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Alumni News and Notes from Western Illinois University

Ashley Luke: Capital One Academic All-America of the Year

By WIU Athletic Staff

The athletic awards and academic honors already captured by Western Illinois women's basketball standout Ashley Luke '14, of Oak Creek (WI), this year forms a rather impressive list. However, the most prestigious academic award won by Luke in her career was announced Feb. 26.

The College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) named the Leatherneck junior forward as the Capital One Academic All-America of the Year for Division I women's basketball. She becomes the first-ever Western Illinois student-athlete to receive the Academic All-America of the Year award. Luke is also the first female in Summit League history to earn that distinction. She was selected out of five Division I players who earned First Team Academic All-America honors. Of the 15 selected on the three academic teams, Luke is one of two repeat honorees from last year.

"I feel incredibly honored to receive this award. It is great to bring this honor home to WIU. I know this wouldn't have been possible without my amazing teammates, supportive fiancé, family, coaches and most importantly, God. I feel incredibly blessed and know that it is only through Him that I was able to achieve this,"

said Luke. "I will do my best to continue using the abilities He has blessed me with to bring glory to Western Illinois University in both academics and athletics. I am so very grateful."

Last year, Luke was a Third Team Academic All-America selection and the first WIU women's basketball player to earn the national academic honor. Luke's 2014-15 First Team honor marks the 12th time in Western history a student-athlete earned that distinction, and first since 2010 (Kyle Glazier / Football). She also becomes the sixth Western Illinois University student-athlete to earn Academic All-America accolades in multiple years.

Earlier this month, she earned Academic All-District honors from CoSIDA to place her on the national ballot. Student-athletes must carry a 3.30 cumulative GPA, be



Ashley Luke

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Join us to celebrate...



at one of the 15 simultaneous events around the world Friday, April 24. See p. 24 for more details.

2015 budget update

On Feb. 18, Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner delivered his budget address, and as outlined in his State of the State address from earlier this month, he has proposed a budget that has serious implications for the State of Illinois and higher education. The governor's proposed Fiscal Year 2016 budget calls for a \$400 million reduction for higher education, which equates to a 31 percent or \$16.5 million reduction in Western Illinois University's state appropriation, according to WIU Budget Director Matt

Bierman '97.

"While the proposed reductions are disconcerting, we must remember that this plan serves as the starting point for discussions in Springfield and around the state," said WIU President Jack Thomas.

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President Jack Thomas

Distance Learning earns U.S. News rankings

By Darcie Shinberger '89 MS '98

For the fourth consecutive year, Western Illinois University's distance learning program has been recognized by U.S. News 2015 Best Online Program rankings.

Western is ranked 63rd out of 214 colleges from across the U.S. in "Best Online Programs: Bachelor's" category and is one of four Illinois public universities in the top 100. The University offers 337 online classes (245 undergraduate; 92 graduate), and seven degree programs, including the longstanding Bachelor of Arts in General Studies (BGS), which offers students the option of obtaining their degree entirely via distance learning opportunities, or a combination of on-campus



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2015 UPCOMING ALUMNI & FRIENDS EVENTS

March

15-25 . . . Polynesian Paradise
26 Mt. Sterling (IL)

April

1 Chicago
16 Macomb
23 W. Palm Beach (FL)
24 Macomb
24 Chicago
24 Dallas
24 Denver
24 Los Angeles
24 Macomb

24 Moline (IL)
24 Naperville
24 Northbrook (IL)
24 Orlando
24 Peoria (IL)
24 Phoenix
24 St. Louis
24 Seattle
24 South Korea
24 Washington DC

24-May 3 Mediterranean
25 Macomb

May

6 East Moline (IL)
15-17 . . Macomb/Moline
31 Chicago

June

3 Chicago Suburb
5-16 . . . Paris
8 Glen Ellyn (IL)
15 Silvis (IL)
15-23 . . Mediterranean
18 Green Bay

See pg. 2 for entire calendar and pg. 24 for details.



Dear Alumni and friends,
On behalf of Western Illinois University and the WIU Alumni Association, it is my pleasure to invite you to join us April 24 at one of 15 simultaneous events throughout the world to celebrate Purple and Gold Day 2015! We're going to celebrate evening socials

with complimentary food and a cash bar, along with a message from WIU streamed live to all 15 locations. We hope to see you in Chicago, IL; Dallas, TX; Denver, CO; Los Angeles, CA; Macomb; Moline, IL; Peoria, IL; Phoenix, AZ; Naperville, IL; Northbrook, IL; Orlando, FL; Seattle, WA; South Korea; St. Louis, MO; and Washington, DC. If none are near you, be sure to round up alumni near you and perhaps have a social on your own and we'll try to get your way next time! See p. 24 for details, visit wiu.edu/alumni or call (309)298-1914!

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-Amy Spelman MS '98

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WIU ALUMNI & FRIENDS EVENTS

MARCH 2015

15-25 Alumni Travel Abroad - Polynesian Paradise
26 Mt. Sterling (IL) Alumni & Friends Social & Dinner at Hagel 1891

APRIL 2015

1 Chicago Western Wednesdays Downtown at Jake Melnick's
16 Grad Blast in Macomb
23 West Palm Beach Alumni & Friends Social at Copper Blues Rock Pub & Kitchen
24 Alumni Breakfast in Macomb at the Alumni House
24 Chicago Purple & Gold Day at Ay Chiwowa
24 Dallas Purple & Gold Day at Gordon Biersch
24 Denver Purple & Gold Day at McCormick & Schmick's
24 Los Angeles area Purple & Gold Day at Gordon Biersch
24 Macomb Purple & Gold Day at the Sports Corner
24 Moline (IL) Purple & Gold Day at Brix Annex
24 Naperville Purple & Gold Day at Tommy Nevins
24 Northbrook (IL) Purple & Gold Day at Pinstripes
24 Orlando Purple & Gold Day at Teak Neighborhood Grill
24 Peoria (IL) Purple & Gold Day at Alexander's Steakhouse
24 Phoenix Purple & Gold Day at Gordon Biersch
24 St. Louis Purple & Gold Day at Patrick's Bar & Grill
24 Seattle Purple & Gold Day at McCormick & Schmick's
24 South Korea Purple & Gold Day
24 Washington (DC) Purple & Gold Day at Gordon Biersch
24-May 3 Alumni Travel Abroad - Mediterranean Coastal Hideaways
25 Purple & Gold Day Rocky Run in Macomb

MAY 2015

6 Quad Cities Western Wednesdays in East Moline (IL)
15-17 Graduation & Distinguished Alumni Awards
18-27 Alumni Travel Abroad - Spain
20 Canton (IL) Alumni & Friends Social
31 Alumni & Friends Event in Chicago at Steppenwolf Theatre with John Mahoney

JUNE 2015

3 Chicago Western Wednesdays in Suburb
5-16 Alumni Travel Abroad - Paris Immersion
8 The Western Open Golf Outing at Village Links in Glen Ellyn (IL)
15 Quad Cities Golf Outing at TPC Deere Run in Silvis (IL)
15-23 Alumni Travel Abroad - Pearls of the Mediterranean
18 Green Bay (WI) Alumni & Friends Social

JULY 2015

7-14 Alumni Travel Abroad - Coastal Alaska
11 Cubs vs. White Sox Social & Baseball Game at Wrigley Field
25 Lake of the Ozarks (MO) Alumni & Friends Social

AUGUST 2015

5 Chicago Western Wednesdays Downtown
5-13 Alumni Travel Abroad - Scotland
13-21 Alumni Travel Abroad - Baltic Marvels
31-Aug. 1 Black Alumni Reunion Weekend

SEPTEMBER 2015

2 Quad Cities Western Wednesdays in Rock Island (IL)
12 WIU at U of I Pregame Social & Football Game
24 Celebrating Town & Gown 2015
25 Paint the Paws
26-Oct. 5 Alumni Travel Abroad - Greek Isles Odyssey

OCTOBER 2015

2-3 Homecoming & Reunion
7 Chicago Western Wednesdays in Suburb
14-22 Alumni Travel Abroad - Rediscovered Tuscany
24 WIU at ISU Pregame Social & Football Game

NOVEMBER 2015

4 Quad Cities Western Wednesdays in Davenport (IA)
6-18 Alumni Travel Abroad - Eastern & Oriental Express

DECEMBER 2015

2 Chicago Western Wednesdays Downtown
19 Graduation & Alumni Achievement Awards

From the President

We are already nearing the end of another academic year at Western Illinois University. In just two short months, we will be celebrating our Spring 2015 graduates as they cross the stage to receive their degrees, joining the ranks of the more than 125,000 Western Illinois University alumni around the world.

While we may have had our share of challenges during the 2014-2015 academic year, our accomplishments to this point are numerous and we have done so much of which to be proud.

We celebrated the grand opening of the new WIU School of Agriculture Teaching and Research Greenhouse in December with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, which extends the school's research capabilities in the plant-science area and will provide even greater opportunities for generations of students. We also celebrated the renaming of the University Union Prairie Lounge to the William E. Brattain Lounge. It was heartwarming to hear some of Dr. **Bill Brattain's** former students speak of their love for Dr. B and their devotion to their chosen careers because of Bill's guidance when he served as the Associate Vice President for Student Services at the University.

For the fourth consecutive year, Western's distance learning program has been recognized by U.S. News and World Report 2015 Best Online Program rankings. This latest ranking joins numerous other recognitions from U.S. News and World Report, the Princeton Review, GI Jobs Magazine, and Military Times Magazine. We continue to increase in the rankings and achieve the recognition for being "the best of the best" because of our outstanding students, faculty, and staff, along with the incredible support we receive from you, our alumni and friends.

Junior management major **Melanie Herrera-Ortiz** is one of 800 American undergraduate students from 356 colleges and universities who has been selected to receive the prestigious Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship to study abroad this semester. She is continuing her year-long study abroad exchange program at Ewha Womans University in South Korea.

We also launched a new video tour of WIU to give prospective students and their families a first impression of WIU before they visit campus. If you have not been back on campus in some time, I encourage you to visit your alma mater by going to wiu.edu/tour to see our campus facilities, programs, students and activities.

I am proud of our new campaign, "Stand Up, Speak Out," which takes a stronger stance against sexual assault and other acts of sexual misconduct. We have completed public service announcements, which are airing on campus and local television stations, and we are engaging in other messaging efforts on campus. In addition, the Office of Equal Opportunity and Access at Western Illinois University has launched a campaign to educate the University community about Title IX, which prohibits discrimination within education programs or activities.

If you do not subscribe to the University's daily e-newsletter, I encourage you to do so by visiting wiu.edu/news/enews. Every day at 4 p.m. you will receive the latest WIU news and events information in your inbox to keep you up-to-date on your alma mater.

As you may have read on page one in this issue of Western News, our University could face serious budget reductions from the State of Illinois. We need your help and would greatly appreciate the voices of our alumni and friends advocating on behalf of Western Illinois University and public higher education.

Thank you for your support of Western Illinois University.

All my best,

Jack Thomas

Jack Thomas



Education and Human Services

Graduate student, professor explore link between high school football and disaster recovery in National Science Foundation-funded study

By Teresa Koltzenburg '92 MS '11

From many people, if you asked, "What is the connection between weather and football?" you may hear the answers "snow," "cold" or even something specific like "Ice Bowl." But if you asked a resident of Washington (IL) that particular question, a highly possible reply would be "tornado." For those in that community, which was affected by an EF-4 tornado in late 2013, the high school football team's decision to play in a championship game the week following the disaster—after more than 1,000 homes were destroyed by the twister, 10 of which were players' homes—has left an indelible legacy for Washington's recovery.

Evidence of that is detailed in a recent National Science Foundation (NSF) and Natural Hazards Center Quick Response Program-funded study by Western Illinois University graduate student **Nicholas Swope** (Salem, OR) and co-author WIU Emergency Management Professor **Jack Rozdilsky**. The quick-response research study (available at colorado.edu/hazards/research/qr/qr252/qr252.html), "High School Football as a Catalyst for Disaster Recovery: The Case of the November, 17, 2013, Washington, Illinois, Tornado," determined that the Washington High School Panthers' actions provided "a method of operation by which other high school football teams can consider ways to help their communities during future disasters."

The team's choice to play in that class 5A championship game against Springfield (IL)-based Sacred Heart Griffin in late November 2013 resonated widely with individuals, groups and the media alike. The Washington Panthers Coach Darrell Crouch, team and, subsequently, the community garnered national coverage by such news outlets as ESPN, the Weather Channel and the Chicago Tribune, as well as attracted the ongoing attention of the NFL's Chicago Bears organization. And although, ultimately, the Panthers did not prevail against Sacred Heart Griffin, the team's decision stands as a remarkable catalyst—as asserted in Swope's and Rozdilsky's study—for accomplishment.

According to a Nov. 25, 2014, Associated Press article, Washington's "rebuilding rate is high, and the community is even more tight-knit, according to a city official. [The] city has issued building permits for 80 percent of the 800 homes left uninhabitable after last November's storms, according to Washington City Administrator Tim Gleason."

It also seems to be a victory for all those who cherish

the high school football traditions that play out under the Friday night lights on football fields all over the country.

Assistance and Opportunity

In the aftermath of the tornado disaster in late 2013, Rozdilsky—who has previously taken Western students to other post-disaster sites in Illinois to provide them with hands-on experience in their emergency management studies—and a few of his students made their way to Washington to assist and learn in the field.

One of Rozdilsky's students, and his research partner, Swope (who is studying public health in Western's health sciences department and is part of Western's Peace Corps Fellows Program [PCF] in Community Development) is the lead author on the NSF-funded study. The day of the storms, he contacted Rozdilsky—who he described as "two steps ahead of me"—about providing assistance in Washington.

"On the drive back, ideas were already beginning to percolate for a research study. We had a massive, all-day brainstorming session and came up with some interesting questions. Of those, the football and disaster recovery ideas were both intriguing and novel," he explained.

"Nick and I were part of the initial groups who went to Washington, but we had nothing to do with team's decision

to play, of course. We were working on the emergency management side of things," Rozdilsky elaborated. "In previous disasters I've worked on in the Midwest, there are anecdotal stories about how high school football teams bring towns together in times of crisis, though I was not

aware of any actual social science studies that attempt to show that. So Nick and I set out to explore specifically how that takes place and what types of services a team can provide to aid in a community's disaster recovery. By

talking to the coaches, the team members, the opposing teams, Washington city officials and the Chicago Bears organization, we explored how the team's actions contributed tangibly and intangibly to the disaster recovery," he added.

Swope, who served in the Peace Corps in Mongolia, said his Peace Corps experience played a large role in his interest in this type of research, which he had a desire to pursue during his graduate program at Western.

"Or perhaps, the type of person who would participate in the Peace Corps would likely be

comfortable doing this sort of investigation," Swope noted. "I knew I didn't want 'armchair research.' Spending the next year crunching numbers and looking up reports was not for me. I wanted to get on the ground and get to know the community, much like my Peace Corps experience."

Washington Strong

According to Rozdilsky, one of the main conclusions of the study is that the team, ultimately, became an important catalyst for Washington's recovery, as indicated in the research study's title.

"Beyond serving as role models, the team members served as ambassadors for the city. After the team played in the game, the media tied the decision to play and the whole event in with the 'Friday Night Lights' theme, in other words, 'the team lifting up the town.' Then, the next week the Chicago Bears came to town and spent time with the team and developed a relationship with the high school team. Over time, the Chicago Bears organization brought more than \$210,000 to the community," Rozdilsky said. "We can draw a direct relationship between the Bears' management's community outreach and the Bears returning to Washington (IL) the next year, in 2014, continuing to raise funds because the Bears' football players identified with the high school players. While that's not to say the Bears would not have come to town anyway—but would they have returned three times? Would they have raised \$210,000?"

The game event itself also worked as a conduit to support the community in its time of need. According to Rozdilsky, Sacred Heart Griffin Athletics' supporters not only paid for eight buses for residents of Washington (IL) to attend the championship game, the Springfield school also hosted a pregame lunch and a postgame dinner



Jack Rozdilsky (left), assistant professor in Western Illinois University's emergency management program, and Nick Swope, a WIU graduate student studying public health, in Washington (IL) April 1, 2014.



Scene of Washington (IL) April 15, 2014. This photo of the Washington Estates neighborhood was taken 150 days after an EF-4 tornado struck the area Nov. 17, 2013. Photo courtesy of Jack Rozdilsky.

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Education and Human Services

Yoder named chair of WIU Recreation, Park and Tourism Administration

Daniel Yoder has been named the chair of the Western Illinois University Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Administration (RPTA), according to College of Education and Human Services (COEHS) Dean **Erskine Smith**. Yoder has served as the interim chair since June 2013.

Yoder joined Western's faculty in 1994. Prior to coming to Western, he served as the city parks and recreation director at the Lamar (CO) Recreation Department (1986-90). He also worked as the

community recreation director for the Alamosa County (CO) Recreation Board and as a recreation therapist for the San Luis Valley Center for the Handicapped (1983-86). Prior to that, he was an outdoor leader for the Horizons Program in Alamosa (1982-84) and served as the director of therapeutic recreation programs and facilities for the Triple L Youth Ranch (Center, CO).

At Western, Yoder has taught several RPTA undergraduate and graduate courses and served as the RPTA graduate coordinator (2005-13). He has served on more than 120 graduate committees and served as chair of 40 of those committees.

Yoder co-authored the book, "Issues in Recreation and Leisure: Ethical Decision Making," published by Human Kinetics Publishing in 2005. He and his co-author are currently finishing the second edition of the book.

In 2009, he participated in the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Congress Conference workshop/roundtable, "Ethics in the Parks and Recreation Profession." In addition, Yoder has authored several textbook chapters, published numerous peer-reviewed articles and presented at national and state conferences on a variety of topics related to the RPTA field.

"Under Dr. Yoder's ongoing leadership, the faculty and staff in the Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Administration will continue to provide RPTA students with an outstanding education," Smith noted.

Yoder earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Adams State College (Alamosa, CO) and his Ph.D. in leisure studies from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.



Daniel Yoder, chair of WIU Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Administration

WIU honors students get wider public health perspective from NYC field trip

By Teresa Koltzenburg '92 MS '11

It was not the most opportune time to be traveling through western New York State during the week of Thanksgiving last fall. Record snow in Buffalo and in that region not only caused a myriad weather-related issues for those who live there, but it also resulted in delays and travel-plan reconfigurations for those routed through that area during the busy holiday travel season. Still, despite an overly long trek to New York City, eight Western Illinois University students came away from their General Honors (GH) 299 class field trip with a whole new perspective about public health—and about academic travel in general.

According to WIU Department of Health Sciences and Social Work Professor **Fetene Gebrewold**, as part of the new GH 299 course, "International Health," the last week of November, Gebrewold, **Janell McGruder '10 MS-Ed '14** and **Michele Aurand MS-Ed '08** (both staff in Western's Centennial Honors College) and his students traveled to NYC. There, they visited institutions and organizations related to global public health, which included UNICEF and the United Nations.

"This was a new course created for students who are in Western's Centennial Honors College. One of the requirements for it was this educational field trip," he noted.

"The actual travel experience getting there was difficult. Because of the weather, we were rerouted through Washington, D.C. and it took much longer—about 24 hours total—than originally scheduled. But once we got there the weather was great! It was about 60 degrees

while we were there," said **Maria Fassett** (Geneseo, IL), a junior majoring in public health.

"I have always loved traveling in general, but traveling academically was a great experience. I think everyone should take that opportunity. You see things through a different perspective, and the opportunities to discuss

with your fellow classmates the places and activities you experienced were amazing. It just puts a different spin on traveling," added **Jenna Clayton** (Macomb, IL), a senior psychology major.

"The purpose of the course is to provide foundational knowledge and application of the international elements of health, that includes, but is not limited to, the global dimensions of chronic and infectious diseases. In addition, the course focuses on such major global health organizations as the World Health Organization, which has become the international standard for clinical and epidemiological purposes, a well as

the role of the United Nations in maintaining international peace and security, and other organizations, such as the Rotary International Foundation's efforts to eradicate polio," Gebrewold explained. "Since this course is about international health, for the New York trip, I wanted us to visit at least two agencies, so we visited United Nations and UNICEF."

According to **Loren Brown** (Naperville, IL), a junior dietetics major, she enrolled in the course because she felt like it provided a great complement to her major area of study.

"I enjoyed learning about what kinds of things the different agencies are involved in," she said. "During the trip,

the role of the United Nations in maintaining international peace and security, and other organizations, such as the Rotary International Foundation's efforts to eradicate polio," Gebrewold explained. "Since this course is about international health, for the New York trip, I wanted us to visit at least two agencies, so we visited United Nations and UNICEF."

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Western Illinois University Centennial Honors College students at the United Nations in New York City during an educational field trip, which was part of a Fall 2014 General Honors 299 ("International Health") course. L-r: Dung Nguyen (Macomb, IL), junior biology major; Alexis Kathalynas (Genoa, IL), junior political science major; Jenna Clayton (Macomb, IL), senior psychology major; Maria Fassett (Geneseo, IL), junior public health major; Loren Brown (Naperville, IL), junior dietetics major; Michael Schwartz (Galesburg, IL), senior athletic training major; Tori Groezinger (Elizabeth, IL), senior accounting major; Claire Jarrell (Orland Park, IL), junior health services management major; and WIU Dept. of Health Sciences and Social Work Professor Fetene Gebrewold.



WIU students attended a recording of the "Today" show during their trip to NYC for their Fall 2014 GH 299 course. (Unfortunately, they never appeared on television.)

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Education and Human Services

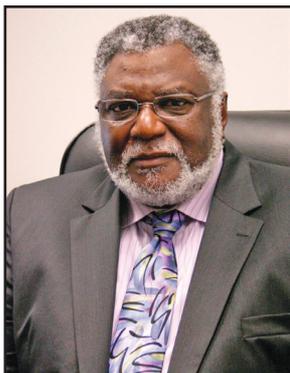
Smith named dean of Education and Human Services

Erskine Smith, has been appointed dean of Western Illinois University's College of Education and Human Services (COEHS) according to WIU Provost and Academic Vice President **Ken Hawkinson '78 MA '79**. His appointment is through June 30, 2016.

Smith had served as interim dean since May 2014. Previously, he had served as the COEHS associate dean since July 2010, after serving as the interim associate dean for one year.

"Dr. Smith has done a wonderful job leading the College of Education and Human Services since his interim appointment, and will continue to do so during his appointment as dean of the college," Hawkinson added.

He joined Western's faculty in July 2004 as the chair of the dietetics, fashion merchandising and hospitality



Erskine Smith, dean of WIU's College of Education and Human Services

(DFMH) department. Before coming to WIU, he served as chair and associate professor of family and consumer sciences at the University of Mississippi. Smith served as the director of the School of Home Economics at Southern Mississippi and as an administrative intern in the Office of the Chancellor at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Smith has also worked as a clinical dietitian in the private sector.

Smith received his bachelor's degree from Middle Tennessee State University and his master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. He also holds a certificate from The Miami Valley Hospital Dietetic Internship Program.

"Dr. Smith has done a wonderful job of leading the College of Education and Human Services since his interim appointment."

- **KEN HAWKINSON '78 MA '79, WIU PROVOST AND ACADEMIC VICE PRESIDENT**

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and sent the Washington Panthers back with \$75,000 cash the school had raised via the meal fundraisers.

"From conversations with Sacred Heart Griffin coach Ken Leonard, the scene was described as

people from Springfield were showing up and giving \$100 bills to people from Washington who came to the activities," he added.

Rozdilsky also noted the Washington Panthers' team members served as role models in other ways, providing a well-organized labor force to help with clean up.

"Immediately after the storm, they worked as citizen responders. But that's actually not as important as what the team and their efforts represented: They stood as a sophisticated set of community stakeholders, who could raise funds and who raised the profile of the community for the media. This worked as symbolism for the recovery. After the storm, around town, in front of homes, in business areas, you saw signs that said, 'Go Panthers! Washington Strong,'" Rozdilsky explained.

For Swope—who is currently serving as an intern with the McDonough County Health Department as part of his enrollment in Western's PCF program—the opportunity to take part in this type of research adds another layer of learning in this graduate experience at Western.

"In my opinion, there is no substitute for experiential learning and boots-on-the-ground training. This project helped me develop skills in all phases of the grant process, field work and report crafting," Swope said. "It was a pleasure working with Dr. Rozdilsky, too. He is knowledgeable, engaged in the research community, and was committed to my learning, as well as the research. I would recommend working with him to any aspiring researcher. When I came to WIU, I had zero interest in emergency management. Now as I finish my degree, it has become a highlight and future career path."



A homemade sign in Washington (IL). Photo courtesy of Jack Rozdilsky (March 2014).

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WIU Centennial Honors College students at Ellis Island, November 2014.

I became really interested in the work UNICEF does, because I'm thinking about working with children in the future. Now I am interested in learning more about the different countries and all the different areas that agency serves," Brown added.

Claire Jarrell
(Orland Park, IL), a

junior health services management major, said she enrolled in the course because she felt like it would be a good fit for

her major, as well as the fact she wanted to take an honors class through Western's Centennial Honors College.

"Some of the best parts of the trip for me included our visit to Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty," she noted. "And the United Nations was awesome. We were able to go inside and see all the chairs from all the different countries. I thought it was really cool to go in there and see where this all actually goes down. While we didn't get to see the General Assembly meet, we did witness an economics conference in session."

According to Gebrewold, other areas and activities the students engaged in while in NYC included a visit to Ground Zero, a bus tour of the city and a visit to the recording of the "Today" show. (Unfortunately, they never appeared on television.)

"I wish we could have spent more time there," Clayton said of the group's visit to the UN. "But honestly, it was all fascinating—the whole trip. We got to see how things worked in person, and getting to know my classmates better was also a great part of it."

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Education and Human Services

WIU alumna named IHSA Official of the Year in Girls Volleyball

By Teresa Koltzenburg '92 MS '11

One of Western Illinois University's own has been selected as the Illinois High School Association's Official of the Year for 2014 in Girls Volleyball. **Julie Terstriep '88 MS '13**, who is the business manager at WIU Campus Recreation, is among up to 20 individuals being recognized this year by IHSA for the great work they do for young people.

Terstriep—who earned her master's degree in recreation, park and tourism administration (RPTA) in 2013 and her Board of Trustees Bachelor of Arts degree in 1988 from Western—said she was floored by the honor.

"I began officiating volleyball to learn the rules, as our daughter decided to begin playing when she was in fourth grade. She is now a high school coach and an IHSA volleyball official, as well," Terstriep noted. "I've had so

many great officials mentor me in the past 16 years, and they have helped me to continually improve. I've enjoyed working with fellow officials and coaches, and it's very rewarding to watch the players grow."

In July, Terstriep will be recognized for her achievement at an awards banquet to be held at the IHSA Officials conference in Peoria.

According to IHSA Assistant Executive Director Craig Anderson, annually the IHSA receives nominations from the organization's officials associations from across the state for nominations for official of the year.

"The nominations are reviewed by the IHSA assistant executive director responsible for that sport. Based upon criteria that includes years of service, level of experience, state series officiating accomplishments, dedication to officiating and service to IHSA and/or local officials

association, an official of the year is selected," Anderson explained. "Julie is very deserving of this recognition, as she excels in all of these areas. She is a great ambassador for the game of volleyball. Not only is she successful in her officiating career, but she continues to give back to the game by serving as a mentor for younger officials."



WIU Campus Recreation Business Manager and IHSA Volleyball Official Julie Terstriep '88 MS '13

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- CRAIG ANDERSON, IHSA ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

WIU alumnus named Illinois Superintendent of the Year



Thomas Bertrand MS '90

Western Illinois University alumnus **Thomas Bertrand MS '90**, superintendent of Rochester Community Unit District 3A, was recently named the 2015 Illinois Superintendent of the Year by the Illinois Association of School Administrators (IASA).

Bertrand, a Quincy (IL) native who earned his master's degree in education administration from Western, has been an educator for 28 years—including serving as a teacher, coach, principal and assistant

superintendent before becoming superintendent in Rochester in 2002.

"It's a very humbling experience, and in some ways, I'm a little uncomfortable because I know how hard many of my colleagues work and the great work they do in their school districts," he said, "I look at this as recognition for our schools and our community. Our board, staff and our teachers are all marching to the same beat."

During the time Bertrand attended Western, he was living in Quincy and teaching at Mendon Unity High School (Mendon, IL).

"I made the 90-minute commute two times per week," he said. "I recall that most of the professors, specifically **Don Hahn** and **Bob Hall**, were genuinely nice people, as well as solid instructors who emphasized a practical approach to school administration."

Bertrand is only the fifth superintendent in Rochester since 1936, which he noted "speaks volumes about the community support for our schools."

According to an IASA press release, Bertrand's nominators cited several major accomplishments in his 13-year tenure as superintendent in Rochester, including:

- Leading Rochester as a pioneer in the "One-to-One" computer world to develop and implement a district-wide digital conversion for students in grades 4-12, and completely overhauling the district's technology infrastructure to ensure wi-fi access for all students and staff—including on school buses to allow students in extracurricular activities to do homework on long bus trips.
- Redesigning the district's professional development program for teachers and administrators to include well-differentiated tracks for professional development.
- Directing the effort to develop a state- and nationally-acclaimed K-12 bullying prevention program.
- Leading Rochester to become the first school district in Illinois to utilize Overgrad, a free web-based tracking system that allows students, parents and staff to objectively measure college and career readiness.
- Facilitating dual-credit classes with Lincoln Land Community College.
- Actively leading the design and development of multi-stage construction projects that combined for a new campus. He has been part of five successful building referendums.
- Leading the feasibility study that propelled Rochester to withdraw from a special education cooperative in order to administer its own special education program, with positive results.

According to Bertrand, his most important guiding goal has been to develop a culture of "kids first, high expectations and continuous improvement" in the K-12

district of about 2,400 students.

Rochester students regularly outperform the state average by a wide margin, according to the State Interactive Report Card, and also have been high achievers in sports, music and the arts.

In his nomination letter, Rochester School Board President Randy Hawkins noted that Bertrand "successfully transformed what could be termed a 'small-town' school into a shining example of success in all facets of public education, and he is a pillar of community involvement."

Bertrand was raised in Quincy and earned his undergraduate degree from Quincy College and his Ph.D. from Illinois State University. He credited his father, Harold, who worked in the Ford tractor division for 42 years, and his mother, Marilyn, who worked in a school cafeteria for 25 years, with instilling in him "an appreciation for education and a work ethic."

"Tom Bertrand is an educator who has dedicated his career to what public education is really about: kids," IASA Executive Director Brent Clark noted. "His work as the superintendent in Rochester is a testament to that, and he is most deserving to be named Illinois Superintendent of the Year."

Bertrand was presented with the award in late November during the Joint Annual Conference in Chicago co-sponsored by the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB), the Illinois Association of School Business Officials (IASBO) and the IASA.



Fine Arts and Communication



WIU Art Gallery's ongoing art conservation initiative



Brian Kapernekas, a paper conservator at The Conservation Center in Chicago, IL, works on the Albrecht Durer piece, "St. Sebastian Bound to a Column, 1499" from WIU's collection.

By *Mary Friday*
Western Illinois

University's Art Gallery is currently having three works of art treated by The Conservation Center in Chicago (IL) in preparation for the upcoming exhibit "Prints and Drawings from the University Art Gallery Permanent Collection." The exhibit, which will be held March 14-April 18 in the WIU Art Gallery will include pieces by Dürer, Picaso and Rembrandt.

The University Art Gallery first began its art conservation initiative in 2012 in preparation for the traveling exhibition "A New Deal for Illinois: The Federal Art Project

Collection of Western Illinois University." The University Foundation, College of Fine Arts and Communication (COFAC) and the University Art Gallery have worked together to raise money to send 27 works for art conservation treatment and archival matting and framing.

Gallery Director **Ann Marie Hayes-Hawkinson** said sponsors came forward to help pay for the restoration efforts. Conservation ranges between \$500-\$4,000 per work. The pieces are transported to Chicago where they are worked on by The Conservation Center.

"We appreciate the support of these donors to help us with the restoration efforts," said WIU Vice President for

Advancement and Public Services **Brad Bainter '79 MS '83**.

Sponsors for the Federal Art Project collection include: **Gil Belles HA '10, Bill Brattain HA '07 and Jacquie Brattain, Tom Dunstan and Maria Dunstan '68 ED SP '92, Al Goldfarb HA '11 and Elaine Goldfarb, Ken Hawkinson '78 MA 79 PhD '86, Thomas C. Jackson '72, Joanne Stevens, Tom and Kate Joswick, Sterling Kernek, Tate and Sharon Lindahl, Sue Marinelli-Fernandez, George Mavigliano '64 and Renee Mavigliano, Julie Chatterton Murphy '94 MS '95, Cathy Reis Null '72 MS '91 and Ned Null, Jacqlin Reese Richmond '73 MS-ED '87 and Phillip Richmond, Joe Rives and Scott Brouette MS-ED '10, Sandy Shearer and the late Ned Shearer, Amy Spelman '93 MS '98 and Brad Bainter '79 MS '83, Norm Teeter '67 Honorary Doctorate '06 and Carmelita Teeter Honorary Doctorate '06, Jack and Linda Thomas, Dave Thompson '72 and Jackie Thompson '85 MS-ED '94, Charles Wright and Jo-Ann Morgan, the Western Illinois University Alumni Council, COFAC, Western Illinois University Foundation and the Western Illinois University Performing Arts Society.**

The exhibit opened at the WIU Art Gallery Jan. 18 and ran through March 1, 2014. It was commissioned as part of the 1930s Public Works of Art Project and the Federal Art Project of the Works Progress Administration (FAP/WPA).

"Like many institutions across the country, the University and the Macomb community benefited from the federal government's desire to bring art to large and small communities across the country," said Hayes-Hawkinson.

Since the "A New Deal for Illinois" exhibit, eight additional works have been treated, or are currently being treated, at The Conservation Center, including two painted murals in the Sherman Hall Auditorium.

"The Center has worked with Western Illinois University on previous conservation projects, and we

were thrilled to once again be involved in assisting with the treatment of its superb collection," said Chai Lee, vice president of marketing and communications at The Conservation Center.

On Oct. 28, 2014, Conservators Amber Smith and Kendra Fuller came to WIU to speak about what art conservators do. During the event, held in the Sherman Hall Auditorium, Smith and Fuller spoke about the importance of art conservation and the process it takes to conserve art, as well as some unusual projects The Conservation has worked on and the specific treatment that was planned for the Sherman Hall mural project.

Since then, The Conservation Center continues to treat works of art from the WIU collection. The process of conserving art is very precise and can vary depending on the type of media used originally.

"We assess each work individually by first removing the works of art on paper from its frame, housing or folio so we can perform a thorough condition report. During our observations, while writing up the condition report, we perform a number of steps, most of which are essential to the general practice of art conservation," said April Hann-Landford, vice president of client services at The Conservation Center.

The Center is currently treating "St. Sebastian Bound to a Column," sponsored by Gil Belles.

"I think that it is of vital importance to protect and preserve major works of art," said Belles.

For more information about the WIU Art Gallery, visit wiu.edu/artgallery or call (309) 298-1587. For more information about The Conservation Center and its work, visit theconservationcenter.com.

WIU broadcasting students nominated for national awards

Western Illinois University's Department of Broadcasting learned recently that six of its students have been named as finalists for the 75th Intercollegiate Broadcasting System Awards.

Students named as finalists this year include:

- Best Public Affairs Event/Promotion: **Emily Manley**, a sophomore broadcasting major (Highland, IL) and **Jason Chauvin**, a sophomore broadcasting major (Des Plaines, IL)

- Best Liner: **Josh Chlebanowski**, a senior law enforcement and justice administration major (Romeoville, IL)

- Best Liner: **Jeremy McCool**, a senior broadcasting major (Imperial Beach, CA)

- Best On-Air Personality: **Tony Jones**, a senior broadcasting major (Poplar Grove, IL)

- Best Promotions Director: **Dave Mitchell**, a senior broadcasting major (Riverside, IL)

Four of Western's students were named finalists in 2014.

For more information about the WIU broadcasting program, visit wiu.edu/broadcasting or call (309) 298-2888.

Wright to deliver annual Thompson Lecture

The Western Illinois University Department of Communication has chosen George Mason University Professor Kevin Wright to deliver the 23rd annual Wayne N. Thompson Professor Lecture Monday, March 30.

Wright will deliver "More than Medicine: Online Social Support for Individuals Facing Stigmatized Health Issues" at 5 p.m. in the University Union's Sandburg Theatre.

The Wayne N. Thompson Professor Lecture is named to honor the late WIU alumnus **Wayne Thompson '36**. An endowment in his name helps sponsor a number of departmental programs to enhance learning and scholarship in the field of communication, including this lecture by a prominent scholar in the field.

For more information, contact the WIU Department of Communication at (309) 298-1507.



Kevin Wright

Noh wins concerto competition

Western Illinois University alumna **Hwayoung Noh MM '13** has been chosen as a winner in the 2014-15 Texas Tech University Concerto Competition.

Noh, a doctoral student at Texas Tech, was chosen as the winner of the keyboard divisional competition and will play the Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No. 2 with the Texas Tech University Symphony Orchestra. The concerto competition was open to musicians of all instruments.

Noh received her master of music degree from WIU in piano performance and studied piano with Professor **Tammie Walker**.

For more information about WIU's School of Music, visit wiu.edu/music or call (309) 298-1544.



**Hwayoung Noh
MM '13**

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Arts and Sciences

Women in Science gift from graduate is more than just a donation

By Bryce Dexter and Susan Buta '84

When Western Illinois University alumna **Susan Buta '84** heard about the new Women in Science (WIS) program being developed at Western, memories of her own decision to study chemistry came back to her.

"Well, that's interesting," is the surprised and lukewarm response I received from my high school guidance counselor. It was underwhelming when I declared my interest in studying chemistry in college," said Buta. "Why not? I was in the honors program. I craved to understand why my finger would pass through water but not my wooden desk. I liked math. Why not me in science?"

Buta said she is glad she had the independent mindset to pursue her fascination of nature through a chemistry degree.

"Those interests led to an enjoyable and diverse career in chemistry and chemistry-related fields," she said. "Through my WIU American Chemical Society Certified chemistry degree, I was fully prepared for all my opportunities in industry, basic research, new product development, teaching and now owning my own company. Still, I was an undergraduate woman in science, and there were challenges that caused me to doubt my choice. In many instances, it was only my own determination that kept me moving forward in the face of difficulties. I was not alone. I was one of the only American women to earn a chemistry degree from Western in 1984."

It is no longer rare for women to study science. Large gaps exist in socio-economic and diversity representation in the scientific community, and

significant gender gaps occur beyond master's degree programs.

WIU's academic programs attract students from a range of socio-economic and cultural backgrounds. Some are the first in their families to attend college. Some are urban; some are rural. These young women bring new perspectives to fundamental questions of nature, and Western can be a cause for diversity in the scientific community.

"It's a privilege to offer the opportunity for other alumni

women to stand and invest in the next generation of women who have successful and engaged scientific careers," said Buta. "We can foster an 'I can' attitude that is multifaceted: financial, mentoring and personal development. Our experience will smooth their paths and our support can actually welcome young girls into exciting careers."

The Women in Science program covers all science disciplines at WIU (biology, chemistry, mathematics, geology and physics). Faculty from each of these areas are serving on the inaugural committee. One of the first orders of business will be the award of a scholarship for a young woman pursuing a degree in one of the sciences. The scholarship money will be available to the student so she can conduct

scientific research with the guidance of a professor and a female mentor, as well as travel to science conferences to display her findings.

Susan and Paul Buta have donated a lead gift of \$10,000 to get the scholarship program started. They encourage other alumni and Women in Science to support the efforts to see more women pursue their interests in science and attain advanced degrees and careers in science.

"Of the many opportunities to support education, my husband, Paul, and I chose WIU's College of Arts and Science's new Women in Science Program," said Susan, during a recent visit to WIU. "We were attracted to the program's core

mission of support for young women pursuing science degrees that were unavailable in my collegiate career. We feel that our financial gift to this program will make more of a difference in the lives of students in comparison to other schools we are affiliated with. As Dr. **Rose McConnell**, chair of the chemistry department, has said of her collegiate women, 'We do not want to just recruit women into science, but we want them to stay in science, and to seek graduate degrees in science as well.'"

For more information about the Women in Science program at WIU, visit wiu.edu/cas, email McConnell at RM-McConnell@wiu.edu or call (309) 298-1538.



Paul and Susan Buta '84

“Through my WIU American Chemical Society Certified chemistry degree, I was fully prepared for all my opportunities in industry, basic research, product development, teaching and now owning my own company..”

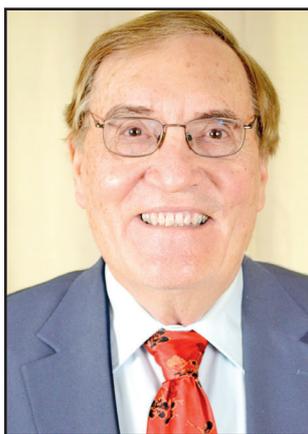
- SUSAN BUTA '84

Forbes wins American Physical Society award

Western Illinois University physics alumnus **Jerry Forbes '63** has been named the recipient of the 2015 George E. Duvall Shock Compression Award by the American Physical Society (APS).

Forbes, who lives in Port Tobacco (MD) is the senior scientist at the Energetics Technology Center, Inc. in St. Charles (MD), and he is an adjunct professor of mechanical engineering at the University of Maryland, College Park.

In choosing Forbes for the award, the APS recognized him for "his advances in shock-compression science involving phase-transformations, high explosives and



Jerry Forbes '63

detonation physics; for extensive contributions to the shock physics community through mentorship and teaching; and for service to the Shock Compression Topical Group."

Forbes conducts research in the area of material response to rapid energy deposition, in particular shock wave and electron beam loading of inert and energetic materials. He will receive his award during the Shock Compression Topical Group meeting in June in Tampa (FL).

After receiving his bachelor's degree in physics from Western, Forbes received his master's degree in physics from the University of Maryland and his doctoral degree in shockwave physics from Washington State University. He worked as a research physicist at the Naval Surface Warfare Centre in White Oak and at Indian Head Maryland Laboratories from 1965-96 and at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) from 1996-03.

Forbes also previously served as an adjunct professor of physics at American University from 1994-96 and an instructor of shock wave science at LLNL from 1996-03, which included one year at the University of California,

Davis applied science department.

In addition to his research, Forbes is active in his community, serving as president of the Port Tobacco River Conservancy and sitting on the advisory boards of the College of Southern Maryland Nonprofit Institute and the Horticulture Committee of the Stethem Educational Center. He is also a member of numerous professional associations and has won numerous other physics awards, including being an APS fellow in 1992.

The APS award was established in 1987 and presents the biennial award to recognize contributions to understanding condensed matter and non-linear physics through shock compression.

For more information about APS, visit aps.org. For more information about the WIU Department of Physics, visit wiu.edu/physics or call (309) 298-1596.

Arts and Sciences

WIU professor publishes research about unique cardinal

Western Illinois University biological sciences Professor **Brian Peer** is receiving attention for his research and publication on a



bilateral gynandromorph bird found in the wild.

More specifically, the bird has the brownish-gray feathered appearance of a female cardinal on its right side and that of a male cardinal's red feathers on its left side.

The Northern Cardinal was spotted several years ago in Rock Island (IL) by Peer and his colleague Robert Motz and was observed between December 2008 and March 2010.

The two men documented how the cardinal interacted with other birds on more than 40 occasions during that time period and how the bird responded to calls.



"Our paper represents the most detailed observations of a bilateral gynandromorph bird in the wild," said Peer. "We never observed the bird singing and never saw it paired with another cardinal. It was one of the most unusual and striking birds that I've ever seen."

The research paper surrounding the unique bird, titled "Observations of a Bilateral Gynandromorph Northern Cardinal (*Cardinalis cardinalis*)," was published in *The Wilson Journal of Ornithology* in December and was then featured in *Science* magazine.

Peer's primary research focus is on the coevolutionary interaction between avian brood parasites and their hosts.

For more information about WIU's Department of Biological Sciences, visit wiu.edu/biology or call (309) 298-1546.

WIU graduates return to Macomb for careers

By *Mary Friday and Kolette Herndon '14*

Two Western Illinois University alumni have come back to their hometowns and the home of their alma mater to provide dental services to residents in the region.

Nicholas Doll '08 MS '10 and **Shane Van Vleet '02** have each opened a dental practice in Macomb.

Doll, a Bushnell (IL) native, completed dental school before moving back to Macomb to open his dental practice on East Carroll Street. Van Vleet attended the Southern Illinois University School of Dentistry in Alton (IL), where he graduated with honors in 2007. His practice is located on East Jackson Street in Macomb.

Throughout his education, Doll worked full-time on his family's farm.

While completing his master's degree, Doll met his wife, **Brittany Des Rochers-Doll '08 MS '10**, who also received her bachelor's and master's degrees in biology. Rochers-Doll works at McDonough District Hospital in the laboratory.

"From all the different people and ideas I encountered and the preparation I received from my mentors while completing my degrees, WIU got me to where I am today," Doll said.

His new practice is made up of Doll and a receptionist, but his goal is to eventually employ a few dental hygienists and one or two dental assistants.

"All of this takes time, and I opened the doors only a few months ago, so I am grateful for the growth I have experienced already and am looking forward to the future," he said.

Van Vleet, who grew up in Macomb, said he came back to the community to work at a community health center before opening up his own practice.

"I got a job offer here in my hometown," he said. "It was just the right thing at the right time."

When Van Vleet's contract was up, he bought and renovated a property on East Jackson Street in Macomb. In 2011, he opened Advanced Dentistry of Western Illinois.

Since moving back to Macomb, Van Vleet, his wife, **Carrie Van Vleet '03**, and their two children enjoy the amenities WIU has to offer. Carrie is the assistant director of Alumni Programs at WIU.

"We stay pretty involved with Western," said Van Vleet. "With the new baby and our four year-old, now we've got two future Leathernecks in the family. We attend as many University events as possible, we've got football season tickets, are members of the Leatherneck Club and I serve on Western's Alumni Council."

For more information on the WIU Department of Biology, visit wiu.edu/biology or call (309) 298-1546.

Editor's note: The two dentists featured in this story are McDonough County millennials who returned to their home county to begin their dental careers. Another WIU alumnus, Matthew McClure '98, also owns a dental practice on Macomb's East Jackson Street.



Nicholas Doll '08 MS '10



Shane Van Vleet '02

WIU alumnus named head of DIA

A Western Illinois University history alumnus has been named commander of the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) at the Pentagon by the Obama administration.

Maj. Gen. **Vincent Stewart '81** was chosen to take over the Pentagon's foreign espionage arm, according to Defense Department spokesman Army Col. Steven Warren.

The U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee approved Stewart's nomination to lieutenant general in December.

He becomes the first Marine and first African American to lead the DIA.

According to an article in the *Washington Times*, Director of National Intelligence James R. Clapper said Stewart's "temperament, professional background, leadership skills and integrity make him eminently suited to be the next DIA director." (See bit.ly/1B25e0u.)

Stewart entered the Marine Corps the same year he graduated from WIU. He was previously a senior intelligence planner for the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and director of intelligence for Marine Corps Headquarters and most recently the commander of Marine Forces Cyber Command.

While at Western, Stewart was a member of the Leathernecks football team.



Vincent Stewart '81

"[Vincent's] temperament, professional background, leadership skills and integrity make him eminently suited to be the next DIA director."

- JAMES R. CLAPPER,
DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL
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Intercollegiate Athletics

Kelly Richardson named WIU head volleyball coach

Western Illinois Athletics announced the hire of **Kelly Richardson** as head coach of the Leatherneck Volleyball program. Director of Athletics **Tommy Bell** welcomed Richardson, who officially began her duties Jan. 22.

"Kelly Richardson is a knowledgeable volleyball coach with great experience as a head coach and ties to the Midwest region. We're excited she is joining the Leatherneck family, and I know she has the skill set, coaching and recruiting experience to turn our program into a Summit League contender," said Bell. "I was really impressed with our candidate pool. When we brought Kelly here for an interview and met with her, she stood out to our search committee and me as a great fit with our department."

Richardson takes over a Western Illinois program that finished 6-23 overall and 4-12 last year in the Summit League, placing eighth out of nine teams. Western has not turned in a winning overall record since the 2005 season and owns a .325 combined winning percentage over the last seven seasons. She is the program's 10th head coach, dating back to the 1976 season.

"I would like to thank Tommy Bell and the rest of the search committee for giving me the opportunity to join

the Leatherneck family. From the moment we stepped on campus, my family and I felt at home," said Richardson. "We are grateful to be a part of such a wonderful community and University. I am excited to start working with the team as we move the program forward in a positive direction."

Richardson is no stranger to turning around programs. During her seven years in charge of Southwest Baptist University (MO), the 2013 team turned in its first winning season since 1987, finishing 17-14 overall and tying for the best record in program history.

In her first year (2007), the team nearly doubled its win total from the previous year and won its first home Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (MIAA) conference match in seven years. Southwest Baptist earned a regional ranking in 2008, the first time in history to earn that honor, while doubling the win total in conference play.

During her seven-year tenure, she coached the Bearcats to double-digit wins six times—the longest stretch in program history and first multi-year stretch dating back to 1987-89. She posted an 83-147 record at Southwest Baptist and was 52-53 in non-conference matches.

Richardson spent the 2014 season as an assistant coach

at Texas-Arlington (UTA), helping the Mavericks to a 25-9 overall record and 14-6 in the Sun Belt Conference. UTA posted the best season record in two decades, had two All-SBC selections and one American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Honorable Mention All-American.

For two years Richardson was the head volleyball coach at Republic High School (2005-06) in Missouri. The 2005 team made its first-ever trip to the state tournament, taking third place. She coached three All-State honorees during her tenure.

Richardson began her collegiate playing career at Missouri State before transferring to Evangel University. During her final three years (2001-03), Richardson was a three-time First Team All-Conference selection, twice named National 'Player of the Week' and became the first player in program history to earn NAIA All-American honors. Richardson was an Honorable Mention All-American selection her junior year and earned Third Team honors as a senior. During her three-year career, she earned 10 All-Tournament team accolades and set five program records.

She and her husband, Robb, have one son, Rylan.

WIU Athletics merchandise website

Western Illinois Athletics' new online store featuring Leatherneck Athletics merchandise, LeathernecksGear.com, is now available for fans.

Business accessories, decals, drinkware, bags, flags, golf items, hats, jackets, shirts, shorts, personalized jerseys, sweatshirts/sweatpants and items for tailgating are available. All items will have different versions of the WIU logo. Gift certificates are also available for purchase, and special discounts and offers will be available to consumers.

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2015 SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
March 21	North Dakota State	MACOMB	12 p.m.
March 21	North Dakota State	MACOMB	2 p.m.
March 22	North Dakota State	MACOMB	11 a.m.
March 24	Miami (OH)	MACOMB	3 p.m.
March 24	Miami (OH)	MACOMB	5 p.m.
March 28	Fort Wayne	Fort Wayne, IN	9:30 a.m.
March 28	Fort Wayne	Fort Wayne, IN	12 p.m.
March 29	Fort Wayne	Fort Wayne, IN	10 a.m.
March 31	Bradley	Peoria, IL	4 p.m.
April 2	Iowa	Iowa City, IA	6:30 p.m.
April 7	SIU-Edwardsville	MACOMB	3 p.m.
April 7	SIU-Edwardsville	MACOMB	3 p.m.
April 11	IUPUI	MACOMB	12 p.m.
April 11	IUPUI	MACOMB	2 p.m.
April 12	IUPUI	MACOMB	11 a.m.
April 15	Missouri	MACOMB	3 p.m.
April 15	Missouri	MACOMB	5 p.m.
April 18	South Dakota State	Brookings, SD	12 p.m.
April 18	South Dakota State	Brookings, SD	2 p.m.
April 19	South Dakota State	Brookings, SD	11 a.m.
April 21	Wisconsin	Madison, WI	3 p.m.
April 21	Wisconsin	Madison, WI	5 p.m.
April 25	South Dakota State	MACOMB	12 p.m.
April 25	South Dakota State	MACOMB	2 p.m.
April 26	South Dakota State	MACOMB	11 a.m.
May 2	Omaha	Omaha, NE	12 p.m.
May 2	Omaha	Omaha, NE	2 p.m.
May 3	Omaha	Omaha, NE	11 a.m.

2015 BASEBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
March 17	Wichita State	Wichita, KS	3 p.m.
March 18	Wichita State	Wichita, KS	3 p.m.
March 20	South Dakota State	MACOMB	3 p.m.
March 21	South Dakota State	MACOMB	12 p.m.
March 22	South Dakota State	MACOMB	12 p.m.
March 25	Illinois-Springfield	MACOMB	3 p.m.
March 27	North Dakota State	MACOMB	3 p.m.
March 28	North Dakota State	MACOMB	12 p.m.
March 29	North Dakota State	MACOMB	12 p.m.
April 1	Iowa	MACOMB	3 p.m.
April 3	Omaha	Omaha, NE	1 p.m.
April 4	Omaha	Omaha, NE	1 p.m.
April 5	Omaha	Omaha, NE	1 p.m.
April 7	SIU-Edwardsville	Edwardsville, IL	6 p.m.
April 10	Oral Roberts	MACOMB	3 p.m.
April 11	Oral Roberts	MACOMB	12 p.m.
April 12	Oral Roberts	MACOMB	12 p.m.
April 14	Milwaukee	MACOMB	1 p.m.
April 14	Milwaukee	MACOMB	4 p.m.
April 17	Fort Wayne	Fort Wayne, IN	2 p.m.
April 18	Fort Wayne	Fort Wayne, IN	2 p.m.
April 19	Fort Wayne	Fort Wayne, IN	12 p.m.
April 22	Bradley	Peoria, IL	6 p.m.
April 24	North Dakota State	Fargo, ND	6:30 p.m.
April 25	North Dakota State	Fargo, ND	1 p.m.
April 26	North Dakota State	Fargo, ND	1 p.m.
April 28	St. Ambrose	MACOMB	4 p.m.
April 29	SIU-Edwardsville	MACOMB	4 p.m.
May 1	South Dakota State	Brookings, SD	3 p.m.
May 2	South Dakota State	Brookings, SD	1 p.m.
May 3	South Dakota State	Brookings, SD	1 p.m.
May 5	Iowa	Iowa City, IA	6:35 p.m.
May 8	Omaha	MACOMB	3 p.m.
May 9	Omaha	MACOMB	12 p.m.
May 10	Omaha	MACOMB	12 p.m.
May 14	Oral Roberts	Tulsa, OK	6:30 p.m.
May 15	Oral Roberts	Tulsa, OK	6:30 p.m.
May 16	Oral Roberts	Tulsa, OK	2 p.m.

Intercollegiate Athletics



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a starter or important reserve, and have completed at least one academic year and a year of competition at the institution.

Luke earned her bachelor's degree with a double major last December in journalism and political science, posting a 4.0 GPA. She is currently enrolled in graduate school in political science.

During the Fall 2014 semester, Luke was named as the University's recipient of the Lincoln Academy of Illinois' Student Laureate Award. The prestigious award is presented annually to an outstanding senior at each of Illinois' four-year degree granting institutions, honoring a student's overall academic excellence and extracurricular activities. She also was named the WIU College of Arts and Sciences Scholar.

"I want to congratulate Ashley on being named the Capital One Academic All-America of the Year. I have followed her career at Western Illinois University and she exemplifies what it means to be a standout student-athlete," said WIU President **Jack Thomas**. "She plays the game with such intensity and her hard work has made her one of the top players in The Summit League. That same work ethic carries over into the classroom. She graduated in 3 1/2 years with a 4.0 grade point average, and last fall was chosen as the University's Lincoln Academy of Illinois Student Laureate Award winner. On behalf of the entire Western Illinois University community we congratulate Ashley on this prestigious honor."

In the midst of her third year playing for the Leathernecks, Luke's 1,467 points (at press time) place her fourth all-time in WIU history. She is currently riding a streak of 64 consecutive games scoring in double-figures, the second-longest known streak in Division I women's basketball, and leads the Leathernecks at 19.5 points per game (tied 36th nationally). However, the junior is making a name for herself for more than just scoring baskets.

Luke currently ranks 12th among the national leaders in rebounding (averaging 11.4 per game), recording at least 10 points and 10 rebounds in 17 of her last 19 games played. Her 44 career double-doubles are sixth-most among active Division I players. She's just one of three Division I players to rank among the 'Top 40' nationally in both points and rebounds per game.

"This is an amazing honor for Ashley and for our program. Ashley is the most decorated and accomplished athlete I have ever coached. For her to be recognized as the top student-athlete in the nation is a huge testament to her as a student, a basketball player, and a person," said Head Coach **JD Gravina**. "She has worked extremely hard to accomplish her academic and athletic goals. She has helped build our team from a conference bottom feeder into a contender. I couldn't be more proud of Ashley."

Luke could break the WIU career scoring record this year, needing 81 points to surpass Zane Teilane's four-year total. Her 391 free throws made and 557 attempts set program records, while her 87 blocks ranks her second all-time. The junior forward needs another 143 rebounds to surpass Teilane, currently in second place.

On the season 'Top 10' lists, Luke ranks first and second in scoring and free throws made, while standing fourth and fifth in rebounds. She also holds the top two single-game free throw shooting performances, going 17-of-17 against Southeast Missouri in December 2013 and 14-of-14 versus Fort Wayne in January.

Dietrich and Bales named NSCAA Scholar All-Americans

Western Illinois men's soccer captains **Charlie Bales '14** and **Yves Dietrich** were named to The National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) University Division Scholar All-America Team for their dual accomplishments on the field and in the classroom.

Bales was announced as a First Team Scholar All-American, the first such honor of his career. The award comes in addition to the Cedar Rapids (IA) native earning NSCAA All-West Region honors in December, as well as being named Academic All-Summit League and The Summit League Defensive Player of the Year. Bales recently graduated with a degree in communication.

Dietrich was named Third Team Scholar All-American, also the first such honor of his career. The Floeha, Germany



Charlie Bales '14

native's 3.92 grade point average also earned him Capital One Academic All-District and Academic All-Summit League Team honors. On the field, Dietrich was awarded First Team All-Summit League, while also being named The Summit League's Goalkeeper of the Year.



Yves Dietrich

To be named to a Scholar All-America Team, a student-athlete must have at least a 3.30 cumulative grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) throughout his or her career, start more than 50 percent of all games and be a significant contributor to the team, as well as be nominated by an institution that is a current NSCAA College Services member.

Both Bales and Dietrich have plans to continue playing soccer post-graduation at a professional level.

Student-athletes meet fall semester GPA goal

The 426 Leatherneck student-athletes met the semester goal once again following the 2014 Fall semester. Twenty-eight Leathernecks recorded a 4.0 GPA as Western Illinois University student-athletes finished Fall 2014 with an average 3.0 GPA. The department average was higher than the overall University average of 2.96.

The women's tennis program finished the semester with the highest average, a 3.586 GPA. Women's basketball finished right behind at 3.583, followed by women's golf (3.48) and women's soccer (3.45). Men's swimming led the way for all men's programs, finishing the semester with a 3.29 mark in the classroom.

The 28 student-athletes with a 4.0 GPA represented 13 of the 20 NCAA sports at Western. Women's soccer had eight student-athletes finish the 16-week term with a 4.0 mark. Women's basketball followed with five, and football followed with three. Softball, baseball and women's swimming each had two student-athletes, while women's golf, women's track and field (indoor/outdoor), volleyball,

men's swimming, women's tennis and men's cross country all had one.

Fall Semester students with a 4.0 GPA include: **Mary Anderson** (Women's Soccer); **Abby Ball** (Women's Golf); **Aden Campbell** (Baseball); **Michaela Cody** (Women's Soccer); **Natalie Cumbie** (Women's Swimming); **Michelle Farrow** (Women's Basketball); **Adam Feiner** (Baseball); **Carly Hoffman** (Women's Soccer); **Adam Hoogerwerf** (Football); **Skyler Jessop** (Women's Soccer); **Andriana Johnson** (Women's Tennis); **Grant Kaiser** (Men's Cross Country); **Karissa Kouchis** (Softball); **Lindsey Kuitse** (Women's Soccer); **Madison Lefler** (Women's Track); **Faith Lois** (Women's Basketball); **Ashley Luke '14** (Women's Basketball); **Ann Miller** (Volleyball); **Jenna Mueller** (Women's Basketball); **Tori Niemann '13** (Women's Basketball); **Luke Otto** (Football); **Joe Pyszka** (Football); **Dagmar Ralphs** (Softball); **Gina Scaffidi** (Women's Soccer); **Jacob Shain** (Men's Swimming); **Mary Street** (Women's Soccer); **Sarah Wright** (Women's Soccer) and **Andie Villez** (Women's Swimming).

In memory of Becky Schluter

The Western Illinois Athletic Department mourns the loss staff member **Becky Schluter**, an administrative assistant since 2012, who passed away after a two-year battle with cancer.

"Becky was an incredible asset to the athletics department. Her cheerful demeanor, sense of humor and kindness will be greatly missed. The entire department sends our sincere condolences to her family, including husband, Keith, and two daughters, Erin and Madelyn," said Deputy Director of Athletics **Matt Tanney**.

During her time in WIU Athletics, Schluter worked with all members of the department—staff, coaches and student-athletes.

"We are saddened with the loss of Becky. She was a valuable member of our athletic department family and will be greatly missed," said Athletic Director **Tommy Bell**. "Our thoughts and sincere condolences go to the entire family."

2015 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Sept. 3	Eastern Illinois	Hanson Field	6 p.m.
Sept. 12	Illinois	Champaign (IL)	TBA
Sept. 19	Coastal Carolina	Conway (SC)	TBA
Oct. 3	Southern Illinois	Hanson Field	3 p.m.
Oct. 10	South Dakota	Hanson Field	3 p.m.
Oct. 17	Northern Iowa	Cedar Falls (IA)	TBA
Oct. 24	Illinois State	Normal (IL)	TBA
Oct. 31	Youngstown State	Hanson Field	1 p.m.
Nov. 7	North Dakota State	Fargo (ND)	TBA
Nov. 14	Indiana State	Terre Haute (IN)	TBA
Nov. 21	South Dakota State	Hanson Field	1 p.m.





Foundation

Student creates artwork for WIU Foundation

By Julie Murphy '94 MS '95

Linsey Lundeen '14, of Aledo (IL), may be moving on, but she is leaving a legacy at Western Illinois University. Lundeen's most recent accomplishment is designing and printing a hand-colored lithograph, the image of which appeared on the 2014 WIU Foundation holiday greeting card.

"It was a perfect greeting for our friends who provide so generously for student scholarships," said Vice President for Advancement and Public Services **Brad Bainter '79 MS '83**. "We like to showcase our scholarship recipients so donors see the results of their investments. We are proud of Linsey and all she has accomplished during her years at Western, and we are happy to share her talents."

Lundeen received the Patricia Bulkeley Scholarship for art majors. She maintained a 3.8 grade point average, was

a member of Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society, Kappa Pi Honorary Art Fraternity and has competed in numerous juried exhibitions. In Fall 2013, Lundeen designed and painted one of the 14 Rocky on Parade statues on display around Macomb. Lundeen's statue was sponsored by Sports Corner @ 124 and can be seen inside the establishment.

"The technique I used to make the holiday card is called a hand-colored lithograph," explained Lundeen. "Once I completed the design, I printed it on a transparency and then exposed the image onto a photo litho plate. Then I covered the plate in ink and transferred



Linsey Lundeen '14

the image to paper. Once the black ink was dry, I went back in and watercolored over the top of the image to add color to the print."

The original 13x17.5 inch print was matted and framed by the WIU Foundation for inclusion in the Performing Arts Society Gala Auction in November. The holiday card was sent to more than 750 friends of the WIU Foundation. To see Lundeen's work in person, visit the President's Office, Sherman 209, where a framed print is on display.

Alumnus Dave Lumley establishes communication scholarship



Spectrum Brands CEO Dave Lumley '76

By Julie Murphy '94 MS '95

Spectrum Brands CEO **Dave Lumley '76** has made a gift of stock valued at just over \$100,000 to establish a scholarship in communication. Lumley graduated from Western with a mass communications degree.

"Journalism teaches you how to organize your thoughts, to get to the key issues and to be specific," said Lumley. "It also teaches you how to communicate, the key

attribute for successful leaders in business."

Lumley's business background includes nearly 30 years of experience in the consumer products industry, having served as president of Rubbermaid Home

Products, president and CEO of EAS, president of Brunswick Bicycles, senior vice president for Outboard Marine Corporation and in a variety of roles with Wilson Sporting Goods and other companies. He believes the many options for participation at WIU—the school newspaper, yearbook, television station, athletic teams (Lumley also was a football Leatherneck) and speakers visiting campus—are what prepared him for his career.

Lumley has been awarded the Alumni Achievement and Distinguished Alumni Awards. He currently serves on the President's National Advisory Council. He has supported many areas of campus over the years, including athletics, alumni programs and the departments of communication and broadcasting.

The Lumley Scholarship will be awarded to a junior communication major involved in activities such as the yearbook, the Western Courier newspaper, campus

television or a special project. Lumley encourages students to "take charge of their own plans: get an internship, seek out help from others, achieve good grades and participate in activities outside the classroom.

"Western provides opportunities to a wide group of students," said Lumley. "A scholarship can make the difference of staying in school, getting a job or getting into graduate school. My hope is to provide assistance to deserving student—to keep them in school and ease the financial burden."

"I appreciate Dave's continued generous support of Western," said Vice President for Advancement and Public Services **Brad Bainter '79**

MS '83. "He sets a great example as one who received scholarship support while a student at Western and is now paying it back." His endowed scholarship will provide outstanding support for students in perpetuity."

"A scholarship can make the difference of staying in school, getting a job or getting into graduate school.

- DAVE LUMLEY '76, SPECTRUM BRANDS CEO

Joseph R. Withers Memorial Scholarship at WIU



Joseph R. Withers '83

By Julie Murphy '94 MS '95

Family and friends of the late **Joseph R. Withers '83** (1961-2013) of Peoria have established a scholarship in his honor at Western Illinois University.

Withers, a lifelong resident of Peoria, graduated from WIU with a finance degree. Those close to him describe Withers as "a man of great integrity

and faith; his smile lit up

the room and he was a friend to everyone he met. Joe

was extraordinarily generous and giving to those who helped others and also to those who worked hard to help themselves."

The scholarship is intended to keep Withers' memory and spirit of generosity alive at Western. Friends and family said that Withers loved his time at WIU, and he made some of the best friends of his life. After graduating, he returned to Peoria and worked as a claims adjustor for RLI Insurance for nearly 20 years.

The annual scholarship is open to all majors and will be awarded to an incoming freshman or transfer student from a single-parent home. Preference will be given to students from the Peoria area.

Withers' father passed away when he was only 10 years old. He was the youngest of seven children, and according to friends, "He had a place in his heart for what it takes for

a single parent to endure."

Friends thought of Withers as a giver, and regard the scholarship as a means for him to continue to give back to Western. According to Withers' friends, "A life that touches others goes on forever."

Contributions to the scholarship in Withers' memory are welcome. Gifts can be made online at wiu.edu/giving or mailed to the WIU Foundation, 1 University Circle, Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL 61455-1390.

Applications, which are due April 1, and further information are available through the WIU Scholarship Office (wiu.edu/scholarships). The first Joe Withers Memorial Scholarship will be awarded in Fall 2015.

New hires at Malpass Library

University Libraries welcomed two new faces to its ranks in December: **Suzanne Woodward MS '98** started as the Libraries' first full-time development director, and **Christina Norton** filled the position of outreach librarian.

"We have two very good hires here," says Dean of Libraries **Michael Lorenzen**. "I'm impressed with both Christina and Suzanne, and I expect they will both help the library further its many goals."

A western Illinois native, Woodward completed her master's degree in college student personnel at WIU after earning a degree in psychology from Illinois State University. While a student at WIU, she completed internships in academic advising and the career development center, as well as a practicum in admissions.

"I couldn't have asked for a better way to return to higher education," Woodward said. "A library is the soul of a University, serving every student. I am excited to help our libraries serve our students, staff and faculty at the highest level."

Prior to her return to WIU, Woodward served as branch executive director of the YMCA in Mt. Sterling (IL). She still resides in Mt. Sterling with her husband, two sons and a beagle, Betsy.

Originally from Georgia, Norton received her Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) in 2014 from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (U of I), where she held assistantships in the undergraduate library and in the U of I Graduate School of Library and Information Science.



**Suzanne Woodward
MS '98**

"Developing positive relationships with patrons is the most rewarding part of librarianship to me, and I'm excited that this position will allow me to facilitate such relationships," Norton said.

Prior to studying at the U of I, Norton completed her undergraduate degree in painting at the University of Georgia

She said she also looks forward to the creative opportunities that the position will provide her with.

Both Woodward and Norton shared their best-loved books, in keeping with the mission of libraries. Woodward's all-time favorite is Haven Kimmel's "A Girl Named Zippy: Growing Up Small in Moreland, Indiana." Norton said she maintains a soft spot for "Weetzie Bat" by Francesca Lia Block.



Christina Norton

Library introduces text-giving option

University Libraries, in cooperation with the WIU Foundation, now offers a text-giving option for those who wish to support the Libraries through online donations.

Users can visit the text-giving site on a computer or any mobile device and select how much they would like to give, as well as which of the library's specific endowments and funds they would like their donation to support. The goal of this new option is to make giving to the Libraries as quick and hassle-free as possible.

"University Libraries is excited to have the text-giving option available for our alumni and supporters. In today's technological landscape, making giving easier is a benefit to all," says **Suzanne Woodward MS '98**, library director of development.

Donations received through text-giving allow University Libraries to continue supporting the University by providing research resources, study spaces, programming and other services.

For more information about supporting the library, visit wiu.edu/libraries/administration/development/index.php or contact Woodward at SA-Woodward@wiu.edu or (309) 298-2356.

Popular fiction paperback collection at WIU-Quad Cities Library

The library of the WIU-Quad Cities campus has assembled a new collection of popular fiction paperbacks that is available to students, faculty and staff, as well as Quad Cities community members.

According to Quad Cities Librarian **Tom Finley '90**, the collection is organized and available for use starting in the Spring 2015 semester.

Much like the paperbacks available at the Macomb campus' Leslie F. Malpass Library, books included in the new collection come from varied genres such as mystery, romance and thrillers.

"I think the main thing we're trying to accomplish here is to make our leisure collections as strong as our academic collections," Finley said. "Academic libraries are important because they are the primary portal to research, but reading should be fun, as well. By establishing a paperback collection, we will now be able to offer our patrons books that they don't have to read, but that they'll want to read."

After the project met with approval from WIU Dean of Libraries **Michael Lorenzen** in December, Finley Coordinated with **Greg Phelps '93**, library specialist at the Malpass Library, to ready the collection for use. Phelps selected the inaugural 50 titles for the collection and anticipates growing the paperback collection through donations from the University community.

"This is another expansion of services at the Quad Cities campus," said Phelps. "It's part of the healthy growth of the new library, and part of the University's mission to serve not only the Quad Cities campus, but the community as well."

Those interested in donating new or used paperbacks in good condition to the collection should contact Phelps at GW-Phelps@wiu.edu or (309) 298-2730.

Archivist Hancks awarded sabbatical in Denmark

WIU Libraries Coordinator of Archives and Special Collections **Jeffrey Hancks MS '10** has been awarded a sabbatical for the 2015-16 academic year. Sabbaticals are designed to allow faculty members an extended break from regular work duties to focus intensely on research or other professional activities, which will benefit the University upon return.

Hancks will spend his sabbatical in Denmark studying first-hand the Danish folk school movement.

"Folk schools are a uniquely Danish institution," Hancks said. "They are residential schools for adults, much like American colleges. But unlike our colleges, folk schools aren't designed to prepare students specifically for a career, nor do they provide diplomas."

Hancks, whose doctorate is in adult and higher education, noted that folk schools allow students four to six months to study a variety of subjects to see what they like and to give them experience living away from home before starting a formal post-secondary education.

"Interestingly," Hancks added, "students who attend a folk school prior to attending university have a higher graduation rate and do so in a shorter length of time than students who do not. I think there are several things we can learn from the Danes regarding college retention and completion, and I look forward to bringing home new knowledge and sharing it with colleagues at Western and beyond."

"I've known Jeff for over 12 years, and I am consistently impressed by his scholarship," says **Michael Lorenzen**, dean of University Libraries. "I know that his research in Denmark will be successful."

While in Denmark, Hancks will live and teach courses in American politics and immigration history at Rødning Folk School in a small town in the south of Denmark, near the German border.

"Rødning is the world's very first folk school, and it holds a special place in the Danes' hearts," he said. "I am really excited to come to Rødning to experience day-to-day life at the school and to work with the teachers and students."

Traveling to Denmark is a homecoming of sorts for Hancks, who spent several years as a young adult living and studying there.

"Denmark is a very special place to me," he said. "I look forward to introducing Denmark and the Danes to my wife, **Meredith**, and our kids, Anders, Torben and Svea. It should be a life-enriching experience for all of us. I am very grateful to WIU for allowing me this amazing opportunity."



Jeffrey Hancks MS '10

Business and Technology

45th annual WIU Ag Mech Farm Expo

Feb. 7-8, Western Illinois University hosted the 45th annual WIU Farm Expo, which many refer to as the "Ag Mech Show." The event, which is the largest student-run agriculture show in the U.S., included the traditional popular activities of the Kiddie Tractor Pull, as well as exhibits of farm machinery, emerging ag technology, livestock and crop supplies, agricultural structures, crafts, a farm toy show and much more. Pictured below are agriculture students setting up for the weekend.



School of Agriculture greenhouse

In December, the School of Agriculture held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of the initial phase of the Teaching and Research Greenhouse facility, which was designed in-house and will be utilized for teaching and research purposes.



Construction crews broke ground in Summer 2014 for the greenhouse project. According to School of Agriculture Director **Andrew Baker**, the initial phase of the project includes two 16 ft. x 48 ft. greenhouses.

Supply Chain Management Networking Event

Wednesday, March 25
6:30-8 p.m.

Ed Debevic's
640 North Wells Street, Chicago, IL

RSVP to Barton Jennings at
BE-Jennings@wiu.edu or call (309) 298-1535.

Western hosts three Fulbright students from around the world

For many years, Western Illinois University has played host to Fulbright students from around the world. This year is no exception as the College of Business and Technology's Department of Economics and Decision Sciences is currently home to three Fulbright students. In the last five years, the department has seen 11 Fulbright students receive their MA in economics from Western.



Valon Hasanaj

When **Valon Hasanaj** received word that he was a Fulbright recipient, he was only 21 years old, making him the youngest on record to receive the award from his home nation of Kosovo. Hasanaj is a project manager at the Liberal Institute for Policy Research in Kosovo and remains affiliated with them while he completes his studies at Western. Hasanaj says that he is one of only two scholars who were chosen from Kosovo this year to receive the Fulbright grant.

Fulbright grant recipient **Taras Safonov** rose to the top among a very competitive field of applicants from Russia. According to Safonov, economics is one of the most popular fields for Fulbright applicants and also one of the most selective. Prior to coming to Western, Safonov worked for the Federal State Statistics Service. He said the process of applying for a Fulbright is extremely rigorous and involves many steps including an interview.

While Hasanaj and Safonov joined Western's economics program this fall, **Melaine Nsaikila** of Cameroon is now in his second year and working on his thesis. Nsaikila's thesis is entitled, "Poverty, Resource Abundance, and Conflict in Sub-Saharan Africa." He also reports that the

selection process for the Fulbright grant was extremely competitive. Nsaikila, who had worked as an administrative assistant for a community based organization, was one of three students selected from Cameroon in 2013.

Named for Senator J. William Fulbright, the program's goal has been the "promotion of international good will through the exchange of students in the fields of education, culture and science." According to the program website, over 200,000 international students, along with over 100,000 American students, have participated in Fulbright programs over the course of its history, spanning over six decades. The Fulbright name has immediate recognition around the world as one of the most prestigious international scholarships.

Applicants are asked not only what they plan to study, but what they plan to do when they return to their home country. For many countries participating in the program, the Fulbright is an important way of increasing the skills of its citizens. This is especially true for developing nations.

"I wouldn't be at Western without the Fulbright program," said Nsaikila. "Those who study in the U.S. have an edge."

The acquisition of skills is an important part of the exchange, but the exposure to new cultures—American, as well as those of other international students—are also a valuable part of the experience. The students take part in the many activities that Western provides for international students.



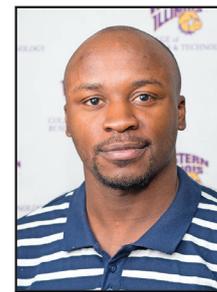
Taras Safonov

The three Fulbright students currently in residence in Macomb are the latest in a long line of recipients of this award who have studied economics at Western. A few of Western's recent graduates are continuing their education, some directly after finishing their degree and some after returning home for a few years. Among the recent graduates pursuing additional graduate degrees are **Mantobaye Moundigbaye MA '12**, from Chad, who is currently pursuing a Ph.D. with funding from the University of Canterbury, New Zealand, and **Mamadou Bah MA '11**, originally from Guinea, who is in the Master of Public Policy program at Oxford.

Another recent graduate, **Nuwan Indika Millagaha Gedara MA '13** of Sri Lanka, is pursuing a Ph.D. with funding from Kansas State University.

The consistent flow of Fulbright students who truly represent the best and brightest from around the globe has certainly left its impact on the Department of Economics and Decision Sciences. **Jessica Lin MA '06**, the graduate adviser for the MA program, has high praise for all of Western's Fulbright students.

"They have such diverse backgrounds, and it's amazing to hear their experiences. They bring a wealth of personal and professional experience that I think really enhances their educational experience here at WIU and certainly makes it a pleasure to work with them. I think I learn as much as they do."



Melaine Nsaikila

Business and Technology

Alumni Spotlight

WIU Alum Selected to Share Farming Expertise at Yale University's Agrarian Studies Program

Last September, Western Illinois University alumnus **Matt Howe '09** and his father, David—both farmers near Lewistown (IL)—wound up in what could be considered an unlikely forum for Midwestern agriculture practitioners who deal with crops and cows in their everyday lives. According to a January 15 Associated Press article by Ken Harris, the two west central Illinois farmers “found themselves speaking in front of a crowd of East Coast intellectuals” at a Yale University colloquium.

The article featuring the younger Howe (who graduated with his bachelor's degree from the WIU School of Agriculture), and his father, covers why the Howes were asked to share their expertise at the academic colloquium held in New Haven (CT). According to the article by Harris, the men were invited to present about modern American farming in one of the weekly sessions of Yale's 11-week Agrarian Studies Program.

Howe said the family runs a farm near Lewistown—on which they grow corn and soybeans and raise cattle—

that has been in the family for 131 years. According to the article, Howe learned he had been selected to speak more than a year ago.

“Over the course of a year, [Matt] carefully documented his work as a farmer, from planting in the spring to harvest in the fall and beyond. He wrote an accompanying paper and submitted it to [Yale] to distribute to potential colloquium attendees,” Harris stated. “For Howe, it was an opportunity to use his experience to educate the future lawmakers and lobbyists, the ones who will be working on the farm bills that actually affect the livelihoods of people like Howe and his father. It was an opportunity to lobby on behalf of Midwest farmers.”

In Harris' piece, the younger Howe shared his initial feelings about his experience presenting at the historic Ivy League institution.

“It was a little bit intimidating at first because of the people that were in attendance there—there were professors from universities around the nation and even the world,” [he] said. “There's a real concern with them

about where their food is coming from today and who is growing their food.”

The in Agrarian Studies program at Yale began in the early 1990s. According to the program's website, the program “is an experimental, interdisciplinary effort to reshape how a new generation of scholars understands rural life and society. Our basic goal is to infuse categories of social science research in danger of becoming purely statistical and abstract with the fresh air of popular knowledge and reasoning about poverty, subsistence, cultivation, justice, art, law, property, ritual life, cooperation, resource use and state action.” (see www.yale.edu/agrarianstudies)

To read Harris' article about the Howes, “Exchange: Illinois Farmers Share Expertise,” visit <http://bit.ly/WIUAlumYaleAgrarian>.



Jeffrey Schoon: WIU Spring 2015 College of Business and Technology Executive in Residence

By *Alisha Looney MS '13*

Western Illinois University alumnus **Jeffrey Schoon '04 MS '05**, director of global product management at Rexnord Corporation, was named the Spring 2015 Executive in Residence for the WIU College of Business and Technology (CBT). Schoon graduated from Western in with a bachelor's degree in engineering technology and a master's degree in engineering technology leadership. Schoon also serves on the WIU CBT Engineering Technology Academic Advisory Board.



Jeffrey Schoon '04 MS '05

The Executive in Residence program was started in 2005 by two WIU professor emeriti, **Jim and Carolyn Tripp**. Executives visit the WIU campus to speak about their careers and share insights with students.

Schoon visited several classrooms to speak with students about topics related to the strategic process in product portfolio management, driving new product development and acquisitions, practical uses of lean principles and leading change, how strategic plans build into budget, strategy deployment, resource alignment and product management, as well as gave real-life examples and answered questions students had.

Schoon's visit concluded with a private luncheon held in his honor.

Schoon, who leads growth initiatives in the energy sector for Rexnord, joined the company in 2010 as director of business systems. His primary responsibilities involve

achieving strategic objectives and delivering customer, shareholder and associate value.

Prior to joining Rexnord, Schoon spent five years in the consulting industry, serving as managing partner with Partners in Corporate Growth, LLC and senior advisor with Duggan and Associates. In these roles, he helped numerous Fortune 500 companies develop and achieve their strategic objectives.

Schoon began his career working in industrial, consumer goods and pharmaceutical packaging and served in engineering, operations and leadership roles at IDEX Corporation, Fiskars Corporation and Anderson Packaging, Inc.

Schoon has a history of global work, which includes strategy planning and deployment, change management, analysis, restructuring and advising corporate leaders in various industries in the United States, Mexico, Canada, South America, Europe, Middle East and Asia.

He is certified as a merger and acquisition advisor through the Alliance of Mergers and Acquisition Association (AM&AA).

Schoon lives in Yorkville (IL) with his wife, Randi, and his two daughters, Maci and Prestli.

For more information about the Executive in Residence program, contact WIU CBT Director of Development **Becky Paulsen** at (309) 298-2442 or via email at B-Paulsen@wiu.edu.



Schoon speaking at a luncheon during his visit.

In memory of

Richard Voss, retired Western Illinois University assistant professor, came to WIU in 1975 and taught marketing and finance until his retirement in 1998. Before coming to Western, he taught at Fort Hays Kansas State College and at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He received his bachelor's degree in business administration, his master's degree in business and law degree from the University of Nebraska.

While at WIU, Voss taught classes in banking, corporate finance and real estate law. He also authored numerous articles and papers based on his research and was a member of numerous professional business, finance and management associations.

Save the Date

**Delta Sigma Pi Golf Outing
Saturday, April 11**

**Harry Mussatto Golf Course
Details and Registration: wiu.edu/cbt/dsp**

**Beta Alpha Psi Golf Outing
Friday, May 8**

**Harry Mussatto Golf Course
Details and Registration: wiu.edu/bap/golf**

Business and Technology

Employee Spotlight

Michelle Terry: Academic Advisor

Michelle Terry '78, Western Illinois University College of Business and Technology (CBT) academic advisor, was named the November 2014 Academic Advisor of the Month by the Council of Academic Advisors (COAA).

Terry was nominated by **Samuel Webb**, WIU senior finance major and one of Terry's advisees.

In his nomination, Webb said he went to Terry for advice about getting a master of business administration degree and/or double majoring.

"She scheduled another meeting with me and walked me through three different options for me to further my education without my request," Webb said. "I was really surprised and overwhelmingly satisfied with the amount of effort she put into my future plans. Michelle has always been enthusiastic and willing to help me in planning my academic path. She has taken time out of her schedule, with no appointment made, to sit down with me and address my concerns."

Terry received her master's degree from the University of Illinois and has served as an academic advisor for Western's CBT since July 1988.



Michelle Terry '78

Students' "Save the Earth with Shirts" Project in Top 45 of International Entrepreneurship Contest

By *Teresa Koltzenburg '92 MS '11*

A class project submitted to an international entrepreneurship contest by three Western Illinois University students made it to the semi-final round.

According to WIU Department of Management and Marketing Professor **Carrie Belsito**, **Nick Raschke** (Oak Forest, IL), senior, business management major; **Josh Peters '14** (St. Charles, IL), senior, business management major; and **Blair Williams** (Decatur, IL), junior, supply-chain management major, submitted their presentation, "Save the Earth with Shirts," to the second annual Canvas My Campus Contest sponsored by Prezi and Tilt.

"Nick, Josh and Blair, along with my other students in the management 472 course, 'Entrepreneurship I: Innovation, Creativity and Concept,' submitted a presentation, which was built around a business idea that would create impact around a social change issue that the students thought worthy of addressing," Belsito explained. "Save the Earth with Shirts' was one of the projects that made it to the contest's semi-final round."

The background of project is tied to the future management career goals of Peters, Raschke and Williams, as well as to Williams' family business, Murrell's Disposal, based in Decatur (IL). The purpose of the project is to take the plastic bottles—which according to the students' "Save the Earth with Shirts" presentation, are thrown away at a

rate of 2.5 million plastic bottles every hour—and recycle them into t-shirts.

"Our plan is to set up recycling bins at colleges and universities specifically for the plastic products. These will be picked up by the recycler partner of our choice, and that partner will then recycle the plastic bottles into material that can be used for t-shirts and sent to a t-shirt manufacturer. The manufacturer, in turn, will send each school (that participates in the 'Save the Earth with Shirts' project) free t-shirts, based on the amount of plastic collected at each school," the trio explained in the Prezi online presentation.

"The increasing costs of dumping plastic bottles was bankrupting the business that had been in my family for more than 100 years," Williams added. "By decreasing the amount of plastic we typically pick up, we would have more room to pick up additional garbage. This also would decrease the amount of time it takes to separate the recyclable plastic bottles from the rest of the garbage."

Although the group did not make it to the final round, Belsito said they are very grateful to those who supported them by voting.

"Even though they didn't win, it was still an amazing (and momentum-inducing) event that occurred," she said.

For more information, contact Belsito at CA-Belsito@wiu.edu, Williams at BR-Williams2@wiu.edu, Peters at JL-Peters4@wiu.edu or NJ-Raschke@wiu.edu.



Blair Williams (purple shirt), Nick Raschke (tan shirt) and Josh Peters '14 (blue shirt) submitted their "Save the Earth with Shirts" project to the international Canvas My Campus Contest sponsored by Prezi and Tilt. Their project made it to the semi-final round.

Western Illinois University to host Illinois State Academy of Science annual meeting April 10-11

By *Alisha Looney MS '13*

Western Illinois University will host the 2015 Illinois State Academy of Science (ISAS) 107th annual meeting Friday-Saturday, April 10-11.

Since its founding in 1907, the mission of the ISAS has been to promote scientific research, diffuse scientific knowledge and unify scientific interests in Illinois, according to the ISAS website. Every year, the annual meeting is held at various locations throughout Illinois.

Three Western Illinois University professors serve in divisions of the ISAS. Computer science Professor **Jim McQuillan** serves as the chair for the computer science division and as vice president for the annual meeting conference; engineering and technology Associate Professor **Rafael Obregon MS '91** serves as the chair of the engineering and technology division; and chemistry Professor **T.K. Vinod** serves as the chair of the chemistry

division.

"We anticipate over 200 participants from across Illinois will participate and present their research through 15-minute oral presentations and a poster session at ISAS 2015," said McQuillan. "There is usually a nice mix of faculty and student participants."

The keynote address, "Biology Meets Big Data: High-Throughput Computing for Genomics and Beyond," will be given by C. Victor Jongeneel, who works at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign as a senior research scientist at the National Center for Supercomputing Applications, the director of Bioinformatics at the Institute for Genomic Biology and the director of the High-Performance Biological Computer Group.

In order to register to attend or present, participants must be a member of the ISAS, as well as pay a

membership fee and a registration fee. To become a member, visit ilacadofsci.com. WIU students may attend the poster session or the 15-minute oral presentations free of charge with a student ID.

For more information about the ISAS 2015 conference, including a schedule of events, deadlines, fees and registration information, visit ilacadofsci.com or contact McQuillan at JM-McQuillan@wiu.edu or call (309) 298-1441.

For more information about Western Illinois University's College of Business and Technology, visit wiu.edu/cbt or call (309) 298-2442. For more information about WIU's College of Arts and Sciences, visit wiu.edu/cas or call (309) 298-1828.

Business and Technology

CBT student commitment to social responsibility

The College of Business and Technology (CBT) would like to celebrate our students who embrace opportunities to contribute their time and talents for University and community service projects. In addition to the organizations and projects detailed below, other CBT student groups giving back to the community include the Horticulture Club, Computer Science Association, Delta Sigma Pi, the Marketing Club and the Student Chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants (SCIMA). These groups have contributed to or participated in many more events than listed.

- Stuff the Bus food drive
- Storytelling at the Macomb Public Library
- Adopt-a-Street trash pick up
- Fallen Soldier 5k
- Be the Match (national bone marrow registry)
- WIU's We Care
- Garden maintenance for MacArthur Early Childhood Center
- Leadership training

Two Fall 2014 classes incorporated community service projects. Students in **Gordan Rands' Management 481 class, Management and Society: Ethics and Social Responsibility**, worked on a Habitat for Humanity home. **Ann Walsh's Marketing 337 class, Services and Product Marketing**, raised funds for several different causes such as:

- Puppy Treat Bake Sale for a local no-kill animal shelter
- Kick for Kids, a youth kickball tournament for a local YMCA
- Dinner and raffle for a young man, who was severely injured in a car that was struck by a drunk driver
- Day of Giving and Receiving for Ann's Helping Hands to provide holiday food baskets, warm clothes and toys for families in need
- Ski Swap and Sale for the local Ski Patrol organization



The Alpha Gamma Rho (AGR) Fraternity's 22nd Smokin' Hog fundraiser held Oct. 18 raised \$12,500 for VIBE (Volunteers Interested in Benefitting Everyone) organization charities.



Beta Alpha Psi (BAP) and the WIU Department of Accounting and Finance sponsored the 21st Angel Tree Program. The program provides gifts and necessities to foster children and teenagers in McDonough, Fulton, Warren, Henderson and Hancock counties. The goal is to provide each child with three gifts.



WIU-Quad Cities accountancy students participated in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. Each spring, students spend their Saturdays from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., and many times beyond, to prepare an average of 300 tax returns for low-income individuals. Students become more skilled in the tax area through participation while serving the community.



Bart Gill's AGTM (Agricultural Technology Management) 368 class-Agricultural Shop Skills, completed a service learning project and built six picnic tables for the city of Macomb. A lesson accompanies the project highlighting the benefits of service learning.



The Quad Cities Beta Alpha Psi (BAP) chapter partnered with Living Lands & Waters to adopt a Mississippi River mile. In adopting Mississippi River Mile # 492-493IL, the chapter has accepted the responsibility for shoreline cleaning, restoration and beautification. They hope to make a significant contribution to the river environment. The most recent cleanup event was in October.

For more information on how to adopt a river mile, visit the Living Lands and Waters website at livinglandsandwaters.org/get-involved/adopt-a-river-mile/



The Graphic Communication Club's Project Santa toy drive collected approximately 400 toys and delivered them to the Western Illinois Regional Council (WIRC).

University Housing & Dining Services

Alumni spotlight

Nick Allen '99 MS '03, who received his bachelor's degree in business and master's in college student personnel, currently serves as the senior manager of talent management for United Airlines, providing leadership development consulting for the organization and credits Western Illinois University for his success.

While earning his bachelor's degree at Western, Allen became actively involved in his hall government. He began working as resident assistant (RA) in Henninger Hall.

While working toward his master's degree, he served as the assistant complex director in Thompson Hall; and during that time, he learned valuable skills that helped him after graduation.

"While there are the obvious leadership skills you would expect anyone who is a former student leader to highlight, there is one experience that helped me gain my most valuable life skills," Allen said. "I was in residence halls that won the intense WIU homecoming competition every year. It is just something we did really well; except for one year we did not. That year, like other years, we had put an incredible amount of work into preparing for the homecoming week of competitions. Half-way through the week, we knew the points were against us and we had no chance of winning. Our leader called an emergency staff meeting, and we met outside the basement of Henninger Hall. It was a short 10-minute gathering, but it was very intense. He had us huddle, read a Vince Lombardi quote, and told us that even though we were not going to win for

the week, it was important we kept our heads held high, continued to have passion and continued to engage in the competitions as if we were still in it to win it. Tears were streaming down our faces, but we took his direction and finished the week strong. So many life lessons were gained from that moment in time."

Allen has many wonderful memories from his time at Western. Some of the memories that he continues to cherish include the time spent at staff retreats, playing hide-and-seek in an empty residence hall with the staff during RA training, cheering on WIU at regional housing conferences, learning how to step out of his comfort zone (such as getting in front of 300 students to run for residence hall government positions) and dinners and catching up with friends from different floors in the residence hall dining centers.

"When I was an assistant complex director in Thompson, I had an office big enough to fit an air hockey table, so I brought one in," Allen said. "That alone facilitated great community building with random gatherings of fun tournaments."

Allen spends his time outside of work with his wife, Sara Allen '02 MS '04, and children, JJ and Carmela. He also enjoys coming back for Homecoming and attending other alumni events throughout the year.



Nick Allen '99
MS '03

Rocky's house

By Darcie Shinberger '89 MS '98

When someone says "you're in the doghouse," you'd better hope it's like Western Illinois University's mascot's digs.

Thanks to the creativity (and sweat equity) of Rusty Roselieb, father of Col. Rock III's owner/handler Joe Roselieb '07 MS '09, Col. Rock III, aka Rocky, has a tricked out new dog house, complete with air conditioning to keep him cool and comfortable during warm weather at outdoor events, and to show off his University pride. A clear plexiglass door allows the Colonel to keep his eye on the goings-on while he's relaxing in the A/C.

The fully-insulated purple and gold dog house is 6'9" tall and 12 square feet. It rides in style to University events on a custom trailer built by Fusion Tech of Roseville.

"My dad is a great carpenter, so when I started thinking about a dog house that would keep Rocky comfortable at events, I knew who to turn to," Roselieb said. "Now when we are at events in warmer weather, Rocky has a cool place to call his own while we wait to make his appearance. Bulldogs can easily overheat, so having an air

conditioned traveling dog house for him was something I've really wanted for quite some time. We can also use it in at outdoor events in cooler weather as well because it is insulated."

According to Roselieb, outside of his father's handiwork and carpentry skills and Fusion Tech, other sponsors include WIU Vice President Emeritus Jackie Thompson '85 MS-Ed '94 and Dave Thompson '72, the WIU Foundation ("Rocky's Fund"), University Housing and Dining Services and the WIU Visual Production Center, which designed and produced the graphics/clings to decorate the house's exterior.

"I'd like to thank everyone who continues to support Col. Rock III," Roselieb added. "I am fortunate to serve as his owner and handler, and having the support of the University community and so many others makes it even easier."

To make a contribution, visit wiu.edu/giving.



Seal Hall Courtyard to commemorate Student Services alumni

This past summer University Housing and Dining Services completed the Seal Hall Student Services commemorative courtyard project.

Located on the south side of Seal Hall facing Tillman Hall, the courtyard includes a landscaped seating area for students, staff, faculty and alumni. The area is lined with personalized bricks that can be purchased to recognize former students, staff members or loved ones.

Additionally, the Courtyard is home to one of the original 13 Rocky on Parade statues. The statue was painted by WIU Senior Art Major Mason Karr (Aledo, IL) and purchased by Joe Roselieb '07 MS '09 and John Biernbaum, vice president of student services.

The purchase price for a brick is \$100, with all proceeds supporting the University Housing and Dining Services Foundation Fund. Bricks may be purchased by contacting Roselieb at JA-Roselieb@wiu.edu or (309) 298-3320.

WIU GLACUHO Conference

University Housing and Dining Services (UHDS) recently hosted the 41st annual Great Lakes Association of College and University Housing Officers (GLACUHO) annual conference in Peoria (IL) with AJ

Lutz '06 and John Biernbaum, vice president for student services, serving as co-chairs.

The theme of the conference was "Building Bridges: Foundations, Connections, Solutions." The conference brought together University housing officers across the region with over 375 people in attendance. Events included a case study competition, an exhibitor hall with over 50 exhibitors and 80 educational sessions presented, including a "Top Ten" presentation by WIU UHDS staff.

The event was held at the Peoria Civic Center and the recently renovated Pere Marquette hotel with over a dozen WIU alumni in attendance. The last time Western hosted GLACUHO was in November of 1994.



A note from Associate Vice President of Student Services

John Biernbaum

The fall semester was extremely busy in University Housing and Dining Services (UHDS), as we continue to work on making our department cutting-edge through unique programming and facility improvements. We were able to travel to various alumni events, including the Northwestern game in Chicago and the Rams vs. Broncos game in St. Louis. It was great to catch up with former UHDS staff, and it is our intent to be more visible

at these events so we can continue to reconnect with our proud alumni. As a department, we also traveled to Peoria (IL) to host the annual Great Lakes Association of College and University Housing Officers (GLACUHO) conference. Back on campus, we continue to improve our facilities, giving Thompson Hall lobby a makeover, as well as adding a courtyard to the front of Seal Hall. The Seal Hall Student Services Alumni Courtyard was completed in Summer 2014, and I strongly encourage you to stop by

and take a look the next time you are on campus, and consider buying a personalized brick to be a part of the courtyard. All proceeds support the UHDS Foundation Fund. Let us know when you are back on campus, and we will give you a tour of the renovated facilities. Have a great spring!



John (JB) Biernbaum, 2014
WIU Honorary
Alumni Award
Recipient

Watch Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for information about an upcoming



#WIU
Group Selfie



Purple &
Gold Day
pride contest!



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"We will participate in House and Senate appropriation hearings this month, and we will also continue to work with our state legislators regarding the importance of adequate funding for Western Illinois University and for higher education.

"I encourage our alumni and friends to contact state legislators to ask for continued support of Western Illinois University," Thomas added. "We will do everything possible to mitigate the devastating impact of potential state reductions, and we will make every effort to protect our employees, students, and community."

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and distance learning classes.

"As we continue to expand our distance learning and online opportunities at Western Illinois University, we are pleased that U.S. News has recognized our efforts," said Richard Carter, executive director of the School of Distance Learning, International Studies and Outreach. "It is our mission to provide students from across the world access to outstanding educational programs."

According to Carter, the BGS program, originally called the Board of Governor's degree and later the Board of Trustees degree program, was established to serve individuals who were unable to attend a traditional college program due to family, work or community obligations. The program allows the student to design his/her program to meet individual educational goals, and students are eligible for academic credit for college-level learning that was done in a non-collegiate setting, such as the military or on-the-job training.

In addition to the Bachelor of Arts in General Studies, firefighters earning a BGS degree from Western have the opportunity to obtain a certificate in fire administration and management and a certificate in fire prevention technology. Western's General Studies program is one of seven bachelor's degree programs in the U.S. endorsed by the National Fire Academy (NFA). Other online degree programs include Master's of Business Administration, Bachelor of Science in Nursing Completion program, Master of Science - Instructional Design and Technology and Master of Science in Education—Elementary Education.

For more information on distance learning at Western, visit wiu.edu/distance_learning or contact Carter at (309) 298-1929 or R-Carter@wiu.edu.

CLASS NOTE CRITERIA

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

— WIU Alumni Programs

Updates from the Career Development Center

WIU Career & Internship Fairs

The Career Development Center (CDC) hosted the 2015 Spring Career and Internship Fair Tuesday, Feb. 3.

The CDC had over 70 companies in attendance for WIU students and alumni searching for job and internship opportunities within business, education, non-profit and government sectors. The CDC provided free LinkedIn photos for students interested in a professional headshot for their profiles. "Save the Date" for the 2015 Fall Career & Internship Fair Oct. 6 and the Law Enforcement and Justice Administration Career Fair Sept. 15!

Save the dates for the 2015 Fall Career and Internship Fair Tuesday, Oct. 6 and the Law Enforcement and Justice Administration Career Fair Tuesday, Sept. 15.

Rocky's Century Club - A salute to our alumni who have turned 100!

1932

Marjorie Rich Bordner B-Ed '36, Canton, born Dec. 1, 1914.

Class Notes

1963

Jerry Forbes, Port Tobacco, MD, received the APS 2015 George E. Duvall Shock Compression Science Award.

Larry Ropp, West Fork, AR, is the owner of Legal Shield and is an independent associate. (larry@larryropp.com)

1970

Ronald Hamilton, Kewanee, is retired from the State of Illinois. Linda Raes Malley, Ottawa, is retired after teaching at Marquette Academy for 40 years.

1971

Paul Smith MS-ED, ED SP, Little Rock, AR, is retired from the Arkansas Administration/teaching for 41 years.

Randy Sollenberger MS-ED '75, Macomb, his book entitled My Guardian Angel and Beating the Reaper with Songs and Stories of Forgottonia was published.

1973

Julie Morey Rowe, Moline, is retired.

John Staneika, Durham, CT, is retired from the State of Connecticut.

1974

Deborah Kouzes Burdick, Scottsdale, AZ, is president-elect of the Arizona School Administrators for 2014-2015.

Debra Conrady Mitchell, Mesa, AZ, is the president of CME Arabian Equities and has also started a new business breeding Arabian show horses.

1975

Michael Bilek, Elmhurst, is the president of Bilek and Associates.

1976

Martin Ehlen, Tallahassee, FL, is a senior management analyst II for the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection - PRP contracts group lead.

Kerry Leiby, Park Ridge, is retiring as superintendent after 39 years of service in public education.

1977

Leven Dawkins, Jr., Peachtree City, GA, is a project manager at Worldwide Discipleship Association.

Mary Ryan Norwell, Orland Park, is retired after 30 years as the Cook County Assistant State's Attorney and is now the director of legal services for the Catholic Charities of Archdiocese of Chicago.

Robert Ternand, Lombard, is an administrative supervisor global security services at S&C Electric Company in Chicago.

1978

Evelyn Sellers Gallinaitis, Westmont, is a staff nurse at Loyola

Medical Center in Maywood.

Kevin O'Malley, Michigan City, IN, is an engineer at Dwyer Instruments.

1979

Robert Miller, Conifer, CO, has written a new book called Poverty as my Teacher.

Paul Sherman, Lisle, is the vice president and senior underwriter at Zurich.

1980

Renee Myers Genge, Normal, is a systems business analyst/customer communications at State Farm in Bloomington.

Gary Glaser, Carlsbad, CA, is the general manager at KemperSports in Northbrook.

1981

Laura Thomas Barron, W. Chicago, is the director of parks and recreation at Lake in the Hills Village.

Michael Loukota, Overland Park, KS, is a senior vice president at Lockton Companies in Kansas City, MO.

Vincent Stewart, Ft. Meade, MD, is the director at the Defense Intelligence Agency.

Laura Jacobson Werner, Elk Grove Vlg, was elected as a board member to the Illinois Property and Evidence Managers Association.

1982

Tina Gully Frye, Fairview Hts, is the assistant superintendent at E. St. Louis School District 189.

Mark Jacobs, Medford, OR, is the owner of Mark Jacobs Music.

1983

Michael Boyle, Wheaton, was appointed the Director of the Andrew M. Greeley Center for Catholic Education in the School of Education-Loyola University Chicago.

Dorothy Wiebler Daniele, Darien, is the technology director/teacher at Our Lady of Peace School.

Dave Faries MA'85, Lakeport, CA, is the editor for the Lake County Record-Bee.

James Murphy, E. Brunswick, NJ, was named a Crop Science Society of America Fellow for 2014.

Olajide Ogunlade, Ondo, Nigeria, is retired from the Ministry of Agriculture.

Barry Schmidt, Bloomington, has been promoted to GROWMARK region vice president.

1984

Cathy Wiater Vitale, Naperville, is the manager/trainer for US Vision at the JC Penney Optical in Aurora.

1986

Barbara Wihlborg Jackson, Rockford, served on the Board of Directors for Crusader Community Health Clinic.

Michael Link, Carrollton, TX, is the director of orchestras and the fine arts department chair at McKinney Independent School District.

1987

Jonathan Butts, Warrensburg, is an administrative lieutenant for the Macon County Sheriff's Office in Decatur and recently graduated from the FBI's National Academy Session # 258 in Quantico, VA. (kjbutts84@yahoo.com)

Paul Chapin, Blandinsville, is the superintendent of the Clayton Work Camp, IDOC.

1988

Patricia Unholz Kenyon, Bettendorf, IA, is the CEO/Founder of Talent Management Solutions, LLC.

Mary Bates Richter, Cambridge, is a retired teacher from the Alwood CUSD 225.

Thomas Ross, Jr., Bolingbrook, was promoted to police chief/public safety director for the Village of Bolingbrook.

1989

Mary Margaret James Borri, Lombard, is an 8th grade ELA teacher for the Jefferson Middle School District 45 in Villa Park.

Leah Hall-Dorothy MS, Corvallis, OR, is the director of recreational sports for Oregon State.

Brian Kibby, Barrington, is the CEO of MV Transportation, Inc. in Dallas, TX.

1990

Frank DeMartino, Sarasota, FL, is a partner business manager at Hewlett Packard Company.

Jeff Lorber MS, Springfield, received the 2014 Outstanding Fundraising Professional Award from the Capital Area Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

1991

Melissa Phillips Griswold MBA '92, Quincy, is the dean of the business school at Maryville University in St. Louis, MO.

Malcolm Little MS '02, Albuquerque, NM, is the director at Research Associates & UNM.

Dennis Reicheneker, Casa Grande, AZ, is the plant manager at Arizona Grain.

1992

Michele McIntosh Spates MS '93, Rockford, is a diagnostic medical sonography program director at Blackhawk Technical College in Janesville, WI.

1993

Kimberly Webb Harper, Park Forest, is an assistant program manager at Aunt Martha's Youth Services.

1994

Jacqueline Dellamano, Bloomington, is an admissions/records representative at Illinois State University in Normal.

Gina Retzlaff Schmidt, Parrish, FL, is a project manager at Target Corporation in Minneapolis, MN.

Jeff Watts, Wilmington, NC, is a senior clinical monitoring associate at Parexel International Corporation.

1995

Bobbi Tuyls Chamberlin, Antioch, is a school social worker at Grass Lake School.

Bryan Hart, Albion, was promoted to Lieutenant at the Illinois Secretary of State Police in Mt. Vernon.

Kenneth Walters, New Haven, CT, is an assistant professor at South Connecticut State University. (kwalters2112@gmail.com)

1996

Joyce Hackett MS-ED, ED SP '96, MS-ED '98, LaHarpe, is the owner/manager of Horsefeathers, Ltd. (drjoyce@laharpe.us)

Charles Janda, Brookfield, is a staff photographer at Oscar & Associates in Chicago.

1997

Matthew Johnson, Wonder Lake, is the founder of Portico Collective.

Laura Byrd Prigge, Lonsdale, MN, is an application specialist at Grason-Stadler in Eden Prairie.

1998

Stephanie Russell Krebs MS, Ft. Collins, CO, earned her Ph.D. in higher education and human resource studies at Colorado State University.

Marie Hartman Lindahl, Peoria, is the owner of Maggie's Marvellous Hair Bows & More.

Cathy Malloy, Carol Stream, is the home economics teacher at the Westchester Middle School.

Michael Tuley Jr., Wausau, WI, is a deputy at Juneau County Sheriff's Office in Mauston.

1999

Samm Cwinten, Bartlett, works at CDK Global, Inc. LLC as an ISS in Hoffman Estates.

Jeff Fryer, Austin, TX, is a senior online marketing manager at ARM, Inc.

Stephanie Schrader Palatt MS, St. Louis, MO, is a clinical audiologist at Miracle Ear in Town & Country.

2000

Steven Beck MS '11, Macomb, is a general manager at Durham School Services.

Aaron Hamilton, Crescent City, is the athletic director/teacher at Crescent City Grade School.

Ben Hartman, Batavia, is an instructional technology coach at Churchville Middle School in Elmhurst.

Dawn Allen Hartman, Batavia, is the superintendent of marketing and communications at Fox Valley Park District in Aurora.

Jamia Stortzum McDonald, N. Kingstown, RI, is the chief strategy officer for the Executive Office of Health and Human Services for the State of Rhode Island.

Elizabeth Rumpf Nelson, Gurnee, is a community health specialist at Lake County Health Department in Waukegan.

2001

Jennifer Tribbey Harris, Cape Coral, FL, is a nanny.

Spring Kuczvara Hyde MA '04, Lincoln, is an associate professor of English & Humanities at Lincoln College.

2002

Patricia Adducci, Crown Point, IN, is an administrative assistant to the Executive Director at West 40 Intermediate Service Center # 2.

Julie Bergschneider, Arenzville, is a scanner at Illinois Press Association in Springfield.

Paul Krutsch, Owings, MD, is a survey statistician for the US Census Bureau in Washington, DC.

Mike Wrincik, Rochester, is retired.

2003

Chad Braun MS, Monmouth, is the head football coach at Monmouth College.

2004

Barry "BJ" Dunne MBA '06, Rapids City, is a category manager at John Deere.

Gary Farlow, Nashville, NC, has written a new cookbook The Cellblock Gourmet.

Jason Orris MBA '07, Colchester, is the retail manager for Heartland Bank in Bloomington.

Abbey Wolfman MS, DeKalb, is the director of orientation and family connections at Northern Illinois University.

2005

Michael Heaven MBA, Pleasant Prairie, WI, is the principal engineer at Modine Manufacturing.

Jenni Matts Hentchel, Peoria, is a product development coordinator at Insulation Solutions, Inc.

Alison Rosenberger Skelton, Clinton, is the marketing and sales director at Liberty Village.

Jennifer Whicker Willingham, Quincy, is the owner and graphic designer of Infiniti.

2006

Matt Davis, Chicago, is an account executive at Magenic.

Melissa Baltazar Ortega, Round Lake Beach, is a senior analyst at Walgreen's Corporation in Deerfield.

Rudy Ortega, Round Lake Beach, is a personal sales specialist at Donlen in Northbrook.

Michael Peterson MS '08, Grand Island, NE, is an athletic trainer for Grand Island Physical Therapy.

Tara Walter Peterson, Grand Island, NE is an early learning coordinator at Grand Island Public Schools.

Tracy den Blaauwen Ver mulm, Davenport, IA, is an accounting supervisor / tax specialist at Per Mar Security Services.

2007

Jessica Staton Behymer, Adair, is a supply management planner at Yetter Manufacturing Co., Inc. in Colchester.

Matthew Johnson, Springfield, is a sales associate at Best Buy.

Amol Mahajan MS, Elmwood Park, NJ, is a storage architect for the United Nations in New York.

Sharla Novak, Rockford, is the district manager for The Steritech Group in Charlotte, NC.

Michael Reed, Gurnee, is a doctor of chiropractic and opened a new office in Waukegan called Family Chiropractic & Sports Rehab.

2008

Mark Benning, Raeford, NC, is the executive officer, US Army Forces Command G-3/5/7 in Ft Bragg.

John Deasey '12, Roscoe, is a buyer for Erdman.

David Halstead, Bourbonnais, is a manufacturing engineer at Wynright Corporation in Oak Lawn.

Kim Parker MBA '11, Macomb, is the assistant general manager and the director of group outings for the Burlington Bees.

Adam Rosenbery, Monticello, is a physical education instructor at the Monticello CUSD 25.

Tony Wilk, Round Lake, is the project manager for Ernie Loberg Construction.

2009

Tabitha Cooper Jozwick, Monmouth, is a data entry clerk at Bridgeway in Galesburg.

Carl Spath, Rushville, is the high school principal at Schuyler-Industry School District.

Bryan Thorsen, Savannah, GA, is an Optometrist at National Vision, Inc.

John Yasenko, Des Moines, IA, is the major account executive at Housby Auctions.

Frank Zenisek, Overland Park, KS, is a team sales representative at the Blue Chip Athletic.

2010

Stephanie Sharp Bartlett, Marine, is the clinical coordinator at The Smile Shoppe.

Brady Buresh MS, White Bear Lake, MN, is the Williams Arena/ sports pavilion manager at the University of Minnesota Athletics in Minneapolis.

Joseph Griessler, Batavia, is the inspector for the City of Naperville.

Jeremy Homolka MS '12, Tacoma, WA, is the student facilities specialist at the University of Washington - Tacoma.

David Miller, Durham, NC, works in the office furniture installation at Storr Office Environments.

Kathryn Wedekind Niemeier, Roseville, is the agriculture instructor at Lewistown CUSD 97.

Justin Stralow, Morrison, is a patrolman at the Freeport Police Department.

2011

Rebekah Ciolek, Orlando, FL, is a sales coordinator for Disney Destination at the Walt Disney Company.

Nathaniel Zier, Lee's Summit, MO, is a school counselor at East High School in Kansas City.

2012

Samantha Allen Crunkilton M. Acct '13, Macomb, is an e-commerce analyst II - master data at Dot Foods.

2013

Savanna Quam Evans, Burlington, IA, is an on-air personality/ program director KHDK for Pritchard Broadcasting.

Angela Rupert Hale, Canton, is an early childhood special education teacher for the Peoria School District 150.

Ashley VanSpeybroeck, Hampton, is an outdoor education specialist at Lorado Taft Field Campus (NIU).

2014

Carlos Arzuagas, Bunker Hill, works for the US Postal Inspection Service in St. Louis.

Jessica Edgell, Portage, WI, is a wedding and catering manager at Chula Vista Resort.

Koryna Felt MS, Chicago, is the greek life coordinator at the Illinois Institute of Technology.

Mike Galloway, Borger, TX, is the Captain at the City of Borger Fire Department.

Sheryl Mohr Honegger, Bloomington, is a mutual funds analyst for State Farm Insurance.

Spencer McKeown MBA, Quincy, is a consumer loan representative at First Bankers Trust Company.

Erik Winters, Dixon, is the building supervisor at Dixon YMCA.

Marriages

Alisha Barnett MS 13' and Robert Looney '04, Nov. 9, 2014

Kelsey Butson '07 and Steve Sraga '04, Dec., 2014.

Samantha Crunkilton '12 M. Acct '13 and Timothy Allen, Jan. 2, 2015.

Chad Hankins '05 and Jasmine Crighton, Jan. 5, 2015.

Michael Jones MS '12 and Miranda Edler '06 MS '08, Jan. 31, 2015.

Courtnei Keithley '09 and Paul Runser, Dec. 13, 2014.

Sara Koslowski '10 and Mark Szalkowski '11, July 19, 2014.

Jenni Matts '05 and Sam Hentchel '04, Oct. 18, 2014.

Molly McGrew '11 and Daniel McKee, Nov. 15, 2014.

Jessica Staton '07 and Conrad Behymer, Jan. 10, 2015.

Jennifer Tribbey '01 and James Harris, June 29, 2014.

Births and Adoptions

Jenna Steiner Archuleta '01 and Adam, a daughter, Amy Logan, Sept. 1, 2014.

Tiffany Gorsuch Bainter '04 MS '08 and Tim Bainter '13, a son, Tracen James, Dec. 16, 2014.

Tom Brown '09 and Jean Royer Brown '08, a son, Avery Jonathon, Dec. 24, 2014.

Kari Diem Butler '04 and Shay Butler '04, a son, Brock Rowen, Oct. 13, 2014.

Noelle Rodgers Horbaczewski '04 and Kevin Horbaczewski '03, a son, Cole Kevin, Aug. 17, 2014.

Cassidy Hefner Melton '09 and Ryan Melton '07, a son, Teegan James, Aug. 18, 2014.

Carrie Foster Nielsen '04 and Bill Nielsen '03, a daughter, April Nicole, Apr. 16, 2014.

Marc Peterson '98 and Starr, a daughter, Simone, Nov. 4, 2014.

Meghan McVey Schroeder '01 and Brad Schroeder '01, a son, Rylan Joseph, Oct. 13, 2014.

Kory Schuckman '08 and Jennifer, a daughter, Hailey Lyn, Jan. 26, 2015.

Alison Rosenberger Skelton '05 and Donald Skelton III '03, twins, a son, Dakota Dean, and a daughter, Peyton Lee, Mar. 22, 2014.

Dan Szajna '00 and Rebecca, a daughter, Carrie Marie, Dec. 8, 2014.

Carrie Huls Van Vleet '03, and Shane Van Vleet '02, a daughter, Everley Aurora, Nov. 24, 2014.

Tracy den Blaauwen Ver mulm '06 and Brent, a daughter, Natalie Grace, Nov. 12, 2014.

Brad Wagoner '09 and Jen, a son, Grey Jamison, Nov. 25, 2014.

Mia Martinie Wells '09 and Eric Wells '09, a son, Daxton Michael, Oct. 25, 2014.

Deaths

Freeda M. Tomkins Bonnett, Galesburg, Dec. 3, 2014.

Paul D. Boyle, Moline, Dec. 2, 2014.

Emory R. Carson, Carthage, Dec. 12, 2014.

Kendall K. Chandler, Canton, July 17, 2013.

Joseph J. "Joe" Chiaravalloti, Hamilton, Jan. 3, 2015.

Harriet M. Cordell, Macomb, Oct. 18, 2014.

Clara A. "Alice" Coulter, Orion, Dec. 18, 2014.

Harry A. Dobey, Macomb, Dec. 13, 2014.

Francis "Frank" Downes, Morrison, CO, Jan. 21, 2014.

Jean Ellickson, Kissimmee, FL, Nov. 28, 2014.

Harry E. Foster, Crownsville, MD, June 18, 2014.

Barbara J. Allison Friichtenicht, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA, Aug. 16, 2014.

Barbara S. Work Hagenson, Clinton, IA, Aug. 25, 2014.

Polly A. Parsons Head, Macomb, Jan. 2, 2015.

Robert M. Honig, Geneseo, May 30, 2014.
 Weiler R. Hurren, Mt. Pleasant, SC, Nov. 23, 2014.
 Fred L. Jordan, Millry, AL, Dec. 16, 2014.
 Buster L. Kellogg, Sr., Monmouth, Oct. 15, 2014.
 Raymond J. Kulas, Rock Falls, Dec. 6, 2014.
 C. Wesley Lambert, Terre Haute, IN, Nov. 24, 2014.
 Willard A. McCracken, Houston, TX, May 6, 2013.
 Gloria McKie, Galesburg, June 6, 2014.
 Gordon D. Mock, Macomb, Dec. 21, 2014.
 Capitola "Cappie" Tallcott Monson, Gower, MO, Nov. 3, 2014.
 Lee D. Moser, Peoria, Nov. 11, 2013.
 Neal L. Null, Colchester, Nov. 8, 2014.
 Marilyn J. Ohl, Davenport, IA, Jan. 13, 2015.
 Kathryn L. Graffis Osterman, Orland Park, June 2014.
 Leonard Paul, Muscatine, IA, Jan. 27, 2011.
 Rudolph R. "Rudy" Paulsen, Morrison, Nov. 4, 2014.
 Mary Ellen Penney, Rock Island, Dec. 17, 2014.
 Max W. Powell, Bushnell, Dec. 25, 2014.
 Ruby G. Reno, Galesburg, Oct. 28, 2014.
 Peter P. "Pete" Rodriguez, Carlsbad, CA, Nov. 30, 2014.
 Kathryn G. "Kathy" Schaefer, Davenport, IA, Dec. 9, 2013.
 Rebecca S. "Becky" Schluter, Macomb, Jan. 17, 2015.
 John J. "Jack" Sherwin II, LeClaire, IA, Oct. 5, 2014.
 James "Kermit" Speer, Port Orange, FL, Jan. 13, 2015.
 Sally H. Stull, Olney, Dec. 23, 2013.
 Connie S. Tapscott, Rock Island, Apr. 9, 2014.
 John C. Thompson, Galesburg, Jan. 28, 2014.
 Dwaine L. VanBuer, Clinton, IA, Oct. 8, 2014.
 Robert D. "Bob" Wismer, Moline, Oct. 6, 2014.
 1935 Helen E. McCutcheon Yeast, Sahuarita, AZ, Nov. 20, 2014.
 1937 Katherine V. Miller Borrowman, Pittsfield, Aug. 15, 2014.
 1942 Wallace R. Croxton, Quincy, July 30, 2014.
 1942 Frederica Schmitt Whiting, Evanston, Dec. 22, 2014.
 1943 Karole V. Litchfield Baird, Cleveland Hts., OH, Dec. 14, 2014.
 1943 Betty L. Rush Riggins, Macomb, Jan. 12, 2015.
 1944 Marjorie Raglin Anderson, Orland Park, Dec. 14, 2014.
 1946 Earlene G. Graves Roberts, Clinton, TN, June 27, 2014.
 1947 Lois C. Hammond Clanin, Macomb, Nov. 9, 2014.
 1947 Miriam A. Lipcaman Roche, Perry, Oct. 26, 2014.
 1947 Gerald O. Wine MS-ED '48, Rochelle, Dec. 8, 2014.
 1948 June C. Chilberg Levy, Sun City West, AZ, Nov. 21, 2014.
 1949 Mary R. Speer Messmore, Silvis, Jan. 8, 2015.
 1949 Laura M. Wyatt Reem, Keokuk, IA, July 31, 2014.
 1949 Kenneth L. Wildemuth, Annawan, Nov. 17, 2014.
 1950 Delbert A. "Del" Derksen, Warsaw, Dec. 21, 2014.
 1950 Gloria J. German Johnson, Williamsfield, Sept. 29, 2014.
 1950 Raymond L. "Ray" McClure, Panola, AL, Aug. 24, 2014.
 1952 Elna L. Nordstrom Johnson, Annawan, Oct. 16, 2013.
 1953 Katherine L. McCarl Klassing, Barry, Aug. 19, 2014.
 1955 Richard E. "Dick" Puetz, Lostant, Oct. 7, 2014.
 1955 Esther E. Rampley Sellars, Augusta, Dec. 23, 2014.
 1956 Ray D. Heilborn, Shell Lake, WI, Dec. 1, 2014.
 1956 Charles R. Pritchett MS-ED, Grayville, Dec. 10, 2014.
 1957 Mary E. Pollitt Bump, Haines City, FL, Dec. 27, 2014.
 1957 Cecil F. Jones MS-ED '64, Petersburg, Mar. 30, 2014.
 1957 Ronald E. "Ron" Jump, Decatur, Aug. 21, 2014.
 1957 LeRoy S. Linn, Jr. MS-ED '67, Geneseo, Jan. 21, 2015.
 1957 Andrew J. "Andy" Ondrof, Ft. Mill, SC, Sept. 9, 2014.
 1958 Mary A. Griffith, Galesburg, Dec. 13, 2014.
 1958 Gordon E. Nelson, Morrison, Aug. 21, 2014.
 1958 Martha E. Ammer Oriano, Burlington, IA, Jan. 7, 2015.
 1958 Jeanette A. Nevitt Palmer, Springfield, May 19, 2014.
 1959 George Studen, Silvis, Feb. 21, 2014.
 1960 William W. "Bill" Bartman, Rock Island, Aug. 18, 2014.
 1960 Ruth M. "Marcia" Wheelhouse Hepner, Galva, May 11, 2014.
 1961 Gene F. Brearton, Mission, TX, Aug. 28, 2014.
 1961 Judith A. Beatty Lawyer, Adair, Nov. 19, 2014.
 1961 Margaret C. "Colleen" Cosgrove Robertson, Hamilton, Nov. 14, 2014.
 1961 Betty J. Stevenson, Oquawka, Oct. 19, 2014.
 1961 Darlene R. Eddington Strobbe MS '68, Port Richey, FL, Nov. 10, 2014.
 1962 John E. Bowman, Fairview, NC, Jan. 5, 2015.
 1962 Max L. Boyd, Avon, Jan. 8, 2015.
 1962 Stephen M. "Michael" Flanagan MS-ED '65, Phoenix, AZ, Nov. 6, 2014.
 1962 Regis F. Groff, Aurora, CO, Oct. 5, 2014.
 1962 Judith E. "Judy" Wilke, Durand, Dec. 5, 2014.
 1963 William Sacadat MS-ED, Ft. Ashby, WV, Sept. 17, 2014.
 1963 Juliana Larson Volk MS-ED, Gurnee, Dec. 2, 2014.
 1964 John T. "Jack" Dean, Jr., Peoria, Apr. 29, 2013.
 1965 Doris R. Williams Chaffee, Macomb, July 30, 2014.
 1965 Carol J. Grice Major, Minneapolis, MN, Nov. 4, 2014.
 1965 Lynne J. Mlady MA '67, Crystal Lake, Sept. 17, 2014.
 1966 David E. Freedman, Denver, CO, Apr. 12, 2013.
 1966 Robert J. Keag, Erie, Dec. 23, 2014.
 1967 Carol A. Roth Hutchison, Omaha, NE, Nov. 7, 2014.
 1967 John W. Kiddoo, Moline, Nov. 14, 2014.
 1967 Steven E. "Steve" Pauley MA '68, Faber, VA, June 7, 2014.

1968 Stephen "Steve" Pastorelli, Macomb, Jan. 8, 2015.
 1968 James H. "Harper" Pike MA, Keokuk, IA, Nov. 2, 2014.
 1968 James C. "Jim" Wheeler, St. Charles, Apr. 22, 2014.
 1969 Michael A. Hutchison, Omaha, NE, Mar. 2014.
 1970 Gary W. Blackledge, Davenport, IA, Sept. 21, 2014.
 1970 Carol J. McDonald Gottleber, Jenison, MI, Feb. 17, 2011.
 1970 Patricia A. Coughlin Norris, Springfield, Sept. 11, 2014.
 1971 James J. Cupp, Jr., Rockford, Nov. 22, 2012.
 1971 Larry D. Edwards, Quincy, Nov. 21, 2013.
 1971 Leroy E. Huff, Petersburg, May 21, 2014.
 1971 Jean C. Bonifield Larson, Colorado Springs, CO, Oct. 17, 2014.
 1971 Helen L. Stephens Patterson, Bushnell, Dec. 29, 2014.
 1971 Robert L. Williams, Chapin, Oct. 21, 2014.
 1972 Glen E. Enloe, Jerseyville, June 13, 2014.
 1972 Michael S. "Mike" Griffith, Jacksonville, Jan. 27, 2013.
 1972 Jerry L. White MA '73, Carrollton, TX, Dec. 14, 2014.
 1972 Joan S. Marinich Zeisset, Bunker Hill, Nov. 27, 2011.
 1973 Nicholas J. "Nick" Becker, St. Louis, MO, Feb. 13, 2012.
 1973 Ralph W. Fischer, Campaign, Aug. 23, 2014.
 1973 Alan J. "Al" Gassman, Cottonwood, AZ, Aug. 14, 2014.
 1973 Charles H. "Chad" Geiger III, Northbrook, Jan. 18, 2011.
 1973 William W. "Bill" Pieper, Lake Wales, FL, Apr. 20, 2013.
 1973 Mary P. Hicken, Iowa City, IA, Jan. 13, 2015.
 1973 Sharon F. Kellebrew, Jacksonville, Dec. 6, 2012.
 1973 Cheryl M. Matyus, Orland Park, May 4, 2013.
 1973 Ronald A. "Ron" Nilsson MS, Wheaton, Jan. 9, 2015.
 1973 Susan J. Newton Yocum, Canton, Oct. 26, 2014.
 1974 Rodney A. Aiken MS '79, Saugatuck, MI, July 3, 2014.
 1974 Stephen E. Baldwin, Beaver Dam, WI, Oct. 8, 2014.
 1974 William L. "Bill" Bauer, Glasford, Nov. 22, 2010.
 1974 Eva K. Ritz Gaetz, Wheaton, Nov. 25, 2014.
 1974 Everett G. Hughes, Carbondale, Dec. 22, 2014.
 1974 Peggy J. Erwin Jacobson, Gleanarm, July 9, 2014.
 1974 Cheryl K. Strausberger, DeKalb, Dec. 20, 2014.
 1975 William D. "Bill" Beard, Chandlerville, Jan. 24, 2014.
 1975 Douglas D. Hayke MA '75, Normal, Mar. 12, 2014.
 1975 Cheryl L. Julian, Washington, Apr. 20, 2011.
 1975 Roger A. Kaminski, Lacochee, FL, Mar. 27, 2014.
 1975 Larry G. Miller ED SP, Orion, Nov. 20, 2014.
 1975 Liane E. Enderlin Shunick, Monmouth, Nov. 14, 2014.
 1975 Margaret J. Welke, Madison, WI, Oct. 28, 2014.
 1976 Anne B. Adams Holliday, San Antonio, TX, Oct. 17, 2013.
 1976 Vicki A. DiSanti Jordan, Tomball, TX, Apr. 1, 2014.
 1976 Martin P. Lassers, Rochester, MI, Feb. 21, 2012.
 1976 Paul M. "Mike" Mason, Jacksonville, June 16, 2014.
 1976 Stephen F. Meyer, Hudson, OH, Jan. 14, 2014.
 1976 Terrance M. "Terry" Moreno, Lake Forest, Mar. 10, 2014.
 1976 Glenn D. Netto MS, Rockford, July 13, 2014.
 1977 Gail M. Jorstad Cross, Ottawa, Dec. 18, 2014.
 1977 Maribeth A. DeDecker, Moline, Oct. 28, 2014.
 1977 Jerry L. Hawes, Hudson, FL, Sept. 3, 2014.
 1978 Michael A. Barrett, Godfrey, Nov. 22, 2014.
 1978 Cheryl C. Bradley M. Acct '92, Little Elm, TX, Dec. 13, 2013.
 1978 Terrance M. Clark, Beloit, WI, Dec. 21, 2009.
 1978 Frank W. Hanselman, Springfield, Dec. 24, 2013.
 1978 James A. Hatfield, Joliet, Nov. 24, 2014.
 1978 Brent R. McAvoy, Prospect Hts., Aug. 15, 2010.
 1978 David R. Nicholas, Scottsdale, AZ, Nov. 30, 2013.
 1978 Margery D. DeLamatre Sorenson MS-ED, Macomb, Nov. 8, 2014.
 1978 Mark S. Tiburzi, St. Peters, MO, Aug. 28, 2011.
 1979 Annemarie C. Mansfield Fox, Newaygo, MI, Feb. 15, 2014.
 1979 Dimitri S. "Steve" Philipp, Chicago, Oct. 24, 2012.
 1980 James F. "Jim" Bochtler, Spring Valley, Dec. 12, 2013.
 1980 David B. Hoffman, Fox River Grove, Feb. 10, 2014.
 1980 Irma L. Heinze Jones MS-ED, Port Byron, Dec. 5, 2014.
 1981 David M. Baublitz, Hanover Park, Jan. 14, 2014.
 1981 Ruth E. Cross, Jacksonville, Nov. 19, 2014.
 1981 Michael A. Heroux, Arlington, TX, Nov. 9, 2014.
 1981 Randy Hersey, Nashville, TN, Jan. 4, 2014.
 1981 Mark L. Hutton, Peoria, Sept. 26, 2010.
 1981 Martha H. Lingwall LaDuke MS, Oneida, Dec. 27, 2014.
 1981 Joanne A. Costabile Suomi MS, Stevens Point, WI, Sept. 2, 2014.
 1982 Mark A. Blickhan MBA, Quincy, Aug. 18, 2011.
 1982 Ruth K. Philips Heckenkamp, Quincy, June 29, 2014.
 1982 Robert J. "Bob" Jewell MBA '84, Bourbonnais, Oct. 11, 2014.
 1982 Michael W. "Mike" Koller, Oak Park, Nov. 11, 2014.
 1982 David F. Kressman, LaGrange Park, July 11, 2011.
 1982 Gary D. Lowe, Durand, Apr. 6, 2014.
 1982 Gary C. Rose, Tampa, FL, May 29, 2013.
 1983 Ralph I. Bernardi, Seminole, FL, June 4, 2012.
 1983 Brian L. Betts MS-ED, Casper, WY, Nov. 26, 2014.
 1983 Marvin S. Bloomer, Maquon, Nov. 6, 2014.
 1983 Kimberly A. Newman Brigis, Plano, TX, Dec. 28, 2013.
 1983 Sharon L. Dietz, Hendersonville, NC, Mar. 25, 2014.
 1983 Kenneth M. Forehand II MS, Arlington, TX, Oct. 7, 2014.
 1983 Susan G. Oppegaard Hopkins MA '85, Colfax, CA, May 10, 2013.

1983 Cherise B. Sims Johnson, Hixon, TN, Dec. 10, 2010.
 1983 Evamarie Matalonis, Dousman, WI, Dec. 20, 2014.
 1983 Gregory J. Pflum, Naperville, June 16, 2012.
 1983 Grace L. Glaser Ringwald MS-ED, Minier, Oct. 9, 2014.
 1984 Linda B. Belander, Savanna, Mar. 18, 2014.
 1984 Michael R. "Mike" Felix, Nokomis, June 30, 2010.
 1984 Edward C. Fort MS '97, Edwards, Oct. 2, 2010.
 1984 Phyllis L. Greeling, Galesburg, Dec. 10, 2014.
 1984 Eugene R. Mueller, Antioch, Jan. 27, 2013.
 1984 Tawn E. Marshall Resetich, Vernon Hills, Mar. 27, 2011.
 1984 Sandra J. Varsek, Chicago, July 24, 2014.
 1984 Beatrice Gamburg Weinstein MS-ED, Rock Island, Aug. 25, 2014.
 1985 Bryon S. Bauer, Colorado Springs, CO, Sept. 13, 2011.
 1985 Stephen C. Goss, Springfield, Dec. 4, 2012.
 1985 Leslie A. Simcich Lyons, Ft. Atkinson, WI, Oct. 20, 2014.
 1985 Edward J. Wujciga, Naperville, Mar. 17, 2013.
 1986 Jeffrey W. "Jeff" Barnes, Cary, June 27, 2012.
 1986 Diane Reynolds Holtz, Chicago, Jan. 15, 2011.
 1986 Theresa A. Lawter, O'Fallon, Mar. 30, 2014.
 1986 Mary H. McKenzie, Moline, Jan. 11, 2015.
 1986 William F. "Bill" Purcell, Jr., LaGrange, Feb. 27, 2012.
 1986 Scott C. Ryan, Glen Ellyn, Oct. 17, 2014.
 1986 Michael A. Stoneking, Colchester, Nov. 13, 2014.
 1986 Ann M. Munn Tank, Bloomington, May 19, 2011.
 1986 Mark F. Wolf, Roselle, Feb. 25, 2014.
 1987 Sung-Jin Choi, San Jose, CA, Sept. 5, 2014.
 1987 Joseph W. Kupsche, Chicago, Mar. 30, 2010.
 1987 Karen A. Floberg Levis, Rockford, Sept. 25, 2014.
 1987 Michael J. "Mike" Penner, Lawrence, KS, July 6, 2014.
 1987 Theodore R. "Ted" Powell, Geneseo, Jan. 13, 2015.
 1987 Emma G. Spinks Sargent MA '89, Galesburg, Aug. 22, 2014.
 1987 Patrick A. Schmid, Rock Island, Apr. 11, 2014.
 1988 Clifford A. Udry, Washington, Oct. 9, 2014.
 1989 Deborah J. Rafferty Fedderson MS-ED, Davenport, IA, July 6, 2014.
 1990 Linda J. Hale MS-ED, W. Burlington, IA, Oct. 4, 2014.
 1990 Elizabeth "Betty" Weis, Moline, Nov. 8, 2014.
 1991 David J. Auch, Breckenridge, CO, Jan. 21, 2011.
 1991 Tara L. Emerson Beeeney, Eureka, June 4, 2010.
 1991 Gail M. Walker Graf, Kewanee, Oct. 1, 2014.
 1992 Mark C. Coultas MS '94, Springfield, Dec. 19, 2014.
 1992 Kenneth E. "Ken" Ebelherr, Lincoln, Sept. 11, 2014.
 1993 June A. Stropes MS, Orion, Sept. 7, 2014.
 1993 Gregory A. Whitcomb MA, Red Wing, MN, Jan. 3, 2013.
 1994 Terry D. Clapp, Minneapolis, MN, Apr. 15, 2014.
 1994 Sharon J. Johnson, Chicago, Dec. 8, 2013.
 1994 Paul V. Wagner, McKinney, TX, Dec. 26, 2014.
 1995 Jeanne A. Wojtasiak Lange, Batavia, Oct. 3, 2014.
 1995 Clark E. Morrow, Olathe, KS, Feb. 1, 2014.
 1996 Robert J. Deist, Galva, July 8, 2011.
 1996 Merion J. Hofman, Aledo, Dec. 31, 2013.
 1999 Leland M. Hoburg MBA '04, Huntington, WV, Jan. 20, 2014.
 1999 Daniel E. McGowan, Grand Rapids, MI, May 20, 2014.
 2000 Pamela J. Georgecopoulos Young, The Villages, FL, Aug. 14, 2014.
 2001 Jennifer R. Barlow, Silvis, Sept. 6, 2014.
 2001 Sherry E. Bill, Eureka, May 12, 2012.
 2001 William S. "Bill" Maglares, Elgin, Sept. 27, 2014.
 2001 Carl A. Riley, Milwaukee, WI, Nov. 26, 2014.
 2001 Amy B. Scott, Moline, June 24, 2014.
 2002 Mark E. Fisher, Rock Island, Nov. 2, 2012.
 2002 Lynn M. Robinson, Peoria, May 18, 2014.
 2003 Jeffrey D. Hoxie, Eldridge, IA, Dec. 7, 2013.
 2003 Roy O. McCaskey, Chillicothe, Nov. 16, 2014.
 2003 Ryan K. Peart, Kewanee, Dec. 24, 2011.
 2005 Jennifer M. Horner Frisby, Little York, Sept. 21, 2013.
 2005 Erin M. Yard Shippert, Amboy, Dec. 8, 2014.
 2010 Ryan T. Flannigan, Rolling Meadows, July 28, 2014.
 2010 Aaron D. Youngberg, Erie, Nov. 6, 2014.
 2014 Gloria P. Teague, Cedar Rapids, IA, June 15, 2014.

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Recent Alumni Events



**Quad Cities Western Wednesdays, November 5, 2014
Me & Billy, Davenport, IA**
Front l-r: Rhonda Mrkvicka Koeller, Jill Riedesel, Alumni Council member Kellie Kohler Esters '93, Jim Lodico '62 '75 and Serena Allingham. Middle l-r: David Gass '93, Gary Koeller '72 '88, John Reynolds '91 '04 '08, Jay Titus '90, Chad Plambeck '10 and Bob Eckhart '72. Back l-r: Dick Janoski '86, Tim Dempsey, John Baumann '83, Tom Ahlstrand '69 and Alumni Achievement Award recipient Thom Cornelis '71.



**Kansas City Alumni & Friends, November 6, 2014
Gordon Biersch Brewery & Restaurant, Kansas City, MO**
Front l-r: Chadwick Swenson '00, Toni Bruington Swenson '02, Ruth Disilvestro '86, President Jack Thomas, Bobbie Metzger O'Keith '93, June Hawthorne Mitchell '69 and Kenneth Mitchell '69. Back l-r: Stephen Taylor '13, Jaime Froman, Alumni Council member Amber Pence Duncan '00, Jeff Froman '02, Josh Kutilek '06, Gary Stanko '72, John Windham '78, Debbie Windham, Dan Yates '77, Johanna Rosson '09, Colby Curry '02, Warren Dew '61 '63 and Alumni Council member John Sanders '74.



**Des Moines Alumni & Friends, November 13, 2014
Django, Des Moines, IA**
Front l-r: Ronald Polle '76, Laurie Bastian Polle '77, Frances Wilken Paterik '82 '84 and Rick Van Etten '75 '76. Back l-r: Grant Speece '82, Doug Wilson '96, John Yasenko '09, Andrew Geysens '11, Shawn Johnson '96 and Lyle Kreps '64.



**St. Louis Rams vs. Denver Broncos Social & Football Game, November 16, 2014
Edward Jones Dome, St. Louis, MO**
Front l-r: Cade Westen, Patrick Broomhead, Abigail Broomhead, Alison Daugherty '10, Stephanie Loudon '13 and David Forgas '14. Middle l-r: Cheryl Allison Westen '92 '00, Victoria Becker Broomhead '92, Simon Broomhead, Julie Pamatot, Mel Pamatot '80 and Ted Tyler '66 '75. Back l-r: Admissions Counselor D'Angelo Taylor '11, Drew Foster, Bob Petzold '78, John Smith, Rich Westen '91, Alumni Council member Tye Taylor '79, Stanley Stearns '79 and Jerry Holloway.



St. Louis Rams vs. Denver Broncos Social & Football Game
Front l-r: Del Harper '69, Samuel Harper '74 '78, Jeri Beck Harper '73 '75, Dakeisha Willingham, Kathie Coomans Sanders '74, President Jack Thomas, Assistant Director of General Studies Degree Program Jennifer Tobin Tibbitts '84 '97, Retired Programmer Terra Chenoweth Litchfield, Diann Harper and Randy Litchfield. Back row, l-r: Stanley Stearns '79, Kendell Reid '04, Assistant Director of Campus Recreation Patrick McGrath '11, Charlie Hubbard '76, Alumni Council member John Sanders '74, Admissions Counselor D'Angelo Taylor '11, Alumni Council member Tye Taylor '79, Jerry Holloway and Mike Bleich '73 '79.



**WIU vs. University of Illinois Chicago Social & Men's Basketball Game, November 17, 2014
UIC Pavilion, Chicago**
Front l-r: Mike McShea '75, Paul Lubejko '75, Jim Bragado '79, Dan Cusack '86, Athletic Director Tommy Bell, Joe Gunty '79 and Joe Walter. Back l-r: Alumni Council member Tom O'Brien '07, Alumni Council member and Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Kirk Dillard '77 and Jay O'Brien '78.



WIU vs. University of Illinois Chicago Social & Men's Basketball Game
L-r: Benjamin Warner '05 '07, Keith Jones '98, Mike Mongoven '09, Katie Savage '09, Ray Nutter '04, Don Vahldick '80, Mel Soltwisch '79, John Linden '78, Sheila Savage Cruse '03, Alumni Council member Brian Savage '73, Alumni Council member Kathy Sullivan '78, Susan Simonen Liston '75 and Mona D'Antonio '76.



WIU vs. University of Illinois Chicago Social & Men's Basketball Game
L-r: Allison Winchester '07, Twila Ash '00, Christina Frank Bavary '98, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Matt Bills '99, Alumni Council President Jeff McElroy '97, Tyler Doss, Tom Moran '76, Eric Doss '80, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Connie Kowal '74, Gayle Landers '75, John Muno '80 '81, Jim Bergeron '70 '74 and Alumni Achievement Award recipient Ron Comm '70.



**Chicago Western Wednesdays, December 3, 2014
Butch Maguire's, Chicago**
L-r: David Bass '85, Jeri Elston Bass '86, Tom Elwood '73, John Bokum '72, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Roger Key '70, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Connie Kowal '74, Board of Trustees member and Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Bill Epperly '68, Paul Kerpan '72 and Alumni Achievement Award recipient Darryl Hollimon '83 '93.



Chicago Western Wednesdays
L-r: Patrick O'Hern '04, John Walcher '08, TJ Larney '10, Nathan Losey '02 '03 and Joel Swire '10.



Chicago Western Wednesdays
Front l-r: Paige Lee '08, Travis Mullin, Brittany Lane '07 and Alumni Achievement Award recipient Darryl Hollimon '83 '93. Middle l-r: John Walcher '08, Alumni Council member Erika Lowe '09 and Kimberly Miller '09. Back l-r: Matthew Archambault '08, Blake Antonides '09, Bridget Early '07, Steve Sraga '04, Kelsey Butson '07, Chase Henderson and Lauren Nieman.



**WIU vs. University of Illinois Chicago Social & Women's Basketball Game, December 6, 2014
Flames Athletic Center, Chicago**
L-r: Meredith Gravina holding Maryn Gravina, Jamie Minter, UHDS Assistant Director Ketra Russell '09 '11, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Connie Kowal '74, A.J. Lutz '06, Molly Holmes '01 '04, Rhiannon Reaves '02 '05, Board of Trustees member and Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Bill Epperly '68, Catherine Krick '00, Alumni Council member Jim Carter '75, Associate Vice President for Student Services and Honorary Alumni Award recipient John Biernbaum, Brett Bucholz '06, Koryna Felt '14 and Alumni Council member and Director of Residential Facilities Joe Roselieb '07 '09.

Recent Alumni Events



Peoria Riverman vs. Mississippi Riverkings Social and Hockey Game, January 11, 2015
Peoria Civic Center, Peoria, IL

Front l-r: Tim Highland '74, Mark Kraut '75, Alumni Council member Joe Roselieb '07 '09, Ketra Russell '09 '11, Jacob Borst, Randy Sollenberger '71 '75, Kathy Chambers '04 '08 '13 and Jennifer Pinson. Middle l-r: Sue Smidt Highland '75, Becky Blakesley Kraut '72, Alumni Council member Mishelle Banas Oaks '97, Josh Oaks '04, Mary Phippen, Katie Phippen, Professor Winn Phippen, Henry Phippen and Ben Phippen. Back l-r: Director of Admissions Andy Borst, Cathy Borst, Jonathan Borst, Jenny Calvert '01 '03, Alumni Council member John Meixner '95 '05, Judy Johnson Smail '80, Collin, Kim Smail '78, Corey Tackman, xx and Topher Tackman '11.



Orlando Alumni & Friends, January 25, 2015
Quantum Leap Winery, Orlando, FL

Front l-r: Annie Brown, Beth Carpenter, Catherine Carpenter '84 and Patty Sullivan Roberts '75 '76. Back l-r: George Brown, Jill Fitzsimmons Mross '75 '79, Jim Mross, Jessica Zenter, Greg Sheil '09 '11, Terry Dittmer '67, Shelley Dittmer, Chris Wilson '12 and Mark Roberts '75.



Tampa Alumni & Friends, January 26, 2015
717 South Restaurant, Tampa, FL

Front l-r: Jack Ewing '73, Retired Professor Virginia Leonard Ewing, President Jack Thomas, Carol Eaves '71, Alumni Council member John Sanders '74 and Chris Wilson '12. Back l-r: Peggy Voss Augensen '80, Susan Forney '86, Theo Faber Boylan '74, Melanie Kuffell '82, Carrie Loecke '99, Adam Luell, Barbara Dunton, Bob Dunton '72, Jack Kolosky '76, Melissa Calkins Gramling '06, Ron Aeschleman '87, Katie Kisner '08 and Baris Esici '95.

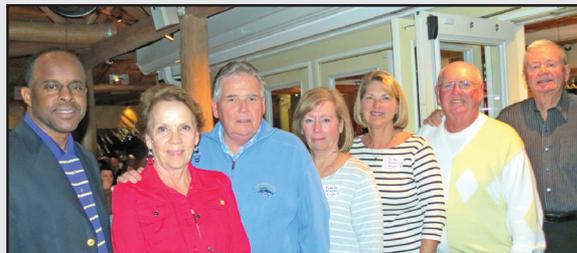


Sarasota Alumni & Friends, January 27, 2015
Mattison's Forty-One, Sarasota, FL

Front l-r: Carolyn Quick, Jackie Brattain, President Jack Thomas, Sarah Gabler, Retired Professor Bob Gabler and Madeleine Gula Havlick '63. Back l-r: Ray Quick '58 '63, Bill Boehm '57 '58, Barb Magnuson Boehm '58, Bob Jewison '56, Sara Sargent Jewison, Pat O'Neill '72, Don Murphy '65, Mary Jo Lueders, Fred Lueders '75, Dale Braddy '67, Susan Braddy '67, Garland Reedy '49, Bob Havlick '62 and Honorary Alumni Award recipient and Vice President Emeritus Bill Brattain.



Ft. Myers Area Alumni & Friends, January 27, 2015
Coconut Jack's Waterfront Grille, Bonita Springs, FL
L-r: Joyce Siska '74, Mary Ann Budd Anerino, Gary Anerino '73, Steven Syoen '07, Elise Syoen, President Jack Thomas, Diane Fowler '76, DeAnna Schnaufer '04 and Kyle Schnaufer.



Ft. Myers Area Alumni & Friends
L-r: President Jack Thomas, Cheryl Young Lauterbach '68, Rob Lauterbach '68, Roberta Mitchell Ziegler '71, Susan Schonewise Leighty '72, Dick Blakey '60 and Bill Loomis '59.



Ft. Myers Area Alumni & Friends
L-r: Roger Leighty '70, Larry Ziegler '70, Alumni Council member John Sanders '74, Tim Hurley '78, President Jack Thomas, Chuck Little '73 and Alumni Council member Tom Tomaszewski '70 '72.



Naples Alumni & Friends, January 28, 2015
Bayside Seafood Grill and Bar, Naples, FL
Front l-r: Dan Smith '70, Mary Beth Margenthaler, Norrine Nelson Dieke, President Jack Thomas, Joyce Siska '74 and Trish Speer Boone '76. Back l-r: Dick Abel, Jeff Hicken, Jean Wilde '43, Foundation Board member Don Dieke '58 '70, Denise Malloy Doody '78, Jim Doody '77 and Bob Boone '73 '85.



Naples Alumni & Friends
Front l-r: Cathy Ugron, Judi Rabbe Scandiff '74, President Jack Thomas, Susan Beard Anderson '76 and Alumni Director Amy Spelman '98. Back l-r: Al Boaz '75, Alumni Council member John Sanders '74, Jack Margenthaler, Skip Wilde '67, Darryl Beard '75 and President's National Advisory Council member and Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Tom Nardi '76.

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ALUMNI TRAVEL PROGRAMS 2015

- Mediterranean Coastal Hideaways: Apr. 24-
May 3
Spain: May 18-27
Paris Immersion: June 5-16
Pearls of the Mediterranean: June 15-23
Coastal Alaska: July 7-14
Scotland: Aug. 5-13 (Special offer)
Baltic Marvels: Aug. 13-21 (New date)
Greek Isles Odyssey: Sept. 26-Oct. 5
Rediscovered Tuscany: Oct. 14-22 (Special offer)
Eastern & Oriental Express: Nov. 6-18 (Special offer)

2016 ... more will be announced soon!

- Atolls and Islands of French Polynesia: March
25-April 4
Cuban Discovery: March 2016 (Exact date TBA)
Southern Grandeur: Apr. 24-May 2
Mediterranean Wonders and Waterways: May
11-21
Pearls of the Mediterranean: June 18-26
Great Pacific Northwest: Sept. 17-25
Adriatic Gems: Nov. 1-9

More details:
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Western Wednesdays

Join your WIU Alumni Association as the Western Wednesdays After Hours tradition continues! We'll continue to rotate every other month in the Chicago and Quad Cities areas. Hundreds of alumni have joined us every month for great food, great conversation and a few beverages! 5-7 p.m.

Chicago

April 1, 2015

Downtown at Jake Melnick's

June 3, 2015

Suburb

August 5, 2015

Downtown

October 7, 2015

Suburb

Quad Cities

May 6, 2015

East Moline

July 2015

No event due to holiday

September 2, 2015

Rock Island

November 4, 2015

Davenport

THE WESTERN OPEN AND QUAD CITIES GOLF OUTINGS

The Western Open Alumni & Friends Golf Outing

Monday, June 8, 2015

The Village Links of Glen Ellyn

485 Winchell Way, Glen Ellyn, IL

11:00 a.m. Registration; 12:30 p.m. Shot Gun Start

4 Person Scramble

5:00 p.m. Social; 6:00 p.m. Dinner

18 holes, Social, **Lunch**, Dinner, Cash Bar - \$120

Social, Dinner, Cash Bar - \$20

Proceeds to support the President's Scholarship Fund



Quad Cities Alumni & Friends Golf Outing

Monday, June 15, 2015

TPC Deere Run

3100 Heather Knoll, Silvis, IL

10:30 a.m. Registration; 12:00 p.m. Shot Gun Start

4 Person Scramble

5:00 p.m. Social; 6:00 p.m. Dinner

18 holes, Social, **Lunch**, Dinner, Cash Bar - \$120

Social, Dinner, Cash Bar - \$20

Proceeds to benefit Alumni Association Scholarships



Join us at the Village Links course, which has hosted USGA and PGA tour qualifying, and play TPC Deere Run before the pros do at the John Deere Classic. Both are award winning championship golf courses!

Questions or to register: 309-298-1914 or visit wiu.com/alumni. Unable to join us for golf? Then join us for socials, dining and an update from WIU. Both outings include: registration gift for players, \$40 prepay option for activities all day (2 mulligans, 5 - 50/50 raffle tickets, 1 hand for par 3 poker & 1 chance at water game), proximity games and prizes for par 3 poker challenge. Hole and flag sponsorships available.

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Western Illinois University



Do you know a student who would be a great fit for Western Illinois University? Let us know by completing the form found at wiu.edu/alumni/recommend.php or call (877) 742-5948, or please mail form to WIU Alumni Association, 1 University Circle, Macomb IL 61455-1390.

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Purple & Gold Day



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Questions or to RSVP, call (309)298-1914, email A-Association@wiu.edu or visit wiu.edu/alumni. All events are 5:30-7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted and include complimentary food and cash bar. A live streaming message will be broadcast at 7 p.m. CST to all locations and replayed.

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311 Chicago Ave.

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Gordon Biersch
8060 Park Ln.

Denver

McCormick & Schmick's
8100 East Union Ave.

Los Angeles Area (4:30-7 p.m.)

Gordon Biersch Brewery
145 S. San Fernando Blvd.
Burbank, CA

Macomb

The Sport's Corner @ 124
124 N. Randolph St.

Moline

Brix Annex
425 15th St.

Naperville

Tommy Nevin's Pub
3032 English Rows

Northbrook (IL)

Pinstripes
1150 Willow Rd.

Orlando (6-8:30 p.m.)

Teak Neighborhood Grill
6400 Times Square Ave.

Peoria (IL)

Alexander's Steakhouse
100 Alexander St.

Phoenix (4:30-7 p.m.)

Gordon Biersch Brewery
18545 North Allied Way

St. Louis

Patrick's Bar & Grill
324 West Port Plz.

Seattle (4:30-7 p.m.)

McCormick & Schmick's
Harborside
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South Korea

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