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# Western News



Alumni News and Notes from Western Illinois University

## WIU-QC Riverfront Campus opens

If opening a new campus wasn't reason enough for celebration Jan. 17, Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn gave Western Illinois University even more reasons to celebrate when he announced the release of \$38 million for Phase II of the WIU Riverfront Campus.

"The WIU-Quad Cities Riverfront Campus became a reality as we opened our doors for classes at the new building Jan. 17, and our vision for the future of the Riverfront Campus complex is one step closer to happening thanks to the funding announcement made by Gov. Quinn," said President **Jack Thomas**.

"The support we have received have kept the dream of a Riverfront Campus very much alive."

According to **Joe Rives**, vice president of the Quad Cities, planning and technology, Phase II is a series of five interconnected buildings, that will double the size of available facilities. The next steps include finalizing plans, seeking bids and starting site preparation. Construction is anticipated to begin in Fall 2012. Phase II will house programs and services from the colleges of Arts and Sciences, Education and Human Services, and Fine Arts and Communication, and will include the other programs and services from the current WIU-QC 60th Street campus, including the library, WQPT and classes offered through the Quad Cities Graduate Study Center.

"We are the only public university in the Quad Cities, and the announcement for Phase II of the Riverfront Campus means expanded public higher education opportunities for the residents of the region," Rives added. "We remain committed to providing an outstanding educational experience to the Quad Cities."

In 2003, a donation from Deere & Company of 20 acres of land on the Moline riverfront provided significant



WIU President Jack Thomas and VP of Quad Cities, Planning and Technology Joe Rives accept keys to communities comprising the Quad Cities from Moline Mayor Don Welvaert.

funding as part of the Illinois Jobs Now! capital bill. A groundbreaking ceremony was held at the Riverfront Campus site on March 31, 2010, and construction began nearly one month later.

The first building on the Riverfront Campus supports the College of Business and Technology, including the School of Engineering; academic and student services; and University administration. The Illinois Capital Development Board released \$4 million in July 2010 for Phase II architectural and engineering design.

According to Rives, the new campus is expected to serve more than 3,000 Quad Cities-area students. Western has conducted classes in the Quad Cities for 100 years and currently serves approximately 1,400 students.

In addition to the ribbon-cutting and the Phase II funding announcement, the WIU-QC Riverfront Campus atrium was also dedicated as the **Alvin and Elaine Goldfarb** Grand Atrium in honor of President Emeritus Goldfarb's and his wife's support for Western.

WIU-QC also kicked off its 100-year anniversary of providing public higher education in the Quad Cities.

momentum for an expanded WIU-QC campus. Collaborative relationships were formed with the City of Moline, Renew Moline and the Illinois Quad City Chamber of Commerce, among many others, to develop the riverfront into an educational and business mecca. Three years later, \$2.4 million in Opportunity Returns planning funds were released to renovate the 40,000-square-foot former John Deere Tech Center on River Drive.

In December 2009, Gov. Pat Quinn announced further

## Foundation's Phonathon raises scholarship funds



The eight-month Western Illinois University fundraising Phonathon not only raises money for the University's scholarships and academic programs, but also offers an employment opportunity for nearly 50 students.

The WIU Phonathon is part of Western's Annual Fund, the main fundraising effort for University alumni. Other components include direct mail pieces, and online and mobile giving.

"The Annual Fund is a year-round effort, of which the Phonathon plays a major role" said Director of Annual Giving **Tim Hallinan '95**. "The Phonathon began in the early 80s with faculty volunteers. With the introduction of the Internet it's become more technological."

About two years ago the WIU Annual Fund transitioned its database to a computer system, which improved efficiency, Hallinan said.

"It allows us to make more calls per hour and keep our operating costs down. In doing so, we can be better stewards of donors' gifts," he said. "Alumni who have worked for the Phonathon in the past will remember the stacks of "greenbar" paper records in the basement of the Alumni House. Now, our Phonathon callers call from a computer workstation in Morgan Hall."

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### UPCOMING ALUMNI & FRIENDS EVENTS

**March**

- 15 . . . . Ft. Myers, FL
- 16 . . . . Jupiter, FL
- 17 . . . . Chicago, IL
- 30 . . . . Chicago, IL

**April**

- 3 . . . . Macomb, IL
- 5 . . . . Schaumburg, IL
- 15 . . . . St. Louis, MO
- 21 . . . . Philadelphia, PA

**May**

- 2 . . . . Rockford, IL
- 3 . . . . Chicago, IL
- 11-12 . . Macomb, IL
- 19 . . . . Chicago, IL

**June**

- 7 . . . . Naperville, IL
- 11 . . . . Woodridge, IL
- 12 . . . . Washington D.C.
- 13 . . . . New York, NY
- 14 . . . . Paterson, NJ
- 18 . . . . Silvis, IL



See page 2 for entire calendar and page 24 for complete details!

### ATTENTION ALL LEATHERNECK FANS!

WIU is building a fund to help Colonel Rock III stay healthy, fed and clothed, and to travel to meet Leatherneck fans all over the country. Text the word Rocky to 84700 to make a \$10 contribution. For more information, contact the WIU Foundation at (309) 298-1861 or visit [www.facebook.com/Col.RockIII](http://www.facebook.com/Col.RockIII).



Donations made payable to WIU Foundation, can be sent to WIU Foundation, 1 University Circle, Macomb, IL 61455. Designate gift for Rocky's Fund.

**DIRECTOR'S CORNER**  
NEWS FROM YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



Greetings Alumni and Friends,

I'm happy to tell you all about some exciting things happening at your alma mater! On Jan. 17 we celebrated the grand opening of our new WIU Quad Cities Riverfront campus and Governor Quinn also announced funding for phase II of the project! It was a great day to be a Leatherneck in the Quad Cities, especially since the new Whitey's ice cream flavor "Western

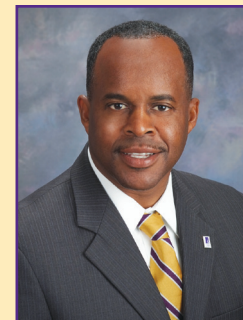
Rocks" was unveiled. For those of you from that area, you can truly imagine it, can't you?

Our spring semester got off to a great start, and seems to have gone by quickly as we are already at spring break! We look forward to welcoming more than 2,000 new members to the Alumni Association following WIU's spring commencement.

Finally, I hope you have a chance to read more about our new Alumni Council Legacy project on p. 6 - an effort started to improve the grounds around your alumni house. If you have any questions or would like to consider supporting the project, visit [wiu.edu/alumni/groundsrenovation.php](http://wiu.edu/alumni/groundsrenovation.php).

*Amy E. Spelman*  
Amy Spelman

## From the President



These are exciting times at Western Illinois University despite the economic challenges that we face. We are optimistic and continue to think big, to dream big and to achieve our goals as a University. I have enjoyed meeting our alumni at various events this past fall and spring. I certainly have enjoyed listening to the many experiences that our alumni have had during their time at Western, and I am always excited to share the wonderful things that are happening at Western Illinois University.

We are eagerly waiting on FY'12 reimbursements from the State of Illinois of approximately \$33 million\*. As we have been doing for the past few years, we are being fiscally responsible and conservative with our expenditures so we can continue providing outstanding educational opportunities that our students need and deserve and meet our payroll obligations. We continue to rely a great deal on our income funds, which include tuition and fees. We are working with our state legislators to obtain enhanced—and more timely—funding so that we are not placing the increased cost of education on our students.

We have had many accomplishments in spite of the fiscal challenges facing higher education. Western continues to be recognized by U.S. News & World Report and the Princeton Review. We are happy to announce the newly created Western Commitment and Western Centennial scholarships to high-achieving new freshman students. We are pleased that WIU theatre students received top awards at the recent Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival, that 10 African American studies students were selected to present papers at the 36th annual National Council for Black Studies and that 10 agriculture students qualified to compete at the National Postsecondary Agricultural Student (PAS) Organization Conference. Our student-athletes continue to excel, with 54 students, the third highest in the league, named to the Summit League Fall Academic All-League Team, and our men's and women's basketball teams have had outstanding seasons.

In January, we celebrated the grand opening of Western's new Riverfront Campus in Moline (IL), and we received capital development funding from the state for Phase II for the Riverfront Campus. Projects also continue on the WIU-Macomb campus, including the remodeling of Corbin and Olson halls and the upcoming renovation of Thompson Hall and the University Union. We continue to improve our heating plant and steam line tunnels.

Thank you for your support and commitment to Western Illinois University. We will continue to keep you informed of other exciting activities and accomplishments.

Sincerely,

*Jack Thomas*  
Jack Thomas

\*As of March 1, 2012

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## WIU ALUMNI & FRIENDS 2011-2012 EVENTS

### MARCH 2012

- 15 . . . . . Ft. Myers Alumni & Friends Event
- 16 . . . . . Jupiter (FL) Alumni & Friends Event - St. Louis Cardinals Pregame Social & Spring Training Baseball Game
- 17 . . . . . Black Alumni Black Tie Scholarship Gala
- 30 . . . . . Chicago Alumni & Friends Event - Complimentary Social at The Adler Planetarium

### APRIL 2012

- 3 . . . . . Student Alumni Association - Student vs. Alumni Basketball Game - Western Hall, Macomb
- 5 . . . . . Western After-Hours in Schaumburg (IL) at John Barleycorn
- 15 . . . . . St. Louis Alumni & Friends Event - St. Louis Cardinals vs. Chicago Cubs Social & Baseball Game
- 21 . . . . . Philadelphia (PA) Alumni & Friends Event at Smokin' Betty's in Center City West

### MAY 2012

- 2 . . . . . Rockford Alumni & Friends Event at Anderson Japanese Gardens
- 3 . . . . . Western After-Hours in downtown Chicago at the English
- 11-12 . . . . . WIU Commencement & Distinguished Alumni Awards Weekend
- 19 . . . . . Chicago Alumni & Friends Event at The Cubby Bear - watch the Cubs vs. Sox Game from The Cubby Bear

### JUNE 2012

- 7 . . . . . Western After-Hours at BlackFinn in Naperville
- 11 . . . . . "The Western Open" Chicago Alumni & Friends Golf Outing in Woodridge (IL)
- 12 . . . . . Washington D.C. Alumni & Friends Event at District ChopHouse & Brewery
- 13 . . . . . New York Alumni & Friends Event at The Parlour NYC
- 14 . . . . . Paterson (NJ) Alumni & Friends Event at The Brownstone
- 18 . . . . . Quad Cities Alumni & Friends Golf Outing in Silvis (IL)

### JULY 2012

- 5 . . . . . Western After-Hours in downtown Chicago
- 28 . . . . . Wrigleyville Rooftop Alumni & Friends Event - Cubs vs. Cardinals

### AUGUST 2012

- 2 . . . . . Western After-Hours
- 2 . . . . . Denver Alumni & Friends Event - St. Louis Cardinals vs. Colorado Rockies Social at Sports Column and Baseball Game at Coors Field

### SEPTEMBER 2012

- 6 . . . . . Western After-Hours in downtown Chicago
- 21-22 . . . . . Homecoming & Reunion

### OCTOBER 2012

- 4 . . . . . Western After-Hours

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# Education and Human Services

## Managing Monster Central

Curriculum and Instruction Assistant Professor Terry Smith serves as the host for a thriving "monster" community project that spans K-6 classrooms across the globe.

By Teresa Koltzenburg '92 MS '11

Monster-building time is still about six-and-a-half months away from its Oct. 1 start date, but the evidence of Terry Smith's "Global Monster Project" is available for viewing all year long via the "Monster Central" website at [www.smithclass.org/proj/monsters](http://www.smithclass.org/proj/monsters). Smith, who has been involved with the project for several years, noted that he not only uses the project as a way to provide WIU student teachers with valuable project-based learning (PBL) and instructional experiences, but he also manages the "Monster Central" website, which showcases how "elementary classes from the United States and around the world collaborate in this standards based project."

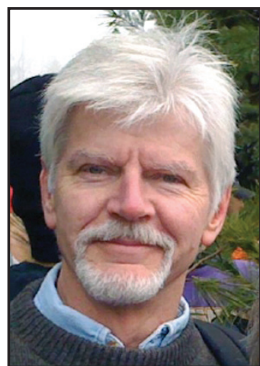
### What is the Global Monster Project and how did it get started?

Smith: It is a multi-school, web-based global project for grades K-6. It currently attracts schools from across the U.S., as well as from such countries as Russia, Australia, Korea, Taiwan, England, Lebanon, Turkey, South Africa and others. Academics addressed are literacy, foreign languages, social studies, math and art. Twenty-first century skills practiced include collaboration, problem solving, critical thinking, technology skills and global awareness. "Monsters" runs every year starting about Oct. 1 and concludes on Halloween, Oct. 31. It was started in the early 1990s by a Florida kindergarten teacher as a local email project for K-1 classes.

### How does the Global Monster Project work?

Smith: The project is about building a friendly monster, which is, in fact, designed by all of the contributing classes. Each class chooses one part of the monster, such as the ears, hands, eyes, tail, horns and so forth. Classes then use 12 words to describe their part, for example ears might be "nine inches long, two inches wide, purple, hairy and pointy." All participants must create the ears of their monster using these specifications, which is part of a master blueprint created by all of the classes. Descriptions are posted on the monster project website ([www.smithclass.org/proj/monsters](http://www.smithclass.org/proj/monsters)).

Teachers distribute the descriptions within their classrooms, then the



Terry Smith



Dr. Jitubarooa Smith, a 2011 monster created by students in Mrs. Judy Witten's '86 MS-ED '90 third-grade students at Lincoln Elementary School in Macomb.



Tokoloshi-Afrika, the 2010 monster constructed by fifth-grade students in Mrs. Beagley's class in Capetown, South Africa.

students negotiate and work together to build the monster using cardboard, paint, string, ribbons, buttons, foil... anything they can find. Once finished, photos of the monsters are sent to the project site for comparing and contrasting by all participants. During the process, students communicate, create videos, share blog websites, write poetry, read related books and find each other on maps—all of which exercise the reading, writing, thinking, working together and technology skills that teachers focus on daily.

WIU student teachers benefit by being involved in classrooms where students and teachers are working on this very active project. This provides the pre-service teachers with first-hand knowledge and experience of the value gained as students learn through experiences. Teachers grow by extending their networks, and they begin to communicate with other monster project teachers on a regular basis—which, in essence, creates an ongoing community of practice.

### What does it mean that it is a "standards-based" project?

Smith: Standards have become important in all aspects of education. The project has a page that lists the associated Illinois Learning Standards, as well as the National Educational Technology Standards (NETS) addressed in the project. In addition, the project meets the guidelines of the recent National Educational Technology Plan (NETP) from the U.S. Department of Education. Common Core standards will be added to the site for the next project.

### Since you took over the Global Monster Project, how has it changed?

Smith: I joined the project in 1996 when it was done only through email. There were a small number of teachers involved and very little interaction beyond sending monster photos via U.S. Mail to each other. A couple of years later, the project was about to end, so I volunteered to take over. I converted the idea into a web page format, and as technology expanded and Internet new tools became commonplace, we could display not only photos, but also writing,



Students in Ms. Tarasevich's class, Abanskaya Secondary School, Krasnoyarsk Territory, Russia, pose with Ziliboba, the monster they created for the 2011 Global Monster Project.

podcasts, videos and links to homepages, blogs and wikis, as well as use Skype and Twitter. The changed format allowed the project to exist year round on the Internet and for newcomers to see past work and understand how the project works for learning.

### How do teachers find about the project?

Smith: It is an established project that is spread by word of mouth and found by teachers searching online for Internet projects. I was interviewed about the project by Edutopia and Education Week, which helped spread information about the project even further. Then, I literally carried the project across the ocean when I presented in Dublin, Ireland, at EdTech 2009.

### What benefits do you believe the Global Monster Project provides for elementary students?

Smith: It is engaging and provides deliberate practice in the competencies of collaborating and problem solving, as well as evaluation, while opening up the world in a real way beyond textbooks. Students practice working together in a project that they enjoy, while watching the work of all the other classes. For example, one class in New Hampshire places its monster on wheels and displays it in a local

parade each year.

### Anything else that is important to add about the project?

Smith: Perhaps one of the most important aspects of this project and of PBL situations is that all students can participate. The project fosters social interaction such that students of varying ability levels can all do their parts. Especially significant is in the case of students with special needs. Inclusion remains a challenge for many classroom teachers, but projects such as this allow all levels of learners to participate. It is a form of play, of problem solving, of compromising and of helping each other, so that the goal is accomplished—a classroom monster emerges.

“WIU student teachers benefit by being involved in classrooms where students and teachers are working in this very active project.”

-Terry Smith

# Education and Human Services

## AT&T grant continues to help WIU-QC Pacers

Thanks to AT&T, Rock Island High School PACERS (Positive Achievement and Creativity Equals Righteous Success)—an intensive mentoring, academic and volunteer-based program developed through school and community efforts and Western Illinois University-Quad Cities—continues to benefit from a nearly \$375,000 infusion to help at-risk ninth grade students in the Rock Island School District (RISD).

At a Dec. 8 event at the WIU-QC Riverfront Campus, AT&T presented the final installment of the \$375,000 award, which was first announced in 2008, for the PACERS program. The funds are made available as part of a \$48 million competitive grant program via the AT&T Aspire program, the company's signature initiative, which addresses high school success and workforce readiness.

"We are appreciative of AT&T's ongoing commitment to, and support of, the PACERS program, which provides essential academic resources to high school students in the Quad Cities," said WIU President **Jack Thomas**. "Working in cooperation with the Rock Island School District, Western is able to further its mission of delivering hands-on learning and professional development opportunities for our students, while providing a valuable service to a school district in our region."

According to **Holly Nikels**, associate professor in WIU's counselor education department who works with the program, the AT&T grant has helped continue the PACERS program, which was started a few years ago at Rock Island High School (RIHS).

"PACERS operated for four years through the volunteer efforts of a small group of individuals from the Rock Island community, RIHS and WIU. We did not have any external funding, except what the volunteers were



**Back row, l to r: WIU President Jack Thomas; Torria Norman '95, mentor; Jennifer Page MS-ED '02, RIHS counselor; RIHS Principal Tim Wernentin MS-ED '95; Tadd Birditt, mentor; Xaviere Grando, Pacers; Rock Island Mayor Dennis Pauley; and Dwight Bailey, mentor. Front row, l to r: AT&T President Paul La Schiazza; Dale Arrington, Pacers; D'Andre White, Pacers; Devin Day, Pacers; Adrienne McBride, Pacers; DarShain Yancey, Pacers; Holly Nikels, associate professor, WIU counselor education; Eboni Boyd, Pacers; and RI Superintendent Mike Oberhaus Ed D '08.**

able to give. The standing joke was 'If we could get \$100 to buy pizza for the kids, we would be happy.' So the generosity of AT&T is amazing to all of us," Nikels said.

She noted the funding has allowed for the purchase of school supplies for each student, the addition of 20 paid mentors to work with two students weekly at the high school for each school year, transportation to and from monthly community-service projects, school/work site visits and leadership-training opportunities.

"The grant has also helped pay for WIU graduate

assistants, who are school counselors in training, at RIHS. The graduate assistants have functioned as two part-time school counselors at no cost to the district," Nikels added.

Although RIHS currently employs a group of school counselors, who Nikels describes as "amazing and incredibly dedicated," the additional graduate student counselors have provided much needed help to the overextended counseling staff.

"The American School Counseling Association recommends a ratio of one school counselor per every 250 students. Most schools far exceed this recommendation, and Rock Island is no different. The addition of these graduate assistants has helped carry some of the load for the district," Nikels said.

"Thanks to AT&T's generous contribution, we have been able to touch the lives of many high school students. With the continued support of AT&T and the contributions for the counselor education department, we look forward to helping more students prepare for their futures," said Dean of the College of Education and Human Services (COEHS) **Sterling Saddler**.

"We are excited and extremely grateful to AT&T for continuing this partnership that has proven to help local students succeed. This is a proud moment for all of us as we continue to support educational partnerships and success to the benefit of students and the region," said Vice President for Quad Cities, Planning and Technology **Joe Rives**.

Through the AT&T Aspire initiative the company has committed \$100 million in philanthropy through 2011 to schools and nonprofit organizations focused on high school retention and better preparing students for college and the workforce.

## Annual WIU Environmental Summit set for April 3, 4

An annual event to showcase the sustainability efforts of Western Illinois University and the region will be held in April on the Macomb and Quad Cities campuses.

The Moline portion of the conference will be held on April 3 at WIU's new Riverfront campus while the Macomb conference has been set for April 4 in the University Union.

The keynote speaker for both days will be Peter Schwartzman, an associate professor from Knox College, who also serves as chairperson of the school's Environmental Studies Program. Schwartzman will speak



at noon in Macomb and at 7 p.m. at the Quad Cities with the theme, "Living Green...It Is Happening But it Could Happen in a MUCH Bigger Way."

Both Summits will feature educational displays, speakers and discussions.

A reception will wrap up the two events from 6-8 p.m. April 4 at the West Central Illinois Arts Center in downtown Macomb.

For more information about the summit visit [wiu.edu/vpas/sustainability/summit.php](http://wiu.edu/vpas/sustainability/summit.php).

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# Education and Human Services

## Zoerink presents disabled youth research at International Leisure Conference



**Dean Zoerink**

By Teresa Koltzenburg '92 MS '11

Western Illinois University Professor **Dean Zoerink** was one of many leisure studies scholars from across the globe who convened in Dunedin, New Zealand, in December to present research related to the challenges and opportunities facing the leisure field. The Australia and New Zealand Association of Leisure Studies 10th Biennial Conference, "Challenging Leisure," was held

at the University of Otago. During the conference, Zoerink, a professor of recreation, park and tourism administration, summarized his research with the paper presentation, "Assisting the Transition of Youth with Disabilities into Y Programs: Promoting Inclusion or Fostering Dependency?"

He noted his research examines barriers and opportunities that youth with disabilities face when participating in the physical activity programs at many YMCA organizations in the U.S. He said his paper was accepted for the Australia and New Zealand Association of Leisure Studies last May.

"Sharing this research enables other academics and practitioners from international settings to recognize and understand the similar, but diverse, issues confronting youth with disabilities, as they try to become engaged in community life and activities," Zoerink added.

While he presents at least once or twice a year at regional or national conferences, Zoerink said that attending and presenting at an international conference in his field allowed him to see the differences in practices and in research in various geographic locations.

"The diversity of presentation topics at this conference seems to reflect that the provision and consumption of leisure experiences is becoming much more diverse. This is profoundly evident in an international setting," Zoerink explained. "Topics at this conference ranged from serious leisure; volunteerism, including volunteer tourism; adventure education; indigenous perspectives (i.e., aboriginal involvements in outdoor experiences); and wellness and leisure experiences across cultures."

Zoerink added that one particularly enjoyable aspect of his experience presenting at the Australia and New Zealand Association of Leisure Studies 10th Biennial Conference was the "exceptional collegiality that was present throughout the conference."

"Interacting with colleagues from Austral-Asia region, as well as from North America, who were gathered together to share their professional perspectives on leisure and recreation behaviors, was truly inspiring," he said.

## WIU alumnus recently named CEO of Cosi, Inc.

Cosi, Inc., a national restaurant chain, recently named **Carin L. Stutz '78**, as the company's next president and CEO.

Stutz, who majored in home economics (now called family and consumer sciences) at WIU, also joined Cosi's board of directors. She began her new job Jan. 1, after serving as president of Global Business Development for Brinker International, Inc. There she led franchise development and operations for 240 Chili's and Maggiano's restaurants.

Before coming to Brinker, Stutz was executive vice president of operations for Applebee's International. She has also previously worked in executive management for Wendy's International, Sodexo, U.S.A. and NutriSystem, Inc.

She is also the chair of the Women's Foodservice Forum, an organization dedicated to developing gender-diverse leadership talent.

After finishing her bachelor's degree at Western, Stutz received her master's degree in business administration from Mid America Nazarene University.

"I am thrilled at the opportunity to lead this talented management team and help build a great future for the Cosi brand, our employees, franchise owners, and all who invest in our success," said Stutz. "My mission is to energize the Cosi brand and the guest experience."

The Cosi, Inc. restaurant chain has built a menu for its 137 restaurants around a historical recipe for crackly crust flatbread. The company-owned and franchise restaurants are located in 17 states, the District of Columbia and the United Arab Emirates.

"Carin is a proven leader with deep operational, marketing and business development experience," said Michael O'Donnell, CEO of Ruth's Hospitality Group and a member of the Cosi board and search committee. "She is a respected leader with a track record of innovative strategic brand building, and an impressive record of accomplishment, having held leadership positions at several of our industry's leading companies. Her energetic leadership and broad perspective will drive our company forward."

Stutz has many fond memories of her time at WIU, including the friends she made her first year, living in Bennett Hall.

"I've recently reconnected with several friends from WIU and we now meet for an annual reunion," she said. "I was a member of the Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority, held several leadership positions and was the treasurer of the Panhellenic Council. I was also in the work-study program, where I worked in the library all four years with many impressive female mentors there."

Stutz's husband, **Rodger '78**, is also a WIU graduate.



**Carin Stutz '78**

## Western Illinois University Lincoln Academy Laureate



**Laura A. Baker Lins** (Racine, WI) is Western Illinois University's recipient of the Lincoln Academy of Illinois Student Laureate Award for 2011-2012. The prestigious award, which is presented annually to an outstanding senior of each of Illinois' four-year degree-granting institutions, honors a student's overall academic excellence and extracurricular activities. A University Honors Scholar and a student-athlete, Lins is on schedule to graduate in Spring 2012 with a bachelor of science in athletic training. She has minors in chemistry and microbiology. Lins is pictured here with **Jennifer Plos**, clinical coordinator for the WIU athletic training education program and assistant professor in kinesiology. (Photo courtesy of The Lincoln Academy of Illinois.)

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**Jennifer Sarff** (Havana, IL), elementary education major and recipient of the Western High School Scholarship, is pictured in front of the new plaque, to commemorate the site of the Western Illinois University "Lab School" and the final home of the Western High Cardinals. The plaque hangs on the south side of Horrabin Hall.

# Education and Human Services

## Millennium Park “murder” solved by LEJA student

By Teresa Koltzenburg '92 MS '11

It was **Jameel Granberry** who solved the murder of fictional movie star Jack Slater in Chicago's Millennium Park last fall. Granberry, a junior in Western's School of Law Enforcement and Justice Administration (LEJA) from Rockford (IL), was among several student participants in a crime scene investigation (CSI) contest held in October and November. The contest was part of the Fifth Annual Forensics Exhibit and Speaker Series sponsored by Western Illinois University Libraries' Physical Sciences Library (PSL). It challenged Western students, faculty and/or staff to solve a fictional case based on a series of clues released weekly during the contest period.

Organized every year by Physical Sciences Library Unit Coordinator **Kathleen Clauson '82 MA '86**, the CSI contest is headquartered in the PSL in Currens Hall. During the 2011 contest (which ran Oct. 3-Nov. 9), clues were released weekly via the “Physical Sciences Library” blog ([wiu.edu/libweb/blogs/physical\\_sciences/](http://wiu.edu/libweb/blogs/physical_sciences/)), which Clauson created and maintained for the contest.

Based on his interest in Western's reputable law enforcement and justice administration program, as well as the fact his mother, **Cynthia O'Toole-Granberry '73**, attended Western, Granberry transferred to WIU last fall from Rock Valley College in his hometown. Granberry said he was pleased to discover the CSI contest his first semester at Western and was intrigued by it because of his interest in criminal investigations.

“I had a natural interest because I enjoy the investigative mindset behind criminal justice. That's what drew me to studying for a career in law enforcement. One day, I hope to work at the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a profiler,” Granberry explained.



**Jameel Granberry, a junior in Western's School of Law Enforcement and Justice Administration (LEJA) from Rockford (IL), solved the fictional murder of movie star Jack Slater in the WIU Libraries' Physical Sciences Library Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) contest last fall. The CSI contest is part of the annual Libraries' Forensics Exhibit and Speaker Series.**

School of LEJA Director **Terry Mors MA '96** noted that Granberry's CSI contest win was beneficial not only for Granberry as a student, but also for the School of LEJA.

“It is a positive reflection on Jameel, as well as on our faculty members, who educate and prepare our students for their careers in the field,” Mors said.

### Solving the Case

The 2011 CSI contest case involved the murder of fictional movie star Jack Slater, who was found dead in Chicago's Millennium Park. Every week during the contest, Clauson posted new clues about the fictional crime. To provide contest participants with easy access to the crime scene, she also set up a mock crime scene in the Physical Sciences Library in Currens Hall. In the fictional case, Granberry said that the clues showed that a jogger found Slater's body and that Slater's body was found with his arms extended above his head.

“It just so happened that during the time I was working to solve the case, in class, we had discussed what could cause a body to be positioned like that. We talked about the possibility that

it could be a sign that a body was dragged. Originally, for the CSI case contest, I was thinking that someone had pointed a gun at him and he put his hands up, but our discussion in class made me reconsider my initial idea,” Granberry said.

While working to solve the case, Granberry took advantage of the web to find out more about clues. He noted that even before a map of the crime scene in Millennium Park was released he had already examined a map of the area, which he accessed online. He also utilized a method of meticulous evidence documentation, and he spent a lot of time visiting the mock crime scene.

“To participate in the contest, you had to answer seven questions, so I listed those on the first page on my own analysis document. On the next page, I listed the times and dates that the evidence came in and what the evidence was, and I had a timeline of the events that took place in the story. Then I tried to come up with profiles for all the different suspects and the people interviewed. I also had personal notes about the case, and the last thing I included was my own personal theories about the case,” he said. “I also asked Kathleen a ton of questions. She told me that out of all the people who were participating in the contest and going to see the exhibit and mock crime scene, I was coming and going out of there the most.”

Granberry said he continued to ponder the crime until the last possible moment, and he submitted his answers just before the contest-submission deadline Nov. 9.

“I was not 100 percent confident about my analysis, but I was glad to find out that I had solved it and that I won the contest,” Granberry said. “The suspect who murdered Jack Slater was a fictional character named Noah Cross. Basically, it was a case of Slater knowing too much and Cross knowing that Slater knew too much, so he murdered him.”

On the final blog post about the CSI contest in 2011, Clauson posted a photo of Granberry and his prize bag.

“Congratulations to Mr. Jameel Granberry, winner of this year's PSL CSI Contest,” Clauson wrote. “He diligently worked this case and his contest submission was very analytical and top notch. He will definitely be an excellent investigator or prosecutor.”

Clauson added that the prize for the contest winner included a CSI cap and two books, “The Real World of a Forensic Scientist,” by Henry C. Lee, who was a key consultant in the murder case of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman against O.J. Simpson, and “The Forensic Science of C.S.I.” by Katherine M. Ramsland, who has collaborated with Lee on another book about forensic science and crime scene investigations.

“The whole experience was all good fun,” Granberry said of his CSI contest participation and win. “Because the case was fictional, there were some basic questions that just couldn't be answered, but it still provided an enjoyable practical exercise in crime scene investigating.”

## Educational leadership graduate is IL elementary principal of year

**Kim Lisanby-Barber ED-Sp '07**, principal of Spring Valley, IL, Lincoln School, was recently named the Illinois Elementary Principal of the Year by the Illinois Principal Association. Lisanby-Barber completed her educational specialist degree in Western's educational leadership program in 2007.

According to an article in the Feb. 20 edition of the LaSalle (IL)-based “News Tribune,” Lisanby-Barber's “hard work earned [her] the respect of her peers.” She will receive her award in October at the Peoria Civic Center.

“Also in October, she will learn whether she has been named Principal of the Year on the national level,” noted the article's author, Allison Ryan.

Ryan's article, “Valley principal wins top state honor,”

continued: “Nominating Lisanby-Barber, three district employees sent letters of recommendation.... One of those was written by Esmeralda Harris, a speech pathologist assistant and pre-kindergarten parent coordinator at Lincoln School. For Harris, Lisanby-Barber stands out in the way she treats teachers and staff. ‘She's very intelligent and she knows her staff very well,’ Harris said. ‘Aside from being very involved with the children and things such as the PTO, she's very involved in committees and the community, and she's very involved and up to date with things around the state,’ Harris said.”



**Kim Lisanby-Barber ED-Sp '07**

According to Ryan's article, District 99 Superintendent Jim Hermes also wrote in support of Lisanby-Barber. “To describe her in a word, he said she is ‘dedicated,’ ‘to the children, to her district and to her family.’... ‘Looking at the curriculum and special education and the amount of work she puts in those areas...Kim has played a major role in every change the district has made over the past 15 years,’ Hermes said.”

Read more about Lisanby-Barber's recognition at <http://bit.ly/wmRuX4>.



# Foundation

## Boynton establishes history honors thesis award in honor of parents

By Julie Murphy '94 MS '95

WIU History Department Chair **Virginia "Ginny" Boynton** has established the **Richard D. and Janet L. Boynton** History Honors Thesis Award endowment in honor of her parents to recognize and reward an outstanding undergraduate honors thesis each semester.

"I wanted to attach my parents' names to something permanent, and something they would be pleased to be associated with," said Boynton. "They were great and loving parents, always supportive of my educational endeavors. I regard this endowment as way to both pay tribute to my parents and reward an outstanding student in our department."

Richard Boynton and Janet Lincoln met during World War II and married in 1946. They both had completed bachelor's degrees in psychology, Richard from the University of Michigan and Janet from the University of Pittsburgh. After Richard completed his M.S. in psychology at the University of Michigan, he embarked on a career of more than three and one-half decades as an industrial psychologist for General Motors. He and Janet raised their three children—Martha, Daniel and Virginia—as well as 21 foster babies, whom they welcomed into their home and cared for as infants.

"I was very fortunate to have such remarkable individuals for parents," said Boynton. "They were devoted to my siblings and me, nurtured us, and taught us



Richard and Janet Boynton and family

the value of education." The Richard D. and Janet L. Boynton History Honors Thesis Award will provide a one-time \$500 award each semester to the junior or senior level history major enrolled in the Centennial Honors College, whose honors thesis is selected the most outstanding that semester.

"As I thought about what I would like to do," said Boynton, "I realized I would like to recognize upper level students for their perseverance and accomplishment, and nothing existed specifically for history honors students. I want to recognize the extra work these students do, and encourage them to continue on their academic paths." "I've been contributing to history scholarships and various other areas since I came here as an assistant professor in 1995," Boynton said. "My chair at the time, **Gordon Kirk**, came to my office with a payroll deduction card and told me about the departmental scholarships and how they are supported. Dr. Kirk and the other former chairs have managed the history endowment(s) very well, and I wanted to give to an area that had yet to be addressed."

"I know how lucky I was to walk into a tenure track position here upon completion of my Ph.D.," continued Boynton. "I love my job, and I am just happy to be in a position to be able to give back."

## Brattain Transfer scholarship established

By Julie Murphy '94 MS '95

A scholarship to benefit transfer students from Hancock, McDonough and Schuyler counties has been established at Western Illinois University by **William "Dr. B" '07** and **Jacquie Brattain**.

"We have known for some time we wanted to establish a scholarship," said Dr. B. "We explored a lot of ideas and kept coming back to transfer students. It seems more and more students are spending time at a community college before coming to Western, and many could use the financial assistance."

Dr. B, associate vice president emeritus for student services and recreation, park and tourism administration professor emeritus, was the recipient of WIU's Community Service Award and Outstanding Administrator Award and received the Honorary Alumni Award in 2007. The William E. Brattain Award for Student Leadership is given each year in his honor to an academically outstanding student activities leader. Brattain has served and chaired the boards of the McDonough



Jacquie and Bill Brattain '07

County YMCA, the United Way and Carl Sandburg College. He currently serves on the Illinois Arts Council.

Jacquie re-started the elementary art program and developed a program for gifted students during her more than 15 years teaching at the Northwestern Elementary School.

In addition to Dr. B's many years at Western, daughters **Cindy Ramsey '86** and **Nancy Rogers '86** both graduated from WIU and daughter, Jennifer currently works in the University Union bookstore. Granddaughter **Stacey Fry '98** is also a WIU alumnus, and two more grandchildren are current students, senior **Rickey Ramsey** (Augusta, IL) and freshman **Allison Ramsey** (Augusta, IL).

"We are grateful for the Brattains' generosity and for their long-time support of, and association with, Western Illinois University," said Vice President for Advancement and Public Services **Brad Bainter '79 MS '83**.

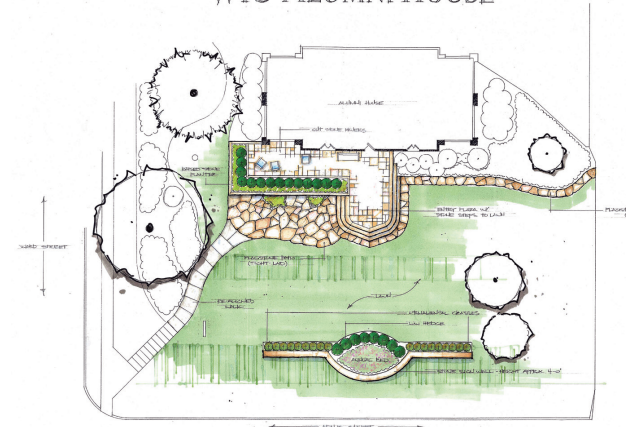
Scholarship applications are available at the WIU Scholarship Office and at [wiu.edu/scholarships](http://wiu.edu/scholarships).

## Alumni legacy project



The Western Illinois University Alumni Association and the WIU Foundation are pleased to announce The Alumni Legacy Project. Kicked off last December by the Alumni Council, the project will support renovations to the Alumni House Grounds.

### WIU ALUMNI HOUSE



"The Alumni Legacy Project was initiated by members of the Alumni Council in an effort to upgrade the existing landscaping at the Alumni House," said Roger Clawson '77, past president of the Alumni Council. "We hope other alumni of this great University will join us in our effort to raise funds for this campus beautification project. When I return to campus, I always feel like I am coming home—we want other WIU alumni to return and see what a beautiful place it truly is."

The Alumni Council is made up of 25 alumni and the president of Student Alumni Association who represent the interests of Western's now more than 115,000 member Alumni Association. Watch future issues of the Western News, RockeNews and your email inbox for more details coming soon or visit [wiu.edu/alumni/groundsrenovation.php](http://wiu.edu/alumni/groundsrenovation.php).

### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

As of Feb. 1, we have reached 81% of our *Set the Standard: Higher Values in Higher Education* \$60 million campaign goal. The public phase of the University's campaign kicked off in Oct. 2010 with goals to increase scholarship support; create endowed programs to support faculty; fund capital facilities improvements; and enhance information and technology.

81%



# Arts and Sciences

## Alumnus highlighted in recent President Obama campaign video



**Michael Anderson '11 is featured with his family in a President Barack Obama campaign video.**

*By Jodi Pospeschil*

When WIU alumnus Sgt. **Michael Anderson '11**, of Galesburg answered an e-mail in December he never dreamed it would place his thriving military family on the national campaign stage.

Anderson received his bachelor's degree in 2011 in liberal arts and sciences. His wife, **Jennifer**, is studying for her online bachelor's

degree in general studies from WIU.

In late December, Anderson received an e-mail from the re-election campaign of U.S. President Barack Obama. He said the communication sought his opinion of what his military service and homecoming from serving two tours in Iraq meant to him.

"Days later I got a phone call; they liked what I had to say," he said.

About 10 days later, a film crew visited Anderson's family and recorded them at home with their Christmas tree and at the veteran's memorial in Galesburg's Lincoln Park.

"The video contains basically the same things I said in my e-mail; I mainly talked about my transition from the military to civilian life," Anderson said.

The complete video can be seen at: <http://tinyurl.com/7s4nwwm>.

As an Army and Marine veteran, Anderson left the military in 2008, just before starting classes at WIU. Prior to that he used The GI Bill to attend Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville.

After graduating from WIU, Anderson was hired by Goodwill Industries in Peoria to help fellow veterans with housing and employment needs during their transition. He called the opportunity his "dream job."

"I most like helping other veterans," Anderson said. "It's a paycheck, which is great, but it's really what I wanted to do."

The Goodwill Industries program is currently expanding to include the Macomb area.

Anderson said there are a variety of things he learned at WIU through the flexible liberal arts and sciences programming, including resumé production and other job-search skills he can use in his career.

He also praised Western's emphasis on helping veterans match with one of the school's degree programs and the help he received from **Kathy Meyers** in the University's Veterans Resource Center.

"She was so patient with me and helped with making sure my G.I. Bill and Illinois Veterans Grant funding was in place," he said. "She also offered tours, like showing me where the bookstore was."

In 2011, WIU was named a "Military Friendly" school for the third year in a row by G.I. Jobs Magazine. The list recognizes the top 20 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools who are doing the most to embrace members of the U.S. military. WIU was one of eight four-year public universities on the list.

Anderson plans to study for his master's degree, again in WIU's liberal arts and sciences department, beginning this fall. He said the decision to further his education was an easy one after seeing what employment doors were



**L to r: Liberal arts and sciences department Director Althea Alton, executive intern Shannon Reed '92, Michael Anderson '11 and College of Arts and Sciences Director of Development Bryce Dexter.**

opened by having his bachelor's degree.

"It's also good for my kids," he said of Mikayla, 18; Michael, 15 and Mathias, 2. "It's good for them to see that dad practices what he preaches - education."

During his studies, Anderson hopes to take courses in social services and counseling that he says will enhance his ability to do his existing job. His current career path may also offer an internship that will count toward his master's degree.

Liberal arts and sciences department Director **Althea Alton** said graduate students from WIU have gone on to work at the Disney World theme park, the Greater Quad Cities Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the Fulton County Park District.

"Some have internships that lead to jobs, and they all have broad-based knowledge when they graduate," Alton said.

For more information about the WIU Liberal Arts and Sciences program visit [wiu.edu/CAS](http://wiu.edu/CAS).

## Ken Mietus and Chris Adamski-Mietus sociological master's scholarship established

*By Julie Murphy '94 MS '95*

*Theory is not a sub-discipline in the field of sociology, it is the field itself. —William Goode*

**Ken Mietus '64 MA '69** and **Chris Adamski-Mietus '79 MA '83** are very mindful about sociological theory, particularly how it is taught and learned at Western Illinois University. Both earned their master's degrees in sociology here, both have been on the faculty of the department of sociology and anthropology, and both are convinced that sociology is a skill that can be applied to any career or any situation.

"Sociology is a part of every job," said Ken. "If a student learns to think sociologically, it will inform their perspective in everything they do. Theory is everything in

sociology, and it is part of learning how to think logically and critically."

“ If a student learns to think sociologically, it will inform their perspective in everything they do. ”  
**—Ken Mietus '64 MA '69**

Graduate study in sociology was a critical element in the professional career development of both Ken and Chris. In acknowledgement of the value of their graduate studies at Western, they have established an endowment to provide scholarship assistance to outstanding graduate

students in their pursuit of a master's degree in sociology.

"We have been thinking for a long time about doing something," said Chris. "It



**L to r: Ken Mietus and Chris Adamski-Mietus**

wasn't until I served on the department's fundraising committee that it occurred to me that Ken and I could establish a scholarship. We have been both students and faculty of the department, and we know from both perspectives that financial worries can interfere with graduate students' concentration. Our hope is to be able to somewhat alleviate that particular worry."

Ken was the first person to earn a Master of Arts degree in sociology from WIU. "I found while working on my Ph.D. that Western's graduate program was very effective. I learned a great deal, particularly in research design and methods, which prepared me well for doctoral studies. I feel it is appropriate, if not clichéd, to give something back."



# Arts and Sciences

## WIU alumnus honored at the White House for research that began in Macomb



Jason Crean '07 with two education animals.

A Western Illinois University alumnus was recently honored at the White House for a curriculum unit he developed as a WIU graduate student.

**Jason Crean**, a 2007 graduate with a master's degree in biology, worked with wildlife geneticist Dr. Jean Dubach of Chicago's Brookfield Zoo to create "Zoo Genetics: Key Aspects of Conservation Biology."

The program was developed for the classroom so students

could simulate the methods used to conserve species in zoos and in the wild. It also led to the development of XY-Zoo, a downloadable biology program other teachers can use free at [www.xy-zoo.com](http://www.xy-zoo.com).

"This project has grown since my original project was accepted and it has brought science to life for many students across the United States and even in other countries," Crean said.



Jason Crean '07 pictured in a group with President Obama

Crean credits WIU professor **Jeanette Thomas '73** and her programs in zoo and aquarium science for aiding his research.

"If it wasn't for Dr. Thomas's support and this program, I'm not sure any of this would have happened," he said.

More about Crean's research and honors since graduating from WIU is available at [www.mrclean.com](http://www.mrclean.com).

The research recently won Crean and Dubach a Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST), which brought \$25,000 and a trip to Washington, D.C.

Crean, who lives in Woodridge (IL), is a biology teacher at Lyons Township High School in LaGrange (IL). He also teaches at the Brookfield Zoo and at St. Xavier University.

His research with Dubach on the XY-Zoo project is ongoing.

## Family honors Tillman contributions

A desire to honor a Western Illinois University namesake will result in the placement of a plaque in a campus building this spring.

The family of the late **Dr. Arthur Tillman** wants WIU students and faculty to know the history of the man Tillman Hall is named for. The Tillman family will donate a plaque that will describe Tillman's role at WIU, beginning in 1928 until the 1950s.

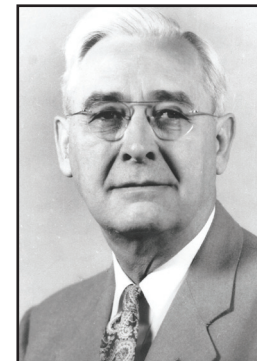
Tillman was one of the "founding fathers" of the geography and meteorology programs at WIU.

Tillman moved to Macomb in 1928 with his wife, Florence, to become the chairman of the geography and geology department.

He also laid the groundwork for a new science building at WIU, which was later named for him, helped implement the department's map collection and helped establish WIU's audio visual department.

Tillman passed away in Macomb in 1972. He served as a member of the WIU faculty for 29 years and during that time he was both a community and campus leader.

A dedication ceremony for the new plaque in Tillman Hall will be held April 30.



Arthur Tillman

## Vinod: 2012 Distinguished Faculty Lecturer

**Thottumkara K. "TK" Vinod**, a Western Illinois University chemistry professor, will speak about the practice of green chemistry becoming mainstream in chemical industries, highlight this new field of chemistry conducted in his WIU laboratory and discuss other sustainable chemical topics as Western's 2012 Distinguished Faculty Lecturer.

Vinod will present, "Green Chemistry: Retooling of Chemistry and Making it More Sustainable," at 7 p.m. Monday, March 19 in the College of Fine Arts and Communication Recital Hall on the WIU-Macomb campus and at 3 p.m. Monday, April 9 at the WIU-Quad Cities 60th Street Campus, Room 102.

In his lecture, Vinod will share the basic principles of green chemistry, a relatively new sub-discipline. It was his first eco-friendly green chemistry research in 2000, aimed at teaching his then-eighth-grade son, Arun Thottumkara, "a significant amount of chemistry and laboratory techniques," as well as help Arun regain his confidence from being overlooked at a regional science fair, that became the basis of Vinod's primary research in his WIU laboratory. His first green chemistry project, "Synthesis of User-Friendly Hypervalent Iodine Reagents and Their Use as Effective Oxidizing Agents," was funded (2004-2007, \$192,000) by the National Science Foundation (NSF) and resulted in a U. S. patent for Vinod and Arun. His son has since graduated from Harvard and is pursuing his Ph.D. at



Thottumkara K. "TK" Vinod

Stanford. Vinod's research in green chemistry continues to be supported by national funding agencies. He currently has a four-year NSF grant for \$ 210,000 and a three-year \$75,000 grant from Petroleum Research Funds administered by the American Chemical Society to fund his ongoing research.

Since 1997, Vinod has secured funding for 18 proposals, which include the three grants mentioned previously, and a fourth NSF grant for \$188,584 for "Acquisition of a High Field NMR Spectrometer for Undergraduate Instruction at WIU," in 1998.

During summers 2009 and 2010, Vinod was also part of a five-professor WIU chemistry team, led by WIU Chemistry

Department Chair **Rose McConnell**, that conducted a research project funded by a \$196,833 grant from the National Cancer Institute of the National Institutes for Health; and a supplemental grant of \$122,781 from funds provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), developing inhibitors to slow the activity of cathepsins, which are protease enzymes that promote metastases in tumors. This grant activity led and funded through a proposal written and submitted by McConnell was designed to provide summer research experiences for high school students and for high school science educators.

The ongoing green chemistry research has provided multiple opportunities for undergraduate and graduate

students to get trained in the art of chemical research in Vinod's laboratory.

Vinod has mentored nearly 30 graduate students. His first graduate student at WIU is now a faculty member at Universidad Autonoma de Querataro in Mexico; 10 are research scientists with companies such as Johnson and Johnson, Bristol Myers Squibb, Pfizer, ADM and L'oreal; one is with the Illinois State Police Forensic Division; and nine are Ph.D. candidates at different stages of their tenure.

He has authored dozens of publications in peer-reviewed journals, often with students as co-authors, and he has made more than 100 presentations at professional meetings and invited lectures. Vinod has served extensively at the departmental, college and University levels in various roles including working as a current member of the departmental graduate committee, executive committee and curriculum committee; chair of the departmental personnel committee (four times); a member of the college personnel committee (four times); and the College of Arts and Sciences curriculum committee chair.

He earned his bachelor's (1977) and master's (1979) degrees from the University of Calicut, India, and his Ph.D. (1986) from the University of Victoria, Canada. Vinod joined the WIU faculty in 1997. Previously, he was a research associate (1992-1994) and instructor (1994-1997) at the University of Oregon, a research associate at Michigan Molecular Institute (1991-1992) and a research associate at Michigan State University (1986-1990).



# Intercollegiate Athletics

## Western Illinois Athletics unveils new basketball practice facility

The Western Illinois University Athletics Department unveiled a new on-campus basketball practice facility at Brophy Hall on Jan. 20. A hardwood floor was installed during the University's winter break and other aesthetic enhancements are ahead.

WIU Director of Athletics **Tim Van Alstine** said the facility positively impacts both Fighting Leathernecks basketball programs and the overall student-athlete experience.

"This new facility is certainly an enhancement that will benefit both the kinesiology department and Intercollegiate Athletics," said Van Alstine. "We are extremely grateful and appreciative with the interest and support of Department of Kinesiology Chair **Janet Wigglesworth** and the department of kinesiology.

"The Summit League has identified men's and women's basketball as its premier sports programs," Van Alstine continued. "With that there are certain league requirements and expectations. Over the past several months, Western has advanced its commitment to our basketball programs with personnel and other resources similar to The Summit League membership. This new on-campus practice facility provides us with something above and beyond.

"We always talk about providing the very best possible NCAA Division I student-athlete experience. Having an on-campus practice facility eliminates our teams from driving to Quincy or Monmouth for practices when Western Hall is occupied by other campus activities," Van Alstine added.

The men's basketball team played additional guarantee-money games during the past two seasons, and those generated dollars paid for the \$115,000 project.

Sinks Combs Dethlefs Architects, of Chicago, (IL) helped with the project plans and specifications. Trotter General Contractors, of Macomb, worked with Top Performance Flooring in Milwaukee (WI), the contracting company that installed the surfaces, according to **Carina Kapraun '09**, construction project coordinator at the University's Physical Plant.

"Working closely with both contractors throughout this entire project has been a huge success," said Kapraun. "Trotter and Top Performance are both great companies to work with because they are skilled professionals with 30-plus years of flooring experience and value the work they do."

Thomas Pacaccio, Top Performance president, coordinated his company's efforts and had high praise for the project partners and the product.



**The new WIU basketball practice facility was unveiled Jan. 20. The facility will allow WIU teams more on-campus practice time.**

"We appreciate the opportunity Western Illinois University has given us," said Pacaccio. "It was a great pleasure working with everyone."

First-year women's basketball Head Coach **JD Gravina** mentioned several advantages the new facility will give the program.

"The practice facility will really benefit our student-athletes and our program," said Gravina. "This will allow us to practice on a college-level floor even when there are scheduling conflicts in Western Hall. It will also give us more flexibility with scheduling the players' classes. Of course, it will also aid our recruiting efforts. We cannot thank enough the numerous people and departments that made this project happen."

Fourth-year men's basketball Head Coach **Jim Molinari** emphasized how the new practice facility will positively impact student-athletes.

"I thought one of the biggest needs coming in here was that we needed more wooden floors to help with practice time and to make sure we did not have to travel to other campuses," said Molinari. "Our administration and Dr. Van Alstine have done a great job of getting that wood floor done. Now we will be able to have better practice times, less travel time and do more individual workouts with players. Overall it will enhance the experience of the student-athlete at WIU and that is the goal. This facility will give our student-athletes a positive experience both on and off the court."

## Summit League's Fall Academic All-League recipients

The Western Illinois Fighting Leathernecks had 54 student-athletes make the Summit League Fall Academic All-League Team, which was announced Jan. 26.

A total of 517 student-athletes earned recognition from The Summit League. Oakland led the way with 62 Grizzlies making the list, followed by IUPUI with 59. Western Illinois had the third highest amount selected.

Qualifying student-athletes earned a grade point average of 3.0 or higher during their fall competition season and used a year of eligibility. Those earning a 3.6 grade point average or higher were tabbed Distinguished Scholars.

"Our fall sport programs continue to exceed academic expectations based on the number of All-League Distinguished Scholar selections," Senior Women's Administrator **Lisa Melz-Jennings MS '94** said. "They are truly the epitome of the term student-athlete, and we are very proud of that."

Women's soccer led the way placing an impressive 24 out of 28 student-athletes on the list, while volleyball had 11 student-athletes earn recognition. Men's soccer contributed eight, men's cross country had seven and women's cross country had four.



### 2012 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Aug. 30	Butler	Hanson Field	6 p.m.
Sept. 8	Indianapolis (FW)	Hanson Field	3 p.m.
Sept. 15	at Iowa State	Ames, Iowa	TBA
Sept. 22	*Illinois State (HC/HOF)	Hanson Field	3 p.m.
Sept. 29	OPEN		
Oct. 6	*at South Dakota	Vermillion, S.D.	TBA
Oct. 13	*at South Dakota State	Brookings, S.D.	TBA
Oct. 20	*Indiana State (DW)	Hanson Field	TBA
Oct. 27	*at Missouri State	Springfield, Mo.	TBA
Nov. 3	*Northern Iowa	Hanson Field	TBA
Nov. 10	*Youngstown State	Hanson Field	TBA
Nov. 17	*at Southern Illinois	Carbondale, Ill.	TBA
Nov. 24	First Round NCAA Division I FCS Playoffs		

\*Missouri Valley Football Conference game

HOME GAME IN CAPS

All times central and subject to change

FW (Family Weekend); HC/HOF (Homecoming/Hall of Fame); DW (Dads' Weekend)



### Mobile version of GoLeathernecks.com launched

The Western Illinois Athletics Department, in partnership with its website provider Neulion, has launched a mobile version of GoLeathernecks.com. The latest news, schedules/results and photo galleries are available on phones with mobile browser capabilities. A GoLeathernecks.com mobile app is currently in development for Android and iPhone users.



For ticket information, visit [GoLeathernecks.com](http://GoLeathernecks.com)

# Intercollegiate Athletics



## Leatherneck football adds six coaches to staff

Western Illinois head football coach **Mark Hendrickson** recently announced the addition of five assistant coaches to his staff, and the promotion of a current coach.

Hendrickson hired a pair of Wisconsin Badger alumni as his line coaches: **Jason Eck** will take over as the offensive line coach while **Jake Sprague** was hired as defensive line coach. Leatherneck standout and former assistant coach **Kevin Almlie** returns to Hendrickson's staff as a defensive assistant coach, working with the secondary, while **Brian Ward** will take over as defensive coordinator. **Jared Elliot** will join the staff as quarterbacks coach, while current running backs coach **KiJuan Ware** has been promoted to offensive coordinator.

Eck spent the 2011 season as the offensive line coach at Hampton University. Eck's offensive line unit improved 25 spots among the national leaders from the previous season as the Pirates finished the season 7-4. During the 2009 and 2010 seasons Eck served as the offensive line coach at Ball State. After working for a year as the offensive line coach at Winona State, Eck added the title of co-offensive coordinator in 2008. Winona State captured the 2007 NSIC championship and advanced to the NCAA Division II playoffs. Eck worked for three years at Idaho, and for two years at Colorado as an assistant offensive line coach. Following his standout collegiate career at the University of Wisconsin, Eck spent three years at his alma mater as the assistant offensive line coach (1999-2001).

Sprague spent the past four years at the University of South Dakota (USD) during the program's transition to the NCAA Division I level. He began coaching the defensive line in 2008, added the title of special teams coordinator for 2009-10 and last season served as the co-defensive coordinator/defensive line coach for the Coyotes. The Coyotes led the league in sacks with 34, which would rank 10th nationally among the Division I FCS programs. USD also led the conference with 22 takeaways on defense. Following a two-year professional playing career with the Tennessee Titans, New York Giants and NFL Europe, Sprague returned to his alma mater at Wisconsin where he worked from 2005 through the 2007 season.



Kevin Almlie



Jason Eck



Jared Elliot



Jake Sprague



Brian Ward



KiJuan Ware

Almlie returns for his second stint on the Leatherneck coaching staff. He spent the 2011 season as an assistant coach at Missouri Southern, working with the defensive backs. During the 2010 season Almlie was part of the Leatherneck Football program that returned to the NCAA playoffs after a seven year hiatus, advancing to the second round. He worked with a secondary unit that led the Missouri Valley Football Conference in passing defense, good for 23rd nationally. He served as a student assistant coach during the 2008 season while he finished his degree requirements. A two-year starter at free safety for the Leathernecks, Almlie ranked second among the defensive backs recording 50 tackles during his senior year.

In his year at Drake, Ward was instrumental in helping the Bulldogs to a 9-2 record and 2011 Pioneer Football League championship. Drake finished the year second nationally in rushing defense, third in redzone defense, fifth in sacks, seventh in scoring defense and 10th in total defense. Ward spent the 2010 season as the defensive backs coach at North Dakota State. A 1997 graduate of McPherson College, Ward spent three seasons (2007-09) as head coach at his alma mater compiling a 17-14 record. He spent the 2006 season as the defensive coordinator at Tulsa Union High School, and in 2005 he was the co-defensive coordinator and special teams coordinator at Missouri Southern. Ward served as assistant head coach, special teams coordinator, secondary coach and strength and conditioning coordinator at Wabash College in Crawfordsville (IN). from 2001-2004, and he worked at Glendale Community College as the defensive coordinator

in charge of the secondary for three years. Following his playing career at McPherson, Ward was the defensive coordinator and special teams coordinator at his alma mater in 1997.

Former Miami (Ohio) University quarterback and assistant coach, Elliott spent the 2010 season on the RedHawks staff. Elliott spent two seasons (2008-09) as an assistant coach at Missouri Southern in charge of the wide receivers. A four-year player at Miami (2004-07), Elliott played quarterback and wide receiver for the RedHawks.

Entering his second year on the Leathernecks staff, Ware will continue to coach the running backs.

Last season, even with four different running backs missing time due to injuries, Ware saw his backfield record five 100-yard rushing games including two during the North Dakota State game—the only time all the year the FCS national champions allowed that feat to happen. Ware's running backs finished the season without losing a single fumble in 332 rushing attempts, the only time during Western's Division I era accomplishing that feat. Ware joined Western after spending two seasons at Miami (Ohio). Before his time at Miami, Ware spent the 2008 season at Notre Dame working as an offensive intern. Ware began his collegiate coaching career working at Springfield College for two years. He spent two seasons at each Dartmouth and Georgetown working as the recruiting coordinator and with the receivers before his time at Notre Dame.

## Sadie Webb named Capital One District Five Academic All-District

Senior guard **Sadie Webb** (Emporia, KS/Independence CC/Emporia) has been named Capital One District Five Academic All-District by CoSIDA. Webb carries a 3.91 GPA in biology.

District Five is made up of NCAA Division I programs in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio. To be eligible for All-District, a student-athlete must be a starter or an important reserve with at least a 3.30 cumulative GPA that has participated in at least 50 percent of the team's competitions.

This season, Webb leads the Leathernecks in scoring at 14.8 points per game, which is sixth in The Summit League. She has scored



Sadie Webb

in double-digits in 67 percent (34/49) of her games.

Last season, Webb was named Summit League Newcomer of the Year after averaging 12.0 points per game and 4.8 rebounds per game while shooting 42 percent from the field.

Webb has been the Leathernecks top-scorer 21 times in her career with three career double-doubles and nine 20-point games. She is averaging 13.2 points for her career, which is currently fifth most all-time in program history.

Webb is now nominated to be Academic All-American.

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# Riverfront atrium named for Goldfarbs

Because of his tireless efforts to support the new Western Illinois University-Quad Cities Riverfront Campus expansion, President Emeritus Al Goldfarb and his wife, Elaine, were honored Jan. 17 at the Riverfront Campus ribbon-cutting when the building's atrium was named the Alvin & Elaine Goldfarb Grand Atrium.

Goldfarb served as Western's 10th president from July 2002 to June 2011. During his tenure, he was instrumental in seeking support and funding for an expanded Quad Cities campus, noted WIU President Jack Thomas.

"It is fitting to name the atrium after Al and Elaine. They continue to be committed to, and involved with, Western, and during their time at WIU, the Goldfarbs were active members of the Macomb and Quad Cities campuses and communities," Thomas added. "We are so pleased to honor Dr. Goldfarb and Elaine with this tribute."

The atrium was officially dedicated at the ribbon-cutting with a resolution set forth by the WIU Board of Trustees.

"We are both so honored and humbled to have the beautiful atrium in the first building on Western's Riverfront Campus named after us," Al Goldfarb said.

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The unveiling of a new Whitey's ice cream to honor WIU, "Western Rocks," also added a unique "flavor" to the ribbon-cutting event.

WIU-QC continues its strong working relationship with John Deere, The Moline Foundation, Renew Moline, Modern Woodmen of America, the Rock Island County Board and many others to help create new jobs and workforce retention. WIU-QC has partnered with Black Hawk Community College in Moline and Eastern Iowa Community College to allow students to enroll at their respective community college and take classes simultaneously at both WIU-QC and the community college. WIU-QC works closely with the Quad Cities Graduate Studies Center, and has signed agreements with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Rock Island District and the Rock Island Arsenal.

To view architect's renderings of the proposed WIU-QC Riverfront Campus renovation, visit [wiu.edu/qc/riverfront\\_campus](http://wiu.edu/qc/riverfront_campus).

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The Annual Fund raises about \$2 million for WIU scholarships and academic programs each year. The Phonathon accounts for between \$300,000 and \$400,000 of the total, with pledges ranging from \$25 to \$5,000.

Donors have the opportunity to direct their contribution to the academic department or scholarship area of their choice. At least one of the Phonathon calls has also resulted in the development of a new scholarship at the school this year.

"Tuition reimbursement only covers about half of what it costs our University to educate a students in a given year," Hallinan said. "Annual gifts from our alumni, friends, and parents and family members of our students are critical in making up that other half to keep Western an affordable option for many students. Annual gifts supports our donor's priorities, and have a direct impact on our current students."

"As callers, they build interpersonal communication skills and persuasive skills – things that are attractive to future employers," he said. "Phonathon is also a great way for our students to connect with our alumni. They love to hear alumni stories about campus life and are always happy to pass on a greeting to a favorite faculty or staff member."

Friends and Alumni wishing to make their annual gift to Western can visit [wiu.edu/giving](http://wiu.edu/giving). Here, donors can make gifts securely online and also find a directory of employers who offer programs to match their employee's gifts to higher education.

"This often allows our donors to double or even triple the impact of their gift," Hallinan said.



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# Business and Technology



## Students participate in “Fusion TECH Week”

By WIU Associate Professor Kevin Hall '94 MS '95

When Dan Bentz, general manager of Fusion TECH in Roseville, invited Western Illinois University Associate Professor Kevin Hall's '94 MS '95 introductory manufacturing class to participate in a job shadowing experience, there was no question about the interest level and potential impact.

Fusion TECH, a regional leader in stainless steel fabrication, specializes in making products for the food, pharmaceutical, chemical and wind energy industries. Stainless Reflections, a sister company at the same location, specializes in commemorative monuments and signage.

“Dan (Bentz) actively serves on our advisory board, so he understands our capabilities and goals,” Hall said. “We are really fortunate to have a company near the University that wants to share their expertise with us.”

Hall and Bentz developed and implemented a three-day program to immerse Western students in a production environment that supports learning production processes, safety, quality and innovation.

In late November, Bentz visited WIU and provided a general overview of Fusion TECH, its history, capabilities and markets, while explaining how students would rotate through stations in the shadowing program.

Students visited Fusion TECH's facilities on Dec. 6 and 8, where they were each assigned to stations with a technical expert. Students received one-on-one instruction and training about a specific process in 15-minute sessions and then rotated stations.

“The visit allowed us to view many processes that



**L to r: Specialist Charles Woods shows Braden Manning (Burlington, IA) how to setup a laser machine before cutting parts.**



**Dan Bentz provides the history of Fusion TECH, their capabilities and markets they serve.**



**L to r: Fusion TECH's Chris Tracey and student, Tyler Owings (Saline, MI), discuss press brakes and roll forming.**



**L to r: Fusion TECH welder, Landon Renard shows the differences between MIG and TIG Welding to Tyler Schoon (Pekin, IL).**

we have not previously been exposed to,” said WIU student Eric Tietz, (Glenview, IL). “Processes such as water-jet cutting, laser cutting and the press break are not available on campus, and it was an interesting experience to see such processes, which are common in the manufacturing world, being performed. Visiting the engineers was also valuable, as it exposed us to real engineering work in action, as well as learning more about the software tools used by the company, and the design process that drives the rest of the operations.”

Planting seeds is important for growth and development, Bentz explained.

“Our ultimate goal is to share with the community all we have to offer. Eighty percent of these students had never seen what we experience every day. This not only provided them with a lasting impression but gave them an insight to ‘real world’ versus the ‘theoretical’ that they are taught every day,” he added.

“Providing practical exposure to the ‘real world’ through ‘hands on’ experiences is what our program is all about,” Benz said. Students had the opportunity to interact with workplace employees, so this outreach opportunity was much more than just a tour.”

To see one of the innovative products Fusion TECH/Stainless Reflections has developed visit [www.tributescan.com](http://www.tributescan.com).

For information about the department of engineering technology at Western Illinois University, call (309) 298-1091 or visit [wiu.edu/engrtech/](http://wiu.edu/engrtech/).

## Engineering Technology programs receive accreditation



The Association of Technology, Management, and Applied Engineering

After months of applications, self-study and on-campus interviews, two of Western Illinois University's engineering programs were selected for accreditation by the Association of Technology, Management and Applied Engineering (ATMAE).

The programs, construction management and engineering technology, are part of Western's College of Business and Technology.

The accreditation was announced in November and is valid through October 2015.

Administrators from WIU and the University's engineering program made the initial application to ATMAE. That led to months of program study by school faculty, staff, students and administrators. ATMAE representatives then visited campus to verify the study results and to hold interviews.

After the completion of that process, WIU's petition was approved during a hearing before ATMAE's Board of Accreditation.

“We are so pleased and excited about achieving specialty accreditation from the ATMAE,” said Clayton Ray Diez, chair of WIU's Department of Engineering Technology. “None of the programs in the department had ever sought specialty accreditation. It is a credit to the faculty of the department and a feather in their cap that all the hard work invested in the self-study and visit resulted in initial accreditation for four years being granted.”

Founded in 1967, ATMAE is responsible for the promotion of technology in business, industry, education and government; the accreditation of technology programs in colleges, universities and technical institutes; and the certification of technologists and the recognition of their continued professional development.

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## Electric Leatherneck racing team on track with educational entry

*Editor's Note: This story is a continuation of a news item from the winter issue of Western News.*

By Jodi Pospeschil

Members of the Electric Leatherneck Racing Team (ELRT) at Western Illinois University are hoping to use their education and experience to field a car at Indianapolis this year.

In May, the team will take its electric race car to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway to compete against race teams from other universities.

The development of the WIU car is the result of more than 14 months of study and construction by 14 students and two faculty members.

The original concept for the team, led by Professor **Dave Hunter '88 MS '90**, came from WIU College of Business and Technology Dean **Tom Erikson**. Erikson said he was interested in bringing an electric car racing team to Western because of experiences he had with similar programs while working at other universities.

### Construction and Competition

Both the educational and construction aspects of the project were helped by a variety of regional partners. The Fusion Tech company, of Roseville (IL), helped weld the car pieces together, while Macomb High School automotive and small engines teacher Kelly Sears assisted with the initial set-up of the car.

Students began work on the car during the Fall 2010 semester and use a system of lithium ion batteries as a 48-volt power source.

After refining the car's plan, the top speed is now



**WIU Professor Dave Hunter is pictured with some of the members of the WIU Electric Leatherneck Racing Team.**

about 45 mph. The "pit crew" must be able to complete two battery pack changes before competing in May's 100-lap race in Indiana.

The next goal for the team is competing in upcoming events during Speed Week at the Indianapolis 500, set for the week of May 12, and at Purdue University. The events are part of a national program called the evGrandPrix Consortium, which tries to involve college students in the study of electric vehicle technology.

This will be the first year WIU students will participate in competition because approval issues for the team's battery power system came too late to take part in last year's events.

### Judging Criteria

In addition to the speed students can attain from the car, they are also judged on other aspects of their team,

including the vehicle's energy efficiency and their efforts at community outreach.

"We have a Facebook page and we had the vehicle in a Macomb parade," Hunter said of the outreach portion. "We also have taken the car to Illinois State University's Electric Vehicle Night."

### Program Goals

While participating in the Electric Leatherneck Racing Team project, WIU students learn all aspects of preparing the race car, from construction to programming. Students must also maintain a notebook, which documents each time an adjustment is made to the vehicle.

"It's quite a learning experience," Hunter said. "There are a number of dimensions to this; the purpose is about introducing the students to alternative vehicle propulsion systems and putting them with their peers nationwide."

**Nero Omu** (Galesburg, IL), a graduate student in WIU's manufacturing and engineering systems program, said she joined the team last semester after hearing about it from classmates.

"Right now we're trying to design a cover for the back of the car," she said. "We've also worked on design and mechanical work."

Students work on the vehicle between classes and the group meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. in Knoblauch Hall. Any WIU student can join the team; current academic majors of the students in the program include engineering technology, biology and accounting.

For more information on the electric car program at Western e-mail Hunter at [GD-Hunter@wiu.edu](mailto:GD-Hunter@wiu.edu) or visit the team's Facebook profile at [facebook.com/leatherneckracing](https://www.facebook.com/leatherneckracing).

## Sean Moore—Ticket executive for the Chicago Bulls NBA team

**Sean Moore '09**, of Oak Brook (IL), has a degree in marketing from Western Illinois University. He is currently working for the Chicago Bulls and sat down with WIU officials to answer some questions about his after-graduation employment.

### What is your current title/position?

Chicago Bulls ticket executive; my responsibilities include prospecting fans to purchase season/group tickets and luxury suite rentals to Bulls games. I am one of four account executives who manage 6,000+ season ticket holder accounts. I mentor three to four ticket reps in our annual internship program and also manage the Chicago Bulls All-Star balloting efforts (dates of promotions, coming up with incentives for fans to vote, creating unique fan experiences).

### What positions did you have leading up to your current position?

I did several internships in minor league sports throughout college. The Bulls have an eight-month ticket sales internship available for recent college graduates, and I was lucky enough to be the sole candidate hired full-time upon completion of the program.

### What interested you in your field and how did you decide to pursue it?

I have been incredibly passionate about sports since I was a kid. I knew that if I couldn't actually play professional sports, a career could still be had in that industry. I arrived



**Sean Moore '09 has transitioned a marketing degree into a job with the NBA Chicago Bulls.**

at WIU determined to work my hardest and get involved in anything and everything that had to do with sports marketing. Internships were essential!

### What would you consider to be the highlights of your career up to this point?

Getting a phone call and interview for the Bulls internship was one of the more challenging parts. Once you get your foot in the door, the opportunities for growth are endless in the sports marketing world. I was one of 14 interns who worked countless hours for eight months.

That hard work eventually led to me becoming a full-time employee. The ultimate highlight thus far has to be working for a first-class organization in one of the largest cities in the world.

### Tell us about some challenges in your position?

Challenges have to be the hours that employees who work in sports encounter. It's a blessing to have a dream job, but it certainly takes away a lot of leisure time. Also, sometimes the quickest way to grow professionally is moving from one organization to another, typically in other cities nationwide.

### To what do you attribute your success as a young professional?

My upbringing has a lot to do with who I am today. I am not sure I would be where I am today as young professional without the enthusiasm and encouragement of my parents to follow my dream of working in sports. Playing sports growing up formed me into someone who loves to compete. I am incredibly passionate about maximizing my potential in any endeavor I pursue. I have tried to carry that attitude into the working world.

### What advice would you give to students graduating from Western in the near future?

Take classes seriously and get involved. Each day I went to class I tried to learn as much as possible. How you approach classes should reflect how you would approach your first job.

# Business and Technology



## Supply chain management program receives scholarship donation from Archer Daniels Midland (ADM)

Western Illinois University alumnus **Kim Ekena '80** was on the Macomb campus in December to present a \$5,000 donation on behalf of the Archer Daniels Midland (ADM) corporation.

The money will benefit WIU's College of Business and Technology (CBT) and will pay for five \$1,000 scholarships to supply chain management (SCM) majors.

The ADM agribusiness company is a producer of food and feed ingredients, as well as renewable fuel.

Ekena, a WIU finance alumnus, said ADM wanted to make the donation because many of its employees are WIU graduates.

"We also want to help encourage people to choose supply chain management as a major," said Ekena.

The scholarship money was provided by ADM Cares, a program focusing on "supporting the responsible development of agriculture, improving the quality of life in ADM communities and fostering employee giving and volunteer activities."



**L to r: SCM junior Megan Wyffels (Atkinson, IL), SCM Professor Bart Jennings, ADM Vice President in ADM's transportation group Kim Ekena '80, CBT Dean Tom Erikson, CBT Associate Dean John Drea and recent SCM graduate Megan Opiekun '08, who is now employed by ADM.**

WIU students majoring in SCM can qualify for the scholarship with a minimum grade point average of 3.0. New freshmen must have an ACT score of at least 25.

The deadline for application is April 1 and the scholarships will be awarded by May 1.

WIU SCM Professor **Bart Jennings** said the scholarship money is a "big boost" for the University's engineering program.

"This will help us attract more students," he said. "We have developed similar relationships with companies like John Deere and others to create a good base of scholarships so we can compete with other schools for the best students."

For more information on ADM, visit [adm.com](http://adm.com) and information about WIU's Supply Chain Management program is available at [wiu.edu/academics/majors/business\\_and\\_technology/supply\\_chain\\_management.php](http://wiu.edu/academics/majors/business_and_technology/supply_chain_management.php).

## Economics Day held in February on Macomb campus

Have you ever wondered how the nation's economy affects the political polls? Or, have you ever considered the varied role and practical applications of economics in everyday life? These questions were answered at the 2012 Economics Day held on the WIU Campus in February.

Sponsored by the Economics Student Association and the WIU Center for Economic Education (CEE), the one-day conference brought together students and faculty from area high schools and community colleges with WIU faculty, alumni and students. Nearly 50 students from four area high schools, Carl Sandburg College and Southeastern Community College attended.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to bring together our undergraduates with area high school students and community college students to



**WIU Alumni Monica Grimsley '97 MA'98 (r) and Deborah Hedger '96 MA'98 take a break from Econ Day activities on February 6th. Grimsley and Hedger presented during the event which was attended by more than 250 students from WIU, area high schools and community colleges.**

discuss contemporary economic issues," said **Tom Sadler '91**, associate professor of economics and decision sciences and director for the CEE.

The day's activities included an economics information session and an overview of WIU's economics major led by Professor **Bill Polley** as well as a presentation titled "Economics at Work: My Decade at Deere" by WIU alumnus **Monica Grimsley '97 MA '98**, who is employed at John Deere.

The final presentation of the day was a panel discussion featuring Polley, and WIU political science professor **Jon Day** alongside community college representatives **Debbie Hedger '96 MA '98** of Southeastern Community college and **Jim Johnson** of Black Hawk Community College. Panelists addressed the topic, "Choosing the Next President: The Role of the US Economy" and gave their own synopsis of the possible

outcome of the 2012 Presidential Election based on key economic indicators.

"Although the unemployment rate decreased to 8.2 percent, that rate excludes discouraged workers and the underemployed," noted Hedger. "The public will rely on their experiences and the experiences of people they know regarding unemployment and economic hardship much more than statistics in determining their voting decisions."

More than 200 WIU students participated in the day's activities.

### FEATURED EVENT

#### The College of Business and Technology

welcomes U.S. Secretary of Transportation **Ray LaHood**

to campus April 30 as the 2012 Ferguson Lecturer.

LaHood will speak at 2 p.m. in the University Union Grand Ballroom.

## Students compete in Fed Challenge

Recent events in the world financial markets have shown just how difficult economic forecasting and policymaking can be in these turbulent times. While textbooks struggle to keep up with the ever-changing economic landscape, a group of WIU students took part in a learning experience last fall that goes well beyond typical textbooks and lectures. A team of five students: **Sarah Blaase**, a senior from Granger (IN); **Mitch Crabtree**, a junior from Dixon; **Sloane Levin**, a junior from Whitmore Lake (MI); **Matthew Rinker**, a senior from Burlington (IA) and **Derek Switzer**, a senior from Macomb, participated in the "College Fed Challenge" sponsored by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. The College Fed Challenge is a

competition for college students in which teams prepare a 15-minute presentation on the state of the U.S. economy including a forecast and a stance on monetary policy. Following the presentation is a 15-minute question-and-answer period where the team must answer questions from a panel of economists.

A total of eighteen teams from Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana and Michigan competed at the regional level for the opportunity to go to the national competition in Washington. According to **Bill Polley**, associate professor of economics and coach of WIU's Fed Challenge team, the competition in this region is intense. The preliminary round in which WIU competed included teams from

Northwestern, Indiana University and Notre Dame. For their presentation, the team simulated a meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee, the policy arm of the Federal Reserve which sets monetary policy. Team members played the part of policymakers and researched the views of the individuals whose role they played—even getting into disagreements over contentious policy issues.

WIU has participated in the Fed Challenge for five out of the past six years, and according to Polley it is a tremendous learning experience for the students. Polley has also adapted the format of the Fed Challenge into a classroom project for his upper-level macroeconomics courses.

## Padgett named College of Business and Technology's 2011-2012 Distinguished Alumnus

By Jodi Pospeschil

For Western Illinois University alumnus **Nick Padgett '88**, coming back to Macomb to accept an award was literally coming home.

Padgett, a Macomb native was back in town Feb. 6 to accept the WIU College of Business and Technology's 2011-2012 Distinguished Alumnus Award.

After graduating summa cum laude and co-valedictorian from WIU, Padgett graduated from the Amos Tuck School of Business Administration at Dartmouth College. He went on to work for a variety of prestigious investment firms, including William Blair & Company, Andersen Consulting (now Accenture) and Inforte.

In 2007, Padgett co-founded Frontaura Capital LLC, which has established itself as one of the world's best-performing global frontier market funds.

While Padgett was back on the WIU campus in February, he was presented his award at a luncheon in his honor. He also met with community leaders to talk about his career and his international travel experiences.

During the luncheon, Padgett said he was "overwhelmed" by the honor, adding that coming back to Western's campus was just a trip back home.

"I grew up here, it wasn't just four years where I went away to school and then left," he said. "We had family friends who were professors and administrators. For me coming to Macomb is not just coming back to a school; it's where I spent the first 21 years of my life."

Padgett's mother, **Jan Johnson '83 MS-ED '86**, was the human resources director at WIU before retiring, and his stepfather, **Bill Johnson MS-ED '76**, is a retired professor from the law enforcement and justice administration department.

Padgett said he was pleased to see WIU President Jack Thomas and Macomb Mayor Michael Inman sitting together at lunch and talking about the community-University relationship. Because he believes WIU has a positive impact on Macomb with the importance of higher education becoming part of the "fabric of the community."

While Padgett, a 1984 Macomb High School graduate,



**Nick Padgett '88 accepts the College of Business and Technology's Distinguished Alumnus Award.**



**Padgett was invited to campus for a luncheon in his honor and to speak with students.**

majoring in computer science at WIU, it's his minor in finance and a love for international travel that guided his career path. Padgett's company currently invests in public companies in other countries, including Zimbabwe,

Pakistan and Vietnam.

Throughout his career he has also worked with technology-related investments.

"With each step of my career progression there was a common thread that runs back to what I did at Western," Padgett said. "I'm very grateful for the education I got here; the start I got here."

Padgett's love of international travel translated to a yearlong honeymoon with his wife, Deanna. The couple visited 65 countries in just under 12 months.

Now living in Chicago, the couple has two children, Ainsley, 3, and Theo, 6 months.

After the Feb. 6 luncheon, Padgett met with community leaders in a more informal discussion setting. He talked more about his time at WIU, including his work at Tri States Public Radio and at WIUS.

Padgett said he stays connected to Western in a variety of ways, including his family connections to his hometown. He also serves on the CBT's National Advisory Board.

Padgett and fellow alumnus **Ron Meyer '88** previously offered a scholarship at WIU for 20 years, which they called the "Heisman Trophy of Computer Science."

"We were looking for the best all-around student," he said. "We were pretty hands-on with it. We interviewed the students ourselves, asked the essay questions and picked the winners. We just wanted to do something because we'd both received a number of scholarships at Western," he said.

While on campus in, Padgett also met with several WIU students to talk about his career. He said he told students they should try to find something they enjoy doing and then build a career around it.

Padgett added that international travel is also important.

"What you read and hear from far away isn't necessarily the whole picture," he said. "There is nothing like going there to see the whole picture."

For more information about WIU's College of Business and Technology, visit [wiu.edu/cbt](http://wiu.edu/cbt).



### Students attending the National Postsecondary Student Agricultural Conference

Pictured are front row, l to r: **Daniel Mitchell** (Elgin, IL), **Dayna Staggemeyer** (Carlinville, IL), and **Kyle Wood** (Claypool, IN). Back row, l to r: **Wyatt McGrew** (Prairie City, IL), **John Roskamp** (Sutter, IL), **Greg Kirlin** (Camp Point, IL), **Riley Hintzsche** (Lindenwood, IL), **Trent Taber** (Atkinson, IL), and **Kaylyn Schiber** (Livingston, CA). As a result of placing in the top few of their individual contests at the Illinois Postsecondary Agriculture Student Conference (PAS) last fall and last month, these agriculture majors will be competing at the National PAS Organization Conference in West Des Moines (IA) this month. Growmark, a supplier of agricultural equipment and supplies, is sponsoring the students to help fund their trip to the national competition. (Not pictured, **Stephanie Nelson** from Good Hope, IL.)



## University Libraries receives large book collection

The family of former philosophy Professor **Maurice Nielsen**, who passed away in June 2006, donated his complete book collection to the University Libraries at Western Illinois University.

The donation is the largest University Libraries has ever received, with more than 9,000 books, many in pristine condition.

"We were ecstatic to receive such a wonderful selection of books. Dr. Nielsen loved books and the quality of his collection, certainly reflects that," said Libraries Dean **Phyllis Self**.

While a majority of the books are philosophy and religious studies, the collection represented a wide range of interest in a variety of subject areas.

University Libraries received the donation in summer 2011. Because there were more than 260 boxes to organize, the Acquisitions/Cataloging unit processed the collection in two steps," Self explained.

The books were logged and checked against the library's catalog system to determine if a copy is already owned, which added more than 2,700 books. The books that were already in the system were physically compared



This snapshot represents a small portion of the books that have been added to the collection.

to determine which was the better quality, which resulted in the exchange of 591 books.

The remaining books were added to materials for the annual book sale, where all proceeds go to the Library Atrium Society, supporting the purchase of books and materials for University Libraries. The process took the Acquisitions/Cataloging unit eight months to complete.

"To receive a donation of this caliber is truly an honor," said **Michael Jones**, University Libraries development director. "If we were to purchase the books added to our collection, it would have easily cost more than \$100,000. We look forward to honoring the magnitude and impressiveness of Dr. Nielsen's collection in June."

A reception to honor the Nielsen Collection will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday, June 21 in the Leslie F. Malpass Library, Garden Lounge.

To view a list of the titles added to the collection, visit [wiu.edu/libraries](http://wiu.edu/libraries). In the search box under "Find Books," type "Nielsen Collection," making sure to use the quotations.

## 'Birds, Birds, Birds!' comes to Malpass Library

On Feb. 3 University Libraries hosted the, "Birds, Birds, Birds!" reception, celebrating the multiple ornithological influences in the Leslie F. Malpass Library.

The reception celebrated the donation of the sculpture, "Echo," to the library; Biology Professor Emeritus **Thomas Dunstan's** induction into the Illinois Outdoor Hall of Fame in 2011; and the expansion of the Petersen Ornithological Collection.

"Echo," a sculpture created by WIU graduate **Mark Padlo '11**, has been placed near the Access Services desk in the Malpass Library for the last six months. "Echo" was created in **Don Crouch's** sculpture course at WIU, and was purchased for University Libraries by **Patricia Hutinger**, in memory of her son, **Scott Hutinger '82 MS '93**.



L to R: Mark Padlo, Patricia Hutinger, Mary Lou Petersen, and Tom Dunstan with Padlo's sculpture "Echo."

collection contains more than a 1,000 unique titles of rare and high quality books, periodicals, banding cards and records dating back to 1886. Information about the collection, including a slideshow of bird photographs taken by Peter Petersen, can be found at [wiu.edu/libraries/collections/petersen/index.php](http://wiu.edu/libraries/collections/petersen/index.php).

Dunstan was recognized for his, "commitment to natural resources protection, conservation and enhancement of outdoor recreation opportunities in the state," according to the Illinois Conservation Foundation. The honor was specifically for his work to protect and expand the wildlife habitat of bald eagles. Although he retired in 2007, Dunstan continues his wildlife work.

The Mary Lou and Peter Petersen, Jr. Ornithological Collection recently received additional books. The

## Calendar of Events

University Libraries has a busy spring planned. Events listed are open and free to the public.

**Monday, March 19 through Friday, April 27**—  
"Binding Wounds, Pushing Boundaries: African Americans in Civil War Medicine" Display  
Leslie F. Malpass Library Garden Lounge

**Thursday, April 5, 7 p.m.**—"Let's Talk About It Book Discussion: War and Freedom"

This is the final book discussion in the series. The featured reading will be part five of "America's War: Talking About the Civil War and Emancipation."  
Leslie F. Malpass Library Garden Lounge

**Wednesday, April 11, 3 p.m.**—WIU Authors Reception

Reception to honor WIU faculty, staff and student authors of articles, books and writings.  
Leslie F. Malpass Library Garden Lounge

**Monday, April 30 through Friday, June 29**—  
Lincoln in Illinois Exhibit  
Leslie F. Malpass Library First Floor

A current list of events can also be found at [wiu.edu/libraries](http://wiu.edu/libraries).



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- WestCat
- Free E-Resources
- Government websites
- Sequel Yearbook collection
- Online Legal Self-Help Center

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## Donations are always welcome

University Libraries welcomes gifts in all forms, including monetary gifts, materials and Western Illinois University artifacts and memorabilia. Gifts of materials can be directed to **Greg Phelps '93** at (309) 298-2730 or via e-mail at [GW-Phelps@wiu.edu](mailto:GW-Phelps@wiu.edu). Historical WIU artifacts and memorabilia donations can be directed to **Jeff Hancks MS '10** at (309) 298-2717 or [JL-Hancks@wiu.edu](mailto:JL-Hancks@wiu.edu). All other donations, including monetary and planned gifts, should be directed to **Michael Jones** at (309) 298-2356 or [M-Jones2@wiu.edu](mailto:M-Jones2@wiu.edu).





# Fine Arts and Communication



## DJ Alstadt and Al and Andrea Boyer recognized

The College of Fine Arts and Communication (COFAC) has named **DJ Alstadt '99** as the recipient of the COFAC Distinguished Alumnus Award 2011 and **Al and Andrea Boyer** as the recipients of the COFAC Distinguished Friends Award 2011.

Music education graduate, Alstadt, received the first WIU School of Music Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Alstadt is the director of the band program at Naperville (IL) Central High School. He oversees four concert bands, a marching band, three jazz bands, three jazz combos and teaches music theory and music appreciation.

Al and Andrea Boyer have been supporters of many projects on the WIU campus.

Many people recognize Al as the namesake of the WIU baseball stadium or for his support of the lights on Hanson Field. What many people might not know is that Al and Andrea have been enormously generous supporters of the arts at WIU, said College of Fine Arts and Communication



**DJ Alstadt '99**



**Andrea and Al Boyer**

Interim Dean **Sharon Evans**.

The Boyers have supported the Bureau of Cultural Affairs (BCA) by underwriting several BCA shows and the receptions that followed. They have been supporters of Summer Music Theatre, are long-time members of the Performing Arts Society (PAS) and are honorary directors.

## Alumnus transitions arts degree into national design career

WIU alumnus **Evan Leake '06** is reaching a national audience with his artwork all through the computer inside his Macomb home.

The Macomb native is currently working for dozens of national bands and companies on a variety of artistic endeavors, ranging from graphic design to web production.

Leake owns his own design studio, branded Palebird Design Studio and works for bands including Fallout Boy and Alkaline Trio.

Most recently, Leake has completed artistic work for Gym Class Heroes' new, "The Papercut Chronicles II."

"I did the original 'The Papercut Chronicles' album



back in 2005, when Gym Class Heroes had just been freshly signed to their label," Leake said recently. "I had worked my way up to getting gigs with major and large independent record labels, and this project was given to me randomly. When the latest album, 'The Papercut Chronicles II' came around, they contacted me to do the artwork once again."

Leake graduated from Western in 2006 with a bachelor of fine arts degree. More of his work can be seen at [www.facebook.com/palebird](http://www.facebook.com/palebird) and he operates an online art culture magazine at [www.flightpattern.com](http://www.flightpattern.com).

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## WIU wins at KCACTF

Six Western Illinois University Theatre students were honored at the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF) in January. Western students participated in the Region 3 Festival.



**L to r: Tommy lafrate, Kristin Katsu, Will James Stacey, Andrew Behling, Bill Kincaid, Lorenzo Rush and Anna Cline.**

Out of the more than 1,500 students who attended the event, six WIU students were recognized for their work.

### Directors

- Master of Fine Arts (MFA) directing student **Tommy lafrate**, (Macomb, IL), won the Stage Directors and Choreographers (SDC) Directing Award, which is the festival's biggest directing prize. The region will send him to the Kennedy Center in April where he will work with other regional winners at the National KCACTF Festival.
- MFA directing student **Kristin Katsu**, (Macomb, IL), was runner-up for "Best Director in the Ten-Minute Play" competition.

### Actors

- Eight actors were awarded prizes for their work, out of the 500 students who auditioned for festival judges. Three of the eight recognized students were from WIU.
- Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) students **Anna Cline**, (Grafton, WI), and **Lorenzo Rush**, (Cicero, IL), received the "Judges" Award for Comedy Scene.
- MFA student **Andrew Behling**, (Wheaton, IL), was the recipient of the "Classical Acting Award" presented by NAPAT (National Partners of American Theatre). This award is presented both to the actor and to the actor's mentor, **Bill Kincaid**. This is the most prestigious award at KCACTF.

### Designers

- MFA design student **Will James Stacey**, (Franklinton, LA), was part of the winning "Design Storm" team.

Region 3 of the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival includes the states of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin and western Ohio.

## Graham retires after 20 years of Western service

In his 20 years of leadership at Western Illinois University's Art Gallery, Curator of Exhibits **John Graham '73 MA '84** has coordinated 320 displays of fine art.

Graham retired from the University Jan. 1.

After returning to WIU in 1992, Graham developed the facility's permanent collection and collection database.

Graham also led the University's gallery through reviews by the Institute for Museum and Library Studies, including the Museum Assessment Program (MAP III) in 1993 and the Conservation Assessment Program (CAP)



**John Graham '73 MA '84**

in 1998.

Graham has been a member of the American Association of Museums since 1994 and he is a member of the Illinois Association of Museums and the Association of Academic Museums and Galleries. From 2007-2009, he served on the Visual Arts Program Advisory Panel for the Illinois Arts Council, an agency which provides general operating support grants to the WIU Art Gallery.

Before coming to Western, Graham was director of the William G. and Marie Selby Gallery at The Ringling School of Art and Design in Sarasota (FL) from 1986-1991 and

was the assistant to the director at the Charles and Emma Frye Art Museum in Seattle, WA (1985). He pursued graduate studies in art history at the University of Iowa (1986).

The Macomb native is the third generation of his family to graduate from WIU. Graham earned his bachelor's (1973) and master's (1984) degrees from Western. He also attended Western Illinois University Lab School, and graduated from Western High School in 1969.

During retirement, Graham plans to continue playing violin for the Monmouth Civic Orchestra. He also serves on the orchestra's board of directors.

He will stay active with the Western Illinois Traditional Music Association, where he plays guitar and mandolin; and by playing in Ukulele Macomb.

## CLASS NOTE CRITERIA

Information received will be published in the next edition of Western News only if any of the following have occurred in the past 12 months: a job change; promotion; special honor; retirement; marriage/ civil union (include date); births or adoptions (include date).

Information will be listed by year of first degree earned. Due to the high volume of address changes, information will not be published if there simply has been a change of address. All information submitted will be updated in the alumni database and can be viewed in the online alumni directory as well as in the online version of Western News at [wiu.edu/alumni](http://wiu.edu/alumni).

— WIU Alumni Programs

## 1963

**J. Annette Wetzel Reed**, Sheridan, WY, is retired.  
([marreed@wyoming.com](mailto:marreed@wyoming.com))

**Jim Selby MS-ED '66**, Vancouver, WA, is retired from consulting with community colleges after 14 years. ([selbyjb@comcast.net](mailto:selbyjb@comcast.net))

## 1966

**Marjorie Heuss Gerdes**, Havana, is a retired teacher from Havana Jr. High School.

**Steve Gerdes MA '70**, Havana, is a retired teacher from Havana Jr. High School.

## 1967

**Linda Haines Berglund**, Belleair Bluffs, FL, is retired from Eli Lilly & Company in Indianapolis, IN.

## 1970

**Robert Riggins MS-ED '75**, Houston, TX, is retired.

## 1971

**Ruth Greenleaf Riggins MS-ED '75**, Houston, TX, is retired.  
**Daniel Westrope**, Wheaton, is the president & CEO at National Bancshares, Inc. in Bettendorf, IA. ([dwestrope@thenb.com](mailto:dwestrope@thenb.com))

## 1972

**Stephen Davis**, Brookfield, WI, is the director of planned giving at Aurora Health Care Foundation. ([theshepherd50@wi.rr.com](mailto:theshepherd50@wi.rr.com))

## 1973

**Doug Arendell**, Aurora, CO, is the managing director at Hegemon College Consultants in Englewood. He also won first place in the shot-put and second place in discus competition in the Senior Nationals Track and Field meet in Houston, TX.  
([dbachamp@yahoo.com](mailto:dbachamp@yahoo.com))

**Christopher Begley**, Libertyville, was elected to DeVry's Board of Directors.

**Jim Cody**, Dahinda, is a strategic projects and support services manager at Caterpillar.

**Roxanne Welty Croegaert MUS-MM '11**, Milan, is the orchestra director and founder of the orchestra program at Black Hawk College in Moline.

**Lamont Gray**, Gainesville, VA, is a contracts manager at Lockheed Martin Corporation in Manassas. ([lamont\\_gray@comcast.net](mailto:lamont_gray@comcast.net))

**Susan Spevak**, Harwood Heights, is retired from teaching after 38 years at Morton Grove School District.

## 1974

**Dena McDonald MS-ED '87**, Hamilton, is retired from the Carthage School District after 37 years of teaching special education.

## 1975

**Stan Campbell MS**, Lincoln, NE, is the associate vice chancellor for Student Affairs & director of Campus Recreation at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. ([scampbell1@unl.edu](mailto:scampbell1@unl.edu))

**Neil Flynn MA '76**, Springfield, was awarded the Golden Horseshoe Award for Best Contract Lobbyist.

**Connie Woolsey**, Garden Grove, CA, is a senior IT business analyst at United Health Group. ([sunnkist53@aol.com](mailto:sunnkist53@aol.com))

## 1976

**Diane Durst Bozarth MBA '93**, Canton, MO, is the CFO at Culver-Stockton College.

## 1977

**David Campbell MS**, LaCrosse, WI, is the clinic manager at Gundersen Lutheran Health System. ([djcampbe@gundluth.org](mailto:djcampbe@gundluth.org))

**Debra Parsons Grunnet**, Greensboro, GA, is a self employed educational consultant. ([dgrunnet@aol.com](mailto:dgrunnet@aol.com))

**Michael Grunnet**, Greensboro, GA, is the vice president at Cellofoam. ([grunnet@aol.com](mailto:grunnet@aol.com))

## Libertyville Alumni &amp; Friends Social Mickey Finn's, Dec. 1, 2011



Front row, l-r: Alumni Achievement Award recipient Connie Kowal '74, Susan Miller Taylor '78, Jennifer Turner Vermazen '01, Sandy Sorensen '71 and Bob Hahn '86. Middle row, l-r: Carol Frighetto Kuczowski '79, Glenn Holmes '76, Duane Kovacek '71, Bill Howe '88, Emory Patterson '10 and Keith Bear '81. Back row, l-r: Rick Weil, Tara Dorothy Cutaia '91, Steve Cutaia '90, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Steve McLaughlin '70 '71 and Brian Aden '86.

## Green Bay Alumni &amp; Friends

Tour of Lambeau Field, social at Curly's Pub, Dec. 3, 2011



Seated, l-r: Connie Nelson Huff '65, Kathy Hager and Dave Hager '69. Standing, l-r: Robert Gray '67 '69, Irene Gray, Debra Lewis Taylor '77, Linda Brill Lamonda '74, Debbi MacPhail Gastorf '74, Kristine Wiegman, Matthew Mascal '84 and Jack Sittner '73.

**Joe Moore ED SP**, Cleveland, WI, is retired.  
([j36rm54@wildblue.net](mailto:j36rm54@wildblue.net))

## 1978

**Andrew "Drew" Boster MS-ED**, Moline, is the vice president of institutional advancement at Life Chiropractic College West.

**Debbie Cotton**, Phoenix, AZ, is the interim director at The Phoenix Convention Center.

**Randy Ingram**, Midland, GA, is the vice president and general manager of WBTW News 13 in Myrtle Beach, SC.

**Cynthia Jorgensen**, Silver Spring, MD, is the development assistant at The Holton-Arms School.

**Linda Murphy**, Gary, IN, is retired from the Chicago Symphony Chorus.

**Mike Peterik**, Springfield, is a live-in manager for Montvale Estates at Holiday Retirement. ([mpeterik@comcast.net](mailto:mpeterik@comcast.net))

## 1979

**Robert Craig**, Chicago, is a retired sergeant from the Chicago Police Department after 29 years of service.  
([bob1726@ameritech.net](mailto:bob1726@ameritech.net))

**Sandra Folgers MS**, Silver Lake, WI, is a school psychologist at Round Lake Area Schools # 116 in Round Lake Beach, IL.

**Brian Harvey**, Dallas, TX, is the chief of police for the Allen Police Department.

**Carol Lindsey Johnson**, Fort Morgan, CO, is a librarian/teacher at Wiggins School District. ([wjohnson1984@centurylink.net](mailto:wjohnson1984@centurylink.net))

**Deborah Harlow Peterik**, Springfield, is a live-in manager for Montvale Estates at Holiday Retirement.

## 1981

**James Czerniak**, Colleyville, TX, is the vice president of

operations and accounting at ThyssenKrupp Access.  
([jamesczerniak@yahoo.com](mailto:jamesczerniak@yahoo.com))

## 1982

**Kathleen Copelin-Angelo**, Garland, TX, is a training network specialist at the American Heart Association in Richardson.

## 1983

**Linda Losey Demore**, Hoffman Estates, is a business architect at the IL Department of Employment Security in Chicago.  
([ldemore009@aol.com](mailto:ldemore009@aol.com))

## 1984

**Philip Lundgren**, Alton, is a geoint analyst at the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency in St. Louis, MO.

**John Owen**, Chicago, is a sergeant for the Chicago Police Department. ([sgtjwo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sgtjwo@sbcglobal.net))

## 1986

**Paulette Hale**, Hurst, TX, works at Lockheed Martin in security integration in Ft Worth. ([phale18@sbcglobal.net](mailto:phale18@sbcglobal.net))

**Kelly Hartford Mierkowski MA '90**, Urbana, is the manager of grants management division for the City of Urbana.  
([khartford@wildblue.net](mailto:khartford@wildblue.net))

## 1987

**Andy Neyrinck**, Bettendorf, IA, is a detective sergeant at the Davenport Police Department. ([andy1965586@yahoo.com](mailto:andy1965586@yahoo.com))

## 1990

**Steve Sabo MS '94**, Wonder Lake, is the parish priest at St. Peter Catholic Church and School in S. Beloit.

## Kansas City Alumni & Friends Event

Chiefs vs. Packers Social and Game, Arrowhead Stadium, Dec. 18, 2011



Seated, l-r: Financial aid adviser Brooke Gronewold Schaer '09, Matt Schaer '08, Susanne Rodgers Long '72, Candy Wahlstrom, Steve Wahlstrom '76, Mitchell Romer '79, Charlene Rydecki Romer '78, faculty assistant Dawn Bartlett Hughes '95 '99 and Aaron Hughes '00. Standing, l-r: Luke Burling, Kortney Freeman, Debra Windham, John Windham '78, Tony Romer and Kristen Busby Romer '03.



Front row, l-r: Rich Boyer and Adam Kubatzke '09. Middle row, l-r: Regina Clewell '02 '04, Nick Boyer, College of Business and Technology office manager Lori Lundgren Boyer '05, Kelsey Boyer, Paul Meers '72, Nancy Carlson Meers '75, Chadwick Swenson '00, Toni Bruington Swenson '02, LeAnn Phillips-White '80, Tim Phillips '83 '04 and Greg Hanson. Standing, l-r: David McCarthy '76, Jill Lundgren Jackson '02, Brandon Jackson, faculty member Andy Baker, Matt Streit, faculty member Tom Cody, Nancy Bartram McCleary '71, Heath Warner and James Treacy.



L-r: A Kansas City Chiefs cheerleader, faculty member Andy Baker, Kansas City Wolf, Chadwick Swenson '00, Tim Phillips '83 '04, Alumni Council member and Alumni Achievement Award recipient Rhonda Haffner '87, Debi Neff '87 and a Kansas City Chiefs cheerleader.

**1991**

**Connie Weber**, Springfield, OH, is a service support administrator at the Clark County Developmental Disabilities.

**1993**

**Steven Hills**, Suffolk, VA, is an English teacher at First Baptist Christian School. ([stevehills1971@gmail.com](mailto:stevehills1971@gmail.com))

**1994**

**Linda Gogliotti MA '96**, Sarasota, FL, is an adjunct faculty at Waseda University, Nagoya University, Aichi University and Aichi Prefectural University in Japan. ([lgogliotti@yahoo.com](mailto:lgogliotti@yahoo.com))  
**Jon Potter**, Marquette, MI, is a physician. ([jwp98@hotmail.com](mailto:jwp98@hotmail.com))  
**Richard Stanula**, Cornelius, NC, is an HR business partner at TIAA CREF in Charlotte. ([richard.stanula@yahoo.com](mailto:richard.stanula@yahoo.com))

**1995**

**Ronnie Deyton**, Burnsville, NC, is retired from the First Western Bank as the founding president and CEO.

**Julie Gallagher**, Matthews, NC, is the senior territory account manager at KCI Medical. ([rnjulgal@yahoo.com](mailto:rnjulgal@yahoo.com))

**Vaughn Stamm**, Roscoe, is the director of operations at Winnebago County Forest Preserve District in Rockford.

**1996**

**Ivy Harstein Kiefer**, Wilmington, DE, is a special education and science teacher for Red Clay Consolidated School District. ([ikiefer74@verizon.net](mailto:ikiefer74@verizon.net))

**1997**

**Tammy Moore Kockaya MS**, Fairfax, VA, is the associate director of events & meetings at KPMG LLP in McLean. ([tammy.kockaya@gmail.com](mailto:tammy.kockaya@gmail.com))

**1998**

**Michelle Godinez**, Lockport, is a clinical applications analyst at Provena Health – Resurrection Healthcare in Bolingbrook. ([mgodinez2004@yahoo.com](mailto:mgodinez2004@yahoo.com))

**Tiffani Heidelberg Johannsen**, DeKalb, is a nail artist at Sue's Family Hair Company.

**1999**

**Emily Rasch Jansen MA '01**, Gurnee, is an attorney at Riffner Barber LLC and an adjunct instructor at Oakton Community College.

**2000**

**Erin Pugh Clifford MS**, Ontario, Canada, is the manager of fundraising events at The Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada. ([erinclifford98@gmail.com](mailto:erinclifford98@gmail.com))

**Lester "L.C." Coghill MS '06**, Old Town, ME, is the assistant director of Campus Activities and Student Engagement at the University of Maine. ([coghill\\_lc@yahoo.com](mailto:coghill_lc@yahoo.com))

**Laura Taylor Gergely MS '02**, Lindenhurst, is the student development specialist at College of Lake County in Grayslake. ([laurataylor66@hotmail.com](mailto:laurataylor66@hotmail.com))

**Adam Jansen**, Gurnee, works at Nosco/Holden Industries.

**Daniel Szajna**, Champaign, is a contract coordinator at the University of IL and is a Certified Public Procurement Officer from the Universal Public Procurement Certification Council. ([dan.szajna@gmail.com](mailto:dan.szajna@gmail.com))

**2001**

**Kathleen Cormack**, Falling Waters, WV, recently e-published her first novel "Prayer for all Seasons." ([kathleen@kathleencormack.com](mailto:kathleen@kathleencormack.com))

**Dustin Fritsche MS**, Virginia, is a program coordinator of community and economic development for the University of IL Extension. ([fritsche@illinois.edu](mailto:fritsche@illinois.edu))

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**Carissa Wallace Lawless**, Sycamore, is an OEM account manager at Dinamica Generale US, Inc. ([hurdling14@yahoo.com](mailto:hurdling14@yahoo.com))

**Bethany Whewell Mital**, Rock Island, is a logistics supervisor at PB Leiner USA in Davenport, IA. ([b\\_whewell@hotmail.com](mailto:b_whewell@hotmail.com))

**2002**

**Jonathon Julius**, Neoga, is the chief of police for the City of Neoga. ([jandjulius@gmail.com](mailto:jandjulius@gmail.com))

**Heather Mathias**, Mattoon, is a cashier at Hucks. ([hamathias80@yahoo.com](mailto:hamathias80@yahoo.com))

**Anthony Mital**, Rock Island, is a pharmaceutical representative for Warner Chilcott.

**2004**

**Mario Reyes**, Williamsburg, VA, is a senior enlisted advisor for the US Army in Fort Eustis. ([msg\\_rey@hotmail.com](mailto:msg_rey@hotmail.com))

**2005**

**Stephanie Redfield Bravieri**, Elgin, is an associate attorney at Angelina & Herrick, PC.

**Jason Rodriquez MS**, Springfield, OR, is the director of Multicultural Programs at Linfield College in McMinnville. ([jrodriqu@linfield.edu](mailto:jrodriqu@linfield.edu))

**2006**

**Megan Ash**, Taylorville, is a special education teacher at Midstate Special Education in Morrisonville. ([mash24@consolidated.net](mailto:mash24@consolidated.net))

**Maurice Hampton**, Houston, TX, is the director of Community and Alumni Outreach at Sanford Brown College. ([mauricehampton@centeredrealty.com](mailto:mauricehampton@centeredrealty.com))

**Jennifer Spiegel Hardee**, New Market, IA, is a 3rd grade teacher at Riverside School District in Oakland.

**Adam Opiekun**, Mapleton, is a construction supervisor at Archer Daniels Midland in Peoria. ([adam.opiekun@adm.com](mailto:adam.opiekun@adm.com))

**2007**

**Alana Barnes Brzozowski MS**, Ontario, Canada, is the coordinator of Learning Support Services at Carleton University.

**Jeremy Brzozowski MS**, Ontario, Canada, is the coordinator for 1st Year Programs and Orientation at Carleton University.

**Samuel Lozier**, Washington, DC, is a strategist at Revolution Messaging.

**Harold Martin MA**, Yorkville, is the Manhattan Police Chief.

**Angie Sanders Wierzbicki MS**, Missouri City, TX, is a development director at Central Fort Bend Chamber Alliance.

## 2008

**Matthew Archambault**, Chicago, is a senior account specialist at Enterprise Commercial Trucks in Mount Prospect. ([matthew.j.archambault@erac.com](mailto:matthew.j.archambault@erac.com))

**Jennifer Bresnahan**, Naperville, is a patrol deputy for the Kendall County Sheriff's Department.

**Lauren Carrier MS**, Houston, TX, is a recreation specialist at the Missouri City Parks and Recreation.

**Catt Foy MA**, Davenport, IA, is a freelance writer and her book "Pscards – A New Alternative to Tarot" has been published.

**David Lane MS '10**, Morton, is the district executive with the Boy Scouts in the Mississippi Valley Council in Burlington, IA.

**Megan Shockley Opiekun**, Mapleton, is a grain merchandiser at Archer Daniels Midland in Havana. ([ma-opiekun@hotmail.com](mailto:ma-opiekun@hotmail.com))

**Liese Ringness**, Westlake, OH, is the hemostasis, hematology and urinalysis sales specialist at Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics.

**Timothy Winchester**, Centennial, CO, is a chef.

**Jonathan Zurek**, Bushnell, is an employment specialist at Bridgeway.

**Laci Ebbert Zurek**, Bushnell, is a community relations manager at Mosiac in Macomb.

## 2009

**Tabitha Cooper Jozwick**, Monmouth, is an author and an autism motivational speaker. ([tabijozwick@hotmail.com](mailto:tabijozwick@hotmail.com))

**Ashley Kort Morhardt MS**, Athens, OH, is a teaching assistant at Ohio University.

**Joshua Rivers**, Las Vegas, NV, is the juvenile services assistant at Clark County Department of Juvenile Justice Services Detention Department. ([jb\\_rivers@yahoo.com](mailto:jb_rivers@yahoo.com))

## 2010

**Nicole Arnold**, Roscoe, is a police officer for the Rockford Police Department.

**Kevin Warchol**, Conshohocken, PA, is a commodity buyer at Danaher Corporation – Imaging Sciences/Gendex/Dexis in Hatfield.

## 2011

**Eric Benson**, Woodridge, is a senior patrolman at BNSF Railway Police. ([ewb1425@hotmail.com](mailto:ewb1425@hotmail.com))

**Branden Burke**, Winnebago, is a police officer for the Rockford Police Department.

## Marriages and Civil Union

**Alana Barnes MS '07** and **Jeremy Brzozowski MS '07**, Nov. 9, 2011.

**Teresa Calvert '93** and **Lonnie Herbert**, Nov. 5, 2011.

**Cassie Creech '08** and **David Lannert**, July 9, 2011.

**Stephanie Daniels '04** and **Cliff Smith**, May 20, 2011.

**Kyle Dobson '07** and **Nicole Orth**, Apr. 9, 2011.

**Beth Ewing '07 MS '09** and **Tanner Miller**, June 16, 2011.

**Sara Harding '06** and **Thomas Hembry**, Oct. 1, 2011.

**Jessica Johnson '10** and **Alexander Gregory**, June 11, 2011.

**Stephanie Larsen '11** and **Zachary Maas**, Sept. 24, 2011.

**Jared Parker '05** and **Erica Caldwell**, Dec. 30, 2011.

**Bret Releford '06** and **Cathia DeVore**, Nov. 19, 2011.

**Susanne Rodgers '72** and **Kent Long**, Mar. 19, 2011.

**Angie Sanders MS '07** and **Paul Wierzbicki MS '06**, Oct. 22, 2011.

**Greg Topf '06** and **Shannon Friedel**, July 3, 2011.

**Corindy Wolf '04** and **William Stoakes**, Dec. 10, 2011.

## Births and Adoptions

**Stephanie Redfield Bravieri '05** and **Steven**, a son, Nathan Eugene, Sept. 28, 2011.

**Erin Pugh Clifford MS '00** and **Jonathon**, a daughter, Cara, June 27, 2011.

**Bradley Diebold '03** and **Leigh**, a daughter, Erin R., Jan. 25, 2011.

**Katherine Ceh Dockins MS '99** and **Patrick Dockins MS '00**, a daughter, Quinn Eileen, Sept. 2, 2011.

**Kristin Barney Gustafson '03** and **Scott**, a daughter, Karlie Marie, Dec. 14, 2011.

**Paulette Hale '86** and **Krisanne**, twins, a son, Kevin and a daughter, Malia, Jan. 14, 2011.

**Noelle Rodgers Horbaczewski '04** and **Kevin Horbaczewski '03**, a daughter, Corah Katherine, Oct. 13, 2010.

**Emily Rasch Jansen '99 MA '01** and **Adam Jansen '00**, a son, Jack Alexander, May 21, 2011.

**Tiffani Heidelberg Johannsen '98** and **Marc**, a son, Cooper, June 3, 2011.

**Dawn Redding Kalis '96** and **Karl**, a son, Alan Everett, Nov. 26, 2011.

**Rana Matteson '07** and **David Quesal '09**, a son, Gryffen Lee, Mar. 31, 2011.

## WIU vs. UIC Pregame & Game

Morgan's Bar & Grill and UIC Pavilion, Dec. 19, 2011



Front Row, l-r: Alumni Council member Matt Saey '06, Tom O'Brien '07, Alumni Council member Brian Savage '73 and Katie Savage '09. Middle row, l-r: Tanya Anderson Vandermoon '07, Amy Mynough '02, Kelly Carter '09, Leah Van Alstine '11 and Bob Savage '08. Standing, l-r: Scott Vandermoon '06, Bill Mynough '79, Chuck DeYong '81, Jeffery Lubejko, Paul Lubejko '75, Mike Mongoven '09 and Alumni Council member Jim Carter '75.



Front row, l-r: Preston Jordan '10, Tenisha Price, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Roger Key '70, Rick Droski and Kathleen Ryan Opon '84. Middle row, l-r: Jim Bergeron '70 '74, Ed Noel '84 '87, Lukas Pyrich, Brian Glure '99, Tony Karas, Luis Disotaur, Neftali Albino '04 and David Opon '81. Standing, l-r: Board of Trustees member Bill Epperly '68, President's National Advisory Council member and Alumni Achievement Award recipient Ron Comm '70, Dan Haverkamp, Matt Wittig '10, Keith Jones '98, Alumni Council member Jay O'Brien '78, Alumni Council member Harvey Ahitow '68 and Bob Lashbrook '70.

**Carrie Horstein Matthews '00** and **Paul**, a daughter, Madeline Carrie, Nov. 11, 2011.

**Cassidy Hefner Melton '09** and **Ryan Melton '07**, a son, Turner Alan, Dec. 11, 2011.

**Bethany Whewell Mital '01** and **Anthony Mital '02**, twin sons, Chase Anthony and Mason James, Nov. 3, 2011.

**Michelle Kirchner Nutter '01** and **Jestun**, a daughter, Grace Marie, Oct. 10, 2010.

**Jay Solomonson '02** and **Sheryl**, a son, Weston John, Sept. 12, 2011.

**Tricia Tortorich Sportsman '02 MA '04** and **Brent**, a son, Luca Michael, Nov. 29, 2011.

**Stephen Whitson '05** and **Jill**, a daughter, Stella Raye, Dec. 20, 2011.

**Irene Yannello Winchester '06** and **Timothy Winchester '08**, a daughter, Victoria Kay, Apr. 29, 2011.

**Leah Elschlager Zanolla '01** and **David Zanolla '01 MA '05**, a daughter, Lydia Joy, June 27, 2011.

## Deaths

**Marilyn B. Bird**, Chino Valley, AZ, May 10, 2009.

**Joe Bown**, Macomb, Oct. 30, 2011.

**Marguerite Cherry**, Cleveland, OH, Oct. 6, 2011.

**Dale J. Drayton**, Saline, MI, Jan. 21, 2010.

**Ruth N. Dudley**, Blandinsville, Dec. 2, 2011.

**Judy Ellsworth**, Macomb, Dec. 21, 2011.

**Earnest E. Games**, Macomb, Dec. 28, 2011.

**Ruth M. Haasis**, Champaign, Sept. 27, 2009.

**Richard Hanselman**, Macomb, Sept. 2, 2007.

**Bert Harle**, Dubuque, IA, Jan. 13, 2008.

**Allan D. Heath**, Scottsdale, AZ, Apr. 19, 2008.

**Gerald F. "Jerry" Holmes**, Macomb, Dec. 15, 2011.

**Helen Dagnen Isham**, Bunker Hill, IN, Dec. 28, 2011.

**Dorothy Kimmel Kraushaar**, Macomb, Nov. 29, 2011.

**Winona Malpass**, Durham, NC, Nov. 6, 2011.

**Bruce G. Meyers**, Hayward, WI, Dec. 18, 2011.

**Kenneth W. Montgomery**, Macomb, Dec. 11, 2011.

**Lois J. "Jean" McCants Murphy**, Macomb, Nov. 11, 2011.

**Charles E. Pepmiller**, O'Fallon, MO, Sept. 22, 2008.

**Marilyn K. Raymond**, Colchester, Dec. 3, 2011.

**Clarence Shults**, Burnside, Dec. 25, 2011.

**William J. Skelly**, Macomb, Jan. 17, 2010.

**Wayne L. Smith**, Macomb, Nov. 1, 2011.

**George R. Spurbeck**, Quincy, Dec. 7, 2011.

**Melvin L. Toland**, Macomb, Dec. 21, 2011.

**Gladys Walker**, Macomb, Nov. 12, 2011.

**Robert L. "Lowell" Walker**, Colchester, Dec. 31, 2011.

**Mildred Walther**, Macomb, Sept. 21, 2011.

**Russel D. "Jack" Wilson**, Colchester, Oct. 29, 2011.

**Willis L. "Bill" Zorn, Jr.**, Porterville, CA, Nov. 24, 2011.

**1937 Geraldine C. Corman Mullen**, Tampa, FL, Mar. 20, 2011.

**1939 Martha J. Switzer Berry**, Fulton, MO, Dec. 21, 2011.

**1939 Sylvia Nooner Hoyt**, Macomb, Mar. 30, 2010.

**1939 Betty L. Walters Shawgo**, Burlington, IA, Nov. 11, 2011.

**1940 Roberta M. Looser**, Bettendorf, IA, Oct. 30, 2011.

**1941 Kenneth D. "Ken" Azbell**, Greenfield, Dec. 4, 2011.

**1941 Charles A. Detrick**, Burlington, IA, Dec. 8, 2011.

**1943 June I. Sassen Campbell**, Montgomery, Dec. 22, 2011.

**1943 Emma J. Robinson Derry**, Galesburg, June 30, 2011.

**1943 Velma Taylor Hainline**, Jackson, Jan. 15, 2011.

**1943 Doris R. Riley Henrichs**, Monmouth, Dec. 27, 2011.

**1949 Charles H. Bickhaus**, Kewanee, Feb. 28, 2011.

**1951 Nathan J. Jingst**, Ft. Collins, CO, Jan. 6, 2012.

**1952 Emma J. Morris Breiner**, Bertrand, NE, Nov. 19, 2011.

**1952 Marjorie L. Davis Mayhew**, Roseville, Dec. 24, 2011.

**1953 S. Jean Landon Dolan MS-ED '79**, Rye, NY, Apr. 12, 2009.

## Western After Hours South Branch, Jan. 5, 2012

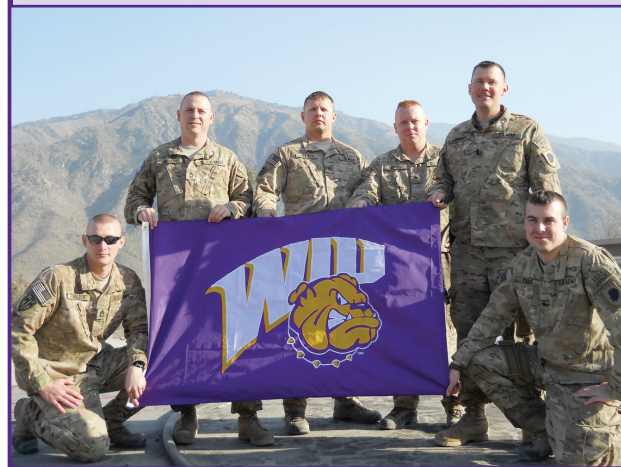


Seated, l-r: President's National Advisory Council member and Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Tom Nardi '76, Alumni Council member Kathy Sullivan '78, Lisa DeLuca '94, Cathy Brovelli '95, Alumni Council member Mona D'Antonio '76 and Reggie Karas Devers '78. Standing, l-r: Jeff Stoecklein '78, President's National Advisory Council member John Garvey '78, Curt Aronson '76, Alumni Council member Matt Bills '99, Larry Eaton '65, Gary Carbonari '82, John Shartle '70, Alumni Council member Harvey Ahitow '68, Sue Orton Bloecks '69, Board of Trustees member Bill Epperly '68 and Tom Elwood '73.

1953 Miriam E. Hancock Stahl, Macomb, Dec. 7, 2011.  
 1957 Donald L. Corry MS-ED, Macomb, Dec. 23, 2011.  
 1957 Jack L. Orr, Hot Springs Village, AR, Aug. 11, 2011.  
 1957 Ronald G. "Ron" Ruble MS-ED '61, Avon Park, FL, Feb. 23, 2011.  
 1959 Charles D. "Dave" Mercer, Ft. Branch, IN, Nov. 13, 2008.  
 1960 Junius E. "J.E." Durham, Roodhouse, Dec. 10, 2011.  
 1960 Marcia E. Swanson Glaser, Walnut, Oct. 30, 2011.  
 1960 Lou A. Miller MS-ED '68, Blandinsville, Nov. 26, 2011.  
 1960 Kenneth V. Miller, Columbia, MO, Dec. 24, 2011.  
 1961 Tim S. Hungate, Dunlap, Nov. 2, 2010.  
 1963 James R. Gould, Farmington Hills, MI, Oct. 25, 2010.  
 1963 Imogene G. Garrison Webster, Quincy, Nov. 8, 2011.  
 1965 Robert J. Ferguson, Cary, NC, Jan. 1, 2012.  
 1966 Edward P. Glubczynski MS-ED, Sheffield, Feb. 15, 2011.  
 1966 Mary A. Murdock Graves, Congerville, Dec. 7, 2010.  
 1966 Barbara D. Musil James, Brandon, FL, June 23, 2010.  
 1967 Floyd D. Schave, Mesa, AZ, May 15, 2011.  
 1968 Norman W. Miller, Normal, Nov. 29, 2011.  
 1968 Steven E. Vaughn, Belleville, Oct. 16, 2011.  
 1969 Shirley L. Roberts Randall MS-ED '85, Gladstone, Nov. 2, 2011.  
 1970 Richard A. "Rick" McComb, Denver, CO, Sept. 7, 2011.  
 1972 Victor Anthony, Portland, OR, July 11, 2009.  
 1972 Thomas Cook, Slatessboro, GA, Nov. 30, 2011.  
 1972 Walter L. "Walt" Dozier, Capitol Heights, MD, Dec. 19, 2011.  
 1972 Ronald K. Janssens MS-ED, Rock Island, Nov. 15, 2011.  
 1972 Marsha L. Custer Zierk, Burlington, IA, Dec. 14, 2011.  
 1975 Steven P. "Steve" Edmunds, Lake in the Hills, July 8, 2011.  
 1975 Stanley J. "Stan" Wall, Bartlett, June 30, 2011.  
 1976 John W. Beam, Washington, Dec. 16, 2011.  
 1977 Greg S. Chatterton, Ellisville, Jan. 12, 2012.  
 1977 Sarah I. Higgins, Quincy, Oct. 10, 2011.  
 1977 Pamela S. Thompson Runge, Denver, CO, Jan. 16, 2010.  
 1978 Donald E. Heath, Somerset, CA, Nov. 21, 2011.  
 1978 Cheryl A. McGruder, Plymouth, MN, Oct. 22, 2011.  
 1978 Mark W. Steele, Sheboygan, WI, June 4, 2011.  
 1978 David G. Walz, Quincy, June 18, 2011.  
 1979 Harshad P. Bhatt MBA, Bolingbrook, Dec. 3, 2011.  
 1979 J. Richard "Rick" Christiansen, Moline, Jan. 11, 2012.  
 1979 Thomas L. "Tom" Shimko, Jr., Orland Park, July 27, 2011.  
 1980 Janice K. "Jan" Buskong Grant MA '86, Canton, Aug. 7, 2011.  
 1980 Judy C. Hill, Aurora, Jan. 12, 2012.  
 1981 Linda L. Rigdon Leverenz MS '83, W. Lafayette, IN, Dec. 20, 2011.  
 1981 Michael R. O'Connor, Berwyn, Dec. 10, 2011.  
 1981 Paula S. Barsi Smith, Colchester, Nov. 2, 2011.  
 1981 Betsy L. Hammond Williamson, Macomb, Oct. 15, 2010.  
 1982 Elizabeth R. "Betsy" Roberts Downing MA '84, Macomb, Nov. 20, 2011.  
 1982 Sherry L. Strode, College Station, TX, Nov. 11, 2011.  
 1983 Dale C. Jung, Oviedo, FL, May 19, 2011.  
 1984 Karyn M. Heid Brown, Naperville, Dec. 22, 2010.  
 1984 Laura M. Walsh, Manning, SC, Oct. 17, 2011.

1986 Sandra K. Swanson Garner MS-ED '92, MA '97, North Bend, OR, Dec. 8, 2011.  
 1986 James T. "Jim" Hickie, E. Dubuque, Oct. 29, 2011.  
 1986 Laura L. Tinkham, Cameron, Jan. 13, 2011.  
 1987 John R. Melton, Canton, Nov. 6, 2011.  
 1989 Glynn P. Johnson, Hampton, Dec. 18, 2011.  
 1989 Richard J. Kinman MS-ED, Hazel Green, WI, Aug. 2, 2008.  
 1990 Karen G. Koenig, Moline, Jan. 2, 2012.  
 1991 Beverly J. Smay, Huntington Beach, CA, Jan. 1, 2012.  
 1993 Heather L. Imburgia, Spring, TX, Aug. 20, 2011.  
 1996 Patricia J. Reed Coss MS-ED, Muscatine, IA, Apr. 21, 2011.  
 1999 William R. "Bill" Marshall, Navarre, FL, Mar. 14, 2011.  
 1999 Daniel B. Sprehe, Fox River Grove, Sept. 28, 2010.  
 1999 Michael K. Yadgar '00, Macomb, Jan. 2, 2012.  
 2000 Joseph F. Smith MBA, Peoria, May 11, 2011.  
 2002 Amanda S. Miller, Jacksonville, Feb. 13, 2011.  
 2003 Kyle D. Maag, Warsaw, Jan. 13, 2012.  
 2005 Mary E. Thorson, Griffith, IN, Nov. 24, 2011.  
 2010 Kyle D. Russell, Quincy, Dec. 1, 2009.  
 2011 Brandon M. Wright, Rockford, Nov. 12, 2011.

### Greetings from WIU alumni and students serving in Kunar Province, Afghanistan



L-r: SFC Brandon Golden '05 - law enforcement and justice administration (LEJA); MSG Jeramie Mayes - senior LEJA major from Springfield; SSG Travis Helkey '07 - LEJA; SFC James Mayes '98 - biology; 1LT Kyle Scifert '98 - LEJA; SGT Alan Cale - senior English major from Macomb.

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 High School Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Referred By

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 WIU Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
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# HOMECOMING & REUNION 2012

## Sept. 21 - Sept. 22

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## UPCOMING WIU ALUMNI & FRIENDS EVENTS

### March 15 - Ft. Myers Alumni & Friends Event

Plantation Golf & Country Club  
10500 Dartington Dr., Fort Myers, FL  
Golf tee time: 11 a.m., Social 4 p.m., Dinner 5 p.m.  
• Golf — \$100  
• Social, dinner & cash bar only — \$20

### March 16 - Jupiter Alumni & Friends Event

St. Louis Cardinals Pregame Social & Spring Training  
Baseball Game at Roger Dean Stadium  
Cassidy Cool Zone Party Deck, 4751 Main St., Jupiter, FL  
Pre-game social: 11:30 a.m., Game time: 1:05 p.m.  
• Ticket & social — \$32  
• Social only — \$15 (must have game ticket)

### April 15 - St. Louis Alumni & Friends Event

St. Louis Cardinals vs. Chicago Cubs Social & Baseball  
Game at Busch Stadium  
700 Clark Ave., St. Louis, MO  
Social: 12:45 p.m., First Pitch: 1:15 p.m.  
Social, meal, & ticket — \$125

### April 21- Philadelphia Alumni & Friends Event

Smokin' Betty's  
116 S. 11th St. in Center City West, Philadelphia, PA  
Social: 5-7:30 p.m.  
Social, wine and cheese tasting — \$53

### May 2 - Rockford Alumni & Friends Event

Andersen Japanese Gardens  
318 Spring Creek Rd., Rockford, IL  
Social: 6-8 p.m.  
Social — \$20, tour of Gardens — \$7

### June 12 - Washington D.C. Alumni & Friends Social

District ChopHouse & Brewery  
509 7th St. NW, Washington D.C.  
Social: 6-8 p.m.  
Social, mouth-watering hor d'oeuvres, & cash bar — \$20

### June 13 - New York Alumni & Friends Social

The Parlour NYC  
247 W. 30th St., New York, NY  
Social: 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Social, delectable appetizers & cash bar - \$15

### June 14 - Paterson (NJ) Alumni & Friends Event

The Brownstone  
351 West Broadway, Paterson, NJ  
Social: 6 p.m., Dinner: 6:45 p.m.  
Social, dinner & cash bar — \$25

### 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

### 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

## CHICAGO UPCOMING WIU ALUMNI & FRIENDS EVENTS

### March 17

**Black Alumni Black Tie Scholarship Gala**  
Martinique Banquet Complex-Grand Ballroom  
8200 S. Cicero Ave., Burbank, IL  
Social: 7 p.m., Dinner: 8 p.m., Dance: 9 p.m.  
Dinner & Cash Bar — \$60/person

### March 30

**Complimentary Social & Private Exhibit Viewing**  
The Adler Planetarium-Galileo's Cafe  
1300 Lake Shore Dr.  
6-8 p.m.  
Private viewing - "The Searcher": 6:45 p.m.  
Grainger Sky Theatre  
Complimentary hor d'oeuvres & cash bar

### May 19

**Chicago Alumni & Friends Event**  
Watch the Cubs vs. White Sox from The Cubby Bear  
Wrigley Room, 1059 W. Addison St.  
Social: 5:45 p.m., Game (time subject to change): 6:15 p.m.  
Social & open bar, four hours — \$40/person

### June 11

**The "Western Open"**  
**Alumni & Friends Golf Outing**  
Seven Bridges  
One Mulligan Dr., Woodridge  
Shotgun: 12:30 p.m., Social/dinner: 6 p.m.  
• 18 holes of golf, greens fees & cart, registration gift & social/dinner — \$100  
• Social & dinner ONLY — \$20  
• Hole sponsorship — \$1,000

### July 28

**Alumni & Friends Social & Baseball Game**  
Cubs vs. Cardinals 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/person



#### April 2012

5 Western After-Hours in Schaumburg

#### May 2012

3 Western After-Hours in downtown Chicago

#### June 2012

7 Western After-Hours at BlackFinn in Naperville

#### July 2012

5 Western After-Hours in downtown Chicago

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#### August 2012

2 Western After-Hours

#### September 2012

6 Western After-Hours in downtown Chicago

#### October 2012

4 Western After-Hours

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