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Alumni News and Notes from Western Illinois University

WIU-QC Riverfront Campus breaks ground for

Phase II

By Darcie Shinberger '89 M.S. '98

From the initial groundbreaking for Phase I in March 2010, to a ribbon-cutting and grand opening of that first building in January 2012, to the start of the fall semester last week at the new campus, the Western Illinois University-Quad Cities (WIU-QC) campus has been expanding over the past two years. Wednesday, Aug. 29 added even more to the growth



of WIU's presence in the Quad Cities as the official groundbreaking for Phase II of the Riverfront Campus took place at at the campus' River Drive location in Moline.

Throughout the years, businesses, industries, local organizations, government leaders and higher education have worked together to support legislation and funding for the expanded Riverfront Campus.

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Alumni Council welcomes new members







Mischelle Banas

Dan Szajna '00

Matthew Toland '05 M.A. '10

Three Western Illinois University graduates joined the 26-member WIU Alumni Council, representing the interests of Western's more than 115,000 alumni July 1. Michelle Banas '97, the director of Academic Support Programs at Monmouth College in Monmouth (IL); Dan Szajna '00, the contract coordinator for University Sourcing at The University of Illinois in Champaign; and Matthew Toland '05 MA '10, the assistant director of The

Campbell Center for Historic Preservation Studies in Mt.

Carroll (IL) will each serve a three-year term.

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Wetzel Hall Implosion



In front of a crowd of hundreds gathered to mark the historic occasion, Wetzel Hall came down July 14. Many past residents of the hall came back to campus to witness the implosion, which took mere seconds to bring down the 13-story building. The building opened in September 1970 and was home to more than 22,000 students over the years. WIU biology student William Schmidt (Mokena, IL) pushed the ceremonial plunger to bring down the building. A park and native arboretum will be placed on the site once clean-up of the debris is

Alumni Legacy Project



The Alumni Legacy Project, kicked off by the Alumni Council in December 2011, supports renovations to the Alumni House grounds. Phase I construction of a lower stone wall will be finished by Homecoming 2012. Phases II and III will continue into 2013 with more renovations to the front yard and around the Alumni House.

'We hope other alumni will join us in our effort to raise funds for this campus beautification project," said Roger Clawson '77, past president of the WIU Alumni Council. "Visit wiu.edu/alumni to learn more or to make a contribution."

WIU and Caterpillar: alumni, students sustain connection

By Teresa Koltzenburg '92 M.S. '11

Rich Lavin '76, Steve Larson '78 M.B.A. '79 and Gary Stampanato '77 are three WIU alumni who have reached wellearned positions at Caterpillar Inc. (CAT), one of the world's most recognizable manufacturers of construction equipment. All three credit Western, in part, for their trajectory into the highest echelon of CAT, which is 106 on Forbes' list of Global 2000 Leading Companies and employs approximately 500 alumnni.

Leatherneck Football Coach Darrell Mudra (1969-74) not only imparted a winning record that contributes to his legacy at Western Illinois University, but his approach to competition and performance has also been carried on through the substantial success of one his former players. That player is Caterpillar Inc. Group President Rich Lavin. Lavin earned his bachelor's degree Continued on p. 16

UPCOMING ALUMNI & FRIENDS EVENTS

September

15 Ames, IA 16 . . . Minneapolis, MN

21-22 . . Macomb 27 . . . Princeton, IL 30 Arlington Heights, IL 14 . . . Atlanta, GA

October

4 Countryside/LaGrange, IL 11...Charleston, SC

12 . . . Raleigh/Durham, NC 13 . . . Charlotte, NC

18 . . . Carthage, IL 24 . . . Huston, TX

25 . . . San Antonio, TX 26 . . . Austin, TX 27 . . . Dallas, TX 28 . . . Ft. Worth, TX



DIRECTOR'S CORNER
NEWS FROM YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
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NOT THE fall semester is off to a great start—as The fall semester is you may remember from

your years at WIU-it's great to see all the new faces, and welcome back those returning! President Thomas completed his first year as president, and especially enjoyed meeting so many of you. If you have not yet had a chance to meet him, we plan to have him join us on many future alumni trips.

I am excited to share that Phase I of the Alumni Legacy landscaping project is nearly complete. I hope you will make the trip back to your alma mater to see it—we look forward to Phases II and III as more alumni make contributions to support the project.

Our Western After Hours, on the first Thursday of the month, were great fun this year so we decided to try Western Wednesdays. Please join us—(see events, on p. 32) for details and (p. 22) to learn about our restructured benefits for alumni or visit wiu.edu/alumni/benefits.

Thanks for all you do for WIU!

-Amy Spelman

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WIU ALUMNI & FRIENDS 2012-2013 EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2012

- 15 WIU vs. Iowa State Social and Football Game at Jack Trice Stadium in Ames (IA)
- Minneapolis Alumni & Friends Event Twins vs. White Sox Social at 508 Bar and Restaurant & Baseball Game at Target Field
- 21-22 . . Homecoming & Reunion
- Princeton (IL) Alumni & Friends Event at Hunter's Ridge Golf Course
- Arlington Heights (IL) Alumni & Friends Event at Arlington

OCTOBER 2012

- 4 Western After-Hours in Countryside at Harry's Sports Bar &
- 11 Charleston (SC) Alumni & Friends Social at The Blind Tiger 12 Raleigh/Durham (NC) Alumni & Friends Social at Napper
- Charlotte (NC) Alumni & Friends Social at Harper's Restaurant
- Atlanta Alumni & Friends Social at Fado Irish Pub
- 18 Carthage (IL) Alumni & Friends Wine Tasting at Lake Hill Winerv
- 24 Houston (TX) Alumni & Friends Social at Kenneally's Irish
- 25 San Antonio (TX) Alumni & Friends Social at 20nine Wine
- Austin (TX) Alumni & Friends Social at Fino Restaurant and Patio Bar
- 27 Dallas (TX) Alumni & Friends Social at Truluck's 28 Ft. Worth (TX) Alumni & Friends Social at Ferre Ristorante

NOVEMBER 2012

- 7 Western Wednesdays After-Hours in Downtown Chicago
- (note new dates 1st Wednesday of every month) Galesburg (IL) Alumni & Friends Wine Tasting at Vintages Tasting Room
- Monmouth Alumni & Friends Wine Tasting at Market Alley
- 15 WIU vs. Missouri Social and Women's Basketball Game at Mizzou Arena in Columbia (MO)
- Milwaukee Alumni & Friends Social at The Pabst Mansion

DECEMBER 2012

- St. Louis Alumni & Friends Event St. Louis Rams vs. 49ers Social & Football Game
- Western Wednesdays After-Hours in Chicago Suburb 14-15 . . WIU Commencement & Alumni Achievement Awards

JANUARY 2013

- 2 No Western Wednesdays After-Hours*
- West Palm Beach/Ft. Lauderdale (FL) Alumni & Friends Social at The Breakers (note date change)
- Orlando (FL) Alumni & Friends Social
- 25 Tampa (FL) Alumni & Friends Social
- 26 Sarasota (FL) Alumni & Friends Luncheon
- 26 Naples (FL) Alumni & Friends Social

FEBRUARY 2013

6 Western Wednesdays After-Hours in Downtown Chicago

17 Tucson Alumni & Friends Social

MARCH 2013

6 Western Wednesdays After-Hours in Chicago Suburb

APRIL 2013

3 Western Wednesdays After-Hours in Downtown Chicago

MAY 2013

. . Western Wednesdays After-Hours in Chicago Suburb

10-12 . . WIU Commencement & Distinguished Alumni Awards Weekend

JUNE 2013

5..... Western Wednesdays After-Hours in Downtown Chicago 10..... "The Western Open," Chicago Area Golf Outing

17 Quad Cities Golf Outing

JULY 2013

3 No Western Wednesdays After-Hours*

AUGUST 2013

7 Western Wednesdays After-Hours in Chicago Suburb

SEPTEMBER 2013

4 Western Wednesdays After-Hours in Downtown Chicago

OCTOBER 2013

Western Wednesdays After-Hours in Chicago Suburb

11-12 . . 2013 Homecoming & Reunion

From the **President**

The start of a new school year is always an exciting time. It gives us a chance to look back at what was accomplished and look forward to our goals for the new

Homecoming is fast approaching, and I look forward to seeing many of you back on campus Sept. 21-22. There



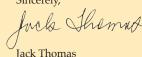
will be numerous activities taking place on campus, and some updates on campus for you to see such as the newly remodeled Corbin and Olson hall complex and the new decorative retaining wall on the front lawn of the Alumni House. The art facility in the lower level of the Heating Plant Annex has undergone extensive renovation, and you'll notice the Think Purple message as you walk through campus.

As with the start of the Fall 2011 semester, one of our major challenges continues to be the current budget and cash flow situation. Due to a reduction of Western Illinois University's Fiscal Year 2013 state appropriation by \$3.4 million, departments and divisions have been asked to plan for a reduced operating budget. Our priorities continue to be to provide quality academic programs and services and to retain faculty and staff. In addition, the cash flow situation remains critical. Western is currently waiting on Fiscal Year 2012 reimbursements from the State of Illinois totaling \$13.1 million and \$5.9 million for Fiscal Year 2013.

Despite the ongoing challenges, Western continues to have many accomplishments and move forward on our goals and initiatives. Our strategic plan, which has been updated through 2022, continues to serve as our guide. An immediate goal for Western includes increasing our graduation and freshman-to-sophomore retention rates. We have established a new mentoring program, Building Connections, which pairs faculty, staff and administrators with first-year students. The goal of the program is to provide the necessary support for students, which will enhance our freshman-to-sophomore year retention rates. As part of the program, nearly 220 faculty, staff and administrators volunteered to serve as mentors for incoming freshman students.

We will continue to provide the tools our students need to succeed. We have implemented the new Western Commitment Scholarship program, which automatically awards incoming freshmen with scholarships based on their ACT/SAT scores and high school grade point average, and we are continuing to enhance all of our scholarship programs. Our goal is to enhance the overall student profile by recruiting more high-achieving students while also maintaining the University mission of providing access and remaining affordable. We are also reviewing new academic programs and updating campus facilities.

Thank you for your commitment to Western Illinois University. I look forward to seeing you at "The Right Place" tent Saturday, Sept. 22





Health sciences faculty member co-authors study that explores non-medical prescription drug use and mental health

By Teresa Koltzenburg '92 MS '11

Western Illinois University Department of Health Sciences Assistant Professor Amanda Divin recently co-authored a study that explores non-medical prescription drug use and depressive symptoms in college students.

According to the U.S. Department of Education's Higher Education Center for Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Violence Prevention, non-medical prescription drug use by college students is a growing trend on most campuses. Due to this trend, Divin and her colleague, Keith Zullig, an associate professor in the West Virginia University School of Public Health, recently conducted and published the study, "The association

between non-medical prescription drug use, depressive symptoms, and suicidality among college students." The article appeared in the August 2012 issue of Addictive Behaviors: An International Journal.

For their research, Divin and Zullig utilized data from the fall 2008 American College Health Association National College Health Assessment (ACHA-NCHA), a national research survey that addresses seven areas of health and behavior of college students, one of which is



Amanda Divin

alcohol, tobacco and other drug use. The sample used for the study (from the ACHA-NCHA data) contained 26,600 randomly selected college students from 40 campuses in the U.S. The student respondents were asked about their non-medical prescription drug use (including painkillers, stimulants,

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one of the many first

between non-medical

prescription drug use

-AMANDA DIVIN

and mental health.

steps in exploring

the relationship

sedatives and antidepressants) and $menta\bar{l}\; health\; symptoms$ within the last year.

According to Divin's and Zullig's results, approximately 13 percent of the collegestudent respondents

reported non-medical prescription drug use, with those who reported feeling hopeless, sad, depressed or considered suicide being significantly more likely to report nonmedical use of any prescription drug. The results

also showed this relationship was more pronounced for females who reported painkiller use.

"Because prescription drugs are tested by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and prescribed by a doctor, most

people perceive them as 'safe' and don't see the harm in sharing with friends or family if they have a few extra pills left over," Divin explained. "Unfortunately, all drugs potentially have dangerous side effects. As our study demonstrates, use of prescription drugs—particularly painkillers like Vicodin and Oxycontin—is related to depressive symptoms and suicidal thoughts and behaviors

in college students. This is why use of such drugs needs to be monitored by a doctor and why mental health outreach on college campuses is particularly important."

Divin and Zullig believe the results suggest students are self-medicating their psychological distress with prescription medications.

"Considering how common prescription sharing is on college campuses and the prevalence of mental health issues during the college years, more investigation in this area is definitely warranted," Divin added.

"Our study is just one of the many first steps in exploring the relationship between non-medical prescription drug use and mental health."

Adkins named associate dean of College of Education and **Human Services**

Dale Adkins, former chair of the Western Illinois University Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Administration (RPTA), has been named associate dean for academic affairs, research and innovation in the College of Education and Human Services (COEHS), effective July 1 according to COEHS Dean Sterling Saddler.

"Dr. Adkins's well-earned professional reputation and creative approach to building interdisciplinary partnerships will serve the college well and enhance our

outstanding academic programs as well as benefit our service centers," Saddler said.

Adkins came to Western in 1992, after serving as assistant professor in the department of physical education and recreation at Western Kentucky University. Prior to that, he was a visiting lecturer and associate instructor at Indiana University. He also served as a manager for Sherwood Youth Camp (Dahinda, IL) from 1998-00; was the co-recreation director for the Illinois Youth on

Campus Summer Program at WIU (1994-96); and was a program specialist for special populations for Indiana University's Bradford Woods, an outdoor education, recreation and camping center.

During his time at WIU, Adkins served as an associate professor and internship coordinator in the RPTA

department. He has published papers and research in conference proceedings for the Canadian Conference of Leisure Research; the Symposium on Leisure Research; the National Recreation and Park Association; and the Southeastern Recreation Research Conference. He has published articles in the Journal of Park and Recreation Administration, in "Pennsylvania Recreation and Parks" and in "Church Recreation

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-COEHS DEAN STERLING SADDLER

In addition,

Dale Adkins

Magazine." Adkins has received grant funding from such organizations as the Illinois Police Association (for

Sherwood Youth Camp, Inc.), as well as the Department of Natural Resources for the State of Illinois and the Illinois Association of Park Districts Research Grant Program. Adkins serves (and has served) on a various WIU committees and

planning and policy groups, including the Master Plan Update Steering Committee 2012, the University Chairs' Directors' Council (chair, 2010-present), Employee Wellness, the University Theme Committee, as well as others.

Adkins is a member of the National Recreation and Park Association; the Society of Park and Recreation Educators, for which he served as president (2007-08); the American Association of Leisure and Recreation, for which he also served as president (2000-01); and the American Camp Association, for which he currently serves on the Student Camp Leadership Academy Steering Committee.

He received his doctorate in recreation from Indiana University (Bloomington, IN), his master's degree in recreation and park administration from the Eastern Kentucky University and his bachelor's degree in sociology and recreation from Morehead State University. Adkins also holds a master's

degree in Christian education from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville (KY).

The associate dean for academic affairs, research, and innovation provides leadership to academic programs and to faculty/student research initiatives; coordinates program approval/review/accreditation of all nonteacher education programs; enhances opportunities for academic departments and service centers to conduct and disseminate research; and supports and cultivates the attraction of grants and contracts through individual academic and service units, as well as through a variety of intra/inter University, governmental and private sector partnerships.

Student's passion for fashion and thrift lands him TV gig

By Teresa Koltzenburg '92 MS '11

Leatherneck Saving on Stylewhether it is saving money on style in your home, in your wardrobe or in your outdoor leisure spaces—is the forte of Chris Taylor (Quincy, IL). And he has landed a weekly television show to prove it.

Taylor, a senior fashion merchandising major in Western's Department of Dietetics, Fashion Merchandising and Hospitality (DFMH), shares his passion for fashion and more every week on the Quincy (IL)-based KHQA-TV station, where, in May, he landed a regular Friday segment on the station's 5-7 a.m. local news show. According to Taylor, a class project—as well as his love of, and thrifty approach to, fashion and design—helped get the

"In my visual merchandising class, we were put into groups to construct displays created out of recycled material. Because of a back injury, I could not be in class the week of creating the project, so I volunteered to work from home and create our outfit and left everyone else to create the background display," Taylor explained. "After putting our components together, I shared



Taylor's Facebook page, "Reconsumed4U by Chris Taylor" (facebook.com/ReConsumed4U) features photos of the design projects he undertakes, and instructions on how to create similar designs. This t-shirt design project has a custom logo that Taylor applied with a stencil and spray

a photo with KHQA on Facebook. About a month later, a newscaster emailed me and asked to talk with the creator of the dress. She also wanted to see any other projects that I had made. After my first appearance, I was asked to come back again."

In his segments, Taylor provides tips and ideas for "reconsuming" used or vintage materials to make them usable and stylish again. Taylor said his designs are frequently based on using reconsumed, common household items and/or vintage materials. He also noted that saving money plays a large part in his drive to reuse items and materials.

"My inspiration comes from everywhere, but most of it comes from being cheap. I have always loved thrifting because it's unpredictable; you never know what you are going to find. I refuse to pay full price for anything, and that has driven me to be creative in all aspects of interior furnishings and apparel," Taylor

To share his style-saving tips with the world, Taylor created a Facebook page called "Reconsumed4U," which is available at facebook.com/



Chris Taylor, a senior fashion merchandising major, brings his creativity and love of thrifty style to the viewers of Quincy (IL)-based KHQA-TV every Friday morning. The station posts his segments on its KHQA-TV YouTube channel after they appear on air.

ReConsumed4U. There, Taylor provides photos of the style projects he has produced, shares design and fashion tips, and talks about what style-saving advice he'll be giving on his KHQA Friday-morning segments.

Read more about Taylor's talents and background, and links to KHQA's YouTube videos of Taylor's Saving on Style segments, on Western's Beyond the Bell Tower Blog at wiurelations.wordpress.com/2012/06/28/taylor-tv/.

WIU alumnus crowned Miss Illinois 2012

Western Illinois University graduate and former Miss Macomb titleholder Megan Ervin has been crowned Miss Illinois.

Ervin, a 22-year-old Rushville native, graduated from WIU with a bachelor's degree in exercise science and a minor in dance. She was competing in the Miss Illinois pageant as the Miss Quincy titleholder. She finished as runner-



up in last year's state pageant as Miss Macomb.

"My dream has finally come true," said Ervin. "When they said my name it was a big feeling of relief after all the hard work and anticipation for this event."

While a student a WIU, Ervin taught fitness classes at the Donald S. Spencer Recreation Center and wrote a weekly fitness column

for the McDonough County Voice newspaper. She also coordinated an April fitness-a-thon at Macomb High School to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network and MHS physical education programming.

Over the next 12 months, Ervin will make more than 300 public appearances. She will also compete in the Miss America Scholarship Pageant at Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino in Las Vegas, NV in January.

Keep up to date with Megan Ervin, Miss Illinois 2012, at www.missillinois.org and follow her on Facebook.

Personnel changes for the College of Education & Human Services

Christie Carmack '10 Assistant Director, Development,

Marketing and Community Relations

Marcia Carter Assistant Dean for Quad Cities Dana Moon '98 M.B.A. '01

Director of Development, Marketing and Community Relations **Dean Zoerink**

Interim Chair, Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Administration

Legacy of K-12 "Lab School" alive, well and celebrated every

year

Each year over the last decade or so, hundreds of Western Academy/High School alumni have traveled back to Macomb during its annual Heritage Days summer festival to celebrate the specialness of their K-12 education, which was delivered on Western Illinois University's Macomb campus for most of the 20th century. Last June, students, faculty and staff of Western Academy/High School celebrated a 13th annual reunion, and plans continue among them for a 14th reunion. Out of the celebration and connection, a Western High Scholarship has emerged.

By Teresa Koltzenburg '92 M.S. '11

John Knowles '76 began his 30page history, "The School of Many Names"—which chronicles the uniqueness of his K-12 experience on Western's Macomb campus—by stating its many monikers and then by getting straight to the point.

"The Training School, The Academy, The Campus School, The Laboratory School, Western High... Whatever its name, the Western Illinois University Laboratory School was special, from its inception in 1899 as the Training School until its closure in 1973 as Western High. Its doors have been closed for more than three decades, but its spirit lives on in the hearts of thousands of alumni, teachers, administrators, employees and their families who, to this day, realize they were blessed to have been a part of such a unique educational institution," wrote Knowles, who finished his high school career at this "School of Many Names," in 1968.

Like his father, **Buck Knowles '47** (Western Academy 1940, Western Illinois State Teachers College 1947, Alumni Achievement Award recipient and athletics Hall fo Fame Member), and his brother, **Stephen Knowles '72** (Western High School 1967 and Western Illinois University 1972), before him, Knowles completed his K-12 education in a single "school," an extraordinary K-12 institution located on WIU's campus from 1899-73. A trial lawyer and a parttime judge based in Portland (OR), Knowles said he wrote the history because of the distinctiveness of the institution, as well as because of the superb education he felt he received from his attendance there.

"The experience of going to kindergarten through 12th grade in one building, on a college campus, is one I have never heard anyone else—outside of those of us who received our education there—has. For those us who attended there, as well as for the faculty and staff who taught and worked there, we are all especially aware of the uniqueness," Knowles noted. "As a youngster, to be exposed to college students and the whole educational environment of a college campus was truly a remarkable thing."

Darlos Mummert, who graduated from Western High School and serves as associate professor in WIU's curriculum and instruction department, said the lab school provided its students with the opportunity to have a high-



Father and son Western alumni—Buck Knowles (right) '47 (Western Academy 1940 and Western Illinois State Teachers College 1947) and John Knowles (left)'76 (Western High 1968 and Western Illinois University 1976) quality liberal arts K-12 education.

"We had remarkably good teachers, and because the economy was healthy during my time there, we had the chance to experience 'extras,' like Spanish in elementary school, as well as art, music and physical education daily. Those early opportunities enhanced a solid educational background," she explained.

Paula Swain Rhodes, who graduated from Western High School in 1967 and worked in Western's Undergraduate Admissions office for 37 years, said many students benefited from formative relationships with faculty members at the Lab School.

"Working very closely with our yearbook advisor, **Beth Stiffler '58**, is a cherished memory," Rhodes noted. "She was my mentor and a mentor to many others. She was highly intelligent and a super English teacher, who was totally aware of her world around her. She was warm, nurturing and totally fun. After school hours my junior and senior years

were spent in her office working on each yearbook," she added.

Locating the history

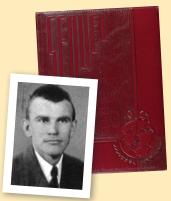
On page two of his chronicle, Knowles wrote about the purpose of this "training" or "laboratory" institution: "The 1907 'Sequel,' the [Western Illinois State] Normal School yearbook, elaborated: it was a 'research laboratory' school where 'advanced educational thought takes concrete form' and where the validity and efficiency of advanced teaching methods, developed in the Normal School, were tested on Training School students. This purpose became policy for its entire existence. As a consequence, it is little wonder that the Training School eventually became commonly known as 'the Lab School.'"

Knowles' history is available online at wiu.edu/whs/ History.html. The website on which he makes it available (in PDF form) features a photo of the plaque now secured to Simpkins Hall, the building that served as the school's home for many years. It states: "In Commemoration: Site of the Western Illinois State Teachers College Training School 1937-1968. Laboratory of Future Teachers, Remembered for Its Tradition of Excellence in Academics, Music, Sports and the Performing Arts, and the Home of the Western High Cardinals."

The plaque recognizes one of the locations of the school during its history. The purpose behind the construction of Horrabin Hall (now home to the College of Education and Human Services and departments in that College at WIU) was to provide a new location for this uncommon "all age school."

"In the Fall of 1968, the School of Many Names was relocated once again. The new building, eventually named Horrabin Hall in 1973 in honor of our beloved principal, **H. Waldo Horrabin**, was built on the old college golf course at the cost of \$2.5 million. It was just one level and had no windows, an unusual feature as were the limited-weight bearing interior walls which would allow for easier

Photo of Alred "Buck" Knowles from Western Illinois State Teachers College 1947 yearbook, "The Sequel." The page on which the photo appeared (36) also listed Knowles' major (physical education) and his college activities, which included: "Commercial Club,



Sequel Staff, Sigma Tau Gamma, Baseball, Courier Staff, Veteran's Club secretary, Intramural Athletics student chairman, Campus Personality."

redesign in the future," Knowles' states in his "School of Many Names."

Scholarship support for future teachers

Since 1999 (after skipping 2000 and then starting back up in 2001), alumni of Western Academy/High have been traveling back to Macomb for an annual get-together during the city's annual Heritage Days summer festival. On June 22, the annual party, according to Knowles, was attended by about 250 people, but there has often been well over 300 people in attendance. Knowles said the annual event started with school's alumni group, the "Cardinal Court."

"Members of this group, which included Beth Stiffler, Maurice Kellogg '48 MS-Ed., Paula Rhodes, Darlos Mummert, Gary Sherer, Don Troyer and Deb Jones, wanted to get together and start having meetings to try and encourage and preserve the history of Western High School. They came up with the idea of having a big reunion party on the Saturday night of Heritage Days in 1999, and we did it that year at the old high school gymnasium, which is now the College of Fine Arts and Communication Recital Hall in Simpkins Hall."

In 2001, Knowles explained, the party was moved to 6 p.m. Friday night at the Heritage Days festival, and it's been that way ever since. Out of donations that individuals have contributed over the years to help pay for the costs of the reunion, a Western High Scholarship has emerged, he added.

"We were making money on the donations, and I wondered what we should do with it, so I thought, 'Why don't we start a Western High Scholarship?' So, I talked to Darlos Mummert and Paula Rhodes about it, and we worked with Jennie Hemingway, who worked in development in the College, on it," Knowles explained. "Essentially, we donate \$1,000 two times per year to a WIU student who is majoring in education and who is from McDonough County. If an applicant has some sort of tie to Western High School, like a relative or something like that, that counts a little extra, too. Each scholarship applicant has to write a short essay about why he or she wants to become a teacher. We all felt very connected to the institution of teachers because of our experiences at our 'lab school,' and wanted to continue to promote the teaching profession."

Alumnus' audition-worthy pumpkin chili & career success stems from WIU

of pushing their local talent," Waltrip

explained. "Beyond anything else, for

me, it was a huge 'Holy Cow' moment-

they chose me. So, prior to the audition,

we were able to use it as a special 'Good

'Getting Susan Ready for Her Audition.'

different style of cooking I could try at the

suggestions, through email or regular mail,

about what I should cook at the audition.

But I already knew what I was taking, my

Every day that I was on, I showcased a

audition. Then, just before the audition

last July, the viewers could provide

Company' segment, which we called,

By Teresa Koltzenburg '92 MS '11

Susan Waltrip's '95 '07 "Off-the-Chain Chili" recipe has evolved since she first cooked it up it in 2006 as a student in Western's Department of Dietetics, Fashion Merchandising and Hospitality (DFMH). The People's Choice Award Winner in a chili cook-off held at WIU that year, Waltrip's Off-the-Chain Chili is now known as "Pumpkin Chili," reflecting her addition of the squash-family ingredient to the unique chili dish that, according to Waltrip, includes ground turkey, roasted tomatoes, red wine and "some secret ingredients." As for the Pumpkin Chili inventor, Waltrip—

after earning her first bachelor's degree in communication from Western in 1995 and her second WIU degree in dietetics in 2007—has come full circle in her pursuit of a gratifying career.

She now works at what she calls her "dream job" since 2010, she's been a dietitian at the supermarket retailer HyVee in Peoria (IL). These days, too, Waltrip is scheduled on a regular television segment that promotes healthy cooking, "Cooking with Susan," which is broadcast on Peoria-based WHOI-TV's evening show, "Good Company." She readily admits she did not necessarily enjoy working in the media and communication field after she earned her first degree from Western in 1995. But both of the fields of study she pursued at WIU could not be more applicable to what she

"When I was younger, I thought I would like to work in the media, but after I started to get into it, I was too nervous about it. So, when I graduated from WIU the first time, I worked in banking for a few years. I moved to Dallas (TX), then came back to Illinois and worked in Springfield at a bank. After a few years of that, I just decided I didn't want to wake up and have that feeling of 'I wish I would have,' and I started looking into dietetics. I've always been interested in what you put into your body and what you can get out of it, and I love to cook. So, with the help of Betty Dean '87 MS '90, who was an academic adviser in the College of Education and Human Services at the time, I made a plan, and I eventually earned another bachelor's degree at Western. I never conceived I'd be able to use both areas of study in my career today, but working in the communication field has certainly come full circle," she said.

In July, Waltrip used her cooking and communication skills to audition in Chicago for a new ABC-produced cooking show, which will feature American chef, author and television personality Anthony Bourdain and British food writer, journalist and broadcaster Nigella Lawson. Although she didn't get the part, she said the audition experience was fun and it was an honor to be considered for the part.

"In Peoria, we have two TV networks that have joined forces. WHOI-TV is an ABC affiliate, and WEEK-TV is an NBC affiliate and are located in the same building. When they were approached by ABC about this new show, they collaborated together and looked at the possibility



Susan Waltrip '95 '07

Pumpkin Chili, which originally came from my Off-the-Chain Chili recipe developed Falling back to Western

After graduating (again) from Western in 2007, Waltrip started her required dietetics internship at Illinois State University (ISU). She chose a program in which she could both complete the internship and pursue a master's degree in dietetics, which she finished in 2009.

"There is an amazing Horticulture Center at ISU, run by Jessica Chambers. While I was there during my internship part, Jessica approached the internship director and asked, 'Hey, would some of your interns like to come

and label some of our plants to provide information about their nutritional benefits?' My internship \(\bigcup \) I have to say that my director told Jessica, 'I've got one better. I've got an intern who likes to cook, and I bet she would do a demo for you.""

Eventually, Waltrip explained, the addition of pumpkin to her Off-the-Chain Chili recipe stemmed from this opportunity.

"Every autumn, the Horticulture Center organized and sponsored this event called 'Autumnal Festival.' The idea behind part of the festival was to take the produce grown at the Horticulture Center and show

people how to cook with it, which would hopefully encourage people to purchase produce from the center. For these cooking demonstrations, I would take the Horticulture Center's autumn crops—fall produce, such as squash, pumpkins, zucchini, spaghetti squash or acorn squash—and host these 'Cooking Cucurbits with Susan' demonstrations. So, one year, I took the chili and I added pumpkin to it. It's now one of my favorite recipes," she said.

Today, in her professional life, Waltrip is a licensed dietitian and nutritionist (LDN), and she passed the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) national examination in 2010, which is required for every registered dietitian (RD) in the U.S. She noted that her job at HyVee is varied, and she gets to work with people in her community, which is an aspect of it she loves.

"Basically, I'm here to create organized chaos," she said with a laugh. "I develop and teach a lot of cooking classes. For example, at least once a month I will do a 'kiddo' cooking class for children, as well as an adult cooking class. In between those, I often host classes for groups of ladies who want to have a 'ladies night out' class, or I'll teach a wine-and-food pairing class, so I'll work with HyVee's wine and spirits department. In addition, I often give store tours, and I have one-on-one clients. I also develop weight-loss programs. Every day is different, and that's why I like it."

In her personal life, she maintains a personal connection to WIU by getting involved with mission trips through Western's Wesley Foundation. She's traveled to Costa Rica three times and Guatemala once so far.

"Typically, I'm building houses or build additions on churches, but there is always a feeding program. I've done a little bit of advising with those and helped out with how they can make meals better. That kind of stuff is near and dear to my heart," she said.

She also maintains her connection with many of the faculty and staff in the DFMH department at Western, who she credits for pushing her to perform cooking demonstrations while she was a student at WIU.

"I loved the classes at Western, and I still love the faculty and staff. All of my professors were amazingpeople like Karen Greathouse, Lorri Kanauss '94 MS-Ed. '97 and Rita Kaul. They are the reason I got through, and

> they are the reason I am successful. They do an amazing job, and it's a tremendous undergrad program," she said. "I did so much there. I really grew, because, whenever there was an opportunity, they backed me. If something came up, I would go to them and say, 'What do you think?' And they would say, 'Do it!'"

> One year while she was earning her bachelor's degree in dietetics, Waltrip had the opportunity to participate in the Heart Smart for Women program, which is held during the Spring semester at WIU. It is 12-week lifestyle change program, including food and

exercise, designed for female students and employees.

"I really enjoyed working with Judy Yeast MS '81 from Campus Recreation and JoAnn Hairston-Jones from Beu Health Center on Western's Heart Smart program. It was experiences like those that gave me opportunities to speak. While I was nervous, my professors pushed me to do it. I don't think I'm great at it by any means, but I'm not nearly as afraid as I used to be. And now, I'm frequently on television, not only hosting but also developing my own cooking segments," Waltrip noted. "I have to say that my time spent studying in the dietetics program at Western was one the best parts of my life, so far. I had such good experiences there that I often cannot stop telling people about it. The alumni license plate holder I have on my car is from Western, and I adorn my care with it proudly. That's where I like to say my professional career began."

-SUSAN WALTRIP

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Fine Arts and Communication



Haas chosen for international orchestral competition

Western Illinois University music student Chris Haas (Nauvoo, IL) was named one of three finalists in the International Trumpet Guild's (ITG) 2012 Orchestral Excerpts Competition.

Haas, a music-instrumental performance major, performed with the other finalists in the 37th annual ITG Conference in May at Columbus State University.

Haas, who started playing the trumpet in third grade, began trumpet study with WIU Music Professor Bruce Briney during his junior year at Nauvoo-Colusa High School, upon the recommendation of his band director.

Since coming to WIU, Haas has been named one of four national finalists in the Music Teachers



Chris Haas

National Association (MTNA) Young Artists Brass Competition (Spring 2011). He previously won the state and the five-state regional competitions to advance to the MTNA finals. He was a three-time finalist in the WIU Fall Concerto Competition (2009, 2010, 2011) and a WIU Concerto Competition winner (Fall 2011). Haas also plays third trumpet with the Quincy Symphony Orchestra (Quincy, IL).

Haas is a Trustee Scholar at Western, which is awarded to six students each year. Haas is on track toward his goal of playing with a major symphony orchestra. Haas is scheduled to graduate in Spring 2013. He then plans to earn a master of music in trumpet performance, followed by

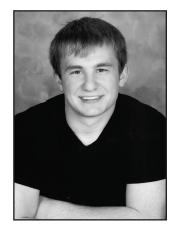
obtaining a doctorate.

WIU theatre student gets audition with **American Idol**

Capturing the title of Tri-State Idol earned a Western Illinois University musical theatre major an American Idol audition in July.

Aaron Zetterlund, of Keokuk, IA, completed the American Idol audition July 12, but was not chosen to move on to the next round of competition.

Zetterlund won the Idol contest in Quincy July 7. He will be a senior at WIU this fall.



Aaron Zetterlund

A video of his

performance during Tri-States Idol is available at wgem. com/story/18972827/keokuk-singer-wins-tri-state-idol.

Fansler inducted into elite association

Western Illinois University Director of Bands Mike Fansler has been inducted into The American Bandmasters Association

The placement was made during the annual ABA convention in March, which puts Fansler in the elite company of less than 300 band conductors and composers across the United States.

Each inductee was unanimously approved by the ABA's voting body, which considers achievements in the areas of musical leadership and the promotion of the concert band genre.

Fansler's application to the ABA included recorded performances under his direction by the WIU Wind Ensemble, the University's premier concert band. He also conducts Western's Chamber Winds.

Under Fansler's direction, the Western Illinois Wind Ensemble has performed at the Illinois Music Educators Association All-State Conference, the College Band Directors National Association's North Central Conference, and twice on Armour Stage in Chicago's Orchestra Hall.

Fansler has conducted around the world with guest adjudicating and conducting appearances at numerous high schools and with many honor bands. Fansler also has appeared with the Army Ground Forces Band, Northern Arizona Wind Ensemble and the Johnson City (TN) Symphony Orchestra.

He has lectured on the music of Percy Grainger at the Midwest Clinic and received a grant to visit the Grainger Museum in Melbourne, Australia to further study Grainger's music and life.

Fansler is also a professor of music, teaching graduate wind conducting and literature and various undergraduate education courses.



Mike Fansler

He joined Western's music faculty in Fall 2001 as associate director of bands and was named director of bands and director of Western's summer music camps in May

As associate band director, Fansler conducted Western's Concert Band, the Fighting Leathernecks Marching Band, the Pep Band and served as interim conductor of the Symphony Orchestra.

Fansler has been conducting bands for 27 years and has served as WIU's Wind Ensemble conductor since 2006.

Four ABA members, including former director of bands James Keene of University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Jon Dugle retired WIU music

professor, and current band directors Scott Casagrande of John Hersey High School (Arlington Heights, IL) and David Maccabee of United Township High School (East Moline, Ill.) comprised Fansler's nominating committee.

Previously, Fansler directed the Idaho State University and Mars Hill (NC) College summer music camps, was the interim director of bands at Mars Hill College and the director of athletic bands and professor of saxophone at Idaho State University.

Fansler is a member of the College Band Director's National Association, the National Band Association, the National Association for Music Education, Phi Beta Mu International Band Masters Fraternity and Phi Mu Alpha

He earned a bachelor of music in music education (1993) from James Madison University, a master of music in music education (1995) from Syracuse University and a doctor of education (Ed.D.) in music education and conducting (2009) from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

The American Bandmasters Association was founded in 1929, with John Philip Sousa as honorary life president.

Clow named **COFAC** dean

William T. (Billy) Clow has been named the dean of Western Illinois University's College of Fine Arts and Communication. He began his duties July 1.

Clow had served as dean of the College of Fine Arts at the University of Montevallo (AL), as well as a professor at the school, since 2009. Prior to that appointment Clow was the interim associate dean of the College of Liberal Studies and director of the School of Arts and Communication (2007-2009) and chair of the department of theatre arts (1999-2007) at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse (UWL), as well as serving a professor.

He also served as managing artistic director of UWL Summer Stage (2000-2007) and scenic and lighting designer, scenic artist and properties designer at UWL (1996-2007). Clow has worked as the head of production design area and production coordinator (1991-1996), Summer Dance Program production coordinator (1992-1996), production manager (1992-1996) and technical director/lighting designer (1989-1991) at Stephens College.

Clow has published professionally, and has numerous theatrical honors, including lighting design awards and certificates of merit from the Kennedy Center America College Theatre Festival. He has served as the scenic and/ or lighting designer for several plays throughout the United States and is a member of the Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences and the International Council of Fine Arts Deans.

"Mr. Clow's diverse experience in the fine arts will further enhance COFAC's mission of providing an outstanding education to its students and to serve as the major cultural center for the region," said WIU Provost Ken Hawkinson '78 MA '79.

Clow received his MFA from Illinois State University (1989) and his bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri (1985)



Dear Alumni & Friends,

It is with pride and a sense of gratitude that I thank you for your generous support of Western Illinois University this past fiscal year. Your commitment to Western Illinois University in the face of a challenging economy and difficult



state financial environment has made it possible for another 1,840 students to meet their dream of graduating from college.

The last decade has certainly changed the landscape of higher education in Illinois and across the country. No longer does money freely flow to the public colleges and universities, and no longer is it a given that students can apply for, and receive, financial aid. Western Illinois University is facing a critical time in its future and there is no doubt that additional private support will be needed to continue to offer access and opportunity to higher education. The Foundation's fundraising efforts are focused on keeping a Western education accessible to as many students as possible, regardless of means.

Many of you have stepped forward to support the current \$60 million Campaign for Western Illinois University: Higher Values in Higher Education. We have raised more than \$50 million toward our goal and I have no doubt that by Dec. 31, 2013, when the campaign ends, we will be have exceeded our goal. We are grateful to each and every one of you, for each and every gift.

Fiscal Year 2012 brought many fine accomplishments—we opened a new campus in the Quad Cities; had a student interview for a prestigious Rhodes Scholarship; had an alumnus receive a Pulitzer Prize; a faculty member receive a Fulbright Award; and another discover a new dinosaur. We could not have achieved these things without you, our donors.

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

Sincerely,

Brad Bainter

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

Major gift highlights

Foundation year in review:

- Seven-figure planned gift from Tate Lindahl, retired WIU administrator, to support the Performing Arts Center.
- \$3 million estate land gift from an anonymous donor to support the Department of Foreign Languages and Literature and Renaissance Studies.
- Nearly \$795,000 from the estate of Ralph & Gladys '34 Anderson to support the College of Education & Human Services, specifically teacher education.
- \$300,000 gift from Sodexo, Inc. & Affiliates for Student Services Facility Renovation.
- \$269,345 in scholarship support from the estate of Mary Mabon '32.
- \$181,250 from the Moline Foundation in support of scholarships and engineering for the Quad Cities Riverfront Campus.
- \$100,000 from the AT&T Foundation for year five of the PACERS Program in the College of Education & Human Services.
- \$97,742 scholarship gift from the estate of Dorothy Bates Jessee.

- \$91,500 from the Caterpillar Foundation to sponsor six students to study in China fall semester 2012.
- \$50,000 gift from **Olga** "**Kay**" **Kennedy '46** for the Department of Biological Sciences.
- \$47,588 estate gift from Maxene Brooks '40.
- \$45,000 gift from Ernie Codilis '73 for a Pre-Law Honors Scholarship.
- \$30,000 planned gift from Ron '68 & Gayle Peterson for scholarships in the College of Arts & Sciences.
- \$25,000 commitment from Dr. Virginia Boynton for the Richard & Janet Boynton History Honors Thesis Award.
- \$25,000 pledge from 2007 Honorary Alumnus William "Dr. B." & Jacquie Brattain for the Brattain Transfer Scholarship.
- \$25,000 commitment from **Ken Mietus '64 M.A. '69** & **Chris '79 M.A. '83 Adamski-Mietus** for a Sociological Master's Scholarship.
- \$25,000 gift from Frank Rodeffer '61 to establish the Peggy Rodeffer Memorial Scholarship.
- \$19,500 from the Eric Gleacher Foundation for Golf Scholarships.

Scholarships—Helping students succeed

The scholarship program at Western Illinois University attracts talented and promising students to the University, rewards academic achievement and makes a Western education more affordable to qualified students. Through scholarship opportunities at Western, many students are able to complete their education and meet academic career goals.

The Western Illinois University Scholarship Program has hundreds of named scholarships awarded to students on an annual basis. Individuals or heirs choose to perpetuate family names and values by establishing either annual or endowed scholarships through the WIU Foundation.

In addition, alumni, corporations, small businesses and private individuals also provide monetary support to the Foundation and its scholarship program. What follows are highlights of the support and generosity in Fiscal Year 2012 that have enhanced the Western Illinois University Scholarship Program.

- The WIU Foundation distributed more than \$2.1 million in student scholarships this past year, including institution-based aid and room scholarships; more than \$3.4 million was awarded to over 3,879 WIU students in Fiscal Year 2012.
- Scholarship awards represented more than 31 percent of the Foundation's total expenditures for the year.
- New contributions added an additional \$1,792,500 to the endowment for scholarships, assistantships, research and similar areas.
- Donors to the WIU Scholarship Program include alumni, parents and relatives of WIU alumni, students and current and retired faculty and staff.

The following scholarships were established through the WIU Foundation in Fiscal Year 2012. We thank the individuals, corporations and foundations whose generosity made these scholarships possible.

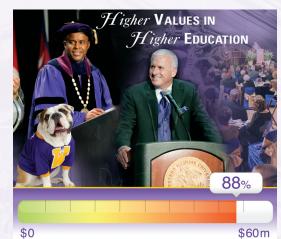
- Shane & Tena Bennett Scholarship
- Richard & Janet Boynton History Honors Award
- Brattain Transfer Scholarship
- Delcamo Leadership Scholarship
- Ethan Dobereiner Memorial Scholarship
- Dukes & Duchesses Scholarship
- Bruce Engnell Agriculture Scholarship
- R. Henry Biological Science Award
- R. Hodges English Education Scholarship
- Lowell N. Johnson Scholarship
- Maureen Marx Academic Excellence Award
- Marta Mounce Hayes Memorial Elks Scholarship
- Lwin Graduate Scholarship in Physics
- Mietus Sociological Master's Scholarship
- S. Nelson Memorial Football Scholarship
- Quincy Crime Stoppers Memorial Scholarship
- Peggy Rodeffer Memorial Scholarship



Higher Values in Higher Education: The campaign for Western Illinois University

As of Aug. 22, 2012, the WIU Foundation is 84 percent of the way to its \$60 million goal, having raised more than \$50.6 million. Announced in 2006, the campaign is in effect until Dec. 31, 2013.

Private contributions are a necessary part of WIU operations. Currently, the State of Illinois supplies less than half of Western's appropriated/general revenue budget. In addition, almost 80 percent of new



freshmen on our campuses receive financial aid.

The campaign's fundraising efforts are focused on keeping a Western education accessible to as many students as possible, regardless of their means, and of continual improvement of that educational experience. This simply cannot be done without the assistance of WIU's many alumni, employees, friends, and corporate partners. Your investment is a meaningful way to share in Western's values

WIU-Quad Cities Foundation Year in Review

Western Illinois University-Quad Cities (WIU-QC) experienced another strong and successful year. WIU-QC fundraising was enhanced by many significant institutional accomplishments. The School of Engineering graduated its first students, the supply chain management, human resource management, English and communication majors were extended to the Quad Cities Campus and a new entrepreneurial studies minor was established.

The WIU-QC Riverfront Campus opened at the start of the Spring 2012 semester. The new campus—on the banks of the Mississippi River—was made possible by a gift of land and property from John Deere and Company. Phase I supports the College of Business and Technology, all other undergraduate programs, student services and administration.

An August 2012 Phase II groundbreaking (five interconnected buildings) leads to 2014-15 opening of this new facility that will house Quad Cities programs in the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Education and Human Services, Fine Arts and Communication and other staff areas, including WQPT.

The addition of WQPT-Quad Cities Public Television to WIU-QC has enhanced public service. As a public broadcasting service of WIU, WQPT serves a viewing audience of 600,000 residents of Western Illinois and Eastern Iowa. Some of the new local programs include:

- WIU Presents: A monthly program showcasing fine and performing art presentations at Western.
- The Cities: A local public affairs program moderated by a local anchorman.
- Out & About: A one-to two-minute production throughout the broadcast day that highlights station programs and events sponsored by non-profit groups in the area.
- Re-broadcasts of home Leatherneck basketball games

Cumulative comprehensive campaign and annual WQPT contributions total \$7.4 million in gifts, pledges and grants for WIU-QC, with 35 donors in major gift

categories and 80 in recognition categories for annual gifts, up from a total of two just three years ago. FY12 donors include:

- 3M Foundation
- Derek Bloomfield
- Thomas & Elaine Bridge
- Butler Insurance Services, Inc.
- CD Wiman Memorial Trust
- Roger Clawson
- Doris and Victor Day Foundation
- Dispatch Publishing Company
- Holabird & Root, LLC
- Illowa Construction, Labor & Management Council
- John Deere Classic
- Lowell N. Johnson Charitable Foundation
- LinguiSystems
- McCarthy-Bush Foundation
- Mel Foster Co.
- Melvin McKay Trust
- Mid American Energy Foundation
- Midland Information Resources
- Modern Woodmen of America
- The Moline Foundation
- Robert & Blenda Ontiveros
- Paragon Commercial Interiors
- Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 25
- Quad Cities Chapter NECA
- Quad City Bank & Trust
- Raufeisen DevelopmentRoyal Neighbors of America
- Sedona Technologies
- Scott County Regional Authority
- The Geneseo Foundation
- Whitey's Ice Cream Manufacturers
- Robert D. Wismer

"The number and diversity of all the private and public investors in WIU-Quad Cities and those who have helped with the progress of the Riverfront Campus

Dear Friends of Western,

Having just completed my second and final year as President of the WIU Foundation Board, I am continually impressed by your ongoing loyalty and generosity. The community of WIU donors—alumni, friends, and businesses—is reflective of the school itself:



dedicated to maintaining academic excellence and preserving the welcoming and nurturing environment that Western is known for.

I recognize there are many causes worthy of your support, and it means a great deal that you continue to identify WIU as an important philanthropic priority, particularly in these challenging economic times. The fiscal situation in the state of Illinois means that your ongoing commitment to the financial assistance of WIU is essential. We increasingly rely on private support to advance our mission; your gifts make a difference, every day, on both the Macomb and Quad Cities campuses.

Your support makes it possible for Western to persevere during these times and endure. Despite declining state support, Western continues to deliver a quality education and assist students in overcoming the financial obstacles in earning their degrees. For that we are grateful.

As we entre the final stages of our current capital campaign, I want you to know how much your support of the campaign is appreciated. We are at approximately 88% of our goal as of Aug. 22, and with your continued generosity, hope to exceed our established goal of \$60 million comfortably.

On behalf of our students and their families, our faculty and staff, I thank you again for your investment in the future of our graduates.

Sincerely,

Todd Lester '90

President, WIU Foundation Board

reinforces the entire community's commitment to the betterment of both the regional economy and educational landscape of the entire Quad Cities region," said WIU President Jack Thomas. "With their generosity, our dreams have become reality. We have advanced student scholarships, information and technologies, facilities and the public service mission of WQPT."

"Every gift strengthens our community and makes an immediate impact on our campus and the students that we serve," said **Joe Rives**, vice president of Quad Cities, Planning and Technology. "We have set a strong foundation, a culture of giving and support, that benefits current and future generations of students. We will continue to build on our fundraising successes in the years ahead so we can remain the public choice for higher education in the Quad Cities."



Foundation Year in Review



On behalf of the entire Western Illinois University community, the WIU Foundation thanks all of the generous individuals who made contributions to the University this past year. The following report highlights financial information, programs and services and contributions to the Western Illinois University Foundation covering the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

- Private support received through the WIU Foundation, including cash gifts, gifts-in-kind pledges and testamentary/deferred gift commitments totaled \$8,387,318.
- The WIU Foundation processed 31,658 gifts from 14,126 alumni, friends, parents, faculty and staff members, corporations and business, foundations and other organizations.
- The average alumni contribution for all purposes was \$356.90.
- WIU Foundation expenditures in support of the University for all purposes totaled \$6,664,297.
- Contributions to the endowment added \$1,792,500 to the WIU Foundation's permanent asset base.

TOTAL DOLLARS CONTRIBUTED BY CATEGORY—FY12*

- * Income only; outstanding pledges not included. Includes \$268,286 of gift-in-kind income.
 - ** Does not include \$1,052,285 in outside scholarship donations for student support.

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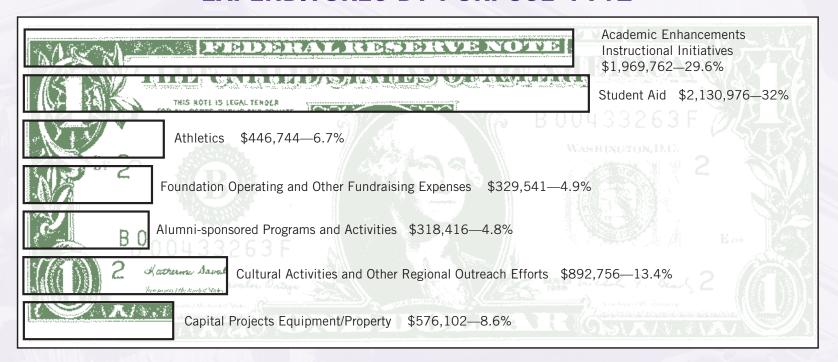
NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTORS BY CATEGORY-FY12

- * Does not include 473 employees who are included in the alumni count.
- ** Does not include 318 parents included in alumni count.

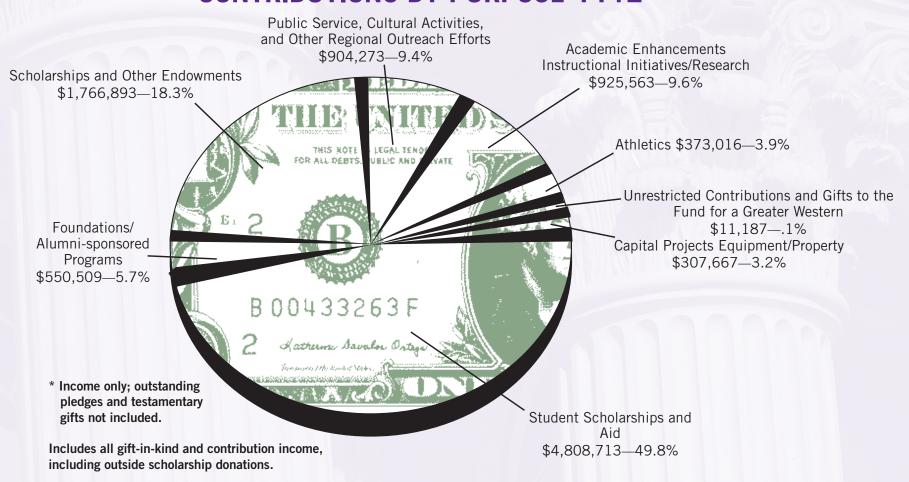


Financial Summary

EXPENDITURES BY PURPOSE-FY12



CONTRIBUTIONS BY PURPOSE-FY12





Intercollegiate Athletics

years, including an undefeated regular season championship in 2007 and three appearances in

Flogaites led the College of the Southwest to

a 17-3 record in 2006 as head coach, winning the

Red River Athletic Conference regular season

title and advancing to the NAIA nationals. For

three years he coached at Lambuth University,

appearing in the conference tournament each

season and setting a program record for wins in

the tournament championship game.

WIU Athletics announces new hires

Calhoun named WIU football equipment manager

The Western Illinois Athletics Department has chosen **Dakarai Calhoun** to take over the athletic equipment room duties for the Leatherneck Football program. In his second year at Western, Calhoun will also continue to work directly with the men's basketball program.

Since joining the department in May 2011, Calhoun assisted with the Leatherneck sport programs in issuance and receipt of athletic equipment, setting up for practices and games, supervising the locker room services and security, and traveling with teams on occasion to assist with equipment needs.

Prior to joining Western, he worked for three years at the College of William & Mary as an assistant equipment manager. He worked directly with men's/women's basketball, volleyball, men's/women's soccer, men's/ women's tennis, lacrosse and field hockey.

Calhoun spent one year in the Arena Football League, working with the Tallahassee Titans as athletic assistant and equipment manager.

Calhoun worked four years at Florida A&M University (FAMU) as assistant equipment manager, working with the head manager with the football program. He interned during the summer of 2005 with the Jacksonville Jaguars in player operations.

A member of the Athletic Equipment Managers Association (AEMA), Calhoun earned his bachelor's degree from FAMU in political science with a minor in graphic design.

Flogaites named head coach of women's soccer team

Following five successful seasons at Hastings College, 11-year coaching veteran **Ted Flogaites** has been chosen as the head coach of the Western Illinois University women's soccer program.

Flogaites takes over as the Leathernecks' fifth head coach in program history, bringing with him a career record of 123-85-13 in 11 years as a head coach, including a five-year mark of 76-22-9 (.752 winning percentage) with the Broncos.

He led Hastings to the 2010 NAIA national championship game, qualified for three national tournaments (2008, 2010, 2011), was nationally ranked the past two seasons, and set a program record winning 19 games last season.

"Joining the Leatherneck Athletics
Department is a phenomenal opportunity for
me, and I will do whatever it takes to build the
program into playing attractive soccer, achieving
and surpassing high standards in the classroom,
and competing first for Summit League
championships with our sights set down the line on
qualification for the NCAA College Cup," Flogaites said.

He inherits a Leatherneck team that started off last year 6-2 before slipping to a 7-12 overall record (1-8 in the Summit League). Western had finished among the top half in the Summit League six of the previous seven



Dakarai Calhoun

Shondell named assistant



"I feel blessed for the opportunity and am extremely excited to help Coach (April) Hall rejuvenate the Leatherneck volleyball program," Shondell said.

During Shondell's tenure at Purdue, the Boilermakers advanced to three Sweet Sixteens and an Elite Eight. Shondell also played for (2008-09) and trained (2011) the Purdue Men's Club Volleyball team.

Shondell graduated from Purdue University in May 2012 with a bachelor's degree in professional writing and a minor in history.



Ted Flogaites

Kyle Shondell

Claire Smalzer



Matt Tanney

Smalzer named assistant director of academic services

Western Illinois University graduate assistant Claire Smalzer (Palos Heights, IL) was recently named assistant director of Academic Services. Smalzer spent the last year serving as a graduate assistant in the department before accepting the full-time position.

"I am ecstatic that Claire has decided to join the Leatherneck family as a full time staff member," said Assistant Athletics Director for Academic Services and Senior Woman Administrator Lisa Melz-Jennings MS '94. "Her past year as my graduate assistant proved to be invaluable to her growth. I am certain she is ready for this next stage in her career."

As a graduate assistant, Smalzer was responsible for the academic advising of six NCAA Division I sport programs including: football, men's and women's golf, women's soccer, volleyball and softball. She also helped coordinate community events for Leatherneck student-athletes including Jump Rope for Heart, Rocky's Reach and The Summit League Food

Fight.

Smalzer came to Western Illinois after graduating from Duke University in 2011 with a bachelor's of science in biological anthropology and anatomy and a minor in Education.

The Summit League announces the 2012 Spring Academic All-League Honorees

The Summit League has announced that 107 Fighting Leathernecks earned 2012 Spring Academic All-League recognition on June 14 with 46 receiving Distinguished Scholar honors.

Student-athletes who earned a minimum grade point average of 3.0 during the Spring 2012 semester made the list, and those posting a mark of 3.6 or higher were recognized as Distinguished Scholars. Eighteen Leathernecks turned in perfect 4.0 semester GPAs.

"Western Illinois student-athletes continued to be successful academically this spring and we could not be more thrilled to announce that 107 Leathernecks were placed on The Summit League's Spring Academic All-League list," Director of Athletics **Tim Van Alstine** said. "This recognition shows that our coaches and student-athletes remain committed to academic excellence and make it a priority throughout the year."

Track and field led the way for men's teams with 22 student-athletes awarded. They were followed by baseball (12), swimming and diving (8), golf (6), tennis (4) and basketball (3). Track and field set the tone for the women's teams as well with 19 honorees. They were followed by swimming and diving (10), softball (7), golf (6), basketball (6) and tennis (4).

Tanney hired as associate athletics director

Matt Tanney, director of compliance at the University of Oklahoma, has been hired as associate athletics director for Leatherneck Athletics.

Tanney will supervise all facets involving Leatherneck student-athletes, including: compliance, academic services, financial aid, strength and conditioning and athletic training along with facility management and sport administration.

Prior to working for the Sooners, Tanney worked two years at the University of Dayton in the same capacity.

"My family and I are excited to join the Leatherneck and Macomb communities," said Tanney. "Participation in NCAA athletics can have a profound and positive impact on student-athletes, and I look forward to working with our coaches, staff and various campus departments to provide the optimal experience for all student-athletes during their time at Western."

Tanney worked for a year and a half as a law clerk at the National Federation of State High School Associations in Indianapolis (IN), then at The Ohio State University as a compliance coordinator. Tanney received his Juris Doctor in May 2008.

In May 2005, Tanney graduated with honors from Wabash College with a bachelor's degree in English.



Intercollegiate Athletics



Leathernecks succeed in NCAA APR Report

Led by the women's tennis team that recently received the NCAA Public Recognition Award for Academic Progress Rate (APR), Western Illinois Athletics once again had all 20 sport programs exceed the benchmark 930 multi-year score. The NCAA released the academic data June 20.

The Leathernecks scored a perfect 1,000 on 34 occasions between multi-year and 2010-11 scores of APR (10), eligibility/retention (12), and graduation (12).

The APR is calculated by allocating points for academic eligibility and retention of student-athletes on athletic scholarships. A team's APR score is the total points earned by the team at a given time divided by the total points possible and multiplied by 1,000. The multi-year number is the average APR score of the four-year cohort spanning 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, and 2010-11.

To learn more about academics and APR, visit ncaa.org and click on Academics/Division I. The NCAA Division I APR database is available for the general public to view.

Of the 20 programs, 15 either kept their multi-year rate the same or increased compared to last year's report—including six teams that jumped up by 10 or more points. Four of the five programs which slipped in multi-year were by seven or fewer points.

"In recent months APR has been talked about in the national media and consequences of poor scores leading to a postseason ban. That's why I am very excited to report the APR success of all our programs. The NCAA increased the benchmark five points to a minimum 930 multi-year rate, and we continue to exceed that rate in every

program," said Director of Athletics **Tim Van Alstine**. "That being said, we cannot rest on our laurels. Our student-athletes must remain diligent in the classroom, and our coaches must continue recruiting students who have the desire to succeed on the competition field and in their studies while embodying the University's four core values."

Multi-year APR totals

1,000 - Women's Tennis

992 - Men's Tennis

990 - Volleyball

989 - Women's Outdoor Track and Field

989 - Softball

988 - Women's Golf

981 - Women's Cross Country

979 - Women's Indoor Track and Field

978 - Women's Swimming

977 - Men's Outdoor Track and Field

974 - Women's Soccer

969 - Men's Cross Country

965 - Women's Basketball

964 - Men's Golf

962 - Men's Indoor Track and Field

948 - Football

945 - Men's Basketball

942 - Men's Swimming

935 - Men's Soccer

934 - Baseball

Women's Tennis earns APR award

The Western Illinois women's tennis program received national recognition by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) June 14, ranking among the top 10 percent nationally in the multi-year Academic Progress Rate (APR). The Fighting Leathernecks tennis team received a perfect score of 1,000

Each year, the NCAA tracks the classroom performance of student-athletes on every Division I team through the annual scorecard of academic achievement. The score measures eligibility and retention each semester or quarter and provides a picture of the academic culture in each sport. The most recent APRs are multi-year rates based on scores from the 2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2009-2010 and 2010-11 academic years. WIU Tennis Coach Chris Kane and his women's program also scored a perfect 1,000 multi-year APR in eligibility/graduation and retention.

"Women's tennis earning the APR recognition award by the NCAA is an incredible honor for the program, Coach Kane, Leatherneck Athletics, and the Summit League. To be ranked among the top 10 percent nationally in multi-year APR speaks volumes to the program's dedication in the classroom," said WIU Director of Athletics **Tim Van Alstine**.

Marshall recognized as the NCAA Stolen Base Champion

Western Illinois softball shortstop **Sammy Marshall** (Naperville, IL) was crowned the NCAA Stolen Base Champion after swiping a school and Summit League record 45 bases in just 38 games for a steals-pergame average of 1.18.

"Being named the NCAA Stolen Base Champion is not only a tremendous personal honor for Sammy, especially after missing 13 games with a broken ankle, but also a great testament



Sammy Marshall

to her teammates that helped her accomplish this award," said Coach Holly Van Vlymen '00 MS-Ed '08. "We are excited to build upon the successes of last season in the upcoming year."

Marshall is just the fourth softball player in Summit League history to earn a NCAA statistical title and the first to do so since 2006.

Marshall garnered First Team All-Summit League honors in her collegiate debut season after leading the league in batting average, ranking in the top five in runs scored and top 10 in hits. She was also a perfect 45-for-45 in stolen base attempts and was awarded The Summit League Player of the Week honor on three occasions.

Ladies' Leatherneck Football Academy raises more than \$1,100 for diabetes

Sixty-five women participated in the inaugural Ladies' Leatherneck Football Academy as part of a diabetes fundraiser at Hanson Field July 25.

The fundraiser brought in more than \$1,100 for the Diabetes Center at McDonough District Hospital.

"The Ladies' Leatherneck Football Academy was a huge success on so many



Women's Leatherneck Football Camp

levels," said WIU Director of Athletics Marketing **Kelsey Homewood**. "The diabetes fundraiser was an exciting opportunity for the women of our community to spend an enjoyable evening learning about the game of football, while supporting a great cause."

WIU football Coach **Mark Hendrickson**, his coaching staff and 25 football student-athletes hosted the women for the two-hour event.

Following registration, the program included chalk talk, a film session, offensive and defensive philosophies, position techniques, offense versus defense, a kicking contest, a question-and-answer session with coaches and players and concluded with tailgating.

The program received positive input from several participants.

"I signed up with several of my friends," said participant Cathy Early WIU Board of Trustees member and 1997 Honorary Alumnus. "We all had a great time and it was a nice opportunity to meet and interact with the coaching staff and student-athletes."

Fellow participant Laura Swanson Leezer '84 MS-Ed.

'98 agreed, saying, "As a graduate of the first WIU Ladies' Leatherneck Football Academy, I'm even more impressed than I already was with the skill set and enthusiasm Coach Hendrickson and his elite coaching staff bring to the game. I can't wait to watch them this fall."

After a successful inaugural event, Leatherneck Athletics is already looking forward to the second annual Ladies' Leatherneck Football Academy in 2013.

"The Leatherneck football coaches, student-athletes, cheerleaders and participants shared a memorable night on Hanson Field," Homewood added. "We look forward to another successful event next year."

Arts and Sciences

Alumnus' WIU study translates to archeology career

By Bryce Dexter

What would lead you into the field of archeology? That was the question **Patricia Anderson '78 MA '83** had to ask herself while growing up in Princeton (IL).

As a child, Anderson developed a deep love for animals and for showing her horse, "Twilight Time" throughout the Midwest. Dreams of becoming a professional horse trainer seemed more realistic for Anderson than anything else; however, to the relief of her parents, Anderson sold her horse and came to WIU to explore new possibilities.

While a student at WIU in 1977, Anderson joined 30 other students at the Orendorf Site Field School, southwest of Banner (IL), to uncover some of the secrets of this 13th Century Mississippian settlement. About 35 years later, in Summer 2012, Anderson found herself leading an enthusiastic group of anthropology majors to this same site to search

for evidence of earlier occupations.

During her studies at WIU, Anderson expanded her interest in geography, in which she received her master's degree and most notably, in archeology. She worked in Yucatan, Mexico for two years as a cartographer, teaching Mexican and American students how to map the ruins of Chichen Itza, a project funded by the National Geographic Society and Harvard University.

Meanwhile, Anderson was accepted at the University of Chicago to begin her Ph.D. studies in anthropology and archaeology. She received a dissertation improvement grant from the National Science Foundation to support her two seasons of fieldwork in the ruins of Yula, Yucatan, Mexico. To cover travel and living expenses, Anderson was also a field director for a cultural resource management firm from Nashville (TN).

She was one of the few women in the south at that time to direct archeological projects in Tennessee, Kentucky, Alabama and Puerto Rico.



Diesel Baldwin (Macomb, IL) and Kristin Wallace (Farmington, IL) decide on a Munsell reading for the soil color as Justina Rangel (Melrose Park, IL) records.



Emma Trone (Beardstown, IL) draws a scale profile of the trench wall based on measurements being given by Kristin Wallace (Farmington, IL).

School. Field school students visited archaeological museums, sites and field schools led by other universities including Dickson Mounds, near Lewiston (IL), Angel Mounds near Evansville (IN), Kincaid Mounds near Brookport (IL), the Illinois State Museum in Springfield, (IL) and Cahokia Mounds in Collinsville (IL).

With the help of the Cuba School Board and Cuba (IL) High School, faculty, staff and students received free accommodations in Cuba (IL), the base of operations outside the field.

"Without this incredible support, it is highly unlikely the field school would have been possible," Anderson said. "Other venues explored in Fulton County were far beyond what students could afford. We are grateful for their kindness."

Upon returning to WIU this fall, Anderson is creating the first archeological scholarship in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology. Eligible recipients must demonstrate an interest in archaeology as a career and must have completed the WIU archaeological field school.

Anderson was hired by WIU in 1999, soon after completing her doctorate. In 2000 she co-directed, with retired WIU Professor Lawrence Conrad, the WIU/Spoon River Archaeological Field School at the 10-Mile Creek Site, east of Peoria on the Illinois River flood plain.

The Orendorf site, in neighboring Fulton County, has been host to a number of WIU and Upper Mississippi Valley Archaeological Research Foundation (UMVARF) field schools (summers 1971-1978, 1987-1990). The site overlooks the Rice Lake Conservation Area and the Illinois River Valley. It is one of the most famous archeological sites in Illinois, and although coal mining destroyed much of the site, an important part remains.

During the eightweek Summer 2012 session, students learned archaeological methods and theory in the field at the Orendorf Site, and archaeological laboratory methods at Cuba High

Sutton presented IGS Distinguished Geographer Award

Christopher Sutton '88 MA '91, a Western Illinois University geography professor, has received the Illinois Geographical Society's (IGS) highest honor, the IGS Distinguished Geographer Award.

The annual award is given in recognition of the recipient's efforts to advance geography in Illinois and for service to the IGS.

The nominating committee reviewed nominees based on their merits and accomplishments. Three main aspects of Sutton's record stood out: his service to the IGS as secretary, vice president and president (2007-2008) as well as coordinator for the 2011 statewide meeting in Macomb; his record of teaching, service and research; and mentoring geographers in training, including in his classrooms, as well as encouraging students to attend IGS meetings and present their research.

This spring, Sutton was also presented the HOPE (Honoring Our Professors' Excellence) Award from WIU's University Housing and Dining Services for outstanding instruction and dedication to students. In Fall 2011, he presented the ninth annual John Hallwas Liberal Arts Lecture, sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS). Also in 2011, Sutton received the Provost's Award for Excellence in University/Community Service, the CAS Outstanding Service Award and was elected to the Macomb School Board. He also was named a Paul Harris Fellow through the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. Sutton received two Professional Achievement Awards (2010, 2006), the Provost's Award for Excellence in Teaching with Technology (2005) and the CAS Outstanding Teaching with Technology Award (2005).

Sutton is co-author of two books, "Student Atlas of World Geography" (McGraw-Hill) and "Student Atlas of World Politics" (McGraw-Hill), now in their seventh and 10th editions, respectively. He has written numerous articles for refereed journals, a book review and several instructor's manuals and pedagogical publications. He is the editor for geography information in the Global Studies' eight-book series (McGraw-Hill) and on the advisory board for Annual Editions: Environment. Sutton's editorial and review work encompasses numerous manuscripts, journals and books. Sutton came to Western in 1998 as an assistant professor of geography and the environmental studies minor adviser. He was the geography graduate program adviser (1999-2002) and chair of the department (2002-2007). Since 2007, Sutton has concentrated on teaching, Geographical Information Systems (GIS) and on research. Prior to coming to WIU, Sutton was the geography program coordinator and assistant professor in the department of social sciences at Northwestern State University (Natchitoches, LA) from 1995-1989. Sutton earned his Ph.D. (1995) in geography from the University of Denver and his M.A. (1991) and B.S. (1988) in geography from Western Illinois University.

Arts and Sciences

New book about Hennepin Canal is latest in Western Illinois Monograph Series

By Teresa Koltzenburg '92 MS '11

"The year was 1874, and the Hennepin Canal had achieved national significance and would be built as a federal waterway." Through this succinct declaration, the introduction section of Western Illinois University Geography Professor Emeritus and Board of Trustees member Donald "Bill" Griffin's new book, "Voices of the Hennepin Canal: Promoters, Politicians, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers," sets the stage for a historical account of how this waterway, located in western Illinois and opened in 1908, was built and operated until 1951 by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The work combines Griffin's many years of research on the Hennepin Canal with the "words of the people who were part of its history," from such sources as letters, newspaper articles and editorials, documented interviews, Congressional debates, survey reports and

"Voices of the Hennepin Canal"—the latest book in the New Western Illinois Monograph Series and published by the University Libraries and WIU College of Arts and Sciences (CAS)—encompasses the history, beginning in the 1830s, of the defunct waterway now utilized as a recreation area and known as the Hennepin Canal Parkway State Park. The author, who has served as a member of the WIU Board of Trustees since

2006, noted the Hennepin Canal is important not only for its contribution to inland water transportation in the U.S., but also because of the technology used at the time to construct the 75-mile route connecting the Illinois River (upstream from the village of Hennepin) to the Mississippi River west of Milan.

"From a civil engineering standpoint, this was the first time in the United States concrete was used in building navigation locks and dams. Engineers had done some work in Great Britain with concrete navigation structures, but the methodology used for the Hennepin Canal would lead to the locks built for the Panama Canal," Griffin explained. "The canal, whose initial official name was the 'Illinois and Mississippi Canal,' was the western link in a water route from the Upper Mississippi River to the Atlantic Seaboard."

According to Jeff Hancks MS '10, WIU archivist



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Hanks and CAS Dean **Susan Martinelli-Fernandez** serve as the series editors, while **Roger Viadero**, the director of the WIU Institute for Environmental Studies and a professor in the biology department, served as the volume editor.

"The original Western

Illinois Monograph Series

(1983-1991) published eight

by the region before it ended

due to budgetary constraints.

volumes and was well received

We decided to explore reviving

the series, because we believed

share with the public, "Hanks

said. "Book publishing is an

expensive endeavor, but with

of the Haines Family Fund

for Regional Studies it was

monograph series a reality."

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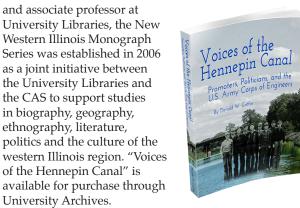
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there are some interesting,

important stories from the

western Illinois region to

"This collaborative effort came from the natural confluence of Professor Griffin's 30-plus years of scholarship on the planning, construction and operation of the Hennepin Canal with my professional experience as a civil/environmental engineer," Viadero explained. "The result is a book that bridges a broad range of disciplines from geography, to water-resource engineering, political science, history and economics. In this regard, 'Voices' is a great reflection of the Institute's dedication to support multidisciplinary scholarship relevant to WIU, the region and beyond."



"Voices of the Hennepin Canal: Promoters, Politicians, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers" is the latest publication in the New Western Illinois **Monograph Series and** can be purchased from the University Archives unit of the Western Illinois University Libraries. The text is complemented by 10 maps, 39 period photographs, and three appendices. Image courtesy of Roger Viadero.

Viadero also designed the book's front and back covers and noted the book's cover design features a contemporary landscape photo, as well as 1943 image of canal employees.

"My goal was to incorporate a visual representation of the historic 'voices' featured in the manuscript with the more enduring natural setting of the canal channel," he said.

In addition to telling the important story of the Hennepin Canal, Griffin's new book will help fund WIU Foundation Scholarships. He noted a percentage of the profits from book sales will go directly toward student scholarships.

Griffin will also be leading a field tour of the Milan area and three navigation locks of the Hennepin Canal in late
September as part of the 2012 Upper Mississippi River Conference (UMRC).
The Sept. 26-28 UMRC—organized by Davenport (IA) based River Action, a nonprofit organization "dedicated to fostering the environmental, economic and cultural vitality of the Mississippi River and its riverfront in the Quad Cities' region"—is slated to be held at the WIU-QC Riverfront campus and at the Stoney Creek Inn in Moline (see riveraction.org/umrc/).

According to Martinelli-Fernandez, Griffin's leadership and participation in such activities as representing Western at

the UMRC and working with individual and entities in the area not only provide important contributions to WIU, but also to the region.

"I want to thank Dr. Griffin for his vision and for his ongoing support of WIU and CAS initiatives through his collaboration with the diverse group of stakeholders from the government, community and the academy who are dedicated to enhancing environmental, economic and community sustainability along the Upper Mississippi River," she said. Dr. Griffin teaches us that the river is our home; the river is our teacher; the river is our path to sustained progress as individuals and as communities," she added.

To purchase copies of the "Voices of the Hennepin Canal: Promoters, Politicians, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers," contact University Archives at (309) 298-2717. Cost of each copy is \$35, plus \$2.71 sales tax for Illinois residents.





The sixth annual Western Illinois University College of Arts and Sciences Scholarship Fundraising Dinner will be held Saturday, Dec. 10.

The dinner event, which recognizes college scholarship recipients and 2012 distinguished alumni, runs from 6–9 p.m. in the University Union Lamoine Room. A social hour will precede dinner and a program will be held after dinner.

Event tickets are \$60, with \$30 of the cost donated to the WIU scholarship of your choice. RSVP by Nov. 30 to Bryce Dexter, director of development for the College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Office, (309) 298-1828 or e-mail at bm-dexter2@wiu.edu.

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in sociology from Western in 1976, and he remembers some timeless advice that Mudra —a member of the College Football Hall of Fame—gave his student athletes. Mudra's words of wisdom have been key for Lavin since he left WIU.

"I was a part of two outstanding football teams at WIU and learned the value of discipline, teamwork and preparation, particularly from Coach Mudra, the head coach my junior year. Coach Mudra reminded us—and this was unusual for a head coach to appreciate and learn from our competition. That's something I've kept in mind over the years—to look at every situation as an opportunity to learn and develop," Lavin said.

Caterpillar Inc. is one of the world's most recognizable manufacturers of construction and mining equipment, engines, industrial gas turbines and diesel-electric locomotives. The unmistakable yellow machinerybranded with the all-capped word logo "CAT" in black with the yellow isosceles triangle—can be found on construction sites as near as its home base of Peoria (IL), to the far-flung nations of southeast Asia, for which Lavin is responsible. According to the Caterpillar website, Lavin has administrative responsibility for the construction industries and growth markets, which includes Southeast

He, along with Vice Presidents Steve Larson (also chairman and president of Caterpillar Logistics Inc.) and Gary Stampanato (VP of the excavation division), are three Western Illinois University alumni who have reached well-earned positions at Caterpillar. All three credit Western and competition, at least in part, for their trajectory into the highest echelon of the company that employs more than 150,000 people worldwide and, as of April 2012, is 106 on Forbes' list of Global 2000 Leading Companies.

Competition and Connection

In addition to having WIU and Caterpillar in common, all three men grew up in Illinois. Lavin was raised in

Peoria, while Larson—who earned his bachelor's degree in accountancy in 1978 and master's degree in business administration in 1979—grew up in Lincoln. Stampanato, who earned his bachelor's degree in industrial technology in 1977, hails from the Chicago suburb of Oak Forest. All three, too, spent their time in high school and at Western involved in competitive sports. Lavin, as noted, played football, and when Larson came to WIU, he signed on as a member of the men's wrestling team. Stampanato competed as a student athlete in Western's cross country and track program.

Their individual competitive drives, as well as the demands of participating in college-level athletics while performing at high levels academically, has served all three men well since graduating from Western.



Steve Larson '78 MBA '79

"My experience at WIU was formative because I was playing a sport and studying full time, and I had to learn to budget my time between football and studies. That time challenged me to be more disciplined when dealing with more than one demand on my time," Lavin said.

"As it is for most things, you get out of it what you put in it," Larson added. "The faculty and facilities were excellent and provided a great environment for learning."

For Larson and for Stampanato, their first contact with Caterpillar occurred while they were still on Western's campus in the mid- to late-1970s.

"I interviewed on campus with Caterpillar in fall 1977,

and I was subsequently invited for an all-day interview at Caterpillar in Peoria. I was interested in the manufacturing side of the business, and my degree in industrial technology prepared me well for this. I was hired at Caterpillar in January 1978," Stampanato explained.

"I was fortunate to get an interview with Caterpillar through Western's Placement Office [now Career Services]," Larson said. "A trip to Peoria for more interviews followed, and then the job offer, which I quickly accepted. I found out pretty quickly when I started at Cat that my education at

Western prepared me well for the challenges of working for a global company."

Caterpillar continues to recruit students from Western's College of Business and Technology (CBT), which includes such degree programs as accountancy, management, engineering technology and supply chain management. Larson noted, for his area in logistics, Western's program in supply chain management provides Cat with a stellar pool of student candidates.

"At Cat Logistics, we have a strong, developing relationship with Western's supply chain management program, which is growing rapidly and attracting

professors from some of the top supply chain programs in the country. Cat is a global company with customers, suppliers and plants located around the world. Our complex supply chain creates a need for highly trained supply chain management and logistics professionals, and Western is producing graduates with this kind of capability. Caterpillar recruits at Western in several other fields as well," Larson

"I think WIU graduates fit well with the Caterpillar culture. They are bright, committed, hard working and down to earth," Lavin added. "Caterpillar is very comfortable with WIU recruits, based

on experience. Caterpillar and WIU have had a good relationship over the years."

As a result of that relationship, the Caterpillar Foundation recently provided a scholarship donation to Western's study abroad program. The Caterpillar Foundation Scholarship—which was awarded in November 2011 and totals \$91,500—will pay for six students to study in China—in a variety of locations, including Beijing, Shanghai and Chengdu—during the Fall 2012 semester. The money will be used to cover nearly all of the program-related expenses for the students.

For the Western students studying in China through the Caterpillar Foundation Scholarship, this particular study abroad program will provide them an unprecedented chance to acquire experience in a market that is a key growth area in the construction equipment industry. The semester-long program, too, will demonstrate their ability to handle the demands of living and studying in a different culture.

"A challenge for those interested in working in our industry is that significant growth is occurring in the emerging markets of China, India, Indonesia, etc.; thus, global mobility is becoming a much more important requirement or prerequisite to employment at some of the construction equipment manufacturers like Caterpillar," Stampanato

"Employers look for validation of capability, work ethic, integrity and achievement," Larson added. "So it's important to have a track record of accomplishment. Caterpillar needs people with expertise in their fields, fresh ideas, energy and the ability to adapt to an

environment of rapid change. Many areas of our business require deep functional expertise, the supply chain area being just one example where specific, rather than general, skills are important.'



Fostering Success

According to Western's Vice President for Advancement and Public Services Brad Bainter '79 MBA '83, Western Illinois University has enjoyed a wonderful, and a mutually beneficial, relationship with Caterpillar for decades.

"Throughout the years, Caterpillar has employed more of our alumni than any other company, and we look forward to even more partnerships with Caterpillar in the future. We are proud of the success our many alumni, such as Rich, Steve and Gary, have achieved during their careers at Caterpillar."

For Lavin, Coach Mudra's words—"to appreciate and learn from our competition"—he's kept in mind throughout his successful career at Caterpillar have ingrained in him the ability to take competition in stride. He noted that, today, students can still heed Mudra's timeless advice: to survey your competition and embrace that opportunity to better yourself.

"Today's market is extremely competitive," Lavin said. "Students need to continuously assess how they are differentiating themselves from those they are competing with in the marketplace—learning a second or third language, earning an advanced or additional degree or balancing your studies with extra-curricular activities. It's always impressive to see the résumés of students and others who have continuously invested in themselves, who have tried to differentiate and improve themselves."



Richard Lavin '76

Alumni-Admissions Initiative Update

From Director of Admissions Andy Borst...

As we begin a new academic year, we are very excited about this year's incoming class of new students. Thank you to those of you who have shared your story with a son, daughter, grandchild, friend, neighbor, or anyone who would listen, about your experience as

a student at Western Illinois University. As I mentioned in my summer update, we did receive a record 10,086 new freshmen applications for this Fall semester. We are expecting an increase in both average ACT and high school GPA of our freshmen class. Nothing does more to help us recruit students than having you say something to

a prospective student or parent about your Western story and we are forever grateful to you for your continued support of your alma mater. THANK YOU!

wiu.edu/alumni/recommend.php



CBT Announces New Department Leadership

The Western Illinois University College of Business and Technology (CBT) is pleased to announce three changes in department leadership.

Marketing Professor **Craig Conrad '89 M.B.A. '91** has been named Interim Chair of the WIU Department of Management and Marketing. Conrad, a double alumnus from WIU (Chemistry '89, M.B.A. '91) joined the Western faculty in 2001 after serving at the University of Tennessee-Martin and Wingate University.

Conrad's 50-plus research based articles and presentations have been featured in trade and academic publications including The Journal of Marketing Management, The Journal of Strategic Marketing, Psychology and Marketing and at multiple professional conferences. His background includes significant consulting experience in custom market research and training solutions, e-communications strategies, online segmentation strategies and mobile marketing solutions with clients including Coca-Cola Mexico, Inc., Professional Golfer's Association and the Mitsubishi Corporation. He has served on the Western Illinois Credit Union Board of Directors and the Academic Outreach Council of the Mobile Marketing Association.

Conrad noted, "While the economy has, in general, posed significant challenges, opportunities for students and graduates of the disciplines in the Department of Management and Marketing remain plentiful. I look forward to working with our faculty to further institutional goals and foster an environment where students learn interactively. Strengthening relationships with the business community and alumni will help significantly in this area."

Computer Science Professor **Dennis Devolder '83 M.S. '89** has been named interim director of the School of Computer Sciences for a second consecutive year. Devolder holds a bachelor's degree in Health Science ('83) and a M.S. Computer Science ('89) from WIU, and a Ph.D.

from Florida State University.

Devoler joined the computer science department in the fall of 1996 as an assistant professor with a teaching focus on computer architecture and digital circuit design. He has completed research in computer-assisted instruction and computer-based distance learning systems, and has an extensive University service record, including Graduate Council (chair FL '04 - SP '06), multiple terms on Council on Admission, Graduation and Acadmemic Standards (CAGAS) (chair in 2002-03), and Faculty Senate (Executive Committee FL '04 - SP '07, Chair FL '08 - SP '11)

Commenting on this second year appointment, he noted, "I'm very happy to have this opportunity. In the past year we began a number of new initiatives in the School of Computer Sciences, involving program changes and significant facilities upgrades. With this reappointment I hope to see them through to completion and to get a few more underway."

Associate professor of Accounting **Gregg Woodruff** has been named chairperson of the Department of Accounting and Finance.

Woodruff holds both bachelors and masters degrees in accountancy from Southern Illinois University and a Ph.D. from the University of Memphis. He was awarded the WIU HOPE (Honoring our Professors of Excellence) award in 2009 and 2010, and also received the Outstanding Research, first place paper award for the University of Memphis Fogelman College's Conceptual/Theoretical category in 2006.

He is very active in community and professional



Craig Conrad '89 M.B.A. '91



Dennis Devolder '83 M.S. '89



Gregg Woodruff

service in the Department of Accounting and Finance. In recent years, he has organized numerous academic field trips for students and faculty and has attended more than 40 presentations of external professionals (student chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants) making presentations to Beta Alpha Psi and SCIMA.

Serving as the department's internship coordinator, Woodruff made supervisory visits for student interns throughout Illinois and the Quad Cities region. He is active and interested in CPA prep and review and has taught more than 50 CPA Review Units over the last five years.

"Going through the accreditation process, I was reminded of the remarkable credentials of our faculty and that reaffirmed my decision to apply as chairperson," he said. "Our students have a tremendous drive to achieve. I've enjoyed working on the growth of our internship program and helping students prepare for the CPA exam. I look forward to a continued partnership with employers and alumni to help place students."

Atlantis program celebrates fifth year

Riding on the success of a Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) project named the Transatlantic Dual Degree Program, four students recently graduated with their M.B.A. from WIU and a brand new cohort of students are beginning their M.B.A.

Professor **Doug Druckenmiller** started the program in 2007 and funded it with \$696,000 in federal grant money. It's based on a reciprocal relationship with Ecole Commerce European in Lyon, France and Linköping University in Linköping, Sweden. Since its beginning, the goal of the program has been to prepare both WIU and European students for the "triple convergence" of new technological infrastructure, innovative business processes and global networks. Over the years, the grant project has become known as the "Atlantis Program."

In the beginning, the international student exchange program worked like this: WIU students entered the program in their junior year and after studying abroad in Lyon and Linköping for one year, they completed a bachelor's degree from Sweden. They then returned to the U.S. to finish their bachelor's degree from WIU.

"When we finished the grant (in 2011), we transitioned the program into a 3-plus-1 dual degree program with the U.S. students returning from Linköping with a bachelor's



May 2012 Atlantis graduates from I to r: WIU supply chain management major Derek Winston '12 (Monmouth, IL), Marion Boiteux (Lyon, France), WIU management major Paul Kolkau '12 (Darien, IL) and WIU finance major Andrew Newcomb '12 (Godfrey, IL).

and then beginning their M.B.A. at WIU, and the European students enter the program as M.B.A. students in SCM (Supply Chain Management)," said Druckenmiller.

And, according to Druckenmiller, the benefits are tremendous

"Within four to four-and-a-half years, these students have a bachelor's from a European university, an MBA, and they have lived abroad for one year. That really sets them apart," he said.

In addition, students from all institutional partners participate in intensive language and cultural curricula that build their professional ability to work in a competitive global environment and help them develop communications skills with diverse business partners from other countries and cultural backgrounds. Participating students receive language and cultural instruction in Swedish, French and English.

In all, 21 WIU students have earned bachelor's degrees through the program, which aims to prepare students for highly skilled 21st century jobs that place a premium on managing a diverse global workforce and innovating new business processes. Three WIU students are entering the program this fall and are scheduled to begin their studies in Lyon in early September.

"We're really excited about the future of this program—especially with its new integration with the M.B.A. from WIU," said Druckenmiller.

Distefano named among top 25 consultants



John Distefano '80

Western Illinois University alumnus **John Distefano**, **'80**, was recently chosen by "Consulting" magazine as one of the top 25 consultants for 2012

Distefano, a native of Macomb, graduated from WIU with a bachelor's degree in business. He is now a principal at Ernst & Young

Distefano was among 476 award nominees considered by "Consulting" magazine. He was nominated by Chell

Smith, Ernst & Young's Americas Advisory Markets Leader, who was honored by the publication for her leadership in 2011.

"Ernst & Young is extremely proud of John and thrilled, but not surprised, that his pioneering leadership and expertise in health care are being honored by the industry," said Smith. "John's vision and positive leadership have contributed to tremendous growth in our business and have mobilized our people in truly inspiring ways."

Distefano currently works with Ernst & Young's clients to align their business strategies to meet the challenges and opportunities presented by ongoing health care industry transformation. He is credited with increasing the average account size of Ernst & Young LLP's top 10 accounts in health care and moving the entire national portfolio of health care accounts into priority sector status.

"I'm honored by this recognition and grateful to my colleagues and clients who motivate me to continually challenge myself," said Distefano. "It's a great privilege to work for a firm and with clients who share a vision for how things can be, and who are totally committed to improving the system and transforming it into one that genuinely meets people's health care needs."



WIU alumnus hopes to trade pair of dice to make child's dream come true

By Jodi Pospeschil

Trading on a pair of dice he found in his apartment, Western Illinois University alumnus **Sam Annable**, '11, hopes to make a series of trades that will result in tickets for the 2013 Super Bowl for a critically ill child from the region.

Annable, a marketing graduate who grew up in Fulton County, is using his marketing degree from WIU to help others. Since graduation, he has been working as an account executive for the Peoria Chiefs minor league baseball team.

"Since moving to Peoria and starting my career I knew I wanted to get involved with helping others," Annable said. "I knew I was fortunate to already have landed the job that I wanted to start my career and decided it was time to give back to those who may not be as fortunate as I am."

While researching ideas, Annable remembered a story he'd heard about a man who began with a red paper clip and made a series to trades that eventually ended up with a house.

"I thought I could use the same idea toward charity," he said. "I combined that with my love for sports and that was the birth of my project."

Annable began the process with the dice initially just because it was something small to start with. But as he pondered the program's path he realized there was symbolism to his decision.

"The child that I want to send to the Super Bowl in the end takes a roll of the dice everyday," he said.



Sam Annable '11

"They may have procedures or operations that may be very risky, so in a way, the dice symbolize his or her life and the odds that are against them."

Trading opened just over one month ago and Annable has already made two trades.

The dice were initially traded for a 1994 Alex Rodriguez rookie baseball card. Then, the card was traded for a game model Ike Davis A2000 baseball glove made by Wilson. The glove is rare because it is custom made for Davis, a New York Mets baseball player.

Annable is writing a blog about the trading progress, which is available at twobluedice.blogspot.com. He also has a Twitter account @TwoBlueDice.

Eventually Annable hopes to trade up to tickets to the Super Bowl, but will also consider selling a valuable traded item to get the money for the tickets. He has not yet chosen a recipient, but hopes to work with Peoria-based children's groups to locate a child.

Annable will also be collecting donations to help with travel to the Super Bowl and with the child's medical expenses.

"So far the support has been good," he said. "It is pretty hard to get the word out all by myself while still working full time but I am putting a lot of effort into making sure this is going to happen. I am trying to reach out to people who I think can help by posting it on social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter."

Donations can be mailed in care of Annable to Peoria Chiefs Community Baseball, 730 SW Jefferson St., Peoria, IL., 61605.

Dobson leads 17th trip to Europe

Managment Professor **Joe Dobson** led a group of 10 students on a European Business Study in June. The trip began for WIU students in 1995, and has been held every year except 2009.

In London, the group visited Kensington Gardens and Hyde Park, Piccadilly Circus, Leicester Square, Tower of London, Westminster



Dobson's study abroad students at IBM's eBusiness Centre in Paris during their 10-day European tour.

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

One of this year's highlights was a visit to the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. Whitechapel made Big Ben and the Liberty Bell.



Dobson and his students visited the famous Ferris wheel, the London Eye (background) and the Palace of Westminster (home of the United Kingdom's House of Parliament).

Dobson noted, "This place has been around since before Shakespeare, and we stood on the exact spot the Liberty Bell was cast. When I kind of joked to the manager that the bell had a crack in it, without missing a beat he replied, 'If you'll return it in the original packaging and with the original receipt, we will gladly replace it at no charge.' "

To date, more than 260 students have experienced Europe through Dobson's study abroad cohort.



Alumni Profile: MBA Enrique Arce—An International Success

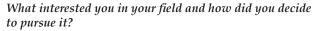
What is your current title/position?

I have been managing the banking administration department of one of the largest real estate companies in Canada, based out of Vancouver, for the last year—Bentall Kennedy.

What positions did you have leading up to your current position?

I moved to Canada about 10 years ago. I worked for the Royal Bank of Canada for six years and taught at the business school of a university for about a year, before joining the company.

Before moving to Canada, I worked for different companies where I held senior management positions, including retail sales manager, business development manager and country manager. I also did some business consulting and corporate training.



I had finished my business administration and accounting degree at home in Paraguay and was working for a pharmaceutical company as controller and was also teaching part time at the largest private university.

Paraguay was just coming out of a long dictatorship and many changes were happening. I realized that, in order to stay ahead of the pack, I needed to upgrade my academic skills and get an M.B.A. I applied for a Fulbright Scholarship (a grant from the U.S. government for those engaged in academia) to study for an MBA and was lucky enough to be selected as my field of study matched their requirements.

What would you consider to be the highlights of your career up to this point?

I was able to work in different roles in different functional areas and in different industries that allowed me to have a good understanding of business and industry dynamics which I would have not had if I would have just worked in one area of business. I worked in sales, marketing, finance and general management. This allowed me to quickly understand how the different parts of the organization interrelate with each other.

Tell us about your responsibilities and some challenges in your position?

We manage the relationship with all the banks and also about 250 accounts with a total average monthly balance of roughly \$40 million.

My team has five members and they are all from different parts of the world. Canada is a country that embraces multiculturalism strongly. So in dealing and motivating my team, I always have to be aware that people from different parts of world may react differently to a type of management style. It is not a cookie cutter operation.

To what do you attribute your success as a young professional?

I was never afraid to learn something new in the



Enrique Arce M.B.A. '90

business world or to take different roles although I did not have previous experience. I was always looking for opportunities that would allow me to grow professionally. And, if I did not know what the functions or activities were or how they were done, I would consult books and other materials that would show me how to do something. A case in point, when I was named retail sales manager in an oil and gas company. I did not have retail

sales experience, and I did not have a clue how a gas station worked, how car oil was manufactured, or even the engineering terminology used in the construction of gas stations. On top of that, my team was made up of engineers. In order to perform in the role, I even had to learn Engineering concepts and terminology in order to be able to communicate with them.

What advice would you give to students graduating from Western in the near future?

Never stop learning. I am still reading business books. And, never be afraid to assume new roles or take new challenges. You never know if you may need them in the future. It will also give you a better and well-rounded business foundation. You will be able to discuss issues with other professionals even though you may not be in the same role as them. And, if possible try to be part of the solution rather than the problem.

Don't forget that the world is now a big village. You need to be cognisant of the fact that business happens everywhere now.

And, lastly, if a mistake happens, it is better if it happens out of commission and not omission. (i.e. you tried to do it and not avoid it)

How did your time at Western prepare you for where you are today?

The MBA program gave me the tools and problem solving skills that have been extremely useful.

Another thing I learned in the program was to interact with people from other parts of the world. This was huge for me because I was from a small country in South America with very little travel experience.

Also, being in a small class environment allowed me to build friendships and a better interact with the instructors (which to me equals a better quality of education).

I always keep in mind what one of my managers once told me, "having the tools and the skills are important but it is also important to perform. What happened yesterday no longer counts, it is what you are doing today and will do tomorrow what will continue to secure your position or employment."

Please feel free to comment/add anything else that you think would be interesting to other CBT/WIU alumni.

If someone plans to come for a visit to this beautiful part of the world, please feel free to email me at enjarce@gmail.com or call me at (604) 271-5888.

WIU plays host to annual Allison Farm Field Day



Field Day 2012

Precision in organic agriculture was the theme for the Western Illinois University Organic Research Program's annual Allison Farm Field Day Saturday, Aug. 11.

According to **Joel Gruver**, director of Western's Organic Research Program and assistant professor in the WIU School of Agriculture, the Field Day was held at the Dakin Farm shop and the Allison Organic Farm located near Roseville (IL).

"There are many opportunities for improved weed control, nutrient cycling and energy efficiency through greater precision on organic farms," Gruver explained. "Our keynote speaker, Jacob Bolson, ag engineer and precision ag specialist, talked about emerging opportunities for the use of precision technologies in organic agriculture, with examples from his wife's family's farm in Hubbard (IA). Bolson's work was featured in a recent issue of Corn and Soybean Digest." (see http://cornandsoybeandigest.com/precision-ag/farming-edge-strip-intercropping-edges-capture-more-light-reward-higher-yields)

Gruver noted other speakers included **Chad Sperry** '95, director of the GIS (Geographic Information Systems) Center at WIU and Gary McDonald, an organic farming consultant and cultivation specialist.

Registration began at 9 a.m. in the Dakin Farm shop and was followed by an overview of recent research on the Allison Farm and presentations on GPS (geographic positioning systems) and precision cultivation. The morning's events concluded with a panel discussion featuring organic grain farmers who use GPS guidance and other precision ag technologies.

A free lunch was provided featuring local farm products. Bolson's keynote presentation, "Emerging Opportunities for Precision in Organic Agriculture," concluded the events in the Dakin Farm shop.

At approximately 2 p.m., the program transitioned to the Allison Farm, where Gruver hosted a walking tour of research and production fields (including examples of precision planting and cultivation).

Learn more about Western's Organic Research Program at wiu.edu/cbt/agriculture/farms/organic/.



CBT Study Abroad Advisor Travels to Cuba

After a year and a half of planning, the stars aligned for Western Illinois University College of Business and Technology (CBT) academic and study abroad advisor Michelle Terry '78 when she was able to participate in an unprecedented trip to Cuba in mid-June.

A socialist nation, Cuba was closed to U.S. travel in the 1960s as part of an embargo enacted by President John F. Kennedy. The restrictions have varied throughout the last 50 years, with periodic easing for educational travel off-and-on since the early 2000s. In January 2011, President Barack Obama re-opened travel for short term study abroad programs.

During that time, Terry was participating in an educational leave to do international research to benefit study abroad students. When she learned Obama had enacted legislation that would open up travel to Cuba she was more than intrigued.

"I had been curious about Cuba for some time," Terry said. "Everyone wants to go to Cuba and see what the country, culture and people are really like. Since it had been forbidden due to the U.S. embargo, our curiosity could not be satisfied. So, when President Obama opened up travel again to Cuba for educational purposes, I was very excited."

Terry contacted Rick Carter and Emily Gorlewski from the WIU Center for International Studies to verify that WIU would consider Cuba as a study abroad location and a possible site for faculty programs. Shortly thereafter,

Gorlewski was able to connect with John McAullif, an expert on Cuba, at a national conference and relayed his information to Terry.

McAullif's non-profit organization, The Fund for Reconciliation and Development (FFRD), has been working to help normalize U.S.-Cuba relations since the late 1990s, by traveling with educators to Cuba to build relationships and facilitate study abroad programs.

Through the years, WIU has sponsored only a handful of students for study abroad to Cuba, but the last of those

students studied abroad long ago. Travel restrictions under the Bush administration resulted in a sharp decline in academic travel to Cuba in the 1980s.

This makes the possibility of a WIU study abroad trip to Cuba entirely unprecedented according to Gorlewski, WIU study abroad assistant director.

"Michelle's trip is an important step in our being able to develop programs for students and faculty to research and study in Cuba. We are very excited that she has taken



programs with Cuba.

Old American cars (pre-1960) are still a primary

began more than 50 years ago.

mode of transportation in Cuba and are a reminder

of the trade embargo (banning all U.S. goods) which

Michelle Terry '78 at Universidad Central "Marta Abreu" de Las Villas in Santa Clara, Cuba with their vice dean Raciel Lima Onozco. Terry and Onozco visited about U.S. student exchange

> Church and the Spanish system have started discussions about sponsoring a business management training MBA in Cuba, however, that's the only diversion from the state

> > "This was a first," he said. "American universities have been going to visit, but there's been no real communication about collaboration and no real ability to have access or for an official reception of U.S. educators by the Cuban universities."

Throughout the trip, Terry and her group were also given a window into the richness of Cuban culture. They enjoyed a private performance by an Audtrain Celtic Cuban band, sampled local cuisine and attended a performance of the Opera de la Calle, a "street opera" community project.

The group also had the opportunity to visit an agricultural market, shops by the self-employed (local businesses) and Finca Vijia, the home of Ernest Hemingway.

Although she enjoyed the trip immensely, getting there wasn't easy. Terry noted that in addition to the U.S. travel embargo, communism makes travel more restrictive with more rules to understand and abide by.

"Only three travel companies are approved by the government in Cuba to arrange educational trips; you

the initiative with the support of the College and we hope that students and faculty will be interested in academic travel to Cuba."

Throughout her 10-day trip, Terry traveled with McAuliff and 11 other people from nine U.S. universities. They traveled to Havana, Matanzas, Villa Clara and Cienfuegos and visited seven universities, where they met with university officials, attended presentations about U.S.-Cuba relations, listened to a discussion of social and economic renovation in Cuba, and learned about the Cuban system of higher education.

In Cuba, every university is a state university and many have satellite campuses. Cuban higher education is completely free to all Cubans and there are no private universities.

The university system is under the ministry of higher education. One similarity to the U.S.—they have a wide range of fields in both graduate

and undergraduate programs. Recently the Catholic

Terry was surprised that the Cuban university employees demonstrated such enthusiasm to collaborate with U.S. universities and were very willing to talk about their country. McAullif said that talking directly with the university administration was a major breakthrough on this trip.



On her unprecedented trip, Terry visited seven Cuban universities including the Universidad de Havana and its administration building.

can't contract with an independent travel company

pay on the side, you can go individually to private

in Cuba for lodging or meals," she said. "But you can

recommend those places or take you there." In addition, there's no U.S. embassy in Cuba. The equivalent is called the U.S. Interests Section and there's one American contact there. However, that contact is restricted to Havana only and cannot travel throughout

businesses (hotels, restaurants), but the travel agent cannot

All visitors to Cuba are required to have non-U.S. medical insurance. American visitors have to buy health insurance in Cuba because U.S. insurance is considered an import and is not accepted.

Since 2008, cell phone access has been opened to more Cubans. Internet access is available in a few regions, but is extremely limited and very expensive at \$6 for 30 minutes. This lack of "connectivity" surprised Terry noting, "this significantly impacts the ability of Cuban and U.S. professors to exchange information and research electronically."

Aside from the challenges, Terry and McAullif see tremendous benefits to study abroad programs for WIU students in Cuba—a nation that is very literate and well educated and puts a great value on higher education.

'Visiting students get all the cross cultural and linguistic benefits that are available in other Latin American countries," said McAullif. "Cuba has been engaged in this sort of social experiment for 50 years; it's an interesting process that faculty and students can witness the nation's transformation and see them put aside the things that didn't work."

Terry added, "I see the opening up of Cuba for educational travel as an opportunity to teach faculty and students about Cuba, and get them into the country, so they will be better prepared to work with Cuba if the embargo is lifted. If the embargo is lifted, there will be many business opportunities for the US to work with Cuba."

In all, Terry said she was overjoyed to have gotten the opportunity to travel to a country where so few WIU delegates have been able to go.

"My hope and goal is to lead students on a short term student trip with faculty on a separate program to do research," she said. "I'd like to do this in the 2013-14 academic year. It would be open to all University students and faculty."

University Libraries

as a library liaison for the

departments of curriculum

and instruction, english and

journalism, computer science

and philosophy and religious

Alonso Rubio '05, joined

the Civil Service staff in April

as the library specialist in the

serves as the night supervisor

building. He graduated from

WIU with a bachelor of science

in graphic communications and

of the Leslie F. Malpass Library

Access Services Unit. Rubio



Malpass Library undergoes changes

The summer has brought many changes to the Leslie F. Malpass Library, both inside and out. The entrance walls are in the process of being remodeled, the University Writing Center has a new and expanded location on the third floor, and the Library has welcomed new faculty and staff.

Mahrya Carncross,

instructional services librarian, joined the faculty in May. Mahrya received her MLS

in 2009 from the University of Washington. Prior to her arrival, she was a librarian at City University of Seattle for three years. Carncross' primary duties include providing instructional services and reference. According to Libraries Dean **Phyllis Self**, her experience with virtual instruction will expand University Libraries' ability to reach out to students who are pursuing online degrees. In addition to her instructional duties, Carncross serves



L to r: Mahrya Carncross, Alonso Rubio '05 and Charity Weiss '07 M.A. '10

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a minor in art.

Charity Weiss '07 M.A. '10, began her role as a library assistant in April for the Access Services Unit, overseeing the maintenance of the stacks.

While she was an undergraduate she worked in the Interlibrary Loan section of the library. Weiss has a bachelor of arts in English and a master of arts in English from Western.

Donations are always welcome

University Libraries welcomes gifts in all forms, including monetary gifts, materials and Western Illinois University artifacts and memorabilia. Gifts of materials can be directed to **Greg Phelps '93** at (309) 298-2730 or via e-mail at GW-Phelps@wiu.edu. Historical WIU artifacts and memorabilia donations can be directed to **Jeff Hancks M.S. '10** at (309) 298-2717 or JL-Hancks@wiu.edu. All other donations, including monetary and planned gifts, should be directed to **Michael Jones M.S. '12** at (309) 298-2356 or M-Jones2@wiu.edu.



Malpass Mini-Golf



For those interested in practicing their putting in November, University Libraries will host the inaugural Malpass Mini-Golf fundraiser Saturday, Nov. 3 from 6 - 9 p.m. in Western Illinois University's Leslie F. Malpass Library.

"We are excited to host a fun, family event and raise money for University Libraries at the same time," said **Michael Jones M.S. '12**, director of development for University Libraries. "The Malpass Library will be transformed into a miniature golf course for the evening, with holes on each of our six floors, showcasing everything University Libraries has to offer."

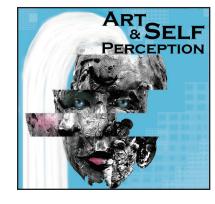
Admission at the door is \$5 for adults; \$4 for students with a valid ID; and \$3 for children ages 10 and under.

Money raised will benefit the Library Atrium Society Fund, which supports miscellaneous operation expenses, as well as books and equipment.

"We are especially thankful to our hole sponsors for their support. Their generosity will ensure a successful and entertaining event," Jones added. Anyone interested in sponsoring a hole should contact Jones at (309) 298-2356 or M-Jones2@wiu.edu or **Adam Frankhauser '06** at (309) 298-2762 or An-Frankhauser@wiu.edu.

Art and Self Perception

University Libraries is coordinating a series of events and lectures for the 2012-13 academic year to promote events across the Western Illinois University campus. The events will be held in the Leslie F. Malpass Library on the Macomb



campus, and at the Figge Art Museum in Davenport (IA). "This is a wonderful opportunity for several

departments on campus, such as museum studies, art, and the Illinois Institute of Rural Affairs to collaborate and cross-promote their events to a broader audience," said **Phyllis Self**, dean of libraries.

The schedule includes author Matt Kish regarding his book, "Moby-Dick in Pictures: One Drawing for Every Page," WIU art professor emeritus **Fred Jones**; and President Emeritus and 2011 Honorary Alumnus **Al Goldfarb**.

A complete list and details of the events can be found at wiu.edu/libraries/news/2010s/2012/artAndSelfPerception.php.

Questions about the Art and Self Perception events can be directed to the University Libraries' Administration Office at (309) 298-2762.

Patent and Trademark Resource Center



Western Illinois University Libraries has been designated as a Patent and Trademark Resource Center (PTRC) by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

University Libraries joins a network of more than 80 public, academic, state and special libraries to assist a variety of customers including inventors, intellectual property attorneys/agents, business people, researchers, entrepreneurs, students and historians.

In addition to offering free electronic services and resources designed to support the intellectual property needs of local and state patrons, **Chuck Malone**, coordinator of the Government, Legal, Spatial, and Data Services Unit, has been trained to provide customer assistance on the use of the agency's patent and trademark databases and public seminars on intellectual property topics for novice and experienced users.

The PTRC is located on the fourth floor of the Leslie F. Malpass Library, and Malone can be reached at (309) 298-2722.

Announcing new and restructured benefits for WIU alumni

Your WIU Alumni Association is pleased to announce some exciting changes to many of the benefits and services we provide for our graduates! As many know, the day you graduate from Western, you automatically become a member of the WIU Alumni Association and along with that membership comes a number of benefits and services, many of which we have restructured to better fit the needs of our alumni.

"We kicked off our new and restructured programs July 1 and hope you will join us in showing your WIU pride!" said Alumni Director **Amy Spelman M.S. '98**. "It was time to take a closer look at ways we could provide better opportunities for our alumni to be reconnected with their alma mater, including more economical options

to show how proud they are to be Leathernecks. In addition, we searched for new companies that were really committed to being partners with the Alumni Association and our graduates."

Diploma Display Frame—We are pleased to announce our new partnership with Church Hill Classics for custom Western Illinois University diploma frames. You've worked so hard to earn your diploma...now it's time to preserve it and show it off! Frame prices start at \$56; order yours today online or by calling (800) 477-9005. Please mention membership code WIUAA when ordering by phone.

WIU Class Ring—Would you like to design your own WIU class ring? Show your Western pride by designing

and ordering your class ring through Jostens. Your school...your style...your choice...the design is in your hands. Start the design process online or call (800) 854-7464 for more information.

Travel Abroad Programs—We've missed traveling with you! The WIU Alumni Association is excited to share our newly-restructured *Travel Abroad Program*. We offer more trips, more travel dates and a wide range of prices by working with three travel partners, Alumni Holidays, Go Next and Gohagan. We hope you can join us on the journey(s) as we head to Ireland, Switzerland, Alaska and many more places in 2013. See page 23 to start your journey today!

Connecting alumni with USA-made custom diploma frames



It's always great to discover a quality product that is handcrafted in the USA. This is true of diploma frames from Connecticut-based Church Hill Classics, which are now available to Western Illinois University alumni as an excellent member benefit. Diploma frames will certainly help build visibility and pride around the University!

Each frame is officially licensed, features the WIU name and seal, and will preserve your hard-earned diploma for a lifetime. You can also customize your favorite frame style online with choice of frame moulding, matting and upgraded glass options. Join the WIU tradition, and frame your diploma today!

Ordering information is available online atwiu.edu/alumni/diploma_frames.php or call (800) 477-9005.

About Church Hill Classics

Church Hill Classics was founded in 1991 by Lucie Voves. The company manufactures custom diploma frames, certificate frames, varsity letter frames, and photo frames, as well as a line of desk accessories for thousands of colleges and universities, high schools, the military, professional associations and corporate clients.

Other Alumni Benefits Include

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- Access to the Leslie F. Malpass Library
- Ability to purchase memberships at the Donald S.
 Spencer Student Recreation Center
- Quarterly issues of the Western News and monthly issues of RockeNews
- Continued access to Career Services
- WIU Illinois license plates

Be a part of the tradition and now order your class ring from Jostens

In a time when jewelry seems to be displayed on every possible part of the body, wearing a college ring may seem old school and unremarkable. To many, however, a college ring means and displays so much more, becoming the perfect way to blend old and new.

Western Illinois University has developed a new partnership with the Jostens company to help you commemorate your college experience.

College rings are a symbol of hard work and an exclusive membership in the higher academic community. A ring won't just show an affiliation with Western Illinois University, but its unique alumni family as well.

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Mishelle Banas '97, the director of Academic Support Programs at Monmouth College, Monmouth (IL), graduated from WIU with a bachelor's degree in psychology. She received her master's degree in education from Missouri State University in 1999 and a Doctor of Education degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 2010.

Dan Szajna '00, the contract coordinator for University Sourcing at the University of Illinois, Champaign, graduated from WIU with a bachelor's degree in law enforcement and justice administration. He received a certificate as Certified Public Procurement Officer (CPPO) from the Universal Public Procurement Certification Council (UPPCC) in 2011.

Matthew Toland '05 MA '10, the assistant director of The Campbell Center for Historic Preservation Studies in Mt. Carroll (IL), graduated from WIU with a bachelor's degree in women's studies and a master's degree in museum studies.

Comprised of 25 alumni appointed to three-year terms and the president of the Student Alumni Association, the Alumni Council represents the interests of Western's more than 115,000 alumni. Members serve as liaisons to various University areas and on advisory boards.

The council assists in the recruitment of students, selects Alumni Award recipients, was instrumental in establishing the Student Alumni Association and initiated the Alumni Legacy project to support reovations to the Alumni House grouds. Phase I of the project was completed in September 2012. For more information about the project visit wiu.edu/alumni/groundsrenovation.php. The council meets on a quarterly basis.

Kris Kelly '90 M.S. '92, a production supervisor for Perfecseal-Mankato in Mankato (MN), serves as president.

Alumni Travel Programs 2013

Cruise to the Lesser Antilles March 22-29, 2013

Escape the depths of winter on this eight-day cruise of the tropical Lesser Antilles aboard the Six-Star, allsuite M.V. Silver Cloud. Cruise round trip from San Juan, Puerto Rico, to St. Maarten, St. Kitts, Dominica, Antigua, St. Barts and Virgin Gorda. San Juan Pre-Cruise Option offered.



Waterways and Canals of Holland & Belgium ~ MS **Amadeus Silver**

April 12-20, 2013

Journey along the waterways of Holland and Belgium aboard the exclusively chartered state-of-the-art MS Amadeus Silver.

Civil War & Southern Culture~American Queen: Memphis to New Orleans

April 26-May 5, 2013

Experience the culture and historical architecture of the South as you discover the legends, the glory and the magnitude of the American Civil War along the shores of the Mississippi River. The luxury steamboat American Queen takes you to ports in Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana. Begin with a day in Memphis. This unique river cruise explores both the culture of the South and a pivotal time in America's history.

Sorrento

May 1-9, 2013

Discover the natural wonders and wealth of antiquities throughout the stunning region of Campania, home to writers, artists and emperors for over 2,000 years. Stroll through Sorrento, delight in Positano and the charming Amalfi and explore Paestum, Herculaneum and Pompeii. Then spend a day on the Isle of Capri.

Transatlantic Voyage

May 4-16, 2013

This 13-day transatlantic voyage is aboard the Six-Star Ship M.V. Silver Whisper. Cruise from New York to London with port calls in Halifax, Nova Scotia and St. John's, Newfoundland; along the coast of Ireland; and the port of Fowey.



Trade Routes of Coastal Iberia

May 22-30, 2013

This spectacular nine-day itinerary showcases the resplendent Iberian Peninsula aboard the Six-Star Ship M.V. SILVER CLOUD. Cruise from Barcelona, Spain to Lisbon, Portugal, and visit the ports of Valencia, Cartagena, Málaga, and Cádiz, Spain; the Balearic Island of Mallorca; and Portugal's Algarve region. Barcelona Pre-Cruise and Lisbon Post-Cruise Options offered.

Jewels of Antiquity Cruise~Cannes to Venice ~ MV Aegean Odyssey

May 28-June 12, 2013

Cruise the Ligurian, Tyrrhenian, Mediterranean and Adriatic seas during this 14-night voyage from Cannes to Venice aboard the MV Aegean Odyssey. Set sail along the beautiful French Riviera to Cannes, the



Côte d'Azur and Provence. Cruise Italy's shores to Florence and Rome. Drive along the Bay of Naples to Pompeii or Herculaneum and Taormina. Sail to the Greek colony of Butrint, then visit Corfu, Dubrovnik, the Split and Zadar. End your journey in Venice.

European Mosaic~Oceania Cruises: Rome to Lisbon

Sample some of Europe's rich past and exciting present as you cruise to distinctive ports in Italy, Monaco, France and Spain aboard Oceania Cruises Nautica. Cruise to Livorno, Pisa, Florence, Monte Carlo, Marseille, Barcelona and Cartagena, Spain.

Discover Switzerland

June 19-July 4, 2013

See the majesty of Switzerland's landscape unfold before your eyes on this journey. From Meiringen in the Hasli Valley, your home for 14 nights, discover the heart of Europe by train, bus, boat and on guided walks with your Swiss Rail Pass. Enjoy views of the Alps and cruise Swiss villages such as Lucerne, Magisalp, Kandersteg,



Grindelwald and Berne. Travel to Zermatt, Rosenlaui Gorge and the Reichenbach Falls. Board the Simplon Alpine railway to the Italian towns of Domodossola and lakeside Locarno, visit historic Montreux and the Castle of Chillon

Alaskan Adventures~Oceania Cruises: Seattle to Vancouver

August 5 - 12, 2013

Discover Alaska from the decks of Oceania Cruises' Regatta. Depart from Seattle and travel north to Wrangell. Continue cruising through Tracy Arm; follow the Alaskan coast to Sitka, and visit Ketchikan. Sail on through the scenic Inside Passage heading to Vancouver where your voyage concludes.

Ireland

September 2-10, 2013

Experience the rugged beauty of Western Ireland during your seven-night stay in Galway at the deluxe Ardilaun Hotel. Enjoy daily excursions, visit the homestead of Dan O'Hara in Connemara, learn about bodhrán drum making in Roundstone and visit the workshop of a famous craftsmen. Enjoy Irish singing, Seanchaí storytelling and "Sean-nós" dancing. Delight in the Cliffs of Moher and the Burren, attend a Hurling demonstration, and cruise to the Aran.

The Great Journey through Europe September 5-15, 2013

This extraordinary 11-day "Grand Tour" of Europe features five nights aboard the M.S. AMADEUS DIAMOND. Travel through The Netherlands, Germany, France and Switzerland, on the Rhine River. Stay in Zermatt and Lucerne and ride aboard three legendary railways—the Gonergrat Bahn, the Glacier Express from Zermatt to Lucerne and the Pilatus Railway—and enjoy a scenic cruise on Lake Lucerne.

Island Life in Ancient Greece and Turkey

September 24-October 2, 2013

Join us for this exclusive nine-day odyssey to Greece's ancient islands and Turkey's fabled coast. Cruise from Athens to Istanbul aboard the M.S. L'Austral. Meet local residents during the specially arranged VILLAGE FORUMTM for a personal perspective of the Aegean Sea's maritime culture. Take excursions to the ruins of Delos, the Old Town of Rhodes, the Monastery of St. John on Pátmos and Troy. Extend your voyage with the Athens Pre-Cruise Option and the Istanbul or Cappadocia Post-Cruise Option.

Mediterranean Inspiration~Oceania **Cruises: Rome to Venice**

October 18-29, 2013

Discover the Mediterranean aboard Oceania Cruises' Marina, as you sail to ports in Italy, Greece, Montenegro and Croatia. Depart from Rome to Italy's west coast, then visit Florence, Sorrento, or Capri, the harbors and hillside



towns of Amalfi and Positano, Sicily's Taormina, the Greek island of Corfu, Kotor, and Dubrovnik. Cap off your journey with a full day in Venice.

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CLASS NOTE CRITERIA

Information received will be published in the next edition of Western News only if any of the following have occurred in the past 12 months: a job change; promotion; special honor; retirement; marriage/civil union (include date); births or adoptions (include date).

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

- WIU Alumni Programs

1963

James Peck, Downers Grove, is a crossing guard in Hinsdale. (jlpeck248@aol.com)

1964

Ev Cherrington, Ames, IA, is a retired teacher and still substitute teaches for the Ames and Ankeny schools. (runevrunn@gmail.com)

1966

Kathy Geuther Rodman, St. Petersburg, FL, is a human resource specialist for Westcare. (kathyinfla@gmail.com)

1968

Judy Ficht Matson, Waterloo, has retired from being a 1st grade teacher for the Waterloo CUSD #5.

1970

Ron Dunn, San Angelo, TX, has retired.

1971

Linnea High, Aurora, is a semi-retired 2nd degree black belt karate instructor due to medical issues. (highl@sbcglobal.net)

Jeff Stein MA '73, Wayland, MA, is president of Italian architect Paolol Soleri's urban research group, Cosanti Foundation, responsible for the continuing design and construction of the urban laboratory Arcosanti in Mayer, AZ. (jeffstein@arcosanti.org)

Don Wichert, Madison, WI, is executive director of RENEW

1972

Marialyce Hunziker Havey, Springfield, is owner of ALL POINTS TRAVEL, LLC. (marialyce.havey@yahoo.com)

Connie Corcoran Wilson MS-ED, East Moline, is CEO of Quad Cities' Learning, Inc., dba Quad City Press in Chicago.

1973

Robin Bacastow Craig, Carol Stream, has retired after 30 years of service as a Guidance Counselor at Glenbard North High School.

John Grimes MA, Fremont, MI, is an executive vice president for R J Schmitt & Associates. (dfinch5000@aol.com)

1974

John Angster, Greenville, NC, is vice president of human resources for NAACO Materials Handling Group. (john.angster@sbcglobal.net)
Lucinda Siddons Chantry, Sherrard, retired on June 30 after 36 years with Deere & Company. (klkk@mchsi.com)

1975

Doug Rokke, Rantoul, is semi-retired and is currently teaching K-8 as a substitute teacher in addition to various invited lectures all around the nation and world. (dlind49@aol.com)

1976

Beth Leimbach Ehrhardt, Layton, UT, is president of St. Joseph Villa Foundation for Charity Care which provides charity care for seniors in care facilities and senior housing to improve their quality of life by fulfilling unmet needs. (deehrhardt@msn.com)

Mary Miles McMahon MS '78, Bloomington, is a business instructor at Heartland Community College and received The Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Member Award for 2012 from the college in recognition of her excellence in teaching.

Ruth Semmens Schlosser, Pontiac, has retired after 35 years with Pontiac School District #429. (schloss4@frontier.com)

1977

Karen Esterday Foley, Naperville, has retired after teaching for 35 years.

Tom Peters, Palatine, is president of Elements Therapeutic Massage in Park Ridge.

Matt Polinski MS '83, Evanston, has retired from teaching physical education and coaching baseball and football at Evanston Township High School after 33 years and is still coaches baseball at Notre Dame College Prep in Niles.

Bloomington Alumni & Friends

Bloomington Country Club, May 3, 2012



Seated, l-r: Phyllis McCluskey Titus '79'81, Alumni Council member Shari Gresham Rich '91'93, Marcia Timmons Nothnagel '60, Carolyn Mooney Shulman '80 and Avalon Miller. Standing, l-r: President Jack Thomas, John Arbogast '89, Sally Jefferson, Christina Arbogast, Sandy Derry '06, Jim Derry '85'93, Paul Nothnagel '58, Steve Stapleton '79'80 and 1995 Honorary Alumni Award recipient and Foundation Board member Dick Miller.



Seated, 1-r: Connie Laleman, Jennifer Baranko Seidl '86 and Beth Penrod Horvath '95. Standing, 1-r: Bob Jefferson, Rick Laleman '69 '75, Brian Schroeder '76, Rob Seidl '86, Foundation Board member Larry Horvath '85 and President Jack Thomas.

Western After Hours Alumni & Friends English, May 3, 2012



L- r: Fredrick Kendricks '08, Dean Gluth '83, Patricia Carrasca '82, Jeff Beck '02, Tiffanie Jackson '08, Joe Collins '02, Alissa Markert '02, Bruce Hovanec '84, Adam Demont '03, Steve Sraga '04, Kelsey Butson '07, Katie Butson '10, Darren Heard '10, Kevin Gibson '81 and Scott Clarke '81.



L-r: Clyde Brooks '57 '58, Bruce Johnson '92, Alumni Council member Harvey Ahitow '68 and Board of Trustees member Bill Epperly '68.

Chicago Alumni & Friends

The Cubby Bear, May 19, 2012



Front row, l-r: Dave Morton '71, Kate Murauskas Halma '84, Cynthia Heraty Palmer '83 and Ed King '83. Middle row, l-r: Karen Salverson '95 '96, Mandy Holman, Carisa Swanson '08, UHDS Director of Residential Facilities Joe Roselieb '07 '09, Jacque Bollinger '83, Brian Van Acker '99 '01 and Cesar Salas '12. Back row, l-r: Eldon Brown '96, George Holman '98, Ryan Ford '96, Ann Ford, Associate Vice President for Student Services John Biernbaum, UHDS Conference Coordinator Bridget Russell McCormick '96 '09, John McCormick, Joey Wilson '05, Chris Wheeler '97 '00, Priscilla Velarde Wilson '01 '03 and Walt Weis '82.



Front row, l-r: Chelsea Bainter Miller '04, Alumni Achievement Award recipient and Alumni Council member Rhonda Haffner '87, Debi Neff '87, Kayla Kindred and Frank Jones. Middle row, l-r: Nate Miller '03, Johnathan Pontarelli '12, Shayla Taeger '12, Alumni Council member Jay O'Brien '78, James Parker '80, Heidi Davis and Corrin Cramer. Back row, l-r: Cesar Salas '12, David Alsvig '07, Curt Alsvig '06, Tom O'Brien '07, Steve Tingle and Brock Holmes.



Front row, l-r: Rhonda Rangel Vandenberg '89, Tori Van Meighem '10, Alumni Council member Carol Lewis Scott '70 and Bill Scott. Middle row, l-r: Dusty Seddon, Jake Ward, Alumni Council member Harvey Ahitow '68, Board of Trustees member Bill Epperly '68 and Johnathan Pontarelli '12. Back row, l-r: George Visoky and Cesar Salas.

Sue Campen Rosenak, Mapleton, retired May 2012 from Midwest Central School District #191 after teaching physical education for 35 years. (suerosenak@yahoo.com)

1978

Arthur Foley, Naperville, recently retired this Spring after teaching for 34 years. (suomi@wowway.com)

Jeffery Hayes, Morongo Valley, CA, retired June 15, 2012, from Palm Springs Unified School District and is moving from the Mojave Desert to Lander, WY to be their lead school nurse. (desertdog@outdrs.net)

Donita Barnes Pfahl, Warsaw, IN, is chief operations officer for Ezeflow USA in New Castle, PA.

1980

Les Huddle MS-ED, Jacksonville, has become the superintendent of Lafayette School Corporation in Lafayette, IN.

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1981

Mark Mangan, Chicago, has recently been promoted to the rank of Battalion Chief on the Chicago Fire Department.

Raymond Pfahl, Jr., Warsaw, IN, is a senior quality engineer for Primus Medical.

Jeannie Riordan Zeitlin MA '82, LaGrange Park, is assistant superintendent for the Brookfield-LaGrange Park School District #95 and recently received a doctorate in Disability and Equity in Education from National-Louis University. (jzeitlin@district95.org)

1982

Michelle Friedlund, Sycamore, is a special education parapro for Sycamore School District #427. (michellefriedlund@yahoo.com)

Steven Hamm MS, Bradley, has retired after 36 years as a teacher, coach and athletic director for the Bourbonnais School District # 53. Jody Mitchell, Pueblo, CO, is a senior recruiter for BAE Systems. Cara Rogala Spalla, Natick, MA, is owner of Spalla's Chicago Italian Beef which is the first and only Italian Beef "stand" in Massachusetts.

Jim Thompson, Chicago, is general manager of O'Briens Restaurant. (jtjamesthompson772@gmail.com)

Bob Vitt MA '83, Muskego, WI, is an insurance agent for State Farm Insurance. (bob@bobvitt.com)

1983

Michael Lehning, Bourbonnais, is the athletic director for Bradley-Bourbonnais High School. (mlehning@bbchs.org)

Kathie Grosskopf Miller, North Liberty, IA, is an executive administrative assistant for the University of Iowa Foundation.

Paul Solberg, New Hudson, MI, is a fleet manager for Pilot Transport – Auto Hauling Specialists in Brighton. (psolberg@unitedroad.com)

1984

Roy Albiani, Livermore, CA, is a global director of brand protection for Johnson & Johnson in Milpitas. (ralbiani@yahoo.com)

Teresa Pinder, Bolingbrook, is a foster care license worker for Youth Service Bureau of Illinois Valley in Glen Ellyn. (tlpinder61@yahoo.com)

Gregory Schaaf, Chatham, has been honored with the 2012 Outstanding Citizen-Lawyer Award by the Fayette County Bar Association

Richard Seelinger, Sammamish, WA, is senior vice president of SeaBright Insurance Holdings.

1985

Michael Brooks, Atoka, TN, is an associate professor in the criminal justice department at the Dyersburg State Community College in Covington. (mbrooks352@x.plinc.com)

1986

Matt Runge MS-ED '95, Warsaw, has been named the new school superintendent in Warsaw.

1988

Mary Hughes MS '95, Coon Rapids, IA, is a department lead technician for Caleris, Inc. in Manning. (cosmk88@yahoo.com)

1989

Michael Evans, Wiesbaden Army Airfield, Germany, has been promoted to the rank of Colonel in the United States Army and is an explosive ordnance staff officer assigned to the V Corps headquarters.

1990

Dennis Bingheim MA, Quincy, has been promoted to the rank of deputy chief of police on August 1.

1991

Bonnie Koning Davis, Mt. Pulaski, is a support manager for Walmart.

1992

Lee Helbert MA '93, Park Forest, is a director of testing services and intentional advisor for Prairie State College in Chicago Heights. (lhelbert@prairiestate.edu)

Dianna Wassenhove, Broad Brook, CT, is deputy director of the town of Enfield

1993

Eric Davis, Mt. Pulaski, is a Major in the Illinois Army National Guard. (redleglg@gmail.com)

Jeffrey Gragg MS-ED, Quincy, is dean of students for Quincy Public School District #172 (graggie@gns.org)

School District #172. (graggie@qps.org)

Susan Meredith MS-ED '96, Andalusia, is a Jr. High math teacher for Edison School and was recognized by the Quad City Engineering and Science Council with the 2012 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Teacher of the Year Award.

Hewitt Ross, O'Fallon, MO, has been promoted to partner of Mueller Prost PC.

Western After Hours Alumni & Friends

Black Finn, June 7, 2012



Front row, 1-r: Tom Liss '74, Janis Welter, Claudia Baris Crawford '76, John Hivko '73 '75 and Jeri Arnold Hivko '74. Back row, 1-r: Tim McJoynt '73, Gary Miller '77, Alumni Council member Brian Savage '73, Glenn Holmes '76, Alumni Council member Jim Carter '75 and John Bokum '72.



L-r: Mike LaRue '73, Carol Frighetto Kuczkowski '79, Glenn Jacobson '84, Jennie Jacobson, Kim Dockus '80, Kevin Froehlich '05 and Alumni Council member Jeff McElroy '97.

David Wackenhut, Bloomington, is a field support manager for G4S Secure Solutions USA Inc. (david.wackenhut@usa.g4s.com)

1994

Angella Rocycki Fentem, Colchester, is the instrumental and vocal teacher for the West Prairie CUSD #103.

Anne Thomas Glenn MS'00, Edmond, OK, is a zoo keeper for the Oklahoma City Zoo. (mkygirl2000@yahoo.com)

1995

Christopher Lambert, Pittsburg, KS, was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel of the United States Army, ROTC Department at Pittsburg State University. (lambert0729@yahoo.com)

1996

Janine Watt Brenna MS '08, Sherman, is a speech therapist for the Springfield School District #186.

1997

Clint Allaman, Bettendorf, IA, is a financial advisor for Morgan Stanley Smith Barney in Davenport. (clint.allaman@mssb.com)
Susan Berger MS, Bettendorf, IA, is a teacher and librarian for the Davenport Community School District.

Steve Carroll, Spearfish, SD, is owner, teacher and luthier of Black Hills Guitar. (blackhillsguitar@netscape.net)

Earnest McCall, Peoria, is a Sergeant with the Peoria Police Department. (emccall@ci.peoria.il.us)

1998

Chelsey Ratermann Allaman, Bettendorf, IA, is a human resource project manager for John Deere.

2000

Steven Beck MS '11, Macomb, is director of operations at Durham School Services for Go West Transit.

(Sheck@durhamschoolservices.com)

Amber Hoyt French, Fairfield, CT, is an account manager for Integrated Merchandising Systems in Darien. (ambergfrench@gmail.com)

Kristine Gregory, Montgomery, is a cyber security analyst. (kag1011@yahoo.com)

Erin Verbeck, Robinson, TX, is a business partner of The Joy of Marketing where they teach small business owners how they can implement a boutique business model and stop competing on price. She recently co-authored a book "Worth Every Penny: Build a Business that Thrills and Still Charge What You're Worth".

2002

Robin Levine Alicea, Roselle, is a correctional officer for the Cook County Sheriffs Department.

Washington D.C. Alumni &

Friends District ChopHouse & Brewery, June 12, 2012



Front row, l-r: George Chao '98, Kristin Leighty '10, President Jack Thomas, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Mary Fran Coffey '78 and Carolyn Barnes '64. Back row, l-r: Student Board of Trustees member Jonathan McGee, Timothy Meloy, Sam Lozier '07, Rob Taflinger '01, Mary Ann McGee '72, Deric Bowden '84, Pam Eason '83, Sam Howard '94, Kevin Carson '99, Brandon Dykema '09, Katie Dykema, Vice President for Quad Cities and Planning Joe Rives, Margie McLaughlin '73, Lakeisha Williams Steele '04 and Derek Steele '03.



Pictured with President Jack Thomas (right), Johnathon McGee (left center), WIU's student Board of Trustees member is the 2012 recipient of the first ever Illinois State Society (ISS) Illinois University Intern Scholarship. WIU graduates Mary Ann McGee '72 (left), WIU Alumni Achievement Award recipient Mary Fran Coffey '78 (center right) and WIU Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Gary Baise (not pictured) '63 are also ISS Board Members instrumental in founding the scholarship program. The ISS of Washington, D.C. was founded in 1854 and is one of the oldest state societies, having been among the founding members of the National Conference of State Societies.



Front row, l-r: Lacey Allaman Roderick '03, Carmen Kent Bruner '91, Laura Bon Durant '88 '93, Abbi Stuaan Cawley and Jessica Morris Ourisman '04. Back row, l-r: President Jack Thomas, Seth Roderick '99, Justin Thompson '96, Associate Professor Janna Dietz, Vice President for Quad Cities and Planning Joe Rives, Blake Antonides '09, Bridge Early '07, Dusty Cawley, Wayne Miyata '79, Bob Klannukan '90 and Devendra Upadhya '10.

Amanda Thomas Crossland, Springfield, is a product manager for BUNN. (amanda.crossland@bunn.com)

Darin Crossland, Springfield, is employed with Perten Instruments. Anne Carr Larmon, Chicago, is a residence life services manager for Saint Xavier University. (anniecarr@gmail.com)

Amanda German Liepitz, Knoxville, is a preschool/ECE teacher for the Galesburg CUSD #205.

2003

Jacob Brooks, Havana, is a technology specialist for Sunrise Ag Service Co. (jbrooks@sunriseagservice.com)

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Shellie Fleer Brooks, Havana, is a physical education teacher for Greenview School District #200.

Sarah Roderick Fitch, Tampa, FL, is the Tampa director for Operation Homefront.

Heather Moore, Perry, IA, is a technology associate for the Perry Community School District. (hmmw2@yahoo.com)

2004

Paul Bergstrand, Washington, DC, is lead inspector of the Department of Homeland Security for the Office of the Inspector General Aaron Egan MBA '06, Las Vegas, NV, is manager of Auburn Fibers, Inc. in Bullhead City, AZ.

Jennifer Gordon, Minnetonka, MN, is a service operations representative for Caterpillar in Burnsville.

Joshua Ingle, Broomfield, CO, is a talent acquisition specialist for Sierra Nevada Corporation-Space Systems and wrote a children's book titled "Lele's Passport" while living in New Delhi, India.

Michael Kosko MA '05, Peoria, is a senior operations coordinator for DynCorp International. (michaelkosko@hotmail.com)

Justin Nelson, Canton, is a branch supervisor for Heartland Bank and Trust Company in Pekin.

Matt O'Kray MS '06, Aurora, is an account manager for CSX in Oak Brook.

Nicole Bielarz O'Kray, Aurora, is a meeting manager for Karen Zupko & Associates in Chicago.

Heather Stalling Ockenfels MS, Cedar Rapids, IA, is a student conduct officer & critical MASS coordinator in the office of the Dean of Students at the University of Iowa in Iowa City. (heather.ockenfels@gmail.com)

Brittany Sauter Quinn, Antioch, is an import/export coordinator for Medline Industries, Inc.

Mario Reyes, Lightfoot, VA, is a SGM/senior enlisted advisor with the United States Army. (mario.reyes1@us.army.mil)

2005

Tyler Havens MS, Milledgeville, GA, is a director of fraternity and sorority life at Georgia College and State University. (tyler.havens@gcsu.edu)

Nicholas Quinn, Antioch, is a warehouse lead for Uline.

Stephen Angster, Golden, CO, is a geologist for the United States Geological Survey. (angster41@gmail.com)

Susanie-Ann Wilson Egan, Las Vegas, NV, is a math curriculum coordinator for an Edison Partnership elementary school with the Clark County School District.

Jessica Rhodes, Jamestown, NC, is an audiologist at The Hearing Clinic in Greensboro/High Point. (jessicarhodes85@gmail.com) John Sax, New York, NY, is an associate director of development research at the Columbia University Medical Center.

Spencer Graham, Chicago, is a law clerk for Murphy & Hourihane, LLC and graduated from The John Marshall Law School with a Juris Doctor degree on June 3.

Matt Lefler MA, Oaktown, IN, is an assistant professor of English at Vincennes University.

Denise May, Macomb, is a police officer with the Macomb Police Department. (dmay@macombpolice.com)

Kristen Oates MS, Rolla, MO, is a psychology/sociology instructor at East Central College. (knoates@hotmail.com)

Amanda Rentfro, Moline, is a juvenile probation officer for the Henry County Court Services. (amandajane2210@gmail.com)

Krystal Shaw, Benld, is an assistant vice president, operations consultant and OCS inventory management & improvement for Bank of America in St. Louis, MO.

2009

Jill Danzl, Orlando, FL, is a recreation specialist for Orange County Government Parks and Recreation. (jill.danzl@ocfl.net) Jason Gilmore, Washington, is a health technician and paramedic for

the U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Prisons in Pekin. Courtney Lewan Manteck, Chicago, is an intake coordinator for Medical Cost Management.

2010

Kameron Carter, Bloomington, is a systems analyst for State Farm Insurance. (kamcarter@hotmail.com)

Brittany Barrett Gilmore, Washington, is a health coach for Optimum Health Solutions in Peoria.

Joshua Lesperance, Coronado, CA, is an information systems technician 3rd Class with the United States Navy. (jtles88@gmail.com)

Justin Manteck, Chicago, is employed with Live Nation.

Christopher Mortimer, Virginia Beach, VA, is an Intellegent Specialist for the United States Navy. (topher0324@sbcglobal.net)

Lorie Cox Rude, Canton, is an English teacher at the Canton High School.

Erin Boeding Schatz, Burlington, IA, is a 2nd grade teacher for the LaHarpe Community School District #347. (erinlschatz@gmail.com) Amanda Skrogstad, Ottawa, is a 7th grade science and social studies teacher at Shepherd Middle School.

Samantha Trimarco, Schaumburg, is a physical education and health teacher for St. Charles CUSD #303 at Haines Middle School and is also the head cheerleading coach. (sammypoqa@aol.com)

Anna Bulian, Davenport, IA, is a general ledger accountant for Creative Machining Technologies, LLC.

Megan Ervin, Quincy, won the title of Miss Quincy in March and was crowned Miss Illinois at the Miss Illinois Pageant at the Marion Cultural and Civic Center.

Marriages and Civil Unions

Alexia Brems '07 and Aaron Johnson '09, June 16, 2012. Marion Casey '04 and Kassandra Neill, Mar. 17, 2012.

Amanda Caverly '12 and Nicholas Stoneking '08, July 14, 2012.

Buffie Cerutti '00 and Nicholas Stewart, Aug. 18, 2012. Eric Davison '06 and Erin Egbert, July 7, 2012.

Jodi Echternkamp '99 and Justin Markle, July 21, 2012.

Kristine Gregory '00 and Rebecca Van Braner, June 9, 2012.

Josie Holst '11 and Jacob Thomas '12, May 19, 2012.

Sara Holtke '07 and Luke VonDerHeide, June 9, 2012. Eric Janosov '88 and Lee Ann Burks, June 2, 2012.

Todd Johnson '07 and Emily Halsey, June 23, 2012.

Randy Koch '03 and Sara Lenane, June 27, 2012.

Carl Kruthoff '06 and Courtney Grist, July 14, 2012. Courtney Lewan '09 and Justin Manteck '10, May 27, 2012.

Christina Lunsmann MAT '08 and Michael Santoyo '08, June 30, 2012.

Rana Matteson '07 and David Quesal '09, May 23, 2012.

Stephanie Mewes '05 and Bryan Potts, June 16, 2012.

Danielle Minehart '11 and Jeffrey Bryant '09, Sept. 1, 2012.

Philip Newendyke '03 MBA '04 and Jennifer Montana, Mar. 31, 2012.

Jeremiah Olps '07 and Amy Lohmeier, July 28, 2012.

Mark Porter '08 and Melinda Jansen, July, 2012. Ann Reus '04 and David Tran '03, June 23, 2012.

Michael Risley '11 and Kaytlin Vinyard, Aug. 4, 2012.

Carrie Schmidt '09 and Joshua Potter, Sept. 8, 2012.

Jacob Scott '12 and Kayla Cottrell, June 9, 2012.

Elizabeth Slack MS '09 and John Nelzen, May, 2012.

Autumn Twaddell '10 and Bryan Schullian '10, June 30, 2012.

Cory Vogel '02 and Kimberly Rowsey, May 19, 2012. Diana Wagenback '09 and Greg Eisenmann, June 3, 2012.

Phillip Wire '02 and Stephanie Schoepfer-Grosskurth, Aug. 25, 2012.

Births and Adoptions

Rhonda Murphy Adams '97 and Benjamin Adams '97, a daughter, Josslyn Grace, Jan. 17, 2012.

Amber England Bowcott '05 and Chad, a daughter, Livia May, June 15, 2012.

Allison Gilbert Broadfield '93 MA '95, and Arlen, a son, Adam Durk, June 21, 2012.

Jamie Skjoldager Coan '04 and Jacob, a son, Austin William, Apr. 5,

Amanda Thomas Crossland '02 and Darin Crossland '02, a son, William Kenneth, Apr. 18, 2012.

Jessica De La Torre '08, a son, Gage Jose Snyder, Sept. 14, 2011. Michelle Stoerp Fay '04 and Joshua, a son, Braydin J., May 31, 2012. Angella Rocycki Fentem '94 and Larry Fentem MS '09, a son, Ian Michael, June 22, 2011

Heather Smith Griswold '97 and Chad Griswold '97, a son, Connor Stephen, May 18, 2012.

Elizabeth Shine Hermes '00 and Christian Hermes '00, a daughter, Ava Athea, July 22, 2011.

Christopher Hootman '98, a daughter, Olivia S., Jan. 25, 2012. Shelby Mackie Kaiser '01 and Shawn, a daughter, Taelyn Makay, Apr.

27, 2012. Steven Krause '06 and Angela, a daughter, Olivia Marie, July 5, 2012. Whitney Anderson McCormick MS '04 and Jeffery, a son, Nathaneal Robert, Aug. 5, 2011.

Kevin Robinson '06 and Crystal, a daughter, Kristen Kayla, June 15,

Lorie Cox Rude '10, a daughter, Lily, July 29, 2011.

Erin Boeding Schatz '10 and David, a son, William, May 23, 2012. Trish Renken Staub '01 MS '03 and Devin, a son, Sawyer James, Jan.

Janely Rivera Torres '04 and Antonio Torres '05, a son, Santino Antonio, Apr. 15, 2012.

Heather Dean Woods '00 MA '05 and Brian Woods MA '05, a daughter, Natalie Elaine, June 3, 2012.

Deaths

Alfred Baldner, Macomb, Nov. 2, 2008.

Joseph J. Berardi, Canton, June 21, 2012.

Mabel I. Stambaugh Bowman, Macomb, July 2, 2012.

Doris K. Brodd, Andover, Dec. 18, 2007.

Numa V. Crowder, Macomb, Sept. 17, 2008. Vernadene Sweeney Elliott, Macomb, June 27, 2012.

Mary J. Fagerli, Janesville, WI, Mar. 28, 2012.

New York Alumni & Friends The Parlour, June 13, 2012



Seated, 1-r: Vice President for Quad Cities and Planning Joe Rives, Annette Glotfelty '08, Retired Staff member Dick Foster '59, Retired Staff member Peggy Pennington Foster, Retired Faculty member Chuck Oprian, Linda Oprian, Viola Walker, Willie Walker '93, Evan Ritchie and Tim Abshire '92. Standing, 1-r: President Emeritus Al Goldfarb and Facutly Assistant Scott Brouette '10.

New Jersey Alumni & Friends The Brownstone, June 14, 2012



Front row, 1-r: Josh Nobiling and Brandye Anderson Nobiling '05. Middle row l-r: Julia Jakstys Brodsky '01, Dawn Doubler Russo '85 and Associate Alumni Director Amanda Shoemaker '11. Back row 1-r: Jared Brodsky, Michael Russo, Vice President for Quad Cities and Planning Joe Rives and Faculty Assistant Scott Brouette '10.

Donald L. Fugate, O'Fallon, MO, June 30, 2012.

Elzear G. Gehlen, Venice, June 12, 2010.

Luann B. Brodie Hutson, Jackson, MO, July 15, 2012.

Marie L. Jay, Ottumwa, IA, Nov. 21, 2008.

Robert L. Knowles, Macomb, Feb. 12, 2011.

Todd L. McCaskey, Glendale Heights, July 11, 2012. Marcia S. Goosay Milkman, Mount Dora, FL, May 1, 2012.

Helen M. Mitchell, Macomb, Oct. 28, 2008. Charles W. "Chuck" Nicholson, Macomb, June 3, 2012.

Paul W. Patton, Rockford, July 25, 2009.

Harry J. Paulsen, Jr., Zion, May 25, 2012.

William C. "Bill" Potter, Mantachie, MS, Nov. 9, 2011. Harold R. Pritchard, Geneseo, Apr. 28, 2011.

Freddie T. Riebling, Industry, June 29, 2010.

Daniel W. Rouse, Macomb, June 15, 2012.

Betty A. Ruebush, Macomb, June 15, 2012.

Kenneth L. Smejkal, Macomb, Jan. 27, 2012.

Billie Solomon, Decatur, May 27, 2012. Helen M. Squire, Sarasota, FL, Apr. 13, 2011.

James H. Steele, Jacksonville, Sept. 24, 2011.

Joe. E. Sylvester, Pleasant Plains, May 14, 2012.

Eric Tapley, Bloomington, May 22, 2010. Gerald C. Thrapp, Sr., Blandinsville, June 21, 2012.

Thomas N. Tochtrop, St. Louis, MO, Feb. 12, 2012.

Louis H. Wyne, Macomb, June 12, 2012.

1931 Evelyn Niles Burch '56, Avon, Mar. 3, 2008. 1934 Gladys M. Steinhauer Anderson, Center City, MN, May 19, 2011.

1938 Gladys M. Johnson Carlson, Cambridge, Nov. 14, 2010.

1938 Margaret V. Lewis Neeley, Littleton, July 14, 2012.

1939 Jean H. Hoskins Smith, Panama City, FL, Jan. 7, 2012.

1940 Luan R. Rost Saunders, Grand Junction, CO, May 16, 2012. 1941 Lois E. Wood Jabour '54, Macomb, May 2, 2012.

1942 Elizabeth A. Harn McGinness, Colorado Springs, CO, Sept. 2, 2011.

1943 Clara Lou Connor Holler, Macomb, Mar. 25, 2011.

1945 Marian H. Allen Anderson, Midway, GA, Jan. 29, 2012.

1947 Beth J. Rochefort MA '50 MA '89, Shendoah Junction, WY, Apr. 20, 2012.

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Santa Ana, CA Alumni & Friends Santa Ana Zoo, July 15, 2012



Front row, l-r: Shelby Wagner '60, Judy Wagner '72, President Jack Thomas and Kay Barnes Ramos '61. Back row, l-r: Mike Moseby '97, Brian Swanson '74, Lorna Richards Wagner, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Roseanne Forrester Bye '69, Kim Evans, Roy Ruyle '59, Tom Makar '75, Mary Cupp, Erin Burruss Lynch '05 and Tom Lynch '05.

1947 Roberta E. VanHamme, Annawan, May 11, 2012.

1949 Damon E. Griswold MS '53, Macomb, May 25, 2012. 1950 Lyle J. Vice, Lake Montezuma, AZ, Aug. 27, 2009.
1952 James P. "Jim" Epperson MS-ED '60, Barrington, June 11, 2012.
1952 Charles W. Mercer MS-ED '57, Arlington Heights, Aug. 26, 2008. 1952 Thomas L. Mussatto MS, Jacksonville, July 4, 2010. 1953 Marjorie L. Redman Cleaves, Springfield, Jan. 22, 2009. 1955 Elaine Wright Berryhill MS-ED, Harvard, Dec. 8, 2011. **1955 Thomas F. "Tom" Zaborac MS-ED '66**, Canton, Mar. 18, 2011. 1957 Russell L. Willard, Montague, MI, Mar. 24, 2012. 1958 Richard R. Doan, Schaumburg, Dec. 16, 2011. 1959 Fredrick D. Fletcher, Manteno, Sept. 2, 2011. 1959 Marie E. Kuehn, Geneseo, Apr. 7, 2010. **1959 John B. Spafford**, Waleska, ĜA, Feb. 16, 2012. 1961 Karen A. Wilson House, Litchfield, NH, Aug. 9, 2011. **1961 Charles P. Leinbach**, Sterling, Mar. 2, 2012. **1961 Robert E. Strong**, Elburn, Feb. 22, 2009. 1961 Howard W. Wahlfeld, Sherwood, WI, Aug. 18, 2011. 1962 Larry L. Owens, Quincy, June 26, 2011. 1962 Elizabeth M. Sparks Parks, Macomb, Apr. 19, 2012. 1963 Richard L. Hogan MS-ED '64, Aledo, May 18, 2012. 1964 Judith M. Sibrel Benham, Colorado Springs, CO, Apr. 24, 2012. 1966 Doris E. Sly Pease, San Antonio, TX, Apr. 9, 2012. 1969 Stephen "Steve" Stanko, Gillespie, Apr. 9, 2012. 1970 Marianna Overton Ash, Canton, MO, July 3, 2012 1972 Vernon K. Cathelyn, Geneseo, June 29, 2012. 1972 Alan L. Fox MS-ED, Las Vegas, NV, Feb. 15, 2012. 1972 Bradley R. Smits, Sandwich, June 4, 2012. 1974 Patricia A. "Pat" Azbell Morgan, Peoria, Aug. 4, 2010. 1974 Frederick W. Thiele, Bushnell, July 11, 2012. 1975 Nancy K. Kendall Snouffer MS-ED, Corpus Christi, TX, Nov. 24,

1979 Donald R. "Rick" Martin, Davenport, IA, Feb. 25, 2010.
1980 Randy W. McVay MS-ED '80, Burlington, IA, Feb. 25, 2012.
1984 Kerri N. Payne Mellum, Galloway, OH, May 29, 2012.
1984 Diane M. Dwier Weller, Bonita Springs, FL, Jan. 17, 2010.
1985 Sophie D. Mullings Jones, Aberdeen, NC, Jan. 6, 2012.
1985 Terroll R. "Terry" Newby, Morton, July 16, 2012.
1986 Michael T. Burke, Pacific Palisades, CA, Feb. 14, 2012.

2001 Christina L. "Chris" Fortune Noble, Good Hope, June 10, 2012.

2005 William L. "Bill" Reed MA '08, Keokuk, IA, May 17, 2012.

1997 Roger D. Farquhar, Dallas City, May 26, 2012. **1999 Lisa A. Shreeves**, Moline, Sept. 13, 2010.

2003 Aaron M. Swenson, Pontiac, May 22, 2012.

2007 Brandon S. Sparrow, Augusta, Aug. 11, 2012

2011 Daniel J. Hill, Sleepy Hollow, Apr. 16, 2012.

San Diego Alumni & Friends Island Prime, July 16, 2012



Front row, l-r: Todd Wilson '82, Diane Wilson, Rick Berry, Charlene Cordsiemon Berry '68 and Ed Martinez '72 '73. Back row, l-r: Paola Hernandez-Jiao, James Jiao '86, John Donnelly '76, Nancy Donnelly, President Jack Thomas, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Joe Decker '98 and Gerlad Patton '73.



L-r: Judy Wagner '72, Shawn Wetherald '77, Debbie Chase Wetherald '76, Adrienne Moch '81, President Jack Thomas, Andrew Crossman '95, Nicole Buckley '03, Ashley Weitman '03, Ryan Kalb '02 and Jill Mirsch.



L-r: Caryn Worcester '76, Rich Rothe '76, Ellen Thompson Rothe '76, President Jack Thomas, Tom Kapocius '69, Marti Kapocius, Jeff Thomas '77 '78 and Linda Thomas.

Fallen Soldiers Scholarship Fund established

The WIU Foundation is pleased to announce the establishment of the Fallen Soldiers Scholarship Fund at Western Illinois University. The fund was established in honor and in memory of Capt. **Derek A. Dobogai**, a 2003 graduate in law enforcement and justice administration and Lt. Col. **Robert E. Baldwin**, a 1993 graduate in industrial technology, who lost their lives fighting for our country. The fund will support student veterans and service members enrolled at WIU. Donations made directly to the fund are tax deductible. Visit wiu.edu/giving to make your contribution.

The inaugural Fallen Soldiers 5k Run/Walk will be

held Saturday, Nov. 10 at 8 a.m. starting and ending at the Spencer Student Recreation Center. Everyone is welcome to participate. The entry fee is \$20 and prizes will be given to winners in a variety of categories including overall race finish, gender, age group, winning team and more. Visit wiu.edu/alumni to register online or call (309) 298-1861 to register over the phone or to have a registration form mailed to you.

Chicago Alumni & Friends

Wrigleville Rooftop, July 28, 2012



Front row, l-r: Alumni Council member Jim Carter '75, Denise Stewart, Chemistry Department Chair Rose McConnell, Carol Adkisson and Jamell Adkisson. Midde row, l-r: Bob Johnson '78 '80, James Halloran '77, George Engeln '74, Cindy McGee Karas '96, Jay Adkisson '90, Scott Sanders, Alumni Council member John Sanders '74 and Jeff Adkisson '85. Back row, l-r: Codie Duffie '03, Campus Recreation Assistant Director Pat McGrath '11 and Tony Karas.



Front row, l-r: Alumni Achievement Award recipient and Vice President Emeritus Jackie Speer Thompson '85 '94, Jacque Bollinger '83, Margaret Poncin and Rusty Melhouse. Back row, l-r: Alumni Achievement Award recipient Dave Thompson '72, Darcy Smith, George Hufnagl '05, Madeline Howd '05 and Sara Murphy '09 '11.



Front row, l-r: Janine Sacco '91, Eileen Doyle '90, Kristen Helgesen '90, Diane Duhig Gilbert '91 and Nancy Olshaw Hahn '88. Middle row, l-r: Eldon Brown '96, Chris Wheeler '97 '00, Associate Vice President for Student Services John Biernbaum, Kevin Gibson '81, Geroge Vasill and Richard Marsoun '07. Back row, l-r: Argentine Valle, Brian Huddleston, Karen Salverson '95 '96, Essix White '05 and Jodi Hare '81 '91.



Front row, 1-r: Marcelo Rozo, Eddie Hanson, Deborah Lapsley Williamson '06, Darcie Carlton, Seth Carlton and Bob Williamson, Sr. Middle row, 1-r: Dennis Lingle, Kit Hamilton, Mary Hamilton, Dylan Kelser, Ryan Strebing and Holly King '01. Back row, 1-r: Monica Gavino '83 and Rob 28 Western News CLASSNOTES

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Quad Cities Alumni & Friends Golf Outing (cont.) • TPC Deere Run • June 18

















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"We are so thankful for our many partners. Because of these relationships and the support Western Illinois University has received from a variety of constituency groups, we have moved the expansion of Western Illinois University's Quad Cities campus forward to provide the region with outstanding public higher education opportunities," said WIU President Jack Thomas.

"Today, I'm pleased to once again mark a milestone in the 100-year history of the Western Illinois University's Riverfront Campus," Gov. Pat Quinn said. "This investment will create jobs now and in the future by expanding the educational opportunities that are so vital to our students competing in the 21st century economy."

In addition to the grand opening of Building One and moving forward with Phase II, Western marks another milestone in 2012: the 100th anniversary of Western's presence in the Quad Cities. In 1912, Professor E.E. Van Cleve began teaching extension classes in various locations throughout the region, including Moline-Rock Island. The anniversary celebration with the WIU-Quad Cities Founders' Day Tuesday, Sept. 25.

"We have provided affordable, accessible public higher education opportunities for 100 years. Western truly is the public choice for the Quad Cities," Thomas added.

According to Joe Rives, vice president for Quad Cities and planning, the Riverfront Campus expansion allows WIU-QC to further its mission as a comprehensive public university for the region by serving more than 3,000 Quad Cities-area students. The City of Moline is also revitalizing the area surrounding the WIU-QC Riverfront Campus into community and University-friendly development. The Quad Cities campus currently serves more than 1,300 students at its current 60th Street campus in Moline and at the Riverfront Campus.

"We are truly proud of Building One. It's an exceptional facility that represents the very best of the Quad Cities. We will continue to build and support high quality educational opportunities based on regional needs and partnerships. Together, we have accomplished many things and we should all be proud," said Rives.

Phase II will allow for the continued growth of the Quad Cities campus on the 20 acres of donated land and allow Quad Cities academic programs in the colleges of Arts and Sciences, Education and Human Services and Fine Arts and Communication to relocate to the Riverfront Campus. The \$42 million project is funded by the Illinois Jobs Now! capital construction program. According to Bill Brewer, assistant director of the physical plant - Quad Cities maintenance, single prime construction bids for Riverfront Phase II are due Sept. 26. Following receipt of bids, the State of Illinois Capital Development Board will review, process and submit to state procurement for award, with a contract to immediately follow. The Phase II project is expected to be completed by Spring 2015.

Building One, the former John Deere Tech Center, which was donated to WIU by Deere & Company in 2003, supports the College of Business and Technology, including the School of Engineering; academic and student services; and University administration.

WIU-QC has established partnerships with Renew Moline, including the development of a Midwestern Intellectual Property Institute, and the Illinois Quad City Chamber of Commerce, and WIU-QC continues its strong working relationship with John Deere, The Moline Foundation, Modern Woodmen of America, the Rock Island County Board and other Quad Cities businesses and organizations to help create new jobs and workforce

To view architect's renderings of the proposed WIU-QC Riverfront Campus development plan, visit wiu.edu/qc/ riverfront_campus.

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Refer a Student to 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 below. We also welcome recommendations for students who may wish to transfer to WIU.

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

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

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

If this student chooses not to apply:

☐ Please use the application fee for another deserving student.

OR

- ☐ Please refund me.
- ☐ Yes, I would like this student to know I recommended him/her.
- □ No, I would prefer this student not know I recommended him/her.

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

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Super Spartan...for WIU scholarships

What is with these WIU alumni taking part in these Spartan events? If you haven't heard of them before, according to the Spartan Race website, "Spartan Race is the world's leading obstacle race series. It's an event of pure primitive craziness that you'll never forget!" Spartan Race events are all about "challenging today's perception of normal."

WIU Alumni Achievement Award recipient **Joe Decker '98** participated in the Spartan Death Race last
year. He won...for the second year in a row (http://
blog.spartanrace.com/the-death-race-profile-series-2011champion-joe-decker/).

Now another alumnus, **Tim Hallinan '95**, the director of WIU's Annual Giving, is planning to compete in a Super Spartan obstacle race later this year. Hallinan is using the event not only as a way to maintain his fitness, he is also leveraging his training and race day event as a fundraiser for WIU scholarships.

"I work with many great students who help Western raise money for the Annual Fund either as callers for the WIU Phonathon or by helping with our direct mail fundraising. Although Western remains committed to access and affordability, many of these students are familiar with the struggles to meet the cost of education,"

said Hallinan. "As a Western alumnus, I make my annual gift to my department to support scholarships, but wanted to do something extra this year to benefit a student that could really use some help. The Spartan Race is unique, and I thought it might be a good way to raise some much needed funds for our scholarship office to distribute and raise awareness for the University's need for Annual Fund participation among current students, as well as friends, alumni and Western parents."

Many students don't realize the tuition they pay only covers about half of what it costs Western to provide their education in a given academic year. Gifts to the Annual Fund help keep scholarships in place and bridge the funding gap between tuition and appropriated funds from the State of Illinois. All funds raised by Hallinan from the Spartan Race will support the WIU Scholarship Program and will be distributed to students who need and deserve some extra help this fall to ensure they graduate. To pledge to Hallinan and WIU scholarships, visit firstgiving.com/fundraiser/timhallinan/midwestsuperspartan.

The event will be Saturday, Oct. 27 in Marseilles (IL). For more information, visit spartanrace.com.



November 7 – Downtown Chicago

December 5 – Chicago Suburb

January - No Western Wednesday

February 6 - Downtown Chicago

March 6 - Chicago Suburb

April 3 – Downtown Chicago

May 1 – Chicago Suburb

June 5 - Downtown Chicago

July - No Western Wednesday

August 7 - Chicago Suburb **September 4** – Downtown Chicago

October 2 - Chicago Suburb

Before flying south for the winter, leave your change of address with the WIU Alumni Association!

Send us your name, permanent address, temporary address and dates of residence

> (309) 298-1914 A-Association@wiu.edu wiu.edu/alumni

UPCOMING WIU ALUMNI & FRIENDS EVENTS

September 27 Princeton Alumni & Friends Event

Hunter's Ridge Golf Course 12927 IL Hwy 26, Prinecton, IL Social and dinner: 6-8 p.m.

Social, dinner by Niel and Shorty's BBQ Co. & cash bar—\$15

September 30 Arlington Alumni & Friends Event

Arlington Park Racecourse • Miller Lite Party Deck 2200 W. Euclid Ave., Arlington Heights, IL

Event: 12-5 p.m.

Admission, food & all beverages —\$50

October 11 Charleston Alumni & Friends Social

The Blind Tiger

38/36 Broad St., Charleston, SC

Social: 6-8 p.m.

Delectable hors d'oeuvres & cash bar —\$18

October 12 Raleigh Alumni & Friends Social

Napper Tandy's

126 N. West St., Raleigh, NC

Social: 6-8 p.m.

Scrumptious appetizers & cash bar—\$15

October 13 Charlotte Alumni & Friends Social

Harper's Restaurant

6518 Fairview Rd., Charlotte, NC

Social: 5-7 p.m.

Cell phone ____

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Mouth-watering hors d'oeuvres & cash bar —\$15

Name of business

October 14 Atlanta Alumni & Friends Social

Fado Irish Pub 273 Buckhead Ave., Atlanta, GA

Social: 4-6 p.m.

Tasty appetizers & cash bar —\$15

October 18 Carthage Alumni & Friends Wine Tasting

Lake Hill Winery

1822 E. County Rd. 1540, Carthage, IL

Social: 6-8 p.m.

Wine tasting, Italian buffet & cash bar —\$15

October 24 Houston Alumni & Friends Social

Kenneally's Irish Pub 211 S Shepherd Dr., Houston, TX

Social: 6-8 v.m.

Tasty appetizers & cash bar—\$15

October 25 San Antonio Alumni & Friends Wine Tasting

20nine Wine Bar 255 E Basse Rd. #940, San Antonio, TX

Four course wine and appetizer pairing & cash bar—\$30

October 26 Austin Alumni & Friends Social

Fino Restaurant and Patio Bar 2905 San Gabriel St., Austin, TX Social: 6-8 p.m.

Mouth-watering hors d'oeuvres & cash bar —\$20 October 27 Dallas Alumni & Friends Social

Truluck's 2401 McKinney, Dallas, TX

Social: 6-8 p.m.

_____City, State, Zip ____

Do you want to receive text messages from the university? ☐ No ☐ Yes

Job title

Scrumptious hors d'oeuvres & cash bar - \$20

October 28 Fort Worth Alumni & Friends Social

Ferre Ristorante 215 E 4th St., Fort Worth, TX

Social: 4-6 p.m.

Tasty hors d'oeuvres & cash bar—\$20

November 7 Galesburg Alumni & Friends Wine Tasting

Vintages Tasting Room 215 E. Main St., Galesburg, IL

Social: 6-8 p.m.

Paired wine tasting & cash bar -\$15

November 8 Monmouth Alumni & Friends Wine Tasting

Market Alley

59 Public Square, Monmouth, IL

Social: 6-8 p.m.

Wine tasting, appetizers & cash bar —\$15

November 15 WIU vs. Mizzou Women's Basketball Pre-game

Social & Basketball Game

Mizzou Arena

600 Stadium Blvd. East, Columbia, MO

Social: 5-7 p.m.

• Social only with appetizers & cash bar—\$10

• Social, appetizers, cash bar & game ticket—\$15

November 29 Milwaukee Alumni & Friends Social

The Pabst Mansion

200 W. Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee, WI

Social: 6-8 p.m.
Delectable hors d'oeuvres & cash bar—\$20

Registra	tion Form	for WIU	J Alumni	& Friend	ds Events

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Name_____ Class year _____

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Payment options:

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Fax form to: (309) 298-2914 or mail form to: WIU Alumni Association, 1 University Circle,

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