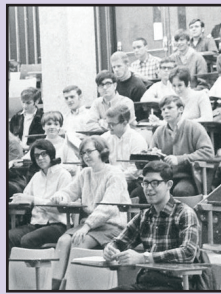


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Alumni News and Notes from Western Illinois University

WIU announces \$60 million campaign

Public support sought for scholarships, facilities, technology, and more

The public phase of the \$60 million campaign, Set the Standard: Higher Values in Higher Education, for Western Illinois University was announced to donors, alumni and invited guests at an Oct. 29 WIU Foundation event.

"When we announced our goal of \$60 million more than four years ago, the campaign consultants thought our goal was lofty, and suggested we set the target at \$30 million," noted WIU President **Al Goldfarb**. "Since launching the pre-public phase of this campaign in 2006, I am pleased to announce that we have surpassed that \$30 million mark.

"Thanks to the generosity of so many loyal supporters, nearly \$40 million has been raised since 2006, with the last two years breaking fundraising records at this great institution," Goldfarb added. "I wish to personally thank our alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends of the University for their response in support of Western."

According to **Brad Bainter '79 MS '83**, vice president



for advancement and public services and executive officer of the WIU Foundation, the Set the Standard: Higher Values in Higher Education campaign focuses on four central goals: increased scholarship support for students; creating endowed programs in support of Western faculty; funding improvements to capital facilities; and enhancing information and technology to enrich the educational experience for students and faculty.

Securing \$20 million in endowment to support scholarship resources will expand Western's efforts to attract and retain a highly qualified and diverse student body and to ensure access and

affordability. Raising financial support of \$15 million to endow faculty chairs, professorships and fellowships to support faculty teaching, research and service is the second major campaign goal.

A goal of \$15 million has also been set for capital improvements to create new facilities and upgrade/expand existing facilities, while \$10 million in additional funds will allow for technology upgrades for instruction and course delivery.

"The generosity of Western's alumni, friends, faculty, staff and students thus far has allowed the University to add new scholarships; establish new academic programs, such as nursing and engineering; and further enhance the learning environment," Bainter said. "Our success to date is significant and the response from our alumni and friends to the campaign is encouraging, and we enter into the public phase with great confidence."

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Alumni Achievement recipients

Three Western Illinois University alumni received the WIU Alumni Achievement Award at the Dec. 18 Commencement Exercises, while another Western alumnus received the International Alumni Achievement Award.

This year's Alumni Achievement recipients are **John W. Gay II**, president of John Gay & Associates of Aurora, CO; **Jerilyn K. Scardina** of Burr Ridge (IL), retired physical education teacher and head girls tennis coach, Hinsdale Central High School; and **Harlan L. Watson** of Cabin John, MD, distinguished professional staff member, U.S. House of Representatives Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, Washington, D.C.

Western's Alumni Achievement and International Alumni awards are awards are given in recognition of outstanding contributions to any of the following: exceptional accomplishment in one's chosen field of endeavor; exceptional service in community affairs at the local, state or national levels; and exceptional service in support of the advancement and continued excellence of WIU.

The International Alumni Achievement recipient is **Datuk Kamaruddin ("Dean") Mohd Ismail**, business development director and senior lecturer in security management at Saito College, Malaysia.

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K. (Dean) Ismail



John W. Gay II



Jerilyn K. Scardina



Harlan L. Watson

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On Dec. 15, a pilot of the WIU Mobile website launched, enabling us to gather feedback and further enhance WIU's mobile presence.

"By developing a new mobile site for Western's alumni and friends, we are providing the information they want quickly, with just the swipe of a finger across their Smartphone, iTouch and other mobile devices," said **Brad Bainter '79 MS '83**, vice president of advancement and public services.

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Upcoming Alumni & Friends Events

December 2010

22 Chicago, IL

January 2011

25 Atlanta, GA

February 2011

17 Cincinnati, OH

26 Milwaukee, WI

March 2011

1 Ft. Myers, FL

2 Jupiter, FL

3 Orlando, FL

4 Tampa, FL

17 Las Vegas, NV

19 Peoria, AZ

20 Glendale, AZ

25-26 . . Chicago, IL

31 Boston, MA

See pages 2 & 28 for entire calendar and complete details!

We're coming to a city near you!

Director's Corner News from Your Alumni Association

Dear Alumni & Friends:

On behalf of the WIU Alumni Association, I am pleased to share the following update from your Alumni Council President Roger Clawson '77:

As president of the WIU Alumni Council comprised of 26 members representing more than 105,000 alumni worldwide, it is my pleasure to provide an update of our projects and successes over the past year. We strive to follow a strategic plan that defines who we are and what we do.

- We have developed a social media campaign to effectively communicate with you. RockeNetwork, Facebook groups, Twitter, YouTube, Flickr and LinkedIn, to name a few, allow you to be connected to your University and each other.
- Attendance has increased at WIU-sponsored events including the Chicago art museum, athletics events and

Homecoming. Thousands of alumni participated in these events during the past year.

- We continually strive to increase alumni participation which directly influences our national rankings, and in turn, the value of a Western Illinois University degree. In this context, participation measures the number of alumni that provide financial support for the University. Thanks to your generous donations, the University launched a comprehensive fundraising campaign to raise \$60 million, of which nearly \$40 million is already raised.

- I am pleased to welcome to the WIU Alumni Council Harvey Ahitow '68, Chuck Giger '70, Brett Goad '74 MA '76, Fred Longacre '64, Brian Savage '73 and Kathy Sullivan '78. These dynamic new members bring a great deal of support to the council. As a "LEATHERNECK" for life, I encourage you to take an active interest in your alumni association and the networking opportunities available. Keep connected!

Wear your "Western purple and gold proudly" as you never know what fellow alumni you may meet. Don't hesitate to contact us!

From the President

As I finish my final fall semester at WIU, I look back with pride over our many accomplishments and our overcoming recent adversity.

The fall semester was filled with significant recognitions of our University. We publicly announced our \$60 million Set the Standard comprehensive campaign, of which nearly \$40 million has already been raised. Our fundraising success reflects the loyalty of our alumni and friends. We were recognized by U.S. News and World Report, the Princeton Review, Washington Monthly, G.I. Jobs and many other national organizations for our outstanding programs, accessibility and affordability. Western has achieved great things during the Fall 2010 semester.



The state budget continues to be a challenge. Currently, we are owed more than \$30 million for this current fiscal year. Still, we continue to function successfully due to careful budget management and the commitment to control expenditures by all of the members of our University community.

We also faced great challenges recently as our Macomb campus received a series of bomb threats. From Oct. 25 until Nov. 11, six bomb threats disrupted our campus community and caused a great deal of concern for the safety of our students, faculty and staff. However, an individual — who was a student until his arrest on Oct. 25 — was arrested shortly after the first threat. After an FBI and Office of Public Safety investigation, the same individual was arrested on federal charges and will face prosecution for multiple phone threats. I would like to thank our alumni and friends for their support during these trying times; the Western community exhibited great strength and resilience throughout this ordeal.

I again had the good fortune to attend many alumni events this fall, and I want to thank those who took part in those events. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to Western Illinois University. I look forward to seeing all of you during my final spring semester.

All my best wishes for a happy and safe holiday season and a great New Year.

Al Goldfarb

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WIU Alumni & Friends 2010 Events

December 2010

22 WIU vs. Loyola Pregame Social & Women's Basketball Game – Hamilton's & the Gentile Center

January 2011

25 Atlanta Alumni & Friends Social

February 2011

17 Cincinnati Alumni & Friends Social

26 Milwaukee Alumni & Friends Event – Milwaukee Bucks vs. Chicago Bulls Pregame Social & Basketball Game

March 2011

1 Ft. Myers Alumni & Friends Social

2 Jupiter Alumni & Friends Event - St. Louis Cardinals vs. New York Mets Pregame Social & Spring Training Baseball Game

3 Orlando Alumni & Friends Social

4 Tampa Alumni & Friends Social

17 Las Vegas Alumni & Friends Social

19 Ultimate Alumni Weekend in Arizona - Chicago Cubs Spring Training Game & WIU Alumni & Friends Social

20 Ultimate Alumni Weekend in Arizona - Chicago Blackhawks vs. Phoenix Coyotes Pregame Social & Hockey Game

25 Chicago Alumni & Friends Event at The Art Institute of Chicago

26 Black Alumni Black Tie Scholarship Gala

31 Boston Alumni & Friends Social

April 2011

2 Quad Cities Alumni & Friends Event – WIU Spring Football Scrimmage in the Quad Cities

8 Celebrating Town & Gown at The Forum in Macomb

9 All Leatherneck Reunion & Spring Football Scrimmage in Naperville

May 2011

11 Memphis Alumni & Friends Event – Memphis Redbirds Pregame Social & AAA Baseball Game

12 Nashville Alumni & Friends Social

14 WIU Graduation & Distinguished Alumni Awards Presentation

19 Portland Alumni & Friends Social

20 Seattle Alumni & Friends Social

June 2011

9 New York Alumni & Friends Events

10 Naperville Alumni & Friends Social at BlackFinn

13 "The Western Open" Chicago Golf Outing at Seven Bridges

19 Burlington Alumni & Friends Event at The Drake

20 Quad Cities Alumni & Friends Golf Outing at TPC Deere Run

July 2011

2 Chicago Alumni & Friends Event at The Cubby Bear – Chicago Cubs vs. Chicago White Sox

August 2011

5-7 Black Alumni Reunion Weekend, Chicago

September 2011

17 WIU vs. Missouri Pregame Social & Football Game in Columbia

24 Al Sears Jazz Event

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Business and Technology



Baker, educators participate in National Agriscience Institute

By Teresa Koltzenburg '92

Andrew Baker, professor in Western's School of Agriculture, and a group of fellow agriscience-education colleagues in Illinois, are among several U.S. educators participating in a new endeavor between education and the agriculture industry to enhance agriscience education.

During Summer 2010, Baker and the group participated in the National Agriscience Integration Institute (NAII), a special project of the National FFA Foundation. According to the NAII sponsor, DuPont and Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. (a DuPont business), the institute is a special project of the National FFA Foundation "designed to promote and enhance inquiry-based science in environmental and agricultural education programs while supporting students to attain science and national agriculture content standards."

According to NAII, goals for the program include using a hands-on, real-life approach to learning science with agriculture as the content, and to bring together a team of higher education faculty and state leadership, along with agriscience teachers, to create a plan for inquiry-based programs in the state.

NAII—in its second year—hosts 10 state teams annually, utilizing the team agriculture education concept. Baker and his agriscience education team members—Heather Obert, agriculture teacher at Dakota High School (Dakota, IL); Andrew Thoron, University of Illinois, assistant professor of agricultural education (Urbana-Champaign, IL); and Jess Smithers, district three Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education (FCAE) field adviser (Springfield, IL)—traveled to Johnston (IA), Pioneer headquarters, for the five-day institute in late June, a few months after the team was assembled.

Three or more persons make up a state team, including at least one agriscience teacher ambassador, a teacher educator and a state education staff person. Because of the size of the teams and the customized approach of the program, a maximum of 10 state teams are accepted each year.

"While at the conference, the participating teams had to devise a state plan to try to integrate the inquiry-based



L-r: Baker; Heather Obert, Dakota High School (Dakota, IL); Andrew Thoron, University of Illinois; and Jess Smithers, district three Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education Field Advisor (Springfield, IL).

Photo courtesy of Andrew Baker.

demonstrate and present a new form of instructional methodology to his students (who are studying to be agriscience teachers) and help them develop necessary problem-solving skills, so they can instruct their future students to be critical thinkers and problem solvers.

"At the NAII, we were taught how to integrate this concept into the classroom, and we were assigned several lab activities, which we have been able to take home and put into practice. The IBI concept is not centered on the idea of a student just getting the right answer; it's about the process the student goes through to get from point A to point B. It focuses on how students can acquire problem-solving skills. I see one of the goals of the program as being able to develop students who are excited about science and who will be prepared with problem-solving skills for the many agriscience-based employment opportunities available now and in the future. We need more scientists.

"The NAII was an exceptional conference," he added. "It gave me an opportunity to be involved in a conference that developed my own skill set as a teacher and take part in a valuable collaboration between education and industry, which, hopefully, will help agriscience education in Illinois prepare students for the many opportunities in the agriculture industry."

instruction, or IBI, concept into the state instructional methods. So, we had to develop a plan and an integration plan for the entire state. We decided we would focus our efforts on beginning teachers in Illinois," Baker explained.

He noted that his team already has several activities planned for this year's academic calendar and added that the attendance at the conference has empowered the team to carry out the plan.

"We presented at the Illinois Association of Vocational Agriculture Teachers (IAVAT) Student Branch Workshop at the University of Illinois, as well as, at the Beginning Teachers Workshop in Springfield (IL), in October" Baker said. "We also plan on integrating the IBI concept at the IAVAT Student Branch Workshop when Western hosts the conference in February 2011. The team is currently developing a workshop planned for the IAVAT summer conference, as well. We are very excited about sharing our knowledge with educators in Illinois."

In addition to working on a wide-ranging plan for the state, Baker said attending the conference enables him to

CBT student organizations thrive

Western Illinois University students continue to thrive both inside and outside of the classroom as members of 35 student organizations within the College of Business and Technology (CBT). Students have the opportunity to attend faculty-led field trips; hear from business executives, many of whom are often WIU alumni, when they come to campus to share experiences about their professions; and hold leadership roles within the organizations.

"Our students and faculty advisors for these organizations are terrific examples of that 'out-of-class' element that translates into student success after graduation," said **Tom Erekson**, CBT Dean. "Our students have an impact that goes well beyond the campus."

CBT student organizations are frequently recognized for their successes. Following is a snapshot of some of their accomplishments:

CAS (Computer Science Association) - in the final stages of a year-long development of a multi-touch table which features an interaction using several fingers as points of contact. It has been created completely from scratch by the talented and creative students in the CSA.

SHRM (Society for Human Resource Management) - received the Superior Merit Award in the 2009-2010 academic year. The award recognizes outstanding student chapters across the United States. The WIU chapter has a long-standing history of winning this award dating back to the late 1980s. In addition, SHRM is very active on campus and in the community, sponsoring a blood drive for the Red Cross with Sigma Iota Epsilon, participating in WIU's Help for Haiti campaign, competing in WIU's Relay for Life, sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt for the WIU day care children, walking dogs for the McDonough County Animal Shelter, and participating in Big Pink Volleyball. They capped off the semester with a company tour of John Deere.

Ag Vocators - often visit community colleges and high schools to recruit students on behalf of the School of Agriculture. In addition, they recently traveled to Chicago for an Agricultural Sciences college fair and to Indianapolis for the National Future Farmers of America (FFA) Convention.

SCIMA (Student Chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants) - was named an "Outstanding Student Chapter" by the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA). This award is given to the top four student chapters in the nation. In addition, SCIMA won the "Best Strategic Plan" best practices award. These awards for 2009-2010 were presented in June.

Beta Alpha Psi (BAP) Accountancy Honor Society - planned and co-hosted the Midwest BAP regional meeting and WIU BAP Alumni Social in Chicago last Spring with more than 350 students and advisors in attendance making the Midwest BAP regional meeting the largest in BAP history. They also competed in the Deloitte's Best Practices Competition on the topic of chapter sustainability. At the national level, WIU Zeta Beta Chapter was awarded superior chapter status for the 22nd year. Accountancy graduate student **Ken Jenke '10** from Downers Grove (IL), vice president of the WIU chapter, was selected by the National BAP Board of Directors to compete in the "Project Run With It" case competition at the national BAP meeting in San Jose (CA) in August.

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Fall 2010 CBT Executive in Residence: Pechloff, global consulting firm director

By Alison McGaughey

Nancy Pechloff '73, was 21 years old when she began her career with Arthur Anderson LLP. Eventually, she was named an audit partner and went on to manage the global, \$500-million-in-revenues Enterprise Group market segment.

And then, in 2001, after the notorious Arthur Andersen crash, she watched as the office closed down and the furniture around her was sold.

"I was there through the end...it was devastating," she said in her speech to students and faculty gathered in Stipes Hall. "There were individuals involved in audit scandals, and the client base left the firm...It was difficult for people [like me] who didn't have anything to do with those particular accounts.

"Life isn't always fair," she continued. "But the skills and contacts you develop will help you land on your feet."

Indeed, Pechloff, who, earned her bachelor's degree in accountancy from WIU, soon thereafter went to work teaching classes in auditing and financial reporting at Washington University in St. Louis. She is now the St. Louis-based managing director of Protiviti, an independent risk consulting business, and an expert in financial reporting and internal controls. She visited with students and faculty and delivered a presentation on the WIU-Macomb campus Nov. 3-4 as the Fall 2010 College of Business and Technology (CBT) Executive in Residence, providing insight into real-world examples of ethical questions that come up in the business world.

Pechloff explained to students how her firm performs risk assessments for companies and helps them manage those risks. In sharing a list of her personal "golden rules"



Pechloff (center) with John Drea (left), CBT associate dean, and Jack Elfrink (right), accounting and finance chair.

for business ethics and professional and personal success, Pechloff stressed the concepts of stewardship and transparency.

"Be a steward by leaving your firm a better place for future generations, better than how it was when you found it," she explained. "Assume that the truth about your decisions will be printed on the front page of the newspaper; own up to error."

Pechloff credited her former professors at WIU, specifically **Bob Crowley** and **Bruce Kruse** (former accountancy chair), for the key roles they played in influencing her education at WIU.

"They were inspiring, and tremendous role models," she said.

Since her graduation from WIU in 1973, Pechloff has been honored as the Department of Accountancy Outstanding Alumna and has received the CBT Distinguished Alumna Award and the WIU Distinguished Alumni Award. She took an active role in the University's Centennial Campaign Committee and continues to stay connected with WIU.

Executive in Residence Program

According to **Tom Erikson**, CBT dean, the Executive in Residence program was initiated by **Jim and Carolyn Tripp**, former professors, and has allowed for visits by 10 business executives to date. The executives reside on campus for two to three days as faculty fellows, providing business students with an opportunity to learn firsthand the tips of the trade from professionals in the business world.

"Life isn't always fair, but the skills and contacts you develop will help you land on your feet."

"Successful alumni and friends of the College are invited to share how they have charted successful careers," Erikson said. "This program provides our students with a marvelous opportunity to speak on a personal level with business executives who possess stellar experiences and connections."

For more information about serving as an Executive in Residence, contact **Becky Paulsen**, CBT director of development, at (309) 298-2442 or B-Paulsen@wiu.edu.

Forestry Club honors professor with tree-planting ceremony

In 1993, when **John Reeves**, WIU urban forestry professor, retired, the WIU Forestry Club planted a tree in his honor. Then-students **Don Roppolo '95** of Pleasant Prairie (WI) and **Chad Sperry '95** (now director of WIU's Geographic Information System Center) helped plant the tree, a Shumard oak, near Adams Street.

Almost 20 years later, students planted trees in honor of a WIU School of Agriculture professor's dedication to the urban forestry program and students at WIU. According to **Brian Sprinkle**, a junior from Industry (IL) and the club's secretary, the WIU Forestry Club honored the club's adviser **Tom Green '69 MS '72**, who will retire Dec. 31, by planting two Regal Prince hybrid oak trees Oct. 22 at WIU's Horn Field Campus. The event included Green's students, past and present, as well as Roppolo and Sperry on hand as two distinguished alumni of WIU's urban forestry program. According to **Adam**



Tom Green '69 MS '72, urban forestry professor (far right), with his urban forestry students on the WIU-Macomb campus.

Engelskirchen, a senior from Sugar Grove (IL) and the club's vice president, the trees were donated by **Tim Howe '75 MS '78**, Macomb city forester, and the members of the WIU Forestry Club.

Green earned his B.S. in zoology and his M.S. in botany from WIU, and his Ph.D. in plant pathology from Iowa State University in

1979. He is responsible for the planting of 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, Engelskirchen noted. He added that the Regal Prince

hybrid oak has special importance to Green, as he is one of the authors of the description for this hybrid tree.

"Earl Cully, nurseryman and owner of Heritage Trees, Inc., in Jacksonville (IL), asked Dr. Green to help write the taxonomic description of a hybrid oak he wanted to introduce to the nursery trade," explained WIU Forestry Club President **Rabb Shah**, a senior from Lemont (IL). "The tree was a cross of swamp white oak (*Quercus bicolor*) and the upright form of the English oak (*Quercus robur*). It produced an upright form with high-quality, dark green leaves with a silver underside. When obtaining a plant patent, the genus and species must be included, and because these trees do not have a common native range, the cross, or hybrid, process occurred on the University of Missouri campus, where Mr. Cully collected the seeds. With the help of William Hess, taxonomist from the Morton Arboretum, the hybrid was given the scientific name of *Quercus x warei*. Professor Green had worked with Dr. Hess for 13 years at the Morton Arboretum. When a person gives a new scientific name to a plant or animal species, he or she is known as the author; thus Dr. Green and Dr. Hess are the authors for the 'Regal Prince' oak."

Business and Technology



Alumni Q&A: Doug Reese '85 MBA '86

Macomb native **Doug Reese '85 MBA '86** is the founder of Wealth Associates Inc., which provides financial services specifically to dentists and their practices. Reese recently shared the influential role his stepfather and his college education at WIU played in his path to success.

What was your childhood like growing up in Macomb?

Macomb was an ideal place to grow up. We lived on a farm before moving into town. When I was seven, my mom married a dentist named Bob Barkley. It's hard to express how deeply he touched my life.

What was he like, and how did he specifically influence the direction you've taken as a businessman (working specifically with the dental community)?

Bob knew how to "care for" patients, but what made him special was his ability to "care about" people, making them feel important and special. His death in a plane crash seven years later shattered many dreams, yet he left a strong legacy. It was his death and the settling of his estate that lead me into the profession of financial planning. I wanted people to be dealt with fairly and ethically in one of the most difficult and sensitive areas of their lives.

Your website states that you started your career as a businessman at age 12. Is that so?

That first business was a candy store I ran from my locker in the seventh grade. When I heard a kid say, "I'd give anything for a candy bar," I asked, "How much?" His answer sent my mom and I to 7-11 that night where I bought \$2 in candy and sold it the next day for \$4. It was a great gig until the music teacher shut it down.

My love of investing began early when I started studying and buying stocks in high school. Two dentists bought me a gift subscription to the Wall Street Journal after they saw me reading it on a summer horse-pack trip in Colorado.

When you came to WIU, did you know you wanted to study business? When did the idea for your business begin to develop?

After playing baseball at North Central College my freshman year, I transferred to Western to complete my finance degree. At 16 I knew I would be a financial planner, but my first love was baseball and I wanted to play outfield for the Cubs. During my junior year at Western I wrote the plan for my business, along with my best friend from grade school, **Kelly Thornton '85**. After finishing my finance degree and MBA, I spent 10 months at a bank discovering I wasn't a salesman. I moved to Colorado where my friend Kelly joined me and we founded Wealth Associates in 1991.

What were some of the highlights of your time at Western that helped lead you to founding your own business?

Western was a great experience for me. The business school education was invaluable (special thanks to Dr. Fred Ebeid for believing in me). And my days in Delta Tau Delta were great. But my real learning about business, beyond the classroom, came from **Phyllis Plank '87**, who gave me my first college job in Horrabin Hall. Phyllis was 26 and understood how to deal with people fairly and how to be a good leader and manager to a couple of young stubborn college boys (my partner in crime was **Greg Butler '85**, also a Western grad and now CPA in Macomb).



L-r: Douglas Reese '85 MBA '86, Abby Reese, Jacob Reese and Lisa Reese

Is Wealth Associates a fairly unique company because of its specialty? What are some key concerns or goals that you work on with dentists?

Our business model focuses on helping clients achieve personal financial freedom on their own terms. I've served as financial adviser to 500 dentists in 46 states and they are gracious professionals. The challenge is helping each person bring harmony to his or her finances. My joy comes from helping someone discover what is truly important to them and then helping them chart a course to sustain a peaceful co-existence with their money and their life's journey.

What are some of the joys or challenges of your work?

The real joy of my work comes from the quality of life it affords me. A line from our company mission statement reads, "Our work fulfills us, yet it does not define us." I've always been an advocate of planning our work priorities around our life's priorities. This has given me the freedom to spend time with my wife Lisa and our children Jacob and Abby, who particularly enjoy the two weeks each summer we spend in Macomb at our farm (which was the childhood farm I'd dreamed of owning since we left it).

Do you have a personal philosophy that you believe has helped lead to your success? What advice would you give to upcoming CBT graduates as they enter the world?

My philosophy was summed up in a letter I wrote to my one-year-old son before I got on the first plane after 9/11. I wanted him to know some things I felt were important, in the event I wasn't there to tell him as he grew. The four points in that letter would be the same advice I would give to a Western student about to graduate:

- 1) Make a difference in the world—Discover your passion and your talents, and use them to help others. Hold onto your uniqueness and your dreams. Find ways to be generous.
- 2) Be true to yourself and stand for something honorable—remember wherever you go and whatever you do, do it with decency and stand up for what you believe in.
- 3) Beyond a healthy discipline, "be gentle to thy self"—you'll make some mistakes and bad choices in life, but it's how you handle the outcomes that determine your character and the type of man you'll become. Never give up and never stop believing in yourself.
- 4) Trust God to lead you, always—he'll never let you down.

Johnson Selected as Distinguished Faculty Lecturer



Don T. Johnson

Finance Professor and inaugural Cecil P. McDonough Endowed Chair of Business **Don T. Johnson** was selected as the 2010 Distinguished Faculty Lecturer, the highest honor a WIU faculty member can receive.

Johnson delivered the 42nd Distinguished Faculty Lecture (DFL), "Homes in America: Two Centuries of Improving Americans' Lives," Sept. 30 on the WIU-Macomb campus and Oct. 15 on the WIU-Quad Cities campus.

"Home ownership has been a goal for American citizens since before the nation began. In earlier times, home ownership was often a requirement to vote, and today it remains one of the primary pathways to wealth accumulation and emotional satisfaction," Johnson said.

His talk discussed how home ownership has changed over the years and addressed current issues in regard to housing troubles brought about by both public and private policy mistakes.

Johnson joined Western's faculty in 1988 as an assistant professor of finance. His teaching and research interests include real estate, including investments, finance, brokerage and appraisal. He has authored and co-authored numerous articles for professional publications, and his research has included work in the areas of asset allocation, landlord-tenant issues, effective financial communications, and financial education. Johnson is editor-in-chief of "Managerial Finance," president of MBAA-International and past president of the Academy of Finance.

Johnson won Western's inaugural Provost's Award for Excellence in Research and Creative Activities in 2005 and also received the College of Business and Technology's (CBT) Award for Excellence in Research and Creative Activities in 2005. He has subsequently been recognized as winner of the CBT Award for Excellence in Service, in 2009. He serves as adviser of Western's Rho Epsilon Real Estate Fraternity, and has served for several years on the University Personnel Committee, the University Campus Planning and Use Committee, and the North Central Accreditation Reaccreditation Task Force.

From 1988-2003, Johnson was the program administrator for Western's real estate brokerage certification and pre-licensing program. In 2009, he was a faculty inductee into Western's chapter of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.

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Jenke was one of only 60 students from across the United States chosen to compete.

In addition, BAP members have coordinated the annual "Accounting Challenge" at WIU for area high school students where more than 100 students participated in the competition based on business scenarios. This fall, they held their annual "Meet the Firms" career fair and members helped to build the new Kiwanis playground in Chandler Park in Macomb.

Information Systems major named Lincoln Laureate

Edward Arnold Bridge II (Quincy, IL; originally from Pettus, TX) is Western Illinois University's recipient of the Lincoln Academy of Illinois Student Laureate Award for 2010. The prestigious award, which is presented annually to an outstanding senior from each of Illinois' four-year degree-granting institutions, honors a student's overall academic excellence and extracurricular activities.

He was among 50 seniors across the state honored Nov. 6 during the Student Laureate Convocation at the Old State Capitol State Historic Site in Springfield. Student Laureates received a medallion, an honorarium check and a certificate of achievement.

Bridge has maintained academic perfection at Western Illinois in his information systems major, with an option in information technology systems and a minor in computer science. He is the Centennial Honors College Scholar, the Academic Honors Convocation Student Speaker, the Information Systems Departmental Scholar and an Honors Scholar.

He has been a technical assistant student worker, assisting with call-in questions to the computing help desk, as well as working with hardware, software and multiple networks across campus. He installed, configured, standardized and documented all of the electronic equipment in the electronic classrooms across campus. For his Honors College undergraduate research, "Utilizing Technology for Organizational Strategic Advantage," Bridge created an inventory database of all electronic equipment maintained by the University, along with a website with instructions, photographs and other resources. This information system, which is free and easy to maintain, provides a faster and more thorough training for employees, as well as up-to-date electronic classroom information for faculty and technicians to access online. He won the 2010 Thomas E. Helm Undergraduate Research Day poster presentation with this project.

In 2009-2010, Bridge served as president of the following organizations and academic honor societies: the College of Business and Technology Student Organization Council, the Management Information Systems Association, Mortar Board, Golden Key and Blue Key. He has been an active volunteer in local and national charitable and service drives such as the Law Enforcement Torch Run and Polar Plunge for Illinois Special Olympics; Cans Across America food drive; American Red Cross blood drive; Mortar Board's national project, "Reading is Leading;" and Western's All Volunteer Effort (WAVE).



Dean of the College of Business and Technology Tom Erikson with Edward Arnold Bridge II.

In addition to academics and student work, Bridge founded (2007) and runs his own business, Input/Output Technologies, which he operates part-time during school and full-time on breaks and summers.

A U.S. Air Force veteran (2003-2007), Bridge received the Squadron, Group and Wing Airman of the Year awards at Lackland Air Force Base (TX) for 2004. He served the base as full-time operations systems administrator. He was a member of the Honor Guard, the Drill Team and percussion captain of USAF Blue Knight Drum and Bugle Corps. He also ran

cross country.

Bridge said there were several factors that drew him to Western Illinois when he was researching schools toward the end of his tour of duty.

"I found that WIU was a good size school in a good location, had small class sizes, was military friendly, was affordable and had the program that I wanted, along with many other factors," Bridge said. "I know that it was the right decision, and I am thankful for my time here."

Bridge had attended Texas A&M University (College Station, TX), where he was active in academic, professional and social groups, including the Texas A&M University (TAMU) Computing Society; Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers; Hispanic President's Council;

and Student Engineers' Council, for which he was the first-ever freshman engineering student selected for membership. He also was captain of the cross country team, and he competed in track and field and cycling.

His immediate plans include earning his Master of Business Administration and doctorate degrees.

"Ultimately, I would like to teach at the university level and manage my own business," said Bridge. "I have operated a sole proprietorship the last several years to help cover my expenses, but I would like to open a store and be my own boss so that I can eventually sponsor some charitable events and programs and establish a scholarship fund for future students at Western Illinois University.

"I am thankful for everything that WIU has taught me and given to me, and I want to give back what I can. I have learned things about my future profession, professional and personal networking and leadership and management skills that will help me become a successful and productive citizen for years to come," he added.

The former valedictorian of Pettus High School is the son of Edward and Tery Bridge of Pettus (TX).

WIU acknowledges adjunct instructor and alumnus State Rep. Rich Myers

He brought state government to the forefront for numerous Western Illinois University students over the years, and was a dedicated WIU alumnus.

State Rep. **Rich Myers**, a 1973 WIU agronomy graduate and an adjunct instructor in the University's Centennial Honors College, passed away Dec. 1.

"Rich Myers was a loyal Western Illinois University alumnus and was a tireless advocate for higher education in the state of Illinois. His efforts on behalf of Western and for many west-central Illinois agencies and organizations were always greatly appreciated, as was his great integrity," said WIU President **Al Goldfarb**. "We offer our condolences and thoughts to the Myers family."

Myers taught the General Honors course, "Inside State Government" (GH 299), for 10 years. The course, offered during the spring semesters, provided students with the opportunity to not only learn inside the classroom from the long-time state representative, but also in the halls of the state capitol.

"We very much feel the loss of Rich Myers. He was instrumental in taking our students to Springfield where they had the opportunity to meet speakers who are influential in state government, tour the capitol building and visit the two legislative chambers," said WIU Honors College Director **Bill Knox**. "In addition to many other ways, we will miss Rich for volunteering his services to enrich the academic experience of students in the Centennial Honors College."

Myers served in Springfield for 16 years, most recently being re-elected as state representative for the 94th District.



Rich Myers '73

WIU students conduct survey about Macomb's Downtown Square

A recent classroom project provided four Western Illinois University graduate students an opportunity to conduct research in the area of community development.

The four students — **Jennifer Chancay** from Macomb (IL), **Yemiymah Yisra'el** from Chicago (IL), **Marwan Alssadek** from Tripoli (Libya) and **Leo Dion** from Galesburg (IL) — are taking **John Gruidl's** Economics 535 Small Community Development course this semester. All except Alssadek are Peace Corps Fellows and AmeriCorps members, who are enrolled at WIU through the Peace Corps Fellows Program in Community Development. Gruidl, a professor in the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs who also teaches in WIU's economics department, helped guide the students through the research project, which included a survey of the WIU community asking them to consider questions related to businesses and possible business opportunities for the square.



Fine Arts and Communication



Hutinger named 2010 COFAC Distinguished Friend

Patricia Hutinger received the 2010 Distinguished Friend of the College of Fine Arts and Communication (COFAC) Award at the fall semester opening reception of the University Art Gallery.

Last February, Hutinger committed to support the art department's Visiting Artist Fund at Western Illinois through 2013. This fund enables the department to bring in at least one outside visiting professional each year for lectures, demonstrations and classes, said **Charles Wright**, art department chair. Hutinger first supported the Visiting Artist Fund Initiative in 2009, Wright added. Her gift is made in honor of her son, **Scott Hutinger '82 MS '93**, who passed away in 2007.

Hutinger retired from Western in 2008; she was a professor of early childhood education. In 1975, she founded Macomb Projects, which later became the Center for Best Practices in Early Childhood Education, a service unit in the College of Education and Human Services (COEHS) at Western.



Paul Kreider, COFAC dean, presents the 2010 Distinguished Friend Award to Patti Hutinger, right.

Help the Marching Leathernecks 'get dressed'

Although the Marching Leathernecks continue to play "Georgia" just like they always have, they will be doing so while sporting a new look starting in fall 2011.

According to **Mike Fansler**, director of bands, the current Marching Leatherneck uniforms were purchased in three stages: purple pants in the late 1980s; white pants were purchased in the early 1990s and retired due to mud stains; and the current jackets were purchased in 1999. Many hats have deteriorated over the years due to inclement weather and must be replaced on a regular basis. The current hat design also dates from the mid-1990s. Most band directors plan on a decade as the lifetime of a uniform, Fansler said. That means the Marching Leathernecks have really "gotten their money's worth" out of the current uniforms.

The current uniforms are also outdated in design and technology. There have been many improvements to fabric and construction design since the 1990s. The current uniforms are wool, and students can easily get overheated when temperatures rise. New fabric combinations and technology allow for more breathable uniforms, which are much more comfortable for marching and playing.

The band will still be a hot band, but not because of high temperatures.

The new uniform design is a contemporary look that retains some of the traditions of older WIU uniforms, including



a block "W" on the left sleeve. Some new looks include the "WIU" on the front and scripted "Leathernecks" on each arm. And of course, the new uniforms will continue the tradition of purple and gold.

The new Marching Leatherneck uniforms will give WIU's loyal alumni the opportunity to support WIU and the Marching Leathernecks by making a donation to the uniform campaign. None of this would be possible without a very generous \$25,000 lead gift from **Gene Teeter** of Mt. Carroll (IL).

"Gene has been a dedicated supporter of music at Western, and this generous lead gift to the band uniform campaign is just one of his many gifts to the University," said **Cathy Null '72 MA '91 MS '02**, assistant to the dean for the College of Fine Arts and Communications (COFAC). "We thank Gene for this very deeply appreciated gift."

To start your commitment to helping the Marching Leathernecks "get dressed" for 2011, contact **Mick Cumbie**, director of development for COFAC, at (309) 298-2620.

Adam Beck, a senior Music major from Rock Island (IL), displays the new uniform, which is constructed from fabric that will allow for more comfort during hot weather. Some new looks include the "WIU" on the front and scripted "Leathernecks" on each arm.

The Brevard tradition at WIU

School of Music faculty member **Eric Ginsberg** and junior music student **Jia Rong Gan** share the Brevard Summer Institute experience. Gan, a violin major from Malaysia, was one of five students to win the concerto competition at the Brevard Summer 2010 Institute in Brevard (NC). Gan played the Violin Concerto no. 3 in b minor by Saint Saens. She was accompanied by the Brevard Music Center Orchestra, conducted by Ken Lam.



Jia Rong Gan, a violin major, advanced to the summer concerto competition at Brevard Institute, where Eric Ginsberg (right), has taught for 18 years.

Ginsberg, WIU professor of clarinet, has taught at Brevard Summer Institute for 18 years. According to Ginsberg, the Brevard Music Center provides a congenial summer community for young musicians of exceptional gifts. Four hundred students, from nearly every state in the U.S. and from several other countries, enroll each year. Students and a faculty of 60 live and work on the music center campus, which is located on 150 wooded acres in the mountains of western North Carolina. To be chosen to participate, students must submit recordings for consideration.

"Brevard is a wonderful place, with beautiful scenery, good faculty and a great place for students to learn and grow," Gan said. "For the past two summers, I have been a part of the Brevard Summer Institute. All students participate in different ensembles, such as orchestra, chamber orchestra and chamber groups, and the highlight of the summer is the concerto competition."

Gan, who is a part of the WIU Symphony Orchestra, the WIU Chamber Orchestra and the International String Quartet, explained that the competition begins with the first round-preliminary. From there, four string players are chosen to move on to the finals, of which she was one. Of the 13 players chosen for the finals, which are open to public, five winners are chosen to perform their pieces with the orchestra. Gan contributes her success at the institute to her education at WIU.

"WIU's music program has a wonderful and dedicated faculty. I really love playing in the International String Quartet and I learn a lot from my colleagues, as well as the faculty," Gan added. "My scholarship to study at Western has made it possible for me to be a step closer to my dreams."



Foundation

Group O's Ontiveros gives gift of opportunity

Founder of one of nation's top Hispanic-owned companies endows scholarship for GC students

By Julie Murphy '94 MS '95

Robert Ontiveros, chairman of Group O, a packaging, supply chain, and marketing services company headquartered in Milan (IL), knows a thing or two about creating and seizing opportunity. And recently, Ontiveros created an opportunity for Hispanic students at Western Illinois University in the form of a generous scholarship endowment.

Ontiveros was born in Moline in 1938, the second of 12 children. He graduated from Moline High School, then immediately enrolled in Moline Community College (now Black Hawk), graduating in 1960. From there he went to the University of Cincinnati. But after a year and a half, short of money his last semester, he left school to return home.

"I think having been brought up so poor and having to work all the while I was in school gave me a 'real world' education as well as book learning," Ontiveros said. "I was not a good student, making barely above a 'C' average. However, looking back, I realize that I did gain the ability to network and make lifelong friendships."

Indeed, Ontiveros' firm, Group O Companies, which he started by literally knocking on factory doors more than 30 years ago, is now a multimillion-dollar enterprise with four separate businesses, and is the ninth largest Hispanic-owned business in America.



Robert Ontiveros

"I never would've dreamed that we'd (the company) grow to where we are today," Ontiveros said. "But I do think growing up in an environment where maybe you wouldn't think I'd be successful made a difference. Throughout my life, whenever I've been successful, it was when someone had thrown a stumbling block in front of me, and I climbed right over it. I think it gives you a stronger character and work ethic. To be successful, you overcome these things."

Throughout his career, Ontiveros has risen to every challenge with integrity and an entrepreneurial spirit. Respected for his value-focused way of

doing business and philanthropy in the region, he is now creating an opportunity for Western students. Ontiveros and his wife, Blenda, have committed \$100,000 to establish a scholarship endowment for full-time Quad Cities students with demonstrated financial need. Preference will be given to students of Hispanic origin. Five scholarships will be awarded each academic year.

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"The only way out of poverty is education and learning the new technologies of our current world," Ontiveros said. It's an ever-changing world, and I think I can make a difference by providing these scholarships."

"The Ontiveros Scholarship is a tremendous gift for WIU-Quad Cities," said **Joe Rives**, vice president for WIU-Quad Cities, Planning and Technology. "Western is the only Illinois public university, and only Midwestern public university, cited by The Education Trust for successful graduation rates for Hispanic students. The Ontiveros Scholarship will strengthen Western's success while transforming the lives of the individual recipients. We are grateful for, and humbled by, Bob and Blenda's generosity and vision."

"As a local business owner, I fully appreciate the economic impact that WIU brings to our local economy," Ontiveros said. "WIU's beautiful new campus on the banks of the Mississippi River makes the Quad Cities a truly strong learning center for higher education, enabling us to compete in the global marketplace."

"My intent," he continued, "is to make the best use and help the most we can with this endowment."

Archer establishes Soldier Statesman scholarship

By Julie Murphy '94 MS '95

"The person I am today—an Army major, husband, and father, was created here in these halls, here on this campus. The Army major talking to a distraught soldier was created as an RA helping a resident through family issues. The successful communicator was created as a writer for the Courier. The husband met his wife on a PT run the first day of ROTC. I owe a debt to this institution that can never be repaid but it is a debt that I am supremely thankful to carry."

These are the words of Maj. **Erik Archer '01** to the crowd gathered in Macomb on the evening of Oct. 29 for the announcement of the public phase of the \$60 million campaign, Set the Standard: Higher Values in Higher Education.

Archer, along with his wife, **Beth '01**, has established the Soldier Statesman scholarship to recognize and reward a member of the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) Ranger Club who epitomizes the Army values and is a leader at WIU and in ROTC.

Archer is the Fort Carson (CO) Provost Marshal, between his third and fourth deployment overseas.



Maj. Erik Archer '01

"When Erik contacted me about funding the scholarship via payroll deduction earlier this year, he mentioned it might take a little time to set it up," said **Brad Bainter '79 MS '83**, vice president of Advancement and Public Services. "When I asked why, he said it was because he was currently serving our country in Afghanistan."

"That really hit home hard and fast," said Bainter. "Here was a fellow alum serving overseas, in a dangerous situation, with a wife and children at home. Yet, he took the time to remember Western and the thoughtful action to make sure his scholarship would be funded, regardless of

his location."

"My wife and I were in a position to give back to the university and the program that gave us so much," said Archer. "We wanted to help, in a small way, some cadets that may have been in the same position we both were in ROTC."

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"The scholarship is designed to help a student struggling to scrape together funds to attend. Both my wife and I struggled financially and academically at points, and we want to help those who find themselves in the same situation," said Archer. "I'm not addressing you as the prototypical scholar, rather the student who, partnering with the University, overcame obstacles to succeed."

Archer mentioned many things that Western gave him, besides an education: a wife, confidence, humility and compassion.

"I came to WIU as a boy without direction and left a confident leader of men engaged to a beautiful fellow Leatherneck," he said. "To everyone who makes this

institution what it is, thank you, sincerely and from the bottom of my heart, for creating this amazing paint brush with which students like me can take and transform a blank canvas into a thriving work of art."

"Maj. Archer personifies the core values of Western," stated Bainter. "He is the living the values we promote and embrace. I am grateful for, and humbled by, his thoughtful generosity. Erik Archer is what this great institution is all about."

New Alumni Council members named



Members of the 2010-2011 Alumni Council from l-r: Brett Goad '74 MA '76, Fred Longacre '64, Kathy Sullivan '78, Harvey Ahitow '68, Brian Savage '73 and not pictured Chuck Giger '70.

Six new members will serve the Western Illinois University Alumni Council for the 2010-2011 year.

Comprised of 25 alumni who are appointed to three-year terms, and the president of the Student Alumni Association, the Alumni Council represents the interests of Western's nearly 109,000 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.

The new members are:

Harvey Ahitow '68, general manager of the North Riverside Park Mall in North Riverside (IL); graduated from WIU with a bachelor's degree in physical education.

Chuck Giger '70, a retired Navy captain and naval aviator; graduated from WIU with a bachelor of business degree. He received his master's degree in psychology in 2002 from California Coast University in Santa Ana (CA), and his Ph.D. in psychology in 2005 from Saybrook Graduate School in San Francisco.

Brett Goad '74 MA '76, retired director of student activities at Hinsdale South High School in Darien (IL); graduated from WIU with a bachelor's degree in education and a master's degree in music.

Fred Longacre '64, a farmer and realtor at United Country Ravenscraft & Associates in Palmyra (MO); graduated from WIU with a bachelor's degree in agronomy.

Brian Savage '73, a CPA/PFS/CFP (chief compliance officer) at Brian T Savage PC and Forum Financial Management, LLC in Lombard (IL); graduated from WIU with a bachelor's degree in accountancy.

Kathy Sullivan '78, a senior systems analyst at Loyola Medical Center in Chicago; graduated from WIU with a bachelor's degree in home economics.

Roger Clawson '77, a State Farm Agent in Moline (IL); serves as council president.

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Gay, a 1969 psychology graduate, is a master Certified Estate Planner, a Registered Financial Consultant and Planner and a Certified Investment Specialist. Since 1980, Gay has assisted more than 4,200 medical professionals with their business and personal financial needs, including assisting in building hundreds of \$1 million to \$46 million optometric practices. Additionally, he has conducted more than 1,900 practice appraisals and assisted in the buying or selling of more than 1,400 practices to date. Gay has owned or co-owned five Eyecare Centers. He was the co-owner and president of Gay-Huff Construction and Development Co., Inc., Gay-Huff Realty, Inc. and Kitchens by Gay-Huff, Inc. in Peoria (IL) from 1973 to 1980. From 1984 to 1992 he was co-owner and president of American Healthcare Designers Ltd. and American Healthcare Suppliers, Inc. He is a noted author and lecturer on practice management; he is a developer, lobbyist and consultant in fields such as practice management.

He is a life member of the National Defense Transportation Association and is actively involved and serves in many volunteer capacities and on boards and committees in his community and nationally, including serving as the chair of the Aurora Key Community Response Team Board and as an adviser to the Scottish Rite Appraisal Committee and the Finance Committee for the El Jebel Shrine. Gay also serves as a life member of the Dirksen Congressional Research Center's Endowment Fund.

He is chair of the WIU College of Fine Arts and Communication (COFAC) Advisory Board. In 2008, he received The Distinguished Friend of the College of Fine Arts and Communication Award at WIU. He also supports Western financially with scholarship support and gifts to COFAC. He holds a Doctorate of Laws and Letters from Covington Theological Seminary.

Scardina, a 1975 physical education graduate, served as a physical education teacher and head girls tennis coach at Hinsdale Central High School from 1977 to June 2010. She also served as assistant athletics director from 1991 until her retirement. As head coach, she won 11 state championships, including the final four consecutive championships. She also coached seven second place teams to the state championships.

During her tenure, Scardina won 29 Illinois High School Association Sectional tennis championships and 22 West Suburban Conference Championships. Her overall coaching record upon her retirement in 2010 was 406 wins, 26 losses and four ties. Scardina was also the varsity girls gymnastics coach from 1981-84 and assistant varsity gymnastics coach from 1976-80. Scardina was named National High School Girls Tennis Coach of the Year in 2007; was inducted into the Illinois Tennis Coaches Hall of Fame in 2001; and was named the Illinois Tennis Coach of the Year in 1999.

She was the coach of six Illinois High School Association individual player tennis state championships and three United States Tennis Association national junior champions. At WIU, she was a member of the women's gymnastics team from 1971-74, and a member of the jazz troupe from 1973-74. She received her master's degree from George Williams College (Downer's Grove, IL).

Watson, a 1967 physics graduate and a Blandinsville (IL) native, served more than seven years as senior climate negotiator and special representative and as U.S. special envoy to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and was accorded the personal rank of ambassador by President George W. Bush during his tenure of service as special envoy. In this role, he traveled across the globe to confer with world leaders regarding climate change and global warming.

His prior government experience includes serving more than 16 years on the staff of the U.S. House of Representatives' Committee on Science and Committee on Science and Technology, including nearly seven years as staff director of the Committee's Subcommittee on Energy and the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment; as science adviser to the Secretary of the Interior and as principal deputy and deputy assistant Secretary of Interior for Water and Science; and as a professional staff member of the U.S. Senate's Committee on Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Energy, Nuclear Proliferation and Federal Services.

Watson received his master's degree in economics from Georgetown University and his doctorate degree in physics from Iowa State University. He completed postdoctoral work at Argonne National Laboratory where he conducted research on superconductivity. Watson also spent three years at B-K Dynamics, Inc. as a project and senior scientist specializing in defense matters, and two years at TRW, Inc. as a member of the technical staff working on advanced energy technology. Over the years, Watson has donated funds for WIU student scholarships, served as a lecturer at WIU -- including presenting the WIU Morrow Lecture in 1995 -- and has published articles with WIU Physics Professor Emeritus Yan Lwin.

Ismail, the ex-deputy commissioner of police, received his bachelor's degree in business from WIU in 1979 and his master's in law enforcement from Western in 1981. He has served as senior general manager, security and safety, Malaysia Airports Holdings Berhad (MAHB) since 2004. Prior to that appointment, he was general manager for security and safety for three years, and was general manager of Malaysia Airports Technologies for one year.

Ismail has also worked as senior general manager of operations at MAHB. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the K.L. Airport Hotel for the Pan Pacific KL International Airport, of the MAB Agriculture and of Malaysia Airports. He is a member of the National Security Committee and chair of the Sepang International Circuit Procurement Committee. Ismail also serves as a consultant to Khazanah Nasional Berhad on security for Iskandar Development Region Project. He has 34 years of experience serving the Royal Malaysian Police at district, state and headquarters levels. These years of experience covered criminal investigation, special branch, traffic, narcotics, training, lecturing, research and planning and he held various command posts.

While in the police service, he was appointed as a part-time lecturer at the National University Malaysia. Ismail has completed two-year course work for a Ph.D. program in Criminal Justice System in the United States.

Alumni in Afghanistan



Col. Ronald Taylor '71 MS-ED '72 served 15 months on active duty with the U.S. Army in Afghanistan. Commissioned a 2LT through the WIU ROTC program in 1973.

Taylor is a professor of marketing at the John L. Grove College of Business Shippensburg (PA) University.

WIU Named 'Best for Vets' College



Western Illinois University has been selected as a "Best for Vets College" by Military Times EDGE magazine. Western, ranked 25th, is one of only two Illinois public institutions in the top 25, and is one of only three Illinois public universities, out of 101 colleges and universities, selected for the recognition.

According to the Military Times, more than 4,000 colleges and universities were invited to respond to a survey detailing programs, policies and resources for veterans. Selection criteria included financial assistance; academic flexibility; campus culture; and support services.

In addition to the Military Times recognition, for the second consecutive year, Western Illinois has been designated as a "Military Friendly School" by GI Jobs Magazine and is featured in the "Guide to Military Friendly Schools."

"Western has established a national reputation for providing exceptional academic support and services to active military personnel and veterans," said President **Al Goldfarb**. "I am pleased that our efforts have been recognized by Military Times and GI Jobs."

In addition to offering the Bachelor of General Studies (formerly called Bachelor of Arts/Board of Trustees) degree and flexible academic studies and support to active military personnel and veterans, for many years Western has provided the resources these men and women need upon entering—or returning to—school.

The University's Wright Residence, which serves as the Veterans Resource Center, provides streamlined services and resources in a centralized location to ensure that all veterans, guard members, reservists and active duty personnel receive individual assistance with any question or concern they may encounter. The center also sponsors a series of group seminars/workshops each year based on the current needs of its military student population.

"Prospective and returning students have used the center since its inception and the response has been overwhelming," said **Kathy Meyers**, assistant director of the Veterans Resource Center. "We are able to help minimize the barriers associated with transitioning to the University setting by providing necessary services and resources in a relaxed atmosphere. The center staff also assists students who are located at the Macomb and Quad Cities campuses, and throughout the world. The Veterans Resource Center connects veterans and their family members with the resources necessary to help them succeed."

Veterans Resources has also joined forces with the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA) to sponsor a service center on the WIU-Macomb campus each month. In addition, the WIU-Quad Cities campus has a partnership agreement with the Rock Island (IL) Arsenal (RIA), which allows current—and potential—college students interested in completing college proficiency exams to complete the exams at the Arsenal. Additionally, since 2008, the two entities have collaborated to allow members of the RIA community to seek undergraduate and graduate degrees offered at the WIU-QC campus, in accordance with a Department of Defense Directive on Voluntary Education for Military Personnel.

Johnson, Thompson announce retirements

W. Garry Johnson, who has served as vice president of student services at Western Illinois University since 1997, will retire June 30, 2011, after 31 years of service.

Johnson, who was named vice president of student services at Western in May 1998, also serves as an associate professor of counselor education and college student personnel. Johnson served as the University's interim vice president for student services from 1997-1998, and prior to this appointment, served as associate vice president for student services from January-September 1997, and as assistant vice president for student services-student life from 1983-1996. He was Western's director of residence life from 1980-1983. Prior to joining the student services division, Johnson was assistant director of housing and residence hall director at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

"Throughout the years, Garry has been a leader and a visionary in the Division of Student Services at Western. His knowledge and experience have made him an integral member of the University's administrative team, and he has significantly contributed to the division's accomplishments," said WIU President **Al Goldfarb**.

As vice president for student services, Johnson is responsible for the areas of Admissions, Athletics, Beu Health Center/Student Health Services, Career Services, Casa Latina Cultural Center, University Child Care, Counseling Services, Disability Resource Center, Electronic Student Services, Financial Aid, GoWest Transit System, Greek Affairs, Harry Mussatto Golf Course, Gwendolyn Brooks Cultural Center, Learning to Lead, Student Activities, Student Assistance and Parent Service Center, Student Development and Orientation, Student Judicial Programs, Student Legal Services, Student Publications, and the Women's Center, as well as the Auxiliary Facilities System comprised of the University Union, University Bookstore, University Housing and Dining Services, University Food Service and Campus Recreation.

Under his leadership, numerous projects have been completed, including the building of the new Grote Hall; renovations of residence hall dining centers; renovation of several residence halls and decommissioning of Wetzel Hall. In addition, the University Union food court was developed along with a major renovation of the University Bookstore, and the new entrance to the Union began. During his tenure, GoWest Transit was developed and expanded and the new Multicultural Center was constructed, along with the Donald S. Spencer Campus Recreation Center and its most recent expansion, among numerous other projects.

Johnson received his doctorate and master's degrees from the University of Missouri-Columbia and his bachelor's degree from Southern Colorado State University. He has held regional, national and international offices in several professional associations, including serving as president of ACUHO-I (Association of College and University Housing Officers-International) and two terms as president of the Upper Midwest Region Association of College and University Housing Officers (UMR-ACUHO).

"I want to thank Presidents **Al Goldfarb** and **Don Spencer** for their support during their tenures, along with **Dr. Ronald Gierhan**, vice president for student services, who was a great role model for me and others in the division. I have been blessed to work side-by-side with



W. Garry Johnson to retire, after 31 years.



Jackie Thompson '85 MS-Ed '94 to retire, after 41 years.

some of the most dedicated and talented student affairs professionals anywhere in the country," Johnson said. "They have given so much on behalf of our students over the years. WIU students are the true benefactors of the hard work staff do to help them be successful. I have enjoyed working with a group of amazing student-leaders who have worked hand-in-hand to make Western the wonderful place that it is today. I will always be grateful for the many opportunities afforded me during my time at Western. I can't imagine being at a better place for all this time."

Jackie Thompson '85 MS-Ed '94, who has served as vice president of administrative services since 1997, will retire July 31, 2011 after 41 years of service.

Prior to 1997, she had served as interim vice president, and prior to that was a special assistant to the vice president for administrative services and director of auxiliary services. She is responsible for the University's business services, human resources, purchasing, administrative information management systems, physical plant, public safety and document and publication services. Thompson also oversees the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board Executive Institute and Media Resource Center. She has worked at Western since 1970.

"Jackie's significant contributions and leadership will be missed. Her vast knowledge of Western and her insight have made her an invaluable member of the University's administrative team, and has contributed to the many successes and advancement of administrative services at Western over the years," noted Goldfarb.

As vice president for administrative services, Thompson has served as the University's chief administrative, business and financial officer, and as treasurer for the Board of Trustees. She has been responsible for contract approval and administration, management of the University's facilities and construction programs and Western's legal compliance in conjunction with contracted legal counsel. Thompson has also served as the University liaison to the Civil Service Employees Council and the Council of Administrative Personnel.

Under her leadership, the Document and Publication Services (DPS) department was established, and a new facility was constructed to house DPS and property accounting to further streamline operations; a wellness program was created for University employees, leading to a full-time employee in Human Resources dedicated to training and development; numerous electronic business processes were established, including electronic timekeeping and electronic deposits; and programming was implemented to diversify the civil service workforce at Western; among many other projects. Thompson is a member of the State Universities Administrative Vice Presidents Association, serving as chair from 1997-1998; among other organizations.

"I want to thank the Western Illinois University community for their support during my 40-plus years at Western, as both a student and employee," Thompson said. "I'd like to thank former President **Spencer** and President **Goldfarb** for their support and guidance. I also especially want to thank the outstanding people in administrative services and recognize their many accomplishments and successes over the years. Because of the wonderful people in this division, my decision to retire was a difficult one to make."

Honorary Alumni and Town and Gown Awards

Recreation, Park and Tourism Administration (RPTA) Professor Emeritus **Gil Belles** and Retired Director of Women's Intercollegiate Athletics **Marion Blackinton** were presented the 2010 Western Illinois University Honorary Alumni Award Sept. 23 during the annual WIU Founder's Day celebration. To recognize her contributions to WIU and the Macomb community, **Lin Stults** was named recipient of the 2010 Town & Gown Award from the WIU Alumni Association.

The Honorary Alumni Award is presented to an individual who is not a WIU graduate but who has provided exceptional service to the WIU community.

Belles arrived at Western in 1968 to teach history. While he was in that department he helped create a Black Studies Area and then chaired the department of African American studies. In 1985, Belles "retrained," earning another degree, and began teaching in the department of recreation, park and tourism administration (RPTA). He taught in RPTA, creating courses for the tourism component of the curriculum, until his retirement in 1996. Along the way, he chaired the Council on Admission, Graduation, and Academic Standards (CAGAS) for three separate terms. He is the recipient of the College of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation Outstanding Teaching Award, five WIU Faculty Excellence Awards and a Distinguished Alumnus Award from Wittenberg University, to name a few.

He has been actively involved in such campus activities as Open Door and the President's Task Force to End Homophobia, and he has been involved in numerous community and civic organizations including the Performing Arts Society (PAS), YMCA of McDonough County, Tri-States Public Radio and Tri-States Audio Information Services, the Western Illinois Museum and the Macomb Public Library.

In 2007, Belles established the A. Gilbert Belles Donor Advised Fund, pledging \$400,000 for Tri States Public Radio, the Performing Arts Society (PAS) and the RPTA department. In 2009, the College of Fine Arts and Communication (COFAC) recognized Belles with the Distinguished Friend of the College Award. Belles is a past board member for PAS and was instrumental in leading the effort to renovate the COFAC Recital Hall Green Room. The PAS named the Green Room in Belles' honor. In addition, he supports many Alumni Programs functions and is instrumental in coordinating the annual Homecoming run/walk.

Blackinton served as an instructor, coach and administrator in the women's physical education department and in women's intercollegiate athletics for nearly two decades, beginning in 1967 when she came to Western as an associate professor of physical education. She earned full professor status in 1971. She also was director of the women's extramural program, which was a predecessor of structured intercollegiate competition. Blackinton, who coached the volleyball team that won the state title in 1970, is among the pioneering women of the Title IX generation for sports (1970s-1980s). In 1974, women's athletics was granted departmental status at Western, and Blackinton was appointed the first women's intercollegiate athletics director, a position she held until her retirement in 1986.

She was instrumental in securing WIU's charter membership (1971-1972) in the former Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW); in finding money for recruiting athletes; and in becoming a charter member in the 10-university all-women's Gateway Collegiate Athletic Conference (July 1982), which also marked the women's first year of competition at the NCAA Division I level. Blackinton helped increase recognition for WIU women's athletics with a 1977 nickname contest, which led to the name "Westerwinds," and a 32-year identity of their own. In 2009, the University unified men's and women's athletics team names to the Leathernecks.

In 2000, as part of the University's Centennial Celebration, Blackinton was among 45 women featured in the "Women of Western Centennial Photographic Exhibit," taken by regionally renowned black and white photographer Patti Sullivan-Howd of Macomb. Blackinton has received the Western Organization for Women (WOW) Achievement Award, and she was inducted into the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACD) Hall of Fame in 1987 and into the Western Illinois Athletics Hall of Fame in 1990.

Blackinton also contributed to numerous departments and initiatives at Western, including Tri States Public Radio, the Centennial Honors College, the President's Scholarship Fund and other scholarships. In addition, her support includes contributions to athletics by providing an electronic scoreboard for the Mary Ellen McKee Softball Stadium and a financial donation to renovate the Brophy Hall weight room for use by student-athletes and kinesiology students. The weight room was named for her.

"Dr. Belles' and Dr. Blackinton's commitment and dedication to the Western community is phenomenal," said **Amy Spelman MS '98**, director of Alumni Programs. "It is with great pleasure that we award these outstanding individuals with the 2010 Honorary Alumni Award."

This is the 15th year for the WIU Honorary Alumni Award presentation. Previous recipients were Bob Anstine (2009); Jack Stites (2008); Bill Brattain (2007), Marilyn Johnson (2005); Donald Dexter (2004); Mark Martin (2003); Mel and Judy Kerr (2002); Charlene Callison (2001); Ed Holzwarth (2000); Donald S. Spencer (1999); Laura Kent Donahue (1998); Cathy Early (1997); Dick Miller (1995) and Dennis Iversen (1994).

The Town and Gown Award is presented to an individual who has provided exceptional service to WIU and the community. Stults is the owner of Engraving by Lin in downtown Macomb. A graduate of Western High School, Stults learned the engraving trade while working at Arrasmith Jewelry. When the jewelry shop closed in 1979, Stults opened her own business, and for the past 31 years, has provided trophies, custom ribbons, plaques, nametags and more. Stults is an avid supporter of Tri-States Audio Information Services, Tri States Public Radio, Intercollegiate Athletics and many more, giving of her time, her services and financial support.

In the community, Stults is a member of Macomb Public Library District's board of trustees and also serves as a board member for the Macomb Altrusa Club, the Salvation Army and Volunteer NOW. She has been involved with the Dickens on the Square Planning



L-r: Gil Belles, Marion Blackinton, and Lin Stults.

Committee since 1994 and has volunteered her time to assist with Macomb Downtown Development and Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce activities. She joined the Macomb Rotary Club in 2002 and transferred to the Macomb Centennial Morning Rotary Club in 2007. She completes a long line of Paul Harris Fellows, starting with her grandfather Barton Boyle; father, **Hap '41**; mother, Margaret; sister, **Diane '70**; and brother, **Jim '72 MS '73**.

"Lin is the perfect example of someone who has the best interest of the Macomb and WIU communities at heart in everything she does, making the Town and Gown Award a fitting tribute to her volunteerism and commitment to Western and Macomb," said Spelman.

Previous recipients of the Town & Gown Award include **Jerry Cremer '89** (2009), **John Maguire '73 MS '80** (2008) and **Charles Gilbert** (2007).

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WIU-QC focus

Additionally, the public phase of the campaign was announced Nov. 4 in the Quad Cities at a special event to address the needs of the Moline campus.

As part of the overall University campaign, the WIU-Quad Cities campus' focus is to raise \$1.6 million for student scholarships and fellowships; \$4 million for capital improvements, such as a manufacturing tech teaching lab, an electronics lab and 13 electronic classrooms; \$1.2 million for faculty support, including endowed professorships; and \$1.2 million for information and technologies, including two new computer labs and equipment upgrades.

"In addition to allowing our Quad Cities campus to provide enhanced financial and academic support to our students and establish new programs, the generosity of our alumni and friends allows us to forge new partnerships and move ahead with our expansion," said **Joe Rives**, vice president of Quad Cities, planning and technology. "As individuals, corporations and organizations give to WIU-Quad Cities, they can be certain that their investment will continue to support students."

How can you give?

For more information on the WIU Foundation and contributing to Set the Standard, visit wiu.edu/giving or call (309) 298-1861. An accessible PDF outlining the complete details of the Set the Standard campaign can be found at wiu.edu/giving. An accessible PDF outlining the complete details of the QC specific campaign can be found at wiu.edu/qc.

Warm Holiday Wishes From the WIU Alumni Association

Arts and Sciences

Psychology professor's work leads to grant for violence prevention

Western Illinois University has received a \$300,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women, (OVW), thanks in part to research conducted by **Melanie Hetzel-Riggin**, an associate professor of psychology at WIU.

According to **Janine Cavicchia MS '88**, director of the WIU Women's Center, the three-year grant initiative is intended to help further reduce incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. Hetzel-Riggin was a lead writer of the grant proposal, which reflects a collaborative effort between WIU departments and organizations and the Macomb community including the Western Illinois Regional Council-Community Action Agency's Victim Services (WIRC-CAA VS) and campus and local police, Cavicchia noted.

"This initiative will provide campus and community partners with a variety of new tools designed to help address the critical need for comprehensive education, prevention, intervention and sanctioning of offenders of interpersonal violence, with the ultimate goal of reducing the prevalence and effects of interpersonal violence on campus," Hetzel-Riggin said.

According to Hetzel-Riggin, figures from the most recent National College Health Assessment conducted in 2008 by the American College Health Association indicated that approximately 1,447 students at WIU had experienced sexually aggressive behavior or attempted/completed sexual assault, and almost 900 had experienced stalking, while another 1,802 had likely experienced emotional, physical and/or sexual abuse within a relationship.

"My own research, which I conducted on the WIU-Macomb campus from 2006-2009, found that of the 1,276 women surveyed, 19.4 percent reported a history of domestic or dating violence, 13.3 percent reported a history of sexual aggression or assault and 32.1 percent reported being stalked," Hetzel-Riggin said.



Melanie Hetzel-Riggin

Cavicchia and Hetzel-Riggin said the grant will benefit students by allowing the University to develop a coordinated response to interpersonal violence that includes mental health and medical care, and will help to increase awareness of resources available. Goals for the project also include developing online- and in-person training for campus police officers and judicial board members on laws, policies and protocols for responding to interpersonal violence victims. The grant will also be used to create and implement a mandatory education program on interpersonal violence for all incoming students; to develop a peer-led, bystander intervention program; for programming that addresses interpersonal

violence prevention for underrepresented groups such as minority students; creating a comprehensive website and marketing campaign on interpersonal violence information and resources; and creating an Interpersonal Violence Response Team led by an Interpersonal Violence Prevention Coordinator.

Cavicchia noted that Western has demonstrated a long history of commitment to developing and strengthening resources and support services for, and education about, interpersonal violence. Rape awareness programming at WIU started in the mid-1970s, when Student Personnel Services (now Student Development and Orientation) and University Counseling Center staff members **Nell Koester**, **Cari Sheets MS '72** and **Jo Ann Hummers** initiated programming and conducted survivor support groups, which continue today.

"The University's campus-wide Relationship Violence Awareness and Prevention Committee (RVC) evolved from a Task Force on Prevention of Sexual Assault, which was first formed in the 1980s in order to improve how we respond to victims of violence and to develop resources to help survivors," Cavicchia said. "This grant will allow us to implement unprecedented and even more effective means of providing education, for our students and all members of our campus community, in our continuing efforts to reduce interpersonal and gendered violence and provide assistance and support to survivors."

Mossman named Chair



Mark Mossman

Mark Mossman, a professor of English at Western Illinois University, has been named chair of Western's Department of English and Journalism, effective Oct. 1, according to **Susan Martinelli-Fernandez**, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Mossman received his Ph.D. from Saint Louis University in 1998. He joined the faculty at WIU in August 2001 after two years

at Bethany College in West Virginia. At Western, Mossman has served on numerous department-, College-, and University-level committees, and has recently conducted research for the College of Arts and Sciences regarding graduate student recruitment and program development. Most recently, Mossman served as the director of graduate studies in English from 2006-2009 and as chair of the University Graduate Council during the 2008-2009 academic year.

Mossman has published essays in such journals as *College English*, *Nineteenth Century Feminisms*, *Postmodern Culture*, *Post Identity*, *European Romantic Review*, and *Victorian Literature and Culture*. His book, "Disability, Representation and the Body in Irish Writing: 1800-1922," which investigates how a disability framework can be read into 19th Century Irish cultural practice, was published by Palgrave Macmillan in September 2009.

Additional administrative changes for CAS

At the beginning of the fall semester, **Mark Boley '87 MS '89**, who has served as interim chair of the physics department, was named chair of physics; and **Keith Boeckelman**, political science professor, is the interim chair of political science. In addition, **James Schmidt** was named associate dean for budget, planning and personnel. **Russ Morgan**, who joined WIU's psychology faculty in 1997, was named interim associate dean for curriculum and student affairs.



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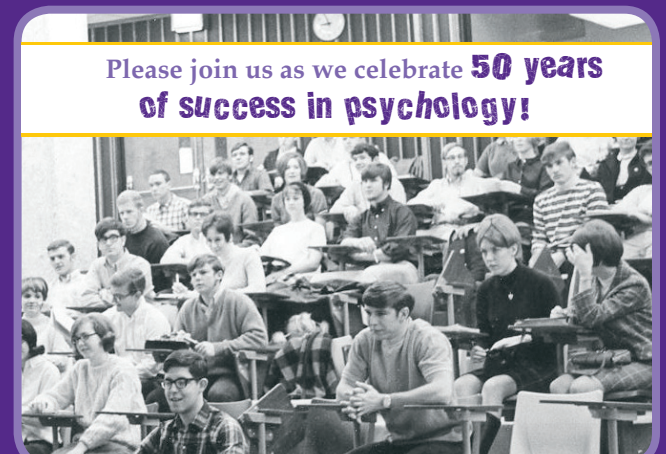
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Arts and Sciences

Crain receives CAS Distinguished Alumni Award

Co-designer of anti-pollution devices helped industries meet EPA regulations

Richard Crain '56, a pioneer of the anti-pollution movement, received the 2010 College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) Distinguished Alumni Award during the College's Fourth Annual CAS Scholarship dinner in October.

Crain is retired from the Industrial Filter and Pump Company in Cicero (IL), but remains active as an independent consultant specializing in pollution abatement and solution recovery in the metal finishing/electronics industry.

"Crain has utilized his degree from Western Illinois University and has shared his personal and professional skills with the community at large. His actions and accomplishments have protected our rivers and streams from being poisoned and his early efforts have eliminated further harm to our world's ecosystem," said **Bryce Dexter**, director of development for the College of Arts and Sciences. "His contributions to society through his profession have made a positive impact on countless communities throughout the U.S. and Canada."

Pursuing Pollution Abatement

Crain, now of Indian Head Park (IL), graduated from WIU in 1956 with a degree in chemistry. He started his career at the Industrial Filter and Pump Company where he had worked summers in research and development. But after a couple of years he felt the calling to try his hand as a schoolteacher like his grandparents, parents and aunts before him. He became a high school chemistry and physics instructor in Shannon (IL). After just a few years of teaching, Industrial Filter and Pump called him back to work in their sales division, where he stayed and would devote 32 years to various sales and sales management positions.

While working with the Industrial Filter and Pump Company in the early 1970s, the federal government created the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with strict new rules and guidelines for factories to protect the environment. In the metal finishing and electronics industry, the elimination of toxic chemicals and waste was often just a simple method of flushing the waste down a large drain near the machines. From there it went directly out into the rivers and spillways of the surrounding communities. Industrial Filter and Pump realized the need to address this developing pollution problem and asked Crain to head up the company's new Waste Treatment division. The design and manufacturing of pollution abatement and solution recovery equipment became his life's passion.

Even though the EPA had good intentions to eliminate pollution, they did not necessarily have the experience associated with large industry, he said. Their guidelines were often a struggle for the manufacturers to abide by. Crain found himself making frequent trips to Washington, D.C. to lobby to Congress on behalf of the industry for appropriate manufacturing regulations. He was also a co-designer of three anti-pollution devices that positively affected the pollution controls of metal finishing



Crain '56, left, receives a plaque made from a former Hanson Field bleacher—in honor of his one-time summer job of branding the seat numbers—from Bryce Dexter, director of development for the College of Arts and Sciences.

"His actions have protected our rivers and streams from being poisoned, and his early efforts have eliminated further harm to our world's ecosystem."

companies across the U.S. and Canada.

As he taught members of the EPA and Congress scientific and chemical principles behind anti-pollution applications to this industry, he found that his earlier teaching career was effective preparation.

Corporations could no longer manufacture goods without the appropriate means to eliminate chemical wastes they produced. They were now being regulated and held accountable for this and

were subject to hefty fines and possible closure of their businesses if they did not comply.

Crain was regarded as someone who was knowledgeable in the field and could be trusted to deliver and advise companies of all size. He was often brought in to identify the deficiencies of a corporation and offer suggestions for those who were not following the EPA guidelines.

He kept a close relationship with Industrial Filter and Pump over the years, where he served as vice president of sales. He then went on to become the CEO and Executive Director of MFSA (Metal Finishing Suppliers Association) and formed Monitor, LLC consulting firm in 1998.

Crain has designed more than 100 pollution abatement facilities and/or recovery systems and authored 22 papers in industry magazines. He is the author of the "Filtration" chapter of the *Electroplating Engineering Handbook* (fourth edition). He has twice received the MFSA's highest

honor, the August P. Munning Award, as well as special recognition awards from the NAMF (National Association of Metal Finishers) BRANA (Bumper Recycler's Association of America), and the Founder's Award from the SFIC (Surface Finishing Industry Council), an oversight organization representing MFSA (the supplier), NAMF (the customer) and AESF (the American Electroplaters and Surface Finishers Society). SFIC is now the all-encompassing NASF.

Family Legacy

Deeply rooted in Macomb, both of his grandparents were part of the University in its beginning. His grandfather graduated as a teacher and his grandmother was a cook at the University in the early 1900's, where they benefitted from being mentored by some of the University's earliest founders. His father, **Francis Crain '29** and his mother, **Belva '29** both received their teaching degrees from Western before moving the family to Mt. Carroll (IL). Two aunts also graduated from Western and went on to be teachers, his sister **Judith Shaffler** graduated in 1961 and his son **Scot** graduated in 1979 and 1982.

While at WIU, Crain worked to pay for his education, doing odd jobs (washing windows, etc.) for staff members, and locking up the gym on Saturday nights after all the "Big Bands" of the day (like Fred Warring), basketball games and other attractions. In the summer of his junior year, he was assigned the task of branding the seat numbers on all of the bleachers in Hanson Field, one by one.

"He has not forgotten what Western meant to him, and most importantly, that it is where he met his wife Susie of 53 years," said Dexter. "He has remained loyal to the University, and has great fondness about his time in Macomb and Western."



Back row, l-r: Scot Crain '79 MBA '82, Richard Crain '56, and David Crain. Front row, l-r: Elana Andree-Crain, Susie Crain, and Judith Shaffler '61.



Intercollegiate Athletics

Five Named to 2010 Hall of Fame Class

The Western Illinois University Athletics Department inducted five Leathernecks into the Athletics Hall of Fame over the 2010 Homecoming Weekend: **Charlie Carey '75** (contributor), **Wendell McKemey '86** (track and field), **Helen Smiley** (administrator), **Aaron Stecker** (football) and **Curt Westen '82 MBA'83** (football).

Carey, of Western Springs (IL) graduated with a bachelor's degree in business - finance. He played three years of football for the Leathernecks (1971, 1973-1974) at defensive tackle, two years for coach Darrell Mudra and his final season for coach **Brodie Westen**. The Leathernecks won at least seven games all three seasons he played, including a 14-3 mark in games played at Hanson Field. The 1973 team qualified for the NCAA Division II playoffs.

Upon graduation he worked in the business finance field and became a member of the Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) in 1978. Carey's professional successes eventually led to him becoming Chairman of the Board of Trade in 2003. Carey served on the CBOT board of directors for 11 years in various roles, including vice chairman, first vice chairman and full member director. He currently serves as Vice-Chairman of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) Group and is a partner with Henning and Carey Trading.

A regular contributor to not only Leatherneck Athletics but to the entire University, Carey plays a major role in the annual All-Leatherneck Reunion and Alumni Programs events in the Chicago area.

"Thanks to Charlie's generosity the Leatherneck Football program has prospered, most recently helping the team purchase needed practice equipment," said **Tim Van Alstine**, director of athletics.

One of the most decorated track athletes in Western Illinois history, McKemey earned All-Mid-Continent Conference honors three years at the outdoor championship meet and twice during the indoor championships. At the 1983 outdoor meet, McKemey was selected as the Outdoor Athlete of the Year. In the 1984 indoor championship, he won the 440 yard dash and helped the 4x400 relay team win the title. At the following year's indoor meet, he captured the 600 yard title and a repeat championship in the 4x400 relay.

During his standout performance at the 1983 Outdoor meet he won the 100 and 200 meters en route to receiving the Outdoor Athlete of the Year award. In 1984 he won the 400 yard Outdoor title and helped the 4x100 relay team to a first-place finish. He capped his career winning the 400 meters for the second consecutive year and was part of the championship 4x100 and 4x400 relay teams.

His 6.31 second time in the 55-meter dash (1982) still ranks fourth all-time in Leatherneck history. McKemey also ranks among the Indoor best times in the: 400 meters (5th/48.97 seconds) and 4x400 relay (7th/3:18.56 in 1985; tied 9th/3:19.13 in 1984 and 1985). Among the Outdoor best performances, McKemey's 46.72 second time in the 400 meters still stands as the record 25 years later. He also ranks among the Outdoor leaders in the: 100 meters (6th/10.37 seconds in 1983), 200 meters (2nd/21.00 in 1982), 4x100 relay (5th/40.54 in 1985) and 4x400 relay (5th/3:12.07 in 1985; 8th/3:12.39 in 1982).

McKemey, nicknamed "Flash," graduated 1986 with a bachelor's degree in physical education. Now of Park Forest (IL), he is an in-home technical business manager for Sears, coaches his son in baseball, and also works as

a basketball referee with the Illinois High School Association.

Smiley, of Bella Vista (AR) began her Western career as the director of intercollegiate athletics for women from 1985-1988. When the men's and women's departments merged, Smiley served as director of athletics for operations until 1994. She took over as athletics director that year and served in that capacity until her retirement in 2001. Smiley was honored by the Mid-Continent Conference (now Summit League) by having the Women's All-Sports Award named after her. The prestigious award is given at the end of the academic year to the Summit League member that collects the most points in relationship to placement in league-sponsored sports.

A member of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) since 1981, Smiley worked with the NCAA on basketball committees and was a member of the Board Round Table on Rules Education.

During her tenure at Western she worked on numerous administrative, compliance, promotional and women's basketball committees with the Gateway Collegiate Athletic Conference and Mid-Continent Conference.

Stecker, of Verona (WI) rewrote the Western Illinois record books during his two years with the Leathernecks, helping win two Gateway Conference titles and consecutive appearances in the NCAA playoffs. During his junior year (1997) Stecker led the nation in scoring and set program records with 2,293 rushing yards and 27 touchdowns as Western advanced to the second round of the playoffs. He would eventually finish second in the Walter Payton Award voting, still the highest-finish ever by a Leatherneck for the prestigious national 'Offensive Player of the Year' award, and won the Gateway Conference 'Offensive Player of the Year' and 'Newcomer of the Year' awards.

Stecker rushed for 1,506 yards his senior year with 14 touchdowns as Western advanced to the semifinals of the I-AA playoffs - still the highest Division I finish by a Leatherneck Football team. He helped the Leathernecks to a 22-5 record during his two-year career. He earned First Team All-America honors by several organizations in 1997, then followed with more All-America accolades his senior year. Even though he played just two years with the Leathernecks, Stecker still ranks third among the all-time rushing leaders (3,799 yards) and rushing touchdowns (41). He was the all-time leader in both categories after concluding his career. He ties for second all-time with 19 games rushing for 100-yards and he also ranks second with six 200-yard rushing efforts.

Stecker recently retired from the National Football



Back row, l-r: Charlie Carey '75, Curt Westen '82 MBA '83 and Wendell McKemey '86. Front row, l-r: Helen Smiley and Aaron Stecker.

League, spending 11 years between Tampa Bay (1999-2003), New Orleans (2004-08) and Atlanta (2009). He is one of only eight Leatherneck student-athletes to win a Super Bowl Championship as a player, helping the Bucs defeat Oakland 48-21 in Super Bowl XXXVII.

During his 11-year professional career Stecker was allocated to NFL Europe. While playing overseas, he was named NFL Europe's Most Valuable Player' and MVP of the World Bowl.

Westen, of Denver (CO), was a member of the Leatherneck Football team from 1978-1982, earning a letter his final three years. As an offensive lineman (center), Westen received Honorable Mention All-

America honors from Associated Press in 1981 and 1982. During his final two years he earned All-Conference honors and received recognition for his work in the classroom. Westen was chosen Academic All-Conference and Academic All-American in 1981-82, earning a 4.0 GPA during the fall semester both years. During the 1981 season he was named 'Offensive Player of the Week' six times by the coaching staff, and at the time was the only Leatherneck to receive All-Conference, All-American and Academic All-America honors in the same season.

After receiving his bachelor's and master's degrees at WIU, Westen earned his Juris Doctor degree from California-Berkley Boalt Hall School of Law in 1986. His career began in Chicago working for the law firm Lord, Bissell and Brook. Westen served from 1993 to 2007 as General Counsel for Health Net, a Fortune 500 company based in Los Angeles (CA). In his career he was appointed by the Governor to the State of Colorado's Cooperative Healthcare Agreements Board, and also served on the Board for the Children's Burn Foundation in Los Angeles. Since 1995 Westen has delivered industry speaking engagements on health care merger and acquisition activities.

Westen's father Brodie served as the football program's assistant coach from 1971-1973 and was head coach from 1974-1975.



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Intercollegiate Athletics

Barrett and Green earn CoSIDA/ESPN Academic All-District honors

Western Illinois women's soccer players **Caitlin Barrett**, Springfield (IL) and **Jenny Green**, Palatine (IL) were named to the District 5 CoSIDA/ESPN Academic All-District Second Team on Tuesday, Nov. 2.

The senior defenders were recognized for their accomplishments on the field and in the classroom. Barrett carries a 3.84 GPA as an English major and is one of just three players to start all 19 contests for the Fighting Leathernecks this season.

She was previously recognized as a Summit League Academic All-League selection in 2006, 2008 and 2009. Barrett overcame a season-ending knee injury as a sophomore and developed into one of the league's premier defenders, appearing in 72 career-matches including 67 starts. She also earned a spot on the league's All-Newcomer team as a freshman.

Green carries a 3.92 GPA as a special education major. She was previously recognized as an Academic All-League selection in 2008 and 2009 after transferring from the University of Minnesota.

Green was also named as a CoSIDA/ESPN Academic



Jenny Green and Caitlin Barrett

All-District selection last season. She currently leads the Leathernecks with ten points on four goals and an assist this season. Green earned First Team All-League honors as a junior and Second Team honors as a sophomore and is also one of three players to start all 19 matches this season.

Both players have also served as team captains for the past two seasons.

Barr, Glazier Earn MVFC Top Honor

For the second time in Western Illinois Football history, a pair of teammates came away with Missouri Valley Football Conference's (MVFC) top awards. Senior quarterback **Matt Barr '10** from Belvidere (IL) was named the league's "Offensive Player of the Year," while senior linebacker **Kyle Glazier** from Geneseo (IL) was voted as "Defensive Player of the Year."

Joining the award winners on the First Team are offensive lineman **Mike Lamphear** from Burr Ridge (IL) and wide receiver **Lito Senatus** from Miami (FL). Defensive lineman **Mike Stieren** from Springfield (IL) was named Second Team. Three Leathernecks were named Honorable Mention: fullback **Josh Gabelmann** from Bettendorf (IA), linebacker **Brandon Kreczmer '10** from Chicago (IL) and tight end **Drew Helt** from Fort Madison (IA).

The senior captains are the first set of teammates to win both MVFC awards since 2007. They join Leathernecks **Charles Tharp** (Offensive) and **Edgerton Hartwell** (Defensive), who accomplished the feat in 2000. Save for Gabelmann (a junior), all of the Leathernecks honored are seniors. They played a key role in the team's best turnaround in program history, going from one win last year to a current 8-4 record (as of Dec. 3) and second place finish in the MVFC standings.

Barr becomes the seventh Leatherneck to win the Offensive Player of the Year Award, while Glazier is the third Leatherneck to capture the Defensive Player of the Year honor.

Last year Glazier was a Second Team selection and Honorable Mention his sophomore season. Gabelmann and Senatus were Honorable Mention picks last year.

A finalist for the Walter Payton Award, Barr dominated the conference offensive categories leading in: passing efficiency (158.10), passing yards per game (276 ypg), total offense (313.7 ypg), passing touchdowns (26), and points responsible for (16.8 ppg). He has completed 216-of-358 passing for 3,312 yards and 26 TDs with only seven interceptions. Barr also rushed for seven TDs on 452 net

yards. The Leatherneck offense ranks ninth nationally averaging 34.1 points per game.

The senior quarterback, who missed the final seven games of his junior year due to an injury, has to date set 12 Western game/season/career records. Barr is the only Leatherneck quarterback to throw for 400 yards twice in his career, let alone in consecutive weeks. He was named MVFC "Offensive Player of the Week" three times and selected as national "Player of the Week."

Glazier owns the MVFC lead and stands second nationally averaging 12.83 tackles per game (154 overall). He owns two of the top four tackle performances in the NCAA Division I FCS, a season-high 25 at Missouri State and 21 at South Dakota State. Glazier finished fourth in the league with 12.5 tackles for a loss, in addition to his four sacks, one interception and two forced fumbles.

For the third straight year Glazier will lead the Leatherneck defense in tackles. In fact he has 42 more tackles than the next closest MVFC defender. Glazier became the only Leatherneck to ever record two 21-plus tackle games, accomplishing his feat within a span of three games. He moved into fifth place all-time with 378 tackles, just one shy of fourth place.

Lamphear is a three-year starter at tackle, helping the offense to a second place ranking nationally averaging 476 yards per game. The offense stands eighth nationally in passing (280.6 ypg) and 20th in rushing offense (195.5). Like his quarterback, Senatus has turned in a record-setting senior year catching the ball. His 1,120 receiving yards, 13 touchdowns, seven consecutive games with a TD catch, six 100-yard receiving games, and five consecutive 100-yard receiving games all set Western Illinois season records. Senatus ranks third among the season leaders with 62 receptions and tied for 10th recording 14 touchdowns. Stieren is the first Leatherneck defensive lineman to earn all-conference honors in two years. He led the defense with seven sacks and recorded 10 tackles for a loss.

Leathernecks Advance to Round 2 in Playoffs

**EDITOR'S NOTE: The December issue of Western News went to press prior to the Saturday, Dec. 4 playoff game. Visit goleathernecks.com for more information about the game.*

Following a big win against rival University of Northern Iowa Nov. 20 at WIU's Hanson Field, the Western Illinois Leathernecks football team turned their sights to playoff announcements occurring the next day. Still riding high from the previous day's win, the Leathernecks found out their season wasn't coming to an end just yet, receiving an at-large bid to the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs. The 21st-ranked Leathernecks notched an exciting 17-10 win over Coastal Carolina on Nov. 27, and with that win, Western advanced to the second round of the playoffs. They faced Appalachian State Dec. 4 in Boone, NC.



Athletics announces NCAA graduation success rate

According to the latest federal Graduation Success Rate (GSR) released Oct. 27 by the NCAA, Western Illinois Athletics had 10 programs graduate more than 80 percent of their student-athletes.

The Leatherneck volleyball program had a 100 percent rate, leading not only the athletics department, but all Summit League volleyball programs as well.

Men's cross country/track and field, women's basketball, women's swimming and women's cross country/track and field all turned in a GSR score above 90 percent.

Western's student-athletes GSR for the years from 2000-2001 through 2003-2004 came in at 61 percent, higher than the University's general student body graduation rate of 57 percent over the same period.

The athletics department has turned in unprecedented success in the classroom over the past two years, posting three consecutive record-setting cumulative grade point averages. During the Spring 2009 semester, Leatherneck student-athletes posted a 3.01 GPA (25 percent at 3.60 or higher). In Fall 2009 student-athletes recorded a 3.15 GPA, (including 109 with a 3.60 or higher). Last spring the GPA increased to 3.19 as 53 student-athletes turned in a perfect 4.0.

"Our success in the classroom represents the type of student-athlete our coaches are recruiting and the academic support they receive from our staff once they arrive on campus. I challenged all our coaching staffs to recruit the type of student-athlete that can be successful in the playing arena and in the classroom," said Director of Athletics **Tim Van Alstine**. "These percentages and grade point averages are a combined effort from all involved. I am extremely proud of our student-athletes' dedication in the classroom."

University Libraries

‘Fiction is a better teacher’

Chus establish book collection to encourage multicultural learning

University Libraries employee **Felix Chu** and his wife, **Nancy**, a retired College of Education and Human Services (COEHS) faculty member, have committed \$10,000 to University Libraries to establish the Chu Multicultural Book Collection. The collection will feature works of fiction with social content, particularly featuring stories of immigrants or people seeking to become immigrants. Books in the collection will include those with themes of cultural, ethnic, and racial issues, and all books that have received the Bellwether Award, which was established by author Barbara Kingsolver in support of social change.

“Western’s core values support internationalization of the curriculum and the campus,” said Felix Chu, cataloging and assessment librarian for University Libraries. “This collection is one way for people to understand different cultures.”

“Fiction is a better teacher in this instance,” Chu continued. “Fiction is read by more people, it is easily understood, and people tend to remember stories more than facts. Fiction is one of the easiest ways to learn about and understand complex social issues.”

Cultural themes and dealing with differences are of



Nancy and Felix Chu

personal and professional interest to the Chus. Felix spent his first 12 years in Taiwan, a few more in Argentina, then came to the U.S. to finish high school and complete college. He became sensitized to the large and small differences people of different languages and cultures experience when they interact, not only through his own experiences, but also through his study of languages and reading of literature.

Nancy, who retired in 2005 from the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, always brought children’s books on cultural issues into her classes on children’s literature and storytelling. She established the Children’s Literature Examination Center in the late 1980s to enrich materials for teaching, including fiction and non-fiction books that cover multicultural topics. The Chus donated several books of their own, and provided the funding to build the collection.

“Western is a good place for our philanthropy,” Felix said. I hope our collection will cause people to look at things in new and different ways,” he said. “Our collection is a way to share stories from which people will learn about other people.”

Fourth-generation student among the stacks

University Libraries’ student assistant in the Curriculum Library, **Stefanie Rogers**, a senior from Canton (IL), is a fourth-generation WIU student in her family. She is also the fourth generation to pursue a career in education.

Rogers, an elementary education major, hopes to teach second or third graders in the west central Illinois area upon graduation. She is the daughter of **Julie Reneau Rogers ’80**, who teaches math education at Cuba (IL) High School; granddaughter of **Barbara Swanson Rogers ’56**, of Lewistown (IL), who is retired from teaching English and physical education at Lewistown High School, and great-granddaughter of Irene **Gebhart Swanson**, who also worked in education during her lifetime.

“My grandmother was constantly telling me about



Stefanie Rogers

all of the new happenings taking place on campus and the neat things the students were doing,” she said. “Being so close, I knew it was a nice campus and I would really enjoy coming here.”

Rogers started out as a biology major. Then she began working in the Curriculum Library her freshman year.

“I started seeing a lot of students and local teachers coming in to pick up materials and they were all so excited about what they were teaching,” she said. “They just seemed to really enjoy it, and I thought, I love working here and I believe I would enjoy teaching, so I changed my major to elementary education.”

“University Libraries is pleased to have played a positive role in Stefanie’s educational success,” said **Phyllis Self**, dean of University Libraries.

What’s your library story?

When **James Stipanowich ’81** stopped by the Leslie F. Malpass Library earlier this fall to see how it has changed over the years, he mentioned to University Libraries Dean **Phyllis Self** that he had been a student worker in the library. Stipanowich, (son of **Mary ’44** and the late **Joe Stipanowich ’46**, mathematics chair and professor emeritus), was a student when the library was located in Memorial Hall and part of his duties included to move library materials from Memorial into the Leslie F. Malpass Library.

“It was such an interesting story about the libraries’ history, we decided to record it and play it during the Student Assistant Gala on Homecoming Weekend,” Self said. “It’s the personal experiences that add character and depth to timelines and facts.”

With this in mind, University Libraries is interested in compiling stories to share at events and in publications. To share your own library story, contact **Tammy Sayles**, marketing and outreach librarian, at TJ-Sayles@wiu.edu or (309) 298-3298.

Alumna dedicates artwork

Western Illinois University Libraries and Hillel, the Jewish student organization, hosted an art dedication and reception honoring President **Al Goldfarb** Oct. 26 in the Leslie F. Malpass Library.

The reception marked the official donation of a sculpture, “Children of Shoah,” by **Constance (Connie) DeMuth Berg MS-Ed ’72**, who gave her artwork to University Libraries in honor of Goldfarb’s dedication to WIU and his tireless support of the Jewish community in Macomb, according to **Phyllis Self**, dean of University Libraries. Goldfarb will retire June 30, 2011.

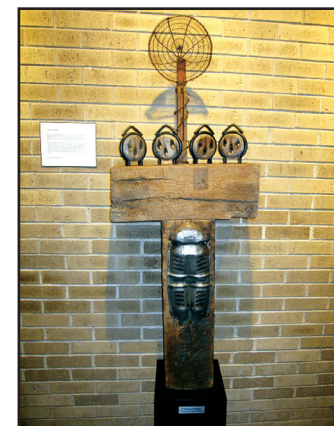
“We welcome this sculpture into the Libraries’ permanent collection and thank Dr. Goldfarb for his numerous contributions to Western Illinois University,” said Self.

In addition to the dedication ceremony, the Libraries’ new Judaica collection, made possible by the generous support of President and **Elaine Goldfarb** in honor of his parents, Shirley and Martin Goldfarb, both of whom survived the Holocaust; and by **Roberta Lynn Ruben**, in memory of Doris and Sheldon Ruben of Jerusalem, Israel, is on display. The sculpture expresses haunting memories of Prague and the Jewish ghettos—especially Terezin, the site of the largest mass extermination of Czech citizens in World War II.

Berg, of Good Hope (IL), is a retired art teacher and counselor at West Prairie School District (formerly named Northwestern), in Sciota (IL). She received undergraduate and graduate degrees from MacMurray College and Columbia University, and a graduate degree in counseling and guidance from WIU.

Berg has conducted post-graduate work at Cranbrook Academy of Art, Bloomfield Hills (MI); and abroad at the University of London; Mounts Bay Arts Center, Cornwall, England; Inniemore School of Painting, Isle of Mull; and the International School of Beaux Arts in the South of France. Her latest award-winning sculptures, created from found pieces of wood and metal, were recently featured in contemporary galleries in Washington, D.C. and Chicago (IL).

“In her life and in her art she mixes the practical with the artistic,” said retired psychology faculty member **Paula Wise**. “Her sculptures, for example, use common objects to convey uncommon ideas. If creativity is defined as relating ideas in previously unrelated ways, then Connie’s sculptures exemplify creativity.”



“Children of Shoah” will be permanently displayed in the sixth-floor atrium.

“The sculpture expresses haunting memories of Prague and the Jewish ghettos.”

Education and Human Services

Annual COEHS faculty awards announced

Six College of Education and Human Services (COEHS) faculty members were recognized at the "Opening of School" reception for their contributions to WIU and COEHS. The winners for the 2009-2010 academic year follow, with comments from **Lance Ternasky**, COEHS associate dean:



Excellence in Teaching Award

James West, associate professor, instructional design and technology (IDT)

"The awards committee was impressed by the variety and number of courses Jim taught. During the review period, he taught eight different courses, at both the graduate and undergraduate levels, and in multiple formats,

James West

including traditional, weekend and online," Ternasky noted. "More important than these considerations, however, were his expectations of the sort of learning that would take place in his classes. His service-learning projects move students into the community and are complemented by the development of coherent practical plans, undergirded by evolving critical thinking skills. He encourages students to capitalize on their strengths, while actively and simultaneously addressing their weaknesses. In addition, his office hours are supplemented by email, instant messaging and social websites, such as Facebook. His availability is assuredly a major factor in the high course evaluations he consistently receives."



Excellence in Internationalizing the Campus Award

Fetene Gebrewold, professor, health sciences

"As a former international student and now a U.S. citizen and educator, Fetene has paid close attention to international higher education issues and ways to internationalize the WIU campus and surrounding

Fetene Gebrewold

communities. In 2009, he received a Rotary Grant for University Teachers that was designed to support teaching in low-income countries. This grant permitted him to travel to Ethiopia to teach public health and to address timely public health issues, such as malaria, HIV/AIDS, reproductive wellbeing and child malnutrition. It also enabled him to forge an alliance between WIU and Haramaya University," Ternasky explained. "Just last Fall, he drafted a Memorandum of Understanding agreement

for international educational cooperation — the first of its kind on campus — between the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University and Haramaya University. The agreement will permit student and faculty exchanges and promote the University's commitment to internationalization."

Excellence in Teaching with Technology Award

Christine Anderson, assistant professor, special education (which is part of curriculum and instruction as of Fall 2010)

"Christine's interest in technology is tied to her desire to educate teachers who are comfortable modeling the use of technology in their own classrooms to enhance student participation and performance," Ternasky noted. "To accomplish this, she has strategically explored four areas in order to meet this challenge. She has learned new, and updated her existing, technology skills through professional-development opportunities offered at Western. She has modeled course instruction infused with cutting-edge technology tools. She has required the use of technology in assignments and presentations, and she has provided an abundance of scaffolding through technological supports, such as WesternOnline and other electronic mediums."



Holly Nikels

According to Ternasky, Nikels' work in the AT&T-funded PACERS (Positive Achievement and Creativity Equals Righteous Success) mentoring and academic support program for at-risk students provides a clear example of her achievements in multicultural education. In 2008, AT&T funded Nikels' proposal for the Rock Island (IL) High School PACERS program, "an intensive mentoring, academic and volunteer-based program developed through school and community efforts and Western Illinois University," with a \$375,000 contribution.

"This innovative program was designed to help at-risk students attain personal, social and academic success. PACERS provides a longitudinal intervention starting during the freshman year and ending at high school graduation. The 30 students in the program were among the lowest performing in the Rock Island District when they began. Seven made the Rock Island High School academic honor roll this past year," he said.



Bill McFarland

Excellence in University and Community Service Award

Bill McFarland, associate professor, counselor education

"Bill's service activities are impressive and cover the spectrum of what belongs in such a category. He is actively involved with his community and has, for example, played a key role in the creation of Quad Citizens Affirming Diversity (QCAD), a non-profit organization whose purpose is to bring gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender people and their allies together to build an inclusive community through support, education and advocacy," Ternasky said.

"For me, an illustrative indication of his level of engagement can be seen in the department's recent reaccreditation experience. Bill served as point person and principal author of the self-study. The accrediting organization, the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), ultimately noted the department met all 258 standards, with no deficiencies, eventually resulting in a maximum eight-year reaccreditation. CACREP was so impressed that auditors requested permission to use the counselor education department's document as a training example for other institutions."



Pamela Godt

Excellence in Scholarly and Professional Activity Award

Pamela Godt, associate professor, curriculum and instruction

"Pam has been involved in research studying reading, writing and the motivation to learn for the past 30 years. Beginning with recognition of her doctoral dissertation research by

the International Reading Association as the 'Outstanding Dissertation of the Year' three decades ago, Pam's work has been consistently held in high regard over the years. She has delivered dozens of presentations — the venues have ranged from local community groups to international audiences — and authored several publications during her career. Her work and related recommendations have not only been well-received by teachers in neighboring school districts, but also are valued by professional colleagues, including those who heard her present at the University of Oxford."

Education and Human Services

COEHS faculty honored in new Scholars Program

Earlier this fall, 10 College of Education and Human Services (COEHS) faculty were recognized for their contributions to WIU and their respective fields in the newly established COEHS Faculty Scholars program. According to COEHS Dean **Nick DiGrino**, the impetus for the new program was based on the desire to recognize the College's faculty for their excellence in the area of research and scholarly publication and to foster an environment conducive to high caliber research.

"A growing priority for the College of Education and Human Services is faculty scholarship," DiGrino said. "I am particularly interested in seeing full-time faculty members from the various disciplines in the COEHS publish the results of their research in highly credible journals in their respective fields. The recognition program provides an opportunity to introduce and promote the work of the College's talented researchers to the wider COEHS and University communities, while highlighting their contributions to their disciplines."

DiGrino noted that all COEHS faculty are eligible for recognition in the COEHS Faculty Scholars program. He added that although the focus of the recognition is on research and scholarly publication, an acceptable record of teaching and performance of primary duties must be present for each COEHS faculty member considered for recognition in the program.

"The major criterion is a current (previous three years) body of peer-reviewed scholarship, which includes a specified number of peer-reviewed journal articles. To a limited degree, books, book chapters and major grants were considered as well," DiGrino said.

The inaugural group honored in the COEHS Faculty Scholars program included:

Dean Alexander, associate professor, School of Law Enforcement and Justice Administration

Kathy Barclay, professor, curriculum and instruction

Hoyet Hemphill, chair, instructional design and technology



(L to R): Alexander, Mhlanga, Watkins, Yoon, McCaw '75 MS-Ed '85, Hoyet Hemphill, Leanda Hemphill, Sergevnin, and McArthur, (Barclay, not pictured.)

Leanda Hemphill, associate professor, instructional design and technology

Laura McArthur, associate professor, dietetics, fashion merchandising and hospitality

Donna McCaw '75 MS-ED '85, professor, educational leadership

Bonny Mhlanga, associate professor, School of Law Enforcement and Justice Administration

Vladimir Sergevnin, assistant professor, School of Law Enforcement and Justice Administration

Sandra Watkins, associate professor, educational leadership

Seung Won Yoon, associate professor, instructional design and technology

"These faculty scholars will advise the faculty and staff in the College. I am very interested in learning from this group of successful scholars how the College can create a more fertile environment for aspiring researchers and their students," DiGrino noted.

In Spring 2011, the COEHS Faculty Scholars will select a noted research lecturer and host a campus-wide assembly and reception, he added.

New chair of counselor education named



Rebecca Newgent

Western Illinois University's counselor education department will soon be headed by **Rebecca Newgent**, according to Dean of the College of Education and Human Services (COEHS) **Nick DiGrino**. Newgent will begin her duties Jan. 1, 2011.

Newgent currently serves as associate professor in the counselor education program at the University of Arkansas (Fayetteville).

Master's and doctoral level courses she has taught include: ethical and legal issues in counseling; counseling children and adolescents; supervision of counselors and process; and procedure of writing dissertation.

Newgent has published in numerous refereed publications, and she has presented papers and research at the Association of Counselor Education and Supervision; the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies; and the American Counseling Association. She is a member of the American Counseling Association; Association for Counselor Education and Supervision; Association for Assessment in Counseling and Education; and Southern Association for Counselor Education and Supervision. Currently, she also conducts research and grant writing at the Office for Clinical and Applied Research (OCAR), a division of the National Office for Research on Measurement and Evaluation Systems (NORMES).

In 2008, Newgent received the Outstanding Individual Achievement Award for Tenured Counselor Educators from the Southern Association for Counselor Education and Supervision.

Exercise physiologist presents third annual Cohen Lecture



Melinda Millard-Stafford

Melinda Millard-Stafford, professor and associate chair of the School of Applied Physiology at the Georgia Institute of Technology and an experienced investigator in the field of applied exercise physiology, delivered the third annual Cheryl J. Cohen Lecture, "Physical Activity for Americans: Why Exercise Is Medicine!"

Oct. 18 in Horrabin Hall.

Provided to WIU through an endowment from **Cheryl Cohen**, WIU professor emeritus, the Cheryl J. Cohen Lecture is the

first endowed lecture series for the College of Education and Human Services (COEHS) and the kinesiology department.

The focus of the annual lecture alternates between exercise physiology and sport psychology.

In the past decade, Millard-Stafford has received more than \$1 million in research funding from industrial sponsors, the National Collegiate Athletic Association, national sport-governing bodies and state governmental agencies. She has published more than 40 peer-reviewed research articles. Currently, Millard-Stafford's research focuses primarily on fluid and nutritional strategies that can enhance exercise performance in the heat. Additionally, Millard-Stafford has served as an expert on scientific peer-review panels for the U.S. Department of Defense's Military Health and Medical Research programs and 15 years on the editorial board for the International

Journal of Sports Nutrition and Exercise Metabolism. She has served as president of the American College of Sports Medicine, and in 2003, she was inducted into the American Academy of Kinesiology and Physical Education, based on her many achievements in the exercise science field.

Millard-Stafford earned her B.S. in physical education from Pennsylvania State University; her M.A. in physical education from the University of Florida; and her Ph.D. in exercise physiology from the University of Georgia.

"Although Cheryl retired in 2006 after nearly 30 years of service, with her endowment, she continues to provide Western's kinesiology faculty, staff, undergraduate and graduate students, as well as community members, with a preeminent learning opportunity on Western's Macomb campus every year," said **Jennie Hemingway**, director of development for the COEHS.

Education and Human Services

iPads and Innovation

By Teresa Koltzenburg '92

The College of Education and Human Services' (COEHS) long-running Faculty Innovators program spurs technology exploration and integration in instruction and learning.

Innovation is "something that deviates from established practice or doctrine," according to Merriam-Webster Online. The definition can imply that innovation happens when one or more individuals change an approach or take the initiative to bring about new methods or ways of doing things. In the case of the Faculty Innovators program—comprised of faculty members who work to bring about change in their own instruction and in their peer's instruction using technology—in Western Illinois University's COEHS, the innovation began in 2001, the inaugural year of the program.

Back then, the Faculty Innovators program started with the laudable goal of meeting students' expectations for technology integration in undergraduate and graduate courses. This year, the 24-month professional-development program for COEHS faculty members continues in its mission "to create a cadre of technology champions throughout the COEHS who will mentor their fellow faculty members and raise the technology standard for technology in integration and teaching."

According to **Dawn Sweet '01 MS-Ed '06**, instructional development services manager in the College and coordinator for the Faculty Innovators program, the program helps bridge the gap between teaching and technology.

"It helps prepare our faculty to meet increasing student needs and expectations for technology integration within the classroom and promotes the development of research and best practices in post-secondary education," Sweet explained. "Each year, participating faculty receive a chosen technological device as an incentive for participating in the program. This piece of technology is used throughout the program meetings and artifact development."

Sweet noted, in recent years, the chosen device has been a laptop computer. But for this fall semester's Faculty Innovators program, the device is the recently released iPad, a tablet mobile computer device manufactured by Apple. iPads utilize "apps" (or applications) to provide users with direct access to content on the web; organizational and content-production tools (such as calendars and presentation software); and a high-resolution screen through which users can view and interact with multimedia content.

"This year, in particular, we were conscientious of limited budgets, but we were also cognizant of the number of students carrying mobile devices into the classrooms at WIU," Sweet said. "There is a mobile evolution taking place in society today, and we felt it was time to move toward a more mobile and personalized device in order to prepare our faculty for mobility within the classroom. Of course, there are a variety of mobile devices available worthy of exploration in higher ed instruction. We selected the iPad 16GB WiFi because it provided what we felt to be a transitional mobile device that would allow the faculty to move from using a computer or a laptop into a mobile world. In addition, we didn't have to provide a cellular service contract for it, and a variety of apps were already available for it."

In and Beyond the Classroom

Each year, the Faculty Innovators program begins anew in the College, with another "class" of faculty participating and, subsequently, coming together to explore the chosen technology.

"Year one of the program for the 2010-2011 class will give each Faculty Innovator a chance to explore how the iPad can be used in his or her instruction and with students. Year two, which will occur in 2011-2012 academic year with this particular Faculty Innovators' group, is reserved for concentrated study of how the iPad can be used in, and is most relevant to, their own teaching approaches," Sweet said. "For each Faculty Innovators group, at the end of the second year, each participating individual will submit an artifact—which can consist of a best practice, lesson plan, conference presentation or research paper ready for publication or published—back to the Faculty Innovators program coordinator. It will be filed and shared with faculty throughout the COEHS. Faculty Innovators will also present their work and findings at the COEHS TechFest, which is an annual exhibition of technology utilized in education and instruction that the College sponsors and hosts each spring semester," she added.

Rachel Smith '93 MS '95, an instructor in the recreation, park and tourism administration (RPTA) department, is one of the Faculty Innovators for the 2010-2011 academic year. Like her colleagues in this year's group, she is in exploration mode and is looking at the iPad's possibilities. But, already, she noted that the iPad provides a unique instructional tool not only for her discipline, but also for her interest in devices and environments that are designed for use by able-bodied individuals and are accessible for disabled individuals too.

"I think the light weight and portability of the iPad offers flexibility to students studying and professionals working in the RPTA field. Generally, we're looking for a device that works in our environment 24/7, and that environment has many different forms. RPTA students and professionals can be working out in a park, be in a gymnasium, or be by a poolside instructing or working with a group of kids, adults or seniors at any point and time," Smith explained.

And because the iPad provides built-in functionality for those who need content to be made accessible (according to Apple, the iPad "comes with a screen reader, support for playback of closed-captioned content and other innovative universal access features"), it, in particular, provides Smith with a unique tool for her to explore her instructional interests.

"One of the areas I'm particularly interested in is a universal design technique. Specifically, I'm interested in how my instruction and my classroom can be more usable for students who learn in different ways. For example, one of the things I'm curious about is textbooks, which are not always accessible to students with different learning styles. For an individual who learns better via



Faculty Innovators 2010-2011, l-r: Rachel Smith '93 MS '95, Paul Schlag, John Closen, Donna McCaw '75 MS-Ed '85, Christine Anderson, Mark Cole, Donna Aguiniga, Miriam Satern, Cathy McMillan '85, John Timmons. Not pictured: Laurel Borgia, Jennifer Plos and Stuart Yager.

an auditory method, perhaps a textbook could have auditory functionality via the iPad. Or, for a learner who is visually impaired, a conventional print textbook isn't really accessible. So I'm interested in exploring how e-texts can make a conventional textbook available in multiple formats," she said.

For **John Timmons**, assistant professor in the dietetics, fashion merchandising and hospitality (DFMH) department, his exploration with the iPad has to do with using it to garner feedback from the students during class time.

"With 65 people in the classroom, there is not a whole lot of time for discussion. With some way of getting feedback from students, you can get them involved," he said. "I hope to be able to discover ways the iPad can provide this."

This is the second time that Timmons has participated in the COEHS Faculty Innovators program, and while the 2010-11 group is using the iPad, he noted that the chosen device is only one part of the overall value of the program.

"In 2003, I participated in Faculty Innovators, and that year, they gave us a notebook computer, which I'm still using. I learned so much about technology that I was just enamored with it. I love the input and the information. One of my motivations now is to simply explore ways to utilize and integrate technology in my instruction and for my students," he said.

Like Timmons, **John Closen**, assistant professor in the educational leadership department, has also participated in Faculty Innovators once before. Also like Timmons, Closen said he is very grateful to have the opportunity to participate in the College's program and explore how technology can be integrated into his courses and for his students.

"In regard to the iPad in particular, I see many opportunities for its use in the classroom, as well as its use as an organizational tool for current and future school administrators," Closen said. "The individuals that go through the Faculty Innovator programs get very excited about the possibilities of technology integration—they are highly motivated to take it into their classrooms. I also really like the diversity of disciplines represented in the education field that the program encompasses. Having participants from different departments provides us each with the different perspectives and interests of our colleagues, which is a learning opportunity, as well. I can't say enough about this program and how it benefits faculty, as well our students, at Western."

Education and Human Services

New graduate program options in educational and interdisciplinary studies

New graduate program options address the changing professional landscape of education

The Western Illinois University Department of Educational and Interdisciplinary Studies (EIS) has redesigned its graduate program options to address the changing professional landscape of education. The program will now offer three distinct tracks for students pursuing an advanced (master's level) degree in the program, including: the language, culture and education track; the cognition and instruction track; and the social foundations of education track. Additionally, the department will offer a transdisciplinary studies track for school districts wishing to establish cohorts seeking specific, targeted professional development for their staff members, which, according to **Reinhard Lindner**, chair of the EIS department, is an option the Havana (IL) School District recently elected to pursue.

In addition to the new tracks, the EIS department will offer a Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) certificate program, which will enable interested students to pursue a post-baccalaureate certificate.

According to Lindner, the ultimate aim of the newly restructured EIS graduate program and its different track offerings is to assist in the development of more proficient, flexible and empowered practitioners, who will have an immediate and demonstrable positive impact on student learning, their current professional setting and their profession as a whole.

"The educational and interdisciplinary studies (formerly educational foundations) department has, for many years, served teachers and educational professionals in the region—P-12 and beyond—in realizing their personal and professional goals," noted Lindner. "We are proud of the service we have provided to our students over the years, but times and needs change. In response to ever-increasing expectations by policymakers, professional organizations and the public, the preparation and professional development and accompanying skill sets of teachers and educational professionals is undergoing considerable transformation today. Contemporary teachers and educational professionals—many experts, professional organizations and policy makers have argued—need to know more than the content they teach and sound pedagogical practices."

According to **Tom Cody**, EIS professor and graduate program coordinator, this emerging new view of the profession prompted the department to redesign its graduate program offerings in order to help better prepare students—who will be future teachers and educational professionals—and to help them understand how to

address student diversity, how to make data-driven decisions and, most importantly, how to maximize the learning and performance of all students. In addition, he noted, the program will provide future teachers and education professionals the necessary awareness about, and understanding of, the political, historical, legal and policy context in which their professional field is embedded.

"Thus, we have redesigned the graduate program tracks to specifically to address these issues. Fundamentally interdisciplinary in nature, and recognizing the needs of specific students may vary, the program affords students the opportunity to choose from specific tracks representing distinct foci," Cody noted.

According to **Susan Raley**, (Galva, IL), who attends graduate courses at the WIU-QC campus, the EIS program is ideal for her as a working professional.

"As a practicing teacher, I find myself constantly incorporating what I have learned through the program into my daily work," she explained. "Since my first semester in the program, I am more engaged and reflective about my own teaching. The renewed energy and focus I have as a result of the contagious passion and enthusiasm of my professors have launched me into a new era of my career."

The EIS graduate program's restructured track and certificate offerings are listed below, with a brief description about each.

Language, Culture and Education Track

This track is designed to deepen the understanding of how cultural and linguistic factors impact students in the contemporary American classroom, P-12 and beyond. It also seeks to equip teachers and related educational professionals with the tools they need to successfully work with an increasingly linguistically and culturally diverse student body. Students in this track may concurrently pursue a WIU TESOL certificate.

Cognition and Instruction Track

This track is focused on empowering educators in making data-driven decisions and helping them understand the learning process from the perspective of contemporary cognitive science. Students choosing this track will acquire conceptual and practical tools, grounded in sound theory and research, which will prepare them to analyze human cognition, performance and motivation deeply, thereby enabling them to have a greater positive impact on student learning.

Social Foundations of Education Track

This track is designed to provide deep insight into the ethical, social and political issues, as well as debates and conflicts that shape and influence educational institutions in the U.S. Students in this track will gain the skills needed to respond to the dynamic social, political and policy contexts of modern schools and schooling, thereby empowering them to navigate the often conflicting challenges and demands schools and educators face in contemporary American society.

Transdisciplinary Studies

This track is designed for school districts wishing to establish cohorts seeking specific, targeted professional development of knowledge and skills that further the understanding of, and ability to, effectively address issues or problems within their educational or professional communities. The cohort model allows for a flexible combination of courses from any, or all, of the EIS graduate tracks to be applied to a specific district's particular needs and goals.

TESOL Certificate

The EIS graduate program also allows interested students to pursue a post-baccalaureate certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL). A student interested in earning a TESOL certificate must complete 18 hours of directed coursework to earn his or her TESOL certificate. This certificate is designed to aid those interested in working in programs or settings aimed at teaching English as second language. Typically, students earning this certificate work overseas or for organizations that teach English as a second language as part of their mission. The program is not designed to provide certification in a K-12 setting. It also does not lead to an M.S. degree unless a student is accepted and enrolled as a regular degree-seeking candidate in the department. Acceptance into the certificate program does not substitute for (or allow a student to bypass) regular graduate admission requirements.

The department continues to offer a masters degree in College Student Personnel.



iPad Raffle Winner

Kristopher Kelly, a '90 communications and '92 College Student Personnel alumnus won the iPad raffle, sponsored by Citizen's Bank at WIU's recent Homecoming celebration.

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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

John Deere Classic

TPC Deere Run, July 7



WIU hosted a hospitality tent at the 2010 John Deere Classic in the Quad Cities. What an amazing sight to walk into the Classic and see 15 WIU flags proudly displayed near hole #9!

1968

Carol Hunt Hedrick, Fishers, IN, retired as a media specialist. (bchendrick@earthlink.net)

1970

Joseph Malpede, Buckeye, AZ, has retired from Michelin North America in Richmond.

Patricia Nixa MS-ED'88, Lago Vista, TX, received the Cedar Valley Middle School Teacher of the Year Award for 2010.

Frankie Kraipowich Olsen, Emmett, ID, is a retired teacher from Eagle High School. (frankieolsen@yahoo.com)

1971

Tim Bondy, Sugar Grove, has retired from Elkay Manufacturing Company of Oak Brook.

Michael Laughead, South West Ranches, FL, is the president of Overland Safety Technology. (m_mlaughead@yahoo.com)

Robert Wojcik, Lake Stevens, WA, is an executive vp/asset resolution team manager at Umpqua Bank in Lynwood. (isgolfer@frontier.com)

1972

Michael Michau, Crestwood, is the president of Century Tax Services, Inc. (michaumj48@yahoo.com)

1973

Chuck Hvala, Raleigh, NC, is the vice president of finance at Freudenberg Nonwovens in Durham. (hvalacpa@aol.com)

Daniel Ross, Troy, MI, is the chief executive group chair at Vistage Michigan.

1974

Ervin Griffin Sr. MS, Roanoke Rapids, NC, is the president of Halifax Community College.

Edward Hammer, Orland Park, is the author of the book, "One Hundred Percent Guilty: How an Insider linked the Deaths of Six Children to the politics of Convicted Illinois Governor George Ryan." (ed@consulthammer.com)

Dennis Hetzel, Hebron, KY, is the executive director at the Ohio Newspaper Association. (dennisydr@yahoo.com)

Katherine Moran, Geneva, is an associate judge in the 16th Judicial Circuit.

1975

Roy Diblik, Burlington, WI, is the owner of Northwind Perennial Farm.

Cheryl Lewis Hetzel MS '76, Hebron, KY, is the school psychologist at Kenton County Schools.

Washington D.C. Alumni & Friends Event City Club, July 8



Seated, l-r: Mandy Blood-Geiger '97 MA '03, Jake Schneider '08, Sam Pfister '08, Susannah Roderick and Bob Klannukarn '90. Standing, l-r: Melissa Downin, Jessica Morris Ourisman '04, Josh Ourisman, Pam Eason '83, Carolyn Barnes '64, Sarah Roderick Fitch '03, Mary Beth Roderick '00, Keith Roderick, Seth Roderick '99, Mary Ann McGee '72, David James '87, Liz Andrews, Lakeisha Williams Steele '04, Brandon Fitzsimmons, Derek Steele '03, Artie Travis '79 MA '82 and Joe Haferman MS '09.

L-r: Alumni Achievement Award recipient Mary Fran Coffey '78, Ann Green Baise, Alumni Achievement and Distinguished Alumni Awards recipient Gary Baise '63 and Mary Ann McGee '72.



L-r: Homecoming queens Melissa Downin (2009), Lakeisha Williams Steele '04 (2002) and Mandy Blood-Geiger '97 MA '03 (1995).



Dale Ridder, Zion, is retired from the U.S. Army. (daledrr@earthlink.net)

Michael Shannahan MS '04, Sprague, WA, retired from U.S. Bureau of Land Management. (shawneesan@aol.com)

Kristy Roley Wooden, Dunlap, retired from Princeville Community Unit School District as a math teacher. (kswooden2000@yahoo.com)

1976

Kent "JC" Davis, Arlington, VA, retired from the DOJ/Drug Enforcement Administration.

Melissa Hicks Ricketts, E. Peoria, retired from Richwoods High School in Peoria.

Ruth Semmens Schlosser, Pontiac, is a 2nd grade teacher for School District 429 at Lincoln School. (schloss4@frontier.com)

Thomas Wooden, Dunlap, retired from Dunlap High School.

1977

Kenneth Bohac, Georgetown, KY, was named to serve as a U.S. Marshal for the Central District of Illinois by President Obama.

Jim Hughes, San Antonio, TX, is vice president and general manager for Holt Cat in the power systems division.

John Knowles, Hillsboro, was appointed by the Oregon Supreme Court as pro tempore judge.

1978

Randy Cottingham, Naperville, works at Accenture in the client finance management department in Chicago.

Dan "Swanee" Swanson, Carrollton, TX, has retired from Swanson Golf Center in Houston.

1979

Duane Lasley, Duluth, MN, is an energy efficiency instructor at Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College - Superior.

Jeanne Sobol, Montpelier, VA, retired from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms. (wudge57@embarqmail.com)

Stephen Stapleton MS '80, Bloomington, is an assistant professor at Mennonite College of Nursing at Illinois State University. He also received his PhD from the University of Illinois at Chicago in June. (steve.stapleton@live.com)

Mark Turvey, Bolingbrook, is the chief of police in Romeoville.

1980

Roland Corvington MA '82, Chesterfield, MO, is the assistant vice president and director of public safety and security services at St. Louis University.

1981

Dianne Hoover MS, Bakersfield, CA, was elected as President of the National Recreation and Park Association. (diannehoover@yahoo.com)

Catherine Helms Milner, Darien, is the regional President of the Aurora Plano region at Harris Bank.

1982

Susan "Denise" Hansen Anderson, Largo, FL, is a dentist at her

own practice in Pinellas Park.

(dandersonmdpa@tampabay.rr.com)

Sally Manus Lessen, Delavan, is the family and consumer science teacher at Delavan High School and serves as President of the Illinois Family & Consumer Sciences Teacher's Association.

Jay Miller MS, Round Rock, TX, is the senior VP for the Texas Rangers.

1983

Cheryl Dickey, Rowlett, TX, is the global account manager for Workforce Directory in Addison. (cheridickey@aol.com)

James Jones MBA, Costa Mesa, CA, is an EVMS Specialist for Airborne Systems. (jamiejones@jamiejones.biz)

Diane Ligocki Lucido, Brentwood, CA, is a financial analyst at Chevron. (lucido88@gmail.com)

Steven Perkins, E. Moline, is a self employed certified public accountant in Rock Island.

1984

Michael Lambrecht MS, Meridian, ID, is the director of human resources at College of Western Idaho in Nampa.

(mikmo1976@cableone.net)

Jillene Stenzel Minnaert, Coal Valley, is a senior sales representative for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois in Chicago. (minnaertj@bcbsil.com)

Wei-ping "Robert" Chang MA '95, Kueishan Hsiang, Taiwan, is an assistant professor at Yu-Ih Hou. (una024@mail.cpu.edu.tw)

1985

Paul Considine, Chicago, is the senior sales consultant for Regal Business Machines. (paulc@regal-biz.com)

Robert Haley MA '87, Cincinnati, OH, is the executive director at Premiercare of Illinois. (roberthaley855@hotmail.com)

Mary Alice Micks Kovac, Kabul, Afghanistan, is working as a justice advisor on behalf of the U.S. Department of State in Afghanistan.

Fauziah Noordin MBA, Selangor, Malaysia, is a professor in business management at Universiti Teknologi MARA. (fauziah1168@gmail.com)

Steven Sandquist, Fort Wayne, IN, is the Chief Executive Officer at Ear, Nose & Throat Associates, P.C.

1986

Mark Faulkner, Canton, MI, is a tax director at Deloitte's and has been elected as a member of the Board of Directors for the Michigan Association of CPAs.

1987

Raymond Palczynski, Bettendorf, IA, is a special operations program director at Illinois Fire Service Institute in Champaign. (rpalczyn@fsi.illinois.edu)

John Schmidt, Springfield, has been appointed as a circuit judge for the 7th Judicial Circuit.

1988

Doug Deschepper, Davis, is the superintendent at Warsaw schools.

Black Alumni Reunion Weekend Calumet Park, Aug 7



L-r: Ron Carter, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Darryl Hollimon '83 MBA '93, Phillip Goens, Ronald Chatmon '80, Aaron Harmon, Dion Jefferson '87 and Michael Miller.



L-r: Aaron Harmon '81, Bernard Muhammad '88, Lemarr Ketchens '02, Renard Lewis '02, Ronald Chatmon '80, Joel Harris '90, Marzette Henderson '96, Kevin Frazier '92 and Ron Crawford '90.



Front row, l-r: Damon Wilson, Alonzo Marshall, Paul Harvey '95, Lawrence Broughton '73 MS '92, John Walthour, Ricardo Williams and Alumni Council member Lyneir Cole '87. Back row, l-r: Miles Dawson '89, Jesse Andrews, Pat Price '93 and Gerald Allen '85.



Seated, l-r: Calvin McCarthy, Lance Hay, Herbert Roach and Aaron Cage. Standing, l-r: Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs Ron Williams, President Al Goldfarb, Christopher Washington holding Chase, Provost and Academic Vice President Jack Thomas, Randy Twilley '73, Rich Beatty, Tim Williams, William Campbell, Xavier Collier '88, Rob Rainey '97, Ron Carter and Paul Parker.



L-r: Kim Smith, Portia Davis, Jennifer Edwards, Althea Earl '91, Rhonda Drake Crawford '91, Marilyn Brinson Shelton '74, Rene Daniels '74, Shaundra Smith, Vanita Walton, Cheryl Sherman Jordan '83, Teresa Wilkes Huggins '92 and Vanessa Culver.



Front row, l-r: Donovan Lewis, Demetrius Lewis, Marvin Stuart, Tracy Reasonover, Tony Jones and Antoine Allen '06. Middle row, l-r: Damon Smith, Chester Wilburn '89, Malcolm McCoy '90, William Young and Gary Johnson. Back row, l-r: Bill Dozier '93, Kenneth Collins and Terrance Mays.

Mt. Carroll Alumni & Friends Social House of Events, Aug 27



Front row, l-r: Alumni Director Amy Spelman MS '98, Linda Gorman Reed '71, Bob Brunner '73, Donetta Brunner, Harlan Brunner and Janell Hartman. Middle row, l-r: Tracy Mays, Alumni Council member Jim Phillips '98 MA '00, Sheila Brunner, Pat Davis '72 MA '95, Daniel Hartman '86, Candace Stewart Silvius MS-ED '04 and Lisa Stewart Cheeseman '03. Back row, l-r: College of Fine Arts and Communication Development Director Mick Cumbie, Michael Woodward '75, Shawn Shianna '80, Jonathan Goulart, Gloria Wydeveld Davis, Charlotte Atherton, Ronald Atherton '72 and College of Fine Arts and Communication Dean Paul Kreider.



Front row, l-r: Ruth Guilinger, Leslie Guilinger '67, Tony McCombie '96, Gene Teeter, 2006 Honorary Doctorate recipient Carmelita Teeter and 2006 Honorary Doctorate recipient Norm Teeter '67. Middle row, l-r: Tom Michels, Brook Brandbury, Lea Guilinger Michels '77, Dana Crisci Haynes '94, Kim Mills Falk '86 MS-ED '99, Pang Sitimascharoen and Charmain Patino. Back row, l-r: Jordan Liles, President Al Goldfarb, Michelle Mangelsdorf '94, Jeff Liles, Ed Juracek and Ken Alexander.

Scott McBurney MS '92, Elwood, is the director of product development at Collaborative Learning Inc. in Oakbrook Terrace. (scott.l.mcburney@gmail.com)

1989

Julie Roman Courter, Morris, is the youth services librarian at Three Rivers Public Library District in Channahon. (juliec@writeme.com)

Partick Donnelly, Carlisle, PA, is a research sonographer at University of Maryland at Amish Research Clinic in Lancaster. (pdlsc@embarqmail.com)

Ray Golden, Monmouth, is the manager at Liqui-Grow of Roseville. (golden@frontiernet.net)

Kathleen Hranka Heskett, Dunlap, is a clinical practice liaison for Quality Quest for Health of Illinois in Peoria. (k.heskett@sbcglobal.net)

Jerry Morrison, Clemmons, NC, is the vice president/credit officer at BB&T Commercial Finance in High Point.

1990

Les Dorr, Jr., Frederick, MD, is a media relations specialist for the Federal Aviation Administration in Washington, DC. (les.dorr@faa.gov)

Juan Rodriguez, Independence, IA, is the president and CEO of Cedar Valley Wealth Management, Inc. (juanrod40@gmail.com)

Samuel Warren, Dayton, OH, is a special investigator for the USAA in San Antonio, TX.

1991

Leticia "Letty" Gutierrez-Bujak, Chicago, is the director of sales operations at Emmis Interactive. (lettyinc@gmail.com)

Martie Johnson, Edmonds, WA, is a Chaplain in the United States Navy. (martiepts@aol.com)

Lee Ann Majerle Kitchell MS-ED '93, Mosinee, WI, is the interim athletic director at D.C. Everest School District in Schofield.

Cherise Matilla, Arlington Heights, is the resident service coordinator at Alpha Tower Apartments. (chillmeout7@aol.com)

Terry Smith, Ely, IA, is a fire investigator for EFI Global in Edina, MN.

1992

Joe Burgess MS-ED ED SP '98, Tuscola, is the Superintendent at Genoa-Kingston Community Unit School District #424.

Kevin Peterson Monahan, Cardiff by the Sea, CA, is a loan originator at W.J. Bradley Mortgage in San Diego. (kevin.monahan@wjbradley.com)

Frederick Monroe, White Hall, is a delivery specialist-driver trainer at Dot Foods in Mt. Sterling.

1993

Bradley Bonner MS '97, Phoenix, AZ, is the facilities material handler at Vangent - Census 2010. (bigredbonner@hotmail.com)

Jean Fetters Conner, Mendota, is the owner/executive sales of RelyLocal.com of the Illinois Valley. (jeanconner@yahoo.com)

Kathy Bush Hobgood MS-ED, Easley, SC, received the Robert P. Cook Talking Stick Article of the Year Award.

Kim Fierke Johnson MS, Oak Ridge, NC, is the athletic director at Hartwick College in Oneonta, NY.

William Kelley Jr., St. Louis, MO, is the manager of youth services at St. Louis Housing Authority.

Larry Mason MA, Marengo, is the interim police chief in Wonder Lake and chief for the Holiday Hills Police Department.

Matt Melvin MS, Warrensburg, MO, is the associate vice provost for recruitment and enrollment at Kansas University in Lawrence.

Vernon Vincent, Springfield, is a programmer analyst for the Illinois Attorney General's Office.

1994

Consuelo Frederick Ballom MS, Champaign, is the director of Student Life and Multicultural Affairs at Prairie State College.

Mark Cully, Bolingbrook, is the vice president in global accounts at HPN Global. (mark_cully@yahoo.com)

Mark Hutchinson, Fort Wayne, IN, is a cost accounting and profitability analyst at STAR Financial Bank. (mwhutchinson@gmail.com)

Kurt Podeszwa, Burton, TX, is a camp director for Houston-based Camp For All and was named to the American Camp Association National Board.

1995

Dena Friedman, Chicago, is a territory manager at ConvaTec. (ddinky@sbcglobal.net)

Beth Aper O'Mahoney, Willow Springs, is a communications coordinator at Brinks, Hofer, Glison, & Lione. (aperb@prodigy.net)

Douglas Reed, Bloomington, is a territory sales manager for Monsanto company in St. Louis, MO. (douglas.l.reed@monsanto.com)

Trista Eliason Vosburgh, Woodstock, is the dean of students at Parkland School in McHenry. (tvorocks@gmail.com)

Christopher Wyatt, Sheppard AFB, TX, is the staff psychiatrist and medical director at Behavioral Health Flight. (chriskwyatt-wiu@yahoo.com)

1996

Michael Hoffman, Cape Coral, FL, is the floor director at FOX News.

Michelle Martin Lukavsky MS-ED '01, Columbus Junction, IA, is the principal at West Branch High School.

Kimberly Schenk Olson, Kalamazoo, MI, is the owner and president of Olson Cleaning & Design, LLC. (olsoncleaningdesign@charter.net)

1997

Mark Border, Rock Island, is a senior information technology systems analyst for the U.S. Army Sustainment command. (mborder@ymail.com)

James Conant, Belleville, is an adolescent care specialist lead for St. Louis County. (conut44@yahoo.com)

Rhonda Meeks Kobylinski MS-ED, Bella Vista, AR, is a teacher at Bentonville Public Schools. (kobylirh@yahoo.com)

Robert Ward MS '98, Schaumburg, is the director of parks and recreation for Roselle Park District.

1998

Clinton Duppong, Palmyra, MO, was promoted to corporal and designated the assistant supervisor of the Troop B Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division.

Steve Gustafson, Bettendorf, IA, is an environmental geologist for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Robert Rieke, N. Bethesda, MD, is an analyst for the U.S. Government Accountability Office in Washington, DC. (robert.rieke@yahoo.com)

Sara Spiegel, Schaumburg, is an associate Dean of Student Services at DeVry University in Chicago. (sspiegel@devry.edu)

1999

Rebecca Bukowy, Chicago, is a wellness veterinarian at the National Animal Welfare Society in Mokena. (rebeccabukowy@gmail.com)

2000

Frank Baxter, Altoona, IA, is an investigator for the Iowa Adult Public Defender's Office in Des Moines, and received a master's degree in Public Administration from Drake University in May.

Kimberly Jirsa Lebovitz, Chicago, is the international baccalaureate coordinator for Chicago Public Schools.

Carrie Horstein Matthews, Chicago, is a city worker for the City of Chicago. (chorstein34@sbcglobal.net)

2001

Rachel McIntyre James, DeKalb, is an assistant state's attorney for DeKalb County State's Attorney's Office.

James Moore, Crystal Lake, is a fire rescue chief for Crystal Lake Fire Rescue Department.

Ed Rzeszutko, Joliet, is the Illinois territory manager for Sybron Dental Specialties in Orange, CA. (edrzes@gmail.com)

Ryan Taylor, Naperville, is the general manager for Mortgage Direct in Elmhurst. (rtaylor@gomortgagedirect.com)

2002

Nandini Bissessar-Grant MS, Arlington, TX, is the assistant director of housing at University of Texas at Arlington.

Tony Florio, Chicago, is an investigator for the City of Chicago and recently graduated from the John Marshall Law School and passed the Illinois bar exam.

Amy Moser Foster, Bolingbrook, is a PE/health teacher at Plainfield School District # 202.

Hans Jacobson, Taylor Ridge, is a contract specialist for the Army's Department of Defense. (hans.w.jacobson@us.army.mil)

Eric Maule, Fort Sill, OK, is a Chief Warrant Officer 4 in the U.S. Army.

2003

Jessica Anderson, Nashville, TN, is the director in account services at Athlon Sports.

Ken MacInnes, Grapevine, TX, is a battalion chief training for the Flower Mound Fire Department.

Khin Nyo MA, Albuquerque, NM, is a senior technologist at Sandia Neuromonitoring. (kmnyo2@yahoo.com)

Lindsey Soukup, Chicago, is an EA for Linden, LLC.

Karin Koning Spader MA '07, Madison, WI, is an assistant professor at Herzing University. (kspader@msn.herzing.edu)

2004

Terry Heaton Carley, Prairie City, is retired from WIU Center for Best Practices in Early Childhood Education. (ttcarley70@wildblue.net)

Christopher Junge, Swansea, is a systems engineer at Scott Trade in St. Louis, MO.

WIU vs. Purdue Pregame Social & Football Game Sept 11



L-r: Kitty Abbott Clark '71, Scott Clark '71 MS '72, Ryan Richards, Torie Richards, Landon Story, Mischa Story, Rhonda Noard Erickson '94 MS-ED '03, Chris Currie, Amanda Drymiller, Mike Drymiller '73 MS-ED '77 and Mary Kuhlman Bunte MS-ED '99.



Front row, l-r: Sandy Mizia '78, Madonna Davis Marks '81, Theresa Drobut Baker '88 and Carol Gembarski Mortier. Back row, l-r: Krystin Riha '06 MS '08, Janet Mizia '76, Ken Marks and Alumni Achievement Award recipient Jim Mortier '65 MS-ED '67.



L-r: Andrea Boyer, Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Al Boyer '72, Jamie Thorman Ulmer '98, College of Fine Arts and Communication Development Director Mick Cumbie and Alumni Council member Jerry Cremer '89.



L-r: Alumni Council member Jay O'Brien '78, Maggie O'Brien, Gayle Johnson Conolty '79, Kevin Conolty '79 MBA '80, Tom O'Brien '07, Mark Skuteris '81, Jim Sirota '76, Donald Sirota, Carrie Thompson Patterson '00 and Jason Patterson '97.



Front row, l-r: Bill Brouillet '73, Caron Saffell Brouillet, Lucy Donovan, Robert Donovan '99, Amanda Froeming Donovan '99, Mary Ellen Johnson Balas '74, Sue Kaufman Anstine '60 and Julie Brown. Back row, l-r: Charles Donovan, Patrick Donovan, Terry Balas '73, 2009 Honorary Alumni Award recipient Bob Anstine, Terry Acree '76, Tina Acree and John Borland '67.



Front row, l-r: Mary Corzatt, Nancy Corzatt Sprout '85, Kelly Carter '09, Deb Novotny Carter '75, Evan Hoon, Anna Hoon, Pamela Weitzel Hoon '86, Courtney Bossong, Katelyn Kubal and Kathy Lynch Kubal '78. Back row, l-r: James Corzatt, Assistant Athletics Director Sean McDonough, Alumni Council member Jim Carter '75 and Buzz Hoon '86 MA '91.



L-r: Paul Lubejko '75, Tim Maguire '00, Bob Niemi '85, Allison Maguire, Board of Trustees member Bill Epperly '68, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Connie Kowal '74, Greg Demko '71, Vice President for Quad Cities, Planning and Technology Joe Rives, Vice President for Administrative Services and Alumni Achievement Award recipient Jackie Speer Thompson '85 MS-ED '94 and Scott Brouette MS-ED '10.



L-r: Barb Beck Coker, Sydney Coker, Hayley Coker, Macy Coker in front of Scott Coker, Betsy Nicketakis '06, Diane Gleeson, Glenn Holmes '76, Ava and Emma Dillard in front of Distinguished Alumni Award recipient and Alumni Council member Kirk Dillard '77 and Stephanie Dillard, Laura Allan Karpiak '78, Doug Allan '94 and Robert Allan '59.

2005

Michael Bowsher MS '07, Wallingford, CT, is a research scientist for Bristol Myers Squibb.

Kathy Holm Dancer, Quincy, is owner/operator of Dancer Executive Suites.

Stephen Gorton, Garden City, KS, is the men's soccer coach for Garden City Community College.

Madeline Howd, Chicago, is an associate account manager at Performics.

Tammy Winn Hudson, Keokuk, IA, is the program coordinator for Optimae LifeServices. (sunshine663@mediacombb.net)

George Hufnagl, Chicago, is a composer/audio designer for Publications International. (grhufnagl@gmail.com)

Julie Biebel Ledger, Brighton, IA, is a case manager at Southeast Iowa Case Management.

Kevin Marten, Woodridge, is a 7th grade social studies teacher and athletic coordinator at Plainfield School District # 202. (kevinmarten@gmail.com)

Linda Woodruff Paxston M.ACCT '06, Bettendorf, IA, is a senior accountant at Per Mar Security Services in Davenport. (lpaxston@gmail.com)

Josh White, Denver, CO, is a senior associate at EKS & H.

2006

Matthew Crull, DeKalb, is an institutional research analyst at Kishwaukee College.

Homecoming 2010 Sept 24-25



L-r: J.O. Oitker '07, Deb Miller '84 MA '86, College of Arts and Sciences Dean Sue Martinelli-Fernandez, Director of School of Nursing Lea Monahan, Jim Reichl '73, Alumni Council member Brian Savage '73, Don Harris '04 and Richard Shreve '60 MS-ED '62.



L-r: Alumni Council member Vian Vance Neally '96 MS '02, Alumni Council member John Sanders '74, Elaine Schwartz Longacre '66, Alumni Council member Fred Longacre '64, Greg Van Vleet '71 MS-ED '75, Dave Walker, Lori Waters Bilbrey '90 MS-ED '96 MS-ED '08, Alumni Council member Jim Phillips '98 MA '00 and Director of Special Events Hilary Smith Churchill '08.



L-r: Andrea Boyer and Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Al Boyer '72.



L-r: Alumni Achievement Award recipient Jim Miner '72 MS '73, Herschenia Brown, Mario Koonce '90, Jim Duvendack '71, Ken Kestner '73, Tammie Tipton Cramm '85 and Lori Buck Markey '85 MS-ED '04.



L-r: Mary Harrigan Passananti '76, College of Education and Human Services Development Director Jennie Hemingway, Dave Ford '65 MS-ED '69 ED SP '73, Alumni Council member Jim Carter '75, Provost and Academic Vice President Jack Thomas and Assistant to the Dean of the College of Education and Human Services Dana Stites Moon '98 MBA '01.



L-r: Two of the 2010 Homecoming parade grand marshals Aaron Stecker and Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Charlie Carey '75.

Homecoming Fun Run 2010 Sept 25



Overall winners Wes Wooden '04 and Kathryn Godard.



Winners in the 24th Annual Old Stompin' Ground Runaround 5K Run / 1.5 mile Walk.

25-40-50 Year Reunion Weekend Sept 24-25



Class of 1960
Seated, l-r: Sue Kaufman Anstine '60, Marilyn Miller Whyte '60, Nancy Gerat Coglianesse '60 and Lois Goudy Holler '60 MS-ED '69. Standing, l-r: Jack Whyte '62 and Daniel Coglianesse '60.



Class of 1985
L-r: Gary Speizman '85 and Nathaniel Motton Jr. '85.



Class of 1970 Seated, l-r: Richard Hunter '70, Alumni Council member Carol Lewis Scott '70, Alumni Council member Pam Rigsby Hoffman '70, Shirley Chan '70 and Alumni Council member Chuck Giger '70. Standing, l-r: Alan Low '70, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Steve McLaughlin '70 MS '71, Tom Tomaszewski '70 MBA '72, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Randy Witter '70, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Fred Hoffman '70, John Shartle '70 and George Neumeier '70.

Ron Ferrill, Dallas City, is the head softball coach at St. Ambrose University.

Michelle Gross MS, Fond du Lac, WI, is an academic advisor at University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. (grossm@uwosh.edu)

Robert Meyers, Fargo, ND, is a territory manager at Shaw Industries.

Steve Sowers MS '07, Carbondale, is the coordinator of group sales and special events and assistant marketing director at Southern Illinois University Athletics. (ssowers@athletics.siu.edu)

Jesse Spader, Madison, WI, is a field technician at CGC, Inc. **Jennifer Sundby Varga MS '08**, Springfield, is a speech language pathologist at Memorial Medical Center.

2007

Laura Baker, Orland Park, is an officer at the Tinley Park Police Department.

Shannon Phillips Bowsher, Wallingford, CT, is an elementary teacher at Hamden Public Schools.

T. Fulton Burns MFA, Mobile, AL, is the director of acting & performance at the University of South Alabama.

Debbie Curtis, Harvey, is a cyber navigator at the Pullman Library in Chicago. (debbie.annette.curtis@gmail.com)

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2008

Timothy Janowick, Barrington, is a deputy chief of field operations at Mount Prospect Police Department.

James Magna, Round Lake, is an investigator in the Lake County State's Attorney's office.
Amber Leigh Marquez, Poplar Grove, is a paraprofessional for South Beloit.
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2009

Zach Gaidar, Woodstock, is a trainer at Warren United Soccer Club in Gurnee.
Jessica Ruebush Lambert, Industry, is a web support specialist at WIU University Relations in Macomb. (jl-lambert2@wiu.edu)

2010

James Floyd, Prosper, TX, is a firefighter paramedic for McKinney Fire Department.
Alyssa DeRose Gaidar, Woodstock, is an athletic trainer at Mercy Health Systems.
Allison Marcum Gunnink, Plainfield, is a music therapist at VITAS Innovative Hospice Care.
Craig Orcholski MS, Grand Junction, CO, is a resident director at Mesa State College.
Phil Pilcher, Rockford, is an assistant project director at Highland Community College.
Aaron Schulz, Naperville, is a grounds man at The Care of Trees.

Marriages and Civil Unions

Chelsea Bainter '06 and **Nathan Miller '03**, Oct. 2, 2010.
Emily Becker '07 and **Cole McKinnon**, Oct. 23, 2010.
Michael Bowsher '05 MS '07 and **Shannon Phillips '07**, July 23, 2010.
Kelly Breheny '01 and **Thomas Galassi**, Oct. 24, 2009.
Paul Cesaretti '76 MS '80 and **Gina Richman**, May 23, 2009.
Mark Dempsey '07 and **Anna Coutts**, July 10, 2010.
Geri Dew '08 and **Adam Hipple '07**, Nov. 6, 2010.
Jason Dusenberry '99 and **Janet Luna**, Sept. 5, 2010.
Zach Gaidar '09 and **Alyssa DeRose '10**, Oct. 1, 2010.
Adam Haverstock '96 and **Leslie Schaeffer '96**, July 30, 2010.
Monica Herzog '01 and **William Brooks**, Sept. 25, 2010.
Kyle Johnson '01 and **Rebekah Peterson '06**, Oct. 9, 2010.
Christopher Junge '04 and **Andrea**, Aug. 2, 2010.
Audrey Kline '06 and **Matthew Jay**, Oct. 9, 2010.
Adam Ledger '05 and **Julie Biebel '05**, Aug. 7, 2010.
Misty Martens '99 and **Scott Thinglum**, Oct. 15, 2010.
Jennifer Moran '06 and **Robert Puckett**, May 22, 2010.
Kristin Nicholson '08 and **Eric DeKeyser**, Oct. 23, 2010.
Erin Roys '09 and **Travis Larson**, Oct. 16, 2010.
Cory Strack '06 and **Lindsey Kinney**, June 12, 2010.
Jennifer Sundby '06 MS '08 and **Jeff Varga '06**, Aug. 28, 2010.
Gregory Teats '07 and **Kelly Blythe**, Oct. 2, 2010.
Monica Verbeke '99 and **William Howe**, Nov. 6, 2010.
Eric Wells '09 and **Mia Martinie '09**, Sept. 4, 2010.
Andrew Wessler '08 and **Hayley Young**, Oct. 30, 2010.
Brooke Wilson '02 and **Gregory Clemons**, Jan. 22, 2010.
Linda Woodruff '05 M. ACCT '06 and **Nathan Paxton**, July 31, 2010.

Births and Adoptions

Tori Pedigo Allen '06 and **Casey Allen '03 MBA '05**, twin daughters, Delaney Rae and Clarissa Elaine, Aug. 5, 2010.
Clarissa Kerker Bangert '03 and **Brian**, a daughter, Kylee June, July 22, 2010.
Jessica Wiemelt Beaton '03 and **Bryce**, twin daughters, Alexa Christine and MaKayla Diane, Aug. 30, 2010.
Nancy Floriant Berryhill '94 and **Jeff**, a daughter, Charlotte Marie, Sept. 17, 2010.
Carmen Kent Bruner '91 and **Robert**, a son, Trace Evan, May 6, 2010.
Kari Diem Butler '04 and **Shay Butler '04**, a daughter, Madison Avery, June 28, 2010.
Toby Curtright '95 MA '98 and **Patricia Welzen Curtright '99**, a daughter, Allie Jacqueline, Apr. 21, 2010.
Leticia "Letty" Gutierrez-Bujack '91 and **Jason**, a son, Charles, Oct. 24, 2009 and a son, Edward, Sept. 13, 2010.
Billie Jo Hulse Henson '01 and **Michael**, a son, Colton Michael, July 16, 2009.
Rachel McIntyre James '01 and **Tim**, a daughter, Anna, Apr. 17, 2010.

Quincy Alumni & Friends Event Spirit Knob Winery, Oct 7



Seated, l-r: Bob Moore '59, Sandra McKenzie Moore '61, Jackie Rottman Kaelke '65, Susan Ashwood Kissick '70 and Cindy Rosenkoetter. Standing, l-r: Vice President for Administrative Services and Alumni Achievement Award Recipient Jackie Speer Thompson '85 MS-ED '94, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Dave Thompson '72, Melissa Phillips Griswold '91 MBA '92, Shawn Irvine '84, Maurice McClean MS '84, Ron Larner, Joan Davis Larner '82, Elaine Schwartz Longacre '66, Alumni Council member Fred Longacre '64, Susan Isted Foster '65, Glenn Hogge MS-ED '01 and Gene Foster.

Christina Hickey Mann '05 and **Ryan Mann '05**, a son, Nolan Ryan, May 3, 2010.
Allison McMahon O'Boyle '00 and **Daniel**, a daughter, Finley Rose, Apr. 18, 2010.
Ian Nickels '08, a son, Braydon, May 22, 2010.
Jeffrey Plackett '01 and **Megan**, a daughter, Claire Catherine, May 24, 2010.
Kevin Robinson '06, a son, Kevin Dion, Sept. 23, 2010.
Tiffany Haga Russell '97 and **Shawn Russell '97**, a daughter, Kaylee Elizabeth, Aug. 6, 2010.
Steve Sarver '92 and **Diane**, a son, David Wesley, Sept. 2, 2010.
Derek Spudich '02 and **Heather**, a daughter, Lorelei Michelle, Apr. 12, 2010.
Carrie Huls VanVleet '03 and **Shane VanVleet '02**, a son, Carter James, Sept. 28, 2010.
Lisa Heuvelman Waste '00 and **Jason**, a daughter, Addison Alexis, Aug. 19, 2010.
Holly Bisby Westgerdes '03 and **Nicholas Westgerdes '04**, a daughter, Madelyn Jean, July 7, 2010.
Crystal Myers Zulauf '06 and **Joshua Zulauf '06**, a son, Caleb Alexander, Aug. 26, 2010.

St. Louis Alumni & Friends Event The Big Bang, Oct 16



First row, l-r: Deb Miller '84 MA '86, Holly Sharpe Whitaker '97, Shannon Scott, Kathy Sorenson and Katherine Whitaker Ogle '99 MBA '04. Back row, l-r: J.O. Oitker '07, James Whitaker '98, Jeremy Kienzle, Greg White '99 and Dana Klein.

St. Louis Alumni & Friends Event-Rams vs. Chargers Missouri Athletic Club Parking Lot, Oct 17



Front row, l-r: Jeremy Kienzle, Katherine Whitaker Ogle '99 MBA '04, Lynn Bradley '67 MA '70, Jerry Reid '89, Shannon Scott, Kathy Sorenson, Alumni Council member John Sanders '74, Kathie Coomans Sanders '74, Angela Hutti '03, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Skip Begley '74 MS '86, Elizabeth Yates Casey '05, Tom Hollis '77 and Gina Windisch Baldwin '82. Back row, l-r: Holly Sharpe Whitaker '97, James Whitaker '98, Jessica Numann Sowers, Steve Sowers '06 MS '07, Shawn Hanold '10, Matt Olino, Adam Tufts, Tim Casey '05 and Scott Baldwin.

Springfield Alumni & Friends Event The Dublin Pub, Oct 21



Above: Front row, l-r: Maurine Fisk Magliocco MA '68, Heather Dorsey '92 MA '94, Scott Musser '99, Pam Roderick '82, Kathryn Anderson '08, Shawn Wilber '09, Linda Gorman Reed '71, Jill Arnold Des Jardins '71, Megan McCammon '06, Rebecca Davis Leatherwood '00 '02, Jeff Adkisson '85, Scott Wiseman '87, Cassie Eliason '07, Justin Childers '06, Joe Stevens '04 and Eddie Legner '03. Back row, l-r: Hugo Magliocco, Regena Wilson '99, Steve Harvey '88, Glenda Harvey, Don Sharp, Alumni Council member Micah Roderick '00, Laurie Hillstrom Karman '78, Linda Birnbaum '05, Scott Clarke '81, Distinguished Alumni and Alumni Achievement Awards recipient Zack Stamp '75, Andy Goleman '85, Alumni Achievement Awards recipient Randy Witter '70 and Kyle Killebrew '03.

Below: Front row, l-r: Linda England '85, Chris Schaller '98, Terri Pearson Nelson '86 and Cheryl Buckingham Bushnell '68. Second row, l-r: Board of Trustees member Bill Epperly '68, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Marty Green '87, Thomas Pennington, Board of Trustees chair Mike Houston and Gary Bushnell '66 MS-ED '70. Back row, l-r: David Schoenbacher '63, Distinguished Alumni and Alumni Achievement Awards recipient Zack Stamp '75 and Bonne Schoenbacher.



WIU vs. Missouri State Pregame Social & Football Game Mille's Cafe, Oct 23



Seated, l-r: Mitch Sparks '85 MFA '91, Vice President for Administrative Services and Alumni Achievement Award recipient Jackie Speer Thompson '85 MS-ED '94, Assistant Vice President for Administrative Services Dana Enger Biernbaum '99, Associate Vice President for Student Services John Biernbaum, Jean Lewis MS-ED '85 holding Lawson Lewis and Michelle Sexauer Lewis holding Perry Lawson. Standing, l-r: Director of Athletics Tim Van Alstine, Vice President for Student Services Garry Johnson, Assistant Athletics Director Sean McDonough, Bill Lewis, Vice President for Advancement and Public Services Brad Bainter '79 MS '83, Provost and Academic Vice President Jack Thomas, President Al Goldfarb, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Gene Strode '59 and Rick Lewis '88 MS '91.

Deaths

Richard "Dick" Boon, Bloomington, Sept. 16, 2010.
M. Ivonne Bradley, Macomb, Sept. 10, 2009.
Tara Sheckler Chambers, Bushnell, Aug. 13, 2010.
Martin F. Finnerty, Midlothian, VA, Apr. 29, 2010.
Julie A. Flanagan, Lemont, Oct. 3, 2010.
V. Thomas Forsyth, Oskaloosa, IA, Sept. 21, 2010.
Marlene R. Gines, Macomb, May 10, 2010.
Dean E. Guthrie, Springfield, July 29, 2010.
Marvin D. Hall, Macomb, May 19, 2008.
Roland W. Jung III, St. Louis, MO, Nov. 8, 2009.
Maxine Lipsey, Olive Branch, Sept. 17, 2009.
Helen E. Meek, Macomb, Sept. 10, 2010.
Jerome A. Nixa, Macomb, Apr. 17, 2010.
Dolly I. Patterson, La Harpe, Sept. 26, 2010.
Albert F. "Al" Petrone, Hot Springs, AR, Aug. 10, 2010.
James R. Pumo, Macomb, Aug. 8, 2010.
Suzanne R. Pople Roberts, New Windsor, Sept. 5, 2010.
Lowell D. Schmidt, Watseka, June 20, 2009.
Raymond C. Schneider, La Habra, CA, Mar. 3, 2010.
William E. Thomson, Table Grove, May 22, 2010.
Edna L. Jackson Walton, Jacksonville, Apr. 23, 2010.
George H. Ware, Batavia, July 4, 2010.
June Ware, Batavia, Aug. 23, 2010.
Gloria Wheeler, Muscatine, IA, Oct. 11, 2008.
Jean E. Willdrich, Macomb, Sept. 27, 2010.
Robert Woerly, Good Hope, Aug. 15, 2010.
1938 Evelyn J. Luman Grice '40 MS '70, London Mills, Oct. 5, 2010.
1941 Evelyn K. Kepple Gibbs, Tucson, AZ, Aug. 17, 2010.
1946 Miriam Hamrick Nelson, Oneida, Sept. 10, 2010.
1949 Francis M. Simmons, Coronado, CA, Oct. 2, 2010.
1951 James A. Frowein MS-ED '58, Joliet, Apr. 7, 2008.
1952 Edwin R. Cable, San Marcos, TX, Nov. 24, 2009.
1954 Donald W. "Moe" Essig, Springfield, Sept. 28, 2010.
1954 Leslie C. Swan, Mesa, AZ, Sept. 3, 2010.
1956 Michael I. Campbell, Decatur, Sept. 21, 2008.
1957 Betty L. Mauser Callaby, Ingleside, Jan. 20, 2010.
1957 Helen M. Sandstrom Stumphy, Sheboygan, WI, Oct. 15, 2010.
1958 Donald D. Frakes MS-ED '63, Orion, Sept. 8, 2010.
1959 Beverly A. Jones Daley, Clinton, WI, Aug. 24, 2010.
1960 Larry F. Esslinger, Liberty, MO, Apr. 20, 2010.
1960 Karen A. Pinter, Sterling, Oct. 18, 2010.
1961 Ollie M. Landen MS-ED, Moline, Aug. 17, 2010.
1961 Janice M. Roberts Wayland, San Jose, Aug. 24, 2010.
1962 James F. "Jim" Kenney, Streator, Sept. 3, 2010.
1962 David J. Sullivan, Pekin, Dec. 10, 2009.
1962 Roger M. Wilcox, Wheaton, Dec. 4, 2008.
1964 Edward L. Ballew MS-ED, Keokuk, IA, June 25, 2010.
1966 Connie I. Kennelly Simpson, Dunlap, Jan. 22, 2010.

1967 Nancy L. Lockard Browning, Galesburg, Sept. 21, 2010.
1969 Patricia L. Harrigan Mahan, Cedar Hill, TX, Sept. 2, 2010.
1970 Carol J. Slowik, Sacramento, CA, Aug. 12, 2010.
1970 David H. Weber, Ellisville, MO, May 26, 2010.
1970 Arnold T. Wilson, Wheeling, Feb. 24, 2010.
1971 Gerald J. Colgan MS '75, Peoria, Mar. 9, 2010.
1971 Donna C. Gainey Jaeger, Peoria, Sept. 8, 2010.
1971 Glen P. Rawe, Jerseyville, Jan. 1, 2006.
1973 Darren E. Britz MS, Edmond, OK, Sept. 15, 2010.
1973 Ronald F. Cihon MA '77, Olympia, WA, May 21, 2010.
1973 Byron D. Dufelmeier, Chapin, June 9, 2009.
1973 Donna K. Tarr Etherton, Dawson, June 22, 2010.
1973 Charles "Chuck" Forristall, Lockport, Aug. 4, 2010.
1973 Patricia S. "Pat" Koepke MS, St. Paul, MN, Jan. 4, 2010.
1974 Linda M. Snyder Ludwig, Lanark, June 2, 2010.
1975 Gregory L. Blaesing, Boise, ID, Apr. 12, 2010.
1975 Jack R. Davis, Decatur, AL, Apr. 23, 2009.
1975 Michael J. DeZonna, Arlington Heights, Oct. 10, 2010.
1975 Janet R. Krock Quist MS-ED, Schaumburg, Jan. 23, 2009.
1975 Teresa A. Wallin, Chicago, Aug. 18, 2010.
1976 Terry L. LaBonte, Basco, Aug. 20, 2010.
1976 Paul D. Pennings, Belmont, CA, Apr. 20, 2010.
1977 Sharon L. Helgason MA, Hampton, TN, Jan. 30, 2008.
1979 James R. Shaw, W. Dundee, May 18, 2009.
1981 Patrick N. Gilles MS '83, Carlsbad, CA, July 16, 2010.
1982 Lucy A. Rudnicka, Temecula, CA, June 29, 2010.
1983 Kelly S. Frye Glasser, Sandy, UT, Aug. 1, 2010.
1983 Daniel K. McNeal, Downingtown, PA, Aug. 10, 2009.
1983 Sandra K. Murphy, Madison, NJ, Sept. 18, 2010.
1985 Paul D. Hungate, Thompsonville, Sept. 19, 2006.
1987 Diane K. McKindley Murray, Annandale, VA, Dec. 4, 2007.
1988 Alex Lopez, Chicago Heights, Aug. 27, 2010.
1992 Roger D. Peters, Jr., Springfield, July 7, 2009.
1993 Robert F. Baldwin, Clarksville, TN, Sept. 21, 2010.
1994 James R. Hochstatter ED SP, Wyandot, Oct. 20, 2010.
1996 Julie C. Schuelke Horstein, Schaumburg, Aug. 19, 2010.
2000 Crystal K. Soseman, Rock Island, Oct. 8, 2009.
2003 Jason M. Eberhardt, Bloomington, June 20, 2009.
2009 Leanna P. Pokora, Springfield, Aug. 20, 2010.

Western's oldest graduate passes away

Chella Williams Murphy '22, who was featured in Western News in June 2009 upon the celebration of her 108th birthday, has died. She passed away Sept. 28 at Sunnybrook Assisted Living in Burlington (IA).

Born and raised in Bushnell (IL), she attended Western Illinois State Normal School, graduating with a teaching certificate in 1922.

During her time as a student, she gained a bit of notoriety for being the first to sport a bob haircut, but the school president didn't approve and took away her student teaching job.

"I had an uncle who was a lawyer in Bushnell," Chella said. "We drove to Macomb in his old Model T Ford and he went in to see President Morgan." Soon, Chella was back to work and all the girls at Western had their hair bobbed, too.

After graduation, while teaching elementary school, she married Ray Murphy, at a time when teachers were not allowed to marry, and had two children, Jean in 1924 and Charles (Chick) in 1926.

Chella and Ray moved to Burlington (IA) in 1941, where they both worked at the ordnance plant while raising a family. At the age of 58, she returned to teaching as a fourth grade teacher at Grimes Elementary. She retired in 1971 at the age of 70. In 2003, she was invited back to the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Grimes Elementary School. She was then 101.

In the 2009 feature story, Murphy gave her philosophy on longevity.

"You have to be sort of happy, and you have to be forgiving for a long and healthy life."

Arlington Heights Social and 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee Peggy Kinnanes Irish Restaurant and Metropolis PAC, Oct 23



Front row, l-r: Linda Janus '70, Don Wharton '68, President Al Goldfarb, Laura Janus '70, Don Bouseman '49, Amanda Yuhus and Brian Yuhus '09. Middle row, l-r: Paul Isaacson '07, Alumni Council member Carol Lewis Scott '70, Bill Scott, Brad Sims '61 MS-ED '67, Alumni Council member Kathy Sullivan '78, Germaine Hesiak, Diane Jagger Maxwell, Tara Dorothy Cutaia '91 and Mark Inman '77. Back row, l-r: Bill Howe '88, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Ernie Blomquist '68, Alumni Council member Mona D'Antonio '76, Ed Juracek, Arlene Juracek, Joe Maxwell '71 and Steve Cutaia '90.

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WIU vs. Loyola Pregame Social & Women's Basketball Game

- 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Social at Hamiltons
6341 N. Broadway, Chicago, IL
- 2 p.m. Game at Gentile Center
6511 N. Winthrop, Chicago, IL
- Social, appetizers, game ticket & cash bar — \$12/person
- Social, appetizers, & cash bar
(must have game ticket) — \$9/person

January 25

Atlanta Alumni & Friends Event at Garrison's Broiler & Tap

- 4300 Paces Ferry Road, Vinings Jubilee, Vinings, GA
- 6-8 p.m. Social, food & cash bar — \$15/person

February 17

Cincinnati Alumni & Friends Event

- Location TBA
- Cincinnati, OH
- 6-8 p.m. Social, appetizers & cash bar — \$15/person

February 26

Milwaukee Alumni & Friends Event-Bucks vs. Bulls Pregame Social & Basketball Game

- 5-7 p.m. Social — Location TBA
- 7:30 p.m. Game at The Bradley Center
1001 North Fourth Street, Milwaukee, WI
- Social, appetizers, cash bar & game ticket — price TBA
- Social, appetizers & cash bar
(must have game ticket) — price TBA

March 1

Ft. Myers Alumni & Friends Event at The Edison

- 3583 McGregor Blvd., Ft. Myers, FL
- 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Social, lunch & cash bar — \$15/person

March 2

Jupiter Alumni & Friends Event – St. Louis Cardinals vs. New York Mets Spring Training Game at Roger Dean Stadium

- 11:30 a.m. Social & 1 p.m. Game at Cassidy Cool Zone,
4751 Main St., Jupiter, FL
- Social, buffet, game ticket & cash bar — \$35/person
- Social, buffet & cash bar (must have game ticket) — \$15/person

March 3

Orlando Alumni & Friends Event at Blue Martini

- Orlando Alumni & Friends Event at Blue Martini
4200 Conroy Rd., Orlando, FL
- 6-8 p.m. Social, pasta station & cash bar — \$20/person

March 4

Tampa Alumni & Friends Event

- Location TBA
- Tampa, FL
- 6-8 p.m. Social, hors d'oeuvres & cash bar — \$15/person

March 17

Las Vegas Alumni & Friends Event

- at Firefly Tapas Kitchen & Bar
9560 W. Sahara Ave., Las Vegas, NV
- 6-8 p.m. Social, tapas tasting & cash bar — \$20/person

March 19-20

Phoenix area Ultimate Alumni & Friends Weekend

March 19

Chicago Cubs Spring Training Game

- 12:30 p.m. Social & 1 p.m. Game at Peoria Sports Complex
16101 N. 83rd Ave., Peoria, AZ
- Social, buffet, cash bar & Cubs ticket — \$38/person

March 20

Chicago Blackhawks Pregame & Social

- 4 p.m. Social, 5 p.m. Game at Jobing.com Arena
9400 W. Maryland Ave., Glendale, AZ
- Social, buffet, two drink vouchers, cash bar & Blackhawks game
(Lower-level end seat) — \$94/person
- Social, buffet, two drink vouchers, cash bar & Blackhawks game
(Upper-level seat) — \$62/person

March 25

Complimentary Chicago Alumni & Friends Event

- at The Art Institute of Chicago
230 S. Columbus Dr., Chicago, IL
- 6-8 p.m. Complimentary Social, appetizers, cash bar & museum viewing

March 26

Black Alumni Black Tie Scholarship Gala

- Martinique Banquet Complex-Grand Ballroom
8200 S. Cicero Ave., Burbank, IL
- 7 p.m. Social, 8 p.m. Dinner, 9 p.m. Dance
- Dinner & cash bar — \$60/person

March 31

Boston Alumni & Friends Event at Boston College Club

- 100 Federal St., Boston, MA
- 6-8 p.m. Social, hors d'oeuvres & cash bar — \$20/person

April 2

Quad Cities Alumni & Friends Event-Leatherneck Football Scrimmage in the Quad Cities

- Scrimmage tentatively at Rock Island High School
1400 - 25th Ave., Rock Island, IL
- Scrimmage & Social Time TBA

April 5

Chicago Alumni & Friends Event - Bulls vs. Suns Pregame Social & Basketball Game

- 4:30-6:30 p.m. Social at The CrossRoads Bar & Grill
1120 W. Madison St., Chicago, IL
- 7 p.m. Game at the United Center, 1901 W. Madison St., Chicago, IL
- Social, appetizers, cash bar & game ticket — \$77 or \$42/person
- Social, appetizers & cash bar (must have game ticket) \$12/person

April 8

Celebrating Town & Gown at The Forum

- 124 N. Lafayette St., Macomb, IL
- 6-8 p.m. Social, appetizers and wine tasting
(cash bar available) — \$20/person

April 9

All Leatherneck and Football Scrimmage & Social

- 2 p.m. Complimentary scrimmage
at Naperville North High School
899 N. Mill St., Naperville, IL
- Social at Ballydoyle Irish Pub & Restaurant
28 W. New York St., Aurora, IL
- 5-8 p.m.; 6:30 p.m. Program
Reunion, food, cash bar & \$25 donation/person

May 11

Memphis Alumni & Friends Event-Memphis Redbirds AAA

- Baseball Game at AutoZone Park
200 Union Ave., Memphis, TN
- Social & Game Time TBA

May 12

Nashville Alumni & Friends Event at Union Station

- 1001 Broadway, Nashville, TN
- 6-8 p.m. Social, food & cash bar — \$15/person

June 10

Naperville Alumni & Friends Event at BlackFinn American Saloon

- 16 W. Jefferson Ave., Naperville, IL
- 6-8 p.m. Social — Price TBA

June 13

Chicago Alumni & Friends Golf Outing — The Western Open

- at Seven Bridges Golf Club, One Mulligan Dr., Woodridge, IL
- Registration: 11 a.m., Shotgun Start: 12:30 p.m. with
social/dinner to follow
- Four Person Scramble
- 5 p.m. social, 6 p.m. dinner
- Golf, social & dinner — \$100/person
- Social & dinner ONLY — \$20/person
- Hole Sponsorship — \$1,000

June 20

Quad Cities Alumni & Friends Golf Outing at TPC Deere Run

- 3100 Heather Knoll, Silvis, IL
- Registration: 11 a.m., Shotgun Start: 12 p.m. with social/dinner to follow
- Four Person Scramble
- 5 p.m. social, 6 p.m. dinner (Times are subject to change)
- Golf, social & dinner — \$70/person
- Social & dinner ONLY — \$15/person
- Hole Sponsorship — \$500

July 2

Chicago Alumni & Friends Event at The Cubby Bear – Watch the

- Chicago Cubs vs. Chicago White Sox Baseball Game
at The Cubby Bear
Wrigley Room (Private Room), 956 W. Addison St., Chicago, IL
- Price and times TBA

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

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