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Alumni News and Notes from Western Illinois University

Dear Alumni & Friends,

I am excited to begin the new school year here at Western Illinois University as the 11th president. I hope to see you back on campus later this month for Western's Homecoming celebration.

When you return to campus, please note some of the updates and improvements. The University now has an accessible elevator/entrance at the University Union. The newly renovated Memorial Hall is open and now houses classrooms, Career Services and service-oriented departments. Hanson Field now has a new turf playing field. Renovations continue at Corbin-Olson and Lincoln-Washington halls and the heating plant and steam line tunnel projects are ongoing. While construction has not yet started, the ceremonial groundbreaking for the Performing Arts Center took place during the Spring 2011 semester. We look forward to construction beginning next year.

One of our biggest challenges continues to be the current budget situation. Because of conservative fiscal management, we have been fortunate to continue to provide the programs and services our students need



and deserve, and we are also fortunate to be able to avoid employee furloughs and layoffs. The University has continued to thrive and move forward with outstanding academic programs and facility improvements. I would like to express my deepest appreciation to President Emeritus **Al Goldfarb** and the University faculty, staff and students for their dedication and perseverance in these challenging times.

This year, we are pleased to report that we have the largest freshman class in the last five years. The University has been working closely with the consulting firm, Noel-Levitz, to refine our recruitment initiatives

and to more aggressively promote Western to potential students. We are reaching out to more local students, and have extended our in-state tuition rate to all students from Indiana, Wisconsin, Iowa and Missouri. Western is truly an outstanding institution, and our reputation as an accessible, affordable and quality university is evident through our rankings in the U.S. News and World Report, Princeton Review and others.

Our strategic plan, Higher Values in Higher Education, will continue to serve as our guide.

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A letter from the
Alumni Council President

It is a privilege and an honor to serve Western Illinois University and the Alumni Association as the president of the Alumni Council. This is a time of change for our alma mater, but we are on a path that will lead to achieving the goals laid out in the University Strategic Plan of Higher Values in Higher Education. Change comes in the form of a new administration with our 11th President, **Jack Thomas**, and new vice presidents and deans. Change is visible in the progress at WIU-Quad Cities with the construction on the Riverfront Campus. And change comes in all the things, sometimes not so evident, that are done by faculty, staff and students to make Western a great place to learn and grow.

Just over 20 years ago, as a graduate student at WIU, I conducted research and wrote a major paper on alumni involvement.

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WIU names new Admissions director

Alumni-Admissions Initiative launched

Do you know a student who would be a great fit for WIU? Western's new director of admissions, **Andy Borst**, who was named to his post July 1, hopes you will take a direct role in WIU's future by recommending a student you know who has great potential.

"As an institution, we've created a strong sense of positive momentum in the last year," said Borst. "I'm honored to work with alumni of this great University to help tell the story of Western Illinois University. The WIU admissions staff and I will focus on recruiting locally and out-of-state, collaborating with the Honors College to recruit



Andy Borst

more high-ability students, and creating more opportunities for alumni, faculty and staff to actively engage in recruiting students to such wonderful and unique campuses."

"We are excited to launch this new initiative working hand-in-hand with our Admissions staff to provide opportunities for our alumni to help grow our WIU family and give back to their alma mater," said Alumni Programs Director **Amy Spelman MS '98**. "Future issues of Western News will include a special section about recruitment, so be sure to watch for it."

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UPCOMING ALUMNI & FRIENDS EVENTS

September	October	November
17.....Columbia, MO	1.....Macomb, IL	3.....Chicago, IL
23.....Macomb, IL	10.....Detroit, MI	5.....Normal, IL
30.....Macomb, IL	13.....Galena, IL	10.....Philadelphia, PA
	19.....Peoria, IL	13.....Kansas City, MO
		22.....Utica, IL
		29.....Hermann, MO
		30.....St. Louis, MO



See page 2 for entire calendar and page 32 for complete details!

Dear Alumni & Friends:

A new year has begun, and along with it comes new opportunities, new programs and even some new traditions. We welcomed our 11th President, Jack Thomas, and he hit the ground running. As his letter states, he will continue on the path set by our strategic plan, Higher Values in Higher Education, as well as launch some of his own new initiatives. We look forward to working with Admissions on a new program providing alumni the opportunity to give back to Western by helping us recruit new students. We hope to continue to develop new and exciting options for our alumni to give back in many ways, both financially and through volunteerism. Finally, we have a wonderful schedule for Homecoming 2011 - "Past, Present and Future: Once a Leatherneck, Always a Leatherneck," where we will build on the rich traditions you experienced as students and alumni, as well as create new ones for future Leathernecks! See you soon!

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WIU ALUMNI & FRIENDS
2011-2012 EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2011

- 17 WIU vs. Missouri Pregame Social & Football Game in Columbia (MO)
- 23 Macomb Alumni & Friends Event in conjunction with the Al Sears Jazz Festival
- 30 WIU Homecoming & Reunion in Macomb

OCTOBER 2011

- 1 WIU Homecoming & Reunion in Macomb
- 10 Detroit Alumni & Friends Event - Detroit Lions vs. Chicago Bears Pregame Social & Football Game
- 13 Galena (IL) Alumni & Friends Social at the Galena Winery
- 19 Peoria Alumni & Friends Event - Social & WICKED performance at the Peoria Civic Center
- 22 Utica (IL) Alumni & Friends Event at Starved Rock
- 29 Hermann (MO) Alumni & Friends Wine Tour
- 30 St. Louis Alumni & Friends Event - St. Louis Rams vs. New Orleans Saints Pregame Social & Football Game

NOVEMBER 2011

- 3 Western After-Hours in downtown Chicago
- 5 WIU vs. Illinois State Pregame Social & Football Game in Normal (IL)
- 10 Philadelphia (PA) Alumni & Friends Social

DECEMBER 2011

- 1 Western After-Hours in Libertyville (IL)
- 3 Green Bay (WI) Alumni & Friends Event - Social & Tour of Lambeau Field
- 16-17 WIU Commencement & Alumni Achievement Awards Weekend
- 18 Kansas City Alumni & Friends Event - Kansas City Chiefs vs. Green Bay Packers Pregame Social & Football Game

JANUARY 2012

- 5 Western After-Hours in downtown Chicago

FEBRUARY 2012

- 2 Western After-Hours in Homewood (IL)

MARCH 2012

- 1 Western After-Hours in downtown Chicago

APRIL 2012

- 5 Western After-Hours in Schaumburg (IL)

MAY 2012

- 3 Western After-Hours in downtown Chicago
- 11-12 WIU Commencement & Distinguished Alumni Awards Weekend

JUNE 2012

- 7 Western After-Hours at BlackFinn in Naperville
- 11 "The Western Open" Chicago Alumni & Friends Golf Outing in Woodridge (IL)
- 18 Quad Cities Alumni & Friends Golf Outing in Silvis (IL)

JULY 2012

- 5 Western After-Hours in downtown Chicago

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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Our immediate goals for Western include enhancing our graduation and retention rates, which have already surpassed the national average. We will continue to improve by providing the tools our students need to succeed. We will also increase scholarship opportunities, redefine the Honors College and the First Year Experience (FYE), work to increase enrollment, complete Phase I of the Quad Cities Riverfront Campus, move to Phase II of the Riverfront Campus project and continue to move forward with the Performing Arts Center.

Thank you so much for your support of Western Illinois University. I look forward to seeing you at "The Right Place" tent Saturday, Oct. 1.

Sincerely,

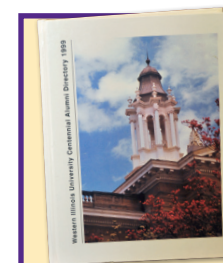
Jack Thomas

Jack Thomas

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Our alumni and friends will learn about the specific areas in which they can help, in addition to statistical information about Western's enrollment. For now, just utilizing the Refer a Student form on p. 31 or online at wiu.edu/alumni/recommend.php is a great help."

Borst previously served as director of Academic and Student Services at Western Illinois University's Quad Cities campus, where he was responsible for admissions, academic advising and student services. He also was an adjunct instructor. Prior to joining the Western Illinois University staff in 2008, Borst worked in residence life and housing at the University of Iowa. He received his doctorate in higher education and student affairs from the University of Iowa in 2011, his master's degree from St. Ambrose University in 2003 and his bachelor's degree from Buena Vista University in 2001.



Alumni Directory Update

Thank you to all who took the time to update their information for our upcoming Alumni Directory! We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we moved through the process. We are now in the editing stage and look forward to sending the directory out to all who ordered one sometime in early Spring 2012!

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Education and Human Services

Alumni spotlight: Betsy Krug

Betsy Krug, who graduated from WIU in 2007 with a degree in dietetics, fashion merchandising and hospitality (DFMH), (formerly family and consumer sciences), is now director of outlets for Hyatt Regency in San Antonio (TX). She shares with Western News some of the challenges and rewards she has faced in reaching this level of her career.



Betsy Krug '07

Building relationships with people has been one of the most rewarding aspects of my job. When I leave work, I know I have made an impact on someone's life, whether it be an associate, a guest on vacation, a local patron coming in to dine or a company we have partnered with for an event. It's a good feeling to work for a company I believe in and to be surrounded by people who enjoy coming to work.

How did DFMH/WIU prepare you for your career?

My time at Western taught me to think outside the box. My education was the main reason for attending school, but I was pleasantly surprised to find plenty of other ways to fill my free time. From student organizations, Delta Zeta sorority and a full-time job at Magnolia's, I learned very quickly to manage my time and to multi-task. Through my extracurricular involvement, I learned the value of building relationships.

My curriculum in DFMH challenged me to think in ways I hadn't considered before. There are still moments in my day when I wish I could rewind back to my hospitality accounting course. Just last week, I flipped

“ Having a degree doesn't make it easy. You have to temper your patience in your quest for the corner office. ”

-Betsy Krug

What positions have you held since graduating from WIU that have helped you in your journey to your current position?

- Assistant Executive Steward, Hyatt Regency Hill Country
- Executive Steward, Hyatt Regency Hill Country
- Assistant Banquet Manager, Hyatt Regency Hill Country
- Banquet Manager, Hyatt Regency San Antonio

Explain your current responsibilities and how your position is personally fulfilling.

As the director of outlets, I oversee Q on the Riverwalk, Q Bar, Einstein Bros. Bagels, Sky Bar and In Room Dining. Q Restaurant and Q Bar are the product of a recent \$22 million renovation. Q features barbeque from around the world with an interactive kitchen and wall of fire.

Each and every day at work is completely different. I have the opportunity to work with our marketing team to plan events and promotions for the bar and restaurant. I work hand-in-hand with the culinary team in menu creation and recipe development. I get to spend time interacting with associates and guests.



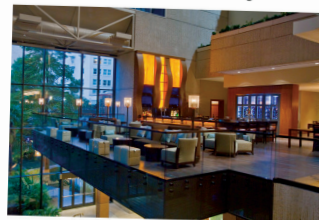
Q RESTAURANT



BBQ SAUCES



Private dining



Hyatt Regency bar



San Antonio Hyatt

back to an old textbook for guidance as I was redesigning restaurant menus. When I reflect back on the four years I spent at Western, I realize now just how much I grew both professionally and personally.

What are some of the most interesting challenges you have had in your career?

My first year was the hardest.

As assistant executive steward, my responsibilities included managing the dishwashers at a resort hotel property with three restaurants, a full service bar and an outdoor pool bar. I remember the Saturdays after payday always seemed to be the worst as associates would call in sick. There were many occasions when I would be left to wash dishes by myself. Wet and smelly, I wondered, "I went to school for this? There has to be something better out there." It was probably the hardest job I have held, but I wouldn't trade the experience for anything.

Why did you pursue a degree in family and consumer sciences at WIU?

When I was 16 years old, I took my first job in a little gourmet food shop called Cyd's Sensationals. I loved going to work every day and knew that I could be happy doing that for the rest of my life. Western was a smart decision for me. Most of my tuition was paid for through scholarships from the Department of Dietetics, Fashion Merchandising and Hospitality and through the National Restaurant Association.

What advice would you give to graduating students? To what do you attribute your success?

Having a degree doesn't make it easy. You have to temper your patience in your quest for the corner office. You have to pay your dues and work hard... even if it means washing dishes!

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Education and Human Services

Homeland Security minor gives students global perspectives

Since 2007, to supplement its reputed law enforcement and justice administration (LEJA) major, WIU's School of LEJA has been offering a minor in homeland security. This minor emphasis of study can provide a major impact for the future law enforcement professionals who are preparing for the realities of working in a post-9/11 world.

By Teresa Koltzenburg '92

In many ways, the world was a different place before 8:46:40 a.m. (ET), Sept. 11, 2001—the time and date the first plane, hijacked American Airlines Flight 11, “crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City. All on board, along with an unknown number of people in the tower, were killed instantly.”* Although, as a nation, we had witnessed terrorist activities on U.S. soil in the 1993 World Trade Center and 1995 Oklahoma City bombings, that Tuesday was “a day of unprecedented shock and suffering in the history of the United States.”* In the days and years to follow, Osama bin Laden, the man and what he stood for, became an indelible part of America's post-9/11 vernacular.

Since then—and even now, after the death of bin Laden, who the New York Times called “the mastermind of the most devastating attack on American soil in modern times and the most hunted man in the world”***—everyday media speak continues to be peppered with phrases like “homeland security,” “counterterrorism” and “al Qaeda,” with no definitions needed for even the most casual news consumers. Terrorism, prior to Sept. 11, 2001, according to the executive summary in the “The 9/11 Commission Report,” was not the overriding national security concern for the U.S. government under either the Clinton or the pre-9/11 Bush administration.”§ After 9/11, stateside and abroad, a flood of counterterrorism activity ensued, and two short years later, in 2003, the Department of Homeland Security was up and running, working toward its “vital mission” of “secur[ing] the nation from the many threats we face.”§§

At WIU, for **Dean Alexander**—who studies the individuals who become terrorists and the factors related to how such individuals are radicalized—and other faculty in the School of LEJA, the way the homeland security, law enforcement and intelligence fields have evolved in this post-9/11 time period have not only led to a dedicated research program, but also resulted in the creation of a minor in homeland security.

“We started it in 2007 from nothing, really, and we have grown significantly in its short existence. We now have more than 100 students declaring homeland security as their minor area of study,” he said.

Other School of LEJA faculty teaching courses in homeland security include **Todd Lough**, whose research interests include policing issues, private and public security concerns and multi-jurisdictional responses to terrorism; **Stephen Reinhart '75**, who has a background in counter-intelligence, espionage, security, investigations, terrorism, special operations and administration; and Chief **H. Scott Walker '06**, who is a 30-year veteran of the fire service and teaches both traditional and online courses related to emergency-response services.

Alexander, an associate professor in WIU's School of LEJA, serves as the director of the School's Homeland Security Research Program (HSRP). According to Alexander, the HSRP provides a platform through which



March 2011: Dean Alexander (far right, gray sweater), director of WIU's Homeland Security Research Program, talking with Fatah prisoners incarcerated in an Israeli prison in Beersheba.

students majoring in LEJA and minoring in homeland security can get exposure to, from collaborative research and instructional exchanges, global perspectives.

“In October 2010, the HSRP, on the WIU-Macomb campus, hosted the panel discussion, “Terrorist Threats in the AfPak-India Region and Its Implications for the U.S.,” Alexander noted. “The discussion provided WIU LEJA students with perspectives from WIU faculty, as well as visiting Notre Dame College faculty, whose areas of study include military-based counterterrorism operations, intelligence studies and terror financing.”

Also, in April, the HSRP, along with the Notre Dame College Center for Intelligence Studies and the Notre Dame College Graduate Program in Security Policy Studies, co-sponsored the “U.S. Counter Terrorism Strategy in South Asia and the AfPak” symposium, which was held on the Notre Dame College campus in South Euclid (OH).

“The purpose of this conference was to highlight the lack of emphasis South Asia was receiving in terrorism studies,” Alexander explained. “This Fall 2011 semester, on the WIU campus, we'll be offering some sort of academic discussion or event that addresses al Qaeda and the 10-year anniversary of Sept. 11, as well as provide students and faculty with perspectives about the impact of bin Laden's death.”

Mastering Mentorship

Alexander, who has authored eight books and numerous articles, earned a Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree from Georgetown University Law Center (1991) and his Juris Doctor (J.D.) from American University, Washington College (1990). He often provides his domestic jihadism expertise to media outlets in Illinois and across the U.S. Over the last few years, on three different occasions, he has served as an invited lecturer at NATO's Centre of Excellence—Defense Against Terrorism in Ankara, Turkey. He also has served as a consultant to the State Department, and in December 2007, Security Magazine designated him as a “Top 25 Influential Person



The exterior of the Israeli prison in which Alexander interviewed Hamas and Fatah prisoners in March 2011.

in the Security Industry.”

“Through my work in the field, my research, instruction at WIU and the lectures I present at other organizations, I'm trying to instill the need for a measured approach, when it comes to handling—and preventing—terrorism. Of course, there is the issue of how does a nation respond to a large-scale terrorist attack? Indeed, military power is important, but terrorism has been around for thousands of years. We, as law enforcement professionals, need to appreciate that terrorism has occurred, is occurring, and will occur, and it's something we live with, like crime. Our response must be measured. When all of our economic policies, military policies, and social policies are crafted in response to some extremists, I think that's an exaggeration. Then, we really are falling into their hands—they are dictating what we do,” Alexander explained.

One of the many ways Alexander tries to expose his students to varying perspectives in homeland security practice is to encourage them to apply for activities and programs offered outside of WIU.

“I provide them with information about national security jobs, national security language programs and many other types of internship and professional-development opportunities,” he noted. “We've had students intern at the Statewide Intelligence Center, as well as others who are doing other homeland security-related work in various programs offered through nationally recognized institutions and organizations,” Alexander said.

Junior LEJA major and homeland security minor **Jonathan Bilotti** (Highland Park, IL) is one of the students who has taken advantage of Alexander's mentoring and his encouragement. This past summer, Bilotti was one of a few students nationwide selected to take part in the competitive 10-week Homeland Security Summer Scholars Academy: Undergraduate Research Program at the University of Texas at El Paso.

“Professor Alexander has played a major role in helping me choose from several career paths of interest and shared information



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Education and Human Services

Greathouse named Dietetics, Fashion Merchandising, Hospitality department chair

Karen Greathouse will continue in her post as the head of the Western Illinois University Department of Dietetics, Fashion Merchandising and Hospitality (DFMH). Greathouse was named the permanent chair of the DFMH department July 1, after serving as interim chair of the department since July 2009.

Greathouse—who started at Western in 1989 as an assistant professor and was promoted to professor in 2004—received a teacher of the year award in 1994 from the College of Education and Human Resources and was named the Illinois Dietetics Association Outstanding Educator of the Year in 2000.



Karen Greathouse

Greathouse has been an active member of the Commission on Accreditation of Dietetic Education Programs; she served as chairperson of that organization in 2003. In addition, Greathouse is an Illinois delegate for the American Dietetic Association House of Delegates, where she is professionally active as a scholar and nutrition-education advocate. Her grant-writing activity includes co-authorship of the locally administered Bella Hearst Diabetes Institute project.

Her latest publications include an article accepted for publication (2010) in the *Journal of Nutrition and Behavior*, as well as a 2009 article in the *Journal of Foodservice*

Management and Education. She presents regularly at various dietetics conferences and events, including at the Mississippi Valley Dietetic Association, the Eastern Illinois Dietetic Association and the International Congress of Dietetics.

Prior to joining Western's faculty, Greathouse maintained a private practice as a registered dietitian while serving as an instructor at Dickinson State University in North Dakota. Her professional experience includes private contract work as a nutrition educator for the State of Colorado and hospital administration in Kansas City (MO).

Greathouse received her bachelor's and master's degrees in food and nutrition from Southern Illinois University, and she earned her doctorate in institutional management from Kansas State University.

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about both national and international security careers," Bilotti said. "With his support, I have been motivated to strive for, and achieve, exceptionally high standards in all my studies."

According to its website, the program Bilotti took part in at the University of Texas at El Paso's National Center for Border Security and Immigration, a Department of Homeland Security Science and Technology Directorate Center of Excellence, "is geared towards academically inclined undergraduate students from various disciplines interested in careers in homeland security and related industries."

Bilotti added that Alexander was integral to his application to, and acceptance into, the program offered via the Department of Homeland Security Science and Technology Directorate Center of Excellence, where he spent his summer learning homeland security practice first hand.

"He encourages all of his students to apply for internships, apply for scholarships and study foreign languages. For me personally, he encouraged and helped me to attain my internship with the National Center for Border Security and Immigration. He provided me with outstanding mentorship and advice during my application process, as well as a letter of recommendation. Professor Alexander has taught and encouraged me to meet challenges that I had never before thought I could achieve," he said.

"All Aspects and Angles"

Bilotti also noted that, during his time at WIU so far, he has been able to take a few courses with Alexander, which have covered subject material "ranging from global issues in terrorism to homeland security, including the legal aspects of homeland security." His mentor, Bilotti said, "supports tackling matters from all aspects and angles. Professor Alexander has a gift of being able to make complex subjects understandable."

In addition to his recent invited lecture presentations at NATO's Defense Against Terrorism Centre of Excellence and, as HSRP director, his time spent organizing scholarly symposia, panel discussions and seminars, Alexander's work has recently taken him to Israel to meet with individuals convicted of terrorist activities. Last March, he interviewed Hamas and Fatah prisoners incarcerated in an Israeli prison in Beersheba.

"Through the interviews, I can gain a better understanding of their perspectives. They consider themselves political prisoners, while the Israeli government considers them security prisoners or

terrorists," Alexander said. "Meeting and talking with them allows me to try and understand their different ideological positions. Many people think these individuals are crazy, but they have their own perspectives, and these points of view are ingrained through ideology, based on various factors, including both political and religious. They have certain goals, and to meet their goals, they feel they need to utilize violence. But the simplistic notion these people are crazy, well, I think that's a mistake. If you go with that perspective, then you don't understand the conflict, and then any solutions you try to craft, can't really work," he added.

Alexander's trip to Israel last spring included a tour of Gaza, as well as an academic exchange with Sapir College, located in Sderot, Israel. While there, he delivered three lectures to three different classes of students attending Sapir, fulfilling a reciprocal agreement WIU's Homeland Security Research Center had with Sapir. In Fall 2010, Alexander's colleague, Uri Rosset, an assistant professor at Sapir College and an Arabic analyst at Intuview (an Israeli company that develops software for security and defense applications), visited both the Macomb and Quad Cities campuses to address WIU LEJA students and faculty, as well as regional law enforcement professionals. Rosset delivered two lectures, "Moderate and Radical Elements in

the Middle East" and "Israeli Counterterrorism Policies," during his time in western Illinois.

Through this type of exchange program via the HSRP, Alexander noted, students and faculty in WIU's School of Law Enforcement and Justice Administration benefit from the counterterrorism expertise of international academics and practitioners. On the flip side, students at Sapir are also exposed to the expert-level homeland security instruction and research occurring in WIU's reputed School of LEJA.

"There are many progenitors for terrorism—it doesn't occur only due to one reason," Alexander said. "It's a multi-faceted problem that needs multi-pronged responses, and implementing one type of approach is not adequate. There are roles to be played by educational institutions, religious institutions, social institutions, the role of industry and there is also the role of family. Providing a variety of perspectives for our students to consider meets one of our goals to guide their intellectual development to the highest degree."

For more information about WIU's School of Law Enforcement and Justice Administration, including the homeland security, the fire administration and security administration minors, visit wiu.edu/coehs/leja/.

Learn more about Alexander's work at WIU and the Homeland Security Research program, at wiu.edu/coehs/leja/faculty_staff/alexander.php.

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-Dean Alexander

Education and Human Services

On a mission for men

Based on his research and work in student affairs and men's development, WIU's Tracy Davis started the Center for Masculinities & Men's Development last spring. His hope is the center will facilitate research and influence practice when it comes to addressing men's development issues that many, inside and outside of academia, may not have considered.

By Teresa Koltzenburg '92



Tracy Davis

In March, Tracy Davis was honored for his more than 20 years of exceptional contributions to higher education by the American College Personnel Association (ACPA) Foundation. One of only 17 educators nationwide honored with the ACPA's annual "Diamond Honoree" recognition for "significant contributions of leadership and scholarship," Davis has spent much of his career working in student

affairs, on both the practical and research side. For him, 2011 not only marks a year during which he was recognized by his peers for his contributions to the student affairs field, but it also is one in which he has been able to start to realize his goal of developing a "space" to "focus on expanding the boundaries of knowledge about men's development."

Davis, who serves as the director of the college student personnel (CSP) graduate program in Western's educational and interdisciplinary studies (EIS) department, as well as a professor in the EIS department, is the founding director of the Center for Masculinities & Men's Development at WIU. He noted that men's development is an important research area in the higher education realm, for those who are teaching and working with college-age men, and particularly for those who are working with men from underrepresented populations.

"When one looks at both national and college trends, the need for focusing on men's development becomes clear," Davis said. "Research clearly illustrates that men are disproportionately represented in campus judicial cases, outnumber women in virtually every alcohol abuse statistic, are more often the victims of violence in every category except sexual assault and disproportionately cause community disturbances related to 'hate crimes' and bigotry. In addition, suicide is also the third leading cause of death among males age 15-24, and boys kill themselves four times the rate of young women. From the research, not only does it appear that college men are at risk, but also that male perpetration of sexual assault, dating violence and other anti-social behavior associated with patriarchal culture directly harms women."

A Pragmatic Approach

Davis first became interested in the area of men's development when he was a master's candidate at the University of Iowa. He said when a male student had expressed frustration with a situation that had occurred on that campus, it spurred him to consider an idea that would, eventually, be expanded into his dissertation.

"I was working in the Office of Campus Programs one day when the president of Interfraternity Council came in upset with the director of the Rape Victim Advocacy

Program (RVAP). She was quoted in that day's newspaper saying that the men who attended her sexual assault prevention program were rude and not at all interested in the topic. The president had relayed to me that he had participated in the sexual assault prevention program, but that he had felt attacked by the female presenters. My first thought was, 'Why aren't men talking with other men about sexual assault prevention?' I was also concerned about the difficulties that women at RVAP might have working with potential perpetrators of sexual assault, after working with survivors and witnessing the devastation they experienced. I decided to design a sexual assault prevention program specifically for men and ended up completing my dissertation four years later on the topic," Davis explained.

Prior to joining WIU in 1998 as an assistant professor and CSP graduate program coordinator, Davis served as the assistant director of Office Campus Programs and Student Activities at the University of Iowa. Prior to that, he served as a student activities coordinator at the same institution. Davis earned both his master's and doctorate degrees in the University of Iowa's student development in postsecondary education program, and most of his of his career has been concentrated on student development and affairs. He hopes the newly established Center for Masculinities & Men's Development will continue his, as well as others', contributions to the development of college students, particularly that of men.

"The center is a dedicated space in which educators and researchers interested in men's development can focus their efforts in promoting quality scholarship. It's also a place where educators and student affairs professionals can go for consultation, service and to access resources for the most promising practices in promoting men's development," he said.

Putting It into Practice

Davis noted the mission of those who developed the center—including Jennie Hemingway, College of Education and Human Services development director; Sean Dixon MS-ED '10, EIS instructor; and James LaPrad, associate professor in EIS—is to stimulate dialogue, critically examine and promote emerging scholarship and to encourage purposeful interventions that effectively promote men's development in a manner congruent with men's and women's mutual liberation. Other WIU faculty members as well as faculty from other institutions, have also expressed an interest in contributing to the mission, Davis added.

"Right now, for example, we are working with Monmouth College to design a plan for male retention and promoting men's success. Last semester, we conducted research in conjunction with the WIU Relationship Violence Committee and a Monmouth College faculty member's Department of Justice grant. We also have been



Pictured here are Davis and a group of students after their presentation at the ACPA conference in Baltimore (MD) last spring. From l to r: Chris Lewis, Rachel Aho MS '11, Tracy Davis, Amanda Davis MS '11, Ian Van Anden MS '11 and Jordan Turner MS '11.

consulting with various campuses, providing workshops, writing grants and developing relationships with various organizations and key people," Davis explained. "I am collaborating with Richard Tapia from the Illinois Board of Higher Education to develop some action toward the enrollment and retention of men from underrepresented backgrounds and military veterans."

Davis noted that there is a lot of work going into developing the foundation of the center, and its services developed through the center will be implemented according to the needs of the communities it will serve.

"We've started making progress toward our short-term goals, which include working on the retention program and the research being done for the Department of Justice grant. We're also looking for external funding to help us facilitate our goals," Davis said. "We were pleased to learn recently that Verizon has approved our grant request for \$20,000 for 'Western Men Taking Responsibility,' focusing on instilling appropriate behaviors and respect at the college level to eliminate domestic violence from society, and we hope we will be able to secure more external grants like this in the future."

He said that long-term goals include developing a board of directors and a board of advisors for the center, as well as expanding outreach, workshop and consulting opportunities.

"In addition to other long-term plans, we're interested in hosting a men's development scholarship summit with leading scholars, as well as in delivering workshops or classes for those interested in providing training to men in college and secondary schools. My hope is that the Center for Masculinities & Men's Development will help us make significant progress toward helping young men. I fundamentally believe that ignoring the influence that sex role socialization has on men's development undermines educational effectiveness with male students and serves to materialize systematic patriarchy."

More information about the Center for Masculinities & Men's Development can be found on its newly developed website at wiu.edu/coehs/eis/csmmd/.



Fine Arts and Communication



Instructor develops 'dream course' with research components at Disney

By Bonnie Barker '75 MS '77

In 2006, communication instructor **David Zanolla '01 MA '05** was taking a backstage tour at Walt Disney World in Orlando (FL) when he started to realize that many of the concepts he taught in his classes came to life in the theme parks. Upon returning home, he began to design a supplemental unit for his "Introduction to Human Communication" classes to share what he had learned.

Fast forward to three years later when the Western Illinois University Centennial Honors College asked faculty for proposals of new classes. Zanolla saw this request as the opportunity to propose his "dream course." This course, "Disney World Communication Culture," will be offered for the third time in Spring 2012 as COMM 379. In May 2011, Zanolla was invited to talk about the experiences of the first two years of the course on the web-based podcast called "The Season Pass."

The course description reads: "Not only is the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando one of the most popular vacation destinations in the world, it's also a great example of effective communication by a multinational corporation. Through various tours and masterclasses at the resort, participants will learn how an organization of more than 60,000 people creates and maintains an effective culture. In addition, students will explore the layers of nonverbal communication utilized by Disney Imagineers in the process of environmental design."

A Dream Course

Zanolla didn't waste any time accepting the Honors College offer supporting his dream course.

"I had taught this special unit at the end of class in a couple of lecture series, but I started to refine it, getting feedback from my students each time I made a significant change.

"I told the Honors Council that if I really could have what I wished for, I would love to teach students about Disney World's communication methods and then take them to Orlando to show them, because what better way to apply the material than to be able to immerse yourself in this environment the company created?" Zanolla added.

Permission was granted, and Zanolla's three credit-hour course debuted in Spring 2010, with Zanolla packing a 16-week course into the first eight weeks of the semester. Students were instructed in three areas of communication: non-verbal communication/structured environments; organizational culture, and computer-mediated communication/online fan communities. After they learned the basics, the class discussed how they would



Instructor David Zanolla '01 MA '05 (back row, far left in purple hat) with the Comm 379 class members, Spring 2011, during their research component in Disney World communication culture.

recognize the communication concepts in the theme parks, resorts and restaurants when they spent eight days at Walt Disney World Resort during spring break.

"Each student becomes an entry-level communication researcher, looking at the stories cast members tell, the vocabulary they use and what their way of life says about the organization," Zanolla explained. "It's basically a weeklong research trip aimed at finding out if Disney World puts their words into action. Not surprisingly, the company known for their first-rate customer service delivered on everything we had learned."

During the last six weeks of the semester, students worked on their final presentations, meeting one-on-one with Zanolla for progress reports on their research.

Seeing, Hearing, Experiencing Communication

Eight days at the Walt Disney World Resort "was an invaluable learning experience," said senior **John Felker** (Chicago), a political science major with an option in American Government and a pre-law minor.

Part of the course requirements during their week at Disney included writing a short report for Zanolla and posting the report on the Disney Dispatch web site. Students also read the book "The Wonderful World of Customer Service at Disney" by Jeff Kober, who led two masterclasses for the students while at Walt Disney World.

"One of the first things that struck me about the organization is the idea that the company is in the 'guest experience' business, not the theme park, movie, hotel, etc. business," Felker wrote.

Sophomore mathematics major **Shelby Rogers** (Naperville, IL) described "how we learned" in her Disney Dispatch post: "Early each day, we had a scheduled learning experience, such as the Keys to the Kingdom tour and a shortened version of Disney World's Traditions course (which all Cast Members must attend). The rest of the day we were given research time in the parks to evaluate how well the service theme ('We create happiness'), service basics (safety, courtesy, show, efficiency) and the Imagineering motto ('Everything Speaks') were put into practice."

"We had the privilege to meet with Dan Cockerell, vice president of EPCOT; Kober; and Jim Korkis, Disney historian and author of "The Vault of Walt." Each of these experts have vastly different backgrounds with the company, and the knowledge they shared with us about the parks, cast members and the history and organizational culture of Disney World was truly enlightening," added **Colleen Krasich** (Oak Lawn, IL), a sophomore communication sciences and disorders major.

Park wins prestigious piano prize

Sora Park, who will graduate in December with a Master of Music degree, has been named the winner of The American Prize College/University Solo Piano Competition. Sora was a student of **Tammie Walker**.

The American Prize is a series of new, non-profit national competitions unique in scope and structure, providing cash awards, professional adjudication and regional, national and international recognition. Each year, The American Prize rewards the best recorded performances of music by individuals and ensembles in the United States at the professional, community/amateur, college/university, church and school levels.



Sora Park

Pavlak receives 'Chicago Tony' award

Sara Pavlak MFA '09, received the 2011 Non-Equity Jeff Award for Best Actress in a Supporting Role for her performance in "Agnes of God," of Hubris Productions.



Sara Pavlak MFA '09

Sara received glowing reviews during the run of the show, according to WIU Theatre Chair **David Patrick**, and it is no surprise that her talents are recognized in the Chicago community. "We enjoyed her excellent talents in such productions at WIU as 'Lion in Winter' and 'Long Days Journey into Night' and the 'Bard in the Barn' productions," Patrick said.

The Jeff Awards celebrate excellence in Chicago theatre, and the Non-Equity awards take place each spring to honor non-union shows. The Jeff Awards has been honoring outstanding theatre artists annually since it was established in 1968. With up to 50 members representing a wide variety of backgrounds in theatre, the Jeff Awards is committed to celebrating the vitality of Chicago area theatre by recognizing excellence through its recommendations, awards and honors. The awards evaluate over 250 theatrical productions and hold two awards ceremonies annually. Originally chartered to recognize only equity productions, the Jeff Awards established the non-equity wing in 1973 to celebrate outstanding achievement in non-union theatre.



Foundation

Dear Alumni & Friends,

It is with pleasure and a sense of gratitude that I thank you for your generous support of Western Illinois University this past fiscal year. The WIU Foundation reported a very healthy year of fundraising, with nearly \$8.4 million in contributions. Your commitment to Western Illinois University in the face of a challenging economy and a difficult state financial environment speaks to your loyalty for Western Illinois University.

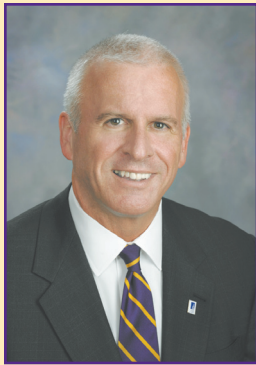
The public phase of our Higher Values in Higher Education: The Campaign for Western Illinois University was announced in October 2010 at the campaign kickoff banquet. Our goal is to raise \$60 million by December 2013 for scholarships, faculty support, capital improvement and information and technology. At the time of this printing, we have reached 74 percent of our goal.

Today, private contributions are a necessary part of our operations. Currently, the State of Illinois supplies only 25 percent of Western's appropriated/general revenue budget. In addition, 79 percent of new freshmen on our campuses receive financial aid, and the WIU Foundation distributes more than 3,600 scholarship awards, totaling \$3 million. The Foundation's fundraising efforts are focused on keeping a Western education accessible to as many students as possible, regardless of their means. Scholarships are the top priority of the current campaign.

I am confident that the steadfast support of our many alumni, faculty, staff, friends, businesses and foundations will allow Western to continue on its path of success and to meet our campaign goal. I am grateful for your contributions, but it is not enough to just thank you. I invite you to visit the Macomb and Quad Cities campuses to see for yourself how your generosity influences our students and faculty. Again, thank you!

Sincerely,

Brad Bainter '79 MS '83
Vice President, Advancement and Public Services
Executive Officer, WIU Foundation



Major gift highlights

2010-2011 Foundation year in review:

- **\$2.8 million** gift of land to support the Department of Foreign Languages and Literature.
- **\$600,000** planned gift from **John '68 MA '70** and Becky Murphy to support arts and sciences scholarships for students with financial need.
- A **\$200,000** planned gift from **Jim and Syndy Conger** to support their study abroad scholarship and a **\$25,000** gift to endow the Syndy M. Conger Essay Award in the Department of English and Journalism.
- **\$105,000** from the Moline Foundation in support of the Western Illinois University-Quad Cities (WIU-QC) Engineering Program.
- **\$100,000** pledge from Bob and Blenda Ontiveros to fund scholarships for Hispanic students at WIU-QC.
- A pledge of up to **\$100,000** from **Don '75** and **Sharon '76 Tomnitz** to match contributions to the Western Illinois University College of Business and Technology (CBT) to establish a scholarship for military veterans.
- **\$79,000** from the Hunt and Diane Harris Foundation for the WIU-QC Riverfront Campus.
- **\$75,760** in scholarship support from the estate of **John P. (Jack) Daniels**, professor of management.
- **\$60,000** in scholarship support from the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.
- **\$50,000** from Bituminous Casualty Corporation for the WIU-QC Riverfront Campus.
- **\$50,000** from the estate of Mary Waterman for WQPT-TV.
- **\$50,000** gift from **Olga "Kay" Kennedy '46** for the Department of Biological Sciences.
- **\$50,000** commitment from LinguSystems for the WIU-QC daycare center.
- **\$50,000** gift from **LaVern and Nola '50 MS-Ed '57 McEntire** to support engineering scholarships.
- **\$43,987** from the estate of **Carolyn Pensinger '54** in support of the WIU Art Gallery and **Jack Pensinger '53** Scholarship.
- **\$40,000** commitment from the Illinois Soybean Association for crop production scholarships.
- **\$33,000** in contributions from friends and family of the late Rep. Rich Myers to establish the **Rich Myers '73** Agriculture Scholarship.
- **\$25,000** from **John '78** and Sarah Garvey toward their **\$100,000** commitment in support of hiring and the retention of faculty members in the accountancy department.
- **\$25,000** gift from retired Western Illinois University College of Education and Human Services (COEHS) Dean **Nick DiGrino** and his wife, **Susan '83 MS '05**, to establish the Nicholas Joseph DiGrino Scholarship in Special Education in memory of their son.
- **\$25,000** commitment from **Rodney and Bertha Fink** to establish the International Student Scholarship for female students from emerging or developing countries.
- **\$25,000** commitment from **Susan '71** and **Clifford '71 Haka** to establish a scholarship in mathematics.
- **\$25,000** gift from **Elizabeth Kaspar** to establish the Dr. Elizabeth Kaspar Lecture for Women's History Month.
- **\$25,000** gift from **Gerald MA '73** and **Linda MS '73 Patton** to establish the Patton Minority Scholarship in the Humanities and Social Sciences.

QR Codes – Your link to a student's gratitude

Students involved in this year's Annual Fund are now utilizing an emerging technology to provide you with an even more personal way of saying "thanks" for your generosity—the QR code.

A QR code (abbreviated from Quick Response code) is a two-dimensional barcode that is readable by mobile devices such as the iPhone, Android and Blackberry equipped with a camera and barcode scanning app. NeoReader and ScanLife are among the more popular scanning apps for the iPhone, while many Android and Blackberry users prefer QR Droid and BeeTagg—all of which (and more) are available for free download on your mobile device.

"The WIU Foundation was pleased to have our students thank our donors for their gifts through direct mail last year," said **Tim Hallinan '95**, director of annual giving. "This year, we are excited that many of our participating students are also choosing to express themselves directly to our alumni through the use of this technology in their letters."

As academic departments and programs across both Macomb and Quad Cities campuses begin their outreach efforts this fall, many alumni can expect a letter from a

student featuring a QR Code. Upon scanning the code with a mobile device (which is as simple as snapping a picture), the recipient will be directed to a personal video of the student expressing his or her thanks and underscoring the impact alumni gifts will have this year.

QR codes may also connect recipients to current information about their departments, take them back to a familiar place on campus or treat them to a personal performance from a current student—instantly on their mobile device.



How it works...

Scan the QR code with the QR reader on your smartphone.



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WIU-Quad Cities—Foundation Year in Review

Western Illinois University has been a presence in the Quad Cities since 1912. The continued growth of WIU-Quad Cities (WIU-QC) is a result of strong collaboration between the University and numerous individuals, businesses and government agencies.

This fall, WIU-QC welcomes new freshmen who are dually enrolled, taking classes at the University and Black Hawk College simultaneously. New programs include combined bachelor's/master's degrees in Liberal Arts and Sciences, the RN-BSN degree completion program online, the supply chain management undergraduate degree and supply chain concentration in the Masters in Business Administration.

An agreement reached in FY11 determined that WIU-QC, in partnership with Saint Ambrose University, will co-host the Quad-Cities Graduate Study Center. WIU was a charter member of the 10-institution consortium that was formed in 1969 to provide graduate educational opportunities to the Quad Cities region and beyond. The center was formerly housed at Augustana College.

The growth of WIU-QC has resulted in new facilities. The WIU-Quad Cities Riverfront Campus will host classes starting January 2012, and will support all College of Business and Technology classes, all other undergraduate classes, student services and University administration.

Planning for Phase II of the Riverfront Campus will be completed in January. The campus anxiously awaits release of previously appropriated construction funding to continue the project. As the campus grows, the WIU-Quad Cities' 60th Street facility will supplement activities at the Riverfront Campus.

One of the newest additions to WIU-QC, WQPT-TV-Quad Cities public television, is an active member of the communities it serves. WQPT-TV is accessible to more than 500,000 viewers in eastern Iowa and western Illinois. Completely self-supporting, WQPT raises nearly \$600,000 annually from individual members, grants and local funds.

The following businesses and agencies contributed nearly \$400,000 in FY11 for purposes ranging from student scholarships to academic program support and assistance for development of the Riverfront Campus. WIU-Quad Cities continues to build on the funding momentum led in Fiscal Year 2009 by the most generous gift of \$1 million by the John Deere and Moline Foundations.

- Modern Woodmen of America
- The Moline Foundation
- RIA Federal Credit Union
- Royal Neighbors of America
- Scott County Regional Authority

- Bituminous Casualty Corporation
- Community Foundation of the Great River Bend
- Doris & Victor Day Foundation
- Harris Family Foundation
- Holabird & Root, LLC
- Illinois Construction, Labor & Management Council
- LinguSystems
- McCarthy-Bush Foundation
- Mid American Energy Foundation
- Midland Information Resources

"The number and diversity of the private and public investors in WIU-Quad Cities and those who have helped with the progress of the Riverfront Campus reinforces the entire community's commitment to the betterment of both the regional economy and educational landscape of the entire Quad Cities region," said **Joe Rives**, vice president of Quad Cities, planning and technology. "We are grateful for the outpouring of support that we have received and we will continue to work hard to ensure that WIU-Quad Cities remains 'The Public Choice'."

Lindahl provides significant support for the Performing Arts Center

By Julie Murphy '94 MS '95

"I enjoy the performing arts. It's really nothing more profound than that."

Those are the words of **Tate Lindahl**, a retired Western Illinois University administrator and Macomb resident, whose seven-figure bequest will support the much-anticipated Western Illinois University Performing Arts Center.

"I have always felt that the most important part of a performance, aside from the performers themselves, comes from the ambiance of the performance space," he added.

Lindahl's gift was announced at the April 26 ceremonial groundbreaking on WIU's Macomb campus. For many years, legislators, local organizations and campus and community leaders have worked together to make the center a reality. The project has been a University priority for many years and, when completed, will be a cultural center for the people of western Illinois.

Lindahl came to Western in 1967 as part of a team charged with design and implementation of computer use for administrative purposes, as well as for research and instruction. Previously, he had taught statistics at Kansas State University, been a systems engineer for



Tate Lindahl

IBM, chaired the math department at Black Hawk College (BHC) and established BHC's data processing curriculum. During his 23 years in academic computing at WIU, Lindahl authored three textbooks and co-authored a fourth on computer programming, and was instrumental in the evolution of computer use by faculty and students.

A longtime supporter of the arts at Western, Lindahl began his tradition of generosity by giving artwork to the University in the early 1980s. Five Rembrandt prints, considered the most valuable items in the WIU Art Gallery's permanent collection, were gifts from Lindahl.

"When I purchased the pieces for the gallery, my goal was to bring some historically significant pieces to WIU for use by students, faculty and the community," Lindahl said. He has also contributed works by Georges Rouault, Gattja Rothe and Francisco Goya.

Lindahl remembers that "around that time, there was a major fundraising campaign going on, so I made a commitment for the arts, possibly a future Performing Arts Center." Working with then-Vice President for Public Affairs and Development Ralph Wagoner, Lindahl decided that he would like his planned gift to be used for the Performing Arts Center, when, and if, it became a reality.

Nearly 30 years later, the campus and community are

celebrating the vision of a Performing Arts Center finally becoming a reality. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in 2012 and take approximately 30 months to complete. The new facility will include a 1,400-seat proscenium theatre auditorium with two balconies, a 250-seat thrust stage and a 150-seat studio theatre. There will also be dance, jazz and theatre rehearsal studios; dressing rooms adjacent to the theatres; a scenery / design workshop and costume shop; administrative offices and a loading dock to accommodate semis and buses for professional touring companies and orchestras.

"I acknowledge the importance of scholarships, but I wanted to do something a little different," Lindahl explained. "This project is long overdue and I want to lend my support."

His bequest will provide support for the Performing Arts Center's operation. Financial support from the Illinois Capital Development Board of the \$67.8 million facility will fund the conceptualization, design and building of the center, while Lindahl has ensured that it will be maintained, enhanced, preserved and staffed.

"The Performing Arts Center is a result of decades-long collaboration, and Tate is an essential partner in the success of the project," said Vice President for Advancement and Public Services **Brad Bainter '79 MS '83**. "His gift secures this academic facility and cultural landmark today and into the future. I applaud his vision and his sincere generosity."



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Foundation Year in Review

On behalf of the entire Western Illinois University community, the WIU Foundation thanks all of the generous individuals who made contributions to the University this past year. The following report highlights financial information, programs and services and contributions to the Western Illinois University Foundation covering the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

- Private support received through the WIU Foundation, including cash gifts, gifts-in-kind pledges and testamentary / deferred gift commitments totaled **\$8,377,327**.
- The WIU Foundation processed **29,737** gifts from **15,547** alumni, friends, parents, faculty and staff members, corporations and business, foundations and other organizations.

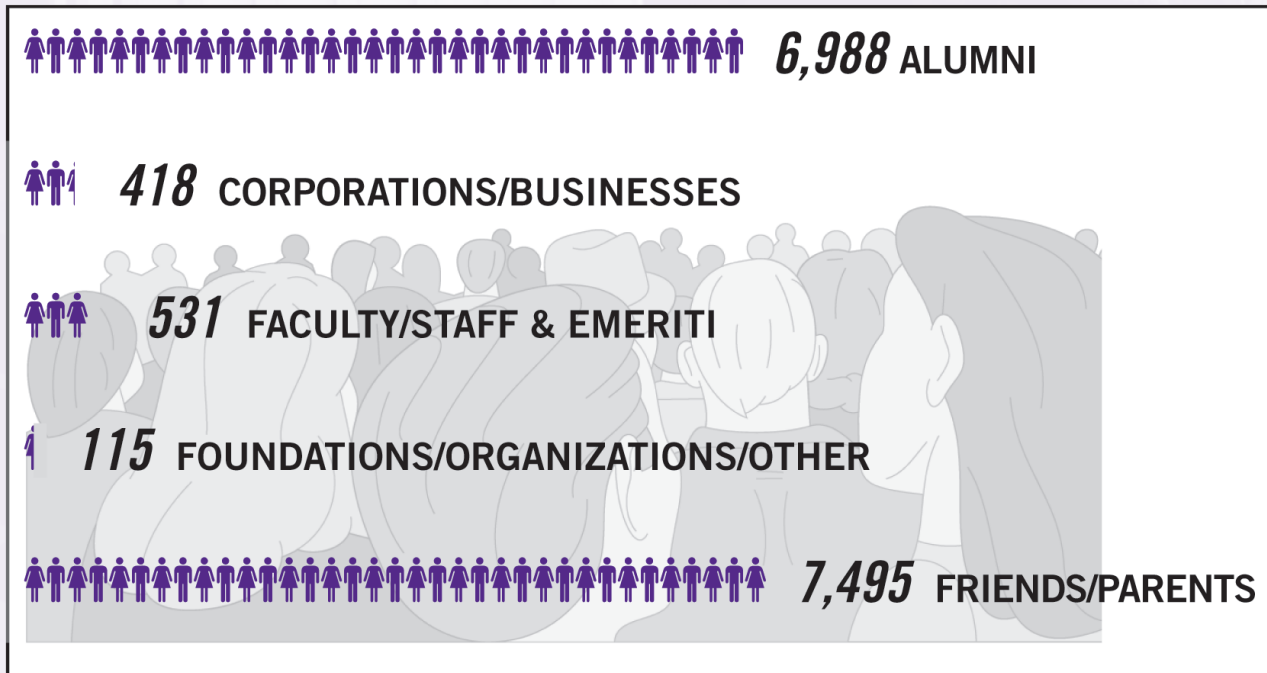
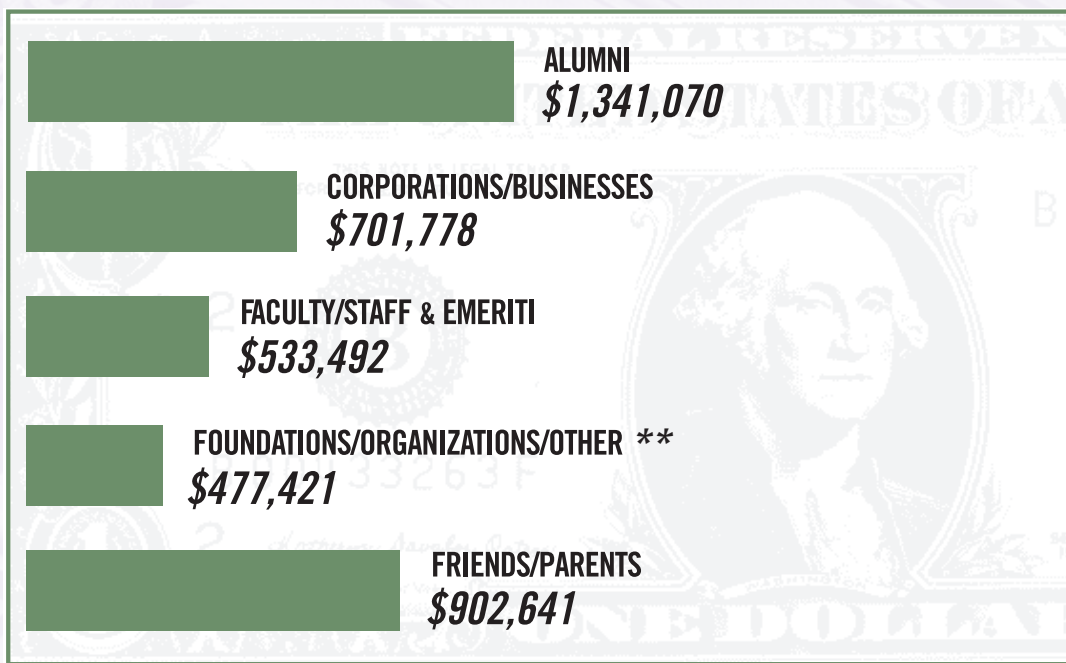
- The average alumni contribution for all purposes was **\$191.91**.
- WIU Foundation expenditures in support of the University for all purposes totaled **\$5,976,894**.
- Contributions to the endowment added **\$858,874** to the WIU Foundation's permanent asset base.



TOTAL DOLLARS CONTRIBUTED BY CATEGORY—FY11*

* Income only; outstanding pledges not included. Includes \$235,955 of gift-in-kind income.

** Does not include \$1,005,494 in outside scholarship donations for student support.



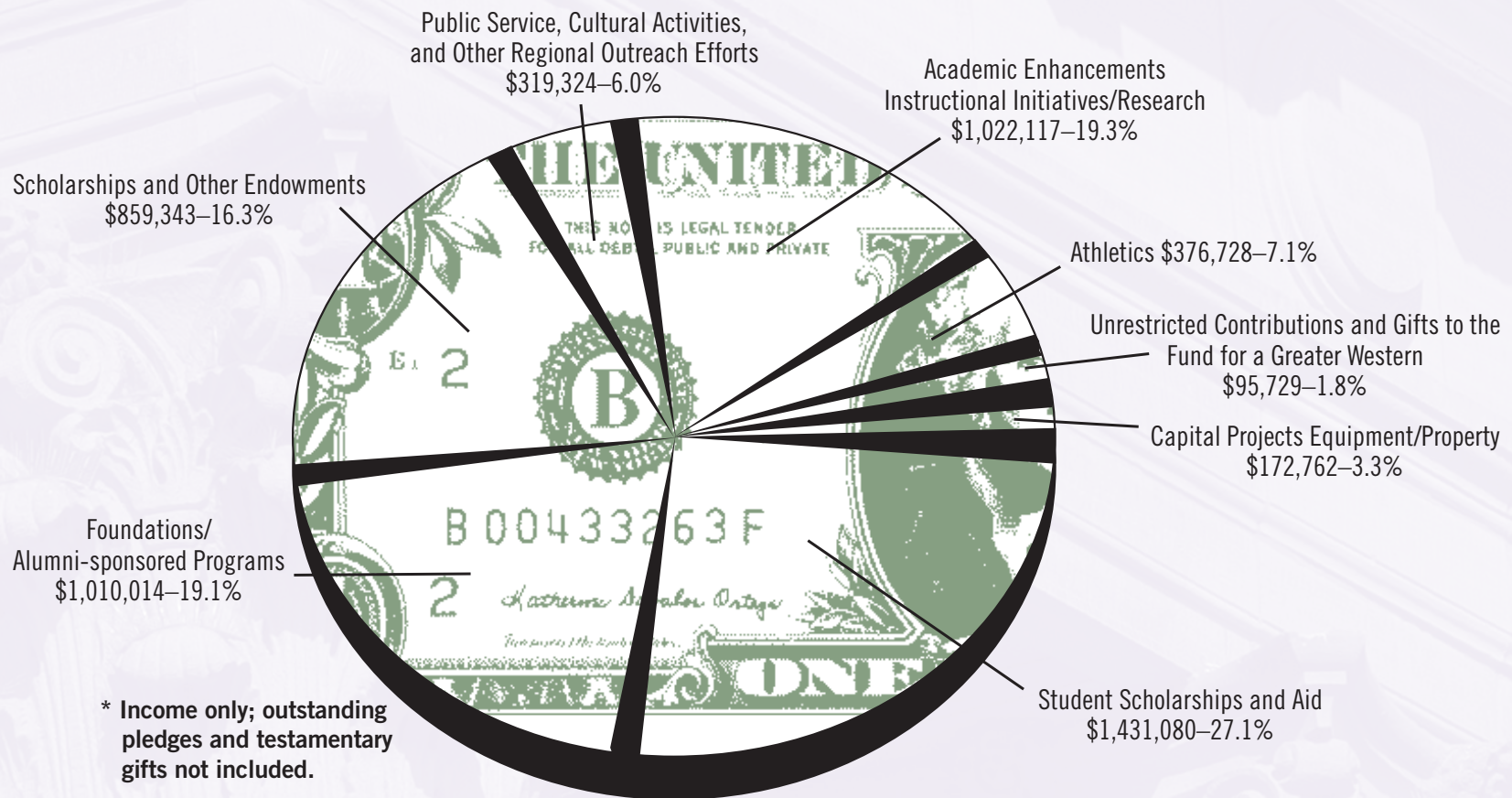
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* Does not include 500 employees who are included in the alumni count, or the 317 parents included in the alumni count.



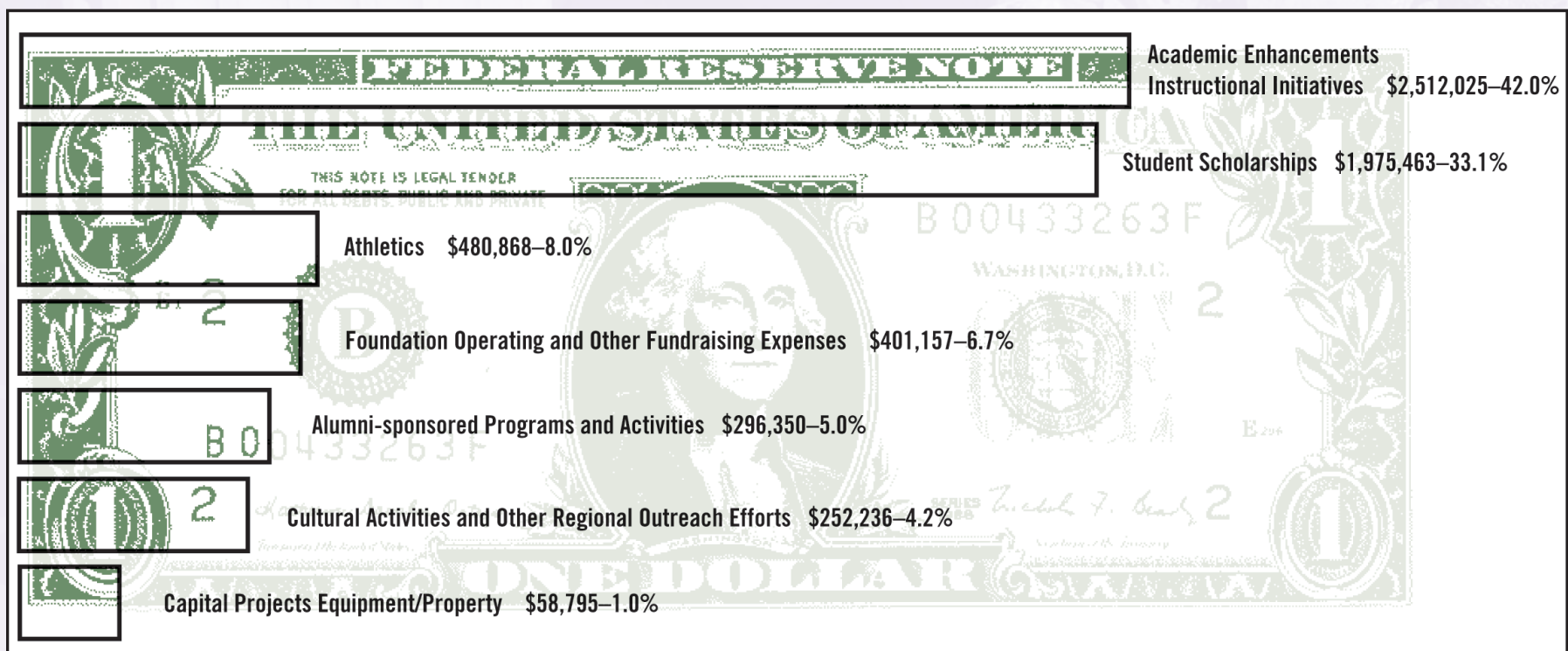
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CONTRIBUTIONS BY PURPOSE—FY11



Includes all gift-in-kind and contribution income, including outside scholarship donations.

EXPENDITURES BY PURPOSE—FY11





Intercollegiate Athletics

New Department of Athletics hires announced

Kyle Bradt - Assistant Director of Media Services

Bradt, a native of Chatfield (MN), began his duties July 1, joining Western after a three-year stint with the athletic communications department at Minnesota State University. Before his time at Minnesota State, he spent two seasons with the Minnesota Vikings as an intern.

At Minnesota State, Bradt served as the primary contact for volleyball, women's hockey and baseball, while assisting with Minnesota State University's other 20 varsity sports. He worked with several teams that participated in NCAA postseason tournaments.

As an entire athletics department, Minnesota State ranked second, fourth and 13th in the Learfield Sports Directors' Cup standings while Bradt worked in the department. He also was the official statistician for the 2011 Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference baseball tournament.

While with the Minnesota Vikings, Bradt served as a training camp and game day intern during the 2007 and 2008 seasons. His responsibilities included press box preparation, transcription of press conferences and interviews and coordination of interviews, among other duties.

Bradt earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees at Minnesota State University.

Mallory Clements - Assistant Volleyball Coach

Clements comes to Macomb from SIU-Edwardsville, where she spent the last two seasons as an assistant coach under former Cougar head coach Todd Gober. Clements was highly involved in day-to-day administrative duties including coordinating travel, fundraising efforts, recruiting and organizing practices. Clements also served as interim head coach.

Prior to her coaching career, Clements played four seasons with the Cougars from 2005-2008 and served as team captain for her final two years. Clements, a native of Mt. Pulaski (IL), was named to the 2007 American



Kyle Bradt



Mallory Clements

Volleyball Coaches Association All-America third team for her efforts on the court. As the Cougars' starting setter, Clements broke the SIU-E record for service aces (189) and ranks second all-time in assists (4,311) and digs (1,459).

Clements also excelled off the court, where she was a two-time First Team ESPN The Magazine/CoSIDA Academic All-America selection. Clements earned a bachelor's degree in business administration and an MBA at SIUE.

Drew Kramer - Director of Strength and Conditioning

Kramer, who began his duties in June, oversees all 20 Leatherneck NCAA Division I sports programs. Kramer had worked at Purdue University the last five years as the assistant strength and conditioning coach. He worked directly with the softball, women's soccer, football and volleyball programs. He also served as the interim head football strength coach.

He designed, implemented and supervised the year-round strength, speed development and conditioning programs for his sports in addition to the daily operations and maintenance of the facility. Kramer also supervised student interns and graduate assistant coaches.

Women's Basketball Assistant Coaches

Western Illinois Women's Basketball Head Coach **JD Gravina** announced the hiring of three assistant coaches. The Leathernecks' first-year head coach hired **Tiffany Coppage**, **Kerry Juhlin MS '11** and **Seth Minter** as full-time assistant coaches. Gravina also announced that **Jessie Biggs** will return as graduate assistant coach.

Coppage spent the 2010-2011 season at Wichita State as a graduate assistant coach as part of the Shockers' WNIT squad. A member of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) and Black Coaches Association



Drew Kramer

(BCA), she assisted with video breakdown, day-to-day office operations, practice preparation, team travel and recruiting.

In 2010, Coppage worked with the Missouri Valley Blazers U-16 AAU team. The team won two championships and turned in five top three finishes while producing seven Division I signees. After spending two years at Fort Scott Community College as a student-athlete she finished her playing career at Missouri State. A two-year team captain for the Lady Bears, Coppage started both seasons and maintained a minimum 3.0 GPA her entire career.

Juhlin spent the last two years on staff working towards her master's degree. During her time at Western she worked with academic progress, game and practice preparation, recruiting and day-to-day office operations. During her two years she had two all-conference performers, including the 2011 Summit League 'Newcomer of the Year.'

Prior to joining the Leathernecks, Juhlin spent two years as an assistant coach at Loras College where her duties included recruiting coordinator, travel, film exchange, camps, strength/conditioning and academic progress. A former player at Drake, Juhlin finished her bachelor's degree at Wisconsin where she worked for two years as a student assistant coach.

Minter joins Western after spending last year as head women's basketball coach at Culver-Stockton College. During the 2010-2011 season, Minter led C-SC to five conference wins, matching in one year the program's total from the previous three years combined. The offensive production increased by 9.0 points per game and the team shot 11 percent better from the field. The Wildcats also swept conference power William Jewell for the first time since the 1998-99 season. Prior to the collegiate ranks, Minter coached three years at Canton (MO) High School posting a 77-13 overall record (.856 winning percentage). Twice named District 'Coach of the Year', Minter and Canton HS made two trips to the state basketball tournament, finishing second in 2009 and fourth in 2010. That marked the school's first trip to state since 1977.

Franks selected for NCAA Expert Forum

Western Illinois Assistant Football Coach **Carl Franks** was chosen as one of 20 coaches nationwide to participate in the NCAA Expert Forum in Orlando (FL) in June.

The forum was designed to help assistant coaches further their career goal of becoming a head coach. Franks, who earlier this year attended the NFL/NCAA Football Academy, noted his appreciation in being selected to represent Western at this elite event.

"I was so excited to have been selected to participate in the NCAA Expert Forum," said Franks. "It was a great opportunity to gain additional knowledge and experience."

Seminars at the NCAA event included:



Carl Franks

head coaches panel, athletics director panel, media training, situational game planning, today's student-athlete, the first 90 days on the job, academic collaboration, the coaching search process, fundraising, alumni panel and head coach's perspective.

Franks, who enters his third year coaching the Leathernecks defensive backs, was part of the Western program that advanced to the second round of the NCAA

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-Carl Franks

Division I FCS playoffs last fall (8-5 overall). During the opening round win at Coastal Carolina, the defense picked off four passes—five turnovers in all—to secure the program's first postseason win in seven years.

He began his coaching career at his alma mater of Montana in 1997, and also worked as an assistant coach at Utah State and Northern Arizona prior to joining the Leathernecks. Franks also participated in the NFL Minority Coaching Fellowship in 2003 with the Tennessee Titans.

Intercollegiate Athletics



Leathernecks raise more than \$11,000 through community service efforts in 2010-2011

Western Illinois University student-athletes tallied 2,577 hours of community service and raised \$11,045 to benefit local and national organizations during the 2010-11 academic year.

WIU student-athletes once again volunteered time in the Macomb community with the 'Rocky's Reach' program. Rocky's Reach, which is in its second year, gives Leatherneck student-athletes the opportunity to interact with elementary-age children by playing board games, hosting recess activities and mentoring.

Two days each week representatives from Western's sport programs volunteered time at MacArthur Early Childhood Center and Lincoln Elementary School. Rocky's Reach is part of the Athletics Department philosophy for student-athletes to give back to the community and individuals who are in need through a clearly defined program of service, and develop the foundation of a lifelong commitment to volunteerism.

The Shaymus Relays enjoyed success for the third consecutive year as it raised more than \$6,000 for Shaymus Guinn and his family. Hosted by members of the Western Illinois track and field squad, all of the proceeds were donated to the Guinn family.

Western's athletics teams and department staff also raised money for breast cancer awareness through efforts

in Big Pink Volleyball, Dig for The Cure and Pink Zone. Additionally, many female student-athletes helped teach young girls different sports skills in celebration of National Girls and Women in Sports Day. Within the Summit League, Western raised awareness to help stop hunger through participation in the Food Fight Contest and collected 1,019 pounds of food for the Western Illinois Regional Council food pantry.

Lincoln Elementary School's 'Family Fun Night' in September was staffed by more than 100 volunteers, many of whom included Fighting Leatherneck student-athletes. In early May, more than 40 Western Illinois student-athletes made a visit to Lincoln Elementary in celebration of ACES Day, which is a



Western Illinois track and field members helped raise more than \$6,000 in the third annual Shaymus Relays.

signature exercise program of the Youth Fitness Coalition, Inc.

The Fighting Leatherneck softball and women's soccer teams volunteered time at the McDonough County Animal Shelter, while the football team helped new students move into Thompson Hall in August 2011. The softball and football squads also helped the University celebrate Earth Day with the "We Care" campus beautification project.

In mid-April, the softball team promoted the "Homers for Hodgkin's" campaign. The Fighting Leathernecks played wiffleball with students on

campus, which raised support for the Lymphoma Research Foundation. Additionally, any fan who made a monetary donation participated in a home run derby competition following the Leathernecks' weekend games with North Dakota State.

Volleyball team earns AVCA Team Academic Award

For the third straight year, the Western Illinois volleyball team received the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Team Academic Award for maintaining a team grade point average of at least 3.30 for the entire 2010-11 academic year.

Head Coach **Kym McKay's** MS '08 squad is one of only 92 Division I women's teams to earn the honor. Western Illinois is one of two Summit League teams to receive the award (South Dakota State) and has now captured the team honor five times in the last six years.

"We are proud that we are only one of two Summit League schools to earn this national distinction," said McKay, who enters her 10th season at the helm. "Our job as college coaches is to help our student-athletes prepare for the challenges of their future and the classroom is a major component of this preparation."

The AVCA Team Academic Award, which was initiated during the 1992-93 academic year, honors collegiate and high school volleyball teams that display excellence in the classroom during the full academic year. The list includes all varsity athletes who compete in volleyball with the institution and maintain at least a 3.30 cumulative team grade-point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale or a 4.10 GPA on a 5.0 scale.

This past academic year, Western's volleyball team led the entire department's academic efforts in both the fall (3.65 GPA) and spring (3.64 GPA) semesters. The volleyball program put all 12 eligible squad members on The Summit League's Fall Academic All-League team, with eight athletes earning Distinguished Scholar honors

(3.60 GPA or above). During the 2011 spring semester, the Leathernecks had all nine eligible players named to the 2010-11 Commissioner's List of Academic Excellence (3.00 GPA or above).

"To have a 3.6 team GPA is outstanding but to have one year in and year out leaves me speechless," said McKay. "It is hard to describe because the players outperform themselves every semester. There are a handful of players who earn significantly higher GPAs now than they did in high school because of the resources and team academic culture that has been established. For every player, the high grades are earned through discipline, respect, hard work and accountability."

In October 2010, it was announced that the squad posted a 100 percent Graduation Success Rate (GSR) which led all Summit League volleyball programs. The Leatherneck volleyball program has experienced a 100 percent graduation rate in the last nine seasons under McKay.

"The program's ability to sustain this level of academic success is amazing," said McKay. "Each player is dedicated to her schoolwork and maximizes the resources the University provides."

The 2011 Leatherneck volleyball campaign started the weekend of Aug. 26-27 with the SIU-Edwardsville Tournament.

Soccer champions, Kimura honored at White House



Fifth-year Colorado Rapids defenseman **Kosuke Kimura**, a Western Illinois soccer standout from 2003-2006, and the rest the Rapids team were honored by President Barack Obama June 27 at the White House.

Before the team's meet-and-greet with the President, they were treated to a tour of the White House and conducted a youth soccer clinic on the front lawn for children of military members.

After playing four seasons at Western Illinois (2003-2006), Kimura became the first-ever Japanese born player to become a member of the Major League Soccer (MLS) when he was selected 35th overall in the 2007 supplemental draft. While at Western Illinois, the 2010 MLS Humanitarian of the Year award winner posted five goals and 14 assists giving him 19 career points.

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Teaching American history

The following story about a unique program for area history teachers, led by two WIU history faculty, is reprinted with permission from the McDonough County Voice.

By Sally Adams '05 MA '10

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the Civil War and the commemorating events taking place over the course of the next four years are endless. The Civil War Centennial was overshadowed by the Civil Rights Movement.

What better way to relive the two eras of history than to follow in the footsteps of the soldiers and activists who actually lived through these periods—that's just what the participants of this year's Teaching American History (TAH) trip did with faculty from Western Illinois University's history department.

For the past nine years, WIU's history department has participated in the TAH Grant program. Each year teachers of the west central Illinois region are invited to apply to participate in the program. Approximately 75 public school history teachers from a 21-county region attend four presentations at WIU and are then qualified to apply.

Their applications are then subjected to a blind read by a leadership team. Out of these 75, just 28 teachers are chosen to take a trip overflowing with beneficial experiences and information that they can take back to their classrooms.

The program is designed to raise student achievement by improving teachers' knowledge and understanding of and appreciation for traditional U.S. history.

This year's TAH trip was spearheaded by **Larry Balsamo** and **Barclay Key** of WIU. Balsamo retired from the department in 2007, stepping down from his position as department chair and professor of Civil War history. Key, originally from Moulton (AL), is currently part of the WIU history faculty. He specializes in African American history and the history of the American south.

This trip was Balsamo's sixth trip and Key's second.

The theme of the eight-day trip was Civil Rights, Civil War and southern culture. It was entitled "Into the Heart of Dixie: One War, Two Presidents, Five Decades of Struggle."

The Sites

Departing from Macomb, the group of 28 Illinois teachers traveled to Nashville, through Alabama and



Teachers from around the west central Illinois region traveled with WIU faculty members to re-energize their own passion for history, posing here in front of the Illinois monument at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park in Georgia.

Georgia with numerous stops along the way.

Two of the favored sites were the Jesse Owens Museum and the Fort Donnellson Battlefield. Growing up in Lawrence County, [home of the Olympic great], Key was well aware of the obstacles the museum overcame throughout its creation.

"It was nice to stop in, see people that I knew and what has resulted because of their hard work," said Key.

Balsamo described the Battlefield site as "a site where they could stand on the bank of the Cumberland River and visualize where the gunboats came around the bend."

The Participants

The teachers who participated in the trip, some WIU alumni, varied in background. For many of them this was one of multiple experiences they have had with the TAH trips. Some of them are the only history teacher in their district as is the case with Ed Tallon. This was Tallon's fifth time participating in the program.

"This trip is outstanding, due in large part to Barclay. It is like taking a graduate course in one week," noted Tallon.

David Potthast MA '01, the trip's unofficial official photographer, has been on all six of the trips with Balsamo. Walking away from this trip, he felt that "the perspective that a teacher gains by visiting a site has enabled me to be much more effective in talking about the places, persons and events that make up our nation's history."

That perspective is the most important goal of the trip, in which teachers such as Potthast and **Thomas Best MA '91** from Monmouth-Roseville Junior High can then "imagine standing on the site of a battlefield in Tennessee where soldiers from this area of western Illinois fought and died."

Balsamo described the trip as "one of the best investments these teachers can make to learn how to teach history." He also noted that the trip gives teachers more credibility with their students.

At the conclusion of the trip, the lesson plans the participants created were put onto CDs that were distributed to every secondary high school in the west central Illinois region that participates in the grant program. The grant, which is distributed through the McDonough-Hancock Regional Office of Education, has recently been approved for another two years.

The bulk of this grant money is used for travel expenses including lodging and meals. Next year's TAH qualifiers will travel south to Texas and Oklahoma.

Student Spotlight: Abby Lagemann, Dykstra Scholar

Abby Lagemann '09 MA '11, the WIU Department of History's Darrell and Virginia Dykstra History Graduate Scholar for 2009-2010 and 2010-2011, recently completed her master's degree in history at WIU, and has begun a teaching assistantship and a history fellowship with the University of Colorado's Ph.D. program in history.

Originally from Pittsfield (IL), Lagemann graduated magna cum laude from WIU with a degree in history with teacher certification in May 2009, and was one of the history department's five graduate assistants for 2010-2011, during which she focused her research on early modern British history. She presented a paper based on her master's thesis research, titled "A Decade of Disorder? Crime and Punishment in the Cheshire Quarter Sessions During the 1590s," at the Annual Conference of the Rocky Mountain Medieval and Renaissance Association, hosted by Southern Utah University in Cedar City, Utah, in August 2010.

Lagemann, whose research was mentored by **Jennifer McNabb**, an associate professor of history who specializes in early modern Europe and the history of England, has also published an article in a professional journal in the field of Shakespeare Studies.

"Abby is a bright, self-motivated student who acquired both academic and emotional maturity during the course of her undergraduate and graduate studies at Western; her fine undergraduate career in as well as outside the classroom revealed her to possess a capacity for academic excellence, and she continued to realize her academic promise as a graduate student," said McNabb. "She has been a truly exceptional ambassador for WIU, and her contributions to the campus community as an active researcher and an engaged citizen should serve as a model to future students."

Lagemann also received numerous grants and other honors from at the department and University level. In addition to her outstanding academic record, Lagemann served as president of the department's Associated Students of History (ASH), which was selected by the College of Arts and Sciences as the Outstanding Student Organization for 2008-2009, the year she led the organization. Her contributions to the history department also included regular efforts to recruit additional students to Western. She participated in each Discover Western new-student recruitment program for the past three years. In recognition of her many contributions to the department as a scholar and as a departmental citizen, Lagemann was awarded the inaugural Department Citizen-Scholar Award by **Virginia Boynton**, history department chair, in Spring 2009.



Abby Lagemann '09 MA '11

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-Ed Tallon

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Physics department achieves national ranking

The WIU physics department has received national recognition by a recent American Institute of Physics (AIP) Report. This ranks the WIU physics department 13th nationally among Master of Science in Physics-granting institutions for the number of M.S. degrees awarded annually, and 16th nationally for the number of B.S. degrees awarded.

"The recent addition of the engineering physics degree option to our curriculum is sure to further improve this ranking, as more of our students see the career advantages that this degree provides," said Physics Chair **Mark Boley '87 MS '89**. "We attribute one of our greatest strengths to the fact that in our department, no student or alumnus is ever just a number; they are always a friendly face and a name to be remembered.

"Furthermore, I believe that the strong growth of our graduate program results from us being one of the very few Midwest comprehensive institutions providing a wide variety of research projects in both experimental and theoretical AMO (atomic, molecular and optical) physics, as well as offering our best students the opportunity (through our integrated B.S./M.S. program) to complete their undergraduate and graduate physics degrees in just five years."

WIU student, soldier 'Transforms' for summer blockbuster

By Alison McGaughey MA '10

Typically, when **Alan Cale** is in uniform, he's serving his country as a Military Police (MP) officer with the 233rd MP Co. out of Springfield (IL). This summer, however, his Army gear served as more of a costume, as Cale and several other "extras" appeared on the silver screen in "Transformers 3: Dark of the Moon," which debuted in theaters in June.

Cale's studies at WIU are on hold while he's deployed in Afghanistan, serving as part of a security force for an agricultural business development team. The team's mission is to improve the agriculture and business sectors of Afghanistan so that individual landowners and farmers can sustain themselves, he explained.

"My role is security for the agricultural specialists while they do their job," he said via e-mail. "My responsibility is to provide close protection and support for the mission."

On some days, he explained, that can mean providing convoy security from the turret of a military vehicle and watching the overall area for the day. Other days he drives the MRAP (Mine Resistant Ambush Protected) vehicle and transports personnel to the site.

"I think the most challenging thing to get used to is stepping out of the safety of a secure area into one where some of the people don't like you or what you are doing," Cale said. "That, and the heat."

But Cale's service is not something he's going about begrudgingly.

"I was scheduled to go to Iraq last year, but they cancelled it due to the draw-down of troops. After my mission was cancelled I volunteered to go to Afghanistan," he said.

Cale is an English major at WIU, but his academic path has been one of trying to find what fits him.

"I have dabbled in a little of everything," Cale said. "I started out as a law enforcement and justice administration major before I decided that my heart wasn't in it. I started into the interdisciplinary studies program and shortly thereafter went over to the education department. I have finally found what I like in the English creative writing department. Trying four majors in five years and something like seven minors has given me a diverse experience at Western. My scuba diving minor is my real passion, however."

But if he should become interested in working in the



Cale, who joined the military three days after his 17th birthday in 2005, volunteered to serve on an agricultural mission in Afghanistan.



"Transformers 3" star Josh Duhamel (center) poses with the military extras who appear in a scene near the end of the film.

film industry, Cale will have one item to add to his resume: being on set of the Michael Bay-directed flick starring Shia LaBeouf, Josh Duhamel and John Turturro. Cale got the opportunity last summer, when he was still in Macomb, and saw himself in action one year later.

"One of my buddies in my unit from Chicago (and who is with me on this deployment) was the one who hooked me up with the opportunity," he explained. "He has a friend who works as a liaison between Hollywood and the military, and she asked him to find a couple of volunteers with military gear who could come to Chicago to be military extras in the film. He called and asked me if I wanted to be in 'Transformers 3.' I, of course, said 'yes' without any hesitation."

Cale acknowledges that his role was minimal.

"My only responsibilities for the film were to wear my uniform and gear, carry a gun and look like a soldier. Fortunately that was something I have some experience in," he said. "The Afghans don't have the same regulations on pirating

movies that we do in the States, so I have been able to see the movie. There are about 3-5 seconds towards the end of the movie where [actor] Tyrese Gibson runs around the corner of the Chicago Tribune building to link up with the military in the city. I am the second one standing as he runs by."

Still, even though his role was a small one, "the experience was one of a kind," he said. "It's one thing to see the finished product up on the big screen, and completely different to be behind the scenes seeing it in the making."

"It was interesting to spend time with the stars of the film," he continued. "I spent several hours just sitting on the set while they set up for the next shot chatting with Josh Duhamel. It was pretty cool to get to know them, and I came to the realization that they are regular people like the rest of us just with a really cool job."

Cale is a proud member of the WIU Veteran's Club and would like to encourage any former or current members of the military to "come check out one of our meetings." For more information, contact **Derrick Bernabei**, club president, at DT-Bernabei@wiu.edu, or visit WIU Vets Club on Facebook.

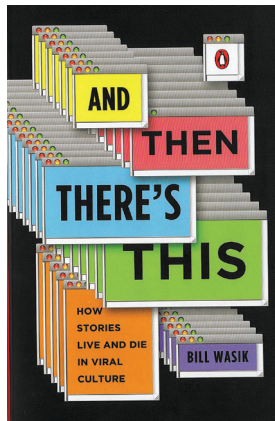
Decker conquers Death Race



Joe Decker '98 won the Spartan Death Race for the second time in June. The Death Race is a 48-hour race that includes mud runs, obstacle racing, physical challenges, trail racing and mental challenges.

Photo is courtesy of Joe Decker's Facebook page.

Freshmen to consider impacts of viral culture



Journalist Bill Wasik's book, "And Then There's This: How Stories Live and Die in Viral Culture" has been selected as the common reading for Western Illinois University's 2011-2012 First Year Experience (FYE) program.

Like past years' common readings, "And Then There's This" will be used as a starting point for the campuswide discussion of the 2011-2012 University theme, which is

"Science & Technology: Discover, Innovate, Create." The book is a required read for incoming freshmen and will be used as a link between other campus activities.

The University purchases the FYE book for all incoming students, and WIU's Leslie F. Malpass Library runs a resource webpage for the book and collects resources related to the reading so that students can complete relevant research projects.

Wasik, an editor at WIRED magazine, journeys to the edge of our churning and rambunctious viral culture to illuminate how anyone with a computer can initiate a small ripple of a story that can turn into a tsunami. While exploring this landscape, Wasik—who organized the very first flash mob in 2003—examines other Internet sensations: the meteoric rise and fall of pop bands, guerrilla marketing, political blogs and more.

"Our students have seen at least one of these concepts in the book in play, such as a flash mob, and I think that most faculty will be able to easily incorporate this book into their classrooms because, as the author notes, we live in a viral world," said Stacey Macchi '01 MA '03, WIU communication professor and FYE instructor. "Wasick notes that keeping up with what is current is like a roller coaster, because what might be news today, or the high part of the coaster, comes down quickly only to be replaced with something even more sensational. Due to the nature of our rapidly changing media environment, the author becomes a viral culture experimenter."

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From that experience, I broadened my understanding of what it means to be involved. It means being an active participant and having a sense of belonging. It is also about connections and being able to contribute. With that in mind, I invite you to become involved alumni of Western Illinois University, and I challenge you to actively participate. Over the next two years, take advantage of at least two of these opportunities: 1) **Return to WIU for Homecoming.** This is our pinnacle event annually as alumni. 2) **Attend an alumni and friends event.** The Alumni Association hosts events throughout the country (and even internationally), so please come and actively participate. 3) **Share the WIU story.** Talk to family, friends and colleagues about your experiences at Western and how they have influenced who you are. 4) **Reconnect.** With the variety of social media available today, it has become easier to make contact with former roommates, classmates, professors and administrators. Utilize the social media links on the alumni web site. Tell an old friend "hi" or a former professor "thank you." 5) **Recruit.** The strength of most organizations lies in its future members. For the Alumni Association, that starts with students. Identify friends and family exploring college, and individuals who may be seeking advancement through graduate studies, and encourage them to consider Western.

I look forward to my tenure as president of the association and assessing your progress towards meeting the above challenge. I hope to see many of you at the events I attend and hear about your Western experiences.

With Western Illinois University Pride,

Kristopher L. Kelly '90 MS '92

Alumni Council welcomes new members

Matt Saey '06, who graduated from WIU with a bachelor's degree in kinesiology, will serve the Western Illinois University Alumni Council for the 2011-2012 year. He is the director of strength and conditioning at Saint Viator High School in Arlington Heights (IL).

Comprised of 25 alumni appointed to three-year terms and the president of the Student Alumni Association, the Alumni Council represents the interests of Western's more than 115,000 alumni. Members serve as liaisons to various University areas and on advisory boards. The council assists in the recruitment of students, selects Alumni Award recipients and was instrumental in establishing the Student Alumni Association. The council meets on a quarterly basis.

Kris Kelly '90 MS '92, a production supervisor for Perfecseal-Mankato in Mankato (MN), is the president.

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Business and Technology



WIU finalizes \$20 million contract for QC Manufacturing Lab

In the last decade, the U.S. military has seen an increased demand for high performance structural materials that are also lightweight. More specifically, the Army has seen an increased demand for lightweight armament systems using titanium, aluminum and magnesium. This challenge has led to the creation of the Quad Cities Manufacturing Lab (QCML), a nonprofit research and development company at the Rock Island Arsenal and operated under contract with Western Illinois University's College of Business and Technology (CBT).

The QCML and WIU recently finalized a five-year contract with the Department of Defense for research and development of technologies and capabilities associated with manufacturing and processing parts using titanium, aluminum, magnesium and other lightweight metals and metal composites.

"Current military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan have clearly demonstrated the need for lightweight materials to be placed into service in a broad range of military equipment," said Col. James O. Fly, Jr., commander of the Rock Island Arsenal Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center. "It is imperative that strategic advances be made to exploit existing and emerging manufacturing techniques and lightweight materials."

The development capabilities of the QCML will have an immediate application in armament manufacturing to provide better resources for the U.S. military and will provide manufacturing opportunities for commercial industries, especially in the Quad Cities area.

"Western and the Rock Island Arsenal have been

successful partners in education for many years, and we are pleased to enter into this new partnership with the Arsenal and Department of Defense that provides a boost to the region's economic development opportunities, while also providing experience to our engineering students," said **Joe Rives**, vice president of the Quad Cities, planning, and technology.

The QCML cooperative contract is based on annual funding of \$4 million, which will provide for the acquisition of additional sophisticated equipment to conduct high-level manufacturing research and development.

"The QCML's goal is to meet the dual objectives of technology development and prototype application. The goal of the program is to transfer technology through prototype demonstrations in manufacturing of various armament applications to the Rock Island Arsenal," said QCML Executive Director Jim Sears, a national leader in manufacturing technologies with a background in titanium processing technologies, NNSM, additive manufacturing approaches, powder metallurgy and emerging technologies. "The focus of this program is Near Net Shape Manufacturing (NNSM) of titanium and other advanced metals for armament systems."

Long term, the vision is to build a technological "cluster" of new companies in the Quad Cities region that focus on advanced metal technologies. Through this venture, Western would transfer or license QCML proprietary technologies to other manufacturing companies. Several companies have already expressed interest in locating their operations near the QCML to

benefit from these opportunities, according to Sears. He noted that HF Webster has already started planning for relocation to the technology cluster, with the potential of retaining a significant number of jobs at the Arsenal and adding new jobs to the QC region.

"This venture is a win-win all around. It's perfectly aligned with WIU's engineering program," said CBT Dean **Tom Erikson**. "Through the QCML, our engineering students have opportunities to work with sophisticated equipment, complete internships, conduct research and help in the development of these new technologies."

WIU's first two engineering graduates participated in research at the QCML last year.

The region's interests are represented through the QCML's nine-member board of directors. The team includes leaders from the military, manufacturing and higher education across the region.

"This has been such an outstanding community effort. From the Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce to the cities' mayors, all of this wouldn't exist if it weren't for the cooperation and vision of the community," said QCML Board Chair Rick John.

"Through these efforts within the community, we're also helping to secure a more stable future for the Arsenal," Sears added. "I can't thank our national legislators enough—Senators Durbin, Grassley, Harkin and Kirk and Representatives Braley, Loeb sack and Schilling. With their help, we're creating a viable long-term entity that will create advanced, technology-based jobs for the Quad Cities region."

CBT faculty send thousands of books to Africa

By Alison McGaughey MA '10

What started out as a simple spring-cleaning opportunity in Western Illinois University's College of Business and Technology (CBT) resulted in a massive mound of books that will now end up in libraries rather than in a landfill.

At the end of the Spring 2011 semester, CBT Associate Dean **John Drea** set out an empty box in a Stipes Hall fourth-floor hallway on the WIU-Macomb campus to collect old textbooks.

"As a part of the reorganization of the college that began in 2010, we're moving some faculty offices around in Stipes Hall to put faculty from the same departments in proximity to one another. I thought some faculty members would likely want to clean out their offices during the moving process and get rid of some old textbooks they no longer wanted," Drea explained.

His hunch turned out to be right.

Soon, the box in the hall—which Drea had labeled with a sign indicating that the books would be donated to a charity—was overflowing. In the meantime, while researching a variety of options, Drea learned of an organization called Books4Cause, which collects textbooks, sells some of them to cover shipping costs and sends the rest to libraries in Africa, while recycling any that are damaged or have no value.

"I figured we'd collect a couple dozen books, feel good about keeping the books out of a landfill, and ship them off," he said.



CBT Associate Dean John Drea selects a text from the "wall" of textbooks donated to Books4Cause.

But the collection area had to be moved to a small room on the first floor of the building, eventually amounting to a stacked "wall" of thousands of books. In mid-June, faculty and staff volunteers helped load more than 100 boxes—approximately 3,000 books—to be delivered to the charity. The texts ranged from fiction novels to computer science manuals to duplicate copies of textbooks. Others were textbooks that, while perhaps only one or two years old, were no longer in line with course design.

"It's exciting to see the result of the faculty and campus community embracing the goal of social responsibility by keeping materials out of landfills and also helping others," Drea said.

Coming soon...



A group of WIU engineering technology students and one faculty member constructed a project last spring that they hope to get off the ground again this year—or, more specifically, on the track again—as part of an inventive new undertaking in the College of Business and Technology (CBT). Stay tuned for more information in the next issue of Western News.



Agriculture alumni benefit from GAST grant funds

"Currently there is a national shortage of agricultural educators at the secondary level." That's according to the "Teach Ag" campaign—an ongoing national effort sponsored by the National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE). Just as the NAAE's "Teach Ag" campaign has been on a mission at the national level to recruit and keep agricultural education teachers, Western Illinois University School of Agriculture's "Doc B." has also been on a mission in west central Illinois to instill the love of teaching agriculture—and continues to foster it among his students, old and new.

This summer and last, through the Growing Agricultural Science Teachers (GAST) grant program, Professor **Andrew Baker**—"Doc B." to his students—has been able to help a number of WIU alumni attend the NAAE's regional conference. According to Baker, the GAST grant funding is provided through the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and is directly linked to the four teacher-education institutions in the state (one of which is Western), as well as to the community colleges.

"Each participant received a travel stipend for attending the conference through the grant," Baker explained. "Each participant was able to accumulate half of his or her annual professional-development hours needed for state certification. One of the objectives of the grant is to assist in retention of beginning agriculture teachers in the state, and accumulating professional development assists teachers in retention," he added.

Baker noted that the GAST grant also provided funds for his former students to attend the Indiana FFA Leadership Camp in June. The five WIU alumni who attended this year included:

- **Matt Meyer '08**, (Stockton High School agriculture teacher; three years' experience)
- **Blaine Hartwick '08** (Triopia High School agriculture teacher; three years' experience)

- **Kami Kates '08**, (Astoria High School agriculture teacher; three years' experience)
- **Laura Belville '04**, (Liberty High School agriculture teacher; one year of experience)
- **Bryan Schullian '10**, (began as the Southeastern High School agriculture teacher fall 2011)

Belville noted the opportunity provided by the GAST monies and Baker provides new teachers with a great opportunity to travel and meet experienced teachers.

"Without the support of the GAST grant money from Dr. Baker, I would not have been able to attend. This money assists us with the traveling expense of such a conference," she said. "I was able to network with other ag teachers from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and Kentucky. There were many different ideas shared during several tours that we went on, which gave us great tools and knowledge that we will be able to use in the classroom."

In the summer of 2010, Baker was also awarded GAST funds that paid for nine secondary-level agricultural teachers and WIU alumni to attend NAAE's regional conference in Ohio. That year, Hartwick also benefitted from the grant funds and noted that he appreciated the support provided by his former instructor Doc B., as well as that of his alma mater.



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"In order to renew my teaching certificate, I have to earn 125 hours of continuing professional development hours (or CPD hours) a year during my first five years of teaching. That's 25 CPD hours per year, and through my attendance and participation in the NAAE conference, I was able to earn 12 of those hours. In three days, I received almost half of what I need for the year," Hartwick explained.

For more information about WIU's agricultural education program, contact Baker at (309) 298-1246 or AJ-Baker@wiu.edu. Learn more about the campaign at www.naae.org/teachag.

Retired urban forestry professor receives international award

Retired Western Illinois University Urban Forestry Professor **Tom Green '69 MS '72** has received the 2011 Alex L. Shigo Award for Excellence in Arboricultural Education from the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA). In the letter informing Green of his award, ISA Executive Director James Skiera noted the award "recognizes the important role that all forms of education play in enhancing the quality and professionalism of the arboriculture industry."

Alex Shigo was known as the "father of modern arboriculture," according to a Nov. 15, 2006, article posted on SFGate.com, the website of the San Francisco Chronicle. Shigo died Oct. 6 that year, and the article noted: "Shigo is famously said to have dissected a woodlot with a chainsaw and tweezers, and he certainly kindled a revolution in the care of trees in forests and in human spaces."

Green said he is especially honored to have been named the recipient of the 2011 Alex Shigo award, as he personally knew the "pioneer of tree-friendly pruning."

"I was fortunate to have known Dr. Shigo and be in the same vocation, tree pathology. I have been able to witness how he transformed the arboriculture profession,"



Tom Green '69 MS '72 (front row, third from left) and some who attended the tree-planting ceremony in honor of his contributions to WIU and to the School of Agriculture's urban forestry program, including having planted more than 100 trees that are now growing on the WIU-Macomb campus.

Green noted. "I am extremely fortunate to have had the opportunity to teach arboriculture to America's youth and future. Western Illinois University has many graduates working in the arboriculture industry. For over 17 years, I was able to place students in commercial, municipal and utility arboriculture jobs."

Green retired from Western in 2010. In October of that year, WIU Forestry Club members, which included Green's students, as well as urban forestry alumni, honored him with a tree-planting ceremony, at which they planted two Regal Prince hybrid oak trees, at Western's Horn Field Campus. Then WIU Forestry Club Vice President **Adam Engelskirchen '11** (Sugar Grove, IL) noted the Regal Prince hybrid oak has special importance to Green, as he is one of the authors of the description for this hybrid tree.

Green, who earned his B.S. in zoology in 1969, his M.S. in botany in 1971 (both from WIU) and his Ph.D. in plant pathology from Iowa State University in 1979, is responsible for planting more than 100 trees growing on the WIU-Macomb campus, the Harry Mussatto Golf Course and at the recreation, park and tourism (RPTA) department's Horn Field Campus.

Business and Technology



WIU student poses question to the President during his visit to her family's business

What is your family's business and how long has it been in existence?

Wyffels Hybrids is an agricultural business started by Bill Wyffels Sr., my grandfather's brother, and owned by my second cousins, Bill and Bob Wyffels. It has been in business for almost 100 years.

How did you learn of the Presidential visit? What were your reactions upon hearing this news?

I found out about the visit about a week before. My sister Abby '09 called my mother and explained how she heard about it from an old classmate, and then the news spread through Atkinson (IL) like wildfire. When we were waiting in line for tickets, Bob Wyffels said that the White House called the company and he hung up on them thinking it was a prank phone call. But they called back and explained that it truly was the White House. Nobody really believed that he was actually going to come to Atkinson, and I personally didn't believe it until the actual day of the event.

What kinds of preparations did you and your family make (if any) to get ready for this big day? What about Secret Service concern specifications?

I'm sure that they had to do deal with a lot of Secret Service because the whole town knew something was up when there were a lot of people in Lisa's Place eating in suits. As for me, I had just moved into WIU for band camp, but I was lucky to get to go back home to the special event. After the event, we tried to get back to Macomb fast enough but all the interstates were blocked because President Obama had just left. It was a pretty hectic two days.

Tell us about the day itself—what you saw, felt, and experienced?

We got up at 6:30 a.m. and we were all in line around 7:30 a.m. The whole town was buzzing. This was probably one of the biggest events in Atkinson history. The Wyffels Hybrids warehouse looked really nice. They did a wonderful job turning a warehouse full of seed corn into a stage for the President. It looked awesome. I remember telling my sister Megan that we were all going to get 'Punk'd' because it just seemed so unreal that the



Kelly Wyffels, left, and her sister, Megan, display their tickets to the Presidential Town Hall Meeting in their hometown of Atkinson (IL). President Obama spoke at the Wyffels Hybrids warehouse (above) in Atkinson, and called on Kelly Wyffels during a question-and-answer session.

President would pick a place like Atkinson for a Town Hall Meeting.

What were some of the highlights of this day for you?

I was just amazed at how down to earth President Obama seemed. He acted just like he was one of us in a very casual way. In my opinion, that is a very respectable trait. Some of my highlights of the day were of course asking him a question and also at the end, my sister and I both got to shake his hand, which I never thought would happen.

How did you get the chance to ask the President a question?

I was lucky enough to get called on when he was just randomly picking people in the crowd. I think I was the sixth person he called on, and I was really surprised when he said, "This young lady has been very patient." I remember pointing to myself mouthing "me?" because I was definitely stunned. I said I was from Atkinson and was related to Bob and Bill Wyffels. I stood up and said that I was a student at WIU and that I was a supply chain management (SCM) and French double major. I asked him what students should major in to get a job in today's economy. (My professor seems to think that SCM will have plenty of job opportunities). What I remember the President saying is that I will do great in whatever I do, and that he might be able to find me a job at the White House—by then I was laughing and I wasn't so nervous. He answered that some of the greatest fields to major in



are engineering, math and science, and of course SCM. At the end of his answer, he said that he was proud of me and then called on someone else. I was really quite happy with my answer.

Did you feel that anything about the President's speech tied in to your studies at WIU, or that he addressed your (or young peoples') concerns about the future?

I think that almost everything can be related to SCM. President Obama talked about how he wants to sell American-made cars in China. Selling anything includes the logistics and transportation side of SCM.

As college students, we hope to get a job sometime in the near future. My impression was that he is trying desperately to have more jobs available.

What will you remember most about the day?

President Obama left a great impression on me! He was not only down to earth, but also, seemed to address many of the problems in the economy and how he is trying to fix them. One great impression he left on me was that it seemed like he would be a great father because of how understanding and patient he was with crowd.

This was definitely an opportunity of a lifetime that I will get to tell to my children and grandchildren someday. I will definitely remember how the President looked me straight in the eye and said "You are going to do great in whatever you do" and later "I'm proud of you." Coming from the President of the United States, I cannot explain what the four words "I'm proud of you" mean to me.

Career week to prepare students for competitive job market

In today's fierce job market, competition is rising—especially in the business and technology sectors. To give students a better foothold in their post-graduation job search, the College of Business and Technology (CBT) organized a Career Week for Sept. 19-23.

"The week is full of activities that will focus students specifically on their job search," said **Jessica Harriger '05 MA '06**, assistant professor of economics and the event's faculty coordinator. "We've seen the numbers illustrating an unusually high level of competition among college graduates nationwide. It's imperative that our students be better than 'well prepared' for their next steps after graduation."

The week begins with leadership activities facilitated by the military science department. On Monday evening,

WIU's professional business fraternity, Delta Sigma Pi, will sponsor a campus-wide presentation by national speaker Adam Carroll titled "Your Dream Job is Waiting." A renowned expert on professional networking, Carroll will reveal the essential mindset that helps students springboard to career success.

Tuesday's agenda includes additional leadership activities and a presentation designed for freshman pre-business majors titled "From WIU's Classrooms to the Ups and Downs of the Business World" by CBT marketing alumnus and SHI account executive **Brenna Rounds '03**. In the evening, CBT students are invited to participate in a business etiquette dinner facilitated by **Sheryl Boston '83 MS-ED '03**, dietetics, fashion merchandising and hospitality associate professor.

The CBT student organizations also will compete in a case competition and present their solutions on Sept. 21, followed by two presentations by faculty experts on resume, career fair and interview preparation. Students will also be given the opportunity to participate in mock interviews with industry experts.

Other events include an etiquette meal and an ice cream social with CBT Dean **Tom Erikson**; and a Department of Accounting and Finance "Meet the Firms" Career Fair for students in accountancy and finance.

"We're pleased to provide this essential outreach to our students," noted Erikson. "Their impact on the world goes far beyond the borders of Western Illinois, and we want to ensure they are ready to meet the challenges of today's job economy."

International Business Study marks 16th year



Management Professor **Joe Dobson** and Marketing Professor **Mandeep Singh '86 MBA '87** led a study abroad trip to Europe in May. Dobson led the first trip in 1995 and has continued every year since, with a total of 251 students to date traveling in the summer cohort.

This year's group of 18 students visited landmarks and businesses in London and Paris.

In London, the group visited Kensington Gardens and Hyde Park, Piccadilly Circus, Leicester Square, Tower of London, Westminster Abbey, Trafalgar Square, National Gallery, Bank of England, St. Paul's Cathedral, Harrod's, Cambdentown, and Fuller's Brewery. The trip continued in Paris and the following sites: Opera district (Printemps, Les Galeries Lafayette), Notre Dame, St. Chappelle, IBM e-Business Centre, Versailles, Louvre, D'Orsay, Ryst-Dupeyron wine, and the Eiffel Tower.

Over the years, the students have commented on the amazing benefits of this trip.

Of this year's trip, senior management major **Jeffrey Brown** (Virginia, IL), said "I am from a really small town and getting around two major cities (one in which I did not even speak the language) has been great for my confidence!"

CBT faculty retirees

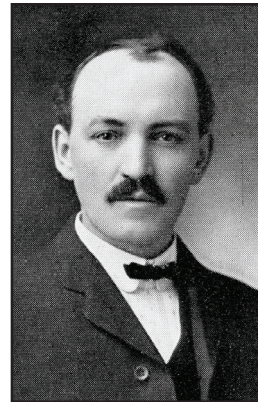
The College of Business and Technology congratulates the following faculty members on their retirements this year. Feel free to send them a note with your personal best wishes.

Bruce Engnell—Started at WIU in July 1967. Coordinator, University Farms. Oversaw multiple, national award-winning teams in livestock judging. BA-Engnell@wiu.edu

Tom Green '69 MS '72—Started teaching at WIU in August 1993. Led the forestry program in the School of Agriculture. TL-Green@wiu.edu

Gordon Roskamp '71—Started at WIU in September 1975. Professor in the School of Agriculture specializing in agronomy, crop science, and weed control. GK-Roskamp@wiu.edu

CBT dean maintains longtime connection with educators' conference



Lewis Burch, a faculty member at the Western Illinois State Teachers College, was among the 12 charter members of the conference, which has been bringing together technology teacher-education professionals from 20 states since the early 1900s.

were emerging and the debate concerning the scope and purposes for secondary education was heightened, Erekson explained.

"The debate included the role(s) of manual arts/training and vocational education in high schools," Erekson said. "Several key individuals on the East Coast felt that vocational education should be included for high school students, and funded by eliminating the general education-oriented manual arts programs and diverting the funds to cover the costs for vocational education. Manual arts professors in the Midwest were opposed to eliminating manual arts. Rather, they believed that all students could benefit from manual arts and that the program also provided a sound educational base for those who wanted to pursue vocational education."

The first meeting of the conference was held at Bradley Polytechnic Institute (now Bradley University) in Peoria (IL). The inaugural conference brought together a small but key group of manual arts leaders in the Midwest who were either involved in preparing manual arts teachers or who were school district supervisors.

Lewis Burch, a faculty member at Western Illinois State Teachers College, was among the 12 charter members, which also included officials from the University of Missouri, University of Illinois, Illinois State and other regional institutions. The conference was "not called to form a permanent organization but merely to help in the solution of problems of great importance," but it has continued for more than 100 years.

"It is a unique association, and through its members, the conference has had significant impacts on the profession," Erekson said.

The conference changed with the times as manual arts evolved into industrial arts through the 1960s and 70s.

For more than 100 years, technology educators from 20 states have gathered for the Mississippi Valley Technology Teacher Education Conference. WIU was an original member of the conference, which began in 1909, and every WIU chair for manual arts/industrial arts (now engineering technology department) since then has been a member of the conference. WIU's connection to the Mississippi Valley Conference has been strengthened by current College of Business and Technology (CBT) Dean, **Tom Erekson**, who serves as the seventh Life Chair of the conference.

The conference is the oldest association in the technology education profession. The seeds for the conference were sown in the early 1900s during a turbulent time in American education—a time when publicly funded high schools



"Manual arts" programs, as they were known at the time, provided a sound educational base for vocational education, according to Midwestern educators who argued for their value during a turbulent time in education.

"Then in the 80s we began having discussions that progressed beyond industrial arts and toward the technology and engineering education of today," Erekson said. "This progression holds true to the mission of the Conference—to facilitate debate on critical issues and problems about the teaching of technology—a mission that is as relevant today as it was in 1909."

Recent topics discussed and debated at Mississippi Valley have included integrated STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) education; infusing engineering content into K-12 schools; and the impact of disruptive technologies on higher education, to name a few. Presenters are "assigned" topics and papers by the Life Chair. Sessions generally include three hour-long presentations, followed by a thorough question-and-answer session, which provides extensive time to debate and hone ideas. The extensive Q/A component is often referred to as the "crucible" of the conference, where new ideas are often tested and refined prior to publication.

Membership in the conference is by nomination and election. While the membership rules have expanded some in recent years, generally, membership is limited to program administrators or leaders in one of the 20 Mississippi Valley states. Attendance is by invitation for non-members, and only members of the conference are allowed to ask questions and enter into the debates during the Q/A sessions.

"The conference does not take positions or pass resolutions, but there is evidence that through its history, this conference has done much for its members and the profession," Erekson said. "For example, the seeds for much of the professional and technical literature through the years have been planted and nurtured at the conference and many concepts for articles have been road-tested at conference sessions. Articles for refereed journals in our fields of interest are selected from presentations and thus receive worldwide dissemination."

Erekson noted that being elected as the seventh Life Chair of the conference in 1995 was "a great honor."

"Working at a founding institution enhances that connection," he added.

WIU Libraries to offer ‘Let’s Talk About It: Making Sense of the American Civil War’ series

University Libraries and the Department of History were selected to participate in the American Library Association (ALA) and National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) project, “Let’s Talk About It: Making Sense of the Civil War.” In commemoration of the Civil War Sesquicentennial this year, the “LTAI” reading and discussion series at University Libraries has been made possible through a grant from the NEH and the ALA. The grant provides University Libraries with 25 copies each of Geraldine Brooks’ Pulitzer Prize-winning novel “March,” James McPherson’s “Crossroads of Freedom: Antietam” and 50 copies of the anthology, developed by Edward Ayers, titled “America’s War: Talking About the Civil War and Emancipation on their 150th Anniversaries.”

The books are scheduled to arrive at University Libraries in mid-October. **Tim Roberts**, assistant professor of history at WIU, is the project scholar and will lead five discussions in the Leslie F. Malpass Library beginning in December, allowing time for users to read the books.

All discussions are open free to the public and will take place at 7 p.m. in the Leslie F. Malpass Library Garden Lounge. The schedule is as follows:

Thursday, Dec. 8: “Why Americans Supported the North or the South.” Roberts will lead a discussion on materials that show the complicated decisions and choices Americans faced at the war’s onset. Supporting or opposing the Union, and even knowing what issues the Union and its opponents stood for, were hardly easy paths to follow.

Thursday, Jan. 19 (2012): “How the War Crossed Boundaries of Race, Section, and Morality.” Utilizing the story of Mr. March, the main character of “March,” written by Geraldine Brooks, this session will discuss the war’s impact on individuals. “In our conversation about this book, we hope to consider some of the unusual social circumstances that the war created,” Roberts said. “For example, it created opportunities, but also called upon individuals to make their own choices for crossing boundaries of race, section and morality.”

Thursday, Feb. 9: “How the Civil War Affected African Americans.” The third conversation will focus on the battle of Antietam as one of the war’s “turning points,” as acclaimed historian James McPherson has emphasized in his scholarship. Antietam was a crossroads for many reasons. Had Robert E. Lee been able to keep the element of surprise, perhaps he would have fractured the

— Let’s Talk About It — MAKING SENSE OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR



The grant-funded series will offer discussions and readings focusing on topics ranging from the complexity of slavery to the social circumstances the war created.

Union forces of his counterpart George McClellan, or at least gained Maryland for the Confederacy; either case might have roused England to seek mediation between North and South, implicitly recognizing Southern independence. Had McClellan acted more quickly upon discovery of Lee’s written plans, on the other hand, he might have been able to destroy Lee’s unprepared army. As it happened, the outcome of the battle enabled President Lincoln to issue the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation, even though its reach was tenuous and popular support even in the North was uncertain. This conversation will focus on the contingencies of the Civil War, with “Crossroads of Freedom” as its focus.

Thursday, March 1: “How African Americans Affected the Civil War.” The readings from the anthology, edited by Edward L. Ayers, will be discussed for the fourth conversation, enabling participants to consider the complexities of slavery and emancipation as issues of strategic, moral, and nation-building significance. Participants may be surprised to read of Lincoln’s interest in colonization out of the U.S. of former slaves as one of several possibilities for the status of the freed people during the war. Yet this anthology also shows how African Americans took hold of their own fate. This discussion will conclude by weighing, on one hand, the jubilation among black Americans of emancipation from slavery, and, on the other, the complexities and struggle of the former slaves after the war.

Thursday, April 5: “The Battle of Shiloh and the War’s Legacy Today.” The final discussion will be devoted to the anthology of readings about the Battle of Shiloh. This conversation will consider how individuals’ different perspectives—different on account of partisanship during the war, and also different because of the passage of time since the war—shape our understanding of the Civil War today, and the war’s changing meaning as an historical event and a metaphor for other kinds of domestic conflicts in modern America. This challenging collection ranges from real-time remarks of the Confederate General Bragg through late 19th century memoirs of the participants Ulysses Grant and Ambrose Bierce to the late 20 century novel of Bobbie Ann Mason, in whose work the battle of Shiloh figures as a metaphor for a modern family’s hardship, jealousy and possibility for reconciliation.

For more information, contact **Tammy Sayles**, marketing and outreach librarian, at (309) 298-3298 or TJ-Sayles@wiu.edu.

Archives helps create permanent Hanson display in Western Hall



Alumni will now be able to view everything from Rock Hanson-related sports memorabilia to Hanson’s famous bowties in Western Hall.

The Archives and Special Collections Unit has partnered with WIU Athletics to create a permanent **Ray “Rock” Hanson** display in Western Hall.

Hanson was Western’s beloved athletic director from 1926-1964. Western’s mascot, Rocky the bulldog, was named after him, as was WIU’s athletic field. The display features Hanson’s World War II uniform and medals, which are owned by the Department of Athletics, as well as images of Hanson throughout his time at Western, sports memorabilia and some of Ray’s famous bowties.

“The display is a collaborative effort between University Libraries and the Department of Athletics,” said **Heather Richmond**, assistant archivist. “Ray Hanson was a legend on campus and it’s a wonderful opportunity to share his memorabilia in a positive and visible way.”

Donations are always welcome

The University Libraries welcome gifts in all forms, including materials, Western Illinois University artifacts and memorabilia and monetary. Gifts of materials can be directed to **Greg Phelps ’93** at (309) 298-2730 or via e-mail at 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. All other donations, including monetary and planned giving should be directed to **Phyllis Self** at (309) 298-2762.



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Information received will be published in the next edition of Western News only if any of the following has 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.

— WIU Alumni Programs

1933

Marjorie Rich Bordner '36, Canton, was recently honored for her 40 year membership of the Amaquonsippi Chapter National Daughters of the American Revolution.

1968

Cheryl Young Lauterbach, Bloomington, is retired from State Farm Insurance.

Rob Lauterbach, Bloomington, is a retired consultant for State Farm Reinsurance. (rlau@comcast.net)

1970

Randal Nieders, Chesterfield, MO, is president and owner of DACO of Missouri, Inc. (rjnieders@att.net)

1973

Debi Cooper, Rolling Meadows, is a teaching assistant at Whiteley Elementary School in Hoffman Estates. (debicooper333@gmail.com)

Linda Gryziecki, Mundelein, recently retired from the Deerfield Park District. (lgryziecki@hotmail.com)

Philip Vena, Downers Grove, is the founder of www.Buy-Axolotls.com. (pvena@buy-axolotls.com)

1975

Matt Burger, Sullivan, has retired from the Cerro Gordo School District. (mburger49@gmail.com)

Karen Mowers MS-ED '81, Geneseo, was recently named the Geneseo Alliance of Ladies 2011 "Woman of the Year."

Leonard Richer, Phoenix, NY, has retired after 35 years with the Onondaga County Sheriff's office as a police officer and helicopter pilot in Syracuse.

1976

Umberto Davi, Willowbrook, is a principal in the Western Springs law firm of Davi and Associates and has been re-elected to a three-year term on the Board of Governors of the Illinois State Bar Association.

Bob Flowers, Carlinville, has retired as director of guidance at Carlinville High School.

Carla Schanstra, Oswego, is a technical content writer for Health Care Services Corporation. (laross98@aol.com)

John Wysocki, Venice, FL, is a logistic/warehouse manager for King Plastic Company in North Port. (jrwyssocki@hotmail.com)

1977

David Campbell MS, La Crosse, WI, is a clinic manager for Gundersen Lutheran Health System in Sparta. (djcampbe@gundluth.org)

Roberta Nelson Coffee, Woodridge, is a substitute teacher for Center Cass School District and received her master's degree in Special Education from NIU in December 2010. (bcoffee3@sbcglobal.net)

Jon Kranov, Ottawa, is the president of Ottawa Savings Bank.

Renee Glasco Kranov, Ottawa, is a retired registered nurse.

Len Swatkowski MS '82 MBA '88, Boca Raton, FL, is the technical director for Plumbing Manufacturers International in Rolling Meadows, IL.

Theresa Kocemba Wcislo, Dublin, OH, is an international accountant for Smiths Medical. (terry.wcislo@smiths-medical.com)

1978

Judy Christa-Cathey, Memphis, TN, is vice president of global brand marketing for Hilton Garden Inn and Hampton Hotels. (jchristacathey@gmail.com)

Thomas Fleming, Flossmoor, recently retired from the Village of Park Forest Police Department.

Randall Mudge, St. Paul, MN, is a consultant for Project Consulting Group in Minneapolis. (randymudge@yahoo.com)

Merle Muller, Sioux City, IA, recently joined the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine in Quincy as an assistant professor of family and community medicine. He is also a member of SIU HealthCare and on the medical staff at the school's Family Medicine Center in Quincy.

1979

Patrick Carlson, Darien, is the owner of Patrick Carlson Insurance in Oak Brook. (pccarlson@mafcompanies.com)

Scott Kasik, Barrington, is principal of Downers Grove North High School.

Tom Szczurek, Brecksville, OH, is president of Stage Capital and CEO of Solstice Sleep Products.

1980

Christopher Barker III MS '82, Dallas, TX, has retired as a teacher for the Garland Independent School District. (csbarkeriii@att.net)

Karen Connolly Eiten, Peru, is the associate circuit judge for LaSalle County.

Kirk Salmela MA '84, Ft. Collins, CO, is principal of Buchanan Middle School in Wray. (ksalmela@wrayschools.org)

1982

Marcia Wagler Bickel, Denver, CO, is the office manager and staff accountant for Colorado League of Charter Schools.

Robert Conè, Kewanee, has published his first novel "Thirty Days Hath September."

1983

John Cinnamon, Greenwood, IN, is the owner of CruiseOne. (jlcinnamon@aol.com)

Nashville Alumni & Friends Social

Union Station, May 10



Seated, l-r: Bill McLaughlin '82, Matt Robins '03 and Dennis Papini '79. Standing, l-r: Mike Orr '82, Marie Papini '05, Nicki Fosdyck Robins '03, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Brian O'Connell and President Jack Thomas.

Memphis Alumni & Friends Event

Memphis Redbirds vs. Sacramento River Cats Social & Baseball Game

AutoZone Park, May 11

**Portland Alumni & Friends Social**

BridgePort Brew Pub, May 19



Seated, l-r: Jason Mercury '06, Jenny Locarno '01, Kathleen Harriott '02, Phyllis Schehl Bass '46, Carol Presbitero Young '73, Alice Robison Berntson '74 and Robin Hewitt '84. Standing, l-r: Doug Wright '97, Barrie March, Jim Selby '63 '66, Betty Westerlund Selby, John Knowles '77, William Young '73, Tom Berntson '74 and Joel Haugen '80.

Monica Gavino, Mt. Prospect, is an associate professor at Saint Xavier University, Graham School of Management in Chicago. (gavino@sxu.edu)

Jay Hurder, Freeport, is the new principal at Abingdon High School.

Scot Steinheiser, Mundelein, became the associate director of corporate compliance for Astellas US LLC in April 2011. (scot.steinheiser@yahoo.com)

1984

Michael Gray, Chesterfield, MO, is vice president of operations for Ascension Health.

1986

Lisa Smith Olson, Cincinnati, OH, is a QA/QC director for Shepherd Chemical Company in Norwood.

Robert Olson, Cincinnati, OH, is a sales engineer in the Midwest US for Maier America in Norcross, GA. (rolson4@cinci.rr.com)

1987

Tom Miller, Peoria, earned an MS in Park & Resource Management from Slippery Rock University in May 2011 and is a manager for Sommer Park with the Peoria Park District. (otter1964@yahoo.com)

Katherine Walker MS, Macomb, has been appointed the new director of the Galena/Jo Daviess Convention & Visitors Bureau.

1988

Todd Auer MS '94, Chadron, NE, is assistant football coach and defensive coordinator for Chadron State College. (tauer@csc.edu)

Michael Botterman, Crystal Lake, is a detective sergeant for the Wauconda Police Department.

Christopher Cate, Niota, TN, is a CMM/Calibration lab technician for Manufacturing Industrial Group in Athens. (c.l.cate@hotmail.com)

James Smith, Burlington, IA, retired on July 31, 2011, after 37 years with Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad.

1989

Caryn Jakielski, Joliet, is director of corporate education partnerships at University of St. Francis. (cjakielski@stfrancis.edu)

Brian Scanlon, Chicago, is a staff attorney with the Cook County Public Defenders Office in the Domestic Violence Unit. (brian.scanlon@cookcounty.il.gov)

Greg Smith, Ft. Madison, IA, is a principal at Ft. Madison High School.

1991

Robert Remedi MS '93, Gurnee, is a biology professor at the College of Lake County and has received the Illinois Community College Trustees' Association's 2011 Outstanding Full-Time Faculty Member Award.

Darlynn Terry, Broadview, is principal of Farragut Elementary School.

1992

Steve Stolbom, Normal, is a senior reimbursement specialist for Dynasplint Systems, Inc. (ssolbom@dynasplint.com)

1993

Bradley Bonner MS '97, Galesburg, is a driver for Gatehouse Media and works part-time as a front desk rep for Best Western. (bigredbonner@hotmail.com)

Blaine Bumsted, Charleston, SC, is a supervisory officer for Customs and Border Protection. (btbumsted@hotmail.com)

Dan Laverty, Naperville, is principal of Hubert Humphrey Middle School.

John Shaw, Jr., Maumee, OH, is the Toledo branch manager for Peter D. Hart Research Associates, Inc. (johnshaw71@aol.com)

David Wackenhut, Bloomington, is a senior director of operations in the central region of Andrews International in Downers Grove. (dwackenhut@andrewsinternational.com)

1994

Doug Arrowsmith MS, Ankeny, IA, is an assistant director of facilities for recreation services at Iowa State University. (darrows@iastate.edu)

Steven Goodman, Pingree Grove, is a project manager for Nielsen Company in Schaumburg.

1995

Joan Madigan Hoschek MS-ED '00 ED SP '10, Knoxville, is principal of King Elementary School.

1997

Mishelle Banas, Monmouth, is the director of academic support programs at Monmouth College. (mishelleb@gmail.com)

Seattle Alumni & Friends Social Redhook Ale Brewery, May 20



Seated, l-r: Ron Gierhan, Sharon Gierhan, Margaret Flanagan Glenn '74, Vicki Huttenhoff '76, Eric Thomas '92, Johnny Jefferson '84 and Judy Hurdelbrink. Standing, l-r: Tim Pigatto '82, Helen Davidson Jacobson '70, Bob Jacobson '69, Thomas Glenn '75, Scott Douglas '80, Tom Hurdelbrink '77, Tom Miller '73 '74, Bob Wojcik '71 and Dubois McDavis '88.

New York Alumni & Friends Social Latitude Bar & Grill, June 8



Front row, l-r: Lila Gardner, Anna Johnson, Luzeria Dos-Santos '98, Faculty Emeritus Maurine Fisk Magliocco '68, Shirley Chan '70 and Susan Lamberson Singley '03. Middle row, l-r: Jacqueline Nichols '64, Roberta Adams Tyson, Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Jim Shipp '65, Linda Oprian, Virginia Ewing Leonard, President Emeritus Al Goldfarb and Clinton Singley '03. Back row, l-r: Faculty Emeritus Bruce Gardner, President Jack Thomas, Jerry Tyson, John Longley, Assistant Professor Carol Longley, Faculty Emeritus Chuck Oprian, Warren Brown '92 '97, Steve Sraga '04 and Gary Schideman '65.

Steven Braun, Papillion, NE, is a nuclear operations analyst with the Department of Defense at Offutt Air Force Base. (sbraun1075@cox.net)

Jennifer Golm Dixon, Western Springs, is a custom consumer analytics manager for Symphony IRI in Chicago. (jgolm2@aol.com)

John Doonan MBA, Plainfield, has been promoted to director of Mazda Motorsports.

Janet Menconi Rorrer, Charleston, WV, is an assistant professor of biology at the University of Charleston.

Lori Brown Vincent, Hibbing, MN, is a transportation program specialist II for the Minnesota Dept. of Transportation in St. Paul. (lori.vincent@state.mn.us)

Aaron Woodruff, Colfax, is chief of the Illinois State University Police Department.

Douglas Wright MS, Philadelphia, PA, is an assistant vice president of the athletic department at Drexel University.

1998

Mark Ostap MA '02, Antioch, is an assistant superintendent for Antioch School District 34.

1999

Christina Malo Dam, Johnsbury, is a home educator for Activation Fitness. (christina_mdama@hotmail.com)

Justin Davis MM '09, Greensboro, NC, is a doctoral conducting associate at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and

was recently honored as one of six conducting students accepted into the advanced track program of the 2011 Band Pedagogy and Conducting Workshop at the University of Michigan. (jdavis75@me.com)

Jill Styx, Chicago, is an assistant property manager for ZRS Management.

2000

Keri Johnson Allison MS '04, Macomb, is an academic advisor at Western Illinois University. (kl-allison@wiu.edu)

Daniel Calhoun MS, Statesboro, GA, is an assistant professor for the Department of Leadership, Technology and Human Development at Georgia Southern University.

Tricia Wallin Campbell, Kansas City, KS, is a social worker for SouthernCare Hospice. (triciajoy78@gmail.com)

Joseph Leonas MA, S. Elgin, is the deputy chief for the Village of Bartlett Police Department.

Joshua McGuire, Richardson, TX, is the Fine Arts Department chair at Sachse High School and was named Teacher of the Year in 2010. (joshua_mcguire@hotmail.com)

Arman Sheffey, Round Lake Beach, is an academic advisor for Ombudsman Educational Services in Libertyville. (sheffey@gmail.com)

2001

Bridget Schroeder Good, Milford, became a National Board Certified teacher in November 2010, earned a Master's

Washington D.C. Alumni & Friends Social Capitol City Brewing Company, June 9



L-r: Quin Lucie, Allison Bianchini, President Jack Thomas, Thomas Koschwanez '06, Ashley Thompson, Jodie Paustian '79, Laura Bon Durant '88 '93, Amy Vokes, Carmen Kent Bruner '91 and Bryan Schafer '09.



Seated, l-r: Lacey Allaman Roderick '03, Lakeisha Williams Steele '04, Brenna Gingrich, Kristin Leighty '10, Mary Ann McGee '72, Monika Wesolowski '02, Allison Bianchini, Andrea Lucie '04 and Greg Roth '09. Standing, l-r: Seth Roderick '99, Derek Steele '03, Chris Riley '10, Barbara Hughes Wertman '73, Chrissy Smith, Bob Klannukarn '90, David James '87, Bryan Schafer '09, Kirk Hanlin '82, Jesse Goodpasture '08, Jordan Liles, Tucker Copi, Joe Haferman '09 and Brandon Dykema '09.

Certificate and is a physical education teacher for the Milford Grade School. (goodb@milford.k12.il.us)
Mum Ros Martens MS '03, Lake Villa, is senior manager of employment and training at Oakton Community College.
Michael Renne, Jamestown, NC, is a teacher for Asheboro City Schools.
Kate Schander, Peoria, is a registered dietician for Apria Healthcare.

2002

Patrick DeForest, Fort Eustis, VA, is a STT officer in the US Army. (pdefo@hotmail.com)
Craig Rueschhoff MS, Des Moines, IA, is a marketing director for R & R Realty Group.
Timothy Sanders, Hanscom AFB, MA, has taken command of RTS-Maintenance at Fort Devens.
Brad Walsh, Kansas City, KS, is a senior business analyst for the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City.

2003

Katie Bosio MS, Flint, MI, is a director of residence life at Kettering University. (kbosio@gmail.com)
Amy Ascher Hodges, Normal, is an office manager for Bard Optical. (adhodges1@hotmail.com)

2004

Jason Remick, Winfield, is co-owner of J & J Remick Construction LLC and J & J Remick Farms LLC.
Ryan Rump MAT, Ft. Madison, IA, is the activities director for the Keokuk School District.

2005

Lindsey Ledet Ballschmiede, Aurora, is a quality assurance auditor for Concentra Medical Centers in Lombard.
Toby Lannholm MS, Galesburg, is a branch supervisor for the Knoxville branch of Heartland Bank and Trust Company.
Bridget Dhom Phillips, Jacksonville, is the executive director for institutional advancement at MacMurray College.
Shelley Rigg, Macomb, is a real estate loan officer for MidAmerica National Bank.
Mike Ruplinger, St. Louis, MO, was recently promoted to branch administration manager at Scottrade.
Andrew Sherwood MS, Portland, OR, is an associate director of alumni relations at the University of Portland. (sherwood@up.edu)

2006

Chelsea Crabtree Blake, Neponset, is a global marketing specialist for Martin Engineering. (schelsectree@yahoo.com)
John Blake, Neponset, is an insurance agent for Community State Bank.
Jessica Jones, Chicago, is an administrative coordinator for Advanced Resources.
John Matlick, Princeton, is a physical education teacher for the Bureau Valley School District.
Steve Sowers MS '07, Carbondale, is the assistant athletic director for marketing for the Southern Illinois University Salukis. (ssowers@siu.edu)

Ashley Voiles, Edwardsville, is a legal secretary and paralegal for SmithAmundsen LLC in St. Louis, MO.

2007

William Brattain Honorary Alumni, Colchester, has recently published a book entitled "Entertainment in the Heartland: Some Humorous Memories and Random Thoughts." (brattain@winco.net)
Dyanna Daniels, Downers Grove, is the owner and director of DLD Dance Center. (info@dlddancecenter.com)
Megan Smiddy Moon, Longmont, CO, is an RD & certified health coach with Take Shape for Life. (mes121@hotmail.com)
Danielle Nied MS, St. Louis, MO, is assistant director for housing and residence life at St. Louis University. (danielle.nied@gmail.com)

2008

Matthew Archambault, Chicago, is a management assistant for Enterprise Rent-a Car in Lombard. (m.arch1541@gmail.com)
Dustin Hodges, Normal, is a loss reporting unit supervisor for Country Financial in Bloomington. (dc21h@yahoo.com)
Todd Maynard, Manlius, is employed with Advanced Asphalt in Princeton.
Diana Wells Novak MS-ED, Burlington, IA, is the orchestra director, head girls' swim coach and assistant boys' swim coach at Burlington High School.
Kyle Schulte, Burlington, IA, is a construction manager for Cargill Pork LLC.
Matthew Tombaugh MS, Flagstaff, AZ, is the area coordinator for upper division halls at Northern Arizona University.

2009

Rebecca Cnota, Carpentersville, is a probation officer for community restitution services of Kane County in St. Charles.
Andrew Darst, Sierra Vista, AZ, is a border patrol agent with the Department of Homeland Security.
Kathryn Lyphout, E. Moline, is the band director for the Carlinville Middle School and High School.
Raegan Christy Schulte, Burlington, IA, is an elementary school counselor for the Mediapolis School District.
Ron Scott, Burlington, NC, is an assistant manager for Hibbett Sports. (rscott_70@yahoo.com)

2010

Tim Atwell MS-ED, Atkinson, is the athletic director for Kewanee High School. (atwelltim@hotmail.com)
Daniel Carroll, Palos Heights, is a financial services representative for The Premier Wealth Group.
Jacqueline Gargaro, Chicago, is a new media coordinator for KeyStrokes Transcription Service, Inc. in Yorkville. (jacqueline.gargaro@gmail.com)
Jessica Johnson Gregory, Burlington, works in accounting and purchasing at Federal-Mogul.
Lisa Harrington MS-ED, Davenport, IA, is associate principal at Keokuk High School.
Mandi Hulme MS, Omaha, NE, is a resident director for Creighton University. (mandihulme@creighton.edu)
Stephanie Seager Nagrocki, Ft. Madison, IA, is an account

manager for Team Staffing Solutions in Keokuk.
Don Schwartzkopf MA, Yorkville, is deputy chief of the Yorkville Police Department.
Corry Spies MS-ED, Blue Grass, IA, is principal of Colorado Elementary School in Muscatine.

2011

Jenna Bounds Hart, Rock Island, is employed with Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center in Davenport.

Marriages and Civil Unions

Jenna Bounds '11 and **Jonathan Hart**, June 18, 2011.
Raegan Christy '09 and **Kyle Schulte '08**, June 11, 2011.
Michael Cooper '05 and **Claire Willms**, July 23, 2011.
Sean Downey '08 and **Casey Schave**, July 30, 2011.
Erin Entwistle '02 MS '04 and **Matt St. Germain MS '04**, July 2, 2011.
Derek Gibb '10 and **Carianna Cottone**, Aug. 13, 2011.
Lacey Grafton '04 MS-ED '10 and **Chris Ellis**, July 16, 2011.
Jessica Johnson '10 and **Alexander Gregory**, June 11, 2011.
Amanda Lenz '03 and **Douglas Smith**, June 11, 2011.
John Matlick '06 and **Erin Snyder**, June 25, 2011.
Todd Maynard '08 and **Dana Rod**, June 18, 2011.
Kathleen McTaggart '07 and **Kregg Barney**, July 3, 2011.
Barbara Oetken '11 and **Kyle Krieger**, July 30, 2011.
Derek Prather '07 and **Jessica Hagie**, Jan. 15, 2011.
Jason Remick '04 and **Lindsay Evans**, June 18, 2011.
Craig Rueschhoff MS '02 and **Brenna Larsen**, July, 2011.
Stephanie Seager '10 and **Ryan Nagrocki**, May 28, 2011.
Jamie Skjoldager '04 and **Jacob Coan**, June 17, 2011.
Amy Spirek '04 and **Rob Barberio**, June 18, 2011.
Samantha Stanuszek '04 and **Carl Duncan**, Aug. 27, 2011.
Brandon Tomlin '07 and **Ashley Parrish**, Oct. 1, 2011.
Keeli VanHouten '07 and **Kyle Lindmark '06**, Aug. 6, 2011.
Brad Walsh '02 and **Angela Cruse**, July 9, 2011.
Diana Wells MS-ED '08 and **Eric Novak**, May 29, 2011.
Erin Woodside '10 and **Roberto Mafra**, June 25, 2011.

Births and Adoptions

Stephene Lewis Aden '04 and **Michael Aden '02**, a daughter, Zoey Eliza, Mar. 24, 2011.
Lindsey Ledet Ballschmiede '05 and **Brandon**, a daughter, Eliza June, Apr. 1, 2011.
Chelsea Crabtree Blake '06 and **John Blake '06**, a son, Easton, Mar. 27, 2011.
Dawn Bohlmann '03, twins, a daughter, Campbell Larkin and a son, Sonny Reiter, May 17, 2011.
Jennifer Golm Dixon '97 and **Peter**, a son, Andrew Robert, Jan. 2, 2011.
Andi Frieden '96 and **Joe Gulley**, twin sons, John Solomon and Caleb Ezekiel, May 11, 2011.
Steven Goodman '94 and **Jessica**, a daughter, Madison Gale, July 26, 2010.
Kelly Christian Hamilton '99 and **Mark Hamilton '97**, a daughter, Eileen Veda Marie, Apr. 10, 2011.
Melanie Holub Isaacs MA '11, a son, Charlie, June 12, 2011.
Mum Ros Martens '01 MS '03, a son, Quinn Mercedes, Mar. 11, 2011.

Naperville Alumni & Friends Social BlackFinn American Saloon, June 10



L-r: Kim Nardi Rowe, Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Tom Nardi '76, Brett Nardi and Marc Rowe.



Seated, l-r: Sheila Savage '03, Jacinda Au '80, Kevin Froehlich '05, Wayne Miyata '79, Rich Guerine '72, Paul Gentile '72 and Katie Savage '09. Standing, l-r: Alumni Council member Brian Savage '73, Mary Stoeger '04, Ray Nutter '04, Colleen Savage, Taiqin Dong '96 '98, Dan Meachum, Lauren Hoge Meachum '77, Scott Bradley '09, Carol Frighetto Kuczkowski '79, Joe Siwek '90, Jim Beno '88 '90, Paul Connery '73, Mike Mongoven '09 and Alumni Council member Carol Lewis Scott '70.



L-r: Earl Jandacek '73, Director of Alumni Programs Amy Spelman '98 and Bob O'Toole '73 '74.



Seated, l-r: Colleen Seick '02, Tricia Tortorich Sportsman '02 '04, Karen Benson-Hutton '81, Jim Hutton '81, Madonna Davis Marks '81, Ken Marks and Mary Carlson Brennan '81. Standing, l-r: Cliff Paul, Nick Matuck '81, Dave Becker '82, Glenn Holmes '76, Mary Motyka '11, Lauren Riley '11, Ken Eichwald '80 '81, Adrienne Arquette, Ernest Hanisch '80, Deb Novotny Carter '75, Kelly Carter '09, Alumni Council member Jim Carter '75, Merridee Miller Ensweiler '78, Carol Klier Roth '78 and Jim Norris '73.

Cheryl Parmley Miller '00 and **Jeffrey Miller '00**, a son, Luke Abraham, Apr. 25, 2011.

Whitney Monninger Mohr '92 and **Matthew Mohr '94**, a son, Samuel Thomas, Mar. 7, 2011.

Laura Friese Pittenger '00 and Andrew, a daughter, Addyson Deanna, Apr. 14, 2011.

Chad Prentice '04 and Megan, a daughter, Meredith Grace, May 3, 2011.

Michael Renne '01, a daughter, Madelyn, May 16, 2011.

Sandy Ziesak-Serrano '01 and Jose, twins, a daughter, Trista and a son, Trae, Sept. 10, 2010.

Deaths

Kathryn Acklam, Bushnell, Apr. 20, 2011.

E. Joan Ausbury, Macomb, Feb. 21, 2011.

Helen Dutton Bartell, La Prairie, Jan. 22, 2011.

Ellen L. Marlow Bennett, Carthage, July 4, 2011.

Claude W. Billingsly, Macomb, May 4, 2011.

Joan Bouslog, Macomb, May 2, 2011.

Carroll Caldwell, Chelsea, MI, Jan. 22, 2011.

A. Duane Clugston, Gilbert, AZ, May 27, 2011.

Lee A. Cross, Eaton, OH, Mar. 23, 2011.

Muriel A. Myers Curry, Griggsville, June 26, 2011.

Royce M. Davis, Avon, May 16, 2011.

Roy R. Grindstaff, Macomb, Feb. 22, 2011.

Inez M. Hayden, Plymouth, Mar. 20, 2011.

Harold A. Henninger, Macomb, Apr. 30, 2011.

Kenneth H. "Ken" Huey, Phoenix, AZ, July 7, 2010.

Willard Kautz, Geneva, Nov. 11, 2010.

Lloyd R. Laird, Watseka, July 3, 2009.

Howard E. Lindsey, Macomb, June 24, 2011.

Ardis L. Lovell, La Harpe, Feb. 22, 2011.

Glenn T. McDonnell, Evergreen Park, Oct. 9, 2006.

Betsy J. Nudd, Macomb, May 5, 2011.

Thomas L. "Tom" Nutt, Carthage, June 25, 2011.

Dorothy S. "Dottie" Pederson, Macomb, July 14, 2011.

Darlene M. Cahoy Pibal, Omaha, NE, Dec. 1, 2010.

Myron H. Raymer, Macomb, June 27, 2011.

Linda E. Slater, Bushnell, May 14, 2010.

Melvin Twaddle, Macomb, May 5, 2011.

Douglas W. Wylie, Macomb, May 3, 2011.

1928 Edna L. Pool Sage, Goleta, CA, Mar. 4, 2011.

1929 Ruby C. Adams Baca, Albany, GA, Nov. 23, 2010.

1930 Vivian L. Noble Huston, Aledo, May 19, 2011.

1930 Alleyne Burton Phillips, W. Burlington, IA, June 6, 2011.

1931 Florine F. Luckel Law '61, Camp Point, Mar. 27, 2011.

1934 Elizabeth B. Bobbitt Canterbury '68, Vandalia, OH, Mar. 18, 2011.

1935 Carrie M. Anderson Horine, Tempe, AZ, Mar. 17, 2011.

1937 Wilma L. Huggins Lauz'e '57, Milwaukee, WI, Aug. 25, 2010.

1939 Martha L. Hillyer Richert, Kankakee, May 28, 2011.

1939 Margaret A. Holscher Watson, New London, IA, Mar. 7, 2011.

1940 Maxene G. Petit Brooks, Rock Island, May 30, 2011.

1940 Grace C. Goodwin Kaloyios MA '72, Tarpon Springs, FL, Sept. 24, 2010.

1940 Mary E. Martin Mealiff, Belleville, Apr. 28, 2011.

1940 Dorothy E. Parkins Tierney '61, Osage Beach, MO, Dec. 23, 2010.

1940 Miriam A. Adams Townsend, Coquille, OR, Aug. 20, 2006.

1941 Helen L. Arne, Malta, Jan. 16, 2011.

1941 Henrietta F. Frank Merrow, W. Salem, Apr. 10, 2011.

1942 Vivian L. Hall Chandler, Carlinville, Sept. 20, 2010.

1943 Frances V. Rentschler Terry, Safety Harbor, FL, Apr. 20, 2011.

1944 Lily A. Rasmussen Cherry, Geneseo, Mar. 4, 2011.

1944 M. Margaret Jones Ford, Marietta, GA, Mar. 9, 2011.

1946 Jay J. Schaff, Scottsdale, AZ, Jan. 13, 2010.

1947 Francis W. Huff MS-ED '51, Macomb, July 18, 2011.

1949 James A. Wiechman MSE, Rantoul, Mar. 20, 2009.

1950 Kathryn M. "Kay" Benson Griffin, Urbandale, IA, Dec. 23, 2010.

1950 Cherril D. Myers Milligan, Azle, TX, Feb. 10, 2010.

1950 Norma J. "Nikki" Godsil Mummert, Macomb, May 3, 2011.

1950 Eva L. Mosher Porter, Hamilton Square, NJ, Jan. 30, 2011.

1950 Zelma P. Shiff Ridgely, Walnut Creek, CA, June 4, 2011.

1951 Martha A. Brown Allen, Smithshire, July 10, 2011.

1951 Edward L. Lemon MS-ED, Moline, Oct. 2, 2010.

1953 Frank N. Clark, Jr. MA '71, Rockford, Feb. 2, 2011.

1953 Ted F. Hoffman, Elk Grove Village, May 27, 2011.

1953 Robert J. Neuneker, La Grange, June 7, 2011.

1954 James H. Meredith, Cincinnati, OH, Nov. 25, 2010.

1955 Raymond J. Pearson MS-ED '58, Rock Island, July 16, 2011.

1956 Wilbur T. Waite, Fullerton, CA, Dec. 1, 2009.

1957 Richard C. "Dick" Dickason MS-ED '58, Sarasota, FL, May 11, 2011.

1957 Richard D. Hamilton MS-ED '64, Springfield, Feb. 12, 2011.

1957 Garold Roberts, Jr., Batavia, Feb. 14, 2008.

1959 Wilbur A. Miner MS-ED '64, Joliet, Oct. 24, 2010.

1959 Mary A. Ray Pauley, Mackinaw, Aug. 14, 2008.

1959 Barbara Ralston Swalley, Newark, DE, Apr. 26, 2011.

1960 Barbara J. Dodsworth Heap, Mukilteo, WA, June 29, 2011.

1961 Eugenia K. Johnson Klint, Eugene, OR, May 10, 2009.

1961 Eleanor E. Clark Mead, Lees Summit, MO, July 10, 2011.

1963 Marcia M. Doran Ballard MS-ED '73, E. Peoria, Jan. 6, 2011.

1963 Marvin R. Barber, Lancaster, CA, Jan. 17, 2011.

1963 Mary Fran Cushing Coultas, Charlotte, NC, June 17, 2011.

1963 Josephine A. Warszalek Skill, Peotone, June 1, 2011.

1963 George Zavadil, New Smyrna Beach, FL, May 14, 2009.

1964 Richard T. Pierce, Quincy, Jan. 14, 2011.

1964 Bette C. Craddock Zander, Industry, Mar. 9, 2011.

1966 Richard L. Duty MS-ED, Leawood, KS, Jan. 17, 2011.

1968 Vanita E. Bane Jeffery, Macon, MO, Sept. 9, 2010.

1968 Charles E. "Gene" Rodeffer, Chandler, AZ, July 20, 2011.

Denver Alumni & Friends Event Colorado Rockies vs. Chicago White Sox Pregame Social & Baseball Game

Wynkoop Brewing Company, Coors Field, June 29



L-r: Ralph Schmitt '76, Judy Slezak Schmitt '77, Bob Petzold '78, Charlene Hersee, Tim Hersee '77, Ted Garfield '84, Kayla Garfield, Alumni Achievement Award recipient John Gay '69, Mary Jeanne Benner-Knopp '79 and Elaine Gay.



L-r: Kathy Kozak Jackel '70, Larry Jackel '71 '72, Amanda Lopez '08, Greg Packer, Erika VanHamme '08, George Houchens '70, Carol Lindsey Johnson '79, Heather Cherry, Matthew Swearingen '93 and Vanessa Roux '04.



L-r: Ted Stuko '73, Rick Ricketts, Steve Struck '99, David Holcomb '93, Tom Meyer, Linda Johnson Meyer '82, Bob Rozen '73 and Willie Virtue '74.

Leslie F. Malpass



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WIU's seventh president, **Leslie F. Malpass**, 88, passed away in March at his home in Durham, NC.

During his 13-year presidency (1974-1987), Malpass emphasized faculty research, encouraged the publication of journals, sought private funding and promoted greater service to the region. He also supervised construction of the architecturally notable University Library, which was built to house

the growing collection of books and to provide more workspace for students and faculty. The University Library opened Sept. 5, 1977. On March 2, 2001, the WIU Board of Trustees renamed the library in his honor, and on Oct. 19, 2001, the building was re-dedicated as the Leslie F. Malpass Library.

In President Malpass' tenure, the University academic calendar changed from quarters to semesters, and the number of international students attending WIU increased to more than 800. Malpass helped establish a microwave television system on campus, linking several institutions across the state to share faculty expertise and courses and bring public television to the area. His early commitment to education outreach through

television helped advance Western's leadership role in technology and distance learning. The Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs (IIRA), which is a nationally recognized research and policy agency for rural economic issues, also was created at Western through executive order of the governor.

Malpass was active in the community, assisting in the creation of the Macomb Area Industrial Development Corporation—now Macomb Area Economic Development Corporation (MAEDCO)—and working with the city of Macomb and McDonough District Hospital to foster a public-private economic partnership for the community. He was active in the Salvation Army and brought the 1985 Salvation Army International Youth Congress of several thousand young people to Western's campus.

In 2001 he and his wife Winona, who helped start the hospice program at McDonough District Hospital, served as Grand Marshals of Western's 78th Homecoming Parade.

Malpass received his B.A. (1947), M.A. (1949) and Ph.D. (1952) in psychology from Syracuse University. Before his presidency at Western Illinois, Malpass taught at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, was professor and chairman of behavioral sciences at the University of South Florida (Tampa) and served as dean of arts and sciences and then vice president for academic affairs at Virginia Tech. He wrote numerous books, monographs and refereed journal articles, and also served as a consultant to such agencies as the National Science Foundation, the National Institute of Mental Health, Peace Corps, Social Security Administration and the American Library Association.

- 1969 John M. Brumett, Canton, MO, June 27, 2011.
- 1969 Lorraine E. Devries Gerdes MS-ED, Waterloo, IA, July 15, 2010.
- 1969 Alice I. Cherrill Habben MS-ED, Carthage, May 29, 2011.
- 1970 Anthony J. "Tony" Gaudio, Jacksonville, July 8, 2011.
- 1970 John M. Simon MA '71, Bow, WA, Feb. 24, 2010.
- 1971 Margaret A. Walko MA, Sharpsville, PA, July 21, 2010.
- 1971 Dennis A. Woodyatt, Northfield, Jan. 26, 2009.
- 1972 Joel A. Bujnowski MA '74, Montague, MI, June 15, 2011.
- 1972 James R. "Jim" Chambers, Macomb, June 22, 2011.
- 1972 Ida P. "Paula" Smith Danowski MA '76, Macomb, May 14, 2011.
- 1973 Emmanuel E. DeFrates, Port Arthur, TX, Feb. 25, 2011.
- 1973 Richard D. "Dean" Ferris, Elmhurst, May 22, 2010.
- 1974 John A. Clyde, Macomb, May 11, 2011.
- 1974 Maryellen Fitzgerald Marriner, Boulder, CO, Oct. 14, 2010.
- 1974 Patrick J. Zuercher, Morton, Feb. 26, 2010.
- 1975 Alan T. Hegwood, Morrison, May 6, 2011.
- 1975 John A. Tilhou, Virginia Beach, VA, Sept. 9, 2008.
- 1976 Geraldine Hedinger MS-ED, Evansville, IN, Feb. 2, 2010.
- 1976 Ruth Ann McDonald Palin, Cuba, Mar. 17, 2011.
- 1976 John R. Scheurman, Kennesaw, GA, Mar. 24, 2010.
- 1977 Harry C. Myers, E. Peoria, Aug. 31, 2010.
- 1977 Janet Fitzpatrick Sanderson, Springfield, July 18, 2010.
- 1977 Melissa J. Roberts Woods, Rockville, MD, Aug. 25, 2010.
- 1978 Kym Paul Abbott, Elizabethtown, KY, Mar. 15, 2011.
- 1979 Martha J. Irish, Macomb, Aug. 30, 2010.
- 1979 Jane Ann Hayden Lawson, Joliet, May 12, 2011.
- 1980 Thomas Bestudik, Springfield, Dec. 12, 2009.
- 1980 Edward A. Johnston, Durand, Apr. 26, 2011.
- 1980 Robert J. Watson, Wheaton, Feb. 5, 2011.
- 1981 Theresa A. Hild, Edmond, OK, Feb. 24, 2011.
- 1983 James R. Conway, Fox Lake, Feb. 2011.
- 1983 Sandra S. Doellman Fenn MS-ED, Quincy, Feb. 26, 2011.
- 1984 Robert G. "Bob" Harding, Irvine, CA, May 13, 2011.
- 1984 Barry W. Miller, Freeport, Mar. 29, 2011.
- 1984 Carmilla E. Measser Thompson, Pekin, Nov. 15, 2009.
- 1985 Paul H. Hill MS-ED, Oswego, Jan. 11, 2011.
- 1985 James E. Pauk, Highland, Feb. 6, 2011.

Chicago Alumni & Friends Event Chicago Cubs vs. Chicago White Sox Game Watch, The Cubby Bear, July 2



Front row, l-r: Kate Sernett, Kevin Butler, Kate Butler, Kara Painter, Diane Jagger Maxwell, Alumni Council member Brett Goad '74 '76 and Diane Dalcamo '10. Middle row, l-r: Emory Patterson '10, Debbi Konopka, Pat Clifford Butler '74, Jocelyn Painter, Gina Wadas '09, Alumni Council member Carol Lewis Scott '70, Bill Scott, Joe Maxwell '71 and Matt Sheehan '10. Back row, l-r: Joel Swire '10, TJ Larney '10 '10, Keith Jones '98, Jeff Butler, Randy Banks, Laura Banks, Frank Sladek '09, Chandra Juzkiw, Gerry Stodgel and Lisa Carlson Stodgel '81.



Front row, l-r: Jeff Dresser '75, Mike Geske '76, Kathie Coomans Sanders '74, Richard Shemoski '75, Al Boaz '75, Kathy Erkert Rozum '75, Terry Smith '77, Wally Brownley '76 and Russ Launer '77. Middle row, l-r: Mike Eggert, Ken Miller, Paul Rozum '74, Alumni Council member John Sanders '74, Bob Morris '74, Paul Cesaretti '76 '80 and Lois Thomas Boaz '74. Back row, l-r: John Fahey '77, Thees Sterrenberg '74, Tom Rafferty '75, Shirley Pfrank Brownley '75, Gina Richman Cesaretti, Jeff Butterfield '76, Lori Foss Shemoski '75 and Jerry Kaminski '73 '75.



Front row, l-r: Joel Swire '10, T.J. Larney '10 '10, Mike Gordon '79, Joe Kubal '81, Deanne Dennie Anderson '82, Bob Anderson '81, Carl Franco '81 and Pat Clifford Butler '74. Middle row, l-r: Emory Patterson '10, Chelsea Martin, Maggie O'Brien, Martin Dorow '78, Paul Hermanson '79, Mike Manning '78, Brian Terry '10, Dave Whipple '94 and Tom Edwards '81. Back row, l-r: Mark Skuteris '81, Curt Alsvig '06, Tom O'Brien '07, Linda Pazulinec Padilla '74, Jean McArthur '74 and Alumni Council member Jay O'Brien '78.



Seated, l-r: Director of Alumni Programs Amy Spelman '98, Associate Vice President for Student Services John Biernbaum, Karen Salverson '95 '96, Anna Krowczyk, Nick Michael, Sandy Adams and Kim Dockus '80. Standing, l-r: Chris Wheeler '97 '00, Nick Allen '99 '03, Dustin Bainter, Jared Hintzche, Mitch Blair and Brian Van Acker '99 '01.

Hardy named interim Honors College director

Rick Hardy '70, political science professor, was named the interim director of the Western Illinois University Centennial Honors College, effective Aug. 1, according to Interim Provost **Ken Hawkinson '78 MA '79**. Hardy will serve a two-year appointment.

Hardy served as the chair of the WIU political science department from 2006-2010. He is currently a professor in the department. In 2007, he was the co-organizer of Western's first "The Road to the White House" Mock Presidential Election. Hardy has also served for three years on the University Honors Council and served as the pre-law adviser for the Honors College. Prior to joining Western's faculty, he was an associate professor of political science at the University of Missouri from 1985-2005, where he also served as assistant director of the Honors College from 1998-2006. He was the founder and director of the Institute for Leadership in Civic Education at Missouri.

"Dr. Hardy's credentials as a scholar and teacher, and his many years of administrative experience, will be a great asset to the Honors College as it enhances and expands its many programs and opportunities for our high-achieving students," Hawkinson said.

Hardy received his doctorate from the University of Iowa; his master's degree from the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks; and his bachelor's degree from WIU.

Janisz named OSA director

Michelle Janisz, formerly the director of Greek affairs at Illinois State University, became director of the Office of Student Activities at Western Illinois University as of Aug. 11, according to Vice President for Student Services **Gary Biller**.

Janisz had served as director of Greek affairs at Illinois State University since 2005. Prior to that appointment, she was the assistant director of student activities for Greek life programs at Western from 2001-2005. She also served as the leadership development coordinator at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville from 1999-2001. Janisz has served as the grant coordinator for the Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Educational Alcohol/Other Drug Program at Tarleton (TX) State University (1995); as the assistant director of residential life (1990-1994) and assistant to the dean of student life (1990) at Ferris (MI) State University; residence hall director at South Dakota State University (1987-1989) and summer staff assistant (1987) and coordinator of the Top Gun Program (1986-1987) at Northern Michigan University. Janisz has also worked in law enforcement in Iowa and Texas and as a counselor for at-risk students in Texas.

"Michelle's experience in student activities will allow her to continue providing an outstanding level of service and involvement for our students," Biller said. "We look forward to Michelle re-joining Western's Division of Student Services."

Janisz earned her master's degree in counseling from Central Michigan University (1993) and her bachelor's degree in speech communication from Northern Michigan University (1987).

The director of the Office of Student Activities is responsible for developing, administering and evaluating programs and services for the Division of Student Services, specifically in the department of Student Activities, which includes, but is not limited to: Leadership and Student Organization Services, Campus Programming, Greek Life Programs, Volunteer Services, Multicultural Services and Western Technical Services. The director also coordinates the leadership, planning and policy development for the student life co-curriculum and serves as the adviser for the Student Government Association, the Council on Student Information Technology and the Council on Student Activities Funds.

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L-r: Ed Sullivan, Spencer Conlin, Scott Conlin, Kevin Gibson '81, Bill Colliflower '89, Dan O'Neill and Mike Simon '89 '91.



L-r: Bill Hair '77, Matt Hair, Michael Heyne and Bob Heyne '76.



L-r: Tony Cozzi '75, Sonny Liston '78, Scott Kelso and Rick Beuke '77.



L-r: John Flynn '79, President's National Advisory Council member John Garvey '78, Steve Steinmetz '79 and Tom Garvey '79.



L-r: Bob Wysocki '79, Tim Boyd '79, Tad Hemming and Eric Bruesche.



L-r: Jim Ormerod, Mark Inman '77, Kim Meinhardt Inman '76 and Robert Abney '97 '02.



L-r: George Baumann, Mark Vesely '74, Rich Rellihen '72 and Scott Glover '71.



L-r: Pam Sopchik Fitton '77, Kim Olson Love '76, Reggie Karas Devers '78 and Carol Pigatto Schuster '77.



L-r: Alumni Council member Jeff McElroy '97, Justin Bargiel '99, Bob Duncan and Alumni Council member Matt Bills '99.



L-r: Marlin Cluts, Bob Aubry, Joe Notorangelo '85 and Pat O'Neill '72.



L-r: Alumni Achievement Award recipient Lloyd Simonson '66, Alumni Council member Carol Lewis Scott '70 and Vice President for Student Services Emeritus Gary Johnson.



L-r: Distinguished Alumni Award recipient and Alumni Council member Kirk Dillard '77, Board of Trustees member Bill Epperly '68, Jeff Liles and Gerry Dakin '67.



L-r: Luis Disotuar, Alumni Council member Harvey Ahitow '68, Neal Hallenan and Distance Learning, International Studies and Outreach Director Rick Carter.



L-r: Paul Gentile '72, Ralph Heatherington '71 '72 and Frank Yaccino '70.



L-r: Larry Thompson '89, Lance Thompson '99, Diane Meister '69 and Larry Smith '69.



L-r: Tom Sewart, Tom Sewart, Jr., Mike Sewart and Doug Sewart.



L-r: John Romano, Doug Sewart, Bill Paulding '93 '95, Pete Lambert and Dave Chernoff.



L-r: Greg Kunkel, Greg Rounds, Andrew Kinney and President's National Advisory Council member Jack Brannigan '76.



L-r: James Grupp '79, Alumni Council member Jay O'Brien '78 and Tom Edwards '81.



L-r: Carl Swanson, Jim Kickert, Tim Polk and Dan King.



L-r: Ron Eastman, Pat Walsh '64 and Pete Cassidy '67.



L-r: Curt Alsvig '06, John Binkowski '92, Tom O'Brien '07 and Alumni Council member Matt Saey '06.



L-r: Chuck Trumpinski '63, Assistant Athletics Director Sean McDonough, Al Hooks '63 and Bob Williams '69.



L-r: Tim Sattley '91, Alumni Council member Brian Savage '73 and Mike McGoven.



Front row, l-r: David Granell '84, College of Education and Human Services Development Director Jennie Hemingway and Neil Armstrong '04. Back row: Steve Williams '80.

L-r: Joe Carroll '85, Denny Conlon, Nancy Carroll '73 and Tom Carroll '83.



L-r: Brad Comm, Jim Bergeron '70 '74, President's National Advisory Council member and Alumni Achievement Award recipient Ron Comm '70 and President's National Advisory Council member Mike Litwin '70.



L-r: Denny MyKrantz, Keith Formell '99, Liz MyKrantz Formell '00 and Jeff Formell.

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L-r: Dave Ford '65 '69 '73, Larry Krulac, Larry Ford, Phil Murphy, Norm Harless, Vince Roberts '96, Bruce Burton and Dave Renner.



L-r: Pat O'Neill '72, Janelle Bush Carter '05, Bill Kelley '75, Marcy Devlin and Director of Athletics Tim Van Alstine.



L-r: Bill Pfalzgraf '78, Greg Elliott '79, Pat Hardy and Gary Cox.



L-r: Head Men's Basketball coach Jim Molinari, Kyle Minnaert, Jilene Stenzel Minnaert '84 and Scott Williams.



L-r: Tom Sullivan, Spencer Conlin, Bill Colliflower '89 and Scott Conlin.



L-r: Tony Cozzi '75, Gary Birch '75, Sonny Liston '78 and Tom Henderson '73.



L-r: Joe DeGreve, Wayne Thomas '97, Royce Bare and Gene Blanc.



L-r: Mike Ghidina '93, Duane Demmin '72, Marty Lomelino '88 and Bob Nelson.



L-r: Jim Halligan, Steve Cozzi, Al Torres and Bob Stanley.



L-r: Kathy Offermann '75, Jim Martin '72, Brenda Malinoski Martin '73 and Jim Miller.



L-r: Chris Stufflebeam '99, Bryce Carper, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Tom Carper '82 and Alumni Achievement Award recipient Jim Miner '72 '73.



L-r: Joe Maxwell '71, Alumni Council President Roger Clawson '77, Don Welvaert '90 and Todd Rosenthal '93.



L-r: Lee Beckley, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Rod Ahitow '69, Dan Cufaud and Jim Rickard.



L-r: Ken Blakeslee '05, Dennis Yard '74, Assistant Athletics Director Sean McDonough and Gary DeMoss '77 '83.



L-r: Jim Moore, Chips Giovanine '58 '61, Grant Andresen and Jim Lodico '62 '75.



L-r: Pete Heiden, Gary Barnett, Dean Barnett and Steve Matthews.



L-r: Mike Gerlach, Steve Gerlach, Paul Neubauer '86 and Michael Partykevich '84.



L-r: Mark Kaczmarek '73, Mike Brewers '70 '82 '01, Tom Schulmbach '70 '84 and Marty Barkman '70.



L-r: Mick Jenco '78, William Tauchen '81, Steve Prazma '80 and Phil Nathe '81.



L-r: Don Willett '11, Nate Turner '99, Blake Lindner and Mike Hills.



L-r: Tim Engel '89 '99, Mike Woods, Mike Clemens '02 and Gregg Snyder.



L-r: Jerry Wilson '99, Dave Crouse '92, Scott Dean and TJ Wilson '95.



L-r: Head Women's Basketball coach JD Gravina, Seth Minter, Jami Minter and John Ridder.



L-r: DJ Mumma, Brian Mumma, David Mumma '09 and Doug Zumaris.



L-r: Bob Eckhart '72, Alan Funck '70, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Thom Cornelis '71 and Steve Sittig '70.



L-r: Ron Rexroat, Dave Harland, Larry Brandenburg '71 '75 and Frank Larson '59 '62.



L-r: Jim Van Vlymen '98, Head Softball coach Holly Killion Van Vlymen '00 '08, Vice President for Student Services Emeritus Garry Johnson, Denise Killion and Roger Killion.

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L-r: Charlie Boe '76, President's National Advisory Council member and Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Jim Clary '79, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Ernie Blomquist '68 and Vice President for Advancement and Public Services Brad Bainter '79 '83.



L-r: Paul Skiba, Peter Skiba '07, Tom Gruszaukas '75 and Dan McMahon '75.



L-r: John Owensby '75, Tim Richardson '80, John Henderson '73 '76 and Steve Mazzarella '79.



L-r: Phil Nathe '81, Mick Jenco '78 and Russ Coomans '81.



L-r: Dan Dugan '84, Bob Wilson, Tony Ianello '85 and Alan Nakayama '75 '76.

Quad Cities Alumni & Friends Golf Outing (cont.) • TPC Deere Run • June 20



L-r: Doug Walter, Kris Yates '94, Willie Hester and Jim LaCamera.



L-r: Phil Harms '05, Emeric Solymossy, Board of Trustees member Bill Epperly '68 and Jim Epperly.



L-r: Justen Steffens, Andrea Graff Steffens '04, Chuck Taylor and Shawn Taylor.



L-r: Don Farr '96, Bart Arthur '81 '85 '06, Andy Schmalsof and Chad Carlson '95.



L-r: Tyler Pittlik, Rick Lawson, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Steve McCann '78 and Tony Carpita.



L-r: Greg Locke, Dave Myatt '92, Ron Elliott and Mel Blaser.



L-r: Jim Hissong '73, Dick Dice '72, Trenton Borth, Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Ron Peterson '68 and Head Football coach Mark Hendrickson.



L-r: John Garvin '06, Jesse Brandt '09, Max Halberg and John Garvin '73.



L-r: Nick Knowles '02 '07, Mary Ellen Martin, Alumni Council member Carol Lewis Scott '70 and Steve Knowles '72.



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**Quincy Alumni & Friends Event Quincy Gems vs. Terre Haute Rex
Pregame Social & Baseball Game QU Stadium, July 20**



Seated, l-r: John McPherson '84, Evan Longacre, Elaine Schwartz Longacre '66, Susan Isted Foster '65, Keith Smith '49 '50, Jessica Ball Mueller '09 '11, Brandon Mueller '07, Susan Schisler Blickhan '81 '87, James Utterback '03, David Spurrier '84 and Darlene Spurrier. Standing, l-r: President Jack Thomas, Alumni Council member Fred Longacre '64, Glenn Hogge '01, Randy Frese '81, Gene Foster, Marilyn Sammons Smith '71, Lori Kruse '84, Emeritus Accountancy Chair Bruce Kruse, Alumni Council member Jerry Cremer '89, Sam Dancer, Greg Hanson, David Blickhan '81, Larry Keim '78, Deb Miller '84 '86, J.O. Oitker '07 and Dwain Preston '57 '67.

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

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

Student's Information

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

Referred By

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

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

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

If this student chooses not to apply:

Please use the application fee for another deserving student.

OR

Please refund me.

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

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

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

Send Us Your News

Full Name _____ Maiden Name _____ Grad. Year _____

Mailing Address _____

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Prefer Home Business E-mail Do you want to receive text messages from the University? No Yes

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Title/Position _____ Employer _____

Employer Mailing Address _____

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Is spouse/domestic partner a WIU graduate? No Yes, Graduation Year _____

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Chicago Alumni & Friends Events Chicago Rush vs. Milwaukee Mustangs Pregame Social & Football Game Allstate Arena, July 23



Front row, l-r: Kathy Wilkinson Nehf '76, Mike Nehf '77, Alumni Council member Carol Lewis Scott '70, Bill Scott, Steve Longacre '01, Evan Longacre, Brian Gates '07, Eric Kingdon '07, Karen Dellaria Roberts '77 and Jyl Frowein Krause '77. Back row, l-r: Alumni Council member Mona D'Antonio '76, Debby Martin Nelson '76, Ed Nelson '77, Rich Whipple, Dave Whipple '94, Alumni Council member Fred Longacre '64, Nick Ferguson, Kelly Carter '09, Kathi Comm, President's National Advisory Council member and Alumni Achievement Award recipient Ron Comm '70, Glenn Holmes '76, Diane Gleeson, Alumni Council member Jim Carter '75 and Deb Novotny Carter '75.

UPCOMING WIU ALUMNI & FRIENDS EVENTS

September 23

Macomb Alumni & Friends Social
 Shiloh's Bar & Bistro
 2 W. Side Square, Macomb, IL
 In conjunction with the
 10th Annual Al Sears Jazz
 Festival
 Enjoy live jazz!
 Social: 6 p.m.-?
 Social includes appetizers
 and cash bar — \$15/person



October 13

Galena Alumni & Friends Event
 Galena Cellars Vineyard and Winery
 4746 N. Ford Rd., Galena, IL
 Private Tour & Wine Tasting: 6 p.m.
 \$20/person

October 19

Peoria Alumni & Friends Event at WICKED
 Peoria Civic Center
 201 SW. Jefferson Ave., Peoria, IL
 Social: 5:30 p.m., Performance: 7:30 p.m.
 • Social, dinner, cash bar & ticket on main floor — \$98.50/person
 • Social, dinner, cash bar & ticket on 1st balcony — Sold out
 • Social, dinner, cash bar & ticket on 2nd balcony — \$58/person
 • Social, dinner & cash bar ONLY (must already have show ticket) \$20/person

October 22

Utica Alumni & Friends Event at Starved Rock
 Starved Rock Lodge and Conference Center
 Utica Room (first floor), Routes 178 & 71, Utica, IL
 Fall Colors Tour: 11:30 a.m., Social: 1:30 p.m. (approximately)
 • Social, trolley tour, food & cash bar — \$35/person
 • Social, food & cash bar ONLY — \$15/person

October 29

Hermann Alumni & Friends Event
 Stone Hill Winery
 1110 Stone Hill Hwy, Hermann, MO
 German lunch, winery cellar tour and wine tasting: 11:30 a.m.
 \$17/person

November 5

WIU vs. ISU Pregame Social and Football Game in Normal
 Redbird Tent Zone
 (Field 2 behind the U-High parking lot), Normal, IL
 Pregame Social: 10 a.m.
 Hancock Stadium
 N. Main St. & W. Locust St., Normal, IL
 Kickoff: 1 p.m.
 • Social, food & game ticket — \$26/person
 • Social & food ONLY — \$10/person



See our calendar on **Page 2** for a complete list of events in your area!

November 10

Philadelphia Alumni & Friends Event
 Enjoy a culinary adventure in the Northern Liberties section of Philadelphia
 City Food Tours, Darling's Diner
 1033 N. 2nd St., Philadelphia, PA
 Taste of Northern Liberties: 6-8:30 p.m.
 \$45/person

December 3

Green Bay Alumni & Friends Event
 Lambeau Field Tour & Social
 1265 Lombardi Ave., Green Bay, WI
 Hall of Fame Tour: 3 p.m., Stadium Tour: 4 p.m.,
 Social: Curly's Pub inside stadium: 5 p.m.
 • Both tours & social — \$30/person
 • Social Only — \$12.00/person
 • Hall of Fame Tour Only & Social — \$20/person
 • Stadium Tour Only & Social — \$22/person

December 8

Burlington Alumni & Friends Event
 Catfish Bend Casino
 3001 Winegard Dr., Burlington, IA
 Catch the complimentary shuttle from Macomb
 • Social, food & cash bar — \$15/person

November 2011

3 Western After-Hours in downtown Chicago

December 2011

1 Western After-Hours in Libertyville (IL)

January 2012

5 Western After-Hours in downtown Chicago

February 2012

2 Western After-Hours in Homewood (IL)

March 2012

1 Western After-Hours in downtown Chicago

April 2012

5 Western After-Hours in Schaumburg (IL)

CHICAGO HIRSTY THURSDAYS

July 2012
5 Western After-Hours in downtown Chicago

August 2012
2 Western After-Hours

September 2012
6 Western After-Hours in downtown Chicago

October 2012
4 Western After-Hours

May 2012
3 Western After-Hours in downtown Chicago

June 2012
7 Western After-Hours at BlackFinn in Naperville

October 2011
10 Detroit Alumni & Friends Event - Detroit Lions vs. Chicago Bears Pregame Social & Football Game
30 St. Louis Alumni & Friends Event - St. Louis Rams vs. New Orleans Saints Pregame Social & Football Game

December 2011
03 Green Bay (WI) Alumni & Friends Event - Social & Tour of Lambeau Field
18 Kansas City Alumni & Friends Event - Kansas City Chiefs vs. Green Bay Packers Pregame Social & Football Game

Registration Form for WIU Alumni & Friends Events

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- Phone (309) 298-1914
- Check Payable to **WIU Alumni Association**
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Card #: _____
 Three digit security code _____ Exp. date: _____
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Name _____ Class year _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

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

Name of business _____ Job title _____

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Work address _____ City, State, Zip _____

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