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Alumni News and Notes from Western Illinois University

Duty calls: Law enforcement faculty, student efforts pay off to get slain officer recognized

By Teresa Koltzenburg '92 MS '11

When Plainfield (IL) Police Officer **Martin van Heeswijk** decides to take on a project, failing to complete it doesn't seem to be an option. What's more, van Heeswijk tends to take on a lot of projects—all at once.

Currently a graduate student in the WIU School of Law Enforcement and Justice Administration (LEJA), he is working to finish his thesis this semester, while also working full time as a police officer, as well as physically training to compete in Ironman athletic contests. In addition, through his department, he heads up an award-winning Law Enforcement Exploring Post, a career orientation and experience program for young people who may be interested in a law enforcement career.

"Through our Exploring Post, we teach the kids everything we do—how to talk on the radio for traffic stops, how to conduct building searches, hostage negotiation, first aid, you name it ... If we do it, they do it," van Heeswijk explained. "I also take them on ride-alongs, and during the ride-alongs, I allow the kids to talk on the radio. When we make a traffic stop, they actually get to call in the traffic stop and clear it. They get a really hands-on experience, instead of just sitting in the class and watching me do everything."

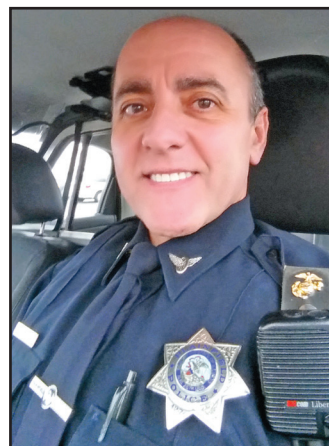
In 2012, van Heeswijk made up his mind to run 14 marathons to raise money to help offset medical expenses for a 6 year-old girl who had leukemia. He completed them all.

So, in 2014, when he made up his mind to help **Kim Dodson**, an associate professor in the School of LEJA, petition to get her grandfather's name on the National

Law Enforcement Officers Memorial (NLEOM) in Washington, D.C.—a project she had been pursuing off and on since 1996—it was a done-deal in the making.

Persistent Pursuit

"My grandfather, **Berry Hensley**, was a deputy sheriff employed with the Harlan County Sheriff's Department in Harlan County (KY) in 1931. One night, according to family members, a man came to my grandfather's home and told him there was a disturbance at a church not far away. Back then, it was common practice for people to go to deputies' homes to request help. After he arrived at the church, he was ambushed and shot in the back of the head. He died at the church," Dodson explained.



Plainfield (IL) Police Officer **Martin van Heeswijk**

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Western Illinois University to Cut \$20 Million

As a result of the nine-month budget impasse and probable reductions to state appropriated funding for higher education, Western Illinois University President **Jack Thomas** announced Feb. 26 the University plans to cut \$20 million over the next two fiscal years (Fiscal Year 2017 and 2018).

Various strategies to conserve resources will be implemented in Fiscal Year 2017, including reducing contracts from 12 to 11 or 10 months for select administrative positions; closing and/or combining select offices/units; reducing 100 personnel (faculty and staff) across divisions; implementing a hiring freeze (effective immediately) and reducing the hours of various offices/units.

"We are making decisions that will preserve the educational enterprise," Thomas said.

To date, for Fiscal Year 2016, the University has made appropriated budget reductions of approximately \$5 million. However, in an effort to meet operational expenditures for July and August, the institution plans to further reduce its FY'16 expenses by an additional \$4 million by June 30. Without a state budget and additional reductions across divisions, payroll obligations will be difficult to meet for July and August.

As part of the immediate cost-saving reductions for FY'16, the University will limit spending to essential needs only and travel is restricted. In addition, mandatory furloughs or a voluntary pay reduction program will be implemented for all non-negotiated personnel (both administrative/non-academic and civil service personnel not covered by unions) beginning April 1.

"Because there is not a present path toward ending this unprecedented budget impasse, we must move forward with plans to put furloughs into place for non-negotiated personnel. Additionally, we have upcoming contractual salary increases scheduled with collective bargaining units, and thus, we must move forward with further FY'17 reductions to protect our ability to implement these increases," Thomas said. "We must brace for the difficult times ahead. We must protect the cash resources of the

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2016 UPCOMING ALUMNI & FRIENDS EVENTS

March

- 14 Indianapolis (IN)
- 15 Pinehurst (NC)
- 19 Rockford
- 24 Boston (MA)

April

- 6 Chicago downtown
- 6 Springfield
- 8 San Diego (CA)
- 9 Los Angeles (CA)
- 10 San Francisco (CA)
- 22 Macomb
- 24 Macomb
- 24 Naperville

May

- 4 Quad Cities
- 4 Minneapolis (MN)
- 13-15 . . . Macomb

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University in order to continue to provide services to our students and prepare for Fall 2016.

"Without these reductions, we risk jeopardizing the entire enterprise. Furloughs and reductions in personnel and programs are necessary to protect the overall University and this community. We are committed to protecting as many jobs as possible," he explained. "We will continue to do what is best for this institution to ensure a strong and viable university that exists to serve students and its host communities for decades to come. Our hope is our governmental leaders will end this unprecedented impasse and recognize that our public universities need our state funds to operate and continue to support our students."

At the December 18, 2015 Board of Trustees meeting, Thomas pointed out that Western's story with regard to state funding, unfunded state mandates, enrollment and related tuition and fee income and competition for students is similar to other Illinois public universities.

"Compared to Fiscal Year 2015, the State of Illinois has reduced appropriations to the 12 Illinois public

universities by \$107 million or 8.2 percent since FY2011 and by \$295 million or 19.7 percent since Fiscal Year 2002," he told trustees and others present. "Enrollment at Illinois public universities is down 5.2 percent from Fall 2015, and competition for students continues to intensify."

Like its fellow state institutions, Western continues to experience cost increases and unfunded state mandates, coupled with declines and delays in state appropriated funding and lower student enrollment, resulting in significant fiscal challenges. According to Thomas, the current and the unprecedented state budget impasse further compounds this difficult situation, requiring the University to make difficult decisions to address the serious challenges facing Western.

"Since 2011, we have combined academic and administrative departments to achieve streamlined operations and efficiencies, decreased facilities and maintenance services and realized attrition savings. Some of the most recent cost containment strategies have included closing the Learning to Lead Program, discontinuing our lease with the Macomb Area Economic Development Corporation (MAEDCO) and eliminating the Men's Tennis program. Over this five-year period, these measures have reduced budgetary costs by over \$16 million, while protecting the academic core and mission of Western Illinois University," he explained.

Despite the reductions, the University has continued to increase recruitment efforts through new academic programs and formats, expanded high-demand distance learning opportunities, created the Western Commitment Scholarship program and enhanced marketing initiatives. These efforts, Thomas pointed out, are designed to increase enrollment and University Income Fund revenue, and have slowed the enrollment decline to three percent last fall, which could have been much more had the University not put in measures to aggressively recruit students.

"Four Illinois public universities had double digit declines in new freshmen enrollment when comparing Fall 2015 enrollment to Fall 2014 enrollment. Western Illinois University did not. Yet, at current enrollment levels and with the current lack of state funding and impending future declines in state appropriations, a spending gap exists," he added.

Despite the lack of a state budget, which includes Illinois Monetary Award Program (MAP) funding for students, the University covered, in good faith, the cost of MAP grants, approximately \$5.5 million for 2,700 students, for Fall 2015 and Spring 2016. Over 75 percent of WIU students receive financial assistance.

"If we had not covered the MAP funding for students, we had the potential of losing 3,000 students who were eligible for MAP funding. There are Illinois public universities who did not provide MAP funding. Consequently, their enrollment declined," Thomas explained. "The state's failure to fund MAP grants would have irreversible and debilitating effects on already declining university enrollment, which, in turn, severely impacts revenue.

"Western faces very serious circumstances, but we must work together to ensure that Western emerges from this stronger, more efficient and competitive," he added. "We understand the emotional impact of the difficult decisions we are making. Nonetheless, these decisions, including layoffs, must be made to protect the future of the University. And there may be more decisions to be made if the impasse continues, and/or if appropriations are significantly reduced. We are Western Illinois University. We are a family, with a rich history of working together to achieve our goals in challenging fiscal times. We will continue this proud tradition of working together. Western Illinois University will survive this tough time, and thrive, for many years to come."

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WIU ALUMNI & FRIENDS EVENTS

MARCH 2016

- 14 Indianapolis (IN) Alumni & Friends Social
- 15 Pinehurst (NC) Alumni & Friends Social
- 19 Chicago Wolves at Rockford Icehogs v. Chicago Wolves Pregame Social & Hockey Game
- 24 Boston (MA) Alumni & Friends Social

APRIL 2016

- 6 Chicago Western Wednesdays After-Hours downtown at Ovie Bar & Grill
- 6 Springfield Legislative Alumni & Friends Social at the Sangamo Club
- 8 San Diego (CA) Alumni & Friends Social at Il Postino
- 9 Los Angeles (CA) Alumni & Friends Social at Drago Centro
- 10 San Francisco Giants v. Los Angeles Dodgers Pregame Social & Baseball Game in San Francisco
- 24 Purple & Gold Day in Macomb at The Sports Corner
- 24 Purple & Gold Day in Naperville (IL) at Tommy Nevin's Pub

MAY 2016

- 4 Quad Cities Western Wednesdays After-Hours
- 4 Minneapolis Alumni & Friends Social
- 13-15 Graduation and Distinguished Alumni Awards

JUNE 2016

- 1 Chicago Western Wednesdays After-Hours in suburb
- 8 Peoria Alumni & Friends Event – Social & Book of Mormons performance at Peoria Civic Center
- 11 Atlanta Braves v. Chicago Cubs Pregame Social and Baseball Game in Atlanta
- 13 The Western Open Golf Outing at Village Links in Glen Ellyn (IL)
- 14 Chicago Cubs at Washington Nationals Pregame Social and Baseball Game in Washington D.C.
- 18 Pittsburgh Pirates at Chicago Cubs Pregame Social and Baseball Game
- 20 Quad Cities Golf Outing at TPC Deere Run in Silvis (IL)

JULY 2016

- 12 New York Alumni & Friends Social

AUGUST 2016

- 3 Chicago Western Wednesdays After-Hours downtown
- 10 Portland (OR) Alumni & Friends Social
- 11 Seattle (WA) Alumni & Friends Social

SEPTEMBER 2016

- 24 WIU at NIU Pregame Social and Football Game
- 29 Celebrating Town & Gown in Macomb
- 30 Paint the Paws in Macomb

OCTOBER 2016

- 5 Chicago Western Wednesdays After-Hours in suburb
- 7-8 Homecoming & Reunion

NOVEMBER 2016

- 2 Quad Cities Western Wednesdays After-Hours

DECEMBER 2016

- 16-17 Graduation – Alumni Achievement Awards
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In 1996, when Dodson was a deputy sheriff working with the Greene County Sheriff's Department in Greeneville (TN), she first inquired about having her grandfather's name added to the NLEOM.

"I was told I would have to have proof of his death—that it was in the line of duty—and I would need records to back up that claim," she added.

After retiring from her career as a law enforcement officer in 2001, Dodson began in earnest to research the circumstances of her grandfather's death to find the necessary records to meet the threshold of evidence required to be added to the NLEOM.

"I started on the Internet, which is not like it is today. Searching was much more difficult, but I thought there might be a newspaper article about his death, or I might be able to locate an obituary. I searched 'Kentucky newspapers' and found the University of Louisville housed a large repository of newspapers from across the state of Kentucky. I looked through the list of newspapers and found the librarians had archived 'The Harlan Enterprise,' a newspaper from that area at the time," Dodson noted.

After submitting a microfilm request for the 1929–33 editions of "The Harlan Enterprise"—which entailed mailing a form via "snail mail" and paying a \$20 fee—10 days later, Dodson received the microfilm.

"I went to a local library to use a microfilm viewer, and within minutes, I was reading the news account of my grandfather's murder," she said. "I cried tears of joy and sadness in finally finding evidence of his death. It was the best \$20 I ever spent!"

Although the newspaper article yielded an important piece of the documentation puzzle she was putting together for her case, nevertheless, the project was stalled by the need for more evidence, as well as the constraints of Dodson's time and location.

"I was living in Pennsylvania from 2001-04 working on my doctorate, so it was not possible for me to travel to Kentucky to look through local records. I wanted to locate his death certificate to confirm his manner of death, but records

were not archived electronically during that time," Dodson said. "In 2004, I moved to Tennessee, and I lived within 60 miles of Smith (KY), where my grandfather died. I traveled to Harlan County with my mother, Margaret Jones, and found out many of the old records were stored in the courthouse; however, the records had been moved from the courthouse because rain had damaged the attic on the courthouse where the records had been stored. No one knew where I could locate the records."

Over the years, Dodson continued to pursue, through many record searches and numerous communications with law enforcement professionals in Kentucky, her dream

of getting her grandfather's name added to the NLEOM—but to no avail. Then, in the fall of 2014, she first met the tenacious van Heeswijk, a graduate student enrolled in a course she was teaching.

"During class discussion one day, I mentioned my grandfather's story. After class, he stayed after to ask me more about my grandfather's murder. I explained everything I knew about it," she said. "I also told him how much I would love for my grandfather's name to be added to the memorial, because my mother was 85 years old, and it would mean everything to her. Her father was taken from her when she was two years old, and she always wanted his sacrifice recognized, especially since the men allegedly responsible for his death were never held responsible for his murder. A few days later, Martin called me and asked me to send him any information I had about my grandfather's case."

After receiving that information, unbeknownst to Dodson, van Heeswijk spoke with a representative at his department, and they reached out to the current sheriff, Leslie Smith, in Harlan County. Based on that request, Sheriff Smith agreed to sign the appropriate paperwork to submit her grandfather's name for inclusion on the memorial. In early February last year, van Heeswijk contacted Dodson to let her know his department had submitted it.

"I was overwhelmed by his kindness and the thought he would help my family in this way; however, he explained to me my grandfather's inclusion was not guaranteed and a NLEOM committee would make the final determination."

According to van Heeswijk, he wanted to surprise Dodson, so he didn't share any additional details of his own persistent pursuit to get Hensley's name added to the

"The Harlan Enterprise" article about WIU School of Law Enforcement and Justice Administration Associate Professor Kim Dodson's grandfather Berry Hensley.



Plainfield Police Officer Martin van Heeswijk's Law Enforcement Exploring Post, a career orientation and experience program for young people who may be interested in a law enforcement career.

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"I didn't tell her what I was doing. It took me about a year and a half. I kept calling officials in Harlan County and in Kentucky. I also called officials at the NLEOM," he explained. "It was a process of going back and forth—and back and forth again. The necessary additional proof didn't seem to exist, as the records had been damaged many years ago."

Good Things Come

Last November, Dodson made a visit to the Kentucky Archives in Louisville in an attempt to locate arrest records for the two perpetrators who killed her grandfather. Unfortunately, the trip did not yield any additional records. After that, she submitted her grandfather's death certificate, the census records and a letter from a Kentucky official, which verified she had conducted an exhaustive search of the archives.

van Heeswijk noted that one of the obstacles seemed to be that Hensley's name was not on the Kentucky Officer Down Memorial Page.

"So that's why the officials at the NLEOM wouldn't recognize him at that point. I couldn't really say if I got him put on that Kentucky memorial web page, as Dr. Dodson had submitted many requests and records, as well. But all of a sudden, after a year of me going back and forth with people, I saw his name on there. When I saw it, I was like, 'Oh my goodness! No one even contacted me to let me know,'" he added.

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Education and Human Services

Scuba diving minor provides unique opportunities for kinesiology faculty, WIU students

By Teresa Koltzenburg '92 MS '11

There may be a lot of reasons why Western Illinois University's Department of Kinesiology has a relatively high number of students in the department's scuba diving minor. According to the Office of the Registrar, as of Spring 2016, 48 students are enrolled in the minor program, which is one of only a very few academic scuba diving minors available in the United States.

One of those reasons a student may choose to enroll in the scuba diving minor at Western is because it is an academic

minor—more than just a certification program (although the students who complete the minor coursework can be certified).

Founded in 2008 by **Dan Walter '91 MS '99**, kinesiology instructor and scuba program coordinator, the minor program (part of the kinesiology department) at WIU offers a

unique program of study that gives students real-world diving skills—and has been doing so for nearly half a century. While it became an official minor in 2008, scuba diving has been taught by kinesiology faculty for more than 48 years.

"Today, Western's diving minor requires students to complete an extensive academic program, including 16 credit hours of coursework divided among four separate classes: KIN 108, 208, 308 and 408, which are all specific to dive training. It produces skilled divers because of the amount of time the students spend with Dan, learning about the skills they need," explained WIU Kinesiology Professor **Christopher Kovacs**.

Another reason students may minor in scuba may have to do with how they plan to use diving skills in their future careers, such as a student studying law enforcement and justice administration who may need to dive in the line of duty someday.

"Minoring in this program at Western has helped our students get jobs. There are at least 27 students I know of who were qualified for positions—either jobs or internships—they applied for, and were offered and took, because of their scuba diving skills," Walter added.

Students may also be attracted to the scuba diving minor because of Walter's dedication to the program and commitment to creating diving opportunities for them. He not only teaches in the program, but he also organizes diving trips for students to a training quarry north of Macomb, as well as to diving locations in the U.S. and in the Caribbean (including one to the Nassau, Bahamas during Spring Break 2016).

In March 2015, Kovacs and Walter published the

article, "Scuba Diving and Kinesiology: Development of an Academic Program" in the *Journal of Physical Education, Recreation and Dance* to showcase the unique aspects of Western's scuba diving minor. Kovacs, who described Walter's work as "amazing," said Walter is the one who trained him how to dive years ago.

Kovacs' involvement in scuba diving at Western may provide yet another reason for students to study scuba diving at Western. Recently, he traveled to the Divers' Alert Network, or DAN, headquarters in Durham (NC).

There, Kovacs made in-person connections with the staff and researchers in the organization, which is the largest association of scuba divers in the world and has a mission of "helping divers in need of medical emergency assistance and to promote dive safety through research, education, products and diving services."

Scuba Sabbatical = Success

While many may think of Cancun and corral reefs when they hear "scuba diving," Kovacs pointed out that diving encompasses more than just recreational diving, including commercial diving (for industries in need of divers for commercial purposes), military diving and technical diving.

"Technical diving is a more extreme type of diving, during which divers can be going into shipwrecks and other wrecks under the water," he added. "We're going down deeper in the water and staying there longer for what's called 'decompression diving.'"

Kovacs, who came to Western in 2005, has an academic background in exercise and sport science, exercise physiology, motor behavior and gerontology, so, for

someone just glancing at his vita, it might seem strange he recently completed a sabbatical during which he concentrated on organizing data he has been collecting for approximately two years—all about diving. Upon hearing him talk about it, though, his passion for diving is clear.

"I am completely enamored with it, so it makes sense for me to study it. My research has to do with exercise behaviors in divers, and it has come about from being out in the dive community and my observations on how the overall population (of those who do it regularly) is somewhat older. My background in gerontology probably has something to do with my interest, and the fact, too, I often have witnessed many unhealthy aspects of the people in the diving profession or community," Kovacs noted. "So my research about it stems from what I love and what I am skilled at, as well how it all fits into my academic preparation."

Nearing the end of Kovacs' sabbatical last fall, he made a fortuitous connection with the DAN organization. That connection, which he made in person in late 2015, not only energized him for the semester this spring, but it has also propelled him—and Western's kinesiology department—toward a mutually beneficial relationship with the Durham-based DAN.

"DAN was formed at Duke University back in 1980, and it started as a hotline for divers. So if you're a diver and you experience some type of injury—and keep in mind that diving medicine is very specific—you can call DAN for help," he noted. "DAN links divers up with medical facilities and dive-trained physicians, so there is still that major piece of it, the DAN hotline."

Over the years, Kovacs explained, DAN has gradually become "the clearinghouse for dive research, medicine and safety"—an organization that aligns with Kovacs'



Kovacs diving.



Peter Buzzacott, from the Divers Alert Network (DAN), and Kovacs.



Kovacs poses near a hyperbaric oxygen chamber at Duke University.

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In early December, van Heeswijk once again reached out to Dodson—this time with definitive news about their efforts to get Hensley's name on the NLEOM.

"He told me my grandfather's name would be added to the NLEOM. I was overwhelmed by emotions and burst into tears immediately. Of course, the first person I called was my mother. She also burst into tears when she got the news her father's name would be included and, more importantly, that his sacrifice would be acknowledged and recognized. She is 86 years old. She told me it was the end to an 84-year journey of seeking justice for her father," Dodson said. "I believe that people come into our lives for a reason—and Martin came into my life to help me to get my grandfather's sacrifice recognized. How can you ever thank or repay someone for something like that? I will be eternally grateful for Martin's compassion and kindness."

Hensley's name will be added the NLEOM Friday, May 13, at the 28th annual Candlelight Vigil during the national yearly Police Week commemoration in Washington, D.C.

As for van Heeswijk, he hopes to retire from his police officer position in the near future and then teach, which is one of the reasons he decided to pursue his master's degree at WIU. He also said he will certainly keep up what he described as a "crazy" schedule in order to help out his fellow human.

"Western is very well known for its law enforcement and justice administration program, and to have a master's degree from WIU, that will be extremely beneficial in my search for a teaching position," he said. "One of my life goals is to always try to do something good for someone else. I think people who do good things in life ... well, good things happen to them, and I have been very blessed."

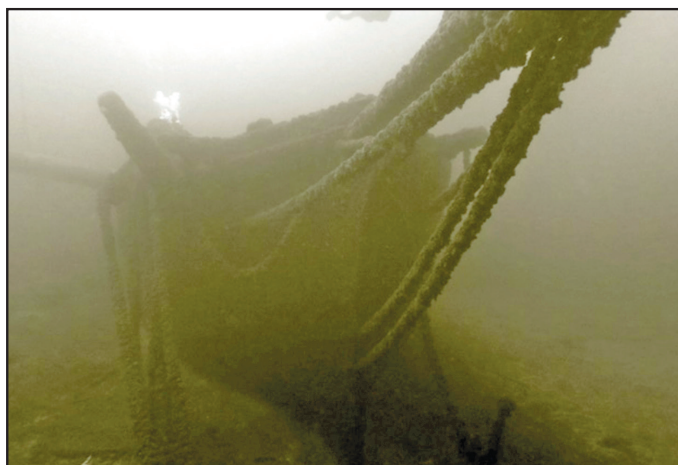
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academic and personal interests, which is why he contacted DAN last fall.

"I reached out to the researchers there, showed them my stuff and I was thrilled when they invited me down there," Kovacs said.

Kovacs traveled to Durham in early December, spending a few days getting to know some of the researchers based there, including Peter Buzzacott and Neal Pollock, both of whom are well-known in the diving community across the globe. In addition to meeting and talking about his research, Kovacs spent time listening to some of the calls coming into the hotline.

"People were calling in from all over the world. That was neat to see from the perspective of those nurses and emergency medical technicians answering the hotline calls. In many cases, I've been on the other end of that scenario, the diver thinking about making or the one making the call to DAN," he said.



Sunken ship (in the Great Lakes) that Kovacs has explored while technical diving.

Dietetics students kick off child nutrition research program

In early March, dietetics students enrolled in the Spring 2016 "Child Nutrition 303" course set the stage for a research program that will examine food selection and how it relates to health. According to **Emily Shupe '94**, assistant professor of dietetics in the WIU Department of Dietetics, Fashion Merchandising and Hospitality, students in her 303 class have been working intensely this semester to develop the program, which focuses on fruit and vegetable consumption of young children (ages 3-4).

"As part of the course requirements, the students have developed a research topic focusing on health and nutrition for preschool-aged children. Research requirements included determining the method of research intervention, evaluation and how the message is to be delivered," Shupe explained.

The research program kicked off March 1 with the production of "Food and Our Health" in the Horrabin Hall Gymnasium, during which dietetics students performed a skit about nutrition for area pre-school children.

"Students in the course are now engaged in weekly nutrition education sessions with pre-school aged children. During the sessions, they emphasize and reinforce the importance of healthy food selections," Shupe said. "The program will conclude May 3 with a final production, which will involve pre-school children engaged in presenting their nutrition knowledge to the students in the course."



While visiting DAN, Kovacs was also able to visit the hyperbaric chamber at Duke University.

"It was amazing. Neal Pollock is doing this NASA-funded research, looking at bubble formation in astronauts. So it's the opposite of research about going under the water; when astronauts go to altitude, and then they come back, they are having problems with bubble formation, which is also a problem with divers," Kovacs explained. "There is a lot of research about hyperbaric treatments for injuries like burns, wound care and/or rehabilitative treatments not necessarily related to in-water scuba diving or space travel. But the study of pressure effects on the body, which can be done with diving research, can be used in the medical community. While I was at Duke with Neal, I got to be in the chamber with the researchers when they were working with patients, as well as see the facility."

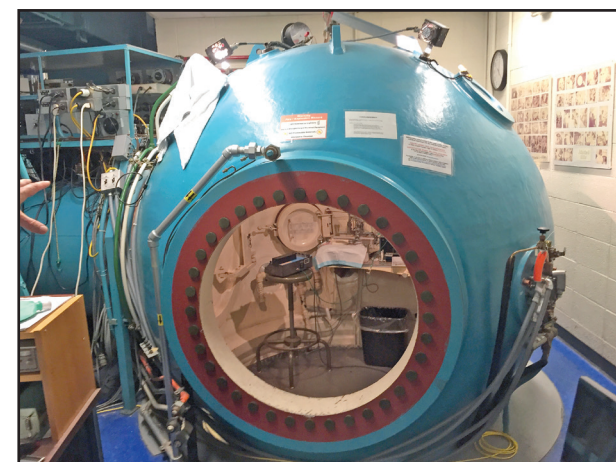
While in Durham, Kovacs presented, "Exercise Behavior in Divers: A Preliminary Report," and as a result, he is working with Buzzacott to publish an article in the academic journal *Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine*.

"I came back completely energized," he noted. "It was right in my wheelhouse, and I had the opportunity to not only get to know DAN's researchers, but I also will now be working with them on my research."

As for the benefits to Western, Kovacs said he made a point of promoting the WIU Department of Kinesiology's unique scuba diving minor and making a connection between the program and DAN.

"Every year, DAN offers a competitive internship for students, so I am hoping the relationship I have established with DAN will help our students prepare to apply for such an elite internship program."

For more information about Western's scuba diving program, see wiu.edu/coehs/kinesiology/scuba or call (309) 298-1891.



A hyperbaric chamber at Duke University.

Education and Human Services

Adkins, COEHS associate dean, former RPTA chair, retires

Dale Adkins, associate dean for academic affairs, research and innovation in the Western Illinois University College of Education and Human Services (COEHS) and former chair of the WIU Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Administration (RPTA), retired Dec. 31.

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) in 1998, 1999 and 2000; 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 also 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 Magazine."

In addition, Adkins 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 various WIU committees and planning and policy groups, including the Master Plan Update Steering Committee 2012, the University Chairs'/Directors' Council, Employee Wellness, the University Theme Committee, as well as others.

Adkins is a member of the National Recreation and Park Association; Phi Kappa Phi (president, 2015-16); 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), his master's degree in recreation and park administration from 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).



Dale Adkins, retired associate dean for academic affairs, research and innovation

WIU Curriculum and Instruction changes master's degree name to meet educators', schools' needs

By *Teresa Koltzenburg, '92, MS '11*

As of Fall 2016, Western Illinois University will offer a Master of Science in Education in Curriculum and Instruction. Currently, the WIU Department of Curriculum and Instruction (C&I) offers a Master of Science in Elementary Education.

According to WIU Department of C&I Chair **Sara Simonson MS-Ed '87**, the change in the degree's name will help to meet the current demands of today's educators and school systems. She also noted that online options provide students with more flexibility in their individual pursuits of graduate degrees to help advance their careers in the education field.

"This change will allow us to grow and offer a greater variety of courses to a wider audience. The degree program enables master's degree-seeking students to develop an area of specialization in literacy education, science, mathematics, social studies, early childhood education or curriculum (a combination of courses from three other specializations). Two of the areas of specialization in the degree program, literacy education and elementary curriculum, are fully online. Other areas of specialization (social studies, science, math and early child education) are mostly online. These are appealing options for potential degree candidates," she added.

Simonson said the change will go into effect in Fall 2016

for graduate students entering Western's curriculum and instruction master's degree program.

"Current students who plan to graduate December 2016 or later will be able to request a change in catalog if they would like their degrees to reflect this title change," she noted.

According to C&I Professor **Barry Witten**, the name change reflects recent changes made by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) in licensure for teachers.

"The term 'elementary education' has come to define grades one through six by the ISBE, when the program labels for initial licensure were re-designated in 2014. Grades five through eight were given the designation of

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have dismissed the opportunity, not realizing that courses in the program, in fact, did cover the school curriculum through the eighth grade and beyond."

For more information, contact Simonson at (309) 298-1961 or via email at SD-Simonson@wiu.edu.

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Fine Arts and Communication



WIU Department of Theatre and Dance honored at theatre festival

Western Illinois University's Department of Theatre and Dance was well-represented at this year's Regional Kennedy Center College Theatre Festival (KCACTF) in Milwaukee (WI). Students and faculty from the department not only received awards during the festival, but were also asked to perform a scene from the Fall 2015 production of "She Kills Monsters."

The WIU production, directed by Professor **DC Wright**, was chosen from 48 others to represent Illinois at the festival. It also involved 20 graduate and undergraduate actors, 10 faculty and student directors and designers and more than 80 graduate and undergraduate students who worked on the production.

"We have a great group of performers and staff who continually work to create the best productions possible," said College of Fine Arts and Communication Dean **Billy Clow**.

During the festival, nine Western students were chosen as nominees for the 2015 Irene Ryan Scholarship. Ryan was the actor who played Granny Clampett on "The Beverly



L-r: Actors Sam Twining '15, Khyel Roberson and Jessica Palkovic performing in "She Kills Monsters."

Hillbillies" television show. Her scholarship foundation awards scholarships to outstanding student performers at each regional KCACTF.

The 2015 WIU Irene Ryan Scholarship nominees from WIU were senior theatre major **Khyel Roberson**, from Calumet City (IL); **Kiah Clements**, senior theatre major from Rock Island (IL); **Hollyn Gayle Beans**, senior musical theatre major from Greenville (IL); **Grant Brown**, junior musical theatre major from St. Charles (IL); **Sarah Shannon**, Master of Fine Arts graduate student from Las Cruces (NM); **Shannon Fields**, senior musical theatre major from Stoughton (WI); **Luke Jaconis**, junior theatre major from Naperville (IL); **Dustin Lafleur**, Master of Fine Arts graduate student from Broussard (LA); and **Jason Shores**, Master of Fine Arts graduate student from Macomb.

Lafleur was an Irene Ryan Scholarship audition finalist, and Shores was an Irene Ryan Scholarship audition semi-finalist for the three \$500 regional scholarships.

Master of Fine Arts graduate student **Tony Boyd**, from Chicago, a costume designer for "She Kills Monsters," and

Master of Fine Arts graduate student **Michelle Floersch-Clow**, from Macomb, a costumer designer for "The Tempest," participated in the KCACTF Costume Parade.

Floersch-Clow received honorable mention for her costume design for "The Tempest" in the KCACTF Region 3 Awards for Design Excellence.

Robert M. Hill, a senior theatre major from Calumet City (IL), received the first alternate award in the SDC (Stage Directors and Choreographers Society) Scene Directing competition.

WIU Professor of Theatre and Dance **Bill Kincaid** received the KCACTF Region 3 Faculty Service Award.

For more information about the festival, visit kcactf3.org/index.htm. For more information about the WIU Department of Theatre and Dance, visit wiu.edu/theatre or call (309) 298-1543.



L-r: WIU students Dustin Lafleur, Hollyn Gayle Beans, Jason Shores, Monica Tate, Jessica Palkovic, Sean Young and Kiah Clements.

Collailm duo presents to students on WIU campus

The members of the musical Collailm Duo, which includes one Western Illinois University alumna, visited the Macomb campus in February to present masterclasses and lectures for students.

The duo, made up of viola player **Aiveen Gallagher MM '12** and violinist **Karina Gallagher**, recently won second prize at the International Chamber Music Competition in Mantova, Italy. The competition was the third international chamber music competition in which the artists were named finalists.

Aiveen graduated from Western with a master's degree in viola performance.

The Collailm Duo will also perform this year at the New York University (NYU) School of Music.

For more information about Western's School of Music, visit wiu.edu/music or call (309) 298-1544. For more information about the Collailm Duo, visit <http://on.fb.me/1JIwKbq>.



Aiveen Gallagher MM '12 and Karina Gallagher performing at the International Chamber Music Competition in Mantova, Italy.

Baker named director of development

By *Ryan Denewellis, University Relations Intern*

The Western Illinois University College of Fine Arts and Communication (COFAC) recently welcomed **Julie Baker '05** as the new director of development. Baker began her position with the University in January.

Prior to her position with Western, Baker was the marketing director for the Elgin Symphony Orchestra.

Baker graduated from WIU with a degree in music business and a minor in marketing. She has worked in many areas of arts administration, including operations, artistic planning, marketing and development (fundraising).

Baker began her career as an intern for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Post internship, she was named artist coordinator for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and operations director for the Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra.

Most recently, Baker worked as the development manager and marketing director for the Elgin Symphony Orchestra.

In addition to her career in music business, Baker has continued her passion of performing as a classically

trained operatic soprano. During her time at WIU, she performed in various roles such as that of Pamina in Mozart's "The Magic Flute," Pitti-Sing in Gilbert and Sullivan's opera "The Mikado" and Alice in "Alice in Opera-land" through the Opera on Wheels initiative, while also being a member of Mu Phi Epsilon.

"I am beyond thrilled to begin this next chapter in my career at Western," said Baker. "As a graduate of the music business program at WIU, I have great pride in this University and feel a very strong connection to the College of Fine Arts and Communication. I look forward to meeting and collaborating with everyone in this community."

Baker is living in Macomb with her husband, Jim, and daughter, Emily, along with their Labrador, Bailey, and cat, Lexi.

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Julie Baker '05

Redlingshafer wins state music award

A Western Illinois University alumna who has dedicated her life and her career to music education has been honored by the Illinois Music Education Association (ILMEA).

Toni Redlingshafer, '70 MA '73, from East Peoria (IL), has been a music educator for more than 40 years. She also has a distinguished career of service to the ILMEA.

Redlingshafer received the Distinguished Service Award from the ILMEA during the organization's state

conference in January. According to the ILMEA's website, the award is presented annually to someone who has given "very special service to ILMEA or to the goals and purposes of ILMEA. The recipient is clearly recognizable statewide, and the service for which the award is given, represents a long-range commitment that, in every way, can be considered extraordinary and distinguished."

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

Arts and Sciences

Alumnus dedicates career to designing components to drive modern conveniences

By Jodi Pospeschil MA '15

When Western Illinois University alumnus **Carter Horney '62** graduated with a degree in mathematics, he initially hoped to stay closer to his hometown roots in nearby Schuyler County.

But his search for a career after graduation led him to California, and to an ongoing and evolving project of designing the first 4-Bit PPS4 Microcomputer semiconductor chip and software for its extensive use within electronics that made a generation of lives easier, ranging from microwave ovens to video games.

Horney said he and two other mathematics graduates in his class were among the first students in Western's mathematics graduate program in 1962. In addition to finishing his bachelor's degree at Western, Horney received special permission from the provost's office to take graduate-level classes at night. He said he started his career one quarter of a credit short of having his master's degree in mathematics from Western.

"The two other students applied for jobs in California, so I decided to as well," said Horney. "All three of us got jobs there."

To pursue his career, Horney moved to the west coast to work for Autonetics, a division of what is now Rockwell Collins. For the next six years, he worked as a software programmer on the Minuteman Missile Defense Systems.

"This was my first exposure to computer programming," said Horney. "In 1968, I was promoted to

a supervisor for the FB111 Avionics contract award, where I became responsible for developing the first 'Task Driven Executive Operating System,' used by both the Navigation computer and the Weapons Delivery Computer on-board IMB computers. I was also the lead supervisor responsible for the development of a team of engineers to develop the Weapon Delivery computer software."

In 1970, Horney was chosen as a consultant for Rockwell's microelectronic division to offer assistance with development of a new computer design. Through that work, Horney helped create semiconductor computer chips that were used in a variety of electronic devices, ranging from calculators for Texas Instruments and Hewlett-Packard, to hand-held computer games for Mattel and the first touch-screen microwave oven for Amana.

Through this work, Horney and his team also worked on designs for other conveniences, such as pinball machines, cash registers and irrigation sprinkler controls.

Then, in 1975, Horney directed the development of a computer processor, which led to a rapid decrease in computer prices.

"The first computer processor was an eight-bit microcomputer, which was modified and later sold to Apple," said Horney. "In 1977, the [computer chip] was ultimately selected by Jobs Apple Computer for the Apple 1 computer. It was also selected by Atari for sophisticated gaming modules."

Horney was employed by Rockwell's Microelectronic

Group until the 1980s, when he was named a Rockwell Fellow.

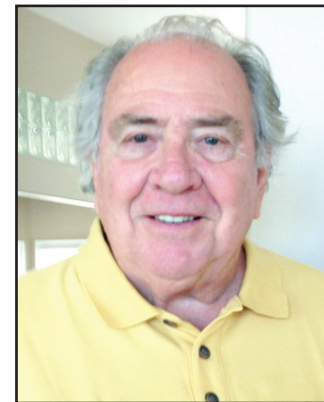
"I eventually directed a smaller staff, responsible for the division's long term strategic planning, until my departure in 1990," he said.

Since that time, Horney has founded his own electronics business, Teletronix. He also continues to consult for firms and to publish market research reports based on forecasting the growth of components found within cellular telephones.

"Companies buy my reports, which forecast the growth of the components five years out," he said.

Horney also does work with the systems that run electronic meter reading capabilities for municipalities across the country.

For more information about Horney's company, visit fwdconcepts.com. For more information about the WIU Department of Mathematics, visit wiu.edu/mathematics or call (309) 298-1054.



Carter Horney '62

WIU beginnings lead to prestigious law career in California

By Jodi Pospeschil MA '15

After being inspired by the political science faculty at Western Illinois University in the late 1960s and early 70s, alumnus **Marc Adelman '72** loaded up his Buick Skylark convertible and drove cross-country for an opportunity to enroll in law school.

One of Adelman's professors at Western had informed him of a late enrollment period at a law school in San Diego, so he packed his convertible with all of his possessions and headed west to begin what has become a prominent and multi-faceted legal career that spans 38 years.

"My uncle, a prominent Chicago lawyer, and my brother, a law student at St. Louis University, motivated me to take on the challenge," Adelman said. "WIU's political science faculty inspired my interest in the law and in politics."

After finishing law school, Adelman embarked on a legal career that has taken him to the presidency of the State Bar of California and presented him an



WIU alumnus Marc Adelman '72 is pictured with his daughter, Alison, who is also an attorney in his law firm.

opportunity to teach and lecture future attorneys. The State Bar of California is the largest legal regulatory agency in the world. It provides oversight for the state's 250,000 attorneys and has an annual budget of \$141 million.

Adelman also is the principal attorney of his own San Diego law firm, practicing in the areas of personal injury, insurance, professional negligence, estate and tort litigation. He is certified as a specialist in legal malpractice law by the California Board of Legal Specialization. Most of his clients are insurance companies, major corporations, charitable institutions, small businesses and individuals.

For the past 25 years, Adelman has also served as a lecturer and adjunct professor at the University of San Diego School of Law, California Western and Thomas Jefferson School of Law. He also has served as a panel member of the American Arbitration Association, Kaiser Permanente Neutral Arbitration Program and the Superior Court's Probate Mediation

and Arbitration programs. In addition, he serves as an expert witness, consultant and lecturer on the appropriate standards of care for solo and small firm practitioners in legal malpractice actions.

Adelman was elected president of the San Diego County Bar Association in 1989. That same year, he founded the statewide organization of the California Association of Local Bars and directed the implementation of the Civil Litigation Code of Conduct of the San Diego County Bar Association.

"After being elected president of the San Diego County Bar Association and then The State Bar of California and giving many a presentation, I was given an opportunity to teach Advanced Trial Lawyering Skills at the University of San Diego Law School and then other courses at the other San Diego law schools," said Adelman. "Teaching is only a small part of what I do. Managing our firm and serving our clients takes up the majority of my time."

From 1992-05, Adelman served as a Superior Court Hearing Officer, where he conducted certification and mediation hearings for the Superior Court for the County of San Diego. During that same time, he served as a Judge Pro Tem for the superior and municipal courts, presiding over criminal preliminary hearings.

As part of his prestigious legal career, Adelman has received numerous awards and accolades. He was named San Diego's Legal Professional of the Year in 1985

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Arts and Sciences

Lindsey uses WIU degree to expand career culturally

By Jodi Pospeschil MA '15

For alumnus **Randall Lindsey '65**, his time at Western Illinois University helped shape his career path on many levels, including presenting him with an opportunity to learn more about cultural diversity.

Since his graduation from Western with a degree in education and social studies, Lindsey's career has evolved from his initial job teaching high school to becoming a respected author of more than 15 textbooks teaching the concept of culturally proficient leadership.

Lindsey now lives in Escondido (CA), where he authors books with his wife, Delores, and the pair lectures together and conducts training about cultural and educational issues.

Lindsey said his time at Western presented him with a variety of opportunities, including immersing himself in learning about the predominant cultural issues of that time.

"My hometown, Kewanee (IL), had a very small African American population," said Lindsey. "Being at

WIU, I had more opportunities to meet and become acquainted with African American fellow students. I belonged to a service fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega, which was racially integrated in contrast to the social fraternities and sororities. The climate at WIU, similar to our country, was that issues of race were always present."

While at Western, one of his friends was African American, and their friendship helped teach Lindsey about cultural issues.

"My friendship with John provided an experience that was timeless," said Lindsey. "Our senior year, after successful student teaching experiences (mine in Galesburg, IL), we returned to campus and applied for campus jobs with food service. John's job was washing dishes; mine was keeping the dessert cart filled in the women's dorm. Initially, I didn't see the difference. For John it was not only apparent, it was familiar."

At the academic level, Lindsey said his WIU education aided him "in developing a deep appreciation for the humanities—history, literature and sciences."

"Similarly, the formal education courses and experiences supported developing my approach to life and my career," said Lindsey. "My student teaching experience at Lombard Junior High School, in Galesburg, under the tutelage of Robert Trask, cemented my desire to be a good teacher."



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After graduating from Western, Lindsey began teaching in Kankakee (IL). He taught three years at East Junior High School and one year at Eastridge High School, before moving to California to teach at Hanford High School from 1968-70. It was then he returned to Kankakee to serve as an administrator with the school's desegregation project.

"First, I felt qualified to be a teacher. My social studies courses were comprehensive and intensive to the point that I was in what I knew and my ability to continue as a lifelong learner," said Lindsey. "My education courses started me on a career of developing an inclusive pedagogy."

In 1987, Lindsey was named the project director for the Regional Assistance Centers for Educational Equity at California State University. He later became the chair of the university's Division

of Administration and Counseling. Lindsey is also a

professor emeritus from the Division of Administration and Counseling.

In 1997, Lindsey became chair of the department of education at the University of Redlands in California. Since 2000, Lindsey has been a distinguished educator in residence and program director of Educational Leadership and Administration at Pepperdine University and served in various administrative capacities at California Lutheran University.

He is currently serving as a consultant on organizational and educational issues. His wife, Delores, was previously a teacher and administrator with the East Baton Rouge School District. She came to California State University to further her education, and Lindsey said he was struck by how similar their paths were. The couple married in 1986.

In addition to his WIU degree, Lindsey received his master's degree in social studies from the University of Illinois in 1968 and his doctoral degree in educational leadership from Georgia State University in 1975.

Lindsey said that as a new teacher he became motivated to continue his education and pursue his master's degree. It was through those courses, which he took in the middle of the modern Civil Rights Movement, that he learned "about the depth of educational disparities correlated with students' race."

His time at Western has produced numerous happy memories for Lindsey. He said he enjoys sharing stories with his grandchildren about "watching submarine races at Lake Ruth and 'picnics' at Lake Argyle."

"However, the happiest memories were the many conversations with roommates and others while living at Hursh Hall, Seal Hall and two years off campus," he said. "A happy memory is that classes were small and faculty was available and approachable. As I look back, I assume that many of my fellow students were also first generation college students and faculty knew that about us."

In June, the National Council Professors of Educational Administration (NCPEA) will present Lindsey with the Living Legend Award preceding its annual conference in Detroit (MI).

"To say I am humbled and honored is an understatement," he said.

For more information about Lindsey's books, visit <http://amzn.to/1KIsx2i>.

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and 1999 by the San Diego County Bar Association and was included as one of the "Legends of the Bar" by the Association's Historical Committee. Adelman also was chosen honorary chair of the 1998 Lawyers Have Hearts 5k race, sponsored by the American Heart Association and the San Diego County Bar Association.

In 1985, Adelman was named one of San Diego's Citizens of the Year by the San Diego Jr. Chamber of Commerce. He has also been inducted into the Thomas Jefferson School of Law's Hall of Fame and has received numerous service-related awards from the San Diego Bar Association, the American Lung Association, the American Heart Association and the Parent Teacher Association.

"In my spare time I still ride a bike or run for an hour

every day," said Adelman. "I've run 18 marathons and over 100 half marathons, very slowly. And I'm still a diehard Blackhawks fan; I drive to see them when they are on the West Coast. My son and I saw game seven of the Ducks' series in Anaheim."

Adelman said he has returned to Macomb twice since he left town in his convertible in 1972.

"[I came back once] for a reunion at Walt's Office, and some 25 years later when I brought my family to see the unique location and the campus," he said. "An interesting aside, I found myself cheering against WIU in an NCAA women's softball tournament when my daughter, a pitcher for the University of

Connecticut (UConn) softball team, played against WIU a few years ago."

Adelman's daughter is now an attorney practicing in her father's firm.

For more information about Adelman's law firm, visit marcadelmanlaw.com.

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- MARK ADELMAN '72



Intercollegiate Athletics

Community welcomes Football Coach Fisher

In January, a full room inside the Brattain Lounge in the University Union welcomed new Western Illinois University Head Football Coach **Charlie Fisher** in January.

Director of Athletics **Matt Tanney**, University President **Jack Thomas** and Fisher spoke on the excitement surrounding Leatherneck football and bright future ahead for the program.

"It's a great day to be a Leatherneck, and I'm honored to be the next head football coach at Western Illinois. It has been an awesome journey for me in 34 years of coaching and to come here at this point and be the next head football coach is awesome," said Fisher. "It has come full circle for me to be a head coach again. I wouldn't trade anything about that journey, it's made me a better coach and a better person. I'm ready to take on this challenge at Western Illinois. I look forward to it and am very excited."

Fisher begins his second stint as a head coach, posting a 36-17 record in five years as head coach at West Georgia from 1993-97. While there, he captured a share of the 1997 Gulf South Conference championship with two postseason appearances. He coached 45 All-Gulf South Conference performers and seven All-Americans.

"People have asked me why are you interested in Western Illinois, and I kept coming back to the tradition of the program, the winning tradition—the Leatherneck

way, the Leatherneck tradition," said Fisher. "Each step of the way here it was so obvious for me and my wife, and it's obvious how many people are connected to Leatherneck football, that love this program, love this University."

With more than 30 years of college coaching experience, Fisher has spent time as an assistant coach at: Penn State, Miami (OH), Vanderbilt, Temple, North Carolina State, West Georgia, Lenoir-Rhyne, Ole Miss and Eastern Kentucky. He was a graduate assistant for the 1982 Eastern Kentucky team that won the FCS (Football Championship Subdivision) national championship.

Western is coming off a 2015 campaign in which it finished 7-6 overall, 5-3 in the Missouri Valley Football Conference (third place) and earned an at-large berth to the NCAA FCS Playoffs. The Leathernecks earned their 10th Division I postseason appearance all-time and outside of the top rusher from last year, return virtually all of the top statistical leaders.



Charlie Fisher

Johnson named WIU Director of Soccer

Eric Johnson, the all-time winningest men's soccer coach in Summit League history, will expand his head coaching duties at Western Illinois University. Director of Athletics **Matt Tanney** announced that Johnson agreed to take over as director of the soccer programs and serve as the head coach for both the men's and, in 2016, the women's team.

In his 19 years as head coach of the Leatherneck men's team, Johnson owns a 157-179-35 record and taken six of his last 12 teams to the NCAA Division I College Cup. Western has won four regular season conference titles, six conference tournament titles and made eight appearances in the tournament championship match. Overall in his 24 years as a head coach, he owns a 200-232-39 record on the men's side.

"I am really looking forward to working with the women's team. They are a dedicated and motivated group and will be fun to work with," said Johnson, who has already been running the women's team off-season drills. "I enjoy coaching and the challenge of coaching two teams will be a lot of fun."

This is not Johnson's first time as a college women's soccer coach. He spent five years at Loras College as head coach of the men's and women's team before joining Western. Johnson inherits a WIU women's team that posted a record of 28-42-3 overall and 13-17-1 in the Summit League over the last four seasons. The program missed on qualifying for the last three postseason tournaments.

Western's women have made three appearances all-time in the Summit League Tournament championship game (2006, 2007 and 2010) and captured the 2007 regular season title following an 8-0 undefeated conference record.

"As I met with candidates during the national search for our next head coach, it became evident as the process unfolded that appointing Coach Johnson to this role for the next year serves the best interests of the women's soccer program. The women will greatly benefit from his commitment to their development on and off the field," said Tanney. "As an athletics department, we remain steadfastly committed to their success as both students and athletes, and Coach Johnson has the experience, credentials and character to execute that vision. Our student-athletes are excited to work with a coach of his quality. He will serve as a great mentor for the student-athletes and assistant coaches alike."

A four-time Summit League men's Coach of the Year, Johnson coached 34 First Team All-Summit League selections, 38 Second Team All-Summit League honorees and six All-Newcomer selections, along with three Players of the Year, two Newcomers of the Year, three 'Defensive Players of the Year and one Goalkeeper of the Year in the Summit League.

Johnson, a Denver, Colorado native, earned his bachelor of arts degree in physical education from Calvin College in 1980, where he was an All-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association selection. He earned his master's degree in physical education from Florida Atlantic University in 1985 and his doctorate in sports administration from the University of New Mexico in 1995.

Garton wins Tom Walter/Pete Frates Award

Western Illinois University baseball player **Mark Garton** was honored as one of the recipients of CollegeBaseballInsider.com's fifth annual Tom Walter/Pete Frates College Baseball Inspiration Award. The senior was one of eight honored nationally among all of collegiate baseball.

The award, started by CollegeBaseballInsider.com (CBI) in 2011, is named for Tom Walter, the head coach at Wake Forest who donated a kidney to freshman outfielder Kevin Jordan before the 2011 season, and Pete Frates, whose courageous battle with ALS captured the nation's attention with the Ice Bucket Challenge—the effort has raised more than \$220 million for ALS research.

Garton nearly lost his baseball career when he came back from winter break in 2014. He was diagnosed with a rare bacterial infection that led to a one-month hospital stay and doubts of whether he would return.

"I never thought I would get back to where I was

before I got sick, I thought I'd be half of what I was," Garton said for a feature for Inside the Summit League TV show. He returned in 2015 to start 46 games as catcher, third base, first base and DH, hitting .258 with two homers and 20 RBI for the Leathernecks.



Mark Garton

Leatherneck Baseball Head Coach **Ryan Brownlee** is proud one of his players received such an honor. The award means a lot more than that for the WIU head coach, who actually knows Walter from coaching against him during Brownlee's time at James Madison.

"We are really proud of Mark. He has battled back to get to full strength," said Brownlee. "Everyone with our program was pulling for Mark during his hospital stay while battling his illness. We're very thankful he made a full recovery and was able to rejoin our program. It's a heartfelt story and I am happy that more people

will get to hear about his story and what all he had to overcome to get back to the baseball diamond."

WIU football adds 18 recruits

Western Illinois Coach **Charlie Fisher** announced the 2016 signing class, his first as head coach of the Leatherneck football program.

Fisher and the Leathernecks signed seven players on offense, 10 on defense and one athlete (playing multiple positions).

Western's recruits hail from 12 states: five from Illinois, two each from Michigan and Pennsylvania, and one each from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, Ohio, Tennessee and Wisconsin.

"This day is a culmination of a month of hard work to put together a very special 2016 class. We met specific position needs and also added size, speed and athleticism to join our current team," said Fisher. "National Signing

Day is a special time for us coaches and it never gets old. I am proud of my staff and how we represented Western Illinois University and everything it has to offer. The Leathernecks have a great tradition, and we are looking forward to this group becoming a link to those players who proudly wore the uniform before. Past, present and future Leathernecks, we are all one. Esprit de Corps and the Leatherneck Way has always been a common bond of team, toughness and a unified purpose. The common spirit existing within the team, which inspires enthusiasm, devotion to a cause, and the highest regard for honor and pride—that's who we are."

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WIU Athletics Home Schedule

Men's Golf

| DATE | TIME |
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| April 15-16 | All day |
| Beu Mussatto Invitational | |

Men's Track and Field

| DATE | TIME |
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| April 14-16 | 1 p.m. |
| Lee Calhoun Invitational | |

Women's Track and Field

| DATE | TIME |
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| April 14-16 | 1 p.m. |
| Lee Calhoun Invitational | |

Baseball

| DATE | TIME | OPPONENT |
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| March 18 | 3 p.m. | North Dakota State |
| March 19 | 1 p.m. | North Dakota State |
| March 20 | 1 p.m. | North Dakota State |
| March 25 | 3 p.m. | South Dakota State |
| March 26 | 1 p.m. | South Dakota State |
| March 27 | 1 p.m. | South Dakota State |
| March 29 | 3 p.m. | Illinois-Springfield |
| April 8 | 3 p.m. | Oral Roberts |
| April 9 | 1 p.m. | Oral Roberts |
| April 10 | 1 p.m. | Oral Roberts |
| April 13 | 4 p.m. | St. Ambrose |
| April 15 | 3 p.m. | Fort Wayne |
| April 16 | 1 p.m. | Fort Wayne |
| April 17 | 1 p.m. | Fort Wayne |
| April 27 | 4 p.m. | SIU-Edwardsville |
| May 13 | 3 p.m. | Omaha |
| May 14 | 1 p.m. | Omaha |
| May 15 | 1 p.m. | Omaha |
| May 17 | 1 p.m. | Iowa |

Softball

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| March 25 | 3 p.m. | South Dakota State |
| March 25 | 5 p.m. | South Dakota State |
| March 26 | 12 p.m. | South Dakota State |
| April 16 | 12 p.m. | Omaha |
| April 16 | 2 p.m. | Omaha |
| April 17 | 11 a.m. | Omaha |
| May 6 | 3 p.m. | Fort Wayne |
| May 6 | 5 p.m. | Fort Wayne |
| May 7 | 12 p.m. | Fort Wayne |

Matt Tanney named athletic director

Western Illinois University President **Jack Thomas** removed the interim tag and named **Matt Tanney** in charge of Leatherneck Athletics.

Tanney, who had served in an interim capacity since last May, becomes the seventh director of WIU Athletics during the last 90 years.

"Matt has been a part of the Leatherneck Athletics family since 2012. His years of leadership experience within intercollegiate athletics, including athletics compliance, will continue to move our Intercollegiate Athletics Department forward as a top contender in the Summit League and the Missouri Valley Football Conference," said Thomas. "Most recently, he completed a successful search for our new head football coach, **Charlie Fisher**. Matt is fully invested in the Macomb community and the University. I was impressed with Matt's vision for the future of Leatherneck Athletics, and the enthusiasm, excitement and energy he brings forth to Western Illinois University and the athletics department."

In 2012, Tanney began his time at Western as the associate athletics director; then in the Fall 2014, he was promoted to deputy athletics director. He took over as the interim athletics director in May 2015. During the past fall, Western saw its football team advance to the FCS Playoffs for the first time in five years, men's basketball capture their first-ever win over a nationally-ranked program and the department cumulative grade point average finish as the third-highest semester dating back to 1998.

"It is truly an honor to stand before you today as the director of athletics for Western Illinois University," said Tanney. "In the last 90 years, only six others have served the University in this capacity, and that is not lost on me. I am deeply humbled by the history and the opportunity to lead this athletics program. So thank you again, Dr. Thomas, for your leadership and your confidence in me."

Also during his recent time as the interim athletics director, he guided the department's Leatherneck Club annual fund to a 12-year membership high, executed a 5-year apparel sponsorship deal with adidas and led efforts to feature ESPN3 broadcasts of Leatherneck athletics events.

Previously, Tanney managed all facets of the department's internal operations. He's directed several major facility projects on campus, including the installation of the hardwood court (LeRoy A. Ufkes Court) inside Western Hall, new tennis courts and the video boards at Hanson Field and Western Hall. Tanney has also served as the championship manager at Summit League Championship events hosted by the University.

In May 2014, Tanney was named the University's

Division of Student Services Administrative Employee of the Year. He has presented nationally at the NCAA Regional Rules conference, in addition to teaching undergraduate courses at Western and serving as a guest lecturer at several colleges. Tanney serves as an adjunct faculty member in the kinesiology department.

The central Illinois native joined Western after working in the Compliance office at the University of Oklahoma. Prior to Oklahoma, Tanney worked at the University of Dayton in a similar capacity. At Dayton, he managed the daily operations of the 17-sport football championship subdivision compliance department.

Tanney served for a year and a half as a law clerk at the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) in Indianapolis, and also a year at The Ohio State University as a compliance coordinator prior to joining the staff at Dayton.

Tanney is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Wabash College with a bachelor's degree in English. He participated in the basketball and football programs for the Little Giants. Tanney was a member of the Sports and Entertainment Law Society at the Robert H. McKinney School of Law at Indiana University while earning his Juris Doctor degree. He began his collegiate athletics career volunteering in the compliance office at fellow-league member IUPUI while obtaining his law degree from IU.

Tanney hails from a family with notable success in the athletics industry. His father, Don Tanney, is a retired coach and member of the Illinois High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame. His younger brothers work in the NFL in various capacities. Mitch serves as director of analytics for the Denver Broncos. Alex, the NCAA's all-time touchdown passes leader (157), is a quarterback in the NFL most recently spending time on the rosters of the Indianapolis Colts and Tennessee Titans.

Matt and his wife, Julia, have two daughters, Katelyn and Lillian.



WIU President Jack Thomas and Athletic Director Matt Tanney

Covington nominated for 2016 Allstate NABC Good Works Team

Western Illinois men's basketball student-athlete **Garret Covington** has been nominated for the 2016 Allstate NABC Good Works Team.

The National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) and Allstate Insurance Company announced a total of 154 nominees for the award.

This distinguished award shines a spotlight on a select group of student-athletes who have shown dedication to service in their communities. Covington, who joined WIU's 1,000-Point Club, is a member of WIU's Student Athlete Advisory Committee and the WIU Student Government Association.

In its fourth year, the Allstate NABC Good Works

Team recognizes players at all levels of college basketball who have made outstanding contributions in the areas of volunteerism and civic involvement. From establishing nonprofits that provide youth with the necessary tools to become leaders of tomorrow, to raising awareness around pertinent issues that could save lives, these student-athletes exhibit leadership skills both on and off the court.

From the nominations, special voting panels, headlined by former Duke University basketball athlete, two-time NCAA champion and seven-time NBA All-Star Grant Hill, will select two teams comprised of five student-athletes from the NCAA Division I level and five student-athletes from Divisions II, III and the NAIA.



Foundation

Carver Trust donation benefits WIU engineering

A \$161,000 grant from the Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust will provide Western Illinois University engineering students with expanded lab space and enhanced learning opportunities. Funding will support the re-purposing of two existing spaces in Riverfront Hall into a modern computer-aided design (CAD) classroom and an innovation lab.

The new CAD classroom will be equipped for up to 32 students, which allows for an additional eight more students than the current Western Illinois University-Quad Cities (WIU-QC) program. The classroom will support engineering courses and related research in computational methods, fluid dynamics, electronics, finite element analysis, heat/thermodynamics and other computer-based practicums.

"With documented occupational need, and demonstrated enrollment growth, we are excited about

the enhanced educational opportunities provided by Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust," said WIU Vice President for Quad Cities and Planning **Joe Rives**. "We are proud of our new partnership and excited about the opportunities it brings in attracting and retaining high quality students and employees to the Quad Cities area."

The Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust is one of the largest private philanthropic foundations in the state of Iowa, with annual grant distributions of over \$13 million. It was created through the will of Carver, a Muscatine industrialist and philanthropist.

"We are very pleased to support WIU-QC in this endeavor to establish high-quality classrooms and laboratories for scientific and technical instruction, and look forward to witnessing its benefit to the greater Quad Cities region," said Lynne Sasmazer, program director of the Carver Trust.

According to **William Pratt**, director of the WIU School of Engineering, the core of an engineering program is the ability of students to learn CAD systems and to put these skills to practice in a real-world environment. The re-purposing of two areas at WIU-QC and the expanded and updated CAD classroom, along with simultaneous creation of an on-site innovation lab, will make needed and significant changes to the engineering students' educational experience, Pratt explained.

"The charitable support that the Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust has provided organizations over many years is outstanding. We are pleased and honored to have received this grant that will have a significant impact on our engineering program and our students," stated **Brad Bainter '79 MS '83**, executive director of the Western Illinois University Foundation.

Codilis scholarship

By **Amanda Shoemaker MS '11**

Many law school students often accumulate a lot of debt while in school, and one Western Illinois University alumnus wants to help ease that burden for WIU undergraduates.

Ernest Codilis '73 graduated from WIU with a degree in political science; he received his Juris Doctor degree from DePaul University. Having been through law school, Codilis wants to help Western students graduate from WIU and enter law school without the debt that often accompanies higher education. To do so, he has established the Ernest J. Codilis, Jr. Pre-Law Scholarship.

"I established this scholarship to help students who aspire to become lawyers and who may not have the economic resources to realize their dream. A law school education today has increasingly become more expensive, and this scholarship will give a deserving student an opportunity to defray tuition expenses and will make a difference in that student's life," said Codilis.

The \$10,000 annual scholarship will be awarded to a

student with a pre-law minor at Western who is also a member of the Centennial Honors College. Preference will be given to those who demonstrate leadership in extracurricular activities.

Codilis is the founder and president of Codilis & Associates, P.C., an Illinois creditors' rights law firm. He concentrates his practice in the areas of mortgage foreclosure, creditor bankruptcy and real estate litigation. He is also a partner in law firms located in Clayton (MO) and Houston (TX). Codilis has more than 38 years of experience in these fields and is licensed to practice law in Illinois, Texas, Colorado and Florida. He is a member of the Mortgage Bankers Association of America, Illinois Mortgage Bankers Association, the Texas Mortgage Bankers Association, the Chicago Bar Association, the DuPage County Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association, the Colorado Bar Association, the Texas State Bar, the American Foreclosure Network, Legal League 100 and Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity International.

"I look back on my experience at WIU and believe

it has contributed to the success that I have had as a lawyer. WIU helped me mature emotionally and intellectually, and this is my way of saying 'thank you' for a job well done. I hope this scholarship will help bring stronger students to an already outstanding school. I truly look back on my time at Western as a positive life changing experience," Codilis said.

"This is an extremely generous and thoughtful gift by Ernie. It will go a long way toward helping one of our pre-law students graduate with little or no debt from Western before taking on the expenses associated with law school," said **Brad Bainter '79 MS '83**, executive director of the Western Illinois University Foundation.



Ernest Codilis '73

McCamey Scholarship established at WIU

By **Amanda Shoemaker MS '11**

William P. "Bill" McCamey '80 MA '82 left an impact on countless Western Illinois University law enforcement and justice administration (LEJA) students during his 32-year career; and while his life was cut short, his legacy will live on thanks to his wife, Jody, and his mother, Toby.

McCamey's wife and mother have established the William P. McCamey Public Safety Memorial Educational Scholarship in the School of Law Enforcement and Justice Administration to honor Bill and his contributions to education.

"Bill always felt Western provided him a wonderful education and an opportunity to graduate from and work here. In addition, he consistently stated Western provided him the best job in the world," Jody said. "We wanted to do something to recognize him for being the epitome of a good son, husband, dad and papa."

Jody described her late husband as a humble man who enjoyed doing good deeds for others. His faith, family, the farm and Western were four of the most important things in his life, she added. That's why establishing a scholarship in his memory was an easy decision for both Jody and Toby, a thought that came to Jody a few months ago, as if Bill was talking to her.

"Bill loved the University and the opportunities

provided him in the short time he was here, that I thought establishing a scholarship would enable someone else to have the freedom to pursue their career without worrying so much about finances," she said.

In 1982, McCamey joined the WIU School of Law Enforcement and Justice Administration (then called a department) faculty after earning his bachelor's and master's degrees from Western. He taught courses in criminal justice management, fire administration and policing. He also taught fire administration courses through the National Fire Academy and earned his doctoral degree in higher education from the University of Iowa.

"Bill McCamey was an alumnus and outstanding professor in our law enforcement program. His legacy as one of the professors that helped lead this program to national prominence and stature that it enjoys today will forever be remembered and honored with this gift to establish an endowed scholarship in his memory," said **Brad Bainter '79 MS '83**, executive officer for the WIU Foundation.

The new scholarship will be awarded to a junior LEJA or fire service major. Preference will be given to students who have been accepted or have applied to the integrated undergraduate/master's program in LEJA

or plan to continue their education to the master's level at WIU, as well as those in financial need. The McCameys hope this scholarship will help increase enrollment in the School of Law Enforcement and Justice Administration, and also encourage many to apply when a doctorate in LEJA is established.

"Bill always 'paid it forward.' We want to give to an organization for which he had the utmost respect," said Jody.

"He thought so much of Western," Toby added. "I think he felt that he not only gave to Western, but they gave back to him, too, in many ways."

The McCameys said this scholarship will honor Bill and hope the recipients will feel about Western the way Bill did: thankful, proud and appreciative of the great education and opportunities WIU provides.



William P. "Bill" McCamey '80 MA '82



Toby and Jody McCamey

University Libraries



Large donations bequeathed to WIU Libraries by former professors

By *Christina Norton*

The University Libraries recently received generous donations from the estates of two WIU professors. More than 300 musical scores and musical books for the Music Library came from the late director of the WIU School of Music, **Bart Shanklin**. Roughly 170 books and a collection of personal papers will be added from a donation through the family of the late **Donald (Bill) Griffin**, professor emeritus in geography and former member of the WIU Board of Trustees.

The Shanklin donation, coordinated by Shanklin's brother, Frank, will be added to the collections of WIU's Music Library. In addition to books and scores for many different musical compositions, several volumes of scholarly journals were also received.

"These items will help fill out our collection, particularly in the areas of choral conducting, choral music education and 20th century vocal repertoire, especially for

male voices," said Music Librarian **Mallory Sajewski**.

Sajewski further stated that the donation would allow the Music Library to replace very worn or damaged copies of some of scores, and "to add second copies of some of our vocal anthologies that are in very high demand."

The Griffin donation, containing books from a variety of disciplines, was given to University Libraries under the guidance of his son, Mitchell. Among the books included are a copy of Griffin's own book, "Voices of the Hennepin Canal: Promoters, Politicians, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers," which details the construction of the Hennepin Canal waterway by combining years of research with primary sources from people involved in its construction. The publication of Griffin's book was funded in part by the Haines Family Fund, administered by University Libraries.

Two other items from the Griffin donation—"Business Administration: Theory, Practice and Application" from

1912, and Henry Cabot Lodge's "The History of Nations" from 1906—are rarely found in such good condition as the copies University Libraries received.

"Business Administration" is owned in a complete set by only two other libraries in the United States," said **Jeff Matlak**, collection development librarian. "Other libraries have various volumes, but we now have a complete set. 'The History of Nations' is owned by 121 libraries. Our set is virtually pristine ... so it is valuable and fairly rare."

"University Libraries are proud to receive donations in memory of these wonderful WIU professors, and to honor their legacy by sharing these materials with future generations," said **Michael Lorenzen**, dean of University Libraries.

For more information about the Shanklin and Griffin collections, or donations in general, contact Matlak at JG-Matlak@wiu.edu or (309) 298-2720 or Director of Development **Suzanne Woodward MS '98** at S-Woodward@wiu.edu or (309) 298-2356.

Malpass marriage proposal

By *Suzanne Woodward MS '98*

In 2011, two graduate students met on the fifth floor of the Leslie F. Malpass Library. Four years later, it became the location of their marriage proposal.

Tobias Zwick MS '12 earned his Master of Business Administration degree while at WIU for a study-abroad program via the University of Bayreuth in Germany. His intense year of study led him to spend many hours on the fifth floor of Malpass. As luck would have it, his future bride, **Jamie Monier '11 MS '13**, a former library student employee, was also regularly there. Monier was working through a rigorous master's program in communication sciences and disorders. She, too, found a study refuge on the fifth floor. They met coincidentally during their study breaks, and soon found they shared many hobbies and interests, even though they were from different countries.

Now both graduates live in Germany. Zwick works for a Swiss consulting company in the field of restructuring and turnaround management, where he helps struggling companies often on the verge of bankruptcy, and Monier is in private practice as a speech-language pathologist, treating American children of military families in Stuttgart.

Zwick planned to propose in the United States so his fiancé could celebrate the engagement with her family as they had plans to celebrate Christmas with her family. While deciding how he wanted to propose, Zwick knew he wanted to do it at the location of their first meeting. The problem with this plan was that the WIU campus would be entirely shut down for winter break during their visit.

In mid-December, Zwick contacted **Suzanne Woodward MS '98**, director of development for University Libraries, via email to inquire about gaining access to the building. Woodward and Dean of University Libraries **Michael Lorenzen** agreed to partake by planning to 'coincidentally' be entering the library on the afternoon of Dec. 28, at the time Zwick and Monier were walking around campus. After requesting to 'just come in to look around for a moment,' Zwick escorted the unwitting Monier to the fifth floor, where a bouquet of roses sat on the table where they used to study. With their song playing over the library sound system, Zwick bent down and proposed to a very surprised Monier.

When asked what went through her mind, Monier replied, "I was blown away by the planning and

preparation that led up to it. Everything was a shock!"

She said she wouldn't have changed a thing about the proposal. She stated that the four years leading up to that point had been a wonderful ride, and at the moment of the proposal, it was a flash of all their memories from WIU and beyond.

After spending the remainder of the week in Illinois with family, the newly engaged couple returned to Germany. No wedding date has been set, but one can be sure that Malpass Library will always have a special place in the hearts of these alumni.



Tobias Zwick MS '12 and Jamie Monier '11 MS '13

Phelps hopes to reach 1,000 donations

By *Christina Norton*

Access Services Unit Coordinator **Greg Phelps '93** regularly donates graphic novels and other books to the collections in WIU Libraries. Phelps began making material donations a few years ago in an effort to flesh out the graphic novel collection in the Leslie F. Malpass Library, and now, he aims to personally donate 1,000 items.

"I originally began donating to pump up the graphic novel collection when it first started, but now I see it as a way of giving back," says Phelps. "Western has been very good to me, both as a student and as an employee, and this is a way to give back to Western. It's great to know that patrons can complete their research at WIU because of a donation that I made."

When asked why he chose to focus on graphic novels in his personal donations, Phelps explained that the collection—also referred to as the Visual Culture collection—is "my baby."

"I'm familiar with the genre and sensitive to what it needs and what's missing," he said.

In addition to graphic novels, Phelps has donated DVDs and media related to graphic novels, history books related to the Civil War, RPG gaming handbooks and a large collection of Star Wars novels. Much of these collections provide leisure reading for library patrons, but Phelps points out that graphic novels can support the curriculum, too.

"Graphic novels are on the syllabi for a lot of English classes," he explained. "Some of them are even on course reserves here in Malpass."

Regarding the Star Wars novels, Phelps expressed his hope that, given the renewed interest in the Star Wars franchise, "our patrons will enjoy them as much as I have."

Phelps has currently made 424 donations as part of this effort.

"I hope to fill in more manga [a Japanese-style graphic novel] as I move toward 1,000, since that's an area we're somewhat lagging in," said Phelps.

Phelps also encourages others to make donations in support of the collection, as well.

"In times when the budget is strained, donations of quality materials are much appreciated," he explained.

For more information about donating to the WIU Libraries' collections, contact **Suzanne Woodward MS '98** at S-Woodward@wiu.edu or (309) 298-2356, or contact **Jeff Matlak** at JG-Matlak@wiu.edu or (309) 298-2720.



Greg Phelps '93

Business and Technology

Artwork commissioned to honor Engnell

By Teresa Koltzenburg '92 MS '11

A new image, or series of images, now hangs at the Western Illinois University Livestock Center. Among photos of those at WIU who have received the Hoof'n Horn Club's Distinguished Service Award is a "Leatherneck Legend" collage in tribute to **Bruce A. Engnell**, a man who served the WIU School of Agriculture's students and Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Team members for almost 45 years.

Engnell, who came to Western in 1967, passed away late last fall. The artwork "In the Ring"—commissioned from artist C.J. Brown by members of the 1998-99 WIU Livestock Judging Team—was officially presented and hung in the Livestock Center in late January, with a few members of the 1998-99 team, members of the current WIU Livestock Judging Team, School of Agriculture faculty and staff, members of the WIU community and Engnell's wife, Victoria, all present.

The collage—placed on a wall adjacent to where Engnell's Hoof'n Horn Distinguished Service Award portrait hangs—features some of the aspects Engnell most loved about his long career at Western. The artwork features the phrase "Leatherneck Legend" to represent Engnell's favorite saying, "It's a great day to be a Leatherneck"; includes images of all the livestock species he worked with and helped students work with over the years; and displays the logo of Engnell's favorite livestock judging show, the National Western. The plaque on the frame reads, "In Loving Memory of our Coach and Friend Bruce Engnell, 1998-99 WIU Livestock Judging Team." Members of the team present at the event included **Andy Mench**, **Brett Beyers '99**, **Scott Davis '99**, **Jared Frueh '99**, **Keith Ryan** and **Joe Driscoll '99**. Those not present include **Stephen Robb '99**, **Mark Householter '99** and **Dawn (DeSmith) Driscoll '00**.

Frueh took the reigns at the memorial event and spoke of Engnell's impact on his own time at Western, but more importantly, Engnell's steadfast and important influence on Western students and Livestock Judging Team members for the duration of his long career at WIU.

"When bad things happen, it is tragic, but it does bring people together. It has certainly brought us back together, after almost 20 years, as a team," Frueh said. "Looking back over the years, one of the reasons I think all of us came to Western was because of Bruce Engnell. When people ask me, 'Why did you go to Western?' I say, 'it was because Bruce called me and asked me to come.' Something as simple as that can make such impact on

your life. Every livestock kid that walked through WIU needs to know the legacy of Bruce Engnell. This is why we commissioned this piece. He was the kindest person, who had humility and character that were just second to none. He taught us a lot about life and helped shape us into who we are today."

During the tribute, Victoria not only thanked the members of the 1998-99 WIU Livestock Judging Team for the artwork, but she also provided a brief history of her late husband's contributions to Western, listed all of the other Livestock Judging Team's coaches since the inception of the team in 1964 and identified the teams (by year) for which he served as the main Livestock Judging Team coach—34 teams in all.

"This building was like a second home to Bruce. It's nice to see all of the WIU Hoof'n Horn service award members recognized," Victoria noted during

her brief remarks to those present.

When asked about what the artwork memorial gesture means to her and her family, Victoria talked of her late husband's quiet integrity and of the many, many WIU students' lives he touched as the Livestock Judging Team coach.

"The respect, the tributes and the testimonials given on behalf of Bruce truly tell the history of Bruce Engnell at WIU. Like our youngest son, **Ty '92**, said, 'You had to be out of school for about five years before you really realized what Dad gave us,'" she noted. "What it means to me—that all of Bruce's time and effort, which he unselfishly gave in abundance, was appreciated. It's a comfort that people remember him so well, and I am very pleased with what the members of this 1998-99 team put together for this artwork, which serves as a permanent tribute to Bruce."

Victoria also noted that both of their sons, **Tim '87** and **Ty**, were on the WIU Livestock Judging Team during their time

as students at Western.

"Tim was on the 1986 team and Ty was on the 1991 team—that was an honor," she said.

"It was truly an honor and privilege to be a part of this tribute to Mr. Bruce Engnell. This event certainly showcases the impact that Bruce had on his students and judging teams for six decades," said School of Agriculture Director **Andy Baker**. "I appreciate the efforts of our alumni to come forward and honor this great man. Our alumni are the core of this academic unit and represent this fine institution every day through their professionalism, support, drive and achievements. It is truly a great day to be a Leatherneck!"



Members of the 1998-99 Western Illinois University Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Team and Bruce A. Engnell's widow, Victoria, at the ceremony where the team members presented the commissioned artwork to the WIU School of Agriculture. L-r: **Andy Mench**, **Brett Beyers '99**, **Scott Davis '99**, **Victoria ("Vicki") Engnell**, **Jared Frueh '99**, **Keith Ryan** and **Joe Driscoll '99**.



Engnell's Hoof'n Horn Distinguished Service Award portrait hangs in the WIU Livestock Center.

Graphic communication student designs WIU Foundation holiday card

As the holidays approached, most Western Illinois University students were focused on final exams and preparing to return home for winter break. But for one WIU student, there was an additional task ... creating the holiday greeting card for the WIU Foundation.

Mariah Bartz, a senior graphic communication major from Macomb, was selected to design the 2015 holiday card, which featured an original watercolor lithograph of Sherman Hall. Her most recent work was sent to more than 750 friends of the WIU Foundation.

"To create the design, I took a photo of Sherman Hall and manipulated the photograph in Photoshop. I then transferred that image into a lithographic print and hand-painted the color to add more depth and realism," Bartz explained. "I was thrilled to be given the opportunity to create this year's holiday card, and working for the WIU Foundation has offered me invaluable experience as a designer."

The 2015 holiday card wasn't Bartz's first piece of art created for the WIU Foundation. Earlier this year, she was chosen to design and paint the Foundation's Rocky statue as a part of the 2015 Rocky on Parade campaign. Bartz's "Molecule Dog," featuring the chemical symbols for love and happiness, now finds its home by the flag pole north of the University Union.

"One of the things I enjoy most about my job is meeting our many gifted students. Having a student create the Foundation's holiday card is the ideal way to share with our donors and friends the talent we have at Western Illinois University," said Vice President for Advancement and Public Services **Brad Bainter '79 MS '83**. "Showcasing our students and scholarship recipients gives our donors the opportunity to see their investment at work, so to speak."

Bartz is an accomplished artist, having had works featured at the Juried Student Exhibition at Western, the Evanston Art Center and the Figge Art Museum in Davenport (IA).

"It has been a pleasure to work with Mariah in four of my graphic communication courses," said **Catherine Drinka '01 MS '03**, graphic communication instructor at WIU. "She has such a unique eye for design, which blends both her strong technical knowledge and artistic background—and that definitely comes through in the projects she has completed both in class and for clients. Mariah's passion and dedication are apparent, and I think she has a very successful career ahead of her."

She will graduate this summer after completing an internship in Western's Office of University Relations.



Mariah Bartz pictured with her winning design for the WIU Foundation holiday card.

Business and Technology

Alumni Spotlight

By Alisha Looney MA '13

Todd Lester '90, president of Citizens Bank of Macomb, a division of Morton Community Bank, is not your average alumnus. For him, Western Illinois University is more than just a place he earned a degree. The University has become part of his professional, personal and daily life 16 years later. Lester was appointed to the WIU Board of Trustees in January by Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner. However, he has been involved in more ways than one since his days as a finance major at Western.

Lester worked his way up to president of the bank after starting in a consumer loan officer position for Citizens National Bank, which he accepted in the spring of his senior year at Western. After a few years in that position, Lester moved into a commercial lending position. From there, he moved to the position of senior vice president of lending on the management team before being promoted to president when his original employer, Citizens National Bank, was acquired by Morton Community Bank.

Lester, who graduated with a degree in finance, said he decided WIU was the place for him for several reasons. His mother, **Gail '79 MS-Ed '87 ED-Sp '90**, graduated from Western, and ended up with a successful career in education, eventually becoming a superintendent of schools. As a sports fan, he also remembered visiting campus when he was in high school and watching the Leathernecks take on Michigan State in basketball.

"I looked at smaller schools so I could play sports, but, ultimately, I decided I liked what WIU had to offer and the size of the campus," Lester said.

"Western did a wonderful job of preparing me for my career. WIU has a well-respected business department

Once a Leatherneck, always a Leatherneck

with a lot of great professors. There are still professors teaching who I took classes with," he said. "I remember taking a 400-level finance class at Western. The professor, **Rick Voss**, said, 'If you want to get into upper level management in banking, you need to get into either commercial lending or work in the trust department.' That advice ended up helping guide my career path."

As a Macomb citizen and president of a local business, Lester has made fostering a relationship between his alma mater and the community a priority. His bank was one of the first local businesses to implement the WIU-sponsored "Think Purple" campaign, which enhances school spirit in the community, and the bank continues its participation today. He was also one of the first to become a WIU Rocky on Parade sponsor. (Read more about Rocky on Parade at wiu.edu/news/newsrelease.php?release_id=12192.)

"It's great to be able to showcase some art from local artists and WIU students," Lester said. "It's also producing scholarship money, which is excellent. You can never have enough scholarship money for students."

Lester also works closely with the University to hire WIU students as interns at the bank. He is a member of the Leatherneck Club and has served on the club's advisory board, as well as on the Purple and Gold Auction Committee. In 2014, he was named the recipient of the Town & Gown Award from the WIU Alumni Association.

"Western is the largest employer in the area. The University is not just an economic driver for Macomb, it is an economic driver for the region," Lester said. "Having a great relationship with the University is extremely important to our business."

After serving Western in multiple capacities over the years, including working for the physical plant (now called facilities management) for three summers while a student and serving the last 10 years on the WIU

Foundation Board, he has transitioned into his most prominent role yet, member of the WIU Board of Trustees.

"When I found out the Governor appointed me, I was really excited. I'm a graduate; I live here; and I know the importance of what goes on at the University," Lester said. "A lot of people have said to me, 'It's a tough time right now.' But, I really felt like it is the time I need to get involved. Not that I have all of the answers, because I don't, but I'm willing to do whatever I can to contribute to help us get through this difficult period."

Even when he's not working for or with the University in some capacity, Lester spends his free time supporting WIU Athletics and other WIU activities.

"I go to a lot of Western events. I went to the Wisconsin game when we beat them in basketball this year. My brother completed three years at WIU and then transferred to U of I. He flew back to Illinois, and we went to the U of I/WIU football game together," Lester said.

And the family legacy will continue, as Lester's daughter is a freshman at WIU.

"I lived in Henninger Hall when I was a student, on the 11th floor," said Lester. "When my daughter got her dorm assignment, it was Henninger. However, I found out something interesting when we moved her in ... Henninger was not co-ed when I was there, but it is now."

With another daughter in high school and involved in athletics and a "hobby farm" with animals, Lester and his wife, **Ann Marie '90 MBA '93**, do not find themselves with a lot of free time.



Todd Lester '90, recently appointed to the WIU Board of Trustees.

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Business and Technology

Employee Spotlight

Margie Carle: Office support specialist



Margie Carle

After being hired as a part-time worker 27 years ago, **Margie Carle** has witnessed a lot of changes within the College of Business and Technology (CBT). One thing hasn't changed though—Carle's favorite part of her job is still working with the students.

"Margie is more like a friend," said **Tony Ricco '07 MA '11**, a Master of Business Administration graduate student, from Monmouth (IL). "She has given me a lot of good advice and helped me choose which classes to take."

As a self-described people-person, Carle said after so many years working in the CBT dean's office, what she will miss the most when she retires soon is going to be

seeing the faculty, staff and students every day.

While Carle's title is officially office support specialist, she does much more than those duties.

"I come in at 6 a.m., and I have about an hour and a half to get things done before people start arriving," Carle said. "I have been doing that for a long time. It's nice to have a little time to get things done that take concentration, and I even walk the halls and make sure everything is alright. I have found a lot of things over the years. Once, I found a broken water pipe. Water was just flowing down the hall."

"She is the consummate professional staff member. Her personality and ability to make office visitors feel at ease is her greatest asset," said **Larry Wall**, former CBT associate dean. "It is impossible to come into the College of Business and Technology Dean's Office and not be greeted warmly by Margie. She has an easy laugh, an engaging smile and the ability to make visitors feel welcome."

Fall 2015 Executive in Residence

Western Illinois University Alumnus **Matt Bierman '97 MBA '03**, interim vice president for administrative services, was named the 2015 Executive in Residence for the WIU College of Business and Technology (CBT).

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

Bierman Background

Bierman has served as budget director since April 2012. As the budget director, he is responsible for developing the University's \$240 million All-Funds Budget, recommending tuition and fee rates, and the annual legislative reporting to the Illinois Board of Higher Education, the Illinois Legislature and the governor's office. In addition to serving as budget director, Bierman has been leading Business Services since September 2014. Effective Jan. 1, 2016, Bierman has been serving as the interim vice president for administrative services at Western.

He served as the interim budget director from July 2011 to April 2012. Previously, Bierman had served as the director of residential facilities. In that role, he was responsible for organizing and monitoring a \$40 million budget, organizing room and board rates and monitoring debt service and food services. He also oversaw all facilities-related issues for University Housing and Dining Services (UHDS). Bierman began working in Western's UHDS in 1999 as the Bayliss-Henninger complex director.

Bierman serves as an instructor in the college student personnel program and is a member of the IT Governance Council and the Enterprise System Task Force. He is a member of the Auxiliary Facilities Systems Committee

(AFS) and is the past president of GLACUHO (Great Lakes Association of College and University Housing Officers). In the community, Bierman is a member of the Macomb Community Unit School District No. 185 Board and the Macomb Chamber of Commerce Legislative Committee.

While an undergraduate at WIU, Bierman was a resident assistant and was a member of the Student Government Association, Inter-Hall Council, the National Residence Hall Honorary and the National Association of College and University Residence Halls. He also served as treasurer of the Management Information Systems Association, as a cooperative student at NTN Bower and as a member of the Student Leadership and Development Board, the Student Orientation Team and Student Orientation Staff.

"There is no doubt that Western shaped who I am today. The opportunities in the college and in my extracurricular activities allowed me space to hone my skills as a young leader and have influenced my career," Bierman said. "I was blessed with great mentors and organizations that challenged me and pushed me to reach my full potential."

In addition to bachelor's and MBA degrees from Western, Bierman holds a master's degree in Student Affairs Administration in Higher Education from Ball State University.

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



Matt Bierman '97
MBA '03

PROGRAM OPEN HOUSES

AGRICULTURE

Friday, April 1

wiu.edu/AG/openhouse

ENGINEERING

Friday, April 8

wiu.edu/ENGR/openhouse

SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

Tuesday, March 29

wiu.edu/SCM/openhouse

WIU gets innovative in manufacturing field

Western Illinois University's School of Engineering will be part of a Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce initiative, the Quad Cities Manufacturing Innovation Hub.

The Manufacturing Hub is one of two outreach hubs for the Digital Manufacturing Design Innovation Initiative in Chicago.

As part of the Quad Cities Manufacturing Hub, a research lab was established on the Rock Island Arsenal, in Rock Island (IL), named the Western Illinois University Quad City Manufacturing Laboratory (QCML).

"DMDII, the Manufacturing Hub and WIU-QCML are part of an initiative to look at emerging technology that can help revitalize manufacturing in this region and in the United States in general," according to **Bill Pratt**, director of the WIU Engineering program.

"Because we are the only public university with an engineering program in the area, we figure prominently in this revitalization effort," Pratt said. "Our engineering students are already working with companies like John Deere and Sivyer Steel [two companies who are partnering with WIU-QCML] in this region for their senior design projects. As part of the opening project for the Chamber's new Innovation Hub, we will be putting student teams together to survey regional companies about their technology needs."

The lab will focus on digital manufacturing processes that can help companies become more efficient and competitive in hopes to bring manufacturing jobs back to the United States.



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RETIREMENT: BECKY SMITH

Becky Smith, office manager for the WIU Business and Computer Science Advising Center retired Dec. 31. Smith was a fixture of the advising center for the past 28 years and served WIU for a total of 30 years. Over this time, she supervised and mentored nearly 70 student workers. Her plans for retirement include spending time with her family and playing a card game or two. The College of Business and Technology wishes Becky all the best in her new role as retiree and want her to know that we will miss her smile and joking nature. Good Luck Becky!



Business and Technology

A family affair: Hoener brothers serve Ag Mech Show since 2008

By Teresa Koltzenburg '92 MS '11

In its 46th year, the Western Illinois University Ag Mech Club's Farm Expo—the event many call the “Ag Mech Show”—has an established legacy not only in western Illinois, but also boasts a reputation that appeals to vendors from as far away as Minnesota, Wisconsin and even the Dakotas. The annual exposition is the largest student-run show in the U.S., and planning for the next year's event begins the first day of the expo's current year. Many vendors at the show registered for their Western Hall booth locations for the 2017 event during the early February show this year.

Since 2008, three brothers—two WIU alumni and one student—from Sutter (IL), all majoring in agriculture, have established their own legacy as part of the team that tackles the truly Herculean task of putting together the huge trade exposition, while maintaining their studies—and doing it all, basically, for no pay. **Michael Hoener '12; Gregory Hoener '15; and Thomas Hoener**, who will graduate in May, were, or are, members of the student organization, the Ag Mech (short for Agriculture Mechanization) Club behind the Farm Expo. Thomas currently serves as president of the Ag Mech Club, following in his older brothers' footsteps, whom both served as an Ag Mech Club president during the time each attended Western.

Though the three brothers have the WIU and Ag Mech Club president experience in common, they do not necessarily share the same approach to serving in the role as the leader of the Ag Mech Club organization. Out of her three sons, Kathy Hoener, who sat in on a group interview—along with the Hoener brothers' father, Gregory Sr., their sister, Amber (a student at West Hancock High School (in Warsaw, IL), as well as Thomas' girlfriend, **Lexis Thurman** (Warsaw, IL), a sociology major who served as the 2016 Ag Mech Club Farm Expo vice president—show operations—Thomas, she said, is the most outgoing.

“Thomas has always been a people person. Naturally, Michael and Gregory were pretty shy. Working on the Ag Mech Show over the years has really helped break them out of their shells,” Kathy explained.

“Through working on the Ag Mech Show, I learned it's not bad to put yourself in an uncomfortable position, to see what you can really do. At the time, you think, ‘Wow, this is really rough and maybe not even possible.’ But when you look back on it, you think, ‘That was not as hard as I thought it was,’” said Michael, who now works at The Knapheide Manufacturing Company (Quincy, IL).

“I know the life lessons they have taken from this,” added Gregory Sr. “I have watched every one of them grow. And it's just something to see how each one of them has changed after having the experience of working on and being involved in the Ag Mech Show. Now they understand why ‘Dad’ drives them so hard. ‘You want to know how it gets done? Well, that's why I'm yelling all

the time—or it wouldn't get done,” he added, with a wide smile, as he sat with his family at the Hoener kitchen table in late January.

For the last eight years, the Ag Mech Club's Farm Expo has been a regular part of Hoener family life. Gregory and

Thomas each nodded their heads when Michael talked about the hours and hours the Ag Mech Club president, as well as the club's officers, spend working on the exposition.

“It really is a yearlong process, but then you really hit it hard right before Christmas break, to make sure things are lined up over break,” Michael said. “And once you get back from break, you might as well live in the Ag Mech Club office.”

During the interview, Kathy alluded to a Hoener family / Ag Mech Show “experience” that Michael, during his service as Ag Mech Club president, wasn't too enthused about—at least at the time.

“It was my last year at WIU, and it was after opening ceremonies on Saturday. On the main floor of Western Hall, they fold up the bleachers to make room for the vendor booths, and on both sides you have your vendors. So I hear this rustling, and I look up and I see Tommy and Amber walking between the bleachers and the railing on the upper part of Western Hall. Instead of just walking through the aisle, they cut through the folded-up bleachers, and Thomas had bumped a sign and it fell,” he explained. “When it fell, everybody on the entire floor of the show was looking up, and a couple of my buddies looked at me, ‘Whose kids are those?’ I just thought, ‘I'm just going to walk away now,’” Michael added.

“I barely bumped it,” Thomas, quick to defend himself, said during the interview. “I remember thinking, ‘What just happened?’ And I look over and my sister is running away,” he added with a smile.

“Now, when I think about it, I think that was a good thing for me—it helped take the edge off,” Michael noted.

Michael also recalled how one year his brother Gregory, before Gregory was a student at Western, came to Macomb and helped him after the Farm Expo had concluded.

“The year before I was an officer, Gregory came up and stayed the weekend and helped tear down. I had guys who barely knew me saying to me, ‘I've never seen that guy.’ My buddies were complimenting him, saying how he was doing more to help than some of the actual Ag Mech Club members.”

Gregory Jr. said his interest in WIU stemmed from his older brothers' experiences at Western and Michael's involvement in the Ag Mech Club and the Farm Expo. Like for Michael, Western was a good choice for him because it was close to home.

“I was an agriculture education major, and I worked with Dr. **Andy Baker** [director of the School of Agriculture] through the Warsaw FFA. I didn't want to get too far from home either, and I knew the ag program there was really good,” Gregory added.

As in years past, this year the Ag Mech Show had



Members of the Hoener family and Lexis Thurman on the Hoener family deck at the farm near Sutter (IL). From l-r: Gregory Sr.; Michael '12; Gregory Jr. '15; Lexis Thurman, senior sociology major and 2016 Ag Mech Club Farm Expo vice president—show operations; Thomas, senior agriculture major and current president of the Ag Mech Club; Kathy and Amber.



The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the 2016 WIU Ag Mech Club's Farm Expo (held Feb. 6-7) in Western Hall in Macomb. L -r: 2015-16 WIU Ag Mech Club officer; WIU School of Agriculture Director Andrew Baker; Interim WIU Provost and Academic Vice President Kathleen Neumann '86 MS '88; WIU Agriculture Assistant Professor/Ag Mech Club Adviser Dan Atherton '97; WIU Ag Mech Club President Thomas Hoener; WIU President Jack Thomas; WIU Board of Trustees Chair Roger Clawson '77; Illinois State Representative (93rd District) Noreen Hammond; WIU College of Business and Technology Associate Dean William Polley and 2015-16 WIU Ag Mech Club officer.

thousands of people who came through to experience the exposition that students, as well as faculty and staff in the WIU School of Agriculture, worked diligently to produce. Over their collective years at Western, the three Hoener brothers have had different faculty advisors for the show.

“I first worked with **Richard Tillotson**,” Michael noted. “He was the one who taught me everything. He retired in 2011, and the show has had various advisors since,” he added.

“For this year's show, I would particularly like to thank **Donna Pestle**, who works in the School of Ag office. She really was a lifesaver. Without her, and without the help of my girlfriend, Lexis, I don't know if I would have been able to get by,” Thomas added.

MBA student wins award for CMA exam distinguished performance

In June, Western Illinois University MBA student **Alec Epkes** (Moline, IL) will travel to Las Vegas (NV) to attend the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) annual conference to accept a certificate of distinguished performance on the CMA (Certified Management Accountants) exam.

Of the 4,728 individuals who took the CMA exam in English during the September/October testing, distinguished performance certificates were awarded to six people, including Epkes, for earning one of the top scores in the world.

“Our CMA certification is widely recognized as the leading management accounting credential in the world—and certainly the only one prominent in both of the world's two largest economies, the U.S. and China,” said Samuel C. Weaver, ICMA (The Institute of Certified Management Accountants) Board of Regents chair.



Alec Epkes

University Housing & Dining Services

Tanner Hall lobby receives facelift

Tanner Hall recently received a facelift, bringing it into the 21st century. The minor renovation included several cosmetic upgrades, including the removal of the original aluminum and glass panel system surrounding the reception desk, installing new flooring in the lobby and north/south corridors, the replacement of lighting fixtures in both corridors with L.E.E.D.—compliant LED energy efficient fixtures, painting and a variety of other accents. All of the work, with the exception of the flooring, was completed with in-house labor in partnership with WIU Facilities Management.

This project is the second lobby renovation University Housing and Dining has funded over the last two years

with the anticipation of completing the Bayliss, Henninger, Lincoln and Washington lobbies in the near future. The goals of these projects are to not only update facilities, but to promote and improve student recruitment and retention.

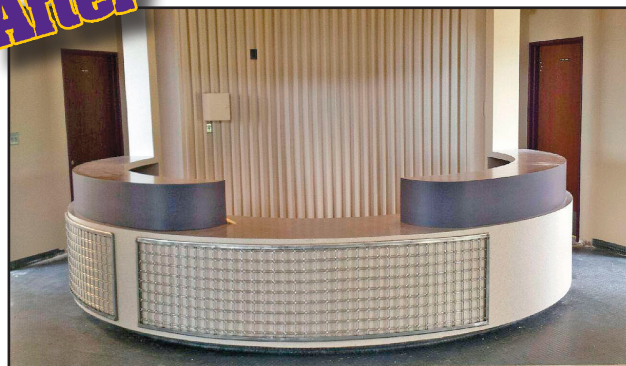
"This was a fun and exciting project to be a part of. This is a perfect example that even in a time of economic hardship, our campus is finding creative ways to further enhance our facilities," said Director of Residential Facilities **Joseph Roselieb '07 MS '09**. "I want to thank **Michael Hott** and WIU Facilities Management for their assistance completing this renovation."

Before



Lobby

After



Before



Corridor

After



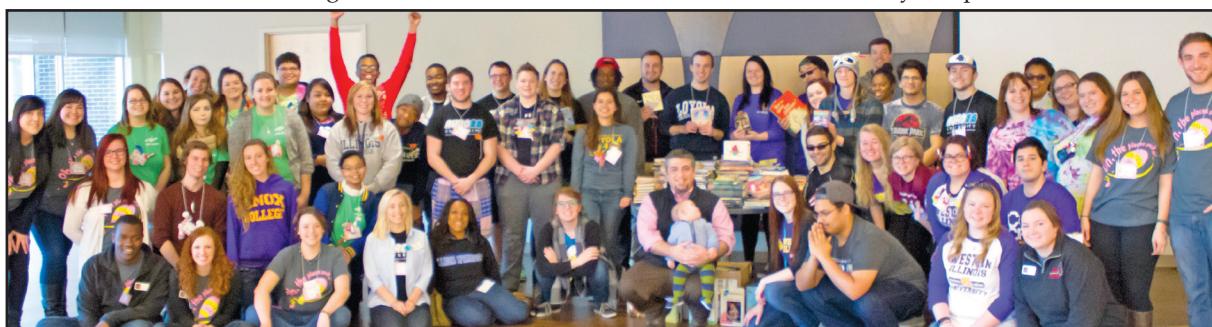
WIU hosts annual ISRAA conference

It was a busy beginning to February as resident assistants from the Western Illinois University Housing and Dining Department hosted the 32nd and final Illinois State Resident Assistant Association (ISRAA) Conference on the Macomb campus.

The two-day conference focused on student leadership and other aspects of the resident assistant position. Several colleges and universities from across the state of Illinois attended and had the opportunity to present a one-hour conference session on a topic related to resident assistants. In addition, the conference committee organized and facilitated a book drive throughout the Macomb

community and encouraged visiting schools to participate as well. In the end, over 350 books were collected and donated to the local McDonough County Big Brothers Big Sisters Program.

"Our student leaders clearly embrace Western's values of educational opportunity, academic excellence, social responsibility and personal growth," said **John Biernbaum**, assistant vice president for student services-student life. "While WIU was represented by a small fraction of our student housing staff, these delegates truly showcased the outstanding students we have on the Western Illinois University campus."



ISRAA conference attendees pose by the books collected for donation to the McDonough County Big Brothers Big Sisters Program.

RAs earn high GPAs

University Housing and Dining Services resident assistants earned their highest average cumulative GPA in three years. The Fall 2015 cumulative GPA for the 113 member resident assistant staff was 3.26.

In celebration of this accomplishment, each staff member received a Rocky-style stress ball dog at winter training.

In addition, each complex staff team met or exceeded the GPA goals they had set for the Fall 2015 semester: Bayliss/Henninger, 3.24; Corbin/Olson, 3.31; Lincoln/Washington/Grote, 3.24; Tanner, 3.27 and Thompson, 3.21.

Through the UHDS floor competition, Thompson third floor honors living learning community females (RA: **Shannon Wachter**) and Corbin second floor male and females (RAs: **Micheal Parisi** and **Anna Sendra**) won for the highest floor GPAs, honoring the floor each with a celebratory food party at an upcoming floor event.



Thompson Hall resident assistant staff members with their Rocky stress dogs.

A Note from Associate Vice President for Student Services

As we reach the midway point of our spring semester in University Housing and Dining Services, we look back at another eventful fall semester of accomplishments. If you have not been back on campus for a while, it is never too early to start planning for this year's Homecoming celebration (Oct. 7-9).

UHDS is also currently adding several additional Living-Learning Communities (LLC) to supplement the current LLCs for incoming Fall 2016 students. The floors include new communities in biology, women in science and CLASS (Community of Liberal Arts and Science Students). These academic partnerships remain a core part of our mission of being a participant in the student learning process outside the classroom.

Lastly, I would like to recognize several staff members doing great things professionally. **Justin Schuch** was honored with a "Top Ten" presentation at the annual Great Lakes Association of College and Housing Officers conference in Flint (MI). At the same conference, it was announced that **Joe Roselieb '07 MS '09** would continue on in his executive board role as exhibitor liaison for the organization. Western and UHDS are fortunate to continue to attract and maintain exceptional professional staff.

I hope to see many of you soon at our upcoming alumni events, conferences and back on campus.



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

Seal Hall Courtyard

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Contact Joe Roselieb at JA-Roselieb@wiu.edu or (309) 298-3320.

Recent Alumni Events



Columbus Alumni & Friends, October 21, 2015, The Wine Bistro, Upper Arlington, OH



WIU Men's Basketball vs. Wisconsin Pregame Social & Basketball Game



Cincinnati Alumni & Friends, October 22, 2015, Unwind Wine Bar, Cincinnati, OH



St. Louis Blues vs. Chicago Blackhawks Pregame Social & Hockey Game, November 14, 2015, Scottrade Center, St. Louis, MO



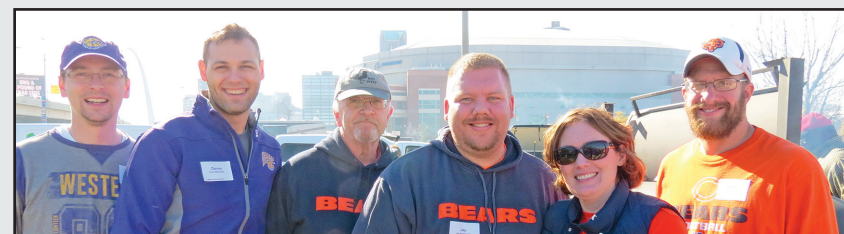
Quad Cities Western Wednesdays, November 4, 2015, Front Street Brewery, Davenport, IA



St. Louis Rams vs. Chicago Bears Pregame Social & Football Game, November 15, 2015, Edward Jones Dome, St. Louis, MO



New Orleans Alumni & Friends Social, November 5, 2015, Superior Seafood & Oyster Bar, New Orleans, LA



St. Louis Rams vs. Chicago Bears Pregame Social & Football Game



Las Vegas Alumni & Friends Social, November 12, 2015, Battista's Hole in the Wall, Las Vegas, NV



Western Wednesday After-Hours in Chicago, December 2, 2015 South Branch, Chicago, IL



WIU Men's Basketball vs. Wisconsin Pregame Social & Basketball Game, November 13, 2015, Whiskey Jacks Saloon & Kohl Center, Madison, WI



Western Wednesday After-Hours in Chicago

To view more photos from Alumni & Friends events and the names of those in the photos, visit wiu.edu/alumni or www.flickr.com/photos/wiualumni/, email A-Association@wiu.edu or call (309) 298-1914.

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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 wiu.edu/alumni.

— WIU Alumni Association

1965

Barry Marten MS-ED '68, Williamsburg, VA, was appointed to the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board by Governor Terry McAuliffe.

1968

James Gries, Crossville, TN, is the manager of consulting services for Spinnaker Consulting.

1970

Toni Ferrari Redlingshafer MA '73, E. Peoria, received the Distinguished Service Award from the ILMEA.

1971

Kimberlee Remus, Naperville, is a retired teacher.

1972

Grant Wiig, Brooklyn, MI, is retired after 38 years of practice in Jackson.

1973

Connie Murphy Blalock, Oak Ridge, TN, is an assistant professor of mathematics for Roane State Community College.

John Luther, Glen Ellyn, is retired from the sales industry.

Rosemary Reip Luther, Glen Ellyn, is retired from the accounting industry.

1974

Mike Drews, Aurora, is the 2016 President of the Illinois Association of Realtors.

1977

Mary Coghlan Newman, Destin, FL, is a retired professor of English and reading.

Spencer Quam, Lafayette, CA, is the principal for Quam Energy Development.

Randy Swenson, Ingleside, is a controller for Peer Bearing Co.

1978

Kathy Peterson Velasco, Woodstock, received the 2015 Excalibur Award from the Rockford Register Star.

1980

Mary Rapp MacBain, Shawnee, KS, is the president/CEO for the Kansas Society of CPA's and received the AICPA's Sustained Contribution Award.

Jeffrey Miller, Oak Ridge, TN, is a sr. scientist for Oak Ridge Associated Universities.

John Roszell, Knoxville, TN, is a financial advisor for Roszell Financial Services.

1981

Dorothy Cagley, Santa Rosa Beach, FL, has retired from the FBI as a special agent.

Carey Stoneking, Rock Hill, SC, is a retired scientist and organic chemistry professor at Greenville Technical College.

1982

Sheri Anderson Burgoyne, Gulf Breeze, FL, is an internal funds bookkeeper III for the Santa Rosa County School District at Gulf Breeze Elementary.

Linda Johnson Meyer, Longmont, CO, is the owner/CEO of Harmony Geospatial Services, LLC.

Edward Kocal, Blue Grass, IA, is retired after 30 years as a conservation officer.

1983

Henry Crawford, Lubbock, TX, is retired as curator of history at the Museum of Texas Tech University after 26 years of service. He will remain active as a museum and living history programming consultant.

1985

William Bressie, Chicago, is a managing director and sr. treasury sales manager within global transaction services for the Bank of America Merrill Lynch.

Bob Kauffman, Douglasville, GA, is the president of the State Bar of Georgia.

1987

Tim Hackett, Cuba, retired after 25 years as area manager for Blue Star Lubrication Technology in Schaumburg.

1989

Gregory Langheim, Raleigh, NC, is the lead business systems analyst for MetLife.

Troy Minnaert, Waterloo, is a logistics operations lead for Monsanto Company in St. Louis, MO.

Brian Towne, LaSalle, has been appointed by the Illinois Supreme Court to serve as the President of the Illinois Board of Bar Admissions.

1990

William Farmer MS, Gaithersburg, MD, is the industrial psychologist/psychometrician for the U.S. Food & Drug Administration in Rockville.

1991

John Reynolds PB-CER '04, Moline, is the Chief of Police for the City of E. Moline.

Michael Sebill, Fargo, ND, is a virtual bank consultant for Bell State Bank and Trust.

1992

Stacia Hamilton Munroe, Rochester, is the executive director for the Illinois Association of Wholesale Distributors in Springfield.

Steve Stolbom, Normal, is the director of contracting for Dynasplint Systems, Inc. in Severna Park, MD.

1993

Brian Smith, Gooding, ID, is a maintenance worker for NPS/Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument in Hagerman.

1994

Robert Baker, Round Lake, is the operations manager for Carmax in Kenosha, WI.

Michael McFarland MS, Bloomsburg, PA, is the athletic director and assistant professor at Bloomsburg University and has received a doctor of education degree from Northcentral University.

Gabriel Sanders, Springfield, is the government and public sector leader for Ernst & Young LLP in Chicago.

1996

Lori Wayson, Centerton, AR, is a business process analyst for Serco, NA in Reston, VA.

1997

Blanca Nache Leal, Moline, is the principal at Lincoln Irving Elementary for the Moline-Coal Valley School District.

Meredith McGrath MS, Scandia, MN, is an associate pastor at Elim Lutheran Church.

1998

Sean Murray, Chicago, is a partner at Anesi Ozmon Rodin Novak & Kohen Ltd.

1999

Keith Barclay, Platte City, MO, is retired from the U.S. Army active duty service and is now an operations specialist for the Dept. of the Army supporting the education of our soldiers in Ft. Leavenworth, KS.

Keith Formell, New Lenox, is the chief technology officer for Cook County Sheriff's Office.

Jill Maxa Gabbert, Bolingbrook, is an account executive at Kellen in Oakbrook Terrace.

Scott Gabbert MS, Bolingbrook, is an academic advisor for De Paul University in Chicago.

Eric Schaefer MA '02, Springfield, OH, is the deputy director of education & policy for the Ohio Attorney General, Peace Officer Training Commission.

Shannon Stone Schaver, Taylor Ridge, is an IT specialist for the Joint Munitions Command.

2000

Schnarda Robinson, Stone Mountain, GA, is a budget analyst for the Federal Government.

Tiffany Taylor, Pleasant Prairie, WI, is the attendance officer for Kenosha Unified School District.

2001

Jacob Proctor, Edwardsville, is an emergency response specialist for Ameren in Maryville.

2002

Jason Chute, Macomb, is the general sales manager for Regional Media.

2003

Emily Cooke MBA '04, Grayslake, is the executive director at The Rockford Dance Company.

James Wayne MS '06, Normal, is an assistant director of business operations for the Town of Normal Parks and Recreation.

2004

Tolga Ural, Dubai, UAE, is the regional manager for Africa and the Middle East for Liugong Dressta Machinery.

2005

Anne Wake MS, Lake St. Louis, MO, is a sr. engineer quality systems for Watlow in St. Louis.

Rachel Von Holten Wayne, Normal, is a registered dietician and a certified diabetes educator and works at OSF Healthcare.

2006

Makoto Yamagishi, Christiana, TN, is an account manager for Steel Technologies.

2007

Nicholas Esposito, St. Petersburg, FL, is a sr. vegetation management specialist for Duke Energy.

2008

Daniel Behrens, Germantown, TN, is a special agent for the DEA.

Cara Smith Dillabough, Mendota, is a corrections leisure activity specialist for the Illinois Dept. of Corrections.

James Kveton, St. Charles, is a valuation services manager for Business Appraisal Services, LLC in Naperville.

David Torbert, Wapella, is the service business development coordinator for Baum Chevrolet-Buick.

2009

Jeffrey Grady MS '11, Port Byron, is the new product program manager for John Deere at the John Deere Crop Harvesting Product Development Center in E. Moline.

Ryan Lemanski, Schaumburg, is a special education teacher at Jacobs High School in Algonquin.

Elyse Simcock, Aurora, is a learning behavior specialist for the Naperville CUSD # 203.

Kevin Stoll, Arlington Hts., is the director of paraprofessionals for Dist. # 214.

2010

Lacey Skelton Austin, Mason City, is a customer service associate at Memorial Home Services in Springfield.

Ellen Engh MS, Edmond, OK, is the assistant director for campus activities at the University of Central Oklahoma.

Jenna Keane Granstra, Austin, TX, is an air quality scientist for AECOM.

Erin Boeding Schatz, Burlington, IA, is a 4th grade teacher at LaHarpe Elementary.

Aaron Steffens, O'Fallen, MO, is a developmental analyst for Dot Foods.

2011

Wyatt Baxter, Tennessee, received his MS-PAS from SIU and is a physician's assistant in emergency medicine for Great River Medical Center.

Andrew Donahoo MS, Macomb, is the assistant director for undergraduate admissions for Western Illinois University.

Matthew Layer, Washington, DC, is a police officer for the Metropolitan Police Dept.

Travis Schilla MS, Springfield, MO, is the coordinator of leadership development and programming for Missouri State University.

2012

Jared Brady, Gilberts, is a sales & vendor development manager for Robis Elections, Inc.

Alison Correll, Bloomington, is a telecommunicator for Metcom.

Rachel Mies, Ottumwa, IA, is the education coordinator and academic advisor for Buena Vista University.

2013

Steven Etheridge MS-ED, Moline, is the principal at Bicentennial Elementary for the Moline-Coal Valley School District.

2014

Elizabeth Paige, Elmwood, is a bank teller for Morton Community Bank.

Adrianna Pence, Virginia, is a human resource generalist for Passavant Area Hospital in Jacksonville.

2015

Stephanie Ackermann, Gerlaw, is the coordinator of advancement for Carl Sandburg College in Galesburg.

Jason Cruz, Springfield, is an associate product support developer for Levi, Ray & Shoup, Inc.

Brendan Dimmig, Streator, is a security officer for Exelon Generation in LaSalle County.

Machelle Haessler, LeClaire, IA, is an estimator for Superior Tube Products.

Kristen Kendrick-Weikle EDD, Forsyth, is the superintendent for Warrensburg-Latham CUSD # 11.

Gregory Prunsky, Colorado Springs, CO, is a police officer for the Colorado Springs Police Dept.

Jessica Saunders, Kahoka, MO, is a special education teacher for the Liberty CUSD # 2.

Paul Schaecher, Kewanee, is the fire chief for the City of Kewanee.

Marriages & Civil Unions

Jason Chute '02 and **Shanda Gansbauer**, Sept. 5, 2015.

Shannon VanVleet '08 and **Jarred Dexter**, Sept. 26, 2015.

Births and Adoptions

Leigh Terstriep Bickerman '10 and **Scott Bickerman '09**, a son, Jordan Russell, Jan. 20, 2016.

Jill McNulty Curtis '09 and **Mitchell Curtis '10**, a daughter, Kendall Therese, Aug. 9, 2015.

Cara Smith Dillabough '08 and **Josh**, a daughter, Kenzington Rose, June 30, 2015.

Brock Flesner '12 and **Stephanie Travis Flesner '11**, a daughter, Hailey Kae, Dec. 7, 2015.

Lindsey Niekamp Kelly '04 MS '06 and **John Kelly '03**, a son, Nolan John, Dec. 15, 2015.

Julie Biebel Ledger '05 and **Adam Ledger '05**, a daughter, Avery Grace, Dec. 17, 2015.

Patricia Melinauskas Okeson '07 and **Troy Okeson '08**, a daughter, Kenley Sue, Nov. 15, 2015.

Jennifer Moran Puckett '06 and **Robert**, a daughter, Katie Elizabeth, Oct. 5, 2015.

Ellen Long Rigg '10 and **Cory**, a daughter, Charlotte Marie, Jan. 7, 2016.

Erin Boeding Schatz '10 and **David**, a son, Benjamin David, Sept. 22, 2015.

Jill Andrews Shoemaker '01 and **Matthew Shoemaker '07**, a daughter, Mackenna May, Nov. 17, 2015.

Deaths

Robert W. Allen, Macomb, Jan. 12, 2016.

John F. Blauvelt, Macomb, Jan. 6, 2016.

Thomas W. Brabender, Mt. Zion, Nov. 2, 2015.

Marjorie I. Buel Brenner, Cincinnati, OH, Sept. 19, 2015.

Margaret E. Walters Campbell, Seaton, Oct. 25, 2015.

Jack L. Chalekian, Kenosha, WI, Oct. 23, 2011.

Delwyn E. Combs, Sciota, Jan. 24, 2016.

Trevert L. Couden, Loudon, TN, Dec. 24, 2015.

Janet C. Foster, Bushnell, Nov. 28, 2015.

James A. Fowler, E. Peoria, Dec. 24, 2015.

Donald W. "Bill" Griffin, Macomb, Nov. 27, 2015.

Norma J. Trotter Hammond, Macomb, Oct. 26, 2015.

Lee A. Hare, Ft. Atkinson, WI, Nov. 22, 2015.

Ronald B. Hellhake, Quincy, Dec. 14, 2015.

Rebecca A. Housewright, Basco, Dec. 11, 2015.

Odell M. Johnson, Shallotte, NC, Nov. 26, 2015.

Mary S. Karas, Lisle, Nov. 2, 2015.

Catherine R. Koester, Macomb, Jan. 15, 2016.

Jeanne Simon Krahn, Montgomery, Dec. 8, 2015.

William T. Lewis, Springfield, Nov. 5, 2015.

Florence M. Jennings Louck, Aledo, Aug. 26, 2015.

Lyle F. McNeil, Harlingen, TX, Oct. 18, 2015.

Norma J. Sleaford Neumann, Geneseo, Oct. 25, 2015.

Roberto M. Norris, Miami, FL, Sept. 8, 2015.

Vaman Rao, Cedar Falls, IA, Jan. 5, 2016.

Verle E. Root, Macomb, Nov. 2, 2015.

Richard H. "Dick" Severs, Sr., Macomb, Nov. 1, 2015.

Scott R. Smith, Ft. Madison, IA, June 17, 2013.

Ann M. Stevens, Macomb, Oct. 31, 2015.

Betty L. Stroops, Bardolph, Nov. 14, 2015.

1929 Maxine L. Laughlin Polhill, Hilton Head, SC, Jan. 25, 2016.

1940 Alice B. Brown Defibaugh, E. Tawas, MI, Nov. 12, 2015.

1941 Vernon R. Heaton '50, Quincy, Nov. 7, 2015.

1942 Elaine B. Reffett Noe, Canton, Nov. 7, 2015.

1943 Neena Ptasnik Fleming, Clive, IA, July 17, 2015.

1944 Carolyn M. Morrison Uhnken, Jacksonville, Dec. 17, 2015.

1945 Mari A. Pukys Chambers, Wheaton, Oct. 26, 2015.

1945 Mildred A. "Mickie" Magee Freed, Shoreline, WA, Dec. 6, 2015.

1948 Jane L. Schaffenacker Hemphill, Durango, CO, Oct. 19, 2015.

1949 Marcy L. Rector Dufner, Carlinville, July 21, 2015.

1949 Doris A. Lewis Edwards MS-ED '56, Macomb, Jan. 19, 2016.

1949 Jeanne E. Meister, Cherry Valley, CA, Sept. 1, 2015.

1950 Beverly A. Ball, Jacksonville, Dec. 3, 2015.

1950 Marilyn J. Wheeler Cullen, Macomb, Oct. 30, 2015.

1950 Lloyd J. Ericson MS-ED '57, Kent, OH, July 15, 2015.

1951 Walter S. Draka, Carpentersville, July 16, 2015.

1953 Richard O. Mensendike MS-ED, ED SP '71, Quincy, Nov. 6, 2015.

1953 Farrell J. Mitchell, Jacksonville, Nov. 12, 2015.

1954 Donna J. Etter Bavery, St. Cloud, MN, Dec. 26, 2015.

1955 Dale E. Pauley MS-ED '57, Mackinaw, Dec. 5, 2015.

1957 John C. Ginalick, Edwardsville, Nov. 10, 2015.

1957 Guy L. Rosenberg MS-ED '60, Omaha, NE, Nov. 19, 2015.

1958 Jack F. Shive, Galesburg, Dec. 18, 2015.

1958 Beth M. "Lenora" Mackey Stiffler MS-ED, S. Yarmouth, MA, Dec. 18, 2015.

1959 Jerry L. Dabler MS-ED '64, Tucson, AZ, Sept. 14, 2015.

1959 Marvin W. Palm, Pekin, Dec. 17, 2015.

1960 Rita A. Heimer Litchfield, Eldon, MO, Dec. 3, 2014.

1960 James E. Parr, Bradley, Sept. 19, 2015.

1961 Norman W. Mayer, Glen Carbon, Dec. 14, 2015.

1962 Charles J. De Taeye MS-ED '74, ED SP '77, Moline, Nov. 12, 2015.

1962 Shirley A. Knowles, Macomb, Nov. 21, 2015.

1962 Walter E. "Gene" Schlereth, Jr., St. Louis, MO, July 12, 2015.

1963 Linda J. Miller Edwards, Monmouth, Dec. 14, 2015.

1965 Robert R. Cashman, Quincy, Nov. 8, 2015.

1967 Leslie J. Guilinger, Jr., Savanna, Dec. 6, 2015.

1967 Robert S. Krause, Manhattan, KS, Dec. 16, 2015.

1968 John B. Bussen, St. Peters, MO, Aug. 25, 2015.

1968 Leo E. Dixon MA, Oak Lawn, Aug. 18, 2015.

1969 Michael J. Heft, Oak Forest, Nov. 8, 2015.

1969 David N. Kircher, Chapin, Nov. 5, 2015.

1969 John R. Tavernier MA '72, Frederick, Dec. 6, 2015.

1971 James E. Angsten, Tinley Park, Jan. 12, 2016.

1971 H. Ray Goff MS-ED '89, Casa Grande, AZ, Dec. 6, 2015.

1971 Jo Ann Macander, Harvey, Sept. 3, 2015.

1972 Alta M. Harden Brokaw, Raritan, Oct. 29, 2015.

1972 Mary E. Osmond Gardino, Chugiak, AK, Nov. 4, 2015.

1972 Linda S. Stuckel, London Mills, Nov. 5, 2015.

1972 Richard F. Van Arsdale, Jr., Highwood, Oct. 17, 2015.

1972 Lewis J. "Joe" Wenzel, Jr., E. Peoria, Aug. 4, 2015.

1973 William C. Farr MBA, Barrington, Dec. 24, 2015.

1973 Scott R. Wakefield, Plano, Nov. 14, 2015.

1974 Paula J. Johnson Fritzel, Keller, TX, Nov. 9, 2015.

1974 Kathleen R. Hallen Greider, Putnam, Nov. 25, 2015.

1974 Amy E. Pruden Logsdon, Ripley, Oct. 19, 2015.

1974 Keith A. May, Tallahassee, FL, Oct. 16, 2015.

1975 Matt E. Burger, Sullivan, Nov. 10, 2015.

1975 Carl F. Meinzer, Prospect Hts, Sept. 18, 2015.

1977 Wayne B. Dimmick ED SP, Peoria, Oct. 13, 2015.

1977 Constance R. Heller Horacek MA, Reading, PA, Oct. 16, 2015.

1977 Andrew J. Pitman, Galesburg, Dec. 11, 2015.

1978 George D. Edgeworth III MS-ED '93, Rock Island, Sept. 17, 2015.

1978 Myron J. "Joe" Hickey MS, Keytesville, MO, Aug. 16, 2015.

1978 Kyna Shryack Matula, Rockton, Feb. 4, 2015.

1978 James M. Ward, Jr., Springfield, Dec. 9, 2015.

1978 Richard P. Weston MS '90, Interlochen, MI, Nov. 5, 2015.

1979 Stephen J. McGuar M. Acct '80, Castle Pines, CO, Oct. 2, 2015.

1980 Steve Collier, Macomb, Dec. 4, 2015.

1981 James M. Belz, Springfield, Dec. 2, 2015.

1981 Donald G. Harrington, Martinez, CA, Sept. 20, 2015.

1981 Hilda I. Mulica Negley, Fairview, July 14, 2015.

1981 Mark R. Smith, Yorba Linda, CA, Nov. 9, 2015.

1982 Joan M. Buckley Winfield MS-ED, Davenport, IA, Dec. 16, 2015.

1984 David V. Swearingen, Newark, NJ, Nov. 23, 2015.

1987 Lisa J. Nestaval Lamb, Las Cruces, NM, Nov. 2, 2015.

1988 Joseph J. Groom, Batavia, Dec. 9, 2015.

1992 David F. Deitrich, Quincy, Dec. 16, 2015.

1994 Forrest A. "Frosty" Ward MS-ED, Des Moines, IA, Oct. 6, 2015.

1995 Sue E. Steller, Galesburg, Dec. 27, 2015.

1996 Michelle A. Benedetto, Naperville, Nov. 7, 2015.

2001 Robert A. Grabbe MS-ED, Kewanee, Nov. 13, 2015.

2007 William E. Brattain, Honorary Alumnus, Colchester, Dec. 25, 2015.

2007 Christina C. Miller, Macomb, Jan. 17, 2016.

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HOMECOMING & REUNION 2016
Oct. 7-8
 Visit wiu.edu/alumni for the tentative schedule.

Alumni Travel Programs 2016

Atolls & Islands of French Polynesia

March 25-April 4, 2016

Board Oceania Cruises' state-of-the-art Marina and sail to Tahiti's heart-shaped "Sister Island," Moorea. Explore Raroia. Relax on the beaches of Fakarava, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Encounter the pearl farms and pink-sand beaches of Rangiroa, the second-largest atoll in the world; snorkel Bora Bora's sparkling seas, an underwater paradise teeming with colorful coral and tropical fish, and take in ancient temples set amid gorgeous scenery on Raiatea, before concluding your in Papeete, Tahiti.



Southern Grandeur

April 10-18, 2016 or April 24-May 2, 2016

Experience the American South as you cruise the Mississippi River aboard the American Queen. Begin your adventure in New Orleans, where the well-preserved French Quarter charms. Then board the American Queen and cruise to cities in Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee. Admire the mansion at Oak Alley Plantation, and stroll beneath the canopies of its 300-year-old live oak trees. Explore St. Francisville, home to more than 140 historic buildings on the National Register, and take in the stunning gardens and palatial antebellum mansions of Natchez, the oldest settlement on the Mississippi. Before your seven-night cruise concludes in Memphis, browse Vicksburg's antique shops and museums, or step back in time at the renowned Vicksburg National Military Park.

Mediterranean Wonders & Waterways

May 11-21, 2016

Experience the highlights of the Mediterranean, from the rustic beauty of Greece to the age-old wonders of Italy and Croatia. Board Oceania Cruises' elegant Riviera in Athens and sail to beautiful Mykonos, an island famed for its bougainvillea-lined streets and 16th-century windmills. Behind the stunning blue-domed, whitewashed villages on Santorini, and stroll past neoclassical mansions at Navplion. Browse the charming taverns and shops that line Gythion's bustling waterfront, immerse yourself in the natural splendors at Corfu, and stroll the marble streets of Dubrovnik, Croatia. Encounter Ancona's mix of Roman ruins and ornate cathedrals, or travel to the medieval hillside towns of Umbria. Conclude your journey in enchanting Venice, a magical city laced with graceful bridges and canals.

European Hideaways

June 1-9, 2016

Sail aboard Oceania Cruises' Riviera to Spain, France, Monaco and Italy. Depart Barcelona for the "Island of Tranquility," Mallorca. Then explore France's oldest city, Marseille. Take in Monte Carlo, and cruise to Italy and visit the fishing village turned resort town, Portofino to see the beautiful cliffside villages of the fabled Cinque Terre. Before concluding your journey in Rome, stop at the port of Livorno.



Italy's Magnificent Lake District

June 21-29, 2016

Discover Italy's lakes while you explore the Renaissance villas and lush that adorn their shores. Explore Lake Orta and the island of San Giulio. Visit baroque villas in the Borromean Islands, and see rare birds, exotic gardens and a 16th-century palace filled with antiques. Cruise lakes Maggiore and Como, by private boat. See Leonardo da Vinci's "The Last Supper" and the opulent 14th-century Duomo in Milan. Roam the 18th- and 19th-century villas of Bellagio and the piazza of Como. Conclude this with an interactive cooking lesson at a local restaurant and a visit to Villa Taranto. This program includes all excursions, seven nights at the first-class Hotel La Palma on the banks of Lake Maggiore, educational programs, an extensive meal plan and wine with dinner. There is no single supplement for solo travelers.



Grand Danube Passage

July 25-August 8, 2016

Experience Eastern European culture, old-world capitals, cathedrals and villages as you cruise the Grand Danube Passage for eight nights aboard the exclusively chartered MS Amadeus Silver. Along the way, discover scenery in eight countries and 13 cities and towns. Visit Vidin, Belgrade, Budapest and Vienna, among others. Sail through the Iron Gate Gorge, the Carpathian Mountains' cliffs, the Danube Bend and the Wachau Valley. New for 2016, enjoy a customizable journey with a choice of included excursions in many ports of call. Begin with a three-night stay in Prague, and after your cruise, spend two nights in Oborishte district of Sofia, Bulgaria's capital, and admire the city whose name means "wisdom." This program features flexible excursions, lectures by local experts to enhance your insight into the region, accommodations, an extensive meal plan, wine with dinner and time for independent exploration.

Great Pacific Northwest

September 17-25, 2016

Experience the Pacific Northwest as you cruise the Columbia and Snake Rivers aboard the American Empress, the largest riverboat west of the Mississippi. Begin with a stay in Vancouver, Washington. Then discover the small-town charms of the oldest city west of the Rockies, Astoria, and watch ever-glorious landscapes glide by as you sail to The Dalles—the end of the Oregon Trail. Before concluding your voyage in Clarkston, explore the exhibits at Sacajawea State Park.

Spain ~ Rhonda

October 4-12, 2016

Begin your own journey here during a seven-night stay in Ronda, one of Spain's oldest white-washed hill towns. Visit the oldest bullring in Spain and enjoy views over the spectacular gorge while staying at Parador de Ronda. In Seville, the cultural heart of the region, explore the world's largest Gothic building and the Alcázar. A scenic drive takes you to Malaga and the museum dedicated to its most famous native: Picasso.

Adriatic Gems

November 1-9, 2016

Discover the remnants of ancient empires and the spellbinding beauty of Southern Europe as you cruise the fabled waters of the Adriatic aboard Oceania Cruises' chic Riviera. Depart Rome for Naples, a classic Italian city of breathtaking frescoes, archaeological and artistic treasures, and mouthwatering culinary delights. Find yourself in Sicily's second-largest city, vibrant Catania, graced with elegant Baroque buildings and a glorious 18th-century cathedral. Stroll the cobbled seaside promenade in Argostoli, Greece, and experience Montenegro's coastal port of Kotor, a medieval town enclosed by impressive walls.

Updates from the Career Development Center

Alumni Spotlight

Stephanie Ackermann '15, coordinator of advancement for Carl Sandburg College (CSC) in Galesburg (IL), graduated from WIU with a degree in communication and immediately began her career at Carl Sandburg. Since her start date, she has already been promoted twice. Ackermann credits the WIU Career Development Center (CDC) with helping her launch her career.

"The CDC helped me more than I can describe," said Ackermann. "I met with Michelle Howe '09 MS '11, my career guru. She was able to help guide me through some tough career decisions and help me find my path. For me, Michelle was one of the most influential people at Western."

However, the CDC's assistance didn't stop when Ackermann graduated.

"So far, I have contacted the Career Development Center for advice on interview questions and job searching, and I sent a picture of my interview outfit to verify it was appropriate for the job I was interviewing for. I would not feel as comfortable with my interview skills or as self-confident about my abilities if it weren't for them," Ackermann added.

"I will never be able to describe how much I appreciate their support and guidance," she said. "Recently, a few coworkers and I were discussing interns and because CDC made such a positive impression on me, we will be advertising those internships on Leatherneck Link in the near future."

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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 or School of Graduate Studies 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).

STUDENT'S INFORMATION

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

School Currently Attending: _____

Expected Graduation Date From Above: _____

E-mail: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

Gender: Female Male

REFERRED BY

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

WIU Graduation Year: _____

Relationship to Student: _____

E-mail: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

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

Yes, I would like to pay the application fee (\$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.

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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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Full Name _____ Maiden Name _____ Grad. Year _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Is this a new address? Yes No Prefer Home Business Cell

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

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Home E-mail _____ Business E-mail _____

Title/Position _____ Employer _____

Employer Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Business Phone _____

Marital Status: Married Single Divorced Widowed Domestic Partner

Is spouse/domestic partner a WIU graduate? No Yes, Graduation Year _____

If yes: Spouse/Domestic Partner Full Name _____ Maiden Name _____

Title/Position _____ Employer _____

Employer Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Business Phone _____ Prefer Home Business E-mail

Home E-mail _____ Business E-mail _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Prefer Home Business Cell Do you want to receive text messages from the university? No Yes

Include Information in Western News? Yes No

Additional Information for Western News: _____

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Career Development Center ... WIU alumni can enjoy continued access to benefits provided by WIU's Career Development Center (CDC).

wiu.edu/cdc (309) 298-1838

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wiu.edu/alumni/community.php (309) 298-1914

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