

# Western Illinois University

## Board of Trustees Meeting

June 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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# WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Western Illinois University  
Macomb, Illinois  
University Union, Capitol Room

**Agenda Topic** **Action**

**June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – University Union, Capitol Room, Macomb**

**Motion to Convene to Open Session – 5:30 p.m.** **Action**

**Roll Call** **Action**

**Motion to Convene to Closed Session** **Action**

**Motion to Convene to Open Session** **Action**

**Adjourn** **Action**

**June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – University Union, Capitol Room, Macomb**

**Motion to Convene to Open Session – 8:30 a.m.** **Action**

**Roll Call** **Action**

**Public Comments**

**Review of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Review and approval of March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 Open and Closed Session and March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Open Session meeting minutes.

**Chairperson's Remarks**

Doug Shaw

**President's Remarks**

President Guiyou Huang

## Agenda Topic

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### Reports and Discussion Items

Report No. 23.6/1

Repair and Maintenance of Official Residence  
(Assistant Vice President for Facilities Management, Troy Rhoads)

Report No. 23.6/2

Purchases of \$100,000-499,999.99  
(Interim Vice President of Finance and Administration, Shannon Sutton)

Report No. 23.6/3

Budget and Financial Data for Quarter Ended March 31, 2023  
(Interim Vice President of Finance and Administration, Shannon Sutton)

Report No. 23.6/4

Enrollment Update  
(Vice President for Enrollment Management, Amber Evans)

Report No. 23.6/5

Marketing & Communication Update  
(Interim Assistant Vice President for Communications, Marketing and Media Relations,  
Alisha Looney)

Report No. 23.6/6

Report on Contributions  
(Executive Officer of the Foundation, Brad Bainter)

Report No. 23.6/7

Annual Listing of Academic Program Changes  
(Provost and Academic Vice President, Manoochehr Zoghi)

Report No. 23.6/8

Academic Affairs Report  
(Provost and Academic Vice President, Manoochehr Zoghi)

Report No. 23.6/9

Report on Externally Sponsored Grants and Contracts for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter  
(Provost and Academic Vice President, Manoochehr Zoghi)

Report No. 23.6/10

Academic Calendars  
(Provost and Academic Vice President, Manoochehr Zoghi)

**Verbal Reports and Updates**

Vice President of QC Campus Operations, Kristi Mindrup  
Interim Vice President for Student Success, John Smith  
Athletics Director, Paul Bubb  
Interim Director of JIDE, Carl Ervin

**General & Advisory Group Reports and Comments**

Student Government Association, Kyle Ramlow (Macomb)  
Student Government Association, Ashley Danner (Quad Cities)  
Faculty Senate Chair, Julia Albarracin  
Faculty Council Co-Chair, WIU-Quad Cities, Everett Hamner and/or Dana Lindemann  
Civil Service Employees Council President, Nicky Friedrichsen  
Council of Administrative Personnel President, Justin Schuch

**Resolutions and Action Items**

**Action**

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- Resolution No. 23.6/1  
New or Changed Capital Reserves for Non-Indentured Entities  
(Interim Vice President of Finance and Administration, Shannon Sutton and Executive Director of Financial Affairs, Ketra Roselieb)

**Action**
  - Resolution No. 23.6/2  
Fiscal Year 2024 Preliminary Spending Plan  
(Interim Vice President of Finance and Administration, Shannon Sutton and University Budget Officer, Renee Georges)

**Action**
  - Resolution No. 23.6/3  
Purchases of \$500,000 and Over – Athletic Conference Exit fee  
(Interim Vice President of Finance and Administration, Shannon Sutton)

**Action**
  - Resolution No. 23.6/4  
Tenure Recommendations for 2022-2023  
(Provost and Academic Vice President, Manoochehr Zoghi)

**Action**
  - Resolution No. 23.6/5  
Presidential Appointment  
(General Counsel, Liz Duvall)

**Action**
  - Resolution No. 23.6/6  
Release of Closed Session Meeting Minutes  
(General Counsel, Liz Duvall)

**Action**

Resolution No. 23.6/7 **Action**  
Elect Trustee to Serve on State Universities Civil Service Merit Board  
(General Counsel, Liz Duvall)

Resolution No. 23.6/8 **Action**  
Election of Officers of the Board for July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024  
(General Counsel, Liz Duvall)

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

- BOT Retreat – Change from October 27<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup> due to our Homecoming date changing. Meeting will be in Macomb.

### **Next Meeting**

September 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Quad Cities, Riverfront Hall 104

### **Adjourn**

#### **Action**

- The meetings audio will be streamed live at <https://www.youtube.com/user/WesternIllinoisU>
- Public comments will be held to a total of 30 minutes. Comments will be limited to 3 minutes for those speaking in person and 500 words for those writing. Those who wish to have your comments read, please email them to Athena Brooks at [AM-Brooks@WIU.edu](mailto:AM-Brooks@WIU.edu) by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Tuesday, June 6, 2023.
- Trustees will meet in person.

# WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Review and Approval of the Meeting Minutes of:  
March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

Minutes will be available for review at:

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# WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 8, 2023

Review and Approval of the Meeting Minutes of:  
March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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# WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 8, 2023

## Report No. 23.6/1 -- Repair and Maintenance of Official Residence

Official residence repairs approved by the Board of Trustees on September 22, 2022, (Resolution No 22.9/4 -- FY2023 Repair and Maintenance of the Official Residence) were:

1. Living room furniture replacement with a cost not to exceed \$16,000
2. Replace driveway apron and partial sidewalk with a cost not to exceed \$25,000

The living room furniture was replaced at a cost of \$6,883. The drive apron and sidewalk replacement were completed at a cost of \$19,758.52. Other routine maintenance includes cleaning, minor HVAC repair, and normal upkeep and maintenance.

### University residence maintenance historical expenditures

Dept.	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	Average	FY23TD
<b>Building Maintenance</b>	\$991	\$3,693	\$7,241	\$5,260	\$3,622	\$6,801
<b>Building Services</b>	\$883	\$2,930	\$11,607	\$7,904	\$3,056	\$2,055
<b>Landscape Maintenance</b>	\$5,625	\$4,688	\$10,760	\$5,395	\$9,090	\$2,566
<b>Mechanical Maintenance</b>	\$563	\$3,089	\$4,206	\$5,978	\$2,593	\$1,660
<b>Facilities Planning &amp; Construction</b>	\$0	\$0	\$2,112	\$94,926	\$16,934	\$20,858
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,063</b>	<b>\$14,400</b>	<b>\$35,927</b>	<b>\$119,463</b>	<b>\$35,296</b>	<b>\$33,940</b>



# WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 8, 2023

Report No. 23.6/2 -- Purchases of \$100,000 -- \$499,999.99 or Exempt

*Purchases of \$100,000 - \$249,999*

Vendor	Type of Purchase	Annual Amount (unless otherwise noted)	Number of Bids
City of Quincy; Quincy, IL	Registration for nineteen students to participate in the basic operations firefighter practicum held March 19-April 28, 2023 in Quincy, IL.	\$117,800.00	Exempt (Grant)
Timely Telehealth LLC (dba TimelyMD); Ft. Worth, TX	Remote telehealth mental health services for June 1, 2023-May 31, 2024.	\$126,525.00	IPHEC
The Ohio State University; Columbus, OH	FY23 Oilseed Pennycress Project subcontract awardee (original BOT approval 10/4/19)	\$153,652.77 (estimated FY23 spend)	Exempt (Grant)
CDWG LLC; Vernon Hills, IL	Building and top aggregate equipment and wireless equipment for Malpass Library.	\$189,418.34	IPHEC
D2L Ltd; Towson, MD	FY24 learning management system (year 1 of a 3-year agreement).	\$200,000.00	IPHEC

*Purchases of \$250,000 - \$499,999  
Receiving Presidential Approval*

Vendor	Type of Purchase	Annual Amount (unless otherwise noted)	Number of Bids
Quick Electrical Contractors, Inc.; Fairview, IL	Fiber installation to connect Currens, Horrabin, Malpass Library, and Beu Health Center to Thompson and/or Olson Hall via one fiber path.	\$336,714.00	2

*Purchases \$500,000 and above  
Exempt from BOT Approval*

Vendor	Type of Purchase	Annual Amount (unless otherwise noted)	Number of Bids
NA			

# WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 8, 2023

## Report No. 23.6/3 -- Budget and Financial Data for Quarter Ended March 31, 2023

The Board of Trustees reviews preliminary fiscal year (July 1 – June 30) spending plans each June, and the Board approves all-funds budgets each September. Once approved by the Board, Western Illinois University’s all-funds budgets are submitted to the Illinois Board of Higher Education, Illinois State Legislature, and the Governor.

The Board of Trustees approved the Western Illinois University Fiscal Year 2023 All Funds Budget by source of funds and estimated object of expenditure on September 22, 2022 (see Western Illinois University Board of Trustees Resolution No. 22.9/1). Per Board approval, Western Illinois University is authorized to spend up to \$213.4 million during Fiscal Year 2023, and the President is authorized to make technical adjustments in budgets if necessary.

After approving institutional spending plans, the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees will receive quarterly revenue and expenditure reports to review the University’s financial status and compliance with institutional spending plans. Tables 1 and 2 on the following pages display revenue and expenditures for Appropriated Funds and Auxiliary Facilities System Funds for the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2023.

### Appropriated Funds

#### Fiscal Year 2023 Revenue through March 31, 2023

Tuition, interest, and other income are estimated in the fall and based on projected enrollments, historical retention rates, and prior year assessed tuition and tuition waivers. The Fiscal Year 2023 estimate for tuition, interest, and other income is \$52.9 million. At the end of March, Income Fund revenue was 97.0% of current year estimates. It is expected that projected revenue will be fully met by year end.

Fiscal Year 2023 Income Fund Revenue (Dollars in Thousands)			
		Revenue through 3/31/2023	
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	Percent of <u>Budget</u>
Assessed Tuition	51,585.0	50,197.5	97.3%
Interest	80.0	162.6	203.3%
Other	<u>1,190.0</u>	<u>895.4</u>	75.2%
Total	\$ 52,855.0	\$ 51,255.5	97.0%

We continue to receive FY23 funds on a regular schedule from the comptroller. The majority of budgeted expenditures for the fiscal year are for personnel services (faculty and staff salaries), contractual and financial aid obligations.

Fiscal Year 2023 Appropriated Funds Expenditures (Dollars in Thousands)			
		Expenditures through 3/31/2023	
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	Percent of <u>Budget</u>
Personnel Services	\$ 77,500.0	\$ 51,728.8	66.7%
CMS Health Insurance	1,944.8	1,944.8	100.0%
FICA/Medicare	1,600.0	755.4	47.2%
Commodities	900.0	483.3	53.7%
Operation of Automotive Equipment	175.0	112.9	64.5%
Travel	250.0	164.3	65.7%
Contractual Services	12,350.0	9,073.6	73.5%
Permanent Improvements	100.0	29.9	29.9%
Equipment/Library Books	2,247.2	1,272.6	56.6%
Telecommunications	150.0	57.2	38.1%
Awards/Grants/Matching	20,983.0	20,242.4	96.5%
Interest	-	-	
Transfer to Equipment Reserve	-	-	
Transfer to Deferred Maint. Reserve	-	-	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$118,200.0</b>	<b>\$ 85,865.2</b>	<b>72.6%</b>

Additional Fiscal Year 2023 Appropriated Funds Budget Items

Fiscal Year 2023 estimates for tuition, interest, and other income total \$52.9 million while estimated Income Fund expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 total \$66.1 million (See Table 1b). This projected income level coupled with an expenditure authority of \$66.1 million, leaves an estimated deficit at the end of Fiscal Year 2023 of (\$13.2 million). Personnel attrition and other cost saving measures such as partial budget loads, essential spending and adjusted year end spending deadlines continue to be utilized in an effort to reduce expenditures. Federal COVID funds are no longer expected to be received.

Income Fund (Dollars in Thousands)			
	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Excess(Deficit)</u>
FY 2014	73,329.0	73,168.4	160.6
FY 2015	75,673.5	74,870.2	803.3
FY 2016	74,640.7	105,207.8	(30,567.1)
FY 2017	69,739.1	52,875.8	16,863.3
FY2018	63,771.5	67,215.0	(3,443.5)
FY2019	56,607.5	62,642.8	(6,035.3)
FY2020	50,387.7	48,112.8	2,274.9
FY2021	53,367.9	52,991.6	376.3
FY2022	53,836.5	57,887.8	(4,051.3)
<b>Budgeted</b>			
<b>FY2023</b>	<b>52,855.0</b>	<b>66,132.6</b>	<b>(13,277.6)</b>

### Auxiliary Facilities System

#### Fiscal Year 2023 Revenue through March 31, 2023

As of the end of March, Western Illinois University has assessed \$21.4 million in housing and dining and \$4.9 million in student fees. Revenue received through March 31, 2023, exceeds Fiscal Year 2023 estimates by 4.3 percent.

Fiscal Year 2023 Auxiliary Facilities System Revenue (Dollars in Thousands)			
		Revenue through 3/31/23	Percent of
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Assessed Housing and Dining	\$ 20,295.0	\$ 21,428.8	105.6%
Sales	3,022.7	2,960.4	97.9%
Assessed Student Fees	4,775.7	4,932.1	103.3%
Other	<u>2,231.2</u>	<u>2,311.2</u>	103.6%
Total	\$ 30,324.6	\$ 31,632.5	104.3%

#### Fiscal Year 2023 Expenditures through March 31, 2023

As a result of decreased revenue in recent years, budgets for expenditures have been consistently decreased; thus, expenditures are down from previous fiscal years. Expenditures for the Auxiliary Facilities System are also limited to essential operational needs and adjusted year end spending deadlines for Fiscal Year 2023.

Fiscal Year 2023 Auxiliary Facilities System Expenditures (Dollars in Thousands)			
	<u>Budget</u>	Expenditures through 3/31/23	
		<u>Expenditures</u>	Percent of <u>Budget</u>
Personnel Services	\$ 9,500.0	\$ 6,331.1	66.6%
Unemp/FICA/Medicare/Retirement	120.0	69.3	57.8%
Commodities	1,000.0	190.7	19.1%
Operation of Automotive Equipment	70.0	45.8	65.4%
Travel	33.0	5.3	16.1%
Contractual Services	15,350.0	10,207.9	66.5%
Permanent Improvements	275.0	13.5	4.9%
Equipment/Library Books	250.0	33.9	13.6%
Telecommunications	2.0	0.4	20.0%
Awards/Grants/Matching	1,300.0	1,070.5	82.3%
Other (Cost of sales, principal & interest payments on outstanding bonds, transfers to reserves, etc)	9,800.0	7,769.5	79.3%
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 37,700.0</u>	<u>\$ 25,737.9</u>	68.3%

Fiscal Year 2023 Cash Flow through March 31, 2023

At the end of the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2023, Western Illinois University has a cash balance of \$7.1 million in the income fund and \$29.4 million in the Auxiliary Facilities System restricted funds. Income fund inflows are \$41.1 million and outflows are \$32.7 million resulting in a net increase in cash of \$8.4 million. Auxiliary Facilities System restricted fund inflows are \$14.7 million and outflows are \$7.4 million resulting in a net increase in cash of \$7.4 million.

**Budget and Financial Data through March 31, 2023**  
**Cash Flow**

	<u>Income Fund</u>	<u>AFS (Restricted)</u>
<b>Cash balance Jan 1, 2023</b>	\$ (1,326,068)	\$ 21,981,428
Cash Inflows		
Tuition, Fee, & Other unrestricted receipts	21,473,209	14,731,340
State appropriations	19,578,376	-
Total Cash Inflows	<u>41,051,585</u>	<u>14,731,340</u>
Cash Outflows		
Payroll	(19,249,426)	(2,135,232)
Goods, Services, & Other cash outflows	(13,413,573)	(5,221,240)
Total Cash Outflows	<u>(32,662,999)</u>	<u>(7,356,472)</u>
Net Increase (decrease) in cash	<u>8,388,586</u>	<u>7,374,868</u>
<b>Cash balance March 31, 2023</b>	<u>\$ 7,062,518</u>	<u>\$ 29,356,296</u>

Appendix A

State of Illinois Definitions for Reporting Institutional Revenues by Source of Funds  
And Institutional Expenditures by Estimated Objects of Expenditure

Sources of Funds

**State Appropriated Funds** are the general revenue fund appropriations from the State of Illinois.

**University Income Fund** represents tuition revenue.

**Auxiliary Facilities System** represents revenue from housing and dining and the University's bond revenue fee that supports University Housing and Dining Services, University Union, and Campus Recreation.

Estimated Objects of Expenditures

**Personnel Services** are payments of wages and salaries.

**Contractual Services** represent payment for services from vendors. The largest contractual expense for Western Illinois University is utilities.

**Travel reimbursements** to employees or vendors for in-state and out-of-state travel include transportation, mileage, lodging, and meals.

**Commodities** support purchase of consumable materials (e.g., office supplies).

**Equipment and Library Materials** support purchases over \$100 for tangible property (e.g., office furniture, equipment, and library books and periodicals).

**Awards and Grants** primarily support student financial aid.

**Telecommunication Services** represent all telephone and communication services (e.g., long distance, fax machine and local telephone charges).

**Operation of Automotive Equipment** includes the operation, maintenance, and repair of automotive equipment.

**Permanent Improvements** are used for the remodeling and renovation of existing structures.

**CMS Health Insurance and Medicare** are shared, state-mandated expenditures that reduce the institution's discretionary spending authority.

**Table 1**  
**Budget and Financial Data through March 31**  
**Appropriated**  
**Educational Assistance and Income Fund Combined**

<b>Appropriated Funds</b>	<b>FY23 Budget</b>	<b>Revenue through March 31</b>	
		<b>FY23</b>	<b>FY22</b>
<b>Revenue</b>			
State Appropriations	\$ 52,067,400	\$ 51,882,287	\$ 48,819,628
Assessed Tuition	51,585,000	50,197,486	48,440,049
Interest	80,000	162,601	15,525
Other	1,190,000	895,474	1,758,350
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 104,922,400</b>	<b>\$ 103,137,848</b>	<b>\$ 99,033,552</b>
		<b>Expenditures through March 31</b>	
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Personnel Services	\$ 77,500,000	\$ 51,728,754	\$ 49,246,096
CMS Health Insurance	1,944,800	1,944,800	1,944,800
FICA/Medicare	1,600,000	755,419	727,685
Commodities	900,000	483,341	459,357
Operation of Automotive Equipment	175,000	112,853	92,409
Travel	250,000	164,344	60,610
Contractual Services	12,350,000	9,073,624	8,600,640
Permanent Improvements	100,000	29,907	5,698
Equipment/Library Books	2,247,200	1,272,598	1,371,805
Telecommunications	150,000	57,165	54,347
Awards/Grants/Matching	20,983,000	20,242,429	15,267,096
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 118,200,000</b>	<b>\$ 85,865,234</b>	<b>\$ 77,830,543</b>



**Table 1a**  
**Budget and Financial Data through March 31**  
**Educational Assistance Fund**

	FY23 Budget	Revenue through March 31	
		FY23	FY22
<b>Appropriated Funds</b>			
<b>Educational Assistance Fund</b>			
<b>Revenue</b>			
State Appropriations	\$ 52,067,400	\$ 51,882,287	\$ 48,819,628
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<u>\$ 52,067,400</u>	<u>\$ 51,882,287</u>	<u>\$ 48,819,628</u>
	FY23 Budget	Expenditures through March 31	
		FY23	FY22
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Personnel Services	\$ 49,322,600	\$ 49,313,573	\$ 46,266,141
CMS Health Insurance	1,944,800	1,944,800	1,944,800
FICA/Medicare	800,000	623,914	608,687
Commodities	-	-	-
Operation of Automotive Equipment	-	-	-
Travel	-	-	-
Contractual Services	-	-	-
Permanent Improvements	-	-	-
Equipment/Library Books	-	-	-
Telecommunications	-	-	-
Awards/Grants/Matching	-	-	-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>\$ 52,067,400</u>	<u>\$ 51,882,287</u>	<u>\$ 48,819,628</u>

**Table 1b**  
**Budget and Financial Data through March 31**  
**Income Fund**

<b>Appropriated Funds</b> <b>Income Fund</b> <b>Revenue</b>	<b>FY23</b> <b>Budget</b>	<u><b>Revenue through March 31</b></u>	
		<b>FY23</b>	<b>FY22</b>
Assessed Tuition	\$ 51,585,000	\$ 50,197,486	\$ 48,440,049
Interest	80,000	162,601	15,525
Other	<u>1,190,000</u>	<u>895,474</u>	<u>1,758,350</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<u><u>\$ 52,855,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 51,255,561</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 50,213,924</u></u>
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>FY23</b> <b>Budget</b>	<u><b>Expenditures through March 31</b></u>	
		<b>FY23</b>	<b>FY22</b>
Personnel Services	\$ 28,177,400	\$ 2,415,181	\$ 2,979,955
CMS Health Insurance	-	-	-
Unemp/FICA/Medicare/Retirement	800,000	131,505	118,998
Commodities	900,000	483,341	459,357
Operation of Automotive Equipment	175,000	112,853	92,409
Travel	250,000	164,344	60,610
Contractual Services	12,350,000	9,073,624	8,600,640
Permanent Improvements	100,000	29,907	5,698
Equipment/Library Books	2,247,200	1,272,598	1,371,805
Telecommunications	150,000	57,165	54,347
Awards/Grants/Matching	<u>20,983,000</u>	<u>20,242,429</u>	<u>15,267,096</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u><u>\$ 66,132,600</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 33,982,947</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 29,010,915</u></u>

**Table 2**  
**Budget and Financial Data through March 31**  
**Auxiliary Facilities System**

	<b>FY23 Budget</b>	<b>Revenue through March 31</b>	
		<b>FY23</b>	<b>FY22</b>
<b>Revenue Bond</b>			
<b>Auxiliary Facilities System</b>			
Assessed Housing and Dining	\$ 20,444,974	\$ 21,428,745	\$ 19,940,881
Sales	2,872,750	2,960,382	2,613,197
Assessed Student Fees	4,775,691	4,932,130	4,477,468
Other	<u>2,231,212</u>	<u>2,311,259</u>	<u>4,594,568</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<u><u>\$ 30,324,627</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 31,632,516</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 31,626,114</u></u>

	<b>FY23 Budget</b>	<b>Expenditures through March 31</b>	
		<b>FY23</b>	<b>FY22</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Personnel Services	\$ 9,500,000	\$ 6,331,125	\$ 5,955,888
Unemp/FICA/Medicare/Retirement	120,000	69,273	67,929
Commodities	1,000,000	190,661	164,955
Operation of Automotive Equipment	70,000	45,786	32,061
Travel	33,000	5,369	1,331
Contractual Services	15,350,000	10,207,895	8,987,432
Permanent Improvements	275,000	13,495	191,348
Equipment	250,000	33,918	61,752
Telecommunications	2,000	382	809
Awards/Grants/Matching	1,300,000	1,070,455	1,040,709
Other (cost of sales, principal & interest payments on Outstanding Bonds, transfers to reserves, etc)	<u>9,800,000</u>	<u>7,769,512</u>	<u>8,042,188</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u><u>\$ 37,700,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 25,737,871</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 24,546,402</u></u>

# WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 8, 2023

## Report No. 23.6/4 -- Enrollment Update

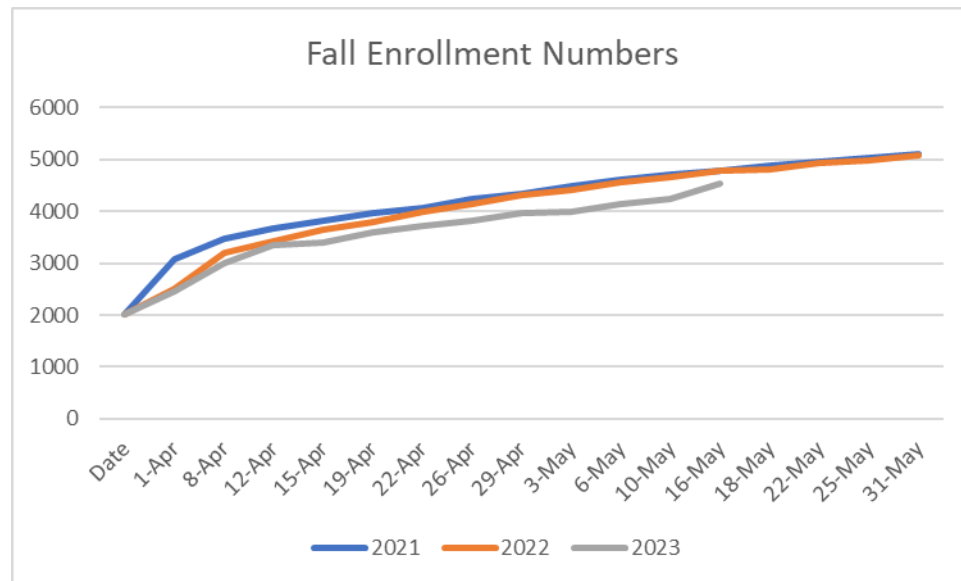
### Summer Enrollment

As of May 16, 2023- overall summer enrollment is 2560 compared to 2539 at the same time last year. We are a little less than 1% ahead of last year.

### Fall Enrollment

Western Illinois University - Daily Enrollment Executive Summary							
	2023						
	Fall Registratic	2022	2023 v		Final 202	202 as a	Vs Final
	5.15.23	5.16.23	2022	23 v '22 %	Enrolled%	of final 2022	Fall 2022
<b>Headcount Registration</b>	4,536	4,831	-295	-6.11%	7,643	-40.65%	(3,107)
<b>Headcount Registration New Freshmen</b>	233	243	-10	-4%	1,074	-78.31%	(841)
<b>Headcount Registration New Transfers</b>	214	213	1	0%	640	-66.56%	(426)
<b>Headcount Registration New Graduate</b>	179	170	9	5%	738	-75.75%	(559)
<b>Headcount Registration Continuing Graduate</b>	891	1,029	-138	-13%	1,596	-44.17%	(705)
<b>Headcount Registration New International</b>	27	10	17	170%	420	-93.57%	(393)
<b>Headcount Registration Continuing International</b>	456	464	-8	-2%	688	-33.72%	(232)
<b>Dual Enrollment</b>	20	44	-24	-55%	113	-82.30%	(93)

We are down 6+% in overall enrollment compared to last year at this time.



## Fall to Fall Retention Projection and New Student Enrollment Projection

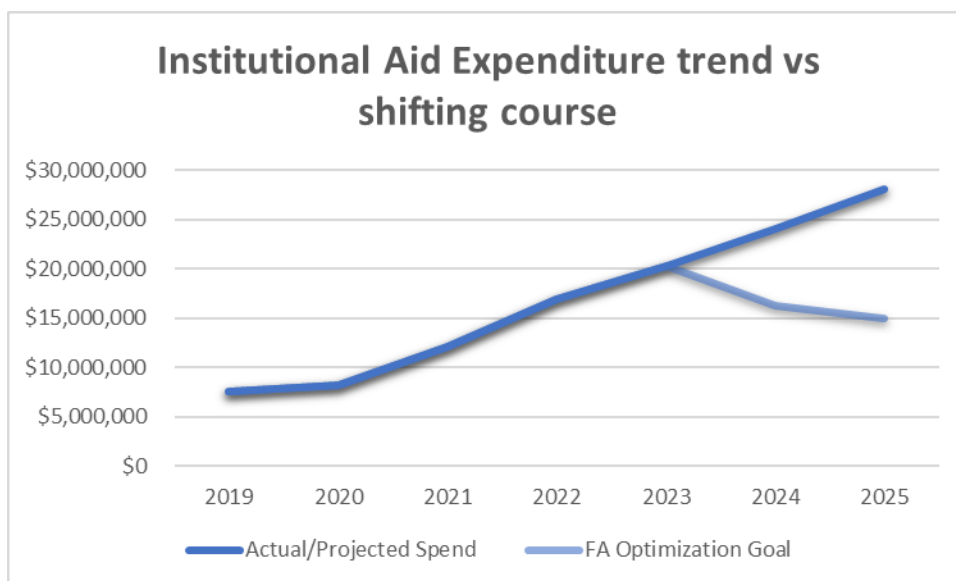
Based on the characteristics of the Fall 22 entering class we projected to have a 62.3% first year retention rate. As of 5.23.23 we are tracking towards the projection with a 52.1% retention rate. We are well behind last year's retention rate of 63.4% at this time last year. Our new entering students require a higher level of support and services and we are working to find ways to provide an increased level of support and services with the limited resources we have. We are discussing adjusting our advising approach to ensure that student needs are being met with the limited number of First Year Advisors we have. We continue to adjust practices, policies, and procedures to improve the student experience but also to hold student accountable for academic engagement. Change is needed at WIU in order to achieve our student success and enrollment goals. Change at WIU has been slow and difficult but we continue to make some progress.

The Fall 23 new entering class is currently tracking flat with last year. Our overall applications and admits are down but other enrollment indicators are either up or even. We have implemented new and aggressive yield activities to ensure that we optimize our efforts and our new student enrollment this fall. Among the efforts are:

- A new Multicultural Visit Day this Spring,
- A Joint effort with First-Year Advising to meet students in the Chicagoland area to register them
- A significant increase in the number of students attending Experience Western
- Multiple new on campus programs and off campus visits for transfer students
- An increased number of group visits to the Quad Cities campus

Some of our new late yield efforts include the implementation of a new parent outreach effort to ensure parents help their child choose WIU and an aggressive digital social community for students to ensure they feel connected to WIU before they arrive, as well as continued communication and 1:1 meetings with students to move them through their next steps to enroll.

## Financial Aid Optimization Update- A Focus on Fiscal Sustainability



	Actual/Projected Spend	FA Optimization Goal
2019	\$7,484,956	
2020	\$8,217,228	
2021	\$12,081,100	
2022	\$16,878,000	
2023	\$20,280,322	\$20,280,322
2024	24,000,000	\$16,200,000
2025	\$28,000,000	\$15,000,000

Due to a steady decline in enrollment additional institutional aid dollars were infused into the admissions scholarships starting in 2020 in an effort to increase enrollment. Unfortunately, the additional spend did not have the intended dramatic impact on enrollment and led to an exponential increase each year in the institutional spend on scholarships. If the spend continued without change we would be approaching \$24,000,000 in FY 24 and \$28,000,000 in FY25.

The Financial Aid Optimization Task Force (a subgroup of the campus Financial Sustainability Group) was formed to develop and implement aid strategies to help curb the spend while having minimal negative impact on our overall enrollment.

The group needed to define our current state such as our net tuition revenue and discount rate metrics overtime, compare these to other schools, and identify cost saving tactics that would have minimal negative on both recruitment and retention.

Tactics and that have already been implemented:

1. Elimination of the Leatherneck Visitor Scholarship
2. Requiring all students receiving aid to file a FAFSA or alternative application for aid
3. Enforcing application and registration deadlines for students to receive aid
4. Increasing GPA for Commitment renewal to a 3.0 WIU GPA
5. Applying aid to direct cost only
6. Adjusting order of pay to limit institutional spend
7. Elimination of the Principals Scholarship and the Illinois Scholar Award

We have set a budget for our institutional aid spend of \$16,200,000 for this coming academic year – this is a \$7,800,000 difference from where the spend was trending. We are reigning in our discount rate and working to improve our net tuition revenue. We will only go over the budget for aid if our enrollment and net tuition revenue significantly surpasses current projections.

The Enrollment Management Division has been focusing on improving the student experience when it comes to aid and scholarship in order to also improve retention. The Financial Aid staff has identified several opportunities for partnership and collaboration across campus that are necessary to improve the student experience and to experience additional cost savings. This group has been meeting with Billing& Receivables, Scholarships, Business Services, Student Employment, Graduate Studies, Global Studies, the Provost’s Office, and several academic departments to establish new policies, procedures and practices. These conversations have been challenging and progress towards effective change is slow.

The Financial Aid Optimization group has partnered with RNL’s Advanced Financial Aid Solutions in order to develop and implement a solid, fiscally sustainable, enrollment optimizing aid strategy.

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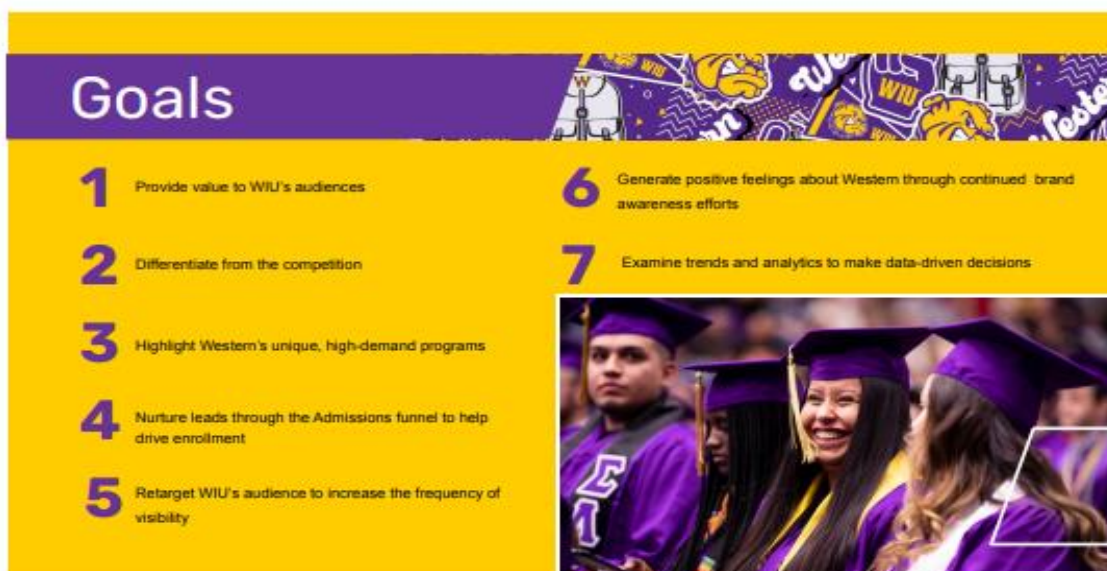
Report No. 23.6/5 -- Marketing & Communication Update



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## Goals

- 1** Provide value to WIU's audiences
- 2** Differentiate from the competition
- 3** Highlight Western's unique, high-demand programs
- 4** Nurture leads through the Admissions funnel to help drive enrollment
- 5** Retarget WIU's audience to increase the frequency of visibility
- 6** Generate positive feelings about Western through continued brand awareness efforts
- 7** Examine trends and analytics to make data-driven decisions



# Overview

## Digital

- Paid digital advertising (Carnegie)
- Lead generators
- Strategic organic social media

## Traditional

- Brand awareness via billboards & banners; broadcast television; radio; community relations; print
- Layering traditional media with digital efforts with specific CTAs for campaigns aligning with Enrollment goals

## Community Engagement & Outreach

- Experiential - experiencing the WIU brand
- Strategic sponsorships



According to RNL\*, the average online program marketing budget (not including any overhead costs) is in excess of \$1 million. Public institutions reported an average of \$1.04 million. (WIU's total overall marketing budget is less than \$1 million.)

\*Buffalo Noel Levitz



# Digital Marketing

Digital advertising is an extremely effective way to hyper-target students in their college search. According to RNL\*, clicks on paid advertising went up in 2021 from 2019 for high school seniors, juniors, and sophomores.

Google Search, followed by Facebook and YouTube, was where students were clicking on ads the most. The actions most taken by students after clicking were looking at information on a website, filling out a form to have information sent by postal mail or watching a video.

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# Objectives

- 1 Generate new leads
- 2 Increase exposure and interest beyond the organic
- 3 Drive traffic to WIU's website
- 4 Encourage actions (visit, apply, etc.)
- 5 Strengthen brand awareness
- 6 Track conversions



# Digital Plan

- IP Targeting
- Mobile Location Targeting
- Mobile Footprint Targeting
- Display
- PPC - Google Ad
- SEO
- YouTube Ad
- Analytics
- Snapchat Ads
- Carnegie Clarity™
- TikTok Ads
- Data Tagging (Dart Tagging)
- Facebook/Instagram/ Stories Ads
- Zapier/Slate Import Automation Set Up



## Audience Campaigns

- Prospect
- Transfer
- Inquiry
- Yield

# Digital Highlights

26 Million  
Impressions

106,537  
Clicks

4,547  
Conversions



## Campaign Shoutout

The Snapchat campaign performed well this year, driving 7.5 million impressions, 21K clicks, and 233 conversions, including 195 inquiries and 36 apply actions.



# Clarity Highlights

Year-Over-Year

Total conv. volume +135%

New Visit campaign attributes to +47% of the YoY difference, the rest covered by the Admitted Student Yield actions (108, +468%) correlated with a +363% increase in views

**Trail blaze into the future with us**

You have the chance to help enhance educational opportunities for all leathernecks and be a part of For the W, the \$100 million-plus fundraising campaign

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## Reach Your Goals at WIU

An AACSB-accredited business education from WIU will give you the practical skills and professional network you need to launch a successful career. Finish your application today!

[Apply Now](#)

# Social Media

Increase engagement with the campus community, alumni, and prospective students through various social media platforms.

**Top 5 Used Daily\***

- Snapchat
- Instagram
- YouTube
- TikTok
- Facebook

**Top 5 Most Useful for College Search\***

- Instagram
- YouTube
- Facebook
- Twitter
- TikTok

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# Purple Stands Out

27K+ Impressions	865 Clicks
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## PURPLE STANDS OUT

**Brenna Smith West**

- BA '17 & MA '18 in Communication
- MA '17 in Leadership
- Director of Student Leadership Alliance
- Chief Communications & Customer Experience Officer at 101 Break Hours of Michigan

"This place and these people helped shape me professionally, mentored me, and set me on a path to success. I'm so grateful for WIS!"

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Western Illinois University  
Your potential. Our purpose.

# Program Spotlights

86K+  
Impressions

73  
Shares



# Declaration Days

77.9K  
Impressions

217  
Clicks



Campaign Shoutout  
WIU placed 4th in the country for our division. We partnered with Top of the World® for Dec Days.

\*Top of the World is owned by Paratix



**DEC DAYS**

**FWAC RANKINGS**

CLASS OF 2021 > 3,500

- 1 Florida Gulf Coast University
- 2 Sam Houston State University
- 3 The University of Alabama at Birmingham
- 4 Western Illinois University
- 5 Augusta University

# Traditional Marketing

- 3 Area Macomb Billboards
- 3 QC Billboards near campus
- 1 Springfield Billboard
- QC Airport Ad
- WGEM
- Weigel Broadcasting The U/CW26
- WCIU-TV
- WMBD/WYZZ
- WMBD - Bloomington
- WYZZ
- Tri-State Public Radio
- The Joe Roderick Show
- Community News Brief
- Pike County Express
- QC Times
- WQAD



# Billboard Examples



Quad Cities

# Billboard Examples



Macomb

# Billboard Examples



Good Hope

# Billboard Examples

Western Illinois University

Springfield

Mt. Pleasant, IA

Western Illinois University

Iowa Residents

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# Print Ads

Ray's  
SUGAR COOKIES FOR HUMANS

Happy Holidays!

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 cup vanilla
- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 cup baking soda
- 1/2 cup baking powder

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350°F. Cream together the butter and sugar. Add the egg and vanilla. Mix in the flour, milk, baking soda, and baking powder. Roll into balls and bake for 10-12 minutes. Cool completely and then enjoy!

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Sing? Dance? Play? Draw?  
Use your talents to help pay for college.

AT WIU, LEATHERNECKS  
**STAND OUT**

Your education shouldn't blend in!  
There are Talent Grants available for all majors.

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**Heritage Days 2023**

Thursday-Sunday  
June 22-25

- Inflatables
- Give aways
- Time with Ray

Western Illinois University

# Academic Marketing

- Program specific Clarify Interactions (5 programs)
- Email communications
- Web page redesign
- Flat sheet redesign
- Select in-house digital campaigns
- Academic program commercials and other video content
- Assistance when requested by departments to help with in-house marketing campaigns



# Community

Examples Include:

- Quad Cities Marathon
- Warsaw High School
- YMCA of Macomb
- Macomb Chamber
- John Deere Classic
- Macomb Heritage Days
- Macomb-Western Holiday Tournament
- Children's Therapy Ctr of QC
- Quad Cities Business Journal
- Various High School and Community College Sponsorship Outreach





# Brand Management

## OVERVIEW

Western Illinois University's brand showcases our history and brings new initiatives to light that move us forward. Brand guidelines help all ambassadors—anyone representing WIU—apply the brand. University Marketing enforces these standards to help build and maintain consistent visual and verbal communication.

## ONGOING

Brand 360 Management with CLC

Management of creatives for external communications

Strengthen brand guidelines to be more user-friendly

Create a brand suite on the website



Have more questions?

Email: [Marketing@wiu.edu](mailto:Marketing@wiu.edu)

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# WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 8, 2023

Report No. 23.6/6 -- Report on Contributions



## Fundraising Progress Report July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Pledges Made	Planned Gifts (FV)*	Total Pledges
\$ 849,687	\$ 17,815,000	<b>\$ 18,664,687</b>
Cash Gifts	Gifts-in-Kind	Total Receipts
\$ 3,000,067	\$ 73,038	<b>\$ 3,073,105</b>

	Overall Total	Goal	% to Goal
Fiscal Year	<b>\$ 21,737,792</b>	\$ 8,000,000	271.7%
Campaign	<b>\$ 45,672,617</b>	\$ 100,000,000	45.7%

\*Discounted Present Value for the 8 planned gift pledge(s):  
\$ 5,780,187

Deferred gift pledges not included in totals:

Outside scholarships not included in totals:  
\$ 1,239,516

PURPOSE: Record of fiscal year goals and progress  
AUDIENCE: Internal use for administrators, development officers, and board members  
NOTES: Cash Gifts do not include pledge payments.  
Gifts-in-kind do not include service or noncharitable gifts-in-kind.  
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## Fundraising Progress Report July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

COLLEGE/UNIT	PLEDGES	GIFTS	GIFTS- IN-KIND	PLANNED GIFTS	FISCAL YEAR TOTAL
CAS	200,373	232,290	260	1,600,000	2,032,923
CBT	126,527	417,403	1,350	190,000	735,280
COEHS	63,037	254,598	650	25,000	343,285
COFAC	36,698	251,674	7,186	0	295,558
LIBRARY	752	14,555	657	0	15,963
HONORS	2,208	11,400	0	0	13,608
GLOBAL STUDIES	1,675	8,925	0	0	10,600
STUDENT SERVICES	18,043	101,366	9,619	0	129,029
QC	2,380	160,928	3,600	0	166,908
WQPT	8,938	527,420	5,480	0	541,838
ATHLETICS	119,741	416,691	35,494	0	571,925
ALUMNI	7,294	52,294	1,304	0	60,892
BGS	630	6,496	0	0	7,126
TRI-STATES RADIO	147,068	140,601	0	0	287,669
UNIV SCHOLARSHIPS	69,208	144,217	0	0	213,425
OTHER	45,115	259,209	7,439	16,000,000	16,311,762
<b>UNIVERSITY TOTALS:</b>	<b>849,687</b>	<b>3,000,067</b>	<b>73,038</b>	<b>17,815,000</b>	<b>21,737,792</b>

Outside scholarships not included in report: \$ 1,239,516

PURPOSE: Record of fiscal year progress by unit

AUDIENCE: Internal use for administrators, development officers, and board members

NOTES: Gifts do not include pledge payments.

Radio is separate from COFAC; Parent and Family Association is separate from Student Services.

Gifts-in-kind do not include service or noncharitable gifts-in-kind.

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## Significant Donors Report Gifts of \$5,000 or more for Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Name	Pledges & Payments	Cash Gifts	Planned Gifts	Gifts-in-Kind	Soft Credit	Total
ADM	0	15,000	0	0	0	15,000
Alternatives For The Older Adult Inc	0	5,000	0	0	0	5,000
Anonymous	0	13,600	0	0	3,913	17,513
Anonymous	0	8,659	0	250	0	8,909
Joby Babin	6,120	750	0	0	0	6,870
Robert & Judy Baker	25,000	0	0	0	0	25,000
BASF Corporation	0	24,000	0	0	0	24,000
Bob Baumann	0	4,600	0	769	0	5,369
Bayer Corporation	0	11,400	0	0	0	11,400
Frank Beckman	25,000	400	190,000	0	0	215,400
Peggy Beckman	0	6,000	0	0	0	6,000
Bi-State Literacy Council	0	5,000	0	0	0	5,000
Tim & Karen Bondy	0	5,000	0	0	0	5,000
Dennis Bowman	5,000	0	0	0	0	5,000
Marty Brown	0	25,000	0	0	0	25,000
Suzy & Paul Bubb	2,715	600	0	2,011	0	5,326
Linda & Charlie Carey	0	2,430	0	0	7,500	9,930
Byron Carlson	5,000	5	0	0	0	5,005
Jim & Debbie Carter	0	6,375	0	0	0	6,375
Shirley Chan	31,044	0	0	0	0	31,044
Eric & Cherie Clark	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000
Scott Clarke	0	25,316	0	0	0	25,316
Pat & Roger Clawson	609	7,850	0	0	0	8,459
CoBank	0	5,000	0	0	0	5,000
Ernie & Pamela Codilis	0	11,500	0	0	0	11,500
Carolyn Colvin	0	0	54,288	0	0	54,288
Compeer Financial	0	14,500	0	0	0	14,500
Chris & Connie Connolly	0	6,080	0	0	2,375	8,455
Corteva Agriscience	0	6,000	0	0	0	6,000
CyberGrants	5,000	0	0	0	0	5,000
Dell USA LP	0	0	0	7,391	0	7,391
Susan & Nick Di Grino	0	12,500	0	0	0	12,500
Doris & Victor Day Foundation	0	10,000	0	0	0	10,000
Dot Charitable Committee	0	0	0	9,619	0	9,619
Maria & Tom Dunstan	20,000	593	0	0	0	20,593
Cathy Early & Virginia Diehl	27,000	435	0	0	4,500	31,935

Name	Pledges & Payments	Cash Gifts	Planned Gifts	Gifts-in-Kind	Soft Credit	Total
John Elliott	0	32,000	0	0	0	32,000
George Engeln & Denise Stewart	0	0	0	0	7,000	7,000
Sondra & Bill Epperly	750	6,019	0	0	4,500	11,269
Jerry & Ann Ernst	15,000	0	0	0	0	15,000
Curt & Christine Farr	0	5,500	0	0	0	5,500
First Christian Church	0	9,515	0	0	0	9,515
FMC Corporation	0	6,000	0	0	0	6,000
Rick Fry	0	0	300,000	0	0	300,000
Chuck Gilbert & Karen Ihrig-Gilbert	11,280	2,200	0	0	0	13,480
George Grice	6,120	20,250	0	0	0	26,370
Nadine Groves	0	150	25,000	0	0	25,150
Susan Gutierrez	5,000	0	0	0	0	5,000
Don Haisch	6,000	0	0	0	0	6,000
Sue & Cliff Haka	0	20,000	0	0	0	20,000
Emily Hess	0	25,000	0	0	0	25,000
Darryl & Muriel Hollimon	0	100	0	0	7,500	7,600
Guiyou Huang	0	10,770	0	0	0	10,770
The Hubbell-Waterman Foundation	0	0	0	0	50,000	50,000
Mark Hussey	0	5,000	0	0	0	5,000
Illinois Farm Bureau	0	20,000	0	0	0	20,000
Monica & Rick Iverson	0	560	0	0	20,000	20,560
Laura Janus	0	6,000	0	0	0	6,000
Linda Janus	0	6,000	0	0	0	6,000
John Deere World Headquarters	0	10,000	0	0	0	10,000
Lynn & Dale Johnson	0	1,250	0	0	15,000	16,250
Betty Kaspar	0	125	500,000	0	0	500,125
Myrna & Mike Kelly	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000
Donna & Wayne Klocko	9,900	0	0	0	0	9,900
Lamberti USA	0	10,000	0	0	0	10,000
Hazel & Pat Leshar	5,000	0	0	0	0	5,000
Randall Lindsey	18,000	0	800,000	0	0	818,000
Mike Litwin	0	0	0	0	5,000	5,000
Mary Kathleen Lockard & David Miller	0	5,500	0	0	0	5,500
Brian Lovingood	8,333	0	0	0	0	8,333
Christopher Lovingood	8,333	0	0	0	0	8,333
Stephanie Lovingood	8,333	0	0	0	0	8,333
Lowell N. Johnson Charitable Foundation	0	17,500	0	0	0	17,500
Bill Maakestad & Jean Maakestad-Wolf	750	7,450	0	75	0	8,275
Macomb High School	0	5,000	0	0	0	5,000
Maurine & Hugo Magliocco	0	17,000	0	0	0	17,000
Sue Martinelli	10,435	350	0	0	0	10,785
Marc & Carrie Mason	0	422	0	0	10,200	10,622
Rich Mathers	0	7,000	0	0	0	7,000

Name	Pledges & Payments	Cash Gifts	Planned Gifts	Gifts-in-Kind	Soft Credit	Total
George & Renee Mavigliano	8,739	1,000	0	0	0	9,739
Jim & Claudia Mc Cain	0	8,068	0	0	0	8,068
McDonough Eye Associates and Jill Brody, MD	7,500	0	0	0	0	7,500
MetroLINK	0	6,000	0	0	0	6,000
Ronald Mize	0	5,000	0	0	0	5,000
Bill & Carol Myers	25,000	0	0	0	0	25,000
Tom Nardi	0	375	0	0	15,000	15,375
Ethan Nelson & Laura Lins	25,000	0	0	0	0	25,000
Joyce & Jim Nielsen	0	15,000	0	0	0	15,000
Judy & Jim Niss	0	5,000	0	0	0	5,000
Ken & Laura Nofziger	10,000	100	0	0	0	10,100
Sheila Nollen	9,000	20,200	0	0	0	29,200
Larry Joe O'Hern	0	10,000	0	0	0	10,000
Ed Ohlin	0	5,000	0	0	0	5,000
Jo Oitker & Deb Miller	0	3,750	0	0	3,100	6,850
Marianne & Sam Oliva	0	10,000	0	0	0	10,000
Nicholas Pano	0	8,925	0	0	0	8,925
Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce	0	15,000	0	0	0	15,000
Quad Cities Community Foundation	0	39,950	0	0	0	39,950
Quad Cities River Bandits	0	0	0	6,685	0	6,685
Quad City Storm	0	0	0	5,135	0	5,135
Phyllis Quensel	0	5,000	0	0	0	5,000
Jeff & Polly Radosh	6,600	313	0	0	0	6,913
Regional Development Authority	0	30,000	0	0	0	30,000
Paul & Alene Reuschel	5,000	1,100	0	0	0	6,100
Max & Lea Ann Rexroat	0	5,275	0	0	0	5,275
Ruth Richert	0	43,100	0	0	0	43,100
Matt & Nicki Robins	2,500	0	0	0	2,942	5,442
Michael Robson	0	5,100	0	0	0	5,100
Norm & Judy Rocke	10,060	4,997	0	0	0	15,057
Michael & Bette Rogers	0	0	0	0	10,000	10,000
Ketra & Joe Roselleb	5,776	719	0	200	0	6,695
Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust	0	136,919	0	0	0	136,919
Sarah Knight Memorial	0	10,000	0	0	0	10,000
Mona Sawyer	0	12,000	0	0	0	12,000
Harold Schmalfeld	0	15,900	0	0	0	15,900
Joyce & Tony Singh	0	9,000	0	0	0	9,000
Amy Spelman & Brad Bainter	0	5,236	0	0	0	5,236
Brian Spotts	0	5,530	0	0	0	5,530
Stronghurst LLC	25,000	0	0	0	0	25,000
Summit League	50,000	0	0	0	0	50,000
Syngenta Crop Protection, LLC	0	15,150	0	0	0	15,150
Norm & Carmelita Teeter	0	5,000	16,000,000	0	0	16,005,000

Name	Pledges & Payments	Cash Gifts	Planned Gifts	Gifts-in-Kind	Soft Credit	Total
Jim Terrill	0	2	7,925	0	0	7,927
The Moline Foundation	0	5,000	0	0	0	5,000
The Will J. Reid Foundation	0	5,000	0	0	0	5,000
Ronald & Audrey Thompson	8,779	0	0	0	0	8,779
Wendall Toland	0	26,250	0	0	0	26,250
Hiro Tongu	0	0	0	0	10,000	10,000
Tracy Family Foundation	0	70,000	0	0	0	70,000
Margie Twaddle Johnson & Garry Johnson	6,000	3,117	0	0	0	9,117
U.S. Bank Foundation	0	7,500	0	0	0	7,500
Valent	0	6,000	0	0	0	6,000
Dona & Norman Walzer	0	14,000	0	0	0	14,000
Anita & Dennis Werling	0	11,750	0	0	0	11,750
Wesley United Methodist Church's Fellheimer Trust	0	20,625	0	0	0	20,625
West Central FS, Inc.	0	5,800	0	0	0	5,800
Sue & Curt Westen	0	7,258	0	0	0	7,258
Wheelen-Pressly Funeral Home, Inc.	0	5,000	0	0	0	5,000
Wayne Whipps	50,000	6,875	0	0	0	56,875
Melissa & Walter Willis	4,000	1,000	0	0	0	5,000
WIU Quad Cities Graduate Study Center	0	5,000	0	0	0	5,000
Margaret Wong	110,000	0	0	0	20,000	130,000
Ken Wright	15,000	0	0	0	0	15,000
Betty Wright	15,000	0	0	0	0	15,000
James Zwiener	17,520	0	0	0	0	17,520
3M Corporation	0	0	0	0	5,000	5,000

PURPOSE: List of significant donors with gifts or pledges \$5,000 or greater for current fiscal year.

AUDIENCE: External (Board) and internal use for administrators and development officers.

NOTES: "Pledges & Payments" includes any new pledges for current or future fiscal years plus the amount paid (or expected to be paid) this year on prior year pledges. Total includes memberships for next fiscal year (e.g. Leatherneck Club)

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## Annual Fund Report July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

COLLEGE/UNIT	# OF PLEDGES	TOTAL PLEDGE AMT	AVERAGE PLEDGE AMT	PLEDGES PAID	CASH	*TOTAL RECEIVED
CAS	186	24,329	131	18,089	112,261	130,350
CBT	204	33,295	163	25,208	284,374	309,582
COEHS	227	22,797	100	16,207	135,111	151,318
COFAC	110	23,378	213	17,837	203,266	221,104
ALUMNI	49	7,294	149	2,770	49,244	52,014
GLOBAL STUDIES	13	1,675	129	1,260	3,925	5,185
LIBRARY	13	752	58	533	14,230	14,763
HONORS	2	898	449	594	11,400	11,994
QC	24	2,380	99	1,748	4,009	5,757
ATHLETICS	79	68,641	869	59,157	409,260	468,416
STUDENT SERVICES	32	7,443	233	3,900	90,687	94,587
BGS	3	630	210	500	6,396	6,896
TRI-STATES RADIO	479	147,068	307	126,046	139,151	265,196
WQPT	77	8,938	116	3,366	527,160	530,526
PFA	0	0	0	0	0	0
UNIV SCHOLARSHIPS	116	24,088	208	22,453	107,112	129,565
OTHER	178	45,115	253	35,570	150,328	185,898
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,792</b>	<b>418,721</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>335,237</b>	<b>2,247,915</b>	<b>2,583,151</b>

**\*\*Total Annual Fund: \$2,666,636**

Above Pledge totals include:

Leatherneck Club	\$ 64,512
Library Atrium Society	\$ 637
Performing Arts Society	\$ 4,712

Above Receipt totals include:

Leatherneck Club	\$ 335,912
Library Atrium Society	\$ 9,898
Performing Arts Society	\$ 24,153

PURPOSE: Record of fiscal year Annual Fund totals by Unit; includes Phonathon and President's Scholarship totals.

AUDIENCE: Internal use for administrators, development officers, and board members.

NOTES:

\*Total Received equals Income (Cash, Pledges Paid, Gifts in Kind, and GIK Pledges Paid).

\*\*Total Annual Fund equals sum of Pledges, GIKs, and Cash.

Radio is separate from COFAC; Parent and Family Association is separate from Student Services.

Gifts-in-kind do not include service or noncharitable GIKs.

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## Phonathon Report July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

COLLEGE/UNIT	# OF PLEDGES	TOTAL PLEDGES	AVERAGE PLEDGE	PLEDGES PAID	CASH	*TOTAL GIFTS
CAS	165	13,180	80	8,685	2,380	11,065
CBT	183	18,645	102	11,880	250	12,130
COEHS	210	12,990	62	6,825	580	7,405
COFAC	71	4,365	61	2,060	210	2,270
ALUMNI	44	3,445	78	1,900	200	2,100
GLOBAL STUDIES	11	355	32	50	0	50
LIBRARY	11	618	56	408	10	418
HONORS	1	250	250	0	0	0
QC	17	580	34	140	25	165
ATHLETICS	16	1,127	70	810	0	810
STUDENT SERVICES	19	3,585	189	650	0	650
BGS	3	630	210	500	0	500
TRI-STATES RADIO	1	100	100	0	0	0
WQPT	2	70	35	50	0	50
PFA	0	0	0	0	0	0
UNIV SCHOLARSHIPS	101	15,983	158	14,388	1,325	15,713
OTHER	148	9,436	64	4,245	232	4,477
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,003</b>	<b>85,358</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>52,590</b>	<b>5,212</b>	<b>57,802</b>

**\*\*Total Phonathon: \$90,570**

Above Pledge totals include:

Leatherneck Club	\$ 1,002
Library Atrium Society	\$ 528

Above Receipt totals include:

Leatherneck Club	\$ 810
Library Atrium Society	\$ 348

PURPOSE: Record of fiscal year Phonathon totals by Unit.  
 AUDIENCE: Internal use for administrators, development officers, and board members.  
 NOTES:  
 \*Total Gifts equals Income (Cash, Pledges Paid, Gifts in Kind, and GIK Pledges Paid).  
 \*\*Total Phonathon equals sum of Pledges, GIKs, and Cash.  
 Radio is separate from COFAC; Parent and Family Association is separate from Student Services.  
 Gifts-in-kind do not include service or noncharitable GIKs.  
 See Annual Fund report for all phonathon and annual fund totals.  
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# WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 8, 2023

## Report No. 23.6/7 -- Annual Listing of Academic Program Changes

The Illinois Board of Higher Education requires that each public university submit a list of academic program changes annually in June. Following is Western Illinois University's planned report for the period June 21, 2022, to June 20, 2023.

**WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**  
**ANNUAL LISTING OF ACADEMIC PROGRAM CHANGES**  
**June 21, 2022 to June 20, 2023**

	PROGRAM CHANGE	CIP CODE	PROGRAM TITLE	REMARKS	DATE APPROVED
<b>*****REPORTING CATEGORIES AS IDENTIFIED BY IBHE*****</b>					
1	Creation of a new non-credit program or a program of study composed of credit courses that does not result in the formal award of a degree.		N/A		
2	Creation of a new unit that does not have an instructional, research, or public service mission, including new units that might be named department, division, or institute.		N/A		
3	Addition of a new organized set of courses within a major to an existing degree program.	31.0301	M.S. in Recreation, Park and Tourism Administration, Traditional option	Formerly M.S. in Recreation, Park and Tourism Administration	Campus 12/08/22 HLC notified 12/12/22
		31.0301	M.S. in Recreation, Park and Tourism Administration, Masters' Practitioner option		Campus 12/08/22 HLC notified 12/12/22
		11.0103	B.S. in Information Systems, Business Intelligence emphasis		Campus 04/19/23 HLC notified 04/20/23
		13.1299	M.A.T. in Alternative Teacher Licensure, K-12 Art Education track		Campus 04/26/23 HLC notified 04/27/23
4	Addition of an externally funded research or public service activity labeled as a center or institute because of grant requirements. The activity is temporary, not formally organized, and has no continuous mission.		N/A		
5	Addition of a new minor.		Minor in Community Forestry		Campus 04/12/23
6	Change in a degree title.		N/A		
7	Change in the name of an administrative (including departments), research, or public service unit.		N/A		

	PROGRAM CHANGE	CIP CODE	PROGRAM TITLE	REMARKS	DATE APPROVED
8	Elimination (or temporary suspension) of an existing degree program, with indication of Phase Down, Elimination, or Temporary Suspension status.		N/A		
9	Reorganization, restructuring, consolidation, elimination, and other changes of existing administrative (including departments), research, or public service units that does not result in an increase in subunits.		Department of Race, Religion, Gender, and Multidisciplinary Studies	Formerly Department of Liberal Arts and Sciences	Campus 06/30/22
			Department of Recreation, Park, Tourism, and Hospitality	Formerly Department of Recreation, Park, and Tourism Administration	Campus 05/09/23
10	Creation of certificate program in a field in which there is a previously approved degree program.		N/A		
11	Creation of a joint degree program from two previously approved programs.	(54.0101 Augustana) 31.0504	Integrated 5-Year Baccalaureate / Master's Degree Program: B.A. in Kinesiology (Augustana College) / M.S. in Sport Management	Created from previously approved Master of Science in Sport Management (B.A. in Kinesiology from Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois)	Campus 12/08/22
		43.9999 43.0103	Integrated 5-Year Baccalaureate / Master's Degree Program: B.S. in Emergency Management / M.A. in Public Safety Administration	Created from previously approved Bachelor of Science in Emergency Management and Master of Arts in Public Safety Administration	Campus 04/26/23
12	Reactivation of a temporarily suspended program.		N/A		
13	Creation of a new, formally organized research or public service unit that has a temporary mission of up to five years.		N/A		
14	Creation of a certificate program in a field or at a level in which there is not a previously approved degree program at that level or higher level.		N/A		
15	Creation of a new program that results from the reorganization or restructuring of the curricular elements of an existing program that have over time evolved into separate and distinct programs.		N/A		

	PROGRAM CHANGE	CIP CODE	PROGRAM TITLE	REMARKS	DATE APPROVED
16	Reclassification of a program resulting from incremental changes or consolidation of two or more degree programs into a single program.	52.1399	Master of Accountancy	Formerly 52.0301	Campus 11/10/22 IBHE 12/16/22 HLC notified 12/16/22
		30.1901	B.S. in Nutrition and Dietetics	Formerly 51.3101	Campus 03/08/23 IBHE 03/09/23 HLC notified 03/09/23
17	Changes in degree designation at the same level.		N/A		
18	Creation of an out-of-region degree program.		N/A		
19	Creation of a degree program in a new field or at a new level.		N/A		
20	Creation of new units of instruction, research, or public service that involve a change or expansion in mission.		N/A		
21	Creation of a new campus.		N/A		
<b>*****ADDITIONAL CATEGORIES IDENTIFIED BY UNIVERSITY*****</b>					
22	Offering existing academic program online.	31.0301	Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Event Planning and Management		Campus 03/16/23 HLC notified 03/16/23
		54.0101	B.A. in History, History option		Campus 03/23/23 HLC notified 03/24/23
23	Changing title of minor		Minor in Cannabis Cultivation	Formerly Cannabis Production	Campus 04/19/23
24	Elimination of undergraduate certificate program.		Undergraduate Certificate in Fire Administration and Management		Campus 04/03/23 HLC notified 04/05/23
			Undergraduate Certificate in Fire Prevention Technology		Campus 04/03/23 HLC notified 04/05/23
25	Elimination of academic program at Quad Cities campus.	23.0101	B.A. in English, Creative Writing option	Eliminated at Quad Cities campus <u>only</u>	Campus 03/29/23

# WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Report No. 23.6/8 -- Academic Affairs Report

## College of Arts and Sciences

### COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Experiential Learning**

CAS Undergraduate Research and Scholarly Activity Grants:  
AY 22-23: Awarded 57 grants to support student research and conference presentations.

Undergraduate Research Day, April 2023 – CAS Participation  
44 projects (76% of total); 47 students; 22 faculty mentors

- **Educational Outreach**

69th Annual Western Illinois University Mathematics Teachers Conference.

A **Girl Scout CAS STEM** program was held March 4 in Currens Hall, on the Macomb campus. Approximately 85 Girl Scouts (at all levels, K-12th grade, Daisy Scouts through Ambassador Scouts) participated and about 30 WIU students from different student organizations, such as the Chemistry Club, Forensic Chemistry Club, Women in Science and Biology students, volunteered to be Girl Scout "buddies" to help them perform their specific STEM activities. Next year, we will extend invitations to other WIU academic units to participate in this event.

- **Outstanding Faculty Awards**

Excellence in Research/Scholarly Activities: Julia Albarracin, Political Science

Excellence in Teaching: Christopher Sutton. EAGIS

Excellence in Undergraduate Research: Brian Bellott, Chemistry

- **Summer Stipend Awards**

**CAS 2023 WIU Summer Stipend Award Winners earned 6 out of the 8 Awards:**

### **Biology**

**Dr. Vaskar Nepal:** Assessing the population characteristics of Bowfin in the Upper Mississippi River

### **Chemistry**

**Dr. Ligu Song:** Research on green liquid chromatography to minimize the use of

hazard chemicals and generation of toxic waste for comprehensive cannabinoid testing of hemp plant materials

**English**

**Dr. Rebekah Buchanan:** Immigration Narratives and Nostalgia: How Norwegian Immigration Stories are Told in the United States and Norway

**Political Science**

**Dr. Keith Boeckelman:** Improving Political Science 122 to Advance Civic Education

**Psychology**

**Dr. Leigh Ann Fisler:** Validating an Employment Readiness Training for Autistic Adults from Marginalized Backgrounds with Mixed Reality Simulation

**Sociology & Anthropology**

**Dr. Lora Wallace:** A Halloween Stigma Assignment and Mental Health Beliefs Among University Students

**DEPARTMENTS**

**Biology:**

Mari Aanenson (15 years) and Rich Musser (20 years) were recognized at the WIU service reception last month.

Three of our undergraduate research students placed at the poster competition at Natural Sciences Research Day - 1st: Kevin Delgado; 2nd: Cari Wilson; 3rd: Abigail Roussin.

Mr. Brady Popkin, one of our alumni (and former department scholar) gave a department seminar on 31 March. They Won't Teach You This in College: How to be Successful in a Fast-Paced, Industrial Food Science Environment.

**Chemistry:**

Chemistry held its Awards and Scholarship dinner on April 25. Seventeen students won awards/scholarships. One faculty member won the faculty service award (Liguo Song). This was the first time the event has been held since before the pandemic.

On April 7, the CAS Natural Science Research Day was held, and the following students won awards for best posters:

Graduate student posters: 1st place Funmilola Anjorin, 2nd place Schaefer Roach.

Undergraduate student posters: 1st place Olivia Brinker, 2nd place Logan Barnard and Regina Scarpaci.

Science classes from the following five high schools visited WIU Chemistry and took part in our "High School Hands-on Lab activities" program:

- 4/14 students from AC Central High
- 4/21 Students from Galva High
- 4/26 students from Keokuk High
- 4/28 Students from Porta High4/28 Students from Spoon River Valley High

A Girl Scout science technology, engineering, and math (STEM) program was held Saturday, March 4, 2023, on the WIU campus. The event allowed the Girl Scouts to earn a variety of STEM badges and certificates. The program was first started in 2017 by the College of Arts and Sciences Women in Science Initiative Dr. Rose McConnell, Women in Science Director and Chair of the Department of Chemistry partnered with MS. Jessie Hughes O'Leary, Program Specialist-Girl Scouts of Central Illinois-Quincy Service Center. The WIU Girl Scout STEM program was planned to be a yearly event. The 2020-2022 events were cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic. This year was the 4th Girl Scout STEM event at WIU.



Approximately 85 Girl Scouts (at all levels, K-12th grade, Daisy Scouts, Brownie Scouts, Junior, Cadette Scouts and Senior & Ambassador Scouts) participated in the event. Many of the WIU Science faculty members served as team leaders for the event. They designed and led STEM activities for the Girl Scouts needed to allow the Scouts to earn their badges. More than 30 WIU student organization members (Chemistry club, Forensic Chemistry club, Biochemistry Club, Women in Science, biological science students) volunteered to be Girl Scout "buddies" to help them perform their specific STEM activities.

- Five High School Science classes visited the Department of Chemistry in March (from Keokuk, Porta, Davenport, Macomb, and Scotland high schools). They performed Hands-on Lab activities in the WIU Chemistry labs and were given information about our programs.

### **EAGIS:**

- Chris Sutton presentation - 'Teaching GIS: Integrating Client-Based Learning Activities.' Annual Meeting of the Illinois Geographical Society. Springfield, IL, April 22.
- Chris Sutton - Chair of conference paper sessions:  
Annual Meeting of the Illinois Geographical Society. Springfield, IL, April 22.  
"Food Proximity and Teaching GIS - One Session to Rule Them All"  
"Not to Be Forgotten: Spatial Analysis in Metro St. Louis."
- Chris Sutton named to the U.S. National Committee for the International Cartographic Association.
- Leslie Melim - Paper accepted: Melim, L.A., Hunter, J., and Minton, M., in press, Torosites: A new microbially mediated speleothem from Sistema Los Toros, Nuevo León, Mexico, Journal of Cave and Karst Studies.
- Undergraduate Research Day, Third Place Poster: Terrile, A. and Melim, L.A., Silicification of trilobites brachiopods and biofilm from multiple locations: Evidence of microbial involvement in all silicified fossils.
- The Geodeland Earth Science Clubs, Inc. will host its annual Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show March 11-12 in the University Union Grand Ballroom.
- Leslie Melim: Invited talk (included travel expenses): Melim, LA. Recrystallization of Lime Mud: Evidence from Speleothems & Implications for Limestones, presented March 15, 2023, KAUST (King Abdullah University of Science and Technology), Saudi Arabia.
- Chris Sutton: Presentation Title: "Road Atlases for Emergency Management" at the 2023 American Association of Geographers Conference in Denver, CO. March 25.
- Chad Sperry: Presented two presentations to the IPAI (Illinois Property Assessment Institute) March 27, 2023, one on GIS and the other on drones, Normal, IL.
- Steve Bennett: Presented to the ILAPPA (Illinois Assoc of Physical Plant Administrators) Conference Facilities Management Conference on March 15, 2023, on the power of GIS for University Campuses, Macomb, IL
- Steve Bennett: Volunteered at the Dickson Mounds Artifact ID Day on March 19.
- Steve Bennett: Taught LIFE Class on Mineral, Rock, and Fossil Identification on March 28.

- GIS Center participated in a career fair at Canton High School. Chad and Megan presented on using drones for public safety and demonstrated the indoor mapping that we have completed of their high school.

### **English:**

- New Program development and approval: Got Gen Ed approval at Senate level for Eng/Aas 345—Survey of African American Literature. This should help to appeal to more students across the campus, help transfer students find upper-level gen ed, and help increase interest in AAS.
- Recruitment initiatives: We hosted the final Lola event of the year with best-selling author, Angeline Boulley. Biggest turn out yet since moving back to in person events with around 60 students, alums, community members, and high schoolers attending the author’s reading and Q and A.
- April 13th the QC English hosted the Fifth Annual Get Lit program for area high schoolers with 73 students coming from 7 different high schools.
- Retention initiatives: Hosted an ice cream social on 4/12 to celebrate English majors and faculty and to enjoy the great weather. Hosted the first, in person awards night for English writing awards and scholarships since the pandemic started. Over 60 people attended with another half dozen on zoom from QC’s.
- Graduate student Anne Vantiegham won first place in the graduate student research presentations. Emily Woods (grad) and Samantha Smith (undergrad) went to the national Sigma Tau Delta convention in Denver to present their research.
- 8 graduate students and one undergraduate presented their papers to fellow students and faculty on March 25 as a way to practice presenting and to get feedback from faculty.

### **FLL:**

- Edmund Asare, Reviewing article for the Journal of French and Francophone Studies (JOFFS)
- Jen Hamlin, Public Speaking: Title: “FINDING MY VOICE: The Importance of Speech Therapy” for the students of WIU Speech Pathology.
- Edmund Asare- the Vice President of Pi Delta Phi (National French Honor Society) installed a Chapter of the Society in the Department Foreign Languages of Literatures, WIU. The Department is now listed on the National Website of the Society. I was inducted as the Chapter Moderator. I look forward to inducting high achieving French students into the society.
- On March 24 we had an induction for our chapter of Sigma Delta Pi (National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society). We had four new inductees: Anthony Ippolito, Keven Garcia, Alexandra Zorniak, and Aiden Quinn Necak.

### **History:**

- Lee Brice - Editorial Board member, War Studies Journal, 2022-current.
- Lee Brice - Co-organizer of international military history conference, “Local and Global Perspectives on Military History,” Moline, IL, April 14-15.

- Peter Cole - Co-organizer of international military history conference, "Local and Global Perspectives on Military History," Moline, IL, April 14-15.
- Tim Roberts - Review of journal manuscript, "Socialism at the Edges of Civilization," for the Journal of the Civil War Era, April 21.
- Tim Roberts - Co-organizer of international military history conference, "Local and Global Perspectives on Military History," Moline, IL, April 14-15.
- Tim Roberts - Presentation "Rethinking concepts of civil and colonial wars," WIU military history conference, Moline, IL, April 15.
- Tim Roberts - Presentation, with Emily Roberts, "This Infernal War: The Civil War Letters of William and Jane Standard," Civil War Symposium, Quincy, IL, April 28.
- Emmanuel Ennin, MA student, presented a paper, "Exploring Government Actions and Their Impact on the Twenty-First Century Nkonya and Alavanyo Conflict," WIU military history conference, Moline, IL, April 15.
- Emmanuel Ennin, MA student, interview for WIU University Relations, "WIU Graduate Student to Pursue Doctorate at Princeton University this Fall," April 19.
- The ASH History Club was the only academic club nominated for consideration as WIU's Outstanding Student Organization, April 17.
- Jordan Rouse, BA student, selected as WIU College of Arts and Sciences Lincoln Laureate nominee, April 20.
- Ute Chamberlin - Panel organizer and presenter, "Women Who Tell Their Own Stories," Department of History Women's History Month Panel, Macomb, IL, March 29.
- Ed Woell - Media commentary, "Our Weakness and Democracy," TSPR audio commentary, broadcast March 1.
- Lee Brice - Paper presented, "So Let it be Written: Bringing Inscriptions into the Classroom," DuPage County Social Studies Conference, Aurora, IL, March 3.
- Lee Brice - Paper presented, "Collective Cowardice and Roman Responses to It," Society of Military History Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, March 26.
- Lee Brice - Panel chair, commentator, and co-organizer, "Making Sense of Ancient Strategy," Society of Military History annual meeting, San Diego, CA, March 25.
- Lee Brice - Panel chair and co-organizer: New Perspectives on Ancient Military Topics," Society of Military History annual meeting, San Diego, CA, March 25.
- Febe Pamonag - Two papers presented, "World War II: Experiences and Perspectives from Asia" and "Filipino Experiences and Perspectives on U.S. Colonialism in the Philippines," DuPage County Social Studies Conference, Aurora, IL, March 3.
- Febe Pamonag - Presenter, "Women Who Tell Their Own Stories," Department of History Women's History Month Panel, Macomb, IL, March 29.
- Greg Hall - Presenter, "Women Who Tell Their Own Stories," Department of History Women's History Month Panel, Macomb, IL, March 29.
- Peter Cole - Two papers presented, "Living for the City: The Past and Present of New Urbanism" and "Race and the City: Redlining, Public Housing and the New Deal," DuPage County Social Studies Conference, Aurora, IL, March 3.
- Tim Roberts - Paper presented, "American Support for Hungary in 1849 and Ukraine Today: A Comparative Perspective," DuPage County Social Studies Conference, Aurora, IL, March 3.

- Tim Roberts - Paper presented, "French Algeria in African Americans' Imaginary, 1900-1960," Western Society for French History annual meeting, Detroit, MI, March 18.
- Rich Filipink - Presenter, "The Cuban Missile Crisis," WIU Learning Is Forever (LIFE) program, Macomb, IL, March 28.
- Online BA degree approved by the Provost, effective fall 2023, March 24.
- Field trip and volunteer work by students in the Associated Students of History (ASH) club, advised by Ute Chamberlin, to the Western Illinois Museum, March 30.

### **IES / ES PhD:**

- A peer-reviewed manuscript coauthored by a Ph.D. candidate, the first graduate of the Environmental Science Ph.D. program, and Prof. Viadero appeared in print and online in the Journal of the American Mosquito Control Association in March 2023.
- Hunt, J., Rehbein, M., Viadero, R. and C. Miller (2023). "Distribution of Invasive Aedes Mosquitoes in Western Illinois, 2014-2018: First Records for Aedes japonicus and Aedes albopictus," Journal of the American Mosquito Control Association, 39 (1), 1–11, <https://doi.org/10.2987/22-7105>.
- Prof. Viadero was interviewed by Colorado Public Radio about the proposed diversion of Mississippi River water to the Colorado River Basin. The interview was featured in "Parched," CPR's 10-part podcast that covers the impacts of the 20+ year-long drought in the southwestern US from different perspectives (<https://www.cpr.org/podcast-episode/the-boldest-idea-of-all/>). The podcast is also hosted and promoted on the National Public Radio website.
- Prof. Viadero is taking over for Prof. Mark Bernards as PI of the 5-year-long study of the effects of cover crops on water quality in corn and soybean production. This project is sponsored by the IL Nutrient Research and Education Council.
- Prof. Viadero and the Environmental Science Team have started work with the City of Moline on a Nutrient Reduction Assessment and Plan for the City's Public Works Department.

### **Race, Religion, Gender, & Multidisciplinary Studies (formerly LAS):**

- Jen Hamlin, Public Speaking: Title: "FINDING MY VOICE: The Importance of Speech Therapy" for the students of WIU Speech Pathology.
- Baker-Sperry, Lori, Mark Mossman and Justin Schuch. 2023. "Connections Matter Retention Practices Focused on Student Connection." Paper presented at the Higher Learning Commission annual conference.
- Betsy Perabo, presentation at WIU Women's History Month Panel, "From Hagiography to History: Searching for the Words of Ella/St. Elizaveta," March 29, 2023.
- MLAS Student Anna Lucken presented a paper titled "Reversing Raj: Hindu Nationalist (re) imagination of the Rushi Suna," at the Midwest AAR conference in Springfield, MO on March 23-25, 2023.
- RELICS student organization: hosted lecture/book discussion on Zoom with Dr. Onaji Woodbine of American University on his book Take Back What the Devil Stole, March 30, 2023.

## **Mathematics & Philosophy:**

- Organized 69th Annual Western Illinois University Mathematics Teachers Conference.
- Dr. Olsen had two students present on Undergraduate Research Day 2023, on 4-19-23.
- Dr. Turkelli delivered a student talk.
- Dr. Blackford delivered a student talk.
- Dr. LaFountain delivered a student talk.
- Dimitrov published an article: DIMITROV, R., HARIZANOV, V., MOROZOV, A., SHAFER, P., SOSKOVA, A., & VATEV, S. (2023). ON COHESIVE POWERS OF LINEAR ORDERS. *The Journal of Symbolic Logic*, 1-42. doi:10.1017/jsl.2023.14
- Caleb Engebrecht, Centennial Honors College Scholar, Spring 23.
- Dr. Mann (PI) and Dr. Brooks (co-PI) are part of the team that was awarded the \$1.4 M NSF Noyce grant, in partnership with BHC and area schools. The news release can be found here: [http://www.wiu.edu/news/newsrelease.php?release\\_id=19127](http://www.wiu.edu/news/newsrelease.php?release_id=19127)
- Dr. Olsen is the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the Illinois Section of the Mathematical Association of America (ISMAA) at the Annual Meeting of the ISMAA held March 31 & April 1, 2023, at the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn, Illinois.
- Dr. Bob Mann presented Minion Math: Make It Fair at the Southern Regional Mathematics Teachers' Conference on Feb. 16 in Carbondale, IL.

## **Nursing:**

- (April 1, 2023) Jones, K., Raszewski, R., Howard, C., Eathington, P., Drone-Silvers, F., O'Bryant, A., Williams, J., VanWingerden, L., Nickum, A., Johnson, E., Reynolds, C., & Vonderheid, S. (2023). Significance of an online evidence-based practice education module for acute, ambulatory, public and school health nurses. *Journal of Continuing Education in Nursing*. <https://doi.org/10.3928/00220124-20230310-07>.
- Eathington, P., (2023, April). Teaching social determinants of health at rural food banks. Poster Presentation at 2023 National Nurse Educator Summit, San Antonio Tx.
- Jones, K., Raszewski, R., Howard, C., Eathington, P., Drone-Silvers, F., O'Bryant, A., Williams, J., VanWingerden, L., Nickum, A., Johnson, E., Reynolds, C., & Vonderheid, S. (2022). Significance of an online evidence-based practice education module for acute, ambulatory, public and school health nurses. *Journal of Continuing Education in Nursing*. <https://doi.org/10.3928/00220124-20230310-07>.
- Nursing Research Projects for Spring 2023 completed:
- "Food Insecurity Among Nursing Students" by Krista Swenson-Meyers, Omotola Oni, and Deborah Olaiya with Lindsay White MSN, RN faculty mentor.
- "The Experiences of Racial Minority Nurses in the Healthcare Setting" by Carrington Morse, Kinsey Brawner, & Ijeoma Osuigwe with Lindsay White MSN, RN faculty mentor.
- Our Centennial Honors Nursing Students have had a great last few weeks. There are two research groups that have completed research projects that they have been working on for nearly 18 months. Both groups completed IRB applications and received the Undergraduate Research Grant for the College of Arts and Sciences and the Centennial Honors College Undergraduate Research Grant. These grants allowed the students to attend the national research conference in Des Moines, Iowa in March,

Midwest Nursing Regional Society Conference. Both projects' posters were accepted in the highly competitive poster competition with BSN and MSN students. The students received excellent feedback from highly skilled researchers.

- The students also presented their research at Springfield Memorial Hospital's Annual Nursing Research Conference on 4/13. Once again, excellent discussion and feedback from fellow students from all over the state and nurses on both projects. The food insecurity research group received the award for "Outstanding Student Poster".
- The students will conclude their presentations at Undergraduate Research Day at WIU on 4/19/23. The students are eager to explore publication with both projects.

## Physics:

- Student Presentations (Regional):
  - Oral: "Measurement Error Mitigation Techniques used in a Single Qubit Encoded into 3(GHZ) Code" A K M Ashiqur Rahman and Kishor T. Kapale, Apr 15, 2023, Illinois State Academy of Sciences Annual Meeting, Bradley University, Peoria, IL.
  - Oral: "An Investigation into Extending Capabilities of Standard Quantum Error Correcting Codes to Handle Amplitude Damping Errors" Al-Maliq Adetunji, Kishor Kapale, Apr 15, 2023, Illinois State Academy of Sciences Annual Meeting, Bradley University, Peoria, IL.
  - Oral: "Influence of Host Glass Composition on Optical Absorption of Pr<sup>3+</sup> and Dy<sup>3+</sup> Co-Doped in Bismuth Boro-Tellurite Glasses" Md Hasibul Hasan Hasib, Saisudha B. Mallur, and P. K. Babu, Apr 15, 2023, Illinois State Academy of Sciences Annual Meeting, Bradley University, Peoria, IL.
  - Oral: "Finding the Optimal Spectral Resolution for Analysis of Molecular Line Observations of a Sample of High-Mass Star Forming Regions", Amisha Rane and Esteban Araya, Apr 15, 2023, Illinois State Academy of Sciences Annual Meeting, Bradley University, Peoria, IL.
  - Oral: "Continuum Imaging of Three High-Mass Star Forming Regions", Punya Paudel and Esteban Araya, Apr 15, 2023, Illinois State Academy of Sciences Annual Meeting, Bradley University, Peoria, IL.
  - Oral: "Analysis of Stimulated Emission Cross-Section of Praseodymium (Pr<sup>3+</sup>) and Dysprosium (Dy<sup>3+</sup>) Ions Co-Doped in Bismuth Boro-Tellurite Glasses", A K M Ashiqur Rahman, Saisudha B. Mallur, and P. K. Babu, Apr 15, 2023, Illinois State Academy of Sciences Annual Meeting, Bradley University, Peoria, IL.
  - Oral: "Molecular Masers in the Orion Nebula", Gabriel Sojka, Drew Hecox, and Esteban Araya, Apr 15, 2023, Illinois State Academy of Sciences Annual Meeting, Bradley University, Peoria, IL.
- Student Presentations at Natural Sciences Research Day, April 7, 2023, MAC Gym WIU Student Rec. Center. All posters.
  - "An Investigation into Extending Capabilities of Standard Quantum Error Correcting Codes to Handle Amplitude Damping Errors", Al-Maliq O. Adetunji and Dr. Kishor T. Kapale.
  - "Continuum Imaging of Three High-Mass Star Forming Regions", Punya Paudel and Dr. Esteban D. Araya.

"Finding the Optimal Spectral Resolution for Analysis of Molecular Line Observations of a Sample of High-Mass Star Forming Regions", Amisha Rane and Dr. Esteban Araya.

"Physics, Music and The Physical Effect of Music, Guitar as an Example", Khaled M. Aladwani and Dr. P. K. Babu.

"Analysis of Optical Absorption of Pr<sup>3+</sup> and Dy<sup>3+</sup> Co-doped Bismuth Boro-Tellurite Glasses", Md Hasibul Hasan Hasib, Dr. P. K. Babu, and Dr. Saisudha B. Mallur.

"Group Velocity of Light in Biaxial Crystals", Dr. Pengqian Wang, Dr. P. K. Babu, and Anup Dahal.

"Study of stimulated emission cross-section of praseodymium (Pr<sup>3+</sup>) and dysprosium (Dy<sup>3+</sup>) ions co doped in bismuth boro-tellurite glasses", A K M Ashiqur Rahman, Dr. P.K. Babu, and Dr. Saisudha B. Mallur

"Properties, Preparation, Characterization and Applications of Semiconductors", Mariam T Badmus and P. K. Babu

"Excited NH<sub>3</sub> Emission from Ionized Jet Candidates", Alaric Evans and Dr. Esteban Araya

"Investigating the Connection Between Ionized Gas and High-Velocity OH Absorption in a High-Mass Star Forming Region", Cade E. Rigg, Dr. Esteban Araya, and Amisha Rane

"Long Term Variability of Methanol Masers in the Orion Nebula", Drew E. Hecox, Gabriel S. Sojka, and Dr. Esteban D. Araya

"Optical Band Gap and Refractive Index Variation in Lead-Bismuth Borate Glasses", Isabel Navas Rodriguez, Kanika G. Palecanda, Dr. Saisudha B. Mallur, and Dr. P. K. Babu

"Modeling Artificial Gravity for Space Exploration", Jacob L. Cook and Esteban D. Araya

"A Search for Hydroxyl Emission in the Orion Nebula", Gabriel S. Sojka, Drew E. Hecox, and Dr. Esteban D. Araya

- Student Presentations (Undergraduate Research Day): Undergraduate students presented at the WIU Centennial Honors College, Undergraduate Research Day, held on April 19, 2023. All posters.

Isabel Navas Rodriguez with Dr. P. K. Babu and Dr. Saisudha Mallur, "Optical Band Gap and Refractive Index Variation in Lead-Bismuth Borate Glasses"

Drew Hecox with Dr. Esteban Araya, "Long Term Variability of Methanol Masers in the Orion Nebula"

Gabriel Sojka with Dr. Esteban Araya, "A Search for Hydroxyl Emission in the Orion Nebula"

Jacob Cook with Dr. Esteban Araya, "Modeling Artificial Gravity for Space Exploration"

- Middle-School Robotics: Mrs. Aparna Kapale (our laboratory Manager) and Dr. Kishor T. Kapale are managing and coaching two robotics teams for seventeen (15) 4 through 8 grade students. They are receiving assistance from Computer Science (CS) major Joy A Taylor, CS faculty Dr. George Mangalaraj, and Edison School Science Teacher Mrs. Carrie Dunseth. The teams are financially supported by the 4-H organization, and they use the facilities of the Department of Physics at WIU. The teams participated in the competitions in East Moline and Peoria venues and did an excellent job. The Macomb teams are faring better every year in terms of their skill building and the competition scores they receive. The teams have begun their work to prepare for the state-level 4-H competitions to be held in April 2023.

- Students carrying out research with Physics faculty received two top honors at the undergraduate research day:  
First Place: Isabel Navas Rodriguez with Dr. P.K. Babu "Optical Band Gap and Refractive Index Variation in Lead-Bismuth Borate Glasses".  
Second Place: Drew Hecox with Dr. Esteban Araya "Long Term Variability of Methanol Masers in the Orion Nebula".
- Student Presentations (International): International Conference (Poster): "On Extending Capabilities of Quantum Error Correcting Codes to Handle Amplitude Damping Errors" Al-Maliq Adetunji, Pradip Bhattarai, and K. T. Kapale, Annual March Meeting of the American Physical Society held during March 5-10, 2023, Las Vegas, NV.
- International Conference (Poster): Tatiana M. Rodriguez, Emmanuel Momjian, Peter Hofner, Anuj P. Sarma, Esteban D. Araya, "Water Maser Zeeman Splitting in the Ionized Jet IRAS 19035+0641 A"; IAU Symposium (IAUS) 380, "Cosmic Masers: Proper Motion toward the Next-Generation Large Projects", 2023 March 20-24, Kagoshima City, Japan.
- Student Presentations (Regional):  
Oral: "Finding the Optimal Spectral Resolution for Analysis of Molecular Line Observations of a Sample of High-Mass Star Forming Regions", Amisha Rane and E. D. Araya, Spring 2023 Meeting of the Illinois Section of the AAPT "Advances in Astronomy". March 17-18, 2023. Department of Physics Knox College Galesburg, IL.  
Oral: "Continuum Imaging of Three High-Mass Star Forming Regions", Punya Paudel and E. D. Araya, Spring 2023 Meeting of the Illinois Section of the AAPT "Advances in Astronomy". March 17-18, 2023. Department of Physics Knox College Galesburg, IL.
- Student Presentations (Graduate Research Conference): Graduate student presentations at the WIU School of Graduate Studies, Graduate Research Conference, held on March 3, 2023.  
Oral: "Fluorescence study of dysprosium and praseodymium co-doped bismuth borotellurite glasses", AKM. A. Rahman, P. K. Babu, and Saisudha B. Mallur  
Oral: "Analysis of Optical Absorption of Pr<sup>3+</sup> and Dy<sup>3+</sup> Co-doped Bismuth Borotellurite Glasses", M. H. H. Hasib, P. K. Babu, and Saisudha B. Mallur  
Oral: "Excited NH<sub>3</sub> Emission from Ionized Jet Candidates.", Al Evans and E. D. Araya  
Oral: "Continuum Imaging of Three High-Mass Star Forming Regions.", Punya Paudel and E. D. Araya  
Oral: "Finding the Optimal Spectral Resolution for Analysis of Molecular Line Observations of a Sample of High-Mass Star Forming Regions.", Amisha Rane and E. D. Araya
- Poster: "An Investigation into Extending Capabilities of Standard Quantum Error Correcting Codes to Handle Amplitude Damping Errors.", Al-Maliq Adetunji and K. T. Kapale
- Dr. P. K. Babu served as a lead organizer for the Academic Challenge competition for area high schools in about 8 subject areas held on February 9, 2023, on the WIU campus.
- Dr. Saisudha Mallur volunteered in helping with Academic Challenge which is a high school academic competition held on February 9, 2023, on the WIU campus.



- Dr. Kishor T. Kapale served as the invited guest to hand out the award medals to the Academic Challenge competition winners. The event was held on February 9, 2023, on the WIU campus.
- Dr. Saisudha Mallur served as the event supervisor for physics in WIU Regional Illinois Science Olympiad on February 25th, 2023, at Western Illinois University. I organized and supervised Crave the wave event for middle schools. I prepared the test materials and three experimental set ups for the participating schools.
- Dr. Saisudha Mallur served as a judge/moderator at the Tenth Annual Graduate Research Conference on March 3, 2023.
- Dr. P. K. Babu served as a conference day manager and a moderator at the Tenth Annual Graduate Research Conference on March 3, 2023.
- Dr. Saisudha Mallur served as one of the event organizers for Western Illinois University, Girl Scout STEM Program, which was held on Saturday, March 4, 2023. She also did a special activity for grades 6- 8 and earned the "Special Agent" badge.
- Faculty and Staff Accomplishments: Middle-School Robotics: Mrs. Aparna Kapale (our laboratory Manager) and Dr. Kishor T. Kapale are managing and coaching two robotics teams for seventeen (15) 4 through 8 grade students. They are receiving assistance from Computer Science (CS) major Joy A Taylor, CS faculty Dr. George Mangalaraj, and Edison School Science Teacher Mrs. Carrie Dunseth. The teams are financially supported by the 4-H organization, and they use the facilities of the Department of Physics at WIU. The teams participated in the competitions in East Moline and Peoria venues and did an excellent job. The Macomb teams are faring better every year in terms of their skill building and the competition scores they receive. The teams have begun their work to prepare for the state-level 4-H competitions to be held in April 2023.
- Dr. Esteban D. Araya attended the Argonne National Lab webinar/training: Accelerate Python Loops with the Intel AI Analytics Toolkit. 2023-03-29.
- Western Illinois University, beginning in the Fall 2023, will begin offering full scholarships to 24 teacher education students in the STEM disciplines (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) over the next five years. This opportunity is made possible through a \$1.4 million National Science Foundation (NSF) NOYCE STEM Teacher Scholarship Track I grant that WIU has received in partnership with Black Hawk College (BHC) and five local high-needs school districts. The principal investigator (PI) James Rabchuk, assistant dean of WIU's College of Arts and Sciences, along with co-PIs Susan Brooks, Denny Barr, Robert Mann and Jacob Winters, applied for the grant, titled "Building a Pathway for Recruiting and Preparing STEM Teachers in Rural West Central Illinois". Department of Physics chairperson, Dr. K. T. Kapale is serving on the grant as senior personnel and will be offering administrative and data management support to the tasks outlined in the grant.

## **Political Science:**

- Casey LaFrance & Jonathan Day - Professor of the Day event - Alumni Chris Solger spoke to the Political Science students about career potential with their degree from WIU.
- Casey LaFrance & Jonathan Day - Indictment 2023 Event at the 'Neck – Casey and Jonathan held an open discussion regarding the indictment of Donald J. Trump for the students. The event encouraged participation of all who attended in an environment perfect for the students to gain knowledge about our political world.
- The WIU Model UN team and its faculty advisory Dr. Kiyani received the Distinguished Delegation Award at the annual conference in St. Louis!
- Julia Albarracin - Taught a Life course called "Immigration Today." Presentations on immigration, at Wesley United Methodist Church.
- Ghashia Kiyani - "Autocracies, Interstate Rivalry and Pro-Government Militias"(with Jeffrey Pickering and Harris Sheikh). Accepted at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association. March 2023, Montreal, CA.

## **Psychology:**

- Keefe, K.M. & Hammersley, J. (April 2023). Treatment differences in gender nonconforming college-students after sexual assault. Poster presentation at the 95th Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association. Chicago, IL.
- Keefe, K.M. (April 2023). It's all about MATCH. Applied Graduate Training: Understanding Accreditation and Type of Degree for your Career. Invited presentation at the 95th Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association. Chicago, IL.
- \*Gomez-Majthoub, T., & McGuire, K. (2023, April). Juror Perceptions of Child Witness Credibility in Sexual Abuse Cases. Poster to be presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL. (Repeated under student achievements because student coauthor)
- Hemenover, S.H. (2023, April). Video games mediate emotion. Poster to be presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Diehl, V., McClure, K., Holtz, E., \*Lockard, B. (2023, April). Coping strategies are related to memory for a combat simulation. Poster to be presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL. (Repeated under student achievements because student coauthor)
- Blankenship, M., \*Brooks, M., \*Cox, K., \*Podkulski, M., & \*Moorman, I. (2023, April). Measuring anxiety in larval zebrafish. Poster to be presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL. (Repeated under student achievements because student coauthor)
- \*Wustefeld, P., Intrieri, R.C., Goodwin, P. (April 2023). Relationship between attachment style, emotion regulation, and transition to college. Poster to be presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL. (Repeated under student achievements because first author is student)

- Lori Lynne Myers scholarship recipients named for School Psychology students for '23-24 academic year: Taylor Murphy, Jessi Kennel, Katie Hernandez, Jackie Beaver.
- The 2023 Alphonse J. Richert Scholarship was awarded to Cynthia Morales
- The following students received Donald Poindexter scholarships: Courtney Wilkerson, Bria Price.
- The following students received James Joyce scholarships: Bria Price, Courtney Wilkerson, Briana Turner, Cole Jensen, Jayla Carle, Elizabeth Denzler, Courtney Norris.
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- Jensen, C. (2023, April). Transgender and gender non-conforming college students: Mental health outcomes at first session. Presentation at annual Thomas E. Helm Undergraduate Research Day, WIU, Macomb IL
- Verdino, S. (2023, April). Aversive childhood experiences, self-injury, and body investment in college students. Poster at annual Thomas E. Helm Undergraduate Research Day, WIU, Macomb IL
- Hale, D. (2023, April). Demographics of Video Game Players. Presentation at annual Thomas E. Helm Undergraduate Research Day, WIU, Macomb IL
- Brooks, M. (2023, April). Social preference when presented with a fear stimulus. Poster at annual Thomas E. Helm Undergraduate Research Day, WIU, Macomb IL
- Cox, K. (2023, April). Light preference as an indicator of anxiety in zebrafish. Poster at annual Thomas E. Helm Undergraduate Research Day, WIU, Macomb IL
- Gomez-Majthoub, T. (2023, April). Juror Perceptions of Child Witness Credibility in Sexual Abuse Cases. Poster at annual Thomas E. Helm Undergraduate Research Day, WIU, Macomb IL
- Bloom, N. (2023, April). Optimist or pessimist: An analysis of personality difficulties. Presentation at annual Thomas E. Helm Undergraduate Research Day, WIU, Macomb IL
- Norris, C. (2023, April). Is the future too bright? Loneliness, belonging, and unrealistic optimism. Presentation at annual Thomas E. Helm Undergraduate Research Day, WIU, Macomb IL

- Swigart, M. (2023, April). The personality problems linked with parent child relationships. Presentation at annual Thomas E. Helm Undergraduate Research Day, WIU, Macomb IL
- Turner, B. (2023, April). The personality challenges associated with handling romantic conflict. Presentation at annual Thomas E. Helm Undergraduate Research Day, WIU, Macomb IL
- Fisler, L.A. (March 2023). Presentation for West Central Child Connections on Child Development and Early Social-Emotional Learning.
- Cruise, T. K., & Kutmas, B. (2023, March). Supporting psychological needs of military service students. Presentation for the WIU Military Friendly Credentialing Program. Macomb, IL.
- Kim McClure professional consultations: 3/2/23, 3/9/23, 3/16/23.

### **Sociology and Anthropology:**

- Dr. Christina Davis received notification of her promotion to Professor.
- Dr. Gordon Chang received notification of his promotion to Professor.
- Dr. Jacob Skousen was initiated into Lambda Alpha, the international Anthropology honor society, on April 23.
- Md. Mahbub Alam was selected as the 2023 recipient of the Dr. Won M. Hurh Memorial Graduate Thesis Award in Sociology
- Moriah Brocar was selected as the 2023 recipient of the Randall and Delores Lindsey Anthropology Scholarship
- Kelly Maidlow was selected as the 2023 recipient of the Randall and Delores Lindsey Sociology Scholarship
- Theodore Bania was selected as the 2023 recipient of the Kara Leigh Broughton Memorial Scholarship
- Zander Doan was selected as the 2023 recipient of the Harriet Stull Scholarship
- Summer Javadi was initiated into Lambda Alpha, the international Anthropology honor society, on April 23.
- Casey Smith was initiated into Alpha Kappa Delta, the international Sociology honor society, on April 23.
- Kelly Cryer was initiated into Alpha Kappa Delta, the international Sociology honor society, on April 23.
- Dejah Bush was initiated into Alpha Kappa Delta, the international Sociology honor society, on April 23.
- Leah Bozard was initiated into Alpha Kappa Delta, the international Sociology honor society, on April 23.
- Amanda Buford was initiated into Alpha Kappa Delta, the international Sociology honor society, on April 23.
- Md. Karim was initiated into Alpha Kappa Delta, the international Sociology honor society, on April 23.

- Dr. Christina Davis and Dr. Tawnya Adkins Covert participated in the April Discover Western event.
- The Department of Sociology and Anthropology held its second annual 2023 Student Recognition Reception on April 23rd. The event recognized student accomplishments, our student ambassadors, student club leaders, scholarship winners, department scholar recipients, honor students, and graduating seniors and graduate students.
- Gordon C. Chang served as a reviewer for Peace and Change March 2023
- Tawnya Adkins Covert served as a panelist for a WID online panel discussion organized by the WID Committee discussing experiences and best practices in delivering WID courses online, March 23, 2023.
- Md. Rezaul Karim, WIU Graduate Research Conference Presentation, "COVID-19 and Loss of Employment in the Family" March 3, 2023.
- SOC/WS430G Student-led Women's History Month Event: "Who Knew It?: The Mysteries of Women's Reproductive Health." Asia Billingslea and Julia Slesinski, Mar 27, 2023
- Asia Billingslea was selected as the Spring 2023 recipient of the Sociology Masters Scholarship Award.
- March 4, 2023. Participated in Discover Western event - spoke with potential sociology and anthropology majors during table session and later department session.
- March 6, 2023: Breakfast Info Session for First Year Sociology and Anthropology Majors transitioning from First Year to Major Advising

## **College of Business and Technology**

### **School of Accounting, Economics, Finance and Decision Sciences**

**Data Fest Event Held on QC Campus** - The School of Accounting, Finance, Economics, and Decision Sciences hosted its second annual Data Fest on WIU's Moline campus, April 14 - 16. This hybrid event brought together 15 teams of college students to test their data analytics skills. Students were tasked to use cutting-edge textual analytics methods to analyze survey data from the American Bar Association. WIU's competition was part of the broader, national DataFest series, sponsored by the American Statistical Association. Following an intense weekend of data cleaning, preparation, and analysis teams then presented their insights to a panel of 7 industry judges from the Quad-Cities region.

**WIU Accounting Student Chosen for "Project Run with It"** - Accounting major, Sara McGinnis, was one of only a handful of Beta Alpha Psi students chosen nationally to participate in the prestigious "Project Run with It" at this summer's national convention. 'Project Run with It' is an elite case competition in which Beta Alpha Psi students work in teams to develop solutions for a non-profit organization. Beta Alpha Psi is the premier honors organization for students in Accounting, Finance, and Business Analytics. The Macomb chapter is one of the most prestigious in the country and currently holds a 34-year streak for recognition as a superior chapter.

### **School of Agriculture**

**2023 Ag Legacy Sale sets a new record** - The Ag Legacy held on April 18th, 2023 set a new record by grossing \$131,000 for this one-day, on-line auction to support expenses

associated with WIU's Livestock Judging team as well as other Animal Science related projects.

The Ag Legacy Sale had 215 different auction lots ranging from a hand-crafted bar to bull semen. Our alumni continue to support this sale either through donated items or purchasing items the day of the sale.

**School of Agriculture Distinguished Ag Alumni Honored for Achievements** - On March 4th, 2023 eight distinguished alumni from the School of Agriculture were honored for their achievements in the agricultural industry. Alumni recognized at this event were Dr. Bill Henning (emeritus Animal Science faculty from Penn State University), Dr. Bill Johnson (Weed Science faculty at Purdue University), Rich Hollis (American AgCredit), Mike Thurow (Spectrum Technologies -CEO), Randy Bowman (Maschoffs), Jana Knupp (Associate Faculty – School of Agriculture @ WIU), Jon Althaus (emeritus faculty Lakeland Community College), David Erickson (past Vice-President Illinois Farm Bureau).

**WIU Agriculture Education Alumni Honored** – Multiple Agriculture Education alumni were recognized as National Chapter finalists at 2022 National FFA Convention. for their leadership in assisting their students to achieve new heights this past year in their agriculture programs.

These WIU alumni include:

- Cambridge FFA: Trent Taber, a 2015 WIU graduate: Premier Chapter in Personal Growth
- Eastland FFA : Cindy Feltmeyer, a 2009 WIU gr: Premier Chapter in Agriculture Literacy
- Streator FFA : Riley Hintzsche, a 2014 WIU graduate: Model of Excellence Finalist

**WIU Livestock Judging Team Finishes Strong** - The 2022 WIU Livestock Judging Team finished 3rd Place at the North American International Livestock Expo in Louisville, KY. Caleb Boden was high individual at this competition as well as the American Royal. It is extremely difficult to be high individual at a very prestigious event such as the NAILE, but two high individuals in one year is extremely rare.

**Agriculture Students Compete at Professional Agriculture Students Conference** - Other Agriculture students competed at the National PAS (Professional Agriculture Students) Conference in Des Moines, IA. David Ramirez was the top public speaker, Luke Jesgarz was awarded 2nd place in the Agribusiness Administration employment interview, Clayton Walsh was awarded a third high finish in the crops competition, and Emma Lowe received 2nd high individual in the equine competition.

## **School of Computer Sciences**

**Introduction to Cyber Security Approved as GenEd Option** - CSEC 101: Introduction to Cybersecurity was approved as a General Education course in the Human Well-Being category. This will bring wider exposure of critical cybersecurity issues to a much broader group of students, will heighten their awareness of risk, and will prepare them to be better-protected users of technology.

**Cyber Summer Camp Planning for the Future** - Representatives from the School of Computer Sciences have submitted a proposal to host a GenCyber Student Summer Camp in the summer of 2024. The purpose of the GenCyber camp is to provide knowledge and experience in cybersecurity to secondary school students. Participants learn about educational and career opportunities as well. We are specifically reaching out to female students for the initial offering; future planning includes a GenCyber camp for secondary school teachers as well.

**Broad Band Ready Grant Updates** - The School is finishing up its obligations with the

School of AFED and the Institute for Rural Affairs for the Broadband READY grant. Plans include purchasing additional Chromebooks with remaining funds and issuing them to partner libraries. We eagerly anticipate a formal decision on new funding that will allow us to extend the Chromebook lending program and the educational outreach events through a second year.

### **School of Engineering and Technology**

**EATON Corporation Donates Metrology Slab** – The Eaton Corporation donated a granite slab used in the Metrology Laboratory. Metrology is the study of measurement and the 12 foot by 3 foot by 1 foot slab weighing 7,000 pounds provides a stable base for sensitive measuring equipment. Due to its hardness and wear qualities, stiffness, and vibration dampening properties, the slab will be used as part of the prototyping laboratory in the Quad Cities to conduct layout of jigs and fixtures for manufacturing and to measure part dimensions consistency after fabrication.

### **School of Engineering Recruits Through the Dirksen Technology Exhibit -**

Approximately 70 participants from area high schools explored and learned about different degree programs and careers in a variety of fields, including Engineering, Construction Management, Engineering Technology and Instructional Design and Technology on both the Macomb and Quad Cities campus. In addition, students experienced interactive tours of campus and participated in interactive activities related to these critical STEM related fields. Events like these, along with Discover Western, represent direct recruiting actions.

**SCM ConNEXT conference launched for high school students** - The WIU Supply Chain Management program, in partnership with Black Hawk College, launched the inaugural SCM ConNEXT conference on the Quad Cities campus on Friday, May 5. Aimed at regional high school students, SCM ConNEXT connects the next generation to their potential future careers in Supply Chain Management by providing opportunities to explore the high-paying, in-demand careers in supply chain management and logistics. Throughout the day, students rotated through a series of breakout sessions, each led by a panel of industry professionals, to learn about career paths in sourcing & procurement, manufacturing & operations, distribution, and transportation.

**Supply Chain Management Students Complete Project Management Certification** - SCM graduate students enrolled in SCM 457-Project Management have earned the industry-recognized CAPM certification, or Certified Associate in Project Management, from the prestigious Project Management Institute (PMI). The CAPM designation is a strong differentiator for business students entering the job market. With support from industry partners, faculty aligned the curriculum of the SCM 457G: Project Management course at WIU with the essential skills necessary to earn this credential. The WIU Supply Chain Management Foundation received funding in 2021 to reimburse students for the exam fees encouraging greater participation in this valuable experience. Project Management is a required course for the SCM major, and is a popular elective within the Master of Business Administration (MBA) and Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Supply Chain Management.

### **Supply Chain Management Program Co-hosts "Night of Networking" in Quad Cities**

- The WIU Supply Chain Management Student Association (SCMSA) and the Association for Supply Chain Management (ASCM) Quad Cities chapter co-hosted the "Night of Networking" event at WIU-QC in Moline, IL on March 29, 2023. The event, which includes networking, dinner, and a keynote presentation, gives students an opportunity to meet and interact with supply chain professionals from the region, many of which are WIU alumni. The keynote speaker for the event was Brandon Morrison, Supply Base Manager from John Deere who

shared his expertise relating to the supply chain impacts of Deere's focus on technology innovation.

**WIU SCM Students Attend "Promat 2023" in Chicago** - On March 22, 2023, approximately 30 WIU students and faculty travelled to Chicago to participate in "Student Day at Promat 2023." This interactive event for college and high school students introduces students to best practices in the supply chain and distribution industry through real-world discussions with industry experts, guided tours of the show floor, and networking with professionals to support their career growth. The highlight of the day is the guided tour of the Promat 2023 show floor, led by industry experts and the opportunity to meet with exhibiting companies who are seeking future employees. Along with gaining a real-world understanding of the products, services, and technologies that enable the supply chain, students will walk away feeling inspired and empowered with a broader network of professionals who can support their career goals.

**School of Management and Marketing faculty present at the National Business Educators Association** - On April 5, 2023, WIU School of Management & Marketing faculty, Dr. Honey Zimmerman and Michelle Howe, presented at the National Business Education Association annual conference in Kansas City, Missouri. Dr. Zimmerman presented "Supply Chain Management: What Educators Need to Know;" and Ms. Howe, Certified Professional Resume Writer, presented, "Current Trends in Resume Writing." Although both faculty members have presented at the state level to Illinois Business Educators Association, this is the first time WIU CBT faculty will be presenting at a national level to this organization with an audience of secondary (high school) and post-secondary (community college and university) educators and administrators. This type of engagement is critical for recruitment initiatives, as faculty are networking directly with high school and community college counselors.

**WIU MBA Offers New Marketing Concentration** - Western Illinois University will now offer a Marketing concentration in the Master of Business Administration (MBA) program, beginning in Fall 2023. Marketing strategy is critically important to firms, particularly in highly competitive markets, ensuring brand identity and strong customer relationships. In an increasingly globalized, competitive and technologically equipped business and consumer world where there is a need for strategic, market-based decision-making, it has become ever more critical. Students in the MBA program who concentrate on Marketing will gain a complementary set of industry-desired knowledge and skills for effective market-based decision making. Students can select courses from several specialized areas, including mobile, marketing measurement, pricing, customer relationship management (CRM) and direct and interactive marketing and get exposure to the international marketing arena.

**WIU MBA Partners with IMEG Corp** - WIU's online MBA program will serve as one of three national options for employees of the IMEG Corp interested in completing graduate business education with employer tuition assistance. The IMEG Corp headquartered in Rock Island, IL is a leading engineering design firm with over 2,200 employees working across 75 locations within the US and abroad. The WIU MBA program has been home for many regional employees seeking a graduate credential, but this new partnership places WIU in a position to enhance employee education delivered to IMEG employees.



**\$750,000 National Science Foundation (NSF) Grant Awarded** - Drs. Blair McDonald (civil engineering) and Dave Hunter (engineering technology) have been awarded a \$750,000 National Science Foundation grant titled "*Improving Career Readiness for Engineering Students Through a Mentored Living Learning Community*". Funds will be used to support the recruitment and retention of high-quality students supported by the formation of a Living and Learning Community focused around the engineering and technology programs. This grant represents a significant success as National Science Foundation grants are highly competitive.

**School of Computer Sciences Earns CAE-CD Designation** - Over the course of the past 18 months, the faculty of the School of Computer Sciences have worked towards certification of their cyber security program. Dr. Binto George and his team's efforts resulted in a positive endorsement of the application and the School has earned the CAE-CD designation. The National Centers of Academic Excellence in Cybersecurity (NCAE-C) program is managed by NSA's National Cryptologic School. Federal partners include the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)/National Initiative on Cybersecurity Education (NICE), the National Science Foundation (NSF), the Department of Defense Office of the Chief Information Officer (DoD-CIO), and U.S. Cyber Command (USCYBERCOM).

**Launch of new Professional Development Series (ProChat)** - This spring, the College of Business and Technology launched a new professional development forum called the ProChat Series. A collaborative effort among the various student organizations housed within the two business schools, the twice weekly workshops are individually sponsored and promoted by different CBT student organizations with the overall objective of enhancing student preparedness for internships and professional careers. Open to all students, the interactive workshops are led by content experts in areas such as networking, professional communication, financial literacy, and civic engagement to strengthen our students' business profile.

**Future Business Leaders of America- Western Regional Conference** - For over 25 years, the College of Business and Technology has hosted the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) regional conference at the WIU Macomb campus. This January, we welcomed 180 high school students from nine schools within the Western Illinois region. WIU professor, Dr. Honey Zimmerman led an interactive workshop titled "The Art of Networking". Immediately following the workshop, the FBLA students were able to put their newly-learned skills to the test by engaging in networking social with WIU faculty, students, and Admissions staff. Although WIU does officially sponsor the conference, we use this experience to welcome students to campus and promote WIU as a top choice for business education for future business leaders.

**Expansion of CEO Dual Credit Opportunities** - The College of Business and Technology continues to strengthen its partnership with the Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities (CEO) program. The CEO program is a year-long experience for high school students interested in entrepreneurship. The program partners with area businesses providing students with opportunities to learn critical aspects of starting and running their own businesses. Many WIU faculty and staff members serve as presenters, mentors and board members for the CEO program. Fall 2022 we welcomed the first cohort of McDonough County CEO students to WIU through creation of a dual enrollment credit course (MGT 125). This spring we expanded our offering to

two additional CEO programs. Both Brown-Schuyler County CEO and Central Illinois CEO programs have students enrolled in MGT 125 this semester.

**National Retail Federation conference** - Ms. Susan Creasey, Marketing Faculty, and Ms. Shania Manning, Human Resource Management Major, attended the 2023 National Retail Federation (NRF) Foundation Student Program, January 12-14 in New York City. The NRF Student Program gives students an opportunity to engage in experiential tours, learn from inspiring speakers, attend interactive breakout sessions, and gain invaluable executive mentoring and career recruiting opportunities. Creasey and Manning were among 1,057 students, 124 educators, 105 mentors, 41 speakers and 150 recruiters that attended the NRF Student Program this year. After attending the Student Program and Career Fair, Shania stated, " *My biggest takeaway from this trip is to be aggressive about what you want. This conference gave me a push to go out there and create connections.*"

**2+2 JWCC/WIU Agriculture** - A new 2+2 agreement was signed recently with John Wood Community College (JWCC) agriculture program that converted a 3+2 into a 2+2 program making articulation easier for JWCC agriculture majors to matriculate to Western Illinois University at the Macomb campus. Thanks to Ember Keithley (School of Agriculture academic advisor) and JWCC's agriculture instructor and WIU alum Mike Tenhouse in getting this agreement together and approved by both institutions.

**Ag Expo held in March** - The Ag Expo is back this year, which converts Western Hall into an Ag Expo with 200+ vendors, which was held March 4 and 5. Along with the Ag Expo, "WIU Aggies" alumni group will be hosting an alumni event at the new Ice House in town on March 4. The 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Bull Sale will be brought back to campus on March 10, which attracts 100s of buyers from around the region. Co-advisers of the Ag Mechanization Club Dr. Dan Atherton and Jana Knupp have worked extremely hard on establishing this community event.

**Endowed Agriculture Scholarships** - Since the beginning of fall 2022 semester, the School of Agriculture has been very fortunate to have had three new endowed agriculture scholarships (Wright, Beckman, Whipps) to assist students with their financial needs. Our first diversity scholarship from the Chicago Farmers was awarded for the first time in the fall of 2022.

**WIU's 2022 Livestock Judging Team** – WIU Livestock Judging Team, coached by Dr. Mark Hoge, placed third overall team with having the high overall individual Caleb Boden at the National Collegiate Livestock Judging Contest that is referred to as the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, KY back in November. This event is the Super Bowl of collegiate livestock judging each year. The two teams above us were Oklahoma State University and Texas A&M University.

## **College of Education and Human Services**

### **Counselor Education**

- CSP Faculty and five students traveled to St. Louis for the ACPA conference in early March
- \*Some CNED faculty traveled to Atlanta for the ACA conference.
- Dr. Tracy Davis serves on the anti-racism task force for WIU
- Dr. Matthew Beck serves on the advisory board for ASCA

- Dr Haley Wikoff serves on the ethics board for ASCA
- CNED admitted 25 new students to the fall 2022 semester.
- CSP is almost at their goal of 15 students placed for fall 2022. More have been admitted but are still looking for GA placements.
- CSP (HEL track- QC) is looking to move their part-time hybrid program to an online program.
- CNED's Counseling honorary, Chi Sigma Iota just initiated new members and elected a new board for 2022-23.

### **Health Science & Social Work**

- Four Public Health graduate students who are co-investigators on a SHIELD Illinois grant attended the SHIELD Illinois Symposium in Chicago.
- Over 40 Public Health graduate students attended the Illinois Public Health Association's Student Day in Springfield to learn more about public health policy advocacy and the legislative process.
- Public Health graduate students organized and presented many of the events for Minority Health Month in April.
- Two Social Work practicum students held a Big for A Day event at WIU's Multicultural Center (MCC). It was well attended, so much so they had to keep going back to their list of Littles as more and more students were registering to volunteer for the event. It was a great event for the Littles and a great way to get college students involved in being Bigs.
- Social Work held its first Student Diversity Council Meeting. The idea for this committee came from a discussion with the Social Work advisory council.
- Social Work held its End of the Year Celebration. Awards were presented to students as well as field supervisors. Practicum students shared e-presentations on a project they completed during their practicum.

### **Kinesiology**

- The Exercise Science Program has received International Universities Strength and Conditioning Association Accreditation approval, effective Fall 2022.
- Parampal Singh, Supervisor of Equipment has been selected to compete for the 2022 USA Masters World Cup Field Hockey Team!
- Successful 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Donna Phillips 5k Run and Dog Walk event on April 2.
- PETE, NUTR and KIN Curriculum revisions cleared all levels of approval.
- Completed faculty teaching evaluations to meet tenure and promotion requirements of department criteria.
- Reviewed and approved Model Degree plans for 2022-23 academic year.
- Completed department recruitment video.

### **Law Enforcement and Justice Administration**

- March 21, LEJA Open House- 300 plus students
- April 5 Women in Law Enforcement Conference- numerous presentations by faculty, Peoria, IL
- April 25 Career Fair- 120 agencies from around the country and region attended

- The Qainar Academy in the Republic of Kazakhstan requests to partner with the School of LEJA and offer financial support to students studying at WIU
- The Universidad San Francisco De Quito, Ecuador sent an MOU requesting to partner with WIU and the School of LEJA
- The School of LEJA faculty sponsored the Department of Defense (ESGR) Seven Seals Award for outstanding support of WIU employees who are Reserve Component Armed Service Members.

## **Military Science**

- Our graduating seniors conducted the new Army Combat Fitness Test;
- All cadets conducted a Combat Water Survival Test at Brophy Hall; all contracted cadets also conducted mandatory drug testing.
- Leadership Labs continue to be platoon focused react-to-contact with scenarios that necessitates a decision for follow-on actions while basic course cadets continue to work on field craft and specialty team operations.
- On Saturday, April 2 we held the 53rd Annual Leatherneck Ball. COVID mitigation impacted the number of invitees but we were excited to have several VIPs attending including Mayor Inman, Sheriff Pettigout, Mick Cumbie (former WIU ROTC PMS), and guest speakers CSM(Ret) Toby Kammer and COL Kevin Golvinghorst (Commander, St. Louis District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers).
- We also awarded three \$1,000 scholarships and announced the top cadets in each class and the top overall cadet. I am proud to highlight that CDT Cora Gregersen (freshman and 4-year Federal Scholarship winner) was selected to participate in Project GO and will travel to Taiwan this summer for an 8-week immersive language experience.
- MAJ Tamara Lee completed the Common Faculty Development Instructor Course.
- Two of our non-contracted freshmen (CDTs Williams and Mendez-Ramirez) conducted a recruiting event at their respective high schools (Naperville Central and Carver Military Academy) over spring break. They brought in a total of 20 prospects for the Recruiting Operations Officer (Mr. Pickett) to work. One of our seniors, CDT Hanrahan, conducted a recruiting table during his law enforcement internship at his former high school (St. Rita of Cascia). Our cross-town students (CDTs Dickenson and Martinez-Urbina) participated in the Monmouth College Involvement Fair to highlight ROTC opportunities at Monmouth College.

## **RPTA**

- RPTA formalized 4 separate 2+2/3 agreements with College of DuPage and held a signing dignitaries from both institutions in the president's conference room.
- RPTA has requested to change its name to Recreation, Park, Tourism, and Hospitality.
- RPTH is moving into Knoblauch Hall from Currens Hall.
- HFC hosted over 600 Galesburg Junior High School students for a day of fun and activities (and recruitment).
- Dr. Megan Owens and her students facilitated a very successful Camp Rocky at HFC.
- RPTA hosted its Professional Development Conference on April 21st.

## **School of Education**

- Gloria Delany-Barmann, Carla Paciotto, Boh Young Lee, Lindsay Meeker received the Ascendium Education Group research grant (\$311,100) for three years. The proposal was awarded to 7 institutions nationally and the project will investigate the WIU Paraprofessional Teacher Education Option program and in what ways it reduces barriers to higher education for non-traditional, rural learners from low-income backgrounds.
- Zumba dance glow in dark event: For the promotion of WIU community's health, Dr. Yuki Hasebe instructed a dance event for WIU community at the Student Recreation Center in collaboration with Maureen Drews (Graduate student IT, GA for English dept) and Oliva Raymond and Patricia Klein (WIU Cheer leaders) April 11, 2023 at the Student Recreation Center
- The Undergraduate Research Day Presentation - at WIU union: April 19th Dr. Yuki Hasebe was on the committee and also served as a judge for the students' presentations.
- School of Education is celebrating Dr. Greg Montalvo and Dr. Tom Cody in 25 and 30 years of service to WIU. Both are retiring at the end of the spring 2023 semester. Congratulations!
- Science family night, NARST Presentation, Summer Camp HP, Summer STEM camp, & NOYCE Grant & Scholarships (Dr. Jose Pavez)
- 6. Kappa Delta Pi International Honors Society in Education Initiation Ceremony for becoming active supporters for Education through scholarship and volunteering. (Dr. Abha Singh)
- Reaching out to 8 schools for our WIU pre-service teachers for Elementary and Middle Level placements and Special Education Placements. (Dr. Abha Singh)
- STEM workshop for K-12 teachers in Hancock county schools (Dr. Abha Singh) Constructing a syllabus for science online teaching for a science course revamped for the online platform. (Dr. Singh)

## **College of Fine Arts and Communication**

### **Faculty/Program Highlights SPRING 2023**

#### **Art and Design**

Ian Shelly--The Fine Art of Dining: Sixth Biennial National Functional Ceramics Exhibit, National Juried Exhibition, Denver, CO - Juror: Andrew Clark

#### **Broadcasting and Journalism**

Dr. Jessica Martin's students are actively engaged in the production of "Live at Four" a live weekly newscast that takes place on the third floor of Sallee Hall on the Macomb campus. Students take charge of the entire production process, handling both behind the camera and in front of the camera, roles.

## **Communication**

Dr. Chris Carpenter was named to a national list of the top 1 percent of academic publishers in Communication research.

## **Museum Studies**

Angela McClanahan-Simmons-November 2022, Chaired and presented a session at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting in Seattle, WA

The Museum Studies Graduate Program conferred seven MA degrees in the fall/spring of 2022-23. Students contributed over **5000** hours this year in internships, graduate assistantships, and community engagement projects within QC area museums (this is a real number I calculated for this year). Looking forward to the fall of 2023, 12 new students will enter the program (as of 5/22), with seven returning. Eight students have accepted Graduate Assistantships at area museums. GA locations for Fall 2023 include the Bettendorf Family Museum, Bix Museum, Figge Art Museum, German American Heritage Museum, Butterworth Center, and Putnam Museum.

Heidi Lung, Director of Museum Studies, is helping plan the [2023 Iowa Museum Association annual conference](#) that will take place in the Quad Cities on October 2 and 3, 2023. On October 3, WIU-QC campus will host a keynote speaker and breakout sessions for museum professionals across the region. All students enrolled in our museum studies program will have the opportunity to attend the conference at no charge. Three conference sessions, two by WIU museum studies faculty and one by a group of our museum studies students, have been accepted and will be presented at the conference

The highly successful Luchadores Immigrants Exhibit was extended through May and just closed. This event was hugely popular and brought both WIU and the QC region together on our campus to share the history and stories of the Luchadores to life.

<https://sites.google.com/wiu.edu/luchadoresatwiu-qc>

## **School of Music**

Dr. Mike Fansler, Director of Bands, conducted a performance with eight WIU music professors at the Midwest Clinic International Band and Orchestra Conference in Chicago and performed as guest conductor of the United States Navy Band at the 88th American Bandmasters Association Convention.

Dr. Brian Winnie, Director of Choral Studies, presented a session on musical expression and vocal technique at the World Choral Expo in Lisbon, Portugal.

## **Speech Pathology and Audiology**

Angi Martin serves as the VP of Audiological Affairs for ISHA .

Michael Sharp is on the Healthcare Economics Committee for American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA).

Angi Martin and Julie Cox have published a book chapter in this current academic year (2023).

## **Theatre and Dance**

Donald Laney – West Virginia Dance Company Tour – “Active Interference” (NEA Grant) Guest Artist with the West Virginia Dance Company. Performing a solo and group number.

Performances are: Greenbrier Valley Theatre (Lewisburg, WV), Beckley Concert Association (Beckley, WV), West Virginia University (Morgantown, WV), Robinson Grand Theatre (Clarksburg, WV); Birke Fine Arts Symposium 2023 Grant; Dancer in AHAVA AND THE

RESIDUAL HOLOCAUSTS - Choreography - Toneta Akers-Toler; Dancer in 4x4 - Choreography - Gerri Houlihan; Clinton Showboat THE WORLD GOES 'ROUND Choreographer; Master Class Teacher - Grier Dance Gala; The Nutcracker - Beckley Performing Arts and Beckley Dance Theatre, WV; Mid Atlantic Dance Intensive Master Teacher 2023 - Clay Center, Charleston, WV; Guest Adjudicator - Student Choreography-University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Carolyn Blackinton – CHICAGO FIRE – Merle’s Mom (TV Series).

DC Wright – Fight/Intimacy Director for MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR at Festival 56 in Princeton, Illinois; Fight/Intimacy Director for THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG at Circa '21 Playhouse in Rock Island, Illinois; Fight Director for the WIU Mainstage production of ALL’S WELL THAT ENDS WELL; Fight Director for WIU Faculty Showcase production of MARGARET OF ANJOU; Instructor at the Dueling Arts International Winter Workshop; Instructor at the Central Illinois Stage Combat Workshop; Instructor at the Central Illinois Stage Combat Teacher Trainer; Instructor at the Dueling Arts International Stage Combat.

DC Wright will lead the Central Illinois Stage Combat Workshop on campus for 3 weeks. Not only student workshop but workshops specifically to train instructors of Stage Combat. All participants will be nationally certified at the end of the workshop session.

### **Tri-States Public Radio**

Jane Carlson, part of the TSPR News Team received the following awards:

2nd place in Small Markets Investigative Reporting from INBA (Illinois News Broadcasters Association) for reporting on the closure of Cottage Hospital in Galesburg

2nd place in Small Markets Sports Reporting from INBA for reporting on the esports national champion at Carl Sandburg College.

### **COFAC Student Successes**

#### **Art and Design**

Molly Borth has 3 images in forthcoming WIU Elements literary magazine.

Grace Lessen has 2 images in forthcoming WIU Elements literary magazine

#### **Broadcasting & Journalism**

Broadcasting & Journalism Sophomore Jaycie Doerr won third place in an Illinois College Press Association (ICPA) competition, for an opinion piece published in *The Western Courier*. Doerr serves as editor-in-chief of the Courier, which is Western Illinois University’s college newspaper. The awards were announced in mid-February during the association’s annual conference, which was held in Chicago, Illinois.

Western Illinois University's student-run broadcast news and sports media have won, and been nominated for awards from the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System (IBS) Media Conference, Mid-America NATAS Emmy Awards, and National Electronic Media Association (NBS-AERho).

From IBS, Lyndsay Mach, a former broadcast journalism student, won first place for Best Spot News for NEWS3. From NBS-AERho, Dylan Smith, a broadcast journalism graduate, earned an honorable mention for best Video News Package and WIU Sports Broadcasting Spring 2022 earned an honorable mention for Live Sports Production. From the Mid-America Emmy's, Jack Bell, a broadcast journalism graduating senior, was nominated for a College Craft Talent - News or Sports Emmy.

## **Communication**

Savannah Ballard, Fall 2022 Thompson Undergraduate Scholar Award and secured job as the marketing and downtown development director for the City of Macomb.

Emmanuel Odunfa, Folake Okor, and Joyce Peter, working with Dr. Josh Averbeck, earned a Top Four Paper Award from the Health Communication Interest Group of the Central States Communication Association for their paper "Regulatory Fit and STI Screening: Persuasive Effects of Regulatory Orientation on Message Regulatory Focus."

## **Museum Studies**

Anna Griswold, appointed to Board Member, Buffalo Bill Museum (current student)

Elyse Nurenberg, appointed to Assistant Registrar, Figge Art Museum

## **School of Music**

Brett Dougherty is studying abroad in the 2022–2023 academic year at the Prince Claus Conservatoire in Amsterdam.

McKenna Churchill was a semifinalist in the 2022 Central Region National Association of Teachers of Singing competition.

## **Speech Pathology and Audiology**

Filling a need for Autism Evaluation, SPA and Psychology are partnering to assist in the 18-month waitlist for these evaluations.

SPA students had a 100% Praxis exam pass rate. All 2023 grads have employment. Some graduates with multiple offers.

## **Theatre and Dance**

University Dance Company's "Innocence of the Siege" (Choreographed by Donald Laney) was selected as an Alternate for American College Dance Association Nationals. Dancers: Kelly Brown, Hannah Guilinger, Lily Wilson. Erin Forde, McGwire Holman, Jeremy Neale Cox, Bailey Grace Walker-Seiter, Nora Wragg, Tessa Luechtefeld, and Adriana Grams.

KC/ACTF (Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival Region 3): Tech Olympics "Spirit Award" – Montana Carlson, Rio Canas, Trevor Turner; Musical Theatre Intensive Finals – Izzy Maxwell, McGwire Holman, Kelly Brown; Stage Management Finals

## **University Libraries**

The Library will host it's first C.T. Vivian Scholar beginning in fall 2023.

Hector Maymi Sugranes, Dean of University Libraries and Julia Albarracin, Professor in the department of Political Science submitted a grant proposal. The project, a partnership between WIU and the University of Puerto Rico, will implement a program in international studies that will enable students to gain broader perspectives and will be better equipped to analyze and solve complex issues affecting Latin America and other regions of the world, including Africa and Asia.

## **Centennial Honors College**

The Honors College is continuing to work on a SWOT Analysis and Strategic Plan for the College.

The Honors Council reviewed and awarded 2 undergraduate research grants this spring



semester.

### **Student Highlights**

- WIU Lincoln Laureate Nominee
  - The Honors College nominated Jordan Rouse to be considered as the WIU Lincoln Laureate (along with the College of Arts and Sciences) and he was selected as the WIU student nominee.

### **Research**

Undergraduate Research Day (URD) 2023 – 78 students participated with their faculty advisors

- There were 59 presentations, which included both posters and podium presentations
- There was one performance
- Students from 14 different majors participated in URD

QC and Online Virtual Research Conference 2023 – 41 students participated in the virtual research conference. There were 21 separate presentations, most of which had multiple presenters.

### **Student Honors Association Activity**

The Student Honors Association (SHA) in the QC hosted 2 speakers on April 6, 2023.

- George Ryan, I-74 Corridor Manager and Tim Schebler, Helm Group
  - The topic of their presentation was the "I-74 Suspension Bridge Demolition"
  - The event was well attended by students, faculty, and community members.

### **Current Students**

- 71 students completed honors projects this semester.
- 14 students completed honors theses this semester.
- 86 students graduated from the Centennial Honors College this semester.  
Honors students who earned academic distinctions:
  - Cum Laude (GPA 3.6 to 3.74) – of 68 students, 16 were honors students
  - Magna Cum Laude (GPA 3.75 to 3.89) – of 63 students, 22 were honors students
  - Summa Cum Laude (GPA 3.90 or higher) – of 45 students, 26 were honors students
  - Department Scholars – of 51 department scholars, 19 were honors students
- 21 honors students attended the Honors College Graduation Recognition and Celebration

### **Enrollment Management**

Number of new students who have applied to and have been admitted to the Centennial Honors College for the fall 2023 semester, to date:

- Freshman (who have been accepted for Fall 2023 or later): 119 (with more students being admitted every week)
- Transfers (who have been accepted for Spring 2023 through Fall 2023): 18 (with more students being admitted every week)
- On-campus recruiting for Spring 2023: 32 new students were admitted

### **Prospective Students**

- 101 prospective students requested additional information from the Honors College.

- Recruitment mailings were sent to 176 transfer students this spring semester.
- Recruitment mailings were sent to 376 incoming freshmen this spring semester.

### **Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs**

**Illinois Innovation Network.** The IIRA is working with Honey Zimmerman, Professor of Supply Chain Management, WIU College of Business and Technology, on a National Science Foundation project focused on Smart Logistics. We are a **sub-awardee** on a \$1,000,000 grant led by the Illinois Innovation Network and Governors State University. The overall project is called "Advancing Smart Logistics." There are seven IIN partners plus several private sector, governmental, and nonprofit partners--including the Corn Belt Ports, Inc. For our particular role, we received \$41,000 to conduct strategic visioning / strategic doing to promote **cooperation** of ports along the Illinois River and to improve **coordination** of supply chain actors that link farmers and manufacturers with port facilities. Here is a link to the press release issued by Governors State University: <https://gsunews.govst.edu/advancing-smart-logistics-project-led-by-gsu-iin-receives-1-million-nsf-engines-development-award/>

- **Rural Transit Assistance Center (RTAC).** RTAC, managed by Dave Patton, provides technical assistance to rural transit districts with "demand-response" / dispatch transit systems. These systems serve counties where no other fixed routes exist. In addition to providing assistance with grant management, driver training, planning guidance, and capital needs assessments, the RTAC also hosts an annual conference. This year, the RTAC Spring conference attracted 170 attendees to its Springfield venue.
- **Value-Added Sustainable Development Center (VASDC).** Sean Park and Chris Merrett secured a \$183,000 R3 (Restore, Reinvest, Renew) grant from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority. Funds for this program come from the sales tax revenues generated from Cannabis sales. These funds will be used to build grocery stores in marginalized communities across rural Illinois, such as in Cairo, at the southern tip of the state.
- **Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs).** The SBDCs, managed by Ann Friederichs, have several activities to report, including:
  - Participated in National SBDC Day – Emphasizing assistance for Minority Entrepreneurship.
  - Provided VITA Clinic for personal tax returns. VITA provides assistance to low-income households.
  - Collaborated with Two Rivers Regional Council presenting five Small Business Workshops.
  - Collaborated with city of Moline in launching their B.O.O.S.T program, with 300 attendees.
- **Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC).** The PTAC helps businesses sell goods and services to local, state, and federal government agencies. Theresa Ebeler and Chris Merrett secured a \$75,000 to fund PTAC operations in 2023.
- **Illinois Farmer Disparity Study.** Illinois Department of Agriculture, with University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Illinois State University, and Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. \$50,000 Co-PI. Adele Athiyaman is also working on this project.

- **DCEO Community Navigator Grant.** For the third year, Sandy Wittig has secured a \$150,000 DCEO community navigator grant to help businesses that are still struggling to recover from the pandemic.
- **Peace Corps Fellows Program.** Karen Mauldin-Curtis, PCFs program manager, secured \$196,548 for program support. PCFs currently serve in Rushville, Effingham, and Macomb.
- **Recent IIRA Publications include:**
  - Ando, Amy, Adee Athiyaman, Jeb Asirvatham, Jerry Costello, Susan Graybill, Kristi Jones, Angela Kazakevicius, Christopher Merrett, and Steven Still. 2022. *Illinois Farmer Disparity Study: The Examination of Economic and other Disparities Associated with Farm Ownership and Farm Operations in Illinois.* A Study Conducted by the Illinois Department of Agriculture, Illinois State University, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Southern Illinois University—Carbondale, and Western Illinois University. Online: [https://ilga.gov/reports/ReportsSubmitted/3776RSGAEmail7640RSGAAttach\(PA%20102-671\)%20Farmer%20Equity%20Act%20-%20Disparity%20Study.pdf](https://ilga.gov/reports/ReportsSubmitted/3776RSGAEmail7640RSGAAttach(PA%20102-671)%20Farmer%20Equity%20Act%20-%20Disparity%20Study.pdf).
  - Merrett, Christopher D., Shankar Ghimire, and Dennis Devolder. 2022. *Broadband READY: West Central Illinois Report.* Report submitted to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) and the Illinois Innovation Network. November 18.
  - Merrett, Christopher D. 2022. *Annual Report for the Governor's Rural Affairs Council, 2021.* Submitted to the Office of the Illinois Lieutenant Governor and the Illinois General Assembly. Springfield, IL. August 1.
  - Walzer, Norman and Christopher D. Merrett, editors. 2023. *Rural Areas in Transition: Meeting Challenges & Making Opportunities.* New York, NY: Routledge (277 pages).

### **University Technology**

#### **Cybersecurity**

- Gramm-Leach Bliley Act changes due on June 6th have been addressed.
- Cyber security position posted
- Reviewing policy/procedure updates to Cybersecurity program, Incident Response Plan, and Data Governance policy
- Risk Assessment and Penetration Testing in progress
- Inventory of sensitive data completed

#### **Center for the Application of Information Technology (CAIT)**

- CAIT will be collaborating with DCFS and the Child Welfare Office of Workforce Development at the University of Illinois School of Social Work to develop a tracking system for Illinois universities participating in the Pat McGuire Child Welfare Education Fellowship Program. This program provides financial assistance to juniors, seniors and graduate students seeking a Bachelor's or Master's in Social Work. CAIT will begin development of this new system in FY24 as part of their renewed two-year agreement with the Illinois Department of Child and Family Services.

- In an effort to expand our reach in the area of correctional education, CAIT has finalized a license agreement with Smart Communications to provide i-Pathways as part of the education package offered to their customers. Smart Communications is a national inmate/corrections tablet provider serving over 100 correctional facilities across more than 20 states. The i-Pathways project is a High School Equivalency Test Preparation curriculum and custom learning management system that is aligned for the GED®, HiSET™, and TASC™ tests.
- As part of a multi-year agreement, CAIT has been collaborating with the Illinois Community College Board on the development of online courses for the Alternative Methods of Credentialing Program. This program will serve students in Illinois who have already completed a significant amount of their high school or post-secondary credits. They will work with their Regional Office of Education to gain access to a collection development education courses that will include two Algebra, a Geometry, a Life Science, an Earth Science, two Social Studies and two Writing courses. Those online courses will launch through the i-Pathways system in FY24.
- Nancy Heuer-Evans, Curriculum Coordinator at CAIT, presented at the 2023 National Coalition on Adult Basic Education (COABE) Conference in April. Representing the i-Pathways project, CAIT and Western Illinois University, Nancy's presentation at COABE was on "Addressing Equity by Creating Curriculum in the Multiverse." In her session, Nancy discussed the responsibility instructors have to learn where the students are and meet them there by exploring the different backgrounds, cultures, genders, biases, and prejudices that exist on planes which intersect at any given time.

## **AIMS**

- We have spent the last five months implementing the Slate CRM for the Admissions and Enrollment module. Carnegie Underscore is our implementation partner and has been meeting with us on a weekly basis. They spent two days onsite in February doing working sessions for the implementation. We hope to have the Admissions and Enrollment module complete by the end of June.
- We are still evaluating the Ellucian Colleague ERP solution for Finance, Human Resources and Student Information System. Ellucian was onsite for a two-day demonstration of their Colleague product during the month of February. We hope to be making a recommendation to the Cabinet and Board of our ERP decision soon.
- We implemented the Transact payment system in the middle part of April. Transact is an application that handles our Automatic Payment Plans for our student tuition, fees, room and board. Students are able to sign up for a payment plan or make payments through the Transact portal. We are processing the first payments through Transact on June 5.
- We are rewriting our data integration process that takes data from our MVS/LDAP system to Western Online (D2L) in order to convert over from an old D2L process using D2L's Holding Tank system to a new process using IPSIS. This will make the data

integration more efficient and timely. We are putting this change in production the week of May 22.

## **Web Services**

- Website redesign for the Department of Biological Sciences launched.
- Campus visits reservation system modified to accommodate new campus visit options for the summer months.
- New website for WIU's Autism Clinic developed and launched in collaboration with the Department of Psychology faculty.
- Facilitated updates to online intake forms used for new student registration in collaboration with First Year Advising Center staff
- Created a landing page for Cardinal Stritch University students to assist with the transfer process to WIU in collaboration with University Marketing and Undergraduate Admissions
- Created a new website for "The 'Neck" space in the University Union in collaboration with University Union staff.
- Web page for promoting online programs/degrees launched in collaboration with University Marketing and the Office of Distance Education and Support (expected launch of May 24 at the time of this report).

## **Digital Space**

- Digital Spaces is relocating/building 20 classrooms associated with the Tillman Hall Closure.
- Digital Spaces is upgrading sound (microphones and speakers) in over 50 classrooms over the course of the summer.
- Display Technology is also going to be upgraded in eight rooms to provide interactivity and better-quality visuals.
- Digital Spaces will be providing interactive desktop monitors to classrooms that need to have a digital display that is interactive but are not good candidates for large interactive displays to help advance our classrooms.
- Rearranging Labs to be more collaborative in nature.
- Addressing problematic classrooms to offer a better teaching and learning experience.

## **Networking:**

- Kibbe Bunk House fire alarm panel connected to Macomb OPS panel
- Prep work for 78 new WiFi access points in Malpass Library, summer 2023
- Prep work for 33 new WiFi access points in Western Hall, summer 2023
- Prep work for over 100 new network cable installs for Tillman moves, summer 2023
- Prep work for 341 WiFi access points in Corbin/Olson WiFi upgrade, Rollout beginning May 22, 2023

- Prep work for new fiber trunk from Thompson to Olson, summer 2023
- Prep work for new building entrance fiber for Beu Health Center, Currens Hall, Horrabin Hall, Malpass Library, summer 2023
- Prep work for 51 new building TOP and wiring closet aggregate switches, summer 2023
- Prep work for Horn Field Lodge WiFi installation, summer 2023
- New Palo Alto VPN solution rollout - May 30, 2023

### **Server Team:**

- Deployed a new virtualization environment that is supported by fast backend storage. This new environment does not have the ongoing higher cost of our current virtualization environment.

### **Enterprise Systems:**

- Set up STARS to be more accessible and secure and not require VPN access for some newly enrolled students.

### **Other**

- iPathe Adobe agreement: WIU, through the participation with other Illinois Public Universities, has tentatively agreed to purchase Adobe through this consortium. This will expand licensing and availability to all faculty and Staff and 50% of our students. Per unit cost decreased from approximately \$240 to \$23. This initiative is planned to begin Aug 1, 2023.

# WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 8, 2023

## Report No. 23.6/9 -- Report on Externally Sponsored Grants and Contracts for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

### Executive Summary:

Report on externally-sponsored grants and contracts and income-producing contracts received by the University provided to the Board of Trustees on a quarterly basis.

#### Quarter to Date

Three Months Ended March 31	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Awards > \$50,000	\$4,914,898 (16)	\$2,240,839 (15)	\$14,759,149 (9)
Total Awards, (regardless of value)	\$5,109,380 (24)	\$2,445,825 (36)	\$14,950,777 (27)

#### Fiscal Year to Date

Nine Months Ended March 31	<u>FY23</u>	<u>FY22</u>	<u>FY21</u>
Awards > \$50,000	\$15,379,299 (42)	\$35,111,065 (41)	\$28,425,066 (46)
Total Awards, (regardless of value)	\$15,957,618 (73)	\$35,619,229 (83)	\$29,000,263 (91)

### Summary of Externally Sponsored Grants and Contracts

<u>Quarterly Totals</u>		<u>Annual Totals</u>	
<u>Quarters</u>			
1st	\$5,773,225 (27)	FY22	\$38,562,123 (114)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$5,075,013 (22)	FY21	\$31,169,325 (121)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$5,109,380 (24)	FY20	\$28,516,125 (117)
4 <sup>th</sup>		FY19	\$16,321,791 (124)
Total	\$15,957,618 (73)	FY18	\$11,451,766 (133)

## Selected Sponsored Projects Funded by External Agencies in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter FY2023

### Grants and Contracts

Amount of Grant or Contract: \$58,926  
Grantor/Contractor: Illinois Emergency Management Agency  
Date Received: February 2, 2023  
Term: September 1, 2022 through July 1, 2024  
Director/Fiscal Agent: Heather Hotz  
Purpose: Public Service. The purpose of this project is to support WIU's efforts to sustain the Homeland Security Training and Exercises program.

Amount of Grant or Contract: \$58,926  
Grantor/Contractor: Illinois Emergency Management Agency  
Date Received: February 2, 2023  
Term: September 1, 2022 through July 1, 2024  
Director/Fiscal Agent: Heather Hotz  
Purpose: Public Service. The purpose of the project is to support WIU's efforts to sustain the Homeland Security Training and Exercises program.

Amount of Grant or Contract: \$102,074  
Grantor/Contractor: Illinois Emergency Management Agency  
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Amount of Grant or Contract: \$135,000  
Grantor/Contractor: Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity  
Date Received: January 4, 2023  
Term: January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022  
Director/Fiscal Agent: James Boyd & Christopher Merrett  
Purpose: Public Service. The purpose of this project is to provide financial assistance to aid small businesses.

Amount of Grant or Contract: \$160,000  
Grantor/Contractor: Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity  
Date Received: March 8, 2023  
Term: July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023  
Director/Fiscal Agent: Gisele Hamm  
Purpose: Public Service. The purpose of this project consists of a community-based strategic visioning and planning program, community development workshops and presentations, and technical assistance for rural communities.

Amount of Grant or Contract: \$196,548  
Grantor/Contractor: Illinois Department of Public Health  
Date Received: January 27, 2023  
Term: August 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023  
Director/Fiscal Agent: Karen Mauldin-Curtis  
Purpose: Public Service. The purpose of this project is to focus on the CNCS focus area of Disaster Services through community-driven projects, assisting with disaster response readiness and leveraging of volunteers to participate in community projects.

Amount of Grant or Contract: \$205,175  
Grantor/Contractor: Purdue University  
Date Received: March 6, 2023  
Term: September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2026  
Director/Fiscal Agent: Joel Gruver  
Purpose: Research. The purpose of this project is to establish, maintain, and harvest research sites so that data can be sent to Purdue University for analysis as a subaward on this grant.

Amount of Grant or Contract: \$311,100  
Grantor/Contractor: Ascendium  
Date Received: March 14, 2023  
Term: March 1, 2023 through February 28, 2026  
Director/Fiscal Agent: Gloria Delany-Barmann  
Purpose: Public Service. The purpose of this project is to provide a path for low-income learners to earn degrees in postsecondary education and credentials for workforce training.

Amount of Grant or Contract: \$362,750  
Grantor/Contractor: Illinois Emergency Management Agency  
Date Received: February 2, 2023  
Term: September 1, 2022 through July 1, 2024  
Director/Fiscal Agent: Heather Hotz  
Purpose: Public Service. The purpose of this project is to support WIU efforts to sustain the Homeland Security Training and Exercises program.

Amount of Grant or Contract: \$422,625  
Grantor/Contractor: Illinois Emergency Management Agency  
Date Received: February 2, 2023  
Term: September 1, 2022 through July 1, 2024  
Director/Fiscal Agent: Heather Hotz  
Purpose: Public Service. The purpose of this project is to support WIU's effort to sustain the Homeland Security Training and Exercises program.

Amount of Grant or Contract: \$422,625  
Grantor/Contractor: Illinois Emergency Management Agency  
Date Received: February 2, 2023  
Term: September 1, 2022 through July 1, 2024  
Director/Fiscal Agent: Heather Hotz  
Purpose: Public Service. The purpose of this project is to support WIU's efforts to sustain the Homeland Security Training and Exercises program.

Amount of Grant or Contract: \$442,273  
Grantor/Contractor: U. S. Department of Agriculture  
Date Received: February 28, 2023  
Term: September 30, 2022 through September 29, 2025  
Director/Fiscal Agent: Sean Park  
Purpose: Public Service. The purpose of this project is to support a new farmer and rancher training program at WIU.

Amount of Grant or Contract: \$513,283  
 Grantor/Contractor: Illinois Emergency Management Agency  
 Date Received: February 2, 2023  
 Term: September 1, 2022 through July 1, 2024  
 Director/Fiscal Agent: Heather Hotz  
 Purpose: Public Service. The purpose of this project is to support WIU's efforts to sustain the Homeland Security Training and Exercises program.

Amount of Grant or Contract: \$513,283  
 Grantor/Contractor: Illinois Emergency Management Agency  
 Date Received: February 2, 2023  
 Term: September 1, 2022 through July 1, 2024  
 Director/Fiscal Agent: Heather Hotz  
 Purpose: Public Service. The purpose of this project is to support WIU's efforts to sustain the Homeland Security Training and Exercises program.

Amount of Grant or Contract: \$908,236  
 Grantor/Contractor: National Science Foundation  
 Date Received: February 26, 2023  
 Term: March 1, 2023 through February 29, 2028  
 Director/Fiscal Agent: James Rabchuk  
 Purpose: Public Service. The purpose of this project is to provide scholarships to STEM majors who will earn their teaching credentials and teach in a high needs or rural school district.

**Additional Information**

Number of First or Second time Proposals and Awards

Third Quarter:	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Proposal</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Proposal</u>	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Award</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Award</u>
	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Fiscal Year to Date:	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Proposal</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Proposal</u>	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Award</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Award</u>
	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

# WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 8, 2023

## Report No. 23.6/10 – Academic Calendar

Approved by President Huang  
May 30, 2023

### Western Illinois University Academic Calendar 2025-2026

#### Fall Semester, 2025

August 25, Monday	Classes Begin
September 1, Monday	Labor Day (University Closed)
September 2, Tuesday	Classes Resume
October 10, Friday	Fall Break (No Classes)
October 13, Monday	Classes Resume
November 24–26, Monday–Wednesday	Thanksgiving Break (No Classes)
November 27–28, Thursday–Friday	Thanksgiving Holiday (University Closed)
December 1, Monday	Classes Resume
December 15–19, Monday–Friday	Final Exam Week
December 20, Saturday	Undergraduate and Graduate Commencement

#### Spring Semester, 2026

January 19, Monday	Dr. Martin Luther King Day (University Closed)
January 20, Tuesday	Classes Begin
February 12, Thursday	Lincoln's Birthday (University Closed)
February 13, Friday	Classes Resume
March 16–20, Monday–Friday	Spring Break (No Classes)
March 23, Monday	Classes Resume
May 11–15, Monday–Friday	Final Exam Week
May 15, Friday	Graduate Commencement
May 16, Saturday	Undergraduate Commencement
May 17, Sunday	WIU–QC Undergraduate and Graduate Commencement

#### Summer Session, 2026

May 18, Monday	Pre-Session Begins
May 25, Monday	Memorial Day (University Closed)
May 26, Tuesday	Classes Resume
June 5, Friday	Pre-Session Ends
June 8, Monday	Eight-Week, Six Week, and First Four-Week Sessions Begin
June 19, Friday	Juneteenth National Independence Day (University Closed)
June 22, Monday	Classes Resume
July 3, Friday	First Four-Week Session Ends
July 3, Friday	Independence Day Observed (University Closed)
July 6, Monday	Classes Resume
July 6, Monday	Second Four-Week Session Begins
July 17, Friday	Six-Week Session Ends
July 31, Friday	All Sessions End

**Western Illinois University  
Academic Calendar  
2026-2027**

**Fall Semester, 2026**

August 24, Monday	Classes Begin
September 7, Monday	Labor Day (University Closed)
September 8, Tuesday	Classes Resume
October 16, Friday	Fall Break (No Classes)
October 19, Monday	Classes Resume
November 23–25, Monday–Wednesday	Thanksgiving Break (No Classes)
November 26–27, Thursday–Friday	Thanksgiving Holiday (University Closed)
November 30, Monday	Classes Resume
December 14–18, Monday–Friday	Final Exam Week
December 19, Saturday	Undergraduate and Graduate Commencement

**Spring Semester, 2027**

January 18, Monday	Dr. Martin Luther King Day (University Closed)
January 19, Tuesday	Classes Begin
February 12, Friday	Lincoln's Birthday (University Closed)
February 15, Monday	Classes Resume
March 15–19, Monday–Friday	Spring Break (No Classes)
March 22, Monday	Classes Resume
May 10–14, Monday–Friday	Final Exam Week
May 14, Friday	Graduate Commencement
May 15, Saturday	Undergraduate Commencement
May 16, Sunday	WIU–QC Undergraduate and Graduate Commencement

**Summer Session, 2027**

May 17, Monday	Pre-Session Begins
May 31, Monday	Memorial Day (University Closed)
June 1, Tuesday	Classes Resume
June 4, Friday	Pre-Session Ends
June 7, Monday	Eight-Week, Six Week, and First Four-Week Sessions Begin
June 18, Friday	Juneteenth National Independence Day Observed (University Closed)
June 21, Monday	Classes Resume
July 2, Friday	First Four-Week Session Ends
July 5, Monday	Independence Day Observed (University Closed)
July 6, Tuesday	Classes Resume
July 6, Tuesday	Second Four-Week Session Begins
July 16, Friday	Six-Week Session Ends
July 30, Friday	All Sessions End

**Western Illinois University  
Academic Calendar  
2027-2028**

**Fall Semester, 2027**

August 23, Monday	Classes Begin
September 6, Monday	Labor Day (University Closed)
September 7, Tuesday	Classes Resume
October 15, Friday	Fall Break (No Classes)
October 18, Monday	Classes Resume
November 22–24, Monday–Wednesday	Thanksgiving Break (No Classes)
November 25–26, Thursday–Friday	Thanksgiving Holiday (University Closed)
November 29, Monday	Classes Resume
December 13–17, Monday–Friday	Final Exam Week
December 18, Saturday	Undergraduate and Graduate Commencement

**Spring Semester, 2028**

January 17, Monday	Dr. Martin Luther King Day (University Closed)
January 18, Tuesday	Classes Begin
February 11, Friday	Lincoln's Birthday Observed (University Closed)
February 14, Monday	Classes Resume
March 13–17, Monday–Friday	Spring Break (No Classes)
March 20, Monday	Classes Resume
May 8–12, Monday–Friday	Final Exam Week
May 12, Friday	Graduate Commencement
May 13, Saturday	Undergraduate Commencement
May 14, Sunday	WIU–QC Undergraduate and Graduate Commencement

**Summer Session, 2028**

May 15, Monday	Pre-Session Begins
May 29, Monday	Memorial Day (University Closed)
May 30, Tuesday	Classes Resume
June 2, Friday	Pre-Session Ends
June 5, Monday	Eight-Week, Six Week, and First Four-Week Sessions Begin
June 19, Monday	Juneteenth National Independence Day (University Closed)
June 20, Tuesday	Classes Resume
June 30, Friday	First Four-Week Session Ends
July 3, Monday	Second Four-Week Session Begins
July 4, Tuesday	Independence Day (University Closed)
July 5, Wednesday	Classes Resume
July 14, Friday	Six-Week Session Ends
July 28, Friday	All Sessions End

**Western Illinois University  
Academic Calendar  
2028-2029**

**Fall Semester, 2028**

August 21, Monday	Classes Begin
September 4, Monday	Labor Day (University Closed)
September 5, Tuesday	Classes Resume
October 13, Friday	Fall Break (No Classes)
October 16, Monday	Classes Resume
November 20–22, Monday–Wednesday	Thanksgiving Break (No Classes)
November 23–24, Thursday–Friday	Thanksgiving Holiday (University Closed)
November 27, Monday	Classes Resume
December 11–15, Monday–Friday	Final Exam Week
December 16, Saturday	Undergraduate and Graduate Commencement

**Spring Semester, 2029**

January 15, Monday	Dr. Martin Luther King Day (University Closed)
January 16, Tuesday	Classes Begin
February 12, Monday	Lincoln's Birthday (University Closed)
February 13, Tuesday	Classes Resume
March 12–16, Monday–Friday	Spring Break (No Classes)
March 19, Monday	Classes Resume
May 7–11, Monday–Friday	Final Exam Week
May 11, Friday	Graduate Commencement
May 12, Saturday	Undergraduate Commencement
May 13, Sunday	WIU–QC Undergraduate and Graduate Commencement

**Summer Session, 2029**

May 14, Monday	Pre-Session Begins
May 28, Monday	Memorial Day (University Closed)
May 29, Tuesday	Classes Resume
June 1, Friday	Pre-Session Ends
June 4, Monday	Eight-Week, Six Week, and First Four-Week Sessions Begin
June 19, Tuesday	Juneteenth National Independence Day (University Closed)
June 20, Wednesday	Classes Resume
June 29, Friday	First Four-Week Session Ends
July 2, Monday	Second Four-Week Session Begins
July 4, Wednesday	Independence Day (University Closed)
July 5, Thursday	Classes Resume
July 13, Friday	Six-Week Session Ends
July 27, Friday	All Sessions End

# WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 8, 2023

## Resolution No. 23.6/1 -- New or Changed Capital Reserves for Non-Indentured Entities

**Resolution:**

**WHEREAS**, a request for the approval of new or changed capital reserves for non-indentured entities shall be submitted to the Board of Trustees annually; and,

**WHEREAS**, general guidelines established by the Legislative Audit Commission were followed:

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approves the capital reserves as presented.

PREVIOUSLY APPROVED RESERVES

<u>Entity</u>	<u>Approved Amount</u>	<u>Funded Amount as of 4/30/2023</u>	<u>Change Requested</u>	<u>Adjusted Total</u>
<u>Movable Equipment</u>				
Public Service	\$425,000	\$39,379	\$0	\$425,000
Student Programs and Services	\$400,000	\$264,620	\$0	\$400,000
Instructional Resources and Services	\$545,000	\$235,525	\$0	\$545,000
University Stores and Service Centers	\$850,000	\$6,049	\$0	\$850,000
University Publications	\$26,625	\$0	\$0	\$26,625
Sponsored Credit	\$4,000	\$0	\$0	\$4,000
Parking Operations	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$40,000
Auxiliary Other	\$32,500	\$0	\$0	\$32,500
<u>Parking Lots</u>				
Parking Operation	\$1,600,000	\$111,877	\$0	\$1,600,000



# WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 8, 2023

## Resolution No. 23.6/2 -- Fiscal Year 2024 Preliminary Spending Plan

### **Resolution:**

**WHEREAS**, Western Illinois University must prepare a preliminary spending plan prior to July 1 for State Appropriated, University Income, Auxiliary and All Other Funds for the Illinois Board of Higher Education, Illinois State Legislature and the Governor; and,

**WHEREAS**, this spending plan requires Board of Trustees approval prior to submission; and,

**WHEREAS**, this spending plan reflects Western's tradition of strong, conservative fiscal management and resource allocation to support goals and priorities stated in *Higher Values in Higher Education* and Western Illinois University's *Mission Statement*:

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approves the FY2024 spending plan as presented in the FY2024 spending plan document, and be it further resolved that the President be authorized to make technical adjustments in these budgets if necessary.

Illinois state statute requires Western Illinois University (and all other Illinois public universities) to prepare a *Fiscal Year 2024 Preliminary Spending Plan* prior to July 1 for State Appropriated, University Income, Auxiliary and All Other Funds for the Illinois Board of Higher Education, Illinois State Legislature, and the Governor. Furthermore, the *Fiscal Year 2024 Preliminary Spending Plan* must be approved by the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees prior to institutional submission and expenditure. The Preliminary Spending Plan for Fiscal Year 2024 is displayed in the table below.

	State Appropriated Funds	University Income Funds	Auxiliary Facilities System Funds	Other Non- Appropriated Funds	Total
Personnel Services	\$ 49,322,600	\$ 30,177,400	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 12,100,000	\$ 101,600,000
Medicare	800,000	800,000	120,000	150,000	1,870,000
Contractual Services	-	12,350,000	16,500,000	13,000,000	41,850,000
Travel	-	250,000	35,000	250,000	535,000
Commodities	-	900,000	1,100,000	1,500,000	3,500,000
Equipment	-	2,247,200	100,000	3,000,000	5,347,200
Awards & Grants and Matching Funds	-	16,200,000	1,300,000	24,725,000	42,225,000
Telecommunication Services	-	150,000	-	200,000	350,000
Operation of Automotive Equipment	-	175,000	70,000	275,000	520,000
Permanent Improvements	-	100,000	75,000	250,000	425,000
CMS Health Insurance	1,944,800	-	-	1,000,000	2,944,800
Other	-	-	9,800,000	250,000	10,050,000
<b>Total FY2024 Operating Budget</b>	<b>\$ 52,067,400</b>	<b>\$ 63,349,600</b>	<b>\$ 39,100,000</b>	<b>\$ 56,700,000</b>	<b>\$ 211,217,000</b>

At the time of compiling this resolution, the Illinois General Assembly has not passed a budget bill for Illinois higher education. Therefore, the University’s FY24 preliminary spending plan for state appropriated funds is presented at level funding with FY23 levels in the amount of \$52,067,400.

The Income Fund budget reflects the necessary projected FY24 salary and operating obligations. In order to balance this spending plan with projected revenue for FY24, the University would need to identify further expense reductions.

Western Illinois University’s *Fiscal Year 2024 All-Funds Operating Budget* will be presented to the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees in September 2023 and will include income projections based on fall enrollment.

Table 2  
Western Illinois University  
Fiscal Year 2021 Through 2023 All-Funds Budget

	State Appropriated Funds	University Income Funds	Auxiliary Facilities System Funds	Other Non- Appropriated Funds	Total
Fiscal Year 2021					
Personnel Services	\$ 46,843,200	\$ 29,656,800	\$ 8,461,900	\$ 12,500,000	\$ 97,461,900
Medicare	800,000	400,000	120,600	150,000	\$ 1,470,600
Contractual Services	-	10,487,700	15,600,000	14,350,000	\$ 40,437,700
Travel	-	400,000	37,500	500,000	\$ 937,500
Commodities	-	1,577,500	300,000	2,100,000	\$ 3,977,500
Equipment	-	2,200,000	100,000	1,500,000	\$ 3,800,000
Awards & Grants and Matching Funds	-	11,450,000	1,300,000	25,000,000	\$ 37,750,000
Telecommunication Services	-	390,000	90,000	350,000	\$ 830,000
Operation of Automotive Equipment	-	150,000	70,000	500,000	\$ 720,000
Permanent Improvements	-	200,000	75,000	300,000	\$ 575,000
CMS Health Insurance	1,944,800	-	-	1,000,000	\$ 2,944,800
Other	-	-	10,000,000	250,000	10,250,000
Total FY2021 Operating Budget	\$ 49,588,000	\$ 56,912,000	\$ 36,155,000	\$ 58,500,000	\$ 201,155,000
Fiscal Year 2022					
Personnel Services	\$ 46,843,200	\$ 30,656,800	\$ 8,960,000	\$ 12,100,000	\$ 98,560,000
Medicare	800,000	800,000	120,000	150,000	\$ 1,870,000
Contractual Services	-	10,600,000	14,250,000	13,850,000	\$ 38,700,000
Travel	-	300,000	37,500	350,000	\$ 687,500
Commodities	-	1,680,200	350,000	2,000,000	\$ 4,030,200
Equipment	-	2,250,000	100,000	2,825,000	\$ 5,175,000
Awards & Grants and Matching Funds	-	13,850,000	1,800,000	25,000,000	\$ 40,650,000
Telecommunication Services	-	250,000	20,000	175,000	\$ 445,000
Operation of Automotive Equipment	-	150,000	70,000	300,000	\$ 520,000
Permanent Improvements	-	375,000	300,000	300,000	\$ 975,000
CMS Health Insurance	1,944,800	-	-	1,200,000	\$ 3,144,800
Other	-	-	10,792,500	250,000	11,042,500
Total FY2022 Operating Budget	\$ 49,588,000	\$ 60,912,000	\$ 36,800,000	\$ 58,500,000	\$ 205,800,000
Fiscal Year 2023					
Personnel Services	\$ 49,322,600	\$ 28,177,400	\$ 9,500,000	\$ 12,200,000	\$ 99,200,000
Medicare	800,000	800,000	120,000	225,000	\$ 1,945,000
Contractual Services	-	12,350,000	15,350,000	12,950,000	\$ 40,650,000
Travel	-	250,000	33,000	300,000	\$ 583,000
Commodities	-	900,000	1,000,000	1,600,000	\$ 3,500,000
Equipment	-	2,247,200	250,000	3,025,000	\$ 5,522,200
Awards & Grants and Matching Funds	-	20,983,000	1,300,000	24,750,000	\$ 47,033,000
Telecommunication Services	-	150,000	2,000	275,000	\$ 427,000
Operation of Automotive Equipment	-	175,000	70,000	300,000	\$ 545,000
Permanent Improvements	-	100,000	275,000	275,000	\$ 650,000
CMS Health Insurance	1,944,800	-	-	1,200,000	\$ 3,144,800
Other	-	-	9,800,000	400,000	10,200,000
Total FY2023 Operating Budget	\$ 52,067,400	\$ 66,132,600	\$ 37,700,000	\$ 57,500,000	\$ 213,400,000

# WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 8, 2023

Resolution No. 23.6/3 -- Purchases of \$500,000 and Over

**Resolution:**

**WHEREAS**, Western Illinois University Athletics has changed athletic conference affiliation; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Summit League is assessing an exit fee per their governance policy;

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approves the payment for the Summit League exit fee:

<b>ITEM DESCRIPTION:</b>	Exit fee from Summit League per their governance policy. This is a one-time fee.
<b>COST:</b>	\$500,000-\$1,000,000 (Amount to be determined by Summit League. Timely departure with one-year notice \$500,000; Untimely departure \$1,000,000)
<b>VENDOR:</b>	Summit League
<b>BID SUMMARY:</b>	Exempt
<b>FUND SOURCE:</b>	Local Account and Foundation funds

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 8, 2023

Resolution No. 23.6/4 -- Tenure Recommendations for 2022-2023

**Resolution:**

**WHEREAS**, the attached tenure recommendations are in accordance with Article 20 of the 2017-2021 (Extended through June 30, 2023) Collective Bargaining Agreement with UPI Local 4100 and applicable Board Regulations:

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University approves, as presented, the tenure recommendations for 2022-2023.

Tenure Recommendations - June 8, 2023 BOT Meeting

TENURE RECOMMENDATIONS			
NAME	DEPARTMENT/SCHOOL	DEGREE	RANK

<b>Arts and Sciences</b>			
Bainter, Tiffany	Psychology	Ph.D.	Associate

<b>Business and Technology</b>			
Andrango, Graciela	Agriculture	Ph.D.	Associate
Babin, Jeffrey M.	Acct, Fin, Econ, and DS	Ph.D.	Associate
Gray, Stephen S.	Acct, Fin, Econ, and DS	Ph.D.	Associate
Zheng, Rong	Acct, Fin, Econ, and DS	Ph.D.	Associate

<b>Education &amp; Human Services</b>			
Bitner, Christopher E.	LEJA	Ph.D.	Associate
Choi, Young Gin	RPTA	Ph.D.	Associate
Owens, Megan H.	RPTA	Ph.D.	Associate
Peterman, Kaycee A.	Health Sciences & Social Work	Ph.D.	Associate

<b>Fine Arts and Communication</b>			
Hawkins, Jason A.	Music	Ph.D.	Associate
House, Steven P.	Theatre & Dance	Ph.D.	Associate
Wroblewski, Joshua J.	Theatre & Dance	M.A.	Associate

<b>Library</b>			
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<b>Dean and Admin</b>			
Tam, Steven	Management and Marketing, Chair	Ph.D.	Professor

NEGATIVE TENURE RECOMMENDATIONS			
NAME	DEPARTMENT/UNIT	DEGREE	RANK

None

# WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 8, 2023

## Resolution No. 23.6/5 -- Presidential Appointment

### **Resolution:**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees is responsible for the Presidential Assessment and Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees sought the input from various constituency groups on campus and the Trustees are still reviewing the assessments;

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that Dr. Guiyou Huang will continue to be appointed the President of Western Illinois University.

### **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The Chair of the Board of Trustees and/or his designees are authorized and shall take all action as may be necessary to negotiate the Presidential Employment Agreement to present for approval at the September 28, 2023 Board of Trustees Meeting.
2. The Agreement approved by the Board on December 8, 2020 will be extended with the same salary and conditions until the September 28, 2023 board meeting. The December 8, 2020 Resolution is attached.

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

December 18, 2020

Resolution No. 20.12/6 Contract for 12<sup>th</sup> President of Western Illinois  
University

**Resolution:**

**WHEREAS** Western Illinois University conducted a national search through which it identified its 12<sup>th</sup> President; and,

**WHEREAS** Dr. Guiyou Huang was selected by a selection committee to serve as the 12<sup>th</sup> President of Western Illinois University, effective January 1, 2021; and,

**WHEREAS** the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University convened to vote on appointing Dr. Guiyou Huang as the 12<sup>th</sup> President of Western Illinois University;

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University approves the indicated letter agreement for Dr. Guiyou Huang setting out conditions of employment while serving as President of Western Illinois University



# WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 8, 2023

## Resolution No. 23.6/6 -- Release of Closed Session Meeting Minutes

### **Resolution:**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University must comply with the Illinois Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/1 et seq;

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Open Meetings Act requires public bodies to periodically review the minutes of their Closed Session written minutes on at least a semiannual basis to determine what parts of the minutes should be made available to the public because they no longer require confidential treatment;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 2.06(d) of the Open Meetings Act, the Board of Trustees has reviewed the written minutes of the closed session minutes of September 27, 2018; October 3, 2019; December 12, 2019; December 13, 2019; April 30, 2020; June 11, 2020; November 5, 2020; December 17, 2020; March 25, 2021; June 10, 2021; September 9, 2021, December 1, 2021, March 10, 2022; June 9, 2022; November 30, 2022 and March 23, 2023 to determine whether the need for confidentiality still exists with respect to all or part of the minutes;

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Open Meetings Act permits the Board of Trustees to approve the destruction of the verbatim record no less than 18 months after the completion of the meeting;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 2.06(c) the Board of Trustees has reviewed the dates of the verbatim audio recordings of the following meetings: June 10, 2021; September 9, 2021, December 1, 2021, March 10, 2022; June 9, 2022; November 30, 2022; and March 23, 2023 to determine whether the need for confidentiality still exist and whether to destroy the verbatim recording;

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University as follows:

1. The Board has determined that the need for confidentiality of the written minutes dated; September 27, 2018, October 3, 2019; December 12, 2019; December 13, 2019; April 30 2020; June 11, 2020; November 5, 2020; December 17, 2020; March 25, 2021; June 10, 2021 September 9, 2021; December 1, 2021; March 10, 2022; June 9, 2022; November 30, 2022; and March 23, 2023 still exists and the written minutes shall be retained as confidential pending further review in the future to determine their eligibility for release.
2. The Board has determined that the need for confidentiality of the verbatim recordings dated, March 10, 2022, June 9, 2022, November 30, 2022 and March 23, 2022 still exists and the recordings shall be retained as confidential pending further review in the future to determine

their eligibility for release.

3. The verbatim recordings of the closed session meetings dated June 10, 2021, September 9, 2021 and December 1, 2021 are approved for destruction:
4. The Board will on at least a semiannual basis review the closed session written minutes and verbatim audio recordings.

# WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 8, 2023

## Resolution No. 23.6/7 -- Elect Trustee to Serve on State Universities Civil Service Merit Board

### **Resolution:**

**WHEREAS**, the State Universities Civil Service Act (110 ILCS 70) established a State Universities Civil Service System under the control of a Board known as the University Civil Service Merit Board (hereafter referred to as the Merit Board); and,

**WHEREAS**, the State Universities Civil Service Act (110 ILCS 70/36c) states that:

*“The Merit Board shall be composed of 11 members, ... one of whom shall be a member of the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University”*; and,

**WHEREAS**, the State Universities Civil Service Act (110 ILCS 70/36c) further states:

*“The members of the Merit Board shall be elected by the respective Boards in which they hold membership and they shall serve at the pleasure of the electing Boards”*; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees Bylaws, Section IX.F., states:

*“Representatives of the Board to serve on other boards, commissions, and similar bodies shall be designated as required by statute,”*

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that \_\_\_\_\_ was elected at the June 8, 2023 meeting of the Board of Trustees to serve as the representative of Western Illinois University to the Merit Board.

# WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 8, 2023

Resolution No. 23.6/8 -- Election of Officers of the Board for July 1, 2023-  
June 30, 2024

**Resolution:**

**WHEREAS**, Section 35-25 of Senate Bill 241 states:

*“Members of the Board shall elect annually by secret ballot from their own number a chairman who shall preside over meetings of the Board and a secretary”*; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees Bylaws, Section VII.A.1., stipulates:

*A Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary who shall be voting members of the Board. The Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary shall be elected annually by secret ballot by a majority of the voting members of the Board then serving and shall hold office until their successors are elected. Trustees who are elected to serve as the Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary may be elected to those positions for one successive term, after which an intervening term must occur before re-election to the same officer position. The Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary may be removed from office during a term by the affirmative votes of a majority of the voting members of the Board then serving. Vacancies in these offices shall be filled by election for the remainder of the unexpired term*

(History of Officers of the Board Attached)

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees at its July 25, 1997, meeting, agreed to elect officers in conjunction with the fiscal year; and the Western Illinois University fiscal year is July 1-June 30;

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the person elected at the June 8, 2023 meeting of the Board of Trustees shall serve as the officers of the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees for July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024.

**WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
HISTORY - OFFICERS OF THE BOARD**

**January 1 - June 30, 1996**

Chair	Gretchen Winter
Vice Chair	Lorraine Epperson
Secretary	Dexter Yarbrough

**July 1, 1996 - June 30, 1997**

Chair	Gretchen Winter
Vice Chair	Lorraine Epperson
Secretary	Dexter Yarbrough

**July 1, 1997 - June 30, 1998**

Chair	Lorraine Epperson
Vice Chair	C. Robert Leininger
Secretary	Dexter Yarbrough
Member At Large	Maureen Schuering

**July 1, 1998 - June 30, 1999**

Chair	Lorraine Epperson
Vice Chair	C. Robert Leininger
Secretary	Dexter Yarbrough
Member At Large	Maureen Schuering

**July 1, 1999 - June 30, 2000**

Chair	Lorraine Epperson
Vice Chair	C. Robert Leininger
Secretary	Dexter Yarbrough
Member At Large	Maureen Schuering

**July 1, 2000 - June 30, 2001**

Chair	Carolyn J. Ehlert
Vice Chair	Dexter Yarbrough (until 1/15/01; no Vice Chair 1/15/01-6/30/01)
Secretary	J. Michael Houston
Member At Large	George J. Guzzardo

**July 1, 2001 - June 30, 2002**

Chair	Carolyn J. Ehlert
Vice Chair	Zack Stamp
Secretary	J. Michael Houston

**July 1, 2002 - June 30, 2003**

Chair Zack Stamp  
Vice Chair J. Michael Houston  
Secretary Dace Richardson

**July 1, 2003 - June 30, 2004**

Chair Zack Stamp  
(until 1/16/04)  
J. Michael Houston  
(1/16/04-6/30/04)  
Vice Chair J. Michael Houston  
(until 1/16/04/04; then became Chair)  
Dace E. Richardson  
(3/5/04-6/30/04)  
Secretary Dace E. Richardson  
(until 3/5/04; then became Vice Chair)  
Trish K. Hammond  
(3/5/04-6/30/04)

**July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2005**

Chair J. Michael Houston  
Vice Chair Dace E. Richardson  
Secretary William L. Epperly

**July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006**

Chair J. Michael Houston  
Vice Chair Dace E. Richardson  
(until 11/3/05; no Vice Chair 11/4/05-6/30/06)  
Secretary William L. Epperly

**July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007**

Chair William L. Epperly  
Vice Chair Steven L. Nelson  
Secretary Robert J. Cook

**July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008**

Chair William L. Epperly  
Vice Chair Steven L. Nelson  
Secretary Robert J. Cook (until 5/22/08)

**July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009**

Chair Steven L. Nelson  
Vice Chair J. Michael Houston  
Secretary Donald W. "Bill" Griffin

**July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010**

Chair Steven L. Nelson  
Vice Chair J. Michael Houston  
Secretary Donald W. "Bill" Griffin

**July 1, 2010 – September 30, 2011**

Chair J. Michael Houston  
Vice Chair Carolyn Ehlert Fuller  
Secretary William L. Epperly

**October 1, 2011 – October 24, 2011**

Chair Carolyn Ehlert Fuller  
Vice Chair William L. Epperly  
Secretary Steven L. Nelson

**October 25, 2011 – December 16, 2011**

Interim Chair William L. Epperly  
Vice Chair Vacant  
Interim Secretary Donald W. "Bill" Griffin

**December 17, 2011 – June 30, 2012**

Chair William L. Epperly  
Vice Chair J. Michael Houston  
Secretary Donald W. "Bill" Griffin

**July 1, 2012 – February 24, 2013**

Chair William L. Epperly  
Vice Chair Carolyn Ehlert Fuller  
Secretary Donald W. "Bill" Griffin

**February 25, 2013 – June 30, 2013**

Chair William L. Epperly  
Vice Chair Carolyn Ehlert Fuller  
Acting Secretary Cathy Early

**July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014**

Chair Cathy Early  
Vice Chair Carolyn Ehlert Fuller  
Secretary Lyneir Cole

**July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015**

Chair Cathy Early  
Vice Chair Roger Clawson  
Secretary Phil Hare

**July 1, 2015 – February 20, 2016**

Chair Roger Clawson  
Vice Chair Yvonne Savala  
Secretary Phil Hare

**February 21, 2016 – March 11, 2016**

Chair Roger Clawson  
Vice Chair Yvonne Savala  
Acting Secretary Michael Quigley

**March 12, 2016 – June 30, 2016**

Chair Roger Clawson  
Vice Chair Yvonne Savala  
Secretary Michael Quigley

**July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017**

Chair Cathy Early  
Vice Chair Yvonne Savala  
Secretary Roger Clawson

**July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018**

Chair Cathy Early  
Vice Chair Steven Nelson  
Secretary Roger Clawson

**July 1, 2018 – March 28, 2019**

Chair Carolyn Ehlert Fuller  
Vice Chair Yvonne Savala  
Secretary Todd Lester

**March 29, 2019 – June 30, 2019**

Chair Greg Aguilar  
Vice Chair Nick Padgett  
Secretary Jackie Thompson

**July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020**

Chair Polly Radosh  
Vice Chair Doug Shaw (Oct 2019 replaced Nick Padgett)  
Secretary Justin Brown (Oct 2019 replaced Jackie Thompson)

**July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021**

Chair Polly Radosh  
Vice Chair Doug Shaw  
Secretary Justin Brown



**July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022**

Chair	Doug Shaw
Vice Chair	Erik Dolieslager
Secretary	Kisha Lang

**July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023**

Chair	Doug Shaw
Vice Chair	Erik Dolieslager
Secretary	Kisha Lang

**March 24, 2023 to June 30, 2023**

Chair	Doug Shaw
Vice Chair	Greg Aguilar
Secretary	Kisha Lang