landscapes, Books and Portfolios, a Timeline to the Past
- **Dec. 6** - Art of Mapping: Maps as Art

University Libraries is constantly expanding its events. A complete and up-to-date list can be found at wiu.edu/libraries. Contact library administration at (309) 298-2762 for more information.

WIU historical items online

University Libraries Digitization Unit is working to place WIU historical publications online. The unit recently completed the scanning of the Laboratory School yearbook, *The Epilogue*. The Laboratory School was a K-12 training school for Western students studying education. *The Epilogue* began publication in 1959, and the collection contains every edition through 1973. The collection can be viewed at http://collections.carli.illinois.edu/cdm4/browse.php?CISOROOT=/wiu_lab.

The Digitization Unit is currently processing the WIU Bulletin Collection, *Western Catalyst* and the *Western Courier*.

The WIU Bulletin Collection, which includes all issues

of the "Western Illinois University Bulletin" from 1903 through 1959, was an official publication of WIU and contained course catalogs and other information about Western.

The *Western Catalyst*, a radical student-owned and operated newspaper published between 1969 and 1974, will be online by this summer.

Archived copies of the *Western Courier* will begin to be placed online in Fall 2012 and will be in descending order of years from 2011 to 1905.

Check out the website (wiu.edu/libraries) for announcements regarding collection availability or contact the Digitization Unit at (309) 298-2289.

WIU Authors Recognition Reception a success

University Libraries celebrated the eighth annual WIU Authors Recognition Reception during National Library Week in April.

Anyone affiliated with Western who has published books, chapters, articles, reviews, poems, exhibited works, video or audio recordings, compositions and/or software during the 2011 calendar year was honored.

In 2011, 279 WIU authors including faculty, staff and students from both campus, representing all colleges, published 433 items, the most items published since University Libraries began collecting the information.

For a complete list of the bibliographies for each year visit wiu.edu/libraries/wiu_authors/index.php and click on the desired year.

Kaspar Lecture Series welcomes inaugural lecturer



Dr. Linda Godwin, retired NASA astronaut, the inaugural lecturer for the Dr. Elizabeth A. Kaspar Lecture Series speaks to a crowd of more than 300 on March 7.



Intercollegiate Athletics

New windscreens add flair to soccer field

John MacKenzie Alumni Field, home of the Western Illinois men's and women's soccer programs, has a new look following the installation of windscreens on the south and east sides of the pitch, thanks in large part to corporate sponsors.

The windscreens, created by BigSigns.com, were paid for by sponsors Woodrum Toyota of Macomb, First State Bank of Illinois and University Housing and Dining Services.

"We could not have done this without our sponsors. Generosity allowed for us to acquire the south and east sides of the windscreen," said Assistant Athletics Director **Sean McDonough**. We do have two more spots available on the east side. We originally had sponsors sign a three-year agreement, but we added a fourth year in a good faith effort due to construction and delays. We are appreciative of **Mike Woodrum MBA '09** from Woodrum Toyota, Jordan Pounders and everyone at First State Bank and **John Biernbaum** from University Housing and Dining Services."

The south side of the purple windscreen features Leatherneck soccer in gold text, surrounded by soccer greats from the men's and women's programs: **Kosuke Kimura**, **Stephen Paterson '10**, **Ted Eck**, **Jenny Green**, **Summer Perala '02**, and **Ashley Hoch Terry '10**.



Western Illinois Athletics adds visual attraction to John Mackenzie Alumni Field with new windscreens.

In addition to the sponsors' logos, the windscreens feature men's and women's conference championships and NCAA appearances.

On the east side purple windscreen is gold text stating "This is Leatherneck Country." Former Women's soccer coach Tony Guinn believes the visual attraction will bring more fans to soccer games.

"It is nice to see an attractive fence from far away and know exactly what is going on behind that fence," said Guinn. "Not only will it block the wind around the field in game situations, but I believe it is even going to attract more people out to support Western Illinois University soccer programs."

Men's soccer head coach **Eric Johnson** talked about his team's excitement about the additions to John MacKenzie Alumni Field.

"Our coaching staff and players are appreciative of the work that Josh Moon and Sean McDonough put into the designs, securing funding and purchasing new windscreens," he said. "It is truly a 'wow' factor, and a great addition to our facility. Thanks to First State Bank, Woodrum Toyota and our own University Housing and Dining Services for sponsoring this project."

SAVE the DATE



2012
PURPLE & GOLD
AUCTION & GALA

Saturday,
Aug. 25

April Hall named volleyball head coach

Western Illinois Director of Athletics **Tim Van Alstine** has announced the hiring of **April Hall** as head volleyball coach.

Hall spent last year as an assistant coach at Northern Kentucky University (NKU) as the Norse transitioned from NCAA Division II to Division I. NKU went 26-6 last year and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

"We are excited to have April leading our volleyball program. We were impressed with the quality of the applications, but April proved to be exactly what our volleyball program needed. She has an impressive record of coaching success at highest levels of volleyball at both NCAA Division I and Division II institutions," Van Alstine said. "All those who met with April were impressed by her knowledge of volleyball and her confidence and ability to recruit student-athletes who will succeed in classroom and on the court."

She worked with all aspects of the NKU volleyball program, including scheduling, budget management, recruiting, fundraising, academic progress and game planning. Following the 2011 season NKU had five student-athletes earn All-Great Lakes Valley Conference honors, three All-Region and three All-Americans selections.

During the 2010 season, she served as a volunteer assistant coach at The Ohio State University (OSU). The Buckeyes finished 24-12 and advanced to the 'Sweet Sixteen' of the NCAA Division I Tournament. Hall also coordinated various camps during her time at OSU.

"I would like to thank Tim Van Alstine, Josh Moon and **Lisa Melz-Jennings MS '94** for placing their confidence in me to take over the Fighting Leatherneck volleyball



April Hall

program," said Hall. "Western Illinois volleyball has the key pieces needed in order to compete for The Summit League championship, which will be our goal as a unit every year.

"I would also like to thank the administration at Northern Kentucky, specifically Scott Eaton and Head Coach Liz Holmes, my student-athletes and other key members of the NKU staff that offered me their support this past year," Hall continued. "It is with their support, and also the support of Head Coach Geoff Carlston of The Ohio State University, that I feel prepared to lead my own program."

From 2007 until taking the NKU job, Hall was the OSU women's volleyball club head coach. Hall's teams advanced to the nationals three consecutive years—a fifth place finish as the National Campus Championship Series (NCCS) nationals in 2009, runner-up finish in 2010 at the National College Volleyball Federation (NCVF) national championships and fifth place finish at the NCVF in 2011. Her 2009 club team took second in the DII Big Ten Tournament.

Hall was the assistant coach at Ohio Wesleyan during the 2008 and 2009 seasons. She recruited and coached the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) Newcomer of the Year in 2008. Hall worked at Olentangy High School (2006-08) as the freshman head coach and assistant varsity coach. She coached the 16-1 open team with the Blackswamp Volleyball Club to the nationals. She also worked three years with the Premier Volleyball Club in Ohio.

A 2006 graduate of Tiffin University, Hall earned her bachelor's degree in psychology. She is working towards her master's degree in general mental health counseling.

Conner nominated for Announcer of the Year award

Western Illinois basketball public address announcer **Jason Conner** has been nominated for the NASPAA Announcer of the Year award. The NASPAA (National Association of Sport Public Address Announcers) Announcer of the Year awards program is a national recognition program for sports public address announcers. The program is sponsored by Clell Wade Coaches Directory and Balfour.

Conner is concluding his second year calling the action inside Western Hall for both the men's and women's Leatherneck basketball teams. An associate professor at Western in the Department of Theatre and Dance, Connor has served as a PA announcer for 26 years at various sporting events.

An announcer for three years for the Quad City Thunder (former Continental Basketball Association team), Conner also serves as the announcer for Augustana College men's basketball games. He has worked NCAA Division III regionals and semifinals behind the mic, three years as a part-time announcer for the Quad City Mallards, and used to call NBA preseason games at The Mark of the Quad Cities (now called the iWireless Center) during the early 1990s.

"Jason does an outstanding job as the public address announcer for the Leatherneck basketball teams. We are fortunate to have him as part of our program. His delivery and announcing style is clear and concise, but more importantly, he helps energize our crowd. He handles tricky pronunciations with ease, and I've received numerous compliments from our fans on how good he is behind the microphone," said Western Illinois Director of Athletics **Tim Van Alstine**.

Intercollegiate Athletics



Student-athletes honored at banquet

The Western Illinois Athletics Department announced women's basketball senior **Sadie Webb** (Emporia, KS) and men's soccer senior **Andy Ryan** (Rolling Meadows, IL) as the recipients of the 'Student-Athlete of the Year' award. Select student-athletes and faculty members were honored at the second annual Student-Athlete Academic Excellence banquet.

Members of the Western Illinois University administration, faculty members and Leatherneck Club Advisory Board members were in attendance for the event. Student-athletes must have completed at least two semesters and earned a 3.50 cumulative grade point average at the conclusion of the Fall 2011 semester to be invited.

Sixty-one Leatherneck student-athletes met the criteria and were able to invite one of their professors to the banquet. As an athletics department, nearly 50 percent of all Leatherneck student-athletes earned a 3.0 GPA during Fall 2011 and 24 Leathernecks earned a 4.0 GPA.

A starter during her two-year career, Webb was named Summit League 'Newcomer of the Year' in 2011, Second Team All-Summit League this year and led the Leathernecks in scoring both seasons (14.4 points per game in 2011-12). She helped Western capture four more wins than last year, finishing 12-19 overall and 7-11 in the league. Picked to finish in last place according to the preseason polls, she and her teammates tied for sixth in the standings, eliminated Oral Roberts in a first round upset in the Summit League Tournament and advanced to the



Student-Athlete of the Year Sadie Webb with President Dr. Jack Thomas

selection, he was a four-time pick as 'Defensive Player of the Week' throughout the season. He finished as the statistical leader in the Summit League in virtually every goalkeeping statistical category. Ryan was also named a Distinguished Scholar by the Summit League for the second consecutive year.

University President **Jack Thomas** gave an opening statement. **Brooke Stittleburg '12** (Black River Falls, WI), a volleyball student-athlete and Student-Athlete Advisory Council president, followed with the invocation.

Athletics Director **Tim Van Alstine** opened the awards program with remarks. **Ken Hawkinson '78 MA '79**, provost and academic vice president, also gave remarks to the student-athletes. **Jeff Liles '12** (Lena, IL), a track and field student-athlete, spoke on behalf of all Leatherneck student-athletes.

semifinals.

Webb was voted First Team College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-District and went on the ballot for Academic All-America consideration, in addition to her Distinguished Scholar award as part of her 2011 Summit League Winter/Spring Academic All-League team selection.

Ryan helped the Leathernecks win the Summit League regular season and tournament championships, advancing to the NCAA College Cup for the fifth time in the last eight years. Western finished the 2011 season 13-7-1 overall and 4-2 in the league.

A First Team All-Summit League

Molinari named 'Coach of the Year'



Jim Molinari

Western Illinois Men's Basketball Head Coach **Jim Molinari** has been named Summit League Coach of the Year by CollegeInsider.com after leading the Leathernecks to their first-ever NCAA Division I postseason tournament.

The Leathernecks took part in the 2012 College Basketball Invitational, presented by Zebra Pen, after making run in the Summit League Tournament that included wins over North Dakota

State University (NDSU) and top-seeded Oral Roberts, before a heartbreaking overtime loss to South Dakota State University in the championship game.

Western's quarterfinal win over NDSU was the program's first tournament win since 1999, and the Leathernecks' appearance in the title game was the first since 1997.

Picked to finish ninth out of 10 teams in a preseason poll, Western finished 2011-12 with an 18-15 overall record, went 9-9 in Summit League games, and earned the fourth-seed in the conference tournament.

Western's winning record marked the first of its kind in 12 years, and the team's 18 wins were the most since the 1996-97 season when the Leathernecks went 19-10.

The Leathernecks were also able to draw more fans to Western Hall, seeing a season-high 2,276 fans attend the Leathernecks' season-finale win over Nebraska-Omaha. Western drew 2,124 fans for Oakland, 1,897 versus IUPUI and 1,624 against Eastern Illinois, the four-highest home attendance games since playing Indiana at home in the 2005-06 season (5,021).

Under the guidance of Molinari, three Leathernecks earned Summit League honors, led by senior **Ceola Clark III '11** who was tabbed Defensive Player of the Year for the second time in his career, as well as Second Team All-Conference. Clark is the only player in league history to have earned the honor twice. Junior **Terrell Parks** (Beloit, WI) was named honorable mention and to the All-Newcomer team, while freshman **Obi Emegano** (Edmond, OK) was also named to the All-Newcomer team.

NCAA grants Ceola Clark another year of eligibility

Senior guard **Ceola Clark III '11** (Gurnee, IL), the two-time Summit League Defensive Player of the Year, was recently granted a sixth year of eligibility by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and will return to the men's basketball program for the 2012-13 season.

The Western Illinois standout, named to the 2012 Mid-Major Defensive All-American team, talked about how excited he is to return for one more season.

"I'm getting the opportunity to play the game I love for another year," Clark said. "I'm coming back with more determination than ever. Being able to play with a group of guys that took the men's basketball program to where it hasn't been in years, and being so close to making the NCAA Tournament, I'm excited to get one more shot with my team."

Clark continued to express his excitement, and raved about Head Coach **Jim Molinari** and the Leathernecks' coaching staff.

"Turning me from a boy to a man off of the court, and being able to pick their brains everyday has helped me succeed on the court," said Clark. "They are great leaders, and have not only been my coaches, but have been like



Ceola Clark

father figures to me as well."

Clark became the only two-time Defensive Player of the Year in Summit League history, and the 19th member of the men's basketball 1,000-point club. Clark will head into next season with 1,089 career points, and ranks 18th all-time in program history.

Clark enters next season as the program's all-time steals leader with 186, and sits third in three-point field goals (179) and assists (336). He also set a new Western Illinois season record for triples with 86. Not only did he knock down more threes in a season than anyone in WIU history, Clark finished the season ranked fifth nationally in three-point

field goal percentage.

In 2011-12, Clark helped guide the Leathernecks to their first-ever Division I postseason tournament, averaging a team-high 13.3 points per game (426 total), dishing out 151 assists (fourth-most ever in a single-season at WIU), swiping 50 steals, knocking down a record-breaking 86 three-pointers, all while playing a Summit League high 37.4 minutes per game.

The Gurnee (IL) native also finished the season ranking 10th in the country in assist to turnover ratio, 151 assists while committing only 55 turnovers for a 2.75 ratio.



Arts and Sciences

Couple's reconnection to WIU leads to new career opportunities

By Jodi Pospeschil

An effort to reconnect with his alma mater has led to more than just recalling memories for a Fulton County physician and his wife.

Mark Baylor '79 graduated from Western Illinois University in 1979 with a bachelor of science degree in biology and chemistry. He then attended medical school at the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Chicago and is currently practicing in Elmwood.

"I grew up and went to school in a small town (Farmington)," Mark said. "I became interested in family medicine in medical school and during my residency I thought about practicing in a rural setting. Ultimately, I think I feel comfortable in a rural setting, and in managing that type of patient."

After graduation, Mark said he had very little contact with WIU. About three years ago, he was contacted by WIU's College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) Director of Development **Bryce Dexter**.

"My wife and I came over for a day to meet Bryce and



L to r: Julie and Mark Baylor '79

tour the campus," Mark said. "Prior to our visit, Bryce and my wife, **Julie**, discussed the nursing program at WIU that had recently started."

At that time, Julie was a nursing professor at Bradley University in Peoria. During the couple's campus visit, Julie was able to meet with the administrators of the WIU nursing program.

"After that visit, she decided to apply for a position in the nursing program, and began working at WIU in the fall of 2010," Mark said.

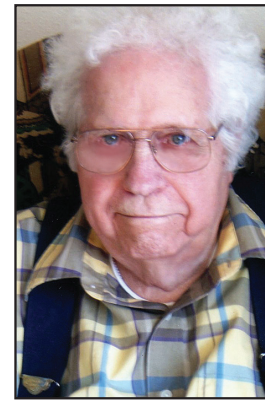
This spring, Mark was contacted by Beu Health Center Director **Mary Margaret Harris '80 MS '85** about a job opening for a physician on campus. After applying and interviewing, Mark plans to begin working part time at Beu in June.

"I have many good memories of my time at WIU," Mark remembers. "I found WIU to be a friendly campus, and all my professors were quite helpful and interested in students performing well."

Mark's best personal memory of Western is graduating with honors and receiving the senior award in biology.

Hodges Foundation Fund set up at WIU

By Jodi Pospeschil



Robert Hodges '43 MA '48

The March passing of a Western Illinois University alumnus has resulted in the gift of a memorial scholarship to the school's foundation.

Robert Hodges '43 MA '48 passed away in Macomb March 10 at the age of 90.

Because Hodges had a love for Western and his days here, he established the Robert L. Hodges English Foundation Fund through the WIU Foundation. The fund creates a scholarship for English

education majors at WIU who have a difficult time finding money for their education.

Hodges was born in Adair (IL) in 1921 and he grew up in Macomb while attending the laboratory school at Western. In 1943, Hodges received his bachelor's degree in English education from WIU, followed by his master's degree in English in 1948.

During his time at Western, Hodges participated in many on campus English and drama clubs, as well as the student newspaper. He was also among Western's first class of trained pilots, serving in both World War II and the Korean War.

In an article written by retired WIU Professor **Bill Knight '71** in 2009, Hodges explained that WIU students were trained in a program a bit like ROTC, but they flew airplanes from Macomb's Clugston airfield.

After his military service, Hodges studied for his doctorate. For more than 35 years, Hodges owned and operated a bookstore specializing in rare and collectible books. He also taught English literature and speech in the Mount Carroll (IL) public schools for five years.

For more information on the WIU Foundation, visit wiu.edu/giving.

Alum named chair of Allegheny College math department



Tamara Lakins '85 MS '87

Western Illinois University alumnus **Tamara (Tami) Lakins '85 MS '87**, has been named the chair of the mathematics department at Allegheny College in Meadville (PA).

Lakins received her bachelor's and master's degrees in mathematics from WIU and her 1993 Ph.D. in mathematics from the

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

During the first two years

of her career, Lakins was a John Wesley Young research instructor of mathematics at Dartmouth College. She began at Allegheny College in 1995 as an assistant professor, being promoted to associate professor in 2001 and full professor in 2010.

With her promotion to mathematics department chair, Lakins said an administrative component has been added

to her duties of teaching, research and service activities.

"For example, I'm responsible for approving transfer courses in math, certifying that all math minors have completed the required courses, drafting the schedule of math courses offered each year and carrying out any faculty searches in the department," she said.

Lakins said the math professors she learned from at WIU were "not only experts in their subject, they were also excellent teachers.

"They taught me how to think about, and be excited about, mathematics. I saw from their great example how

rewarding a career as a university professor can be," she said. "My experience at WIU is the reason I became a math professor."

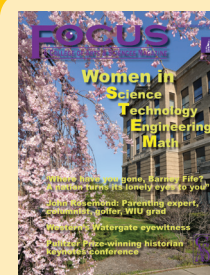
Her favorite WIU memories are of working on math questions with her professors and her experiences in WIU's choirs and marching band.

Lakins said she remains in contact with her professors, both personally and professionally. In addition,

about 10 years ago she came back to campus to visit the department and was a featured speaker for the Math Club.

“ My experience at WIU is the reason I became a math professor. ”

-TAMARA LAKINS '85 MS '87



Focus Spring 2012

The College of Arts and Sciences' (CAS) biannual magazine, "Focus," has published its Spring/Summer issue. The online-only publication focusing on CAS graduates can be found at: wiu.edu/cas/about/focus.

The new issue includes:

- A cover story on Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math
- "Professor of the Day" alumnus **Neil Styczynski '74**
- An Angolan student's escape to higher education
- Students travel to India to realize connections
- 1963 grad **Gary Baise '63** ringside seat for the Watergate scandal
- 1970 alumnus **John Rosemond MS '71**: Parenting expert, columnist, golfer, WIU graduate
- A roundup of faculty activities

Arts and Sciences

Decatur Area EdCo: A novel approach to change

The long-term goal of the Decatur (IL) Area Education Coalition (EdCo), according to its new executive director **Jean Bremer Hinton '78**, is "to brand the community nationwide as one where education leads to success in life."

Hinton—who took the helm of the five-year-old organization Feb. 1—said the coalition's current objectives are helping to build the recognition and national reputation she is aiming to help the non-profit initiative achieve.

"The short-term goal is to ensure that no child proceeds from one level to the next without having achieved the baseline competencies of each level, in the belief that once a child gets lost, the problem compounds from year to year without intervention," Hinton explained. "Based on the Collective Impact Model of Community Change, our initiative is a novel approach to change. My goal has been to create a system through which the professionals in Macon County can pilot solutions to barriers, and then to employ that system with the practitioners in order to formulate plans for action against the barriers."

The purpose of the system is to: research; assess best practices and data to set realistic goals for Decatur/Macon County; create a plan; implement the test; measure results and emergent issues; and eventually, hand over proven tactics to the community institutions so they can incorporate them into their practices. Other communities using some version of this model include DeKalb (IN); Springfield (IL); Cincinnati (OH); Newport (KY) and Shelby (IN)," she added.

Hinton's path to her current position began as a Western student majoring in history and minoring in English. While at WIU, she was a member of the Alpha Sigma Tau sorority and got involved on campus via extracurricular activities and student employment.

"In Alpha Sigma Tau, I took over responsibility for a lot of different activities, culminating my junior year, when I served as president," she said. "I also worked in the agriculture department office my freshman year and the accounting office my sophomore year. My senior year, I wrote for the student newspaper, the Western Courier. I believe those activities did as much to prepare me for my adult life as the curriculum did."

After finishing her bachelor's degree at Western and working for a few years, Hinton pursued a master's degree in adult and continuing education at the National College of Education (Evanston, IL). In 2001, she earned her Ed.D. in educational organization and leadership at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Since 2002, she has served in an executive leadership position managing three international organizations, the American Oil Chemists' Society, its foundation, and the International Society for Fat Research. Her work for these scientific-based societies, her advanced studies in continuing education and educational leadership, as well as her experiences with the educational systems through her



Jean Bremer Hinton '78

own background and her children, have all helped prepare her for her current post as the executive director at Decatur Area EdCo.

"I have a keen interest in what we are doing here because we are unconstrained. We have funds from the Community Foundation and we are not governed by any bureaucracy or by a government or political driver. We are driven by our desired outcomes, which is what innovation is all about," she said. "I believe education is not only changing in how it is delivered, but also in its role in society. It is not the solution to everything, but if we don't pull together on this issue, education will become something by default, and I think it should be something by

design."

Hinton provided a brief overview about the Decatur Area EdCo, and her work to help the organization and members achieve its long-term goals.

When and how was the Decatur Area EdCo started?

In 2007, the Decatur Area Education Coalition was established through the Community Foundation of Decatur/Macon County. It was funded through the Grand Victoria Foundation and matching local money and was based on the Collective Impact Model of Community Change.

What is the purpose of the Decatur Area EdCo and who are the members?

The Decatur Area Education Coalition exists to "mobilize the community to improve Decatur/Macon County through Education." The vision is to bring Decatur/Macon County national attention for community improvement through education at all levels. Participants include government, 501c3, municipal, law enforcement and educational institutions in Macon County, as well as local citizens with an interest in

education.

What do you mean by your statement that Decatur Area EdCo is a "novel approach" to change?

Most communities have numerous non-profit organizations, many of which address the same social, education and health issues, and compete for charitable dollars through their Community Foundations, state monies and grants from foundations. I think many own property, support boards and staff and, generally, spend money to uphold infrastructure that could be spent solving problems. And with all of that, the education outcomes and social dynamics they are meant to address do not improve on a level that reflects the investment of time and money.

This model reflects some new realities, including decreasing availability of government funding; decreasing availability of volunteer time; decreasing effectiveness of institutional education despite huge investment; and decreasing charitable dollars split among an ever-increasing number of not-for-profits. Through the Collective Impact Model, for example, those focusing

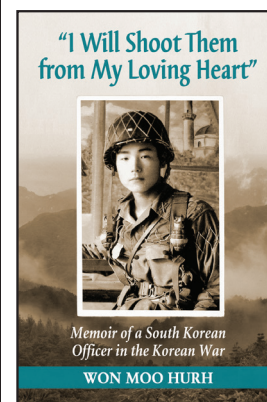
on kindergarten readiness can all gather around a table and talk about how to get kids the exposure to baseline competencies they need to start kindergarten on a level-playing field. They can look for high-order solutions through collaboration.

How do the members facilitate the goals of the Decatur Area EdCo?

The system we are just now rolling out is one we're calling "collaboratives." Collaboratives are groups that address critical issues along the developmental continuum from birth to maturity. Practitioners from all types of organizations within the community serve on these leadership groups, which are comprised of five to ten individuals.

Our current collaboratives are focused around early childhood parent mentoring; kindergarten readiness; continuous improvement/grade level readiness; improved ACT scores; career pathing (K-12); job readiness; school/teacher/parent communication; postsecondary educational achievement; and adult basic education. In addition, we're launching two more collaboratives, one for longitudinal/data tracking and one for volunteers. There is data from one University of Michigan study that provides evidence of a six-to-one ratio of impact on education—the six representing community or non-school and the one representing institutional education providers. The Decatur Area EdCo's purpose is to get all of those groups to the table to talk about what we want for our kids for their futures, as well as for the future of our overall community.

Professor emeritus publishes autobiography



Western Illinois University Professor Emeritus **Won Moo Hurh** recently published his autobiography, "I Will Shoot Them from My Loving Heart," the story of a South Korean high school senior who dreamed of studying law.

Instead Hurh's life was changed when, in 1950, North Korean forces invaded his homeland and he was commissioned into the Army of the Republic of Korea.

Hurh eventually left Korea to study at Monmouth College, graduating in 1960. He went on to get his doctorate in sociology and ethnology from the University of Heidelberg in Germany.

Later, Hurh was a professor at Monmouth College for nearly four years before coming to Western Illinois University.

Hurh's new book is available at New Copperfield's Book Service in Macomb, at Amazon.com and at mcfarlandpub.com.

“The short-term goal is to ensure that no child proceeds from one level to the next without having achieved the baseline competencies of the each level...”

-JEAN BREMER HINTON '78

Three named to Board of Trustees

The Western Illinois University Board of Trustees has three new members after a recent student government election and appointments made by Illinois Governor Pat Quinn.

Former U.S. Representative Philip "Phil" Hare has been chosen as a new member of the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees. Hare attended his first trustee meeting in Macomb March 30.

Hare, who lives in Rock Island, said he wants to learn as much as he can about the WIU board so he can be an "effective" trustee.

"I have always strived to be a team player but I also hope to bring some new ideas to the board," Hare said. "I see myself as a member who will work with the board, and hopefully, as I serve longer, I want to be a board member who's willing to come up with ideas and suggestions to promote WIU."

Hare said he hopes his love of education and service on the U.S. Education and Labor Committee will aid him in helping to shape policy and working closely with President **Jack Thomas** to make sure Western continues to be an "outstanding university."

Hare, who served in the U.S. House of Representatives from January 2007–January 2011, said he's proud that his son, **Louis MFA '06**, and daughter, **Amy**, both received graduate degrees from WIU.

Macomb State Farm insurance agent Cathy Early was also recently named to the Board of Trustees.

Early attended her first meeting March 30.

Presented with the Honorary Alumni Award in 1997, Early has served on numerous Western boards and committees over the past 25 years.

Early said she feels her role as a trustee is to remain informed on board issues and help guide the University into the future.

"I am so honored to be able to be in a position to help the students, the faculty, the staff and the administrators," she said.

"We need to continue to make sure the institution is doing a good job in preparing students, because that's why we are here. We need to make sure we are providing for our students today and the children of our students, when they come back."

Early has been a State Farm agent in Macomb since 1986 and is also an active volunteer in numerous Macomb clubs, organizations and committees.

Western Illinois University sophomore **Jonathan McGee**, of Chicago, has been elected as the newest member of the WIU Board of Trustees.

McGee, a law enforcement and justice administration and political science double major, will begin his student trustee term July 1. He was elected to the post during Student Government Association balloting in Spring 2012.

While serving as the "student voice," McGee said he wants to represent each student's concerns as he casts



Cathy Early



Jonathan McGee



Philip "Phil" Hare

votes on their behalf.

"Being a WIU trustee means a great deal to me, and is an esteemed honor," he said. "The entire student population elected me to represent them effectively, and I am privileged to embody our core values while serving on the board during my term. This opportunity is truly what Mahatma Gandhi meant when he quoted, 'The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.'"

McGee is the vice-chair of the Council on Student Activity Funds; a senator-at-large on the Student Government Association; Scholastic Committee chair of the Black Student Association; a Learning to Lead Scholar; a residence hall ambassador; comptroller of Model Illinois Government; and is a member of the Blue Key Honor Society.

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company. Brannigan also served as publisher for Reed Business Media (formerly Cahners Publishing).

Over the years, Brannigan has been supportive of Western, both financially and with his time. He and his wife, Deedee, established the Jack and Deedee Brannigan Scholarship Endowment in 2005 to support WIU students. In addition, he is generous to many areas of campus including the Alumni Association, the Presidential Scholarship Fund and WIU Athletics. Named the WIU College of Business and Technology (CBT) 2007 Distinguished Alumnus, Brannigan is a member of the WIU President's National Advisory Council and the CBT National Advisory Board.

He received his MBA from Keller Graduate School of Management and currently serves on the board of directors for BuilderFusion, Inc., a leader in technology,

and Parade of Homes solutions for home builders associations (HBAs) and building industry associations (BIAs). Brannigan resides in Northbrook (IL).

Janus, a 1970 accountancy graduate, is one of the founding partners of Holland Capital established in 1991 and is the firm's chief investment officer for Fixed Income and is the Fixed Income portfolio manager. She has more than 42 years experience managing taxable fixed income assets. Prior to forming the firm, Janus was a member of the investment department at Mutual Trust Life Insurance Company and was responsible for credit research and management of a \$200 million fixed income portfolio comprised of short-term instruments, private placements, public bonds and common and preferred stock. Later she was elected treasurer, which added responsibilities in the areas of banking relationships, cash flow management, five-year projection plans and budgets. She received the

Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation and is a member of the CFA Society of Chicago and the CFA Institute.

Janus has been supportive of her alma mater over the years. She recently committed her estate to WIU at an estimated value of \$1 million to establish an endowment to fund accounting scholarships. Named the WIU Accountancy Outstanding Alumna in 2008, she is a member of the WIU President's National Advisory Council, the College of Business and Technology National Advisory Board and the WIU Foundation Board.

In addition, Janus is active in her community as a member of the Congregational United Church of Christ of Arlington Heights and served in several leadership roles including moderator, deacon of Growing Disciples and chair of the Finance Committee. Janus resides in Arlington Heights (IL).

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Wetzel will officially be decommissioned in July with a weekend-long celebration, culminating with the implosion of the hall during the morning of Saturday, July 14 (weather permitting). Early plans for the celebration include a dinner Friday, July 13, followed by the July 14 viewing of the implosion and an afternoon golf outing. All Wetzel, UHDS and WIU alumni are invited to attend any/all of the events.

"Details about the events and registration will follow once plans are finalized, but in the meantime, we'd love our alumni to share their favorite memories of Wetzel Hall," he said.

Individuals interested in purchasing a "piece" of Wetzel, such as room number signage and plaques/trophies, with donations going to the UHDS foundation account, can visit wiu.edu/wetzel for more information.

In addition, individuals will have the chance to win an opportunity to push the "ceremonial plunger" to implore Wetzel. Every \$10 gift made to the "Text to Plunge" campaign will be included in a random drawing. By texting the word WIU to 84700, a message will be sent

asking individuals to reply with the letter "A" to begin the contest entry. After replying, a text will be sent to confirm a \$10 donation (reply with YES to confirm donation and enter the drawing). Checks, payable to the UHDS Foundation Account, and contest entry cards (available online) may be sent directly to the WIU Foundation, 303 Sherman Hall, 1 University Circle, Macomb IL 61455-1390. The drawing will be held in early July. Donations will be used to pay for the Wetzel Park landscaping and beautification.

Recently, two of the first residents of Wetzel Hall, **John Milano** and **Robert Katcher**, 1974 recreation, park and tourism administration graduates, toured their original room, 730 Wetzel Hall, which they hadn't seen since leaving campus. Katcher had donated a painting of the building that he did for a class, and that painting hung for nearly 38 years in Wetzel. During their tour, UHDS staff presented Katcher with his original painting.

"Wetzel hall and the Western Illinois experience will always be a special time in my life," Katcher remembered. "Leaving the nest making new friends and enjoying the times and everlasting memories. Sadly, while Wetzel is being torn down, for the hundreds of students who lived

in this dorm, it will not be forgotten."

Another Wetzel alum, **Loretta Ryan Kennelly**, shared a memory of "The Great Mudslide" in Spring 1971, in which a torrential rainfall during the dinner hour prompted a few Wetzel residents to leave the cafeteria and begin sliding down the Wetzel Hill.

"Within 10 minutes, practically the entire dorm was out there sliding down the hill," she remembered. "We were all billed on our final housing statement for the replacement cost of the sod, which had just been installed. Although it wasn't fun explaining the line item to our parents, I doubt there was a single participant who would say it wasn't worth the investment."

Once the building is removed, the intended use for the site is green space, with limited parking spots available. Lutz said that 80 to 90 percent of the materials from the Wetzel demolition will be recycled, which diverts the construction material from landfills.

The Wetzel Hall demolition is part of the UHDS master plan. The complete plan can be found at wiu.edu/student_services/housing/about/masterplan.php. For more information about the Wetzel celebration, contact Lutz at AJ-Lutz@wiu.edu or post at [facebook.com/WIUWetzel](https://www.facebook.com/WIUWetzel).

Education and Human Services

Growing its own

As the Western Illinois University-Quad Cities (WIU-QC) campus continues to grow its presence in the Quad Cities, WIU-QC alumni continue to be some of the University's greatest assets. **Joan Frank '09 MS '11** is one alumna who not only works to showcase all the activities and events the Quad Cities has to offer, but she also stands as a shining example of how an education at WIU-QC can lead to an even greater connection to a community.

Frank, who earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in recreation, park and tourism administration (RPTA) at Western, is the sales and servicing manager for the Quad Cities Convention & Visitors Bureau. A significant component of her job is bringing tourism to the Quad Cities area.

"I really enjoy the work. I'm in charge of bringing people into the Quad Cities and seeing to it that they're taken care of once they're here. I organize conventions, meetings, tournaments and community events, and I help make sure they go off without a hitch," Frank explained.

According to Frank, one of these events was the annual RAGBRAI, The Des Moines Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa, which ended in Davenport (IA) in 2011.

"I handled all of the planning and management of RAGBRAI's end stop in the Quad Cities last July. We had 20,000 bicyclists coming into town, and my committee



Joan Frank '09 MS '11 and WordGirl, a PBS character that appears on WQPT, WIU-QC's public broadcasting television station.

and I were charged with getting them in safely, providing a 'dip site' in the Mississippi River, providing week-long parking, shuttles, an ending party / festival, as well as information about camping, parking, dining and airport shuttles."

Continuing the QC and campus connection

Frank is helping current Western students follow in her footsteps through her adjunct work teaching a course in special event planning and management in the RPTA program on the WIU-QC campus.

"The course focuses on every aspect of event planning, but places a premium on the local. We use examples of local events to learn how to do everything from writing a mission statement, budgeting, finding volunteers, developing a marketing plan to risk management—the whole nine yards," she said.

Part of the course requires her students to plan an event from the ground up. Most of these are hypothetical family activities, such as golf outings, but some of her students' work is having impact outside of the classroom, Frank said.

"One student is involved in an art exhibit on the Macomb campus this coming fall semester, and he is travelling back and forth from the Quad Cities. Another is planning an event called 'Float-a-Palooza,'" she noted.

Another way Frank continues to stay connected to her alma mater is through Moline-based WQPT, WIU-QC's public broadcasting television station. According to Frank, WQPT hosts an annual event called "Brew Ha Ha," a beer and entertainment festival.

"I serve on a committee for that event," she said. "WQPT really focuses on local. Through such events as Brew Ha Ha, we help promote tourism and support local individuals and groups. Most of the comedy performers and bands are from the area."

Frank is unabashed about her love of the Quad Cities, which serves her well in her job. But she also has great praise for how the RPTA program at the QC campus helped her get to where she is today.

"I studied for two years at a community college, and then took one semester off to examine my options. When I talked to a WIU-QC admissions counselor and told him I wanted to plan events for a living, he recommended RPTA. After speaking with **Don McLean**, a professor in the RPTA program at WIU-QC, I found it was a perfect program for me. Because of that program, I'm doing what I love."

Frank said when she thinks back about her courses in the program, she remembers the learning experiences with great affection.

"I love the program mostly because it is so unique. You get hands-on experience and smaller class sizes. I also really enjoyed the adjunct faculty members, who are community professionals or who have past experience as park rangers or district leaders. They come in and teach classes related to what they know and that exposes the students to their experience, as well as provides networking opportunities. It's very practical," she said.

WIU graduate named one of "20 to Watch" on national technology list

James Roodhouse '04, was recently named to a national watch list of "20 to Watch" for his use of technology in the classroom at Geneseo Community School District.

Roodhouse, who received his master's degree in education from Western Illinois University, has been Geneseo's technology director for the past five years. Prior to that he worked at Kealakehe High School on the Big Island of Hawaii for three years.

The "20 to Watch" list was released recently by the National School Boards Association Technology Leadership Network. The honor recognizes that over the past five years, Roodhouse has reframed his district's infrastructure along with introducing a new digital, web presence that led to several more national awards.

"I think our rapid implementation of technology and the efficiency in which we are able to do this is the main reason for the recognition," Roodhouse said. "In the five years I have worked at Geneseo we have deployed 900 ipads at the K-5 level, provided district wide Wireless N Wi-Fi coverage, installed/upgraded 12 traditional labs to iMacs, installed/provided 14 MacBook



James Roodhouse '04

Mobile labs, added six mobile iPad Carts of 30 each, and provided all teachers district-wide with new MacBook Pro laptops. I also upgraded our network infrastructure. We handle all computer and network repair and installation work inside the district and have a established an effective system of managing computer lifecycles, rotation schedules and maintenance that achieves little user downtime, quick repairs and more importantly maximizes what we get for our investment."

Roodhouse said his Western education prepared him to enter the world of education, as well as helping focus his IT strengths.

"I worked as a graduate assistant in the Department of Educational and Interdisciplinary Studies and found that I ended up working primarily as IT support," he said. "The opportunities provided by the faculty in this office helped me to make connections, and I found that I was well prepared for work in education."

Roodhouse said he plans to continue his work with

education and technology and is working to add a few more computer-related certifications to his resume. He said he appreciates the employment opportunities he has received in the Geneseo community.

"The people of the community and my fellow co-workers are outstanding and have created an excellent school district in which big ideas are able to be implemented successfully and which translates into excellent education," he said.

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Education and Human Services

Homeland and global perspectives and practitioners prepare LEJA students

By Teresa Koltzenburg '92 MS '11

A typical sight for **Dennis Bowman** is a Stipes Hall classroom full of students or a stack of assignments to grade on his desk in his fourth-floor Stipes office. But lecture halls and law enforcement conference rooms in China, Kazakhstan, Russia or Afghanistan are also not uncommon views for him and a few of his fellow School of Law Enforcement and Justice Administration (LEJA) faculty members. For Bowman—a professor in LEJA at Western and who served for more than 29 years as a state law enforcement officer and commander in the Illinois State Police—and his colleagues, traveling and lecturing abroad provides opportunities for critical knowledge exchange and collaborative law enforcement and criminal justice research. In addition, the international travel, as well as the training and presentations he does while traveling, helps him bring a global perspective to his students at home.

Bowman and faculty members in the School of LEJA **Dean Alexander** and **Vladimir Sergevnin** regularly travel to lecture and train at universities and law enforcement organizations in Asia, Central Asia, the Middle East and Europe. Recently, Bowman has traveled to Russia to speak about immigration policy; to China, where he spoke to the Zhejiang Police College in Hangzhou about police and media relations; and Kazakhstan to attend a meeting of the Central Asian Regional Intelligence Coordinating Committee, where he discussed leadership, critical incident management and interaction with the news media.

"The work we do and the partnerships we have with various universities, agencies and organizations abroad enable us, as faculty here at Western, to introduce the students to the global environment of law enforcement and criminal justice. That's the main objective. These days, there is a lot of emphasis on global policing and transnational crime, as well as on cybercrime, terrorism and other types of criminal activity, because things are becoming more global from a criminal standpoint," Bowman explained.

Last March, during Western's spring break, four faculty members from the School of LEJA traveled to Russia on a repeat visit to the Academy of the Public Administration under the President of the Russian Federation. In 2010, the School of LEJA and its Center for Applied Criminal Justice (which is directed by Assistant

Professor Vladimir Sergevnin) and the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board Executive Institute housed at WIU established a research partnership with the Russian Academy of Public Administration. In May 2010, Russian officials also visited Western's Macomb campus.

"Many foreign practitioners like to come to the United States to study our criminal justice models, our penitentiary models and our investigative and training techniques. Western is a good place for them to visit, because we have so many former practitioners like myself who can share information. And the same goes when we travel abroad—we can learn from them in their home countries, as well, and bring that knowledge back here to our students," Bowman said.

In addition to the School of LEJA's research partnership with Russia, Bowman noted that he is in the process of finalizing an agreement between Western and East China University of Political Science and Law in Shanghai.

"We are going to be doing some similar things with them. The agreement calls for us to share information and to conduct joint research in areas such as global terrorism, criminal law and criminal investigations. Hopefully, too, at some point, we can see some of their students come over here and some of our students go over there to take courses. In addition, we have started talking about another joint relationship with Zhejiang Police College in Hangzhou," Bowman noted.

The School of LEJA also houses the Homeland Security Research Program (HSRP), which is headed by Associate Professor Dean Alexander. Through the HSRP, Alexander brings experts in from South Asia and the Middle East to provide students perspective about the law enforcement and criminal justice aspects of agencies and governments in that region of the world. In early May, the HSRP co-organized with WIU Hillel a lecture covering the Arab Spring by Uri Rosset, a lecturer at Sapir College in Sderot, Israel, and an Arabic analyst at Intuviv, an Israeli company that develops software for security and defense applications.

Bowman noted that through hosting speakers like Rosset and through bringing their international experiences into the classroom, he and his colleagues are able to give students a broad perspective of the field.



Dennis Bowman

"Dean does a lot on international policing in his instruction, and I'm hoping to start a graduate course on this subject covering policing styles, policing in a non-democratic country, the limitations and that type of thing," Bowman said. "A few years from now, the world is going to be even more global, and some of our students may go on to federal jobs in which there is going to be great opportunity for them to work overseas. For instance, in Kabul, Afghanistan, right next to where we have conducted training, there was a building full of FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation) people, and also close by there was another building just with DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration)

people. There was also another building that had a combination of CIA (Central Intelligence Agency) and other government people. To expose the students here to the knowledge and information we get from lecturing and training abroad is going to help them prepare for these kinds of opportunities."

In addition to bringing in international experts to speak to LEJA students, Bowman and other faculty members often host current and former law enforcement practitioners—some of them who are Western Illinois University alumni—from the U.S. For example, in March, Bowman hosted **Ed Hammer '74** (see story on page 19), who spoke to students in his "The Ethics and Morality in Law Enforcement" class that met at the Springfield (IL) Police Academy. Hammer's testimony help convict the incarcerated former Illinois Governor George Ryan. Hammer is a retired police investigator and author of the book, "One Hundred Percent Guilty," which covers the licenses for bribes scandal involving Ryan, the former Illinois Inspector General Dean Bauer and others.

"For a current students to have exposure to alumni or current or former law enforcement practitioners—who may be recruiting and hiring them in the State of Illinois or who have direct experience in the agencies they may get hired in right out of school—it is really a great thing for the them," Bowman said. "Our goal is to prepare them with both the theoretical and practical sides of law enforcement and justice administration. Through our international and our homeland-based knowledge exchange and collaboration and research opportunities, we strive hard to do that."

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Hammering it home

By Teresa Koltzenburg '92 MS '11

Last March, several Western Illinois University graduate students were provided with an up-close and personal look at the inside investigation that helped convict former Illinois Governor George Ryan. The students were enrolled in School of Law Enforcement and Justice Administration (LEJA) Professor **Dennis Bowman's** "The Ethics and Morality in Law Enforcement" class, which was held at the Springfield (IL) Police Academy during the Spring 2012 semester. The speaker providing them the inside look was Western alumnus **Ed Hammer '74**, a retired police investigator who was one of the officers assigned to Secretary of State George Ryan's Office with the Inspector General in the early 1990s.

According to Bowman, Hammer's class presentation covered the subject of his book, "One Hundred Percent Guilty," which Hammer wrote based on his experience working under Illinois Secretary of State George Ryan's former Illinois Inspector General Dean Bauer. The book tells the story of how Bauer, Governor Ryan and others obstructed the internal investigations he was conducting with his partner, Russ Sonneveld.

"One of those cases was the bribe by Ricardo Guzman, the truck driver who caused an accident in November 1994, which resulted in the untimely death of the six children of Scott and Janet Willis of Milwaukee (WI)," Bowman explained. "Our goal is to prepare students with both the theoretical and practical sides of law enforcement and justice administration, and introducing them to real-world experiences—like those that Ed shares—provides them an invaluable first-hand perspective that can help shape their views of the proper practice of ethics and morality in the law enforcement field."

Ethics Exposure

In addition to being a graduate of Western, Hammer is also a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) National Academy. Hammer said he retired as a captain in 2002 from the Illinois Secretary of State Police. For a couple years after that, he worked with the Orland Park Police Department. He formerly served as an assistant professor of criminal justice with Northwestern College in Chicago. Today he is an instructor with Illinois Mobile Training Units.

Hammer currently resides in Orland Park (IL), where he spends his time working on another book—this one a fictional story about criminal investigations—and also works as a consultant and lecturer in the law enforcement field.

"My presentation in March to the students in Dr. Bowman's class was based on my own experience as a law enforcement officer with the Illinois Secretary of State's Office. Between 1987 and 1995 my assignment with the Secretary of State's Office was with the Inspector General. In 1992, it was switched over to Secretary of State George Ryan, and eventually, my responsibility in that assignment was to investigate corruption within Secretary of State George Ryan's Office," Hammer noted. "Dr. Bowman's ethics class for law enforcement officers is an ideal venue to discuss corruption and obstruction with the graduate students, many of whom are already practicing in the law enforcement field. Through my own experience, I



Ed Hammer '74, a WIU alumnus and retired law enforcement officer, talks to students about law enforcement ethics and tells the true story of the investigations behind the conviction of incarcerated former Illinois Governor George Ryan.

can share how a chief, commander or a director of a law enforcement agency can lead his or her agency to be ethical and the importance of officers being ethical."

According to Hammer, his presentation draws heavily from his book, "One Hundred Percent Guilty," which he published in 2010. He said he wrote the book because he felt the media was not telling the story of the licenses for bribes, and the George Ryan connection to it, "properly."

"The media reports often skip over information. And while I know they are limited in the number of words that have to tell a news story, they often focus primarily on the property and vendor contracts and how he was getting kick backs," Hammer noted. "Most of the reports don't talk a lot about what we were investigating back in 1994 and 1995, which was the shake down of employees of the Secretary of State's Office under Ryan. Many of the employees, in turn, shook down driver's license applicants, and the money they were getting back in bribery was going back up the chain to the George Ryan campaign. That is the story I wanted to get out there, and the most important part of that story that I wanted to get across was the fact that six children died as a result of this attitude of complacency toward corruption. I wanted the story of how very few people had the courage or the willingness to report it and stand by the good side of it. This needs to be exposed, and it is particularly important for young law enforcement practitioners and students to be exposed to," he added.

An April 17, 2006, Associated Press story that still appears on USA Today's website (see www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2006-04-17-ryan_x.htm) seems to support Hammer's critique of the media reports. The story begins with brief overview of Ryan's conviction: "Former Gov. George Ryan...was convicted of racketeering and fraud Monday in a corruption scandal that ended his political career in 2003. He was convicted of steering state contracts and leases, including a \$25 million IBM computer deal, to political insiders while he was Illinois secretary of state in the 1990s and then governor for one term. In return, he got vacations in Jamaica, Cancun and Palm Springs, and gifts ranging from a golf bag to \$145,000 in loans to his brother's floundering business."

A few paragraphs later, the article does include a two-sentence description of how the case against Ryan began: "The scandal that led to Ryan's downfall began over a decade ago with a fiery van crash in Wisconsin that killed six children. The 1994 wreck exposed a scheme inside the Illinois secretary of state's office in which truck drivers obtained licenses for bribes," the article states.

"The obstruction of justice charges continue to be the ones that many of the media reports don't cover. If you search for the indictment online and pull up the PDF of it, you will find that about half of charges against Ryan are related to obstruction of justice. Those are the charges that were directly related to my assignment within the Secretary of State's Office with the Inspector General."

Mission for Morality and Ethics

Hammer continues to consult with and present for law enforcement practitioners and students like those in Bowman's class this last spring. If students or professionals do not have the opportunity to hear him speak in person, Hammer believes his book is an instructive tool that can help them when it comes to questions about the ethics and morality that takes place inside the field of law enforcement.

"Our job was to investigate crime, so we investigated it, we reported it and we took it the prosecutor for to prosecute. In doing so, we put our jobs at risk," Hammer explained. "My partner was fired a few months after we reported it, and I was transferred out of the unit and demoted. In our personal lives, when I went back and looked at my doctor visits during those days, I realized I had chronic high blood pressure that medication didn't seem to help. In my partner's case, he's still fighting off cancer he was diagnosed with back in 2002. I personally think the stress of our assignment has a lot do with his health problems and was the reason behind by own health issues, so I also talk about the emotional and physical effects in my presentations to law enforcement students and professionals."

In the end, Hammer's and his partner's part in the George Ryan case paid off, at least when comes to the justice system.

"In all, three people within the Secretary of State's Office were indicted and convicted of obstruction, George Ryan, my immediate boss Dean Bauer and George Ryan's chief of staff, Scott Fawell. Bauer ended up pleading guilty to federal corruption charges, specifically in his case that involved obstruction of justice. Ryan was also eventually indicted, tried by a jury of Illinois residents and convicted on all of the federal corruption charges," Hammer noted.

Still, Hammer vigorously continues to tell the story—to both current and future members of the law enforcement field—the importance of recognizing the obstruction of justice aspect of the licenses for bribes case.

"Here in Illinois we tend to be cynical, because there is so much political corruption, at least very high-profile political corruption. Too many people view it as 'business as usual,'" Hammer said. "The reason I wrote the book and the reason I continue to go out and lecture about this case, is that this type of 'business as usual' can—and did—cause the death of people."

For more information about Hammer's work, visit consulthammer.com.

Education and Human Services

Spring Lake Park and IDT: Project partnership is a win-win

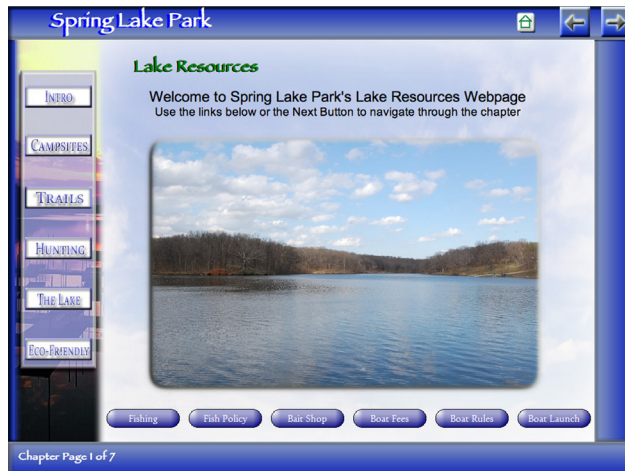
A partnership between Spring Lake Park in Macomb and a class of Western Illinois University students enrolled in an instructional design and technology (IDT) course has turned out to be a win-win for the park and for the students. According to **Bruce Harris**, IDT professor, in Fall 2011, his students enrolled in IDT 330 worked with **Stan Abbot '94 MS '96**, superintendent of park, to create three computer-based learning modules that highlight the park's unique resources.

The IDT 330 course focuses on the project management of instructional development projects, and the idea for the design of Harris' instruction—which would feature Spring Lake Park—in the course came about as a result of a sustainability workshop he participated in at Western in May 2011. The Coneflower Project, an initiative and annual workshop designed to infuse sustainability across the curriculum, is part of the Western's Institute of Environmental Studies.

"The idea came to me during the Coneflower Project workshop last year. The basic plan was to have the students in my IDT 330 course work on a project that integrated some aspect of environmental sustainability in the learning modules they develop," Harris said. "I had talked with Stan last summer after the workshop, and he mentioned to me that a major problem at Spring Lake Park is the large amount of trash people leave on the trails, in the lake and at the campsites. After our discussion, I thought it would be a beneficial experience for my students to develop learning modules showcasing the resources available at Spring Lake Park and demonstrating how to protect and preserve these resources. The modules spotlight some of the primary natural resources available at Spring Lake Park, including the lake, camping sites and trails. The learning modules provided a way for me to integrate environmental sustainability issues into my curriculum using an experiential service-learning approach."

Harris added the students' work with Abbot provided them with the opportunity to apply their skills and knowledge to develop and manage the real-world projects. He said the goal of the course is for students to learn how to apply knowledge and principles of project management as they develop authentic instructional products for clients in the Macomb community.

Abbot, who also serves as an adjunct instructor for



In Fall 2011, students enrolled in Bruce Harris' IDT 330 course created three computer-based learning modules that highlight Spring Lake Park's unique resources.

Western's recreation, park and tourism administration department, noted that working with the students in the IDT class was rewarding. He agreed it was beneficial not only for Spring Lake Park, but also for the students.

"After a discussion with the students and Bruce, we brainstormed and we decided to break into three different groups. Each group would take a specific entity at Spring Lake Park. Then, the students would put something together, send me what they produced and I would review it and fine tune it," Abbot explained. "It was fantastic working with the students, because they were so energetic, and they have the expertise with the multimedia-authoring program they used, which I don't. Also, with a small staff, I don't have the time in my job to do something like that. It was good for the students, too, because, if they are going into this field, it demonstrated to them what they would have to go through with a client," he noted.

According to **Rachel Presley**, a senior IDT major from Meredosia, IL, working with Abbot and her group partners was "extremely important" to her learning experience.

"The most difficult part of the project was the scheduling to meet as a group outside of class. We compensated by phone, email and taking turns meeting with each other," she said. "Overall, the project taught me what to expect with a client, how to respond to the needs of the client, why it is important to keep in touch and that meeting the clients' needs is the essential reason for the design work on the project."

As a result of the partnership, Spring Lake Park is able to showcase the resources available in the park through the learning modules, Harris said. In turn, the IDT 330 students gained great experience working with a supportive

and patient client that gave them an opportunity to apply their knowledge and skills in a supportive learning environment. He added that students can use the learning modules in their electronic portfolios to provide evidence for prospective employers of the skills and expertise they acquired in project management. He also noted the partnership with Spring Lake Park enabled them to provide a service to the community and fostered a deeper connection to the community in which they live.

Harris said that the learning modules will be available on the Spring Lake Park website, <http://parks.macomb.com/spring.html>, sometime during the summer.

"World's Fittest Man" Joe Decker hosting 36-hour race in Cuba

By Teresa Koltzenburg '92 MS '11



Joe Decker '98

Back-to-back champion of the annual Spartan Death Race **Joe Decker '98** is no stranger to pain. Decker, a Cuba (IL) native who founded and owns the San Diego-based boot camp Gut Check Fitness, wants to share his brand of fitness philosophy—which typically includes grueling physical activities—with those who live in Western Illinois. He plans to do that

with "The Suck," a 36-hour race to be held on his family's farm near Cuba the weekend of Sept. 14-16.

In 2000, Decker made his mark on the fitness world by breaking the Guinness Book of World Records' 24-Hour Fitness Challenge, giving him the right to claim the title of "World's Fittest Man." He graduated from WIU in 1998 with a bachelor's degree in kinesiology, and he was recognized by Western with the 2009 College of Education and Human Services' Distinguished Alumni Award. In 2011, Decker became the Spartan Death Race's first-ever two-time winner.

According to the registration website for "The Suck," the 36-hour race will be held from 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14 through 7 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 16.

"This will be a very grueling, but 'enjoyable', 30-36 hour non-stop event," Decker states on the website. "My goal is to primarily combine strenuous Midwestern farm chores with military boot camp, trail running, strongman events, basic survival skills and more. I would strongly suggest you get proficient at all the Military PT (physical training) Standards. You may want to get familiar with shooting a shotgun, baling hay, digging fox holes, carrying heavy stuff, etc. Actual tasks will not be revealed until the day of the event," he added.

Registration closes Wednesday, Sept. 12; the race fee is \$250. More information is available at www.active.com/fitness/cuba-il/the-suck-2012. Learn more about Joe Decker and Gut Check Fitness at <http://gutcheckfitness.com/>.

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Thompson scholarships benefit local students

Retired Western Illinois University Vice President for Administrative Services **Jackie Thompson '85 MS-Ed '94**, and her husband **Dave '72**, a Macomb Northwestern Mutual Financial agent, have established two scholarships to benefit students coming to Western from VIT (Vermont/Ipava/Table Grove) and Macomb senior high schools.

During her career at Western, Jackie funded and fully endowed the Jackie and Dave Thompson Scholarship through payroll deduction. This award is intended for incoming freshmen from VIT and will provide \$1,000 to the recipient each year of their undergraduate study.

Jackie retired from WIU in July 2011 after 41 years of service, the last 14 as vice president for administrative services.

She earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees while working full-time.



Jackie '85 MS-Ed '94 and Dave '72 Thompson

Dave graduated with a bachelor's degree in education in 1972, and immediately entered the insurance business with Northwestern Mutual, with whom he will complete his 40th year in June. He has earned the professional designations of CLU and CLTC within the industry. Dave also is a retired lieutenant colonel of the Illinois National Guard, having served as commander of the local guard unit for nine years.

Upon Jackie's retirement, Dave committed \$25,000 to endow a second scholarship in honor of her service to WIU. The Dave and Jackie Thompson Scholarship will

be awarded to a graduate of Macomb High School, with preference given to a dependent of a military family. This scholarship will also provide \$1,000 per year for four years to the recipient.

Both have been awarded the WIU Alumni Achievement Award, Jackie in 2003 and Dave in 1986.

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colleges and universities, and no longer is it a given that students can apply for, and receive, financial aid. Western Illinois University is facing a critical time in its future and there is no doubt that for our alma mater to continue to offer access and opportunity to higher education, our alumni must step forward and support WIU just as if we were a private institution.

I could be practical and talk about our needs because of the problems the state is facing; because our budgets are declining; because the cost of an education at Western exceeds \$18,000 annually and that can cause hardships for some of our students; because of the staggering costs of deferred maintenance on our campus; because of the never-ending battle to keep abreast of technology; and the list goes on

I could talk about the positives: how graduates of Western have succeeded in so many different arenas; how we opened a new campus in the Quad Cities; how we had a student interview for a prestigious Rhodes Scholarship; how we had an alumnus receive a Pulitzer Prize; or how we had a faculty member receive a Fulbright Award and another discover a new dinosaur.

If you experienced great times at Western, if it made a difference in your life, if you want your alma mater to succeed, if you understand the challenges as outlined above and the successes we have achieved regardless of those challenges, and if you have not given back, what is it that stops you from making a pledge when you get that phone call? What is it that stops you from sending a check when you get that letter from a student studying the same major as you and telling you how much your support means to Western? What is it that stops you from supporting scholarships on campus when you hear from our students that they are only at Western because of scholarship support?

You will get a call. Please answer the call. You will get a letter. Please don't put it into the "maybe" file or the "to do later" file. Please don't throw it away. Answer the letter. Every gift counts. Please don't sit back and say "I can only give \$15 (or \$25 or \$50 or \$100) and that just won't make a difference." Imagine the impact if 10,000 of you who have never made a gift to Western would step forward and make a gift of \$25 or more.

Imagine if another 10,000 step up and contribute \$1,000 or more. I know we have that capability. I know we have that many alumni who feel strongly about their time at Western and the positive impact Western has had on their lives.

Imagine if another 10,000 alumni contacted our office and asked for information about making a major gift of \$10,000 or more, or establishing a scholarship endowment of \$25,000 or more.

I know that we have alumni who can step forward and make major six- and seven-figure gifts that would forever change the face of Western Illinois University. We have already received such gifts during this campaign, and we are so grateful to our benefactors. We need to establish endowed chairs and we need to improve our facilities. We need to establish more—and larger—scholarships. We need these types of gifts just as the larger public universities and the private universities need them.

Finally, we need you to consider putting Western in your charitable estate plans. We have received tremendous support from those who have done so already. We have more than \$30 million in future estate gifts that are planned for Western at this point.

If you want to have a discussion about a major or planned gift, I will get in my car or hop on a train or plane and visit with you. No arm-twisting, just an honest discussion between alumni about how your gift can make a difference for our alma mater; how your gift will make Western a better place; and about how your gift will help

JTM Concepts donates software



By Julie Murphy '94 MS '95

JTM Concepts, Inc. of Rock Island (IL), has committed \$50,000 to the WIU Quad Cities Campus. Owner Janet Masamoto (recently named Rock Island Citizen of the Year) says, "WIU has become a top priority for my company. We want to help education students study a different way of teaching and learning."

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JTM Concepts donated Classroom³® software and licenses to the Quad Cities campus for use by preservice teachers. **Lloyd Kilmer**, professor of educational leadership at WIU, worked with JTM Concepts, conducting research and assessment on classroom effectiveness and providing demonstrations in Illinois.

"The preliminary research indicates this 3D approach appeals to the learning styles of all students, especially those with challenges, said Kilmer.

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Studying the “dark side” of Facebook

A study by a Western Illinois University assistant professor about the “dark side” of the social networking site Facebook has attracted worldwide attention.

Christopher Carpenter, an assistant professor of communication at WIU, published “Narcissism on Facebook: Self-promotional and Anti-social Behavior,” in the March edition of the *Personality and Individual Differences* journal.

The study included a narcissistic personality inventory (NPI) survey of 292 people, which measured self-promoting behavior while on Facebook. Students in Carpenter’s research methods class e-mailed people they knew and asked them to complete the survey. About 75 percent of those who responded were college students.

“In general, the ‘dark side’ of Facebook requires



Christopher Carpenter

more research in order to better understand Facebook’s socially beneficial and harmful aspects in order to enhance the former and curtail the latter,” said Carpenter. “If Facebook is to be a place where people go to repair their damaged ego and seek social support, it is vitally important to discover the potentially negative communication one might find on Facebook and the kinds of people likely to engage in it. Ideally, people will engage in pro-social Facebooking rather

than anti-social me-booking.”

Carpenter, who came to WIU in 2010, earned his Bachelor of Arts (2004) in psychology from North Central College, where he was the 2002 Pi Kappa Delta National Policy debate champion. He earned his Master of Arts (2006) in communication studies from Northern Illinois University and his Ph.D. (2010) in communication from Michigan State University.

Marx to retire

After nearly 28 years of service to Western Illinois University, **Maureen Marx MA '79**, chair of the WIU Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD), will retire June 30.

Marx came to WIU in August 1984, and was chosen as the department chair in July 2006. Before joining the WIU faculty she was a speech language pathologist in the Industry (IL) and Astoria (IL) school districts from 1979-1984.

In 2005, Marx received a governor’s appointment to serve on the Early Learning Council.

To give back to a program that was central to her rewarding professional career, Marx has established a much-needed scholarship for undergraduate students. The Maureen G. Marx Undergraduate Academic Excellence Award will recognize and reward a high-achieving student at each of the four class levels at the beginning of every academic year.

Contributions to the scholarship may be made by contacting the WIU Foundation at (309) 298-1861 or online at wiu.edu/giving.



Maureen Marx MA '79

From the Mouths of Babes

By **Kevin Rach, University Relations Graduate Intern**

A WIU graduate stole the attention of more than 100 million Super Bowl XLVI viewers for 30 seconds of the broadcast, and while he may not have been sporting shoulder pads and a helmet, his brief time in the spotlight was some of the game’s most loved and remembered ... the E*Trade Baby commercial directed by WIU alumnus **Tim Abshire**.

Abshire’s spot featured the iconic pint-sized financial wizard dishing out his usual mixture of investing wisdom and offhanded humor to a nervous new father, all while incredulously watching another of his infant friends “speed-dating” on the other side of the glass in a hospital nursery. During a meeting in Spring 2012 with Western broadcasting students via FaceTime, Abshire fielded students’ questions about the commercial, the advertising industry and career advice, which comes after more than 10 years directing spots for some of the biggest players in the business, including Google, Coca-Cola, Chevrolet, Gamefly (remember the ad with people screaming at their TVs?), and of course, E*Trade. And yet, in spite of the pressure of being in charge of such high-value projects, Abshire said he is having the time of his life.

“I get to do something new every day,” he said. “It’s an absolute blast of a way to make a living.”

Abshire attended WIU in the formative stages of the broadcasting department, when the TV studio was first built.

“It was a pretty interesting time,” Abshire recalled. “Everybody was kind of figuring the studio out and learning it together.”

His career’s meteoric ascent began after one of his experimental videos won him an internship with MTV On



WIU Alumnus Tim Abshire

Air Promos after graduation. He started as a intern, then worked his way up revising spots and finally, got the opportunity to direct commercials for MTV’s Video Music Awards, the Video Music Awards and everything in-between.

“MTV was like the grad school of filmmaking,” he said. “I got to work with some seriously cool people—everyone from Ben Stiller and Marilyn Manson to Howard Stern, Chris Rock and Courtney Love. It was a free and crazy and open and

nutty experience.”

But despite the laundry list of celebrities, Abshire also loves working with “real” people to generate authentic emotions, and adapting his directing style to accomplish the task at hand.

Take, for example, the spot he directed for Google, “Chubby Bunny,” which depicts three brothers playing the game [which involves speaking through a mouth stuffed with marshmallows] using Google’s speech recognition software as the judge.

“I wanted to help viewers get to know this family and highlight how real people might use the technology,” he said. “There were four brothers in the spot, but you only see three, because we gave the camera to the fourth. He’s the one filming the whole thing. We curtained up the kitchen so the kids couldn’t see the production crew, and then let them have at it. They were brothers acting like brothers, and it ended up being very real.”

Put that in contrast to the meticulous editing and technological prowess required to make an infant crack jokes with his adult buddy and give thoughtful advice about an online investing firm, and his chameleon-like abilities are apparent.

But all the work has led to one success after another,

Vallillo to retire

After 25 years as the general manager of Tri States Public Radio, **Dorie Vallillo '77 MA '81**, will retire June 30.

Beginning in 1987, when it was based in Memorial Hall, to today when the station reaches all or parts of 20 counties in Illinois, Iowa and Missouri, Vallillo has brought in more than \$6.5 million in state and national grants, planned and implemented the station’s move to Western’s University Service Building on University Dr., and helped raise two broadcast towers.

Tri States Public Radio has also expanded their regional coverage by creating a Southeast Iowa News Bureau in Keokuk (IA) and airing NPR’s “Morning Edition” in Galesburg. They were also the first university licensed radio facility in the state to convert to high definition (HD) broadcasting.

Vallillo spent 15 years as treasurer of Public Radio in Mid America Board of Directors and is completing her second term as radio vice president of the Illinois Public Broadcasting Council.

Vallillo, husband Chris, and daughter Maggie, will continue to live in Macomb.

the secret to which is as simple as the passion he has for his work.

“If you have a positive outlook and continue to push forward, people notice. There’s that old saying—‘Whether you believe you can or cannot, you’re right,’” Abshire said. “Anytime somebody told me ‘No, you can’t do that,’ it made me work even harder. And I did it anyway.”

Abshire’s work can be found at timabshire.com.



Dorie Vallillo '77 MA '81

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— WIU Alumni Programs

1951

Gene Redman, Strafford, MO, is a retired sales manager and business owner, in the WIU Athletics Hall of Fame and published the book, "Traveling America." (e_redman@sbcglobal.net)

1968

Eva Ezan Page, Naperville, is retired.

1969

Daniel Boni, Northbrook, is retired from the Chicago Public Schools as a counselor.

1970

Thomas Coppola, Chicago, is retired from the Chicago Public Schools as a teacher.

1971

Paul Fletcher, Peoria, AZ, is retired from CoBiz Insurance as a commercial insurance account manager after 37 years.

1973

Sally McIntyre Hutton, Centennial, CO, is the meeting and events coordinator at the University of Denver. (sallyehutton@gmail.com)

Pamela Yeast-Ross Cilek, Weldon Springs, MO, has retired from St. Charles Community College as a professor and theatre program coordinator and received the Senior Faculty Service Award from MCCA. (pcilek@st.chas.edu)

1974

Stephen Baker, Chicago, is a legislative liaison for the Cook County Public Defender.

Susan Borkowski Lueger, Shorewood, WI, is retired from Northwestern Mutual in Milwaukee as the chief human resources officer. She is also an executive advisor for Challenger, Gray & Christmas, Board Trustee for Cardinal Stritch University and Ten Chimneys Foundation.

Bradley Rasch, Roselle, is an instructor at College of Du Page in Glen Ellyn and has published books, "Psychology: The Stuff You Can Really Use" and "Extreme Trivia: The Chicago Professional Sports Trivia They Do Not Want You To Know." (bradleyrasch@comcast.net)

Debbie Trammell Swierczek, Palatine, is retired from High School District #214 after 34 years of service as the dean of students.

1976

Umberto Davi, Willowbrook, has been elected third vice president of the Illinois State Bar Association.

1977

Randall Jurasek, Byron, is an educational specialist at Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

Lawrence Thurow, Monticello, is a professor at Parkland College in Champaign. (lthurow@parkland.edu)

1978

Lawrence Fan MS, San Jose, CA, is the athletics media relations director at San Jose State University. (lawrence.fan@sjsu.edu)

Jean Bremer Hinton, Decatur, is the executive director at the Decatur Area Education Coalition of the Community Foundation of Decatur/Macon County.

Steven Lovekamp, Findlay, is a retired ranger from Eagle Creek State Park.

Jim Maloney, Montrose, CO, is a retired U.S. Ranger from the U.S. Dept. of Interior, Bureau of Land Management. (jimmaloney26@gmail.com)

Keith Rumbaugh, Park Forest, is a retired teacher from Brookwood School District #167 after 33 years of service. (klrumby@hotmail.com)

1979

Douglas Johnson, Geneva, is retired from Kane County Regional Superintendent of Schools.

Michael Shonrock MS '81, Emporia, KS, is the President of Emporia State.

St. Louis Alumni & Friends Event—Rams vs. Saints Pregame Social & Football Game October 30, 2011



Ft. Myers Alumni & Friends Event

The Plantation Golf and Country Club, March 15



Front row, l-r: Kelly Streng, Tim Harwood '11, Ben Kilborn, Dan Bidle, Konrad Deka, Kurt Slattery, Seth Brannan, Tim Streng '07, Jacob Weeber and Andrew Godfrey. Middle row, l-r: Harland Kilborn, Eileen Kilborn, Mary Anne Budd Anerino, Gary Anerino '73, Dick Blakey '60, Bill Loomis '59, Rosalie Blakey and Dick Meyer '58. Back row, l-r: Head Men's Golf coach Mel Blasi '87, Alumni Council member John Sanders '74, Michael Burke, Alumni Achievement Award recipient and Alumni Council member Rod Ahitow '69, Mark Hamrock '76, Jim Ream '61, Dee Grebe Grover, Jim Grover '57, Steve Nelson '77, Deb Nelson, Sherrill Blakey, Suzanne Meyer and Renee Blakey.

1981

Tricia Pike Griffin, Laguna Beach, CA, is the director of product development at Flavor Infusion. (tgriffin@flavorinfusion.com)

Domenico Lanzillotta, Thousand Oaks, CA, is a channel manager – Americas region at Vero Software International.

Paul Rega, Standard, wrote a book titled, "How To Find A Job: When There Are No Jobs" and hit #1 spot for all Job Hunting Books in the country.

1982

Gregory Bryniczka, S. Barrington, was named Top Doc of America 2011-2012 as a podiatrist.

Linda Garcia Merchant, Chicago, is a documentary filmmaker at Voces Primeras, LLC.

1983

Loftin Woodiel, E. Alton, is an assistant professor of criminal justice in charge of the graduate program at Missouri Baptist University in St. Louis, MO. (woodiell@mobap.edu)

1984

Stephen Miller, Newfield, NY, is the production room staff at Challenge Industries in Ithaca. (scm0627@yahoo.com)

Michelle Morrison MA '86, Lockport, is the executive director at Sertoma Speech and Hearing Center in Palos Hills. (mmorrison@sertomacenter.org)

1986

Lisa Knopp MA, Lincoln, NE, is an associate professor of English at the University of Nebraska-Omaha and has written a book, "What the River Carries: Encounters with the Mississippi, Missouri, Land Platte."

Raberta Perkins Rankin, Brooklyn Park, MN, is a social worker at Ramsey County Human Services in St. Paul.

Jupiter Alumni & Friends Event Party Deck at Roger Dean Stadium, March 16



Front row, l-r: Alumni Achievement Award recipient Jerilyn Krizka Scardina '75, Kelly Humke Streng '09, Tim Streng '07, Aiden Morris, Sharon Blickensderfer and Christopher Blickensderfer. Middle row, l-r: Chacie Worley, Rebecca Hodges Morris '98 and Sarah Eaton '10. Back row, l-r: Mindy Schimmek, George Schimmek '75, Rod Lewis '99, Peggy Worley, Red Eckardt, Rose Eckardt, Jill Eckardt '83, Bill Horstman, Victoria Shreve, Richard Shreve '60 '62, Steven Olson and Alumni Council member Roger Clawson '77.

Black Alumni Gala March 17



1987

Richard Farrar, Decatur, is retired from the U.S. Army.

1989

Leah Hall Dorothy MS, Alberta, Canada, is the director of Campus Recreation at the University of Alberta. (leah.halldorothy@ualberta.ca)

Nicolette Jaeger Seymour, Lake Villa, is a senior administrative assistant at Compensation Strategies, Inc. in Bannockburn.

Kevin Skoien, Gurnee, is the president and chief instructor at Katai Martial Arts, Inc.

1992

Allyson Warnick Armstrong, Fairview, TX, is a senior technical writer at GE Healthcare in Plano. (allysonarmstrong2010@gmail.com)

Lance Eldred, Virginia, is a Squadron Commander / 11th Regimental Support Squadron / 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment in the U.S. Army in Fort Irwin, CA.

Kathy "Kate" Knoerr Prouty, Lansing, MI, is a self employed flutist and instructor.

1993

Gregory Hilt MS '96, Sussex, WI, is the business development manager at Northwestern Sports Properties in Evanston, IL. (ghilt@wi.rr.com)

Kim Morsovillo Hilt, Sussex, WI, is an associate radiology account manager for GE Healthcare.

Timothy Krug, Machesney Park, is an education program developer at ABC Supply Co., Inc. in Beloit, WI. (tndkrug40@gmail.com)

1994

Brad Bennett ED SP '10, Pekin, is the head of the Robein School District in E. Peoria.

Ann Tracy Mueller, Gravois Mills, MO, is the co-editor of Health Care Communication News at Ragan Communications.

1996

Ross Bjork MS, Bowling Green, KY, is the athletics director at Ole Miss in Oxford, MS.

Benjamin Boeke, Rockford, is a sergeant for the Rockford Police Department. (ben.boeke@live.com)

Clare Koehler Fagan, Cedar Rapids, IA, is the front desk supervisor at Match Play Tennis-Rockwell Collins Recreation Center.

Todd Fagan, Cedar Rapids, IA, is the city forester for the City of Cedar Rapids. (t.fagan@cedar-rapids.org)

Chicago Alumni & Friends Event Adler Planetarium, March 30



First row, l-r: Alumni Council member Lisa Lyons '03 '05, Sue Hopkinson, Allison Rose, Tanya Cyprian, Jan Moss, Brennan Hilliard, Jean Conner and Miranda Jones. Middle row, l-r: President Jack Thomas, College of Business and Technology Academic Advisor Ember Keithley '94 '01, Assistant to the Dean of the College of Education and Human Services Dana Stites Moon '98 '01, Fran Koszut Moran, College of Education and Human Services Office Manager Christie Chatterton Carmack '10 '11, Breezer Rickey '90, Vera Hilliard, Cynthia Darden and Darlene Lyons. Back row, l-r: Tom Moran '76, Linda Hewitt Slepicka '73 and Eric Moran.



Front row, l-r: Gladys Foulkes, David Foulkes '78, John Shartle '70, Alumni Council member Carol Lewis Scott '70, Alumni Council member Brian Savage '73, Katie Savage '09 and Wai Ling Ho '01 '08. Middle row, l-r: President Jack Thomas, Trish Hammond '04, Michael Foulkes, Ashley Frieders '07, Laura McNellis, Chuck Berra '74 '75, Carol Kuczowski '79, Brad Jones '96, Brent Lowe '95 and Trina Thornton '94. Back row, l-r: Sebastian Danilowski and Tom O'Brien '07.



Front row, l-r: Karen Klimasz Boylan '95, Joyce Ross '87, Jennifer Jones, Diane Maxwell, Joan Jedrzejczyk Kubik '78, Lauren Kubik '10 and Jan Travis '94. Back row, l-r: President Jack Thomas, Board of Trustees member Lyneir Cole '87, Board of Trustees member Bill Epperly '68, Alumni Council member Roger Clawson '77, Joe Maxwell '71, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Roger Key '70, Jim Haleem '69 and Karen Salverson '95 '96.



Front row, l-r: Karen Salverson '95 '96, Mishelle Banas '97 and Ann Ford. Back row, l-r: Allison Muur, Brian Huddleston, Josh Oaks '04, Ryan Ford '96, Shayla Taeger and President Jack Thomas.

Schaumburg Western After Hours John Barleycorn, April 5



L-r: John Bokum '72, Rob Bialk '78, Kent Kalwitz '76, Parnell Murray '75 and Jim Anthony '78.



L-r: Alumni Council member Carol Lewis Scott '70, Glenn Holmes '76, Sue Drescher Blakely '77, Carol Frighetto Kuczowski '79 and Dustin Bainter.



Front row, l-r: Steve Cutaia '90, Sara Moffatt '11 and Ken Tillotson '91. Back row, l-r: Paul Connery '73, Dave Bargiel '90, Dean Gluth '83 and Bill Howe '88.

Heath Warren, Westmont, is the manager of Triton College Bookstore and works for the Follett Higher Education Group in Oak Brook.

1997

Pilar Gallardo, Bethalto, is a business analyst at Wells Fargo Advisors in St. Louis, MO.

Rebecca Tutaj Gengler, Big Rock, is the owner of More Polish Pottery. (morepolishpottery@gmail.com)

Vernon Schultz, Bolingbrook, is a customer systems technician for AT&T. (vschultz3@sbcglobal.net)

Christy Hall Warren, Westmont, is the director of ticketing at Innovation Arts & Entertainment.

1998

Eric Foote MS, Chicago, is the senior director of business development for CBS Sports.

Christina Frank, Manhattan, is the senior vice president & division manager at MB Financial Bank in Chicago. (cfrank@mbfinancial.com)

Heather Wier Vaught, Springfield, is the chief legal counsel to the State House Speaker.

1999

Therron Dieckmann MS, Carbondale, CO, is the director of parks & recreation at North of the River Recreation & Park District in Bakersfield, CA. (tdieckmann@yahoo.com)

Kirk Harris, Highlands Ranch, CO, is the lead student advisor at Ashford University in Denver. (kirk@myebmail.com)

Kelly Stockham Kruger, Molalla, OR, is a senior financial analyst for the treasury department at Novellus Systems, Inc. in Tualatin.

2000

Amber Brookhart, Chicago, is a self-contained B.E.S.T. program manager/teacher and Chippewa Middle School volleyball coach for District #62 and the assistant varsity volleyball coach at Maine West High School District #207. (ugt2blv14@yahoo.com)

Jason Carlson, Aroma Park, is a project engineer/test engineering supervisor at Federal Signal in University Park. (jason_m_carlson@hotmail.com)

Brett Gonsowski, Mesa, AZ, is a construction manager at Urban Point Construction LLC in Scottsdale. (bgonso2@msn.com)

Amy Peterson Haber, Arlington Heights, is a kindergarten teacher for Des Plaines School District.

2001

Julie Cagle Eggleston MS '08, Sugar Grove, is an inclusion specialist at Fox Valley Special Recreation Association in Aurora.

Stephanie Adams Greiner MS, Jefferson City, MO, is the e-learning curriculum design specialist at Missouri Department of Corrections. (stephanie.greiner@hotmail.com)

Shawn Wochner, Lake in the Hills, is an admissions counselor at Western Illinois University. (shawn_wochner@hotmail.com)

2002

Tom Courtney, Wauconda, is the bank manager at BMO Harris Bank in Hoffman Estates.

Shauna Allen Freeman, Gary, IN, is a correctional rehabilitation worker at Cook County Department of Corrections in Chicago. (shaunadallen@yahoo.com)

Tricia Tortorich Sportsman MA '04, Raleigh, NC, is the east division human resource manager at McDonald's US, LLC.

2003

Sarah Williams Baksin, Plano, is an adjunct ESL instructor at Joliet Junior College and was elected president of the American Association for Women in Community Colleges/Joliet Junior College Chapter.

Tanya Do Soule, Fort Wayne, IN, is an assistant professor of biology at Indiana University-Purdue University.

2004

Sarah Cunningham MS, Chicago, is an associate director, Co-curricular Life at the University of Chicago.

Charissa Cassagnol Delp, Bloomington, IN, is a supervisor at Boston Scientific.

Michael Delp, Bloomington, IN, is a Captain in the U.S. Army.

Lance Gentle, Buda, is an independent sales representative for Pioneer Hi-Bred.

Vanessa Roux, Broomfield, CO, is a frontlist production coordinator at Perseus Books Group.

Chris Sinnokrak, Ballwin, MO, is a police officer for the O'Fallon Police Department.

2005

Amanda Barnard, Normal, is a program assistant to athletics at Heartland Community College.

Joe Overton, Auburn, CA, is the transportation manager at Thunder Valley Casino Resort in Lincoln. (overton.joseph@gmail.com)

2007

Sarah Allard MS, Oxford, OH, is a first year adviser at Miami University. (allards@muohio.edu)

Andrew Dwyer, Kewanee, is a supervisor at the Henry County Public Transportation.

Ashley Gilland MS '09, Cedar Falls, IA, is the assistant softball coach at the University of Northern Iowa. (ashley.gilland@uni.edu)

Lacey Hufford, Danville, is the mental health juvenile justice case manager at The Center for Children's Services.

Kimberly Lisanby-Barber ED-SP, Mendota, was named by the IL Principals Association as the 2012-2013 Elementary School Principal of the Year.

Sammie Marcum Macpherson, Normal, is a procurement representative for State Farm Insurance.

Jessica Staton, Adair, is a buyer at Yetter Farm Equipment in Colchester. (jstaton@yetterco.com)

Kirsten Vining, Chicago, is a cardiac cath lab technician at Evanston Hospital.

2008

Katie Koehler Bohland, Ramsey, is a police officer for the Decatur Police Department.

Martin Bostrom MS '10, Stamford, CT, is the head tennis and platform tennis professional at the Field Club of Greenwich. (mbostrom@fcfgreenwich.com)

Nicholas Conklin, Pekin, was promoted to sergeant at the IL Department of Corrections.

Luke Kessler, Indianapolis, IN, is the organist at Christ the Savior Lutheran Church.

Peter Roley MS '10, DeKalb, is the assistant director of football operations-video at Northern Illinois University. (pjrole@gmail.com)

Mary Sylvester, Springfield, is a disability claims adjudicator for the Disability Determination Services for the State of IL.

Samuel Weller, Los Angeles, CA, is a freelance writer. (samjweller@gmail.com)

2009

Jessica Dunne, Riverside, is a certified athletic trainer at Athletico.

Stephanie Milner MS, St. Louis, MO, is the residential college director at Washington University. (stephanie.milner@wustl.edu)

Allison Morgan MS '11, Tacoma, WA, is the resident director and coordinator of clubs & organizations at Pacific Lutheran University.

2010

William Fowler, Austin, TX, is the assistant chief at the Austin Fire Department.

Bradley Malone, Grayslake, is a risk management analyst at Northbrook Park District. (brad6294@gmail.com)

Jamin Thein, Pawnee, is a MLA-government mortgage analyst at Wells Fargo.

2011

Rob Carroll MS, Tacoma, WA, is a program manager for first year programs at the University of Washington.

Allyson Randolph Crust MS, Ballwin, MO, is the program coordinator with the Skandalaris Center for Entrepreneurial Studies at Washington University in St. Louis. (allyson_randolph@yahoo.com)

Jeffrey McDonald, Worth, is a patrolman for the Palos Hills Police Department.

Jaclyn Miller, Downers Grove, is an employment records coordinator for McDonald's Corporation in Oak Brook. (jaclyn.miller@us.mcd.com)

Ryan Petrucci, Johnston, IA, is a forensic autopsy technician for the IA Office of State Medical Examiner in Ankeny.

Shaun Susnis, Tinley Park, is a patrolman for the Palos Hills Police Department.

Marriages and Civil Unions

Randy Behrens '05 and **Callie Scherckenbach**, May 19, 2012.

Ashley Edwards '08 and **Tyler Campbell**, May 26, 2012.

Nicholas Flynn '07 and **Breanna Martinez**, Nov. 5, 2011.

Julie Gallagher '95 and **Artie Kaloz**, May 12, 2012.

Lauren Kerkhoff '09 and **Tyler Neumann**, May 5, 2012.

Tammy Pittsley '10 and **Ryan Musser**, May 12, 2012.

Nate Simonton '06 and **Lauren Rhode**, Jan. 7, 2012.

Stephanie Travis '11 and **Brock Flesner '12**, June 18, 2011.

Cory Vogel '02 and **Kimberly Rowsley**, May 19, 2012.

Colin Wasmund MFA '09 and **Ashlee Edgemon MFA '10**, June 3, 2012.

Births and Adoptions

Julia Jakstys Brodsky '01 and **Jared**, a daughter, **Claire Anna**, Jan. 17, 2012.

April Fanella Courtney '02 and **Tom Courtney '02**, a son, **Landon Thomas**, Aug. 24, 2011.

Michael Delp '04 and **Charissa Cassagnol Delp '04**, a daughter, **Kennedy**, Jan. 2, 2012.

Chaney Ferguson '11 and **Sarah**, a son, **Ryker William**, Jan. 25, 2012.

James Ford '03 and **Amber Walker Ford '03**, a son, **James Douglas**, Nov. 11, 2011.

Shauna Allen Freeman '02, a son, **Corey Jamaal, Jr.**, July 6, 2011.

Lance Gentle '04 and **Robyn Anderson Gentle '05**, a son, **Colby**, Nov. 2, 2011.

Amy Peterson Haber '00 and **Stacy Haber '00**, a son, **Colton Allen**, Jan. 30, 2012.

Alicia Robinson Hansen '00 and **Anthony Hansen '98**, a son, **Andrew**, Dec. 15, 2011.

LeAnn Gruber Heide '97, a daughter, **Samantha**, Apr. 10, 2011.

Bethany Fuller Kjellesvik '02 and **Timothy Kjellesvik '01**, a daughter, **Sofia Jean**, Nov. 30, 2011.

Jana Poliska Knupp '02 MBA '04 and **Scott Knupp '00 MBA '07**, a son, **Kody Logan**, Mar. 11, 2012.

Jennifer Black McClelland '00 MS-ED '09, and **Jeffrey**, a son, **Ethan Louis**, Nov. 25, 2011.

Emilie Bergon Miller '03 and **Tim Miller '04**, a son, **Jackson Crosby**, Dec. 30, 2011.

Philadelphia Alumni & Friends Event

Northern Lights Food Tours, April 21



Left side, front to back: Bill Draper '80 '80, President Jack Thomas, Chris King, Mahendra Pattni '84 and Michael Horton '68. Right side, front to back: Doug Wright '97, Barrie March, Paul Lewis, Liz Lewis, Kim Koppelman, Mark Koppelman '83, Olivia Smith and Lynne Smith '71.



L to r: Kim Koppelman, Mark Koppelman '83, Karen Cooper '86, President Jack Thomas, Doug Wright '97 and Chris King.

Melissa Baltazar Ortega '06 and **Rudy Ortega '06**, a son, **Cruz**, June 12, 2011.

Renaee Wilkerson Phillips MS '01 and **Eddie**, a daughter, **Braelyn**, Mar. 6, 2012.

Chris Sinnokrak '04 and **Kate**, a son, **Morgan John**, Mar. 5, 2012.

Kathy Crossland Thomas '99 and **Heath Thomas '99 MA '00**, a son, **Ames Janssen**, Oct. 25, 2011.

Holly Killion Van Vlymen '00 MS-ED '08 and **Jim Van Vlymen '98**, twin sons, **Luke James** and **Logan Wayne**, Feb. 14, 2012.

Shawn Wochner '01 and **Christina Moersch Wochner '02 MS-ED '07**, a daughter, **Emma Catherine**, Nov. 17, 2011.

Deaths

Christopher T. Agnew, Bettendorf, IA, Feb. 4, 2012.

Niles N. Alter, Palm Harbor, FL, Jan. 31, 2011.

Constance L. Kee Aten, Galesburg, Mar. 5, 2012.

Jane Beck, Macomb, Feb. 19, 2012.

Richard W. Blake, Belvidere, Feb. 12, 2012.

Emmerson Buie, Sr., Bellwood, Feb. 10, 2012.

Marion P. Callison, Macomb, Feb. 2, 2012.

William R. "Bill" Collins, Westfield, IN, Feb. 29, 2012.

James H. Cowan, Galesburg, Jan. 9, 2012.

Shirley I. Cron, Rockford, Feb. 8, 2009.

Fred E. Curry, Frederick, Jan. 14, 2012.

Doris M. Darr Evans, Carrollton, Mar. 7, 2012.

E. Ruth Dexter, Macomb, Apr. 19, 2012.

Olive Fite, Macomb, Apr. 26, 2012.

Virginia L. Lowell Grabill, Evansville, IN, Aug. 29, 2011.

Harold L. Greene, LaPrairie, Apr. 11, 2012.

Alice Jenks Hainline, Farmington, CT, Mar. 22, 2012.

Fred N. Hancock, Macomb, June 19, 2009.

Franklin Hartzell, Carthage, Apr. 24, 2012.

Betty Herzog, Tucson, AZ, Feb. 5, 2012.

Jan D. Holmes, Augusta, Jan. 22, 2012.

Barbara N. Huff, Macomb, Apr. 27, 2012.

Harold R. Houtzel, Buckley, Dec. 7, 2008.

Harlan E. Hummel, Indian Lake Estates, FL, Feb. 7, 2012.

Kenneth W. Hutchins, Macomb, Feb. 10, 2012.

Margaret E. Johnson, Morris, Apr. 9, 2008.

Pat Johnson, Sr., Bonesteel, SD, Dec. 4, 2010.

J. Paul Jones, Macomb, Feb. 22, 2012.

Chester E. Knight, Stronghurst, Jan. 26, 2010.

Alex Kusznierek, Magnolia Springs, AL, Apr. 27, 2010.

Gordon H. Lamb, Columbia, MO, Feb. 6, 2012.

H.M. "Mickey" Logsdon, Bushnell, Feb. 19, 2011.

Pearl M. Magelitz, Browning, Mar. 30, 2012.

Michael E. Marks, Abingdon, Jan. 28, 2012.

John McHale, Ivesdale, Dec. 18, 2007.

Harold E. McMullen, Macomb, Apr. 15, 2012.

Judith R. Hertel Meyer, Lexington, TN, May 27, 2011.

Buel Mitchell, Morrisonville, July 23, 2007.

Mary E. O'Brien, Macomb, Feb. 10, 2012.

St. Louis Alumni & Friends Event

Busch Stadium, Musial Bridge, April 15



L-r: Herman Wisslead '71, Lynn Wisslead, Matt Wisslead, Kristin Sylvester '10, Stacey Garlick, Office of Public Safety Police Corporal Nathan Garlick, Chris McCormick, Physical/Heating Plant Stationary Engineer Michael Coleman, Director of Small Business Development Center Greg Garrett, Ronda Garrett, Shelly Koehler and Lisa Carlson Nafziger '90.



L-r: Neil Martin, Terra Seidel '08, Rick Tarzwell '81, Alumni Council member John Sanders '74, Charlie Hubbard '76, Layne Lovell, Mary Lovell, Roy Roth, Library Operations Associate Peggy Lambert Roth '87, Denise May '08 holding Owen Scudder, Adam Cremer, Diana Dubsky Cremer '74 '83 and Alumni Council member and Town and Gown Award recipient Jerry Cremer '89.



L-r: Alan Franklin, Lindsay Lima '09, Luan Webster Ippensen, Darrell Ippensen '77, Sharon Cassens '01, Beth Lounsbury French '76 '09, Bruce Cassens, Gary French '78, AIMS Sr. Applications Analyst Tim Adams '11, AIMS Manager Dallas Mowen '84, Cheryl Oden Gibbons '00 and Mark Gibbons '01.

Gary M. Olson, Dallas City, Mar. 5, 2009.

Harold J. Peterson, Plattsburgh, NE, Sept. 30, 2009.

C. Richard "Dick" Reeves, Tennessee, Jan. 7, 2010.

Martha Richert, Chicago Heights, May 28, 2011.

Maurice K. Ronzone, Galt, Feb. 4, 2009.

Michael R. "Mike" Schurtz, Blandinsville, Nov. 17, 2008.

Walter S. Speer, Aledo, Mar. 29, 2012.

Jack Stephens, Woodridge, Jan. 2, 2010.

Thomas R. "Tom" Taylor, Macomb, Feb. 26, 2012.

Janice E. Carroll Trowbridge, Quincy, Jan. 31, 2012.

Julia M. "Judy" Wall, Rushville, Apr. 8, 2012.

Arnold Wendt, Macomb, Mar. 5, 2012.

Dustin A. Whitaker, Hamilton, Apr. 1, 2012.

1929 Melissia Hillery Bettisworth, Macomb, Feb. 27, 2012.

1930 Louise Brown Garrison, Orange City, FL, June 2, 2010.

1931 Darline L. Arnett, Barry, Aug. 11, 2007.

1932 Hazel G. Campbell Chord, Palos Heights, Feb. 26, 2010.

1935 Hazel M. Ogren Watson, Macomb, Oct. 26, 2011.

1935 Lilah R. Roffey Windish, Elmwood, Nov. 7, 2010.

1936 Marjorie S. Simpkins Means, Richmond, VT, Oct. 27, 2011.

1937 Renetta A. Bardon Arms '43, Madison, CT, Feb. 20, 2011.

1940 Barbara J. Burkhalter Norton, Middletown, OH, Sept. 23, 2011.

1941 Jane Glenn, E. Moline, Mar. 12, 2012.

1941 J. Victor "Vic" Hopper, Kankakee, Feb. 15, 2012.

1942 Mary K. Sandstrom Detrick, Burlington, IA, Feb. 1, 2012.
 1942 Sarah L. Jackson Lock '54 MSE '60, Quincy, Aug. 27, 2010.
 1942 Esther M. Sanders, Marietta, OH, Mar. 13, 2011.
 1943 Robert L. Hodges MA '48, Urbana, Mar. 10, 2012.
 1944 Phillip S. "Phil" Clary, Jacksonville, Apr. 4, 2012.
 1946 Martha M. Beatty, Woodstock, GA, Feb. 8, 2009.
 1947 William E. "Bill" Falder, Mayfield, KY, Apr. 12, 2012.
 1948 Thomas J. "Tom" Fitzgibbon, Daytona Beach, FL, Oct. 3, 2011.
 1948 Joann M. Eckhardt Schock, Thousand Oaks, CA, Apr. 19, 2011.
 1948 Lois E. Conn Shelley, Colchester, Mar. 31, 2012.
 1949 Donald L. Hawthorne, Champaign, Oct. 3, 2009.
 1950 Frances M. McGaughey Ingels, LaFayette, Jan. 16, 2011.
 1950 Charles Stump MS-ED '58, Mendon, Apr. 14, 2012.
 1951 Glennavona Crone, Phoenix, AZ, Dec. 23, 2009.
 1951 Donald Weiden, Cedar Point, Aug. 4, 2008.
 1952 Robert L. "Bob" Jackson, Sherrard, Feb. 26, 2012.
 1953 James J. Phelps, Frisco, TX, Mar. 16, 2012.
 1953 Ann Olinger Underwood, Somonauk, Feb. 18, 2012.
 1954 Daniel M. "Dan" Brauer, Springfield, July 21, 2011.
 1954 Joann R. Richey Taylor, Collinsville, Oct. 9, 2009.
 1955 Robert C. "Bob" Dietrich, Junction, TX, July 19, 2009.
 1957 Charles J. Leary, Addison, Aug. 25, 2011.
 1957 James J. Pancrazio MS-ED '58, Bloomington, Feb. 29, 2012.
 1958 Carolyn R. Worley Baughman, Inverness, Mar. 6, 2011.
 1958 Arlene V. Jackson Hessman, Spencer, IA, Apr. 20, 2011.
 1960 Robert W. "Bob" Forsberg, Mequon, WI, Mar. 8, 2012.
 1961 William J. Skidmore, Naperville, Feb. 16, 2012.
 1962 Robert G. Briggs, Lake Mary, FL, Feb. 3, 2012.
 1962 Paul K. Stevenson MS-ED, Roseville, Mar. 7, 2012.
 1963 Vera L. Wilson Martin, Smithfield, Sept. 1, 2008.
 1964 Billy D. Bainter, O'Fallon, Apr. 7, 2009.
 1964 Rollin D. Housenga, Greenfield, IN, Jan. 13, 2010.
 1964 J. Douglas Payne, Pekin, Feb. 20, 2012.
 1964 Stephen E. "Steve" Witte MS-ED '86, Moline, Jan. 14, 2012.
 1965 Allen R. Anke, LaSalle, Sept. 6, 2011.
 1966 Mary E. Cartwright Kellogg, LaHarpe, Jan. 24, 2012.
 1966 Guy A. Ripka, Metamora, Nov. 4, 2011.
 1966 Iris E. Sepich, Norris, Dec. 23, 2011.
 1968 Perry E. Bishop, Normal, Mar. 10, 2012.
 1968 Sadie N. Castagno MSE, Quincy, May 9, 2011.
 1968 Michael R. "Mike" McGuire, Peru, May 2, 2011.
 1969 David R. Massey, Jacksonville, Dec. 4, 2010.
 1969 Ruth A. Calhoun Riggle, Geneseo, July 20, 2011.
 1969 Marilyn A. Rinker Thie MS-ED, LaHarpe, Mar. 12, 2012.
 1970 Joan A. Alves Pano MS-ED, Macomb, Feb. 6, 2012.
 1970 Catherine L. "Cathy" Waters Reynolds MA '79, Davenport, FL, Mar. 2, 2012.
 1970 Linda L. Haka Sargis, Park Ridge, July 16, 2011.
 1971 Morris J. Chambers MS '76, Rock Island, June 24, 2010.
 1971 Patricia A. Bosben Klein MS-ED, Roanoke, Jan. 12, 2008.
 1971 Carol J. Nissen McKane, Darien, Aug. 26, 2011.
 1972 Dennis P. Lynch, Huntley, Mar. 9, 2012.
 1973 Marian E. Current, Schaumburg, Feb. 13, 2012.
 1973 Glenn A. Gustavson, Addison, Jan. 30, 2012.
 1973 Wayne S. Tegeler, Apple Valley, MN, Nov. 19, 2011.
 1974 Marjorie J. Reissner Cook MS-ED, Gurnee, Aug. 9, 2010.
 1974 Valerie L. Fendl, Oak Lawn, Dec. 17, 2010.
 1974 Priscilla F. Hartzler Hawkinson, Galesburg, Jan. 22, 2012.
 1974 Aaron R. Jacobs, McHenry, Feb. 2, 2012.
 1975 Phillip N. Benne, Hanna City, Feb. 7, 2012.
 1975 Sharon J. Chybik, Chicago, July 25, 2009.
 1975 Brian R. Zimmerman, Ely, MN, Jan. 22, 2012.
 1976 David C. Benstein, Cordova, TN, Nov. 9, 2010.
 1976 William K. Cassell, Chicago, Oct. 4, 2011.
 1976 Richmond J. Smith, Sr., Springfield, Oct. 23, 2010.
 1977 Cary W. Hull, Buford, GA, Apr. 27, 2012.
 1978 George W. Hallstein, Eau Claire, WI, Mar. 1, 2012.
 1978 Joellen Owens Roth, Pleasant Plains, May 30, 2010.
 1980 David P. Block, Moline, May 5, 2011.
 1980 Gregory S. Butterfield, Windermere, FL, Feb. 14, 2012.
 1980 Andre E. Williams, Duncanville, TX, June 22, 2009.
 1983 Steven W. "Steve" Hess, Aledo, Mar. 31, 2011.
 1984 Cynthia A. Kitching, Park Forest, Mar. 12, 2011.
 1985 Rondelle R. Kuharich MS-ED, Canton, Feb. 3, 2012.
 1988 Juli J. Shadle Schwab, Rock Island, Feb. 27, 2012.
 1989 Richard L. "Dick" Podlashes MS-ED, E. Moline, Nov. 6, 2011.
 1990 Julie K. Young Dahl, Lincoln, Apr. 21, 2011.
 1990 Janet S. Deardorff Layton, Rockport, TX, Nov. 12, 2008.
 1993 Pamela J. "Jill" Schisler Sherwood MS '94, Canton, Apr. 7, 2012.
 1994 Kenneth L. "Ken" Brower, Milan, Mar. 16, 2011.
 1994 Michael J. Prince, Kankakee, Dec. 19, 2011.
 1994 Suzanne M. McGuinness Wall MS-ED, Ankeny, IA, Feb. 19, 2012.
 1995 Anne L. Pulley MA '98, Chadwick, Nov. 16, 2010.
 2003 Lauren E. Miller, Chicago, Dec. 15, 2011.
 2004 Faye E. Buckner, Davenport, IA, Feb. 8, 2012.
 2005 Anthony L. Smith, Springfield, Nov. 6, 2011.
 2007 Scott R. McGrew, Bushnell, Apr. 22, 2012.
 2007 Leslie A. Roberts PB-CER, MS '08, Lomax, Feb. 10, 2012.
 2011 Kevin L. Koch, Macomb, Jan. 27, 2012.

Thanks so much to all of our Alumni & Friends who attended the following events recently. Due to technological difficulties, we do not have photos from the events but wanted to acknowledge these folks for attending:

Orlando Alumni & Friends Social Spice, Jan. 22

Dustin Beleckis, Shawna Whalen Beleckis '98, Marty Belz, Tina Belz, Jill Danzl '09, Dan Dittmer '61, Sandra Dittmer, Shelley Dittmer, Terry Dittmer '67, Marty Dupuis, Professor Emeritus Jean Ellickson, Garnette Hallwas '89, Distinguished Alumni Award recipient John Hallwas '67 '68, Careen Curtis Hamman, Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Bill Hamman '63, Alan Kalinoski '82, Jill Fitzsimmons Mross '75 '79, Jim Mross, Byron Sabol '67, Joy Sabol and Bonnie Clow Stanich '75.

Tampa Alumni & Friends Social Brio Tuscan Grill, Jan. 24

Maurane Aeschleman, Ron Aeschleman '87, John Deledda, Barbara Duntun, Bob Duntun '72, Faye Andersen Falzone, Larry Falzone '73, Susan Forney '86, Larry French '74, Saray Galloway, Bill Galloway, Jerry Koehler '63 '65, Noreen Black Koehler '66, Ray McFolling Jr. '77, Sally McFolling, Pat O'Neill '72, Tom Walsh '75 and Teri Walter '73 '78.

Bradenton Alumni & Friends Luncheon Bradenton Country Club, Jan. 25

Charlotte Blackledge, Stephen Blackledge '60, Barb Magnuson Boehm '58, Bill Boehm '57 '58, Jacquie Brattain, Honorary Alumni Award recipient Bill Brattain '07, Tom Burke, Barry Davis '79, Charlotte Davis '86, Dick Dunsforth, Bob Jewison '56, Sara Sargent Jewison, Harriet Campbell Kipling '58, Kass Martin, Carolyn Quick, Ray Quick '58 '63, Garland Reedy, Sally Crawford Stickle '58, George Wanamaker '68 '70 and Ketra Wanamaker.



Western After Hours The Fifth Quarter in Homewood (IL), Feb. 2

William Adeboyejo, Jean Atchison Cornelison '74, Kimberly Calhoun Dawson '89, Miles Dawson '89, Matthew Dieudonne, Victor Easley '99, Tom Edwards '81, Paul Gentile '72, Thomas Kataras '73, Bettina Ferguson Miller '80 '81, Steve Miller, Steve Nemitz '82, Alumni Council member Jay O'Brien '78, Tom O'Brien '07, Carol Lewis Scott '70, Joyce Siska '74, Alumni Council member Kathy Sullivan '78, WIU President Jack Thomas and Tom Tomaszewski '70 '72.

Chicago Alumni & Friends Event Showboat, Chicago Lyric Opera, Feb. 22

Greg Anerino '69 '72, Ruth Trail Anerino '69, Kim Walker Chrencik '85, Steve Cutaia '90, Tara Dorothy Cutaia '91, Laura DeCroocq '83, Millie DeCroocq, Dave Eckerly '83, Judy Arnsman Eckerly '96, Judith Edlund, Joanne Guthrie Gard '85, Josefin Guthrie, Germaine Hesiak, Kenneth Jandes, Rosemary Klingebiel Jandes '65, Brad Sims '61 '67, Harlan Suffield '61, Patricia Donovan Suffield '60 and WIU President Jack Thomas.

Western After Hours

Goose Island in Chicago, Mar. 1

Frances McGinnis, Joe McGinnis '74 and Alumni Council member Kathy Sullivan '78.

New Orleans Alumni & Friends Social

Morton's, Feb. 11

College of Fine Arts and Communication Director of Development Mick Cumbie, David DeBlanc, Lynda Burnam DeBlanc '82, Jeff Luer, Terry Comstock Luer '79, Carl Nayden '68, Jean Clapp Nayden '68, Dena Hurst Semmons '72 and Thomas Semmons.



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Tucson Alumni & Friends Social

Noble Hops Gastropub, Feb. 19

Alane Asp, Steven Asp '72, Carol Bacigalupo-Gleason, Jim Bowen '56, Patricia Knight Bowen, Bob Clark, Fran Clark, Joanne Sindt Findley '70, Kathy Findley, Jo Hull Flack '50, Dan Gleason '78, Morris Hicks '58, Kris Melin '89, Stephanie Miller Melin '90, Bruce Novak, Peg Novak, Laurie O'Brien, Mike O'Brien '84, Mark Rusin '77, Steve Stuebner '70, Barb Grier Westover '69 and Lewis Westover '75 '79.



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Do you know a student who would be a great fit for Western Illinois University? Let us know by completing the form below. We also welcome recommendations for students who may wish to transfer to WIU.

The WIU Admissions Office will personally follow up with the student and give him/her the option of registering as a prospective student. The student will receive information from WIU, will be added to our contact list and will be invited to special events in his/her area and in Macomb. The student will also be notified that you took the time to refer him/her to Western Illinois University (if you would like us to share that information).

STUDENT'S INFORMATION

First Name: _____
 Last Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____ Zip: _____
 High School Name: _____
 Expected High School Graduation Date: _____
 E-mail: _____
 Cell Phone: _____
 Home Phone: _____
 Gender: Female Male

REFERRED BY

First Name: _____
 Last Name: _____
 WIU Graduation Year: _____
 Relationship to Student: _____
 E-mail: _____
 Cell Phone: _____
 Home Phone: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____ Zip: _____

**Why would this student be a good candidate for WIU?*

Yes, I would like to pay the application fee (electronic/\$25; paper/\$30) for this student when he/she applies.

If this student chooses not to apply:

Please use the application fee for another deserving student.

OR

Please refund me.

Yes, I would like this student to know I recommended him/her.

No, I would prefer this student not know I recommended him/her.

Please mail form to: WIU Alumni Association, 1 University Circle, Macomb IL 61455-1390, or visit wiu.edu/alumni/recommend.php to complete the form online.

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Full Name _____ Maiden Name _____ Grad. Year _____
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 Is this a new address? Yes No Prefer Home Business Cell
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 Is spouse/domestic partner a WIU graduate? No Yes, Graduation Year _____
 If yes: Spouse/Domestic Partner Full Name _____ Maiden Name _____
 Title/Position _____ Employer _____
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Alumni-Admissions Initiative Update

Greetings Western Illinois University Alumni!

I have some great news about next fall's incoming class. We received our 10,000th freshman application for admission—a new high! We are expecting a talented group of freshmen, as we have now offered 1,582 new Western Commitment Scholarships to students with a minimum 3.0 GPA and 22 ACT. To promote quality within our incoming students, we increased admissions standards and expect a smaller cohort of students in our alternative admission program. I greatly

appreciate those of you who are telling your WIU story to prospective students. One message that we work hard to promote is alumni support to the University. Our alumni love being Western grads and show it by donating back to their University.

Again, thank you for your efforts this year telling your story. Please continue to recommend your alma mater to the great students you meet.

Andy Borst
 Director of Admissions

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CHICAGO HIRSTY THURSDAYS

July 2012
5 Western After-Hours in downtown Chicago -
canceled due to July 4th holiday

August 2012
2 Western After-Hours in Oak Lawn at 115 Bourbon Street

September 2012
6 Western After-Hours in downtown Chicago
at N9NE Steakhouse

October 2012
4 Western After-Hours in LaGrange

Your WIU Alumni Association kicked off a new tradition—Western After-Hours—on the first Thursday of every month rotating from downtown Chicago to a suburb then back downtown! Stop by anytime between 5-7 p.m. for complimentary appetizers and a cash bar. Walk-ins are welcome but if you wish to pre-register, email A-Association@wiu.edu or call (309) 298-1914.






WIU President Jack Thomas



Macomb Mayor Mike Inman

Kick off WIU Homecoming 2012 with.... Celebrating Town & Gown 2012

Sept. 13 • Location: The Forum in Macomb • 5:30-7:30 p.m. with a short program at 6:15 p.m. • Price: \$20/person

UPCOMING WIU ALUMNI & FRIENDS EVENTS

June 18 Quad Cities Golf Outing

TPC Deere Run
3100 Heather Knoll, Silvis, IL
Registration: 11 a.m., Shotgun: 12 p.m., Social: 5 p.m., Dinner: 6 p.m.
• 18 holes of golf, social, meal & cash bar — \$82
• Social, meal & cash bar only — \$23
• Hole sponsorship — \$500



July 16 San Diego Alumni & Friends Event

Island Prime & C Level
880 Harbor Island Dr., Harbor Island in San Diego, CA
Social: 6-8 p.m.
Social, mouth-watering hor d'oeuvres & cash bar — \$20



July 28 Chicago Alumni & Friends Event

Cubs vs. Cardinals Social & Baseball Game
Wrigleyville Rooftop, 3643 Sheffield Ave.
Doors Open: 11:30 a.m., First Pitch: 12:05 p.m.
All you can eat buffet & open bar — \$185



July 15 Santa Ana (CA) Alumni & Friends Event

Sunset at the Santa Ana Zoo
1801 East Chestnut Ave., Santa Ana, CA
Visit the zoo throughout the day: 10 a.m. — 4 p.m.
Social: 5-7:30 p.m.
Social, drinks, picnic and an evening of live music, train/carrousel rides and zoo animals — \$10



August 2 Denver Alumni & Friends Event

St. Louis Cardinals vs. Colorado Rockies Pregame Social & Baseball Game
Sports Column
1930 Blake St., Denver, CO
Social: 4:30 p.m., Game: 6:40 p.m. Coors Stadium
Social & section 117 ticket — \$41 or section U330 — \$30
Social only — \$12



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- Check Payable to **WIU Alumni Association**
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Card #: _____
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Name _____ Class year _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Home phone _____ Home e-mail _____

Cell phone _____ Do you want to receive text messages from the university? No Yes

Name of business _____ Job title _____

Work phone _____ Work e-mail _____

Work address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Name of event:	Number attending/Name(s):	Price:
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