**Important Summer/Fall Registration Information**

**SUMMER/FALL REGISTRATION:** You will need to see an advisor before you can register for classes for Summer and Fall 2014. We have three academic advisors:

- **Vicki Walters** (juniors and seniors)
- **Jeff Liles** (freshmen, sophomores, and juniors)
- **Emma Trone** (freshmen and sophomores)

To schedule an advising appointment, please call (309) 298-1546 or stop by the Biology Department Office, Waggoner 372.

**KIBBE FIELD STATION**

Every summer the Biology Dept. offers classes at our field station which is located on the banks of the Mississippi. This summer will be no exception! Housing for undergraduate students and graduate students is provided (free) in our multi-use/dormitory facility at the station which includes full kitchen and shower facilities. Staying at the Station allows students to immerse themselves in field activities and research. This nature preserve, which is home to a diversity of plant and animal species, provides students with hands-on experience in field research. Website is: www.wiu.edu/kibbe/

This summer will include two sessions with two classes held each session:
*These classes meet Monday-Thursday each week

- **Zoo 408 - Field Ornithology** - **Brian Peer**
- **Zool 414 – Ichthyology** – **Tim Spier**
- **Bot/Zool 452 – Freshwater Biology** – **Sean Jenkins**
- **Bio 453 - Stream Ecology** - **Jim Lamer**

*See Cindi in WG 372 for times, dates, and to sign up!!

There will be Kibbe class informational meetings:
- **Monday, February 3rd 12-1 PM**
- **Wednesday, February 5th 5-6 PM**

**Important Dates to Remember**

- **February 10th:** Su/Fall courses are available—Set up an appointment with your advisor on or after this date
- **February 3rd & 5th:** Kibbe informational meetings
- **February 10th & 13th:** Medical School Info. Meetings
- **February 24th & 27th:** Bio 495 (Internship) Meetings
- **March 10th-14th:** Spring Break – NO CLASSES
- **March 11th:** Early Warning Grades available
- **March 14th:** Graduation Applications due in the Registrar’s Office for your name to appear in the Sp/ Su 2013 program
- **April 1st—April 18th:** Advanced Fall Registration
- **April 21st:** OPEN Registration Begins
- **May 5th—May 9th:** Finals Week
- **May 10th:** Commencement
- **May 12th:** Kibbe classes begin
- **May 14th:** Final Grades Available
INTERNSHIP (Bio 495) INFORMATIONAL SESSION

This informational session will cover our Bio 495 (Internships). Find out how you can complete an internship and count it as one of your major courses! Come and learn about how the class works as well as how you can form your own internship opportunities. We will also be covering some of the “what to do” and “what not to do” pointers to help you succeed in your search. You must attend one session if you want to complete an internship for Biology major credit.

SAVE THE DATE:
Monday February 24 at 12-12:50 pm
Thursday February 27 at 12-12:50 pm
Waggner 378

MAKE SURE TO ATTEND THE SPRING CAREER FAIR!!

Tuesday, February 4, 2014

Grand Ballroom, University Union

10:00am-2:00pm

Approximately 60 Registered Companies are attending—all which have potential biology jobs! Make sure you dress professionally and bring plenty of copies of your updated resume.

Don’t forget to check out their website: http://www.wiu.edu/student_services/careers/

CONGRATULATIONS TO KARA CHICOINE, ONE OF OUR CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE 4+1 MICROBIOLOGY STUDENTS. KARA ACCEPTED THE OFFER FROM OSF SAINT FRANCIS, ONE OF OUR AFFILIATED HOSPITALS. GREAT JOB!!!

Congratulations to Jeff Liles, GA advisor in the Biology department, on his acceptance into Loyola Stritch School of Medicine in Chicago, IL. GREAT JOB!!!

Seize the Initiative

As my time as a grad assistant academic advisor here at WIU comes to a close, I would like to leave students with a bit of advice that I have learned the hard way over the course of the last 6 years. I attended Western as an undergraduate, completed my medical science degree, and am now finishing my Master’s Degree. Every day I meet with students and answer a wide array of questions. I see recurring themes that seem to plague a majority of the students I meet with. In short, has initiative become a thing of the past? In this tech savvy generation, a generation that has grown up with cell phones and high speed internet at their fingertips, a generation that is wired to social media, and a generation that has the opportunity to utilize tools that our faculty and staff can only wish they had growing up, it amazes me to see some of the problems I do.

Our department website is an excellent tool. USE IT! Odd are if you have a question about a faculty member or staff you can find that answer on our website or at least find a good starting point. If you have questions about other departments then take some time and look up those departments through our WIU homepage. The information is there for all students, it’s just a matter of taking the time to find it.

Most importantly, take the time to invest in your future! Your future is exactly that; yours. If you truly want something then find out what it takes to accomplish your dreams. Look up requirements for schools, jobs, and internships. At this point in our lives the response “I didn’t know that” will not suffice. The transition to adulthood has begun, and with some initiative you can reap the benefits of your hard work.

J.L.
**TUTORING INFORMATION**

Have you ever found yourself struggling in some of your classes or having questions about a topic that was covered in class? Don’t hesitate to seek help. Where can you find the help you need? Easy! All professors have office hours, which are posted in their syllabus and on their office door. Stop in during this time and ask so they can help you understand things better. If the scheduled office hours don’t correlate with your schedule, then try setting up an appointment that is convenient for both of you.

Other options include:

- **Problems with biology?**
  - Go to the BAC for help with ALL biology classes (Lab or Lecture).
  - Located in WG 104
  - Hours: Mon & Wed 9am-12pm & 1pm-8pm, and Friday 9am-12pm & 1pm-5pm

- **Need help in other courses?**
  - Go to www.wiu.edu/tutoring for more tutoring times and locations.

**GET INVOLVED IN CLUBS**

The Biology Department has several clubs that are related to the biological sciences. Being involved and active in student organizations will help to build a more, well rounded personality and will even look great on your resume! There are flyers available next to WG 306.

- **American Fishery Society** is for anyone who is interested in fisheries. This is a subunit of the Illinois American Fishery Society. **Faculty Advisor: Tim Spier**. For more information, please contact Rich Rappley (r-rappley@wiu.edu).

- **Beta Beta Beta National Biological Honors Society (TriBeta)** is an honors society that has a GPA requirement to be fully inducted. **Faculty Advisor: Jim Lamer**. If interested, please contact Rebekah Haun (rh-haun@wiu.edu) for more information.

- **Fishing Club**
  - **Faculty Advisor: Dr. Tim Spier**.
  - For more information, please contact Rich Rappley (r-rappley@wiu.edu).

- **Pre-Professional Club** is for anyone who is interested in a career in the professional field. **Faculty Advisor: Dr. Richard Mott**. For more information, please contact Cody Grotts (cg-grotts@wiu.edu).

- **Sportsmen’s Club** is for anyone interested in hunting, fishing, trap shooting, or conservation. It is also a National Rifle Association recognized club. **Faculty Advisor: Dr. Mike Ramey**. For more information, contact Taylor Thompson (t-thompson@wiu.edu).

- **Zoology Club** is for anyone who is interested in any aspect of zoology. **Faculty Advisor: Dr. Ken McGary**. For more information, please contact Sarah Wilcer (swilcer@wiu.edu).

**BIOLOGY RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM**

The Department of Biological Sciences is holding its annual Student Research Symposium April 4th, 2014. This is a great opportunity for undergraduate and graduate students to present their research proposals or previously conducted research to the department and Western Illinois University. Students have the option to present posters or give oral presentation on their research. This is a great way for students to gain invaluable experience in presenting their research before taking their presentations to other scientific meetings. The deadline for abstract submissions is March 26st, 2014. More information will follow on the Department’s Facebook page.

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The Department of Biology has a Facebook page to keep all students and faculty up to date with important information on research, seminars, classes, events, and much more!