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Alumni News and Notes from Western Illinois University

WIU 2013 Alumni Achievement recipients

By Darcie Shinberger '89 M.S. '98

Five Western Illinois University alumni have been selected to receive the WIU Alumni Achievement Award at the Saturday, Dec. 14 Commencement exercises.

This year's Alumni Achievement recipients are **Stan R. Campbell M.S. '75**, associate vice chancellor for student affairs and director of campus recreation at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln; **Roger Clawson '77**, State Farm Agent/owner of Roger Clawson State Farm Agency; **John L. Comerford '96**, president of Blackburn College; **Richard M. Goldsbury '79 MBA '80**, president of the North America and Oceania Regions of Bobcat Company and president of Doosan Infracore Construction Equipment; and **Jeff Lorber M.S. '90**, vice chancellor for development at the University of Illinois Springfield and senior vice president of the University of Illinois Foundation.

Western's Alumni Achievement Award is given in recognition of outstanding contributions in one or more of the following: exceptional accomplishment in one's chosen field of endeavor; exceptional service in community affairs at the local, state or national levels; or exceptional service in support of the advancement and continued excellence of WIU.

Campbell, a 1975 physical education master's degree graduate with an emphasis in sports management, has served as associate vice chancellor for student affairs at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln since 2007, and as director of campus recreation since 1982. Previously, he was the assistant vice chancellor for student affairs and also served as intramural sports and recreation facilities coordinator at Nebraska. Campbell served as the sport clubs director, assistant intramural sports director and physical education instructor at Western Illinois University from 1976-1979. He is a member of NIRSA: Leaders in Collegiate Recreation, where he has served as

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Fallen Soldiers 5K sets record



In November, Western Illinois University hosted the second annual Fallen Soldiers 5k run/walk in Macomb, which resulted in the largest foot race in McDonough County history. With close to 500 participants, more than \$15,000 was raised for the WIU Fallen Soldiers Scholarship Fund. The fund was created in honor of two WIU alumni who were killed in the line of duty, **Capt. Derek Dobogai '03** and **Lt. Col. Robert Baldwin '93**, and supports veterans and service members currently enrolled at Western.

"Rocky on Parade" unveiled

By Darcie Shinberger '89 M.S. '98

"An idea that is developed and put into action is more important than an idea that exists only as an idea."—Buddha quotes.

Western Illinois University Art Professor **Bill Howard** certainly is a man who puts an idea into action ... and knows how to rally people

around making that mere thought a reality. Case in point: the new public art project at WIU, "Rocky on Parade."

What started as a light conversation among friends after hours turned into a university-community partnership that benefits WIU art students, while paying homage to Western's mascot and bringing town and gown closer together.

"Rocky on Parade" was unveiled at the University's



The unveiling of Rocky on Parade statues.

Town & Gown celebration Oct. 3 in Macomb. Inspired by successful projects like Cows on Parade in Chicago, "Rocky on Parade" features 14 life-size (and bigger than life-size) fiberglass bulldogs decorated by area artists. Visitors can pick up a map at the Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce and other locations to follow the "dog walk" to view the Rocky sculptures. Using a design similar to

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UPCOMING ALUMNI & FRIENDS EVENTS

December	January	February	March
4 Chicago	15-25 . . . Tahiti	5 Glen Ellyn (IL)	14 Atlanta
13-14 . . . Macomb	16 San Diego	13 Gulf Shores (AL)	24 Chicago
22 Columbia (MO)	21 Macomb	12-22 . . . Caribbean	
	29 Washington D.C.	16 Phoenix	
		20 Denver	



See page 2 for entire calendar.



Dear Alumni & Friends,

On behalf of your Western Illinois University Alumni Association, WIU

Alumni Council and the entire Alumni Programs Staff, we wish you a very happy holiday season! Our best wishes for a wonderful new year and we look forward to seeing you in 2014!

Amy E. Spelman
-Amy Spelman M.S. '98

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WIU ALUMNI & FRIENDS EVENTS

DECEMBER 2013

- 13-14 . . . Graduation/Alumni Achievement Awards
22 WIU at Missouri Social and Women's Basketball Game in Columbia (MO)

JANUARY 2014

- 15-25 . . . Alumni Travel Abroad - Tahitian Jewels
16 San Diego Alumni & Friends Social
21 Alumni & Friends Social in Sherman Hall and WPA Exhibit at the WIU Art Gallery
24 RPTA Alumni & Friends Social at the Hyatt Regency Chicago
29 Washington D.C. Alumni & Friends Social
*** Florida Alumni & Friends Socials—See January 2015.

FEBRUARY 2014

- 5 Western Wednesdays After-Hours in Glen Ellyn (IL) at Tap House Grill
13 Gulf Shores (AL) Alumni & Friends Social
12-22 . . . Alumni Travel Abroad - Caribbean Discovery
16 Phoenix Alumni & Friends Social
20 WIU at University of Denver Social and Men's Basketball Game

MARCH 2014

- 13 South Carolina Alumni & Friends Event at Kiawah
14 Atlanta Alumni & Friends Social
24 Chicago Bulls vs. Indiana Pacers Social and Basketball Game in Chicago

APRIL 2014

- 1-9 Alumni Travel Abroad - Normandy, 70th Anniversary of D-Day
2 Champaign Alumni & Friends Social
2 Western Wednesdays After-Hours in Downtown Chicago
6 Chicago Blackhawks vs. St. Louis Blues Social and Hockey Game in Chicago
30 Springfield Legislative and Alumni & Friends Social

MAY 2014

- 4-15 . . . Alumni Travel Abroad - Cradle of History
14-22 . . . Alumni Travel Abroad - Italian Inspiration
9-10 . . . Graduation/Distinguished Alumni Awards

JUNE 2014

- 4 Western Wednesdays After-Hours in Chicago Suburb
9 "The Western Open" Chicago Golf Outing at Seven Bridges
10-18 . . . Alumni Travel Abroad - Apulia (Note new date)
16 Quad Cities Golf Outing at TPC Deere Run

AUGUST 2014

- 6 Western Wednesdays After-Hours in Chicago Suburb
21-9/1 . . . Alumni Travel Abroad - Baltic Treasures

SEPTEMBER 2014

- 6 WIU at Wisconsin Social & Football Game
20 WIU Chicago Homecoming at Northwestern University Social and Football Game
22-30 . . . Alumni Travel Abroad - Cruise the Rhine
25 Celebrating Town & Gown in Macomb

OCTOBER 2014

- 1 Western Wednesdays After-Hours in Chicago Suburb
3-4 Homecoming/Reunion
15-29 . . . Alumni Travel Abroad - Southern Africa
20-11/3 . . . Alumni Travel Abroad - China and the Yangtze River

NOVEMBER 2014

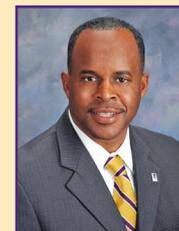
- 7-15 . . . Alumni Travel Abroad - Pearls of the Mediterranean
19-30 . . . Alumni Travel Abroad - Cruise the Panama Canal

DECEMBER 2014

- 19-20 . . . Graduation/Alumni Achievement Awards

***Please see p. 28 for upcoming bi-monthly Washington D.C. area events!

From the President



As the Fall 2013 semester is now behind us, I am honored to share with you our many accomplishments and exciting ventures during the past four months.

Western Illinois University has been recognized for the quality education we provide. Western is listed 48th of 110 public and private schools on the top tier list of "Best Regional Universities" by U.S. News & World Report. Of the 39 public universities included, Western is ranked 13th among the 110 Midwestern universities recognized as a "Best Midwestern University." Western is one of 153 regional universities, and one of three Illinois public institutions, named a "Best Midwestern College" by the Princeton Review, and WIU has earned a spot among 48 other Illinois colleges and universities ranked AffordableCollegesOnline. WIU has been selected as a "Best for Vets College" by Military Times EDGE magazine, and is one of two Illinois four-year universities in the top 50. Western has been designated as a "Military Friendly School" by GI Jobs Magazine and has also been recognized as a top military friendly school by Military Advanced Education.

The Chronicle of Higher Education has named Western Illinois University a top producer of Fulbright Scholars for master's institutions for 2013-2014. This year, Western has three faculty members who were named Fulbright scholars, including Management and Marketing Professor Joseph Dobson, who will teach in Romania in Spring 2014, WIU-QC Assistant English Professor Daniel Malachuk, who will teach in Germany in Spring and Summer 2014, and History Associate Professor Tim Roberts, who is currently teaching in China and will return in Summer 2014. WIU ranks at the top of the list, along with such institutions as Missouri State University and the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

The public art project, "Rocky on Parade," was unveiled in October. The project, which further brings the University and the Macomb community together, features 14 fiberglass bulldogs at various campus and community locations. Nearly \$10,000 was raised for a Department of Art scholarship fund thanks to our many generous sponsors. You can read more about "Rocky on Parade" in this issue of Western News.

The Department of Theatre and Dance has been accepted for membership into the National Alliance for Musical Theatre (NAMT). Western's musical theatre program is one of our 12 Signature Academic Programs. With this membership, our students will be eligible for national professional theatre auditions. WIU is one of only three Illinois universities granted membership.

When you visit campus, you will notice a new addition in the northeast section. A new grand entrance sign, which was funded through the Student Enhancement Fees, "officially" welcomes friends and visitors to our beautiful campus. We are excited about our new grand entrance, which was completed earlier this month, and we extend our appreciation to our students for supporting this project.

Phase II of the WIU-Quad Cities Riverfront campus construction is progressing, as are the renovations for Phase I of the University Union remodeling project. We are excited to unveil these wonderful facilities in the near future. We continue to work with our legislators for the release of funding for the Center for the Performing Arts and we have started the initial study for a new Science Building on the Macomb campus.

I want to thank our many alumni and friends who visited campus and who attended various WIU events throughout the year. I wish each of you a happy holiday season and a wonderful New Year. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to Western Illinois University.

All my best,

Jack Thomas

Jack Thomas

Business and Technology

An annual tradition: Paint the Paws

When **Craig Allaman '91** and his fellow members of the former Student Alumni Council (SAC) came up with the idea to line the streets surrounding Western Illinois University with paw prints, he had no idea that it would become an annual Homecoming tradition.

Homecoming 2013 at WIU marked the 25th anniversary of that tradition and Allaman, an agriculture business graduate, returned to campus in October to take part in the street painting project.

Allaman said the project idea came from a conference the members and leaders of the SAC attended.

"We saw that other universities (like Clemson) were doing this and thought it was a great idea to bring back to our school and use the school spirit theme," Allaman said.

The project began with Allaman working with the WIU Department of Art to create the paw-shaped stencils, and then SAC members painted the first paws.

Allaman, who is now the sales director for Munson Hybrids and lives in Little York (IL), said it is gratifying to drive around campus and see the tradition is so rooted in Western history.

"It's really neat, especially when you look back and drive down and actually see them; just to know you were there the first year it was done and were part of the

original idea ... that's a neat feeling," he said. "It's neat to see them carry on the tradition, and to have an idea that has some longevity to it is pretty cool."

Allaman returned to WIU for this year's painting project after receiving an email from WIU Assistant Professor **Cathy Onion '85 M.S. '90**, of the Department of Management and Marketing, who is the former associate director of Alumni Programs.

"Cathy remembered I was a part of it and invited me," he said. "Cathy and (former Alumni Programs Director) **Gordy Taylor '68** were a great influence on my life."

Onion said students and faculty initially worked with the city to gain approval for the painting project. The first year, there was one street and 76 paws, painted by about 12 volunteers.

"The next year, we added Western Avenue," she said. "It's hard to believe it has been 25 years. In some ways, it seems like just yesterday."

At Western, Allaman was also part of the Alpha Gamma Rho (AGR) fraternity, was Homecoming king, served on the Interfraternity Council and was active in the College of Business and Technology's Department of Agriculture (now School of Agriculture).



WIU Assistant Professor **Cathy Onion '85 M.S. '90** and **Craig Allaman '91**.

CBT Professional Development Week

Students in Western Illinois University's College of Business and Technology (CBT) gathered information to benefit their careers and their futures during the recent Professional Development Week.

Students learned how to improve their resumes, how to "dress for success" and proper dinner etiquette during sessions offered in Stipes Hall and the University Union from Sept. 23-26.

Gisele Hamm '89 M.A. '91, manager of the MAPPING the Future of Your Community Program, and **John Nelson '82**, president of Macomb's Nelson's Clothing Store, talked with students Sept. 24 about how to make a great first impression through their appearance. Associate Professor **Susan Creasey '91 MBA '92**, of the Department of Dietetics, Fashion Merchandising and Hospitality, walked students through the etiquette of a three-course meal.

On Sept. 25, WIU graduates **Janet Stevens '01 M.Acc. '02**, an assurance engagement director for CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP, and **Alex Lippert '07 M.Acc. '08**, a senior associate at CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, spoke with students about how to prepare for job interviews and the questions they will face.

Events wrapped up Sept. 26 with a young alumni panel, where graduates discussed their career paths with current students. Members of the panel included **Nick Knuffman '12**, a human resource manager with Hy-Vee Food Stores; **Ben Schlouch '12**, an auditor for the Illinois Office of the Auditor General; **Brandi Weber '12**, a marketing representative in construction and forestry for John Deere, Inc. and **Ketra Russell '09 MBA '11**, of University Housing and Dining Services at WIU.

Rocourt named director of Institute for the Preservation of National Heritage

Western Illinois University alumna **Monique Rocourt '81 M.S. '82** was recently named director of the Institute for the Preservation of National Heritage in Haiti.

Rocourt, who received her bachelor's and master's degrees in industrial technology from Western, works for the public organization under the Ministry of Culture of Haiti. The group is responsible for the maintenance and restoration of all of the monuments of Haiti, which Rocourt said are numerous and include dozens of colonial ruins and historical centers.

Prior to her promotion to director, Rocourt served as a consultant to the previous director and was in charge of fundraising and promotional activities.

Rocourt said her current interest is in the field of historical research, which helps her fulfill a need to understand where she comes from. She said it also helps Haitian youth develop a sense of identity.

"[This comes] at a time when my country is going through a severe identity crisis, and the youth are not taught enough about who they really are and their importance in today's political equation, as well as their uniqueness in this global village we all live in," she said.

Rocourt said when she started at Western, she first had to overcome her fear of public speaking.

"I will never forget that Speech 241 class I took during my second semester at WIU," she said. "My best friends were my teachers and I must say, I had amazing ones.

They taught me to always go higher and the joy of work well-done. I also learned never to confine myself to one area of study. Everything is linked, one way or another, and one area of study can lead you to so many trades in life you would never initially think of at WIU. I discovered abilities I never thought I had ... and I'm still discovering."

While at WIU, Rocourt said she cultivated her fondest memories during the International Bazaars and the Madrigal Dinners.

"The International Club was amazing and helped me feel part of a community while being aware of my uniqueness as a Haitian," she said. "Sharing of my culture with my host parents, as well as American students and others from the 52 countries that were represented at WIU, was an extraordinary experience

from which I learned so much."

Rocourt said her adviser, the late Professor Charles Meline, was one of the people who helped shape the educational side of her career.

"Even though I was an industrial technology major, he always tried to steer me toward education," she said. "He even came to Haiti several times to help me establish a curriculum and purchase material for a vocational school I opened there."

Rocourt said her proudest career achievements are helping change the lives of young men and women through education and having those young adults move on to become entrepreneurs who are changing the lives of others.

Since graduation, Rocourt said she has returned to Macomb a few times, and she maintains contact with the membership of Macomb's Methodist Church.

"The International Club was amazing and helped me feel part of a community, while being aware of my uniqueness as a Haitian."

- **MONIQUE ROCOURT '81**

M.S. '82

Business and Technology

WIU alumna: Research conservationist in Alaska

By Kolette Herndon, University Relations Student Writer

Catherine Hadley '98 is currently working as a resource conservationist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Alaska.

As part of her career, Hadley works with crop and grazing systems and with traditional farmers raising crops and livestock. She is also a certified crop adviser for the state of Alaska.

After graduating from WIU with a bachelor's degree in agriculture, Hadley went on to earn a master's degree from the University of Illinois. She was involved in various agricultural organizations as a WIU student and was also in the University's Honors Program.

“[At WIU,] I was able to spend a great deal of time with professors, and they knew me as a person, not just a student.”

— CATHERINE HADLEY '98

“I really think the small size of WIU was beneficial,” Hadley said. “I was able to spend a great deal of time with professors, and they knew me as a person, not just as a student.”

She said all of the faculty from the Department of Agriculture helped foster her career path. Retired faculty members **Gordon Roskamp '71** and **Jerry Vigue** were instrumental to Hadley's interest in agronomy. She also mentioned Professor **Danny Terry** as being dynamic and encouraging, and she remembers telling Professor **John Carlson** that she took his 400-level animal science class because she was going to own sheep and train border collies some day—and that is exactly what she did.

Today, aside from her job with NRCS, Hadley operates Alpenglow Farm and Kennels, a place to raise and train border collies and other stock dogs, while raising sheep. She also boards horses at her farm. Hadley competes in stock dog trials across the nation, currently owning the only herding champion in Alaska, and she is a herding trial judge.

While Hadley keeps busy by working and farming, she also enjoys outdoor-related hobbies, as well. She recently hiked the historic Chilkoot Trail and goes camping, four wheeling horseback riding, hunting and fishing.

CBT Executive in Residence: Nancy Cardea

By Jodi Pospeschil

Western Illinois University alumna **Nancy Cardea '79**, a senior vice president and compliance officer for the Leo Burnett agency in Chicago, served as the College of Business and Technology's (CBT) Executive in Residence Oct. 29-Nov. 1.

Cardea received her degree in mass communication and is currently a member of the CBT's National Advisory Board and the Engineering Technology Advisory Council.

While on campus this fall, Cardea spoke to more than 400 students about her professional experiences and offered advice. Classes she met with included business communications, business and technology in a global society, principles of financial accounting, promotional concepts, professional accounting, principles of management and marketing and management. A luncheon was also held in her honor on Oct. 31.

During the luncheon, Cardea said she believes Western gave her a “good start” in the business world by helping with the basic fundamentals she needed to succeed.

“There is a certain quality about this school,” she said. “It tapped into my heart and soul.”

Cardea said Leo Burnett had its first ever WIU intern over the summer when **Michael Hamilton '13** worked in her office.

“He made us all very proud; he embodied the qualities

you would expect of someone who attended Western,” she said.

Cardea said she hopes to continue to expand the use of WIU interns at Leo Burnett because she sees it as a way she can give back to her alma mater.

“I want to be a part of the effort where alumni come back and contribute to the school,” she said.

After graduation from WIU, Cardea began working at J. Walter Thompson and then moved to King Graphics, where she was later promoted to vice president/general manager. She also worked at the Enteron Group, Seven Worldwide, Madden Communications, CNA Insurance and RR Donnelly before coming to Leo Burnett.

She holds a certificate in mediation and dispute resolution from Northwestern University and a certificate in process management and improvement from the University of Chicago.

The WIU CBT Executive in Residence program began in 2005 as part of the efforts of retired WIU professors **Jim and Carolyn Tripp**. The program invites business executives to the Western campus to talk about their professional successes and to meet with students.

For more information on participating in the program, contact **Becky Paulsen**, CBT director of development, at (309) 298-2442 or B-Paulsen@wiu.edu.



Alumna **Nancy Cardea '79**, senior vice president and compliance officer for the Leo Burnett advertising agency in Chicago, served as this year's Executive in Residence for the College of Business and Technology.

WIU students tour Guardian Glass



On Sept. 18, students in the WIU-QC Engineering Technology class, ET 344: Cost Reduction Practices, toured the Guardian Glass plant in DeWitt (IA), a state-of-the-art facility that manufactures glass for commercial and architectural applications.

Back row l to r: **T. J. Lilliman**, **Japheth Kulp**, **Chris Hill**, **Martin Laferrara**, **T. J. Vaughn**, **Don Williamson**, **Kyle Harms**, **Marco Mayne**, **Lucas Britt**, **Jeff Collins**, **Ozzy Larsen** (LEAN manager with Guardian Glass) and **Andy Bergthold**.

Front row l to r: **Brandy O'Neal**, **Eduardo Trujillo**, **Koffi Afanvi**, **Richard Krafft**, **Pervlis Smith**, **Samantha Bohn** and **Joanna Bergthold**.



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Business and Technology

Magoon: 2013 Ferguson Lecturer

By Jodi Pospeschil

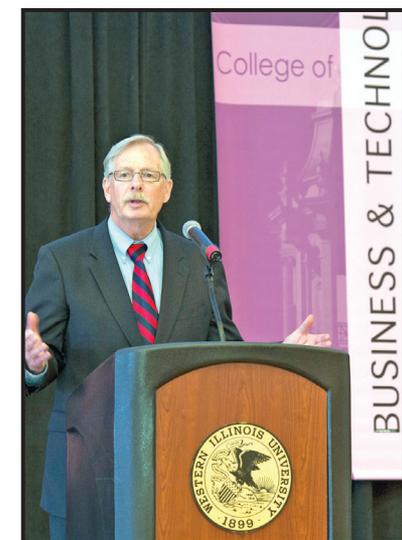
Western Illinois University alumnus **Patrick Magoon '76**, the president and CEO of the Ann & Robert Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, returned to campus in October to deliver the 2013 Robert and Mary Ferguson Lecture for the College of Business and Technology (CBT).

The lecture, "Improving Child & Adolescent Health in the Healthcare Reform Era," was held Oct. 14 before a crowd of students, faculty and staff in the University Union Grand Ballroom.

Magoon explained to the lecture crowd about what skill sets are required to work for his facility and how to build a resume.

"You can never know enough people," he said. "Look for mentors, volunteer work or internships, and through that process, you will develop your network."

He told students to begin building their networks now and advised them to "protect your reputation as if it



Patrick Magoon, president and CEO of the Ann & Robert Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago and WIU alumnus delivered the 19th annual Robert and Mary Ferguson Lecture on Oct. 14.

were your brand."

"With social networking, your brand exposure is great," he said. "Protect your brand in any way possible."

He added that students should strive to work for companies with the best reputations possible and to learn that "there is dignity in every job."

"Every human being you work with deserves the same level of respect," he said. "Everyone in the institution plays a role and everyone needs to know the mission."

Magoon also told students that it is important that they develop verbal and written communication skills and search for things in their classes that will help develop their career paths. He also spoke directly to nursing

students in the audience about their futures.

"The nurses make the biggest impact at our institution," he said. "Families are looking for hope, and it's the nursing team that provides that more than anyone else."

During the lecture, Magoon also discussed the variety of collaborative initiatives the hospital is part of, including one to lower obesity in Chicago's children and another aimed at violence prevention. He also talked about the impact of the Affordable Care Act on his facility and how it will change healthcare delivery.

Magoon told the students that he made many friends at Western, relationships he continues to maintain. He also recalled many of his favorite college memories, including fishing at local lakes and how he met his wife, **Robin '75**, at Western.

Magoon took over as president and CEO of the Chicago children's hospital in 1997, but he has been working at the facility since 1977. Prior to his leadership, the hospital was losing an estimated \$1.5 million per month. Under Magoon's leadership, the hospital has seen a nearly \$30 million turnaround. He has helped increase the number of children served by nearly 50 percent and has helped quadruple the funding received for research from the National Institutes of Health.

The hospital, affiliated with Northwestern University, now treats about 150,000 children each year. It is also rated in the top 10 of all 10 U.S. News and World Report specialty healthcare rankings, has been recognized for patient safety by the Leapfrog Group and was listed in Parents magazine as one of the 10 Best Children's Hospitals for 2013.

The hospital has been named one of the top 100 Best Places to Work in Healthcare as ranked by Becker's Healthcare 2013 list and has held the Magnet Hospital designation by the American Nurses Credentialing Center since 2001.

Also under Magoon's leadership, a new \$675 million, 288-bed hospital building was constructed and opened in



During the lecture, Magoon was presented with baskets of toys for the hospital by WIU College of Business and Technology Dean Tom Erikson.

2012. The new facility has allowed the hospital to recruit 53 of the nation's top pediatric specialists, and the capabilities for clinical research have more than doubled.

In addition to Magoon's leadership, he has been an advocate for children's health, lobbying at the state and federal levels for issues like Medicaid reform for medically complex children, graduate medical education, pediatric research and child safety.

Magoon is a past chair of the Board of Trustees for the National Association of Children's Hospital and Related Institutions/ National Association of Children's Hospitals (now called Children's Hospital Association) and a past chair of the Board of Trustees for the Illinois Hospital Association.

The October event at WIU was the 19th lecture, which is named for the late **Robert (Bob) Ferguson '54 M.S. '58** and his wife, Mary. Robert received his bachelor's degree at WIU and later worked on campus as a professor and chair of the WIU Department

of Business Education. He guided the department through numerous changes, including the 1966 establishment of the WIU College of Business.

Robert believed all college students should benefit from the experience of others and learn from key business leaders who have achieved success.

Past Ferguson lecturers have included then U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood; Glen Barton, then chair and CEO of Caterpillar, Inc.; Mary Lou Quinlan, founder of Just Ask A Woman; Richard E. Rominger, then deputy secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture; **Edward J. McManus '73**, then chief operating officer of Procurement and Logistics from American Stores Company; **Robert L. Nardelli '71**, president and chief executive officer of GE Power Systems; Lynn Morley Martin, U.S. Secretary of Labor for the George H.W. Bush Administration; William Weiss, then chair and chief executive officer of Ameritech; Howard Putnam, then chief executive officer of Southwest Airlines; and William Alexander Hewitt, then chair and chief executive officer of Deere and Company.

Supply Chain Management Day celebrated at WIU

Sept. 30 marked the WIU Supply Chain Management (SCM) program's 10th Annual Supply Chain Management Day. Every year, this day begins with an advisory board meeting with faculty.

The SCM Advisory Board, comprised of about 20 strategic recruiting companies, includes representatives from ADM, John Deere, Walmart Logistics, CAT Logistics, the Monsanto Corporation, Dot Foods, DHL Global and many others. This year's focus was on strategic planning for the future growth of the SCM program, one of WIU's signature programs.

During the afternoon of SCM Day, approximately 25 companies had the opportunity to interact with SCM

students at a career fair.

Nearly 100 students registered for the career fair, along with 55 representatives from companies and 16 WIU faculty, staff and administrators. Of the 55 company representatives, approximately 20 are WIU graduates.

"I haven't been back to campus for many years, I can't wait to come back to SCM Day next year," said **Thor Berg '94**, of Hormel Foods.

One of the highlights at this year's event was the keynote speaker, Thomas Knoll, vice president of Worldwide Supply Management & Logistics for Deere & Company. His presentation discussed the importance of supply chain management in today's business

environment, as well as some ways Deere is handling supply chain risk.

The SCM program has seen significant growth since it became a major in 2005, with nearly 135 majors and pre-majors today. However, the demand for SCM graduates still considerably exceeds the supply, so marketing and recruitment efforts will be a significant focus over the next few years for the program.

Thanks in part to the \$115,000 gift from the Archer-Daniels-Midland (ADM) Cares program, SCM faculty are confident the number of quality SCM graduates will increase in the future to better meet the demand of recruiting company partners.

Business and Technology

WIU students benefit from welding equipment grant from Lincoln Electric Co.

Western Illinois University is among the first institutions, and one of six from across the United States, to receive a Welding Education Grant from the Lincoln Electric Company.

According to **Bart Gill**, assistant professor of agriculture, the grant will provide Western's School of Agriculture, as well as the WIU Department of Engineering Technology, with seven different welders and a CNC plasma-cutting table. The grant will provide equipment and supplies worth more than \$27,000.

"Jason Scales, an education specialist at Lincoln Electric, unveiled the grant at the American Association of Agricultural Educators Conference in May. The purpose of the grant is to increase welding education through agricultural education," Gill explained. "This grant allows us to upgrade our welding shop to meet industry standards and to better prepare our students to enter the welding industry or the agricultural-education classroom. It will also enable us to host professional-development workshops for current agricultural educators, as well as conduct other forms of outreach for welding education."

Gill added the outreach provided to teachers and youth organizations will serve as additional recruitment opportunities, with the hopes of obtaining more prospective students from those exposed to Western during the outreach workshops.

The grant application was a combined effort among faculty in the WIU School of Agriculture, including **Andy Baker**, interim chair, and Gill, as well as faculty in the WIU Department of Engineering Technology, including **Brent Payne '88**, professor, and **Kevin Hall '94 M.S. '95**, associate professor.

For more information, contact Gill at BE-Gill@wiu.edu.

Ag Mech Show to include new agriculture alumni weekend

By *Teresa Koltzenburg '92 MS '11*

For the last 43 years, people from all over the western Illinois region—as well as from across the state and

beyond—have been coming to Western Illinois University in the early winter to get a glimpse of emerging agriculture technology, tractors and machinery, livestock equipment and supplies, crop supplies and much more. It was in 1970 the Ag Mech Club started what has become the largest student-run agriculture show in the U.S., the annual WIU Farm Expo (which many refer to as the "Ag Mech Show").

In 2014, the weekend celebration of agriculture — Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 8-9—will welcome agriculture alumni, as Western's School of Agriculture will add to the Ag Mech Show tradition by incorporating an annual reunion for all "WIU Aggies." According to **Bart Gill**, assistant professor in the School of Agriculture, the 44th Annual Farm Expo Weekend will include an Agriculture Alumni Reunion/Social from 6:30-9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8 at the Multicultural Center (across the street from the University Union). In addition to the Reunion event and the Farm Expo (which runs 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Feb.

8, and from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9), there will be other activities for alumni to take part in and enjoy during the weekend, including a Bull Test Open House from noon-3 p.m. Feb. 8 at the WIU Farm; a State FFA Interview

Contest and Ag Issues Contest, hosted by WIU's Collegiate FFA chapter 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in Knoblauch Hall; and an Ag Communications workshop, hosted by the McDonough County Farm Bureau and the Illinois Ag Leadership Foundation, from 2-4 p.m. in Stipes Hall 501.

Incorporating the Agriculture Alumni Reunion Weekend into the popular Ag Mech Club's annual

Farm Expo weekend, according to Gill, came about as result of conversations among faculty and staff within the school, as well as alumni.

"Hopefully, this event will be the start of many more to follow. Our vision is to have a School of Agriculture Alumni Society formed in the future. To help us do that, we want to showcase the current activities within the School of Ag, and our plan is to make the upcoming Farm Expo Weekend, as well as future ones, more of an alumni weekend with numerous events taking place," Gill explained. "WIU agriculture alumni are very proud of their roots, and we hope this provides an avenue for them to show their pride."

Gill said School of Agriculture faculty, staff and students have all been involved in the planning. He noted **Ember Keithley '94 MBA '01**, the academic adviser for the School of Agriculture, and **Donna Pestle**, manager of the School of Agriculture office, are helping him spearhead the planning of the activity-filled weekend, while student organizations are also helping with the event, by either providing funds or supporting it with other resources.

"The Ag Mech Club is funding the event, and the Ag Council is making final arrangements for the facilities and refreshments," Gill added. "During the weekend, **Dr. Andy Baker** [interim chair of the School of Ag] will provide a welcome from the School of Ag, and Ag Mech Club members and Ag Student Council members will be present to talk with the alumni. We are also inviting former faculty members of the School of Agriculture, so alumni get a chance to reconnect with their former professors."

For more information about the Ag Mech Show, visit www.wiufarmexpo.com. For more information about the WIU Agriculture Alumni Reunion Weekend, contact the School of Agriculture office at (309) 298-1080 or email Gill at BE-Gill@wiu.edu. Follow the WIU School of Agriculture on Facebook at www.facebook.com/WIUag.




Alumni Social

Saturday, February 8, 2014
6:30-9:00 PM • Multicultural Center
(south of the University Union)

Join fellow "Aggie" alums, current and retired faculty, and students for an evening to meet and share WIU memories. Light refreshments will be served along with a cash bar.

RSVP 309-298-1080

Visit us at www.wiu.edu/ag  www.facebook.com/WIUag

It's a busy weekend on campus!

Other activities of interest on Saturday:

Ag Mech Club's Farm Expo
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Illinois FFA State Ag Issues CDE
Illinois FFA State Job Interview CDE
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Bull Test Open House
12:00 - 3:00 PM

College of Business and Tehnology National Advisory Board



The National Advisory Board for the College of Business and Tehnology met on Nov. 1, 2013. John Henderson '33 MBA '76 was appointed as Chair, and Steve McCann '78 was appointed as Vice Chair. Members serving on the board include:

Back row l to r: John Distefano '80, Henderson, Nick Padgett '88, Scott Rupp '76, Patti Sullivan '88 MBA '89, McCann, Joe Smith '78 and David Stafford '93. Front row l to r: Julie Winkler '92, Tamara Harris-Crawley '92, Nancy Cardea '79, Laura Janus '70, Dane Ainsworth '05 MBA '06. Members not pictured: Christina Bavery '98, Paul Bobzin '62, Jack Brannigan '76, Holly Deem '77, George Krull, Jr., Kathleen McEntee '74 and Glenn Padgett '98 MBA '99.



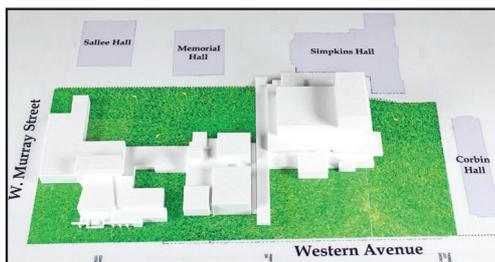
Fine Arts and Communication



3-D printing in the arts

Western Illinois University faculty and staff added a new tool to their repertoire when WIU received a technology upgrade in the form of a 3-D printer. Since the printer arrived on campus, the College of Fine Arts and Communication (COFAC) has participated in two projects—a custom mouthpiece designed by Professor **John Cooper** and a 3-D scale model of Western's future Center for Performing Arts (CPA).

"The level of detail the machine is able to produce is



sometimes surprising," said **Roger Runquist '92 M.S. '94**, director of the Center for Innovation in Teaching and Research. "And the software is actually pretty easy to use."

Cooper, who is director of jazz studies at WIU, is experimenting with the printer in his discipline. He created a custom mouthpiece for his trumpet. Cooper said the ability to control minute details about the shape of the elements in an instrument mouthpiece can play a large role in how playable it is.

"I am excited about the possibilities of making custom mouthpieces my students can try," Cooper added. "It may help them, at a very low cost, to zero in on tools that can help them be more effective

as performing musicians. Once a prototype is finished in plastic, the specifications can be sent to a CNC (computer numerical control) machine where a fairly cheap brass mouthpiece can be fashioned. From there, it can be plated in silver or gold for only the cost of the plating. Students can have a completely custom mouthpiece for probably less than \$30 that would normally cost hundreds of dollars to develop."

The CPA 3-D image was created by Geography Professor **Chris Sutton '88, M.A. '91** from the architectural drawings.

The 3-D scale model shows the footprint of the building much clearer than the renderings.

"When you can see a 3-D version of a building with a footprint like the Center for Performing Arts, it really gives you a great sense of perspective," said COFAC Dean **William Clow**. "The model really enhances the understanding of what the future holds for us."

WIU Band plans Brazilian trip in 2014

By **Jodi Pospeschil**

As part of an international outreach program that has resulted in the donation of musical instruments to aspiring Brazilian musicians, more than 150 members of Western Illinois University's band program will travel to Brazil in March to perform and deliver more instruments.

Members of the band have been working for three years to raise money to cover the trip's expenses, but they are currently about \$40,000 short.

Students from WIU's Marching Leathernecks Wind Ensemble and Jazz Studio Orchestra (JSO) will make the exchange, which is the latest in a series of Brazilian trips that have been coordinated by WIU Director of Bands **Mike Fansler** and **Doug Adair '76**. Adair lives in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil and has worked with Fansler to develop opportunities for WIU students and musicians in Brazil interested in learning about American band music. The trips include donations of instruments to schools and communities that transform the Brazilian musical programs.

"We learned prior to our 2010 trip about the extreme need for instruments in Brazil," Fansler said. "There is no music education in the secondary school programs there, and the once popular 'filharmonicas' (local bands) are now struggling to survive."

The WIU students will travel March 13-23. Members of the WIU Wind Ensemble made a previous trip to Brazil in

2010, where donated instruments were given to a Brazilian university, which helped start a music program there. Fansler recently traveled to Brazil to play with the new band.

"To think that just two years ago there was no program is pretty amazing," he said.

In Brazil, WIU students will learn about the Brazilian culture and will perform with a variety of groups. They are also taking part in the first "World Wind & Percussion Festival," with a goal of sharing band music with Brazilians.

"This trip really ties into cultural awareness, as well as social responsibility and personal growth, which are two of Western's core values," said Fansler. "Our mission parallels those values."

In addition to fundraising, members of the WIU band program have set a goal of collecting 150 musical instruments to repair and take along to Brazil. The hope is that enough instruments are donated that the band members can take the instruments along with them, play them while they are there and then leave them.

"We are accepting instruments, regardless of condition, and we will be putting them in playing condition," Fansler said.

An invitation has been extended to various other bands to accompany the WIU students to Brazil. So far the invitation has been accepted by WIU alumnus **D.J. Alstad**



WIU Director of Bands Mike Fansler is pictured entertaining students during a recent trip to Brazil.

'99 and the 150 members of the Naperville Central High School Band he directs.

Fansler said he hopes the trips to Brazil lead to a cultural exchange program with WIU.

Those interested in making a donation of money or instruments to the trip can call **Karla White** at (309) 298-1505, or drop-offs can be made in Sallee Hall, room 204, on WIU's Macomb campus. Instrument donations can also be made at Naperville Central High School in Naperville (IL).

For more information about the trip, visit wiu.edu/bands.

WIU receives NAMT membership



Western Illinois University's College of Fine Arts and Communication (COFAC) Department of Theatre and Dance was recently accepted into the National Alliance for Musical Theatre (NAMT).

Department Chair **David E. Patrick** applied to the NAMT over the summer and was interviewed by the organization in September.

"As one of Western Illinois University's signature academic programs, we're extremely pleased to be accepted into membership in the NAMT," Patrick said. "Our students will be able to work with a broad range of musical theatre producing artists and organizations, and this will make our students eligible for national professional theatre auditions."

According to COFAC Dean **William Clow**, the NAMT

membership is important to the University and its theatre programming.

"Being accepted into the NAMT brings the musical theatre program at WIU to the next level of professionalism," he said. "It is recognition that what we have here is an outstanding educational opportunity, and, in turn, takes our program to another audience nationally."

NAMT is a nonprofit organization that has a mission of advancing musical theatre by helping develop, produce and present new musicals and helping to provide a forum for professionals in musical theatre to share information.

For more information about the WIU Department of Theatre and Dance, visit wiu.edu/cofac/theatre.

The Department of Theatre and Dance at Western Illinois University has been accepted for membership into the National Alliance for Musical Theatre (NAMT). Pictured above is a recent WIU musical theatre production of "Anything Goes."

Arts and Sciences

Posmanick named University's Lincoln Laureate



Lindsey Posmanick

Western Illinois University senior **Lindsey Posmanick**, of Troy (IL), has been named the University's recipient of the Lincoln Academy of Illinois' Student Laureate Award for 2013. The annual award is given to an outstanding student at each of Illinois' four-year institutions and honors students' overall academic excellence and participation in extracurricular activities.

Posmanick is a women's studies major, minoring in political science and pre-law.

"I was thrilled when I discovered I was the recipient of the Lincoln Laureate Award," she said. "It felt wonderful to be able to share the news with the amazing people who have supported me throughout my academic career, especially my parents, friends and the incredible faculty members at Western Illinois University. So many people have rallied behind my sometimes-seemingly overly

ambitious endeavors, and I am ecstatic to share this momentous occasion with them.

Posmanick hopes to move on to get her master's degree in globalization, gender and human rights and complete a combination JD/Ph.D. in political science.

"With my education, I want to end human trafficking and all forms of violence against women on a global scale," she said. "My time at Western Illinois University has been a driving force that has built me into the woman I am today. It has led me around the world and shaped my desire to be a human rights advocate. WIU has challenged me intellectually, and I am confident that my mentors within the Women's Studies Department, the Centennial Honors College and the Women's Center will be instrumental in all my future successes."

Some of the extracurricular activities Posmanick participates in at Western include the Feminist Action Alliance, Western Against Slavery and the College of Arts and Sciences Student Council. She has also been named the Women's Studies Department Scholar, a Truman Scholar nominee, a College of Arts and Sciences Scholar nominee and was named to the Iota Iota Women's Studies Honors Society, a President's Institute Office of Social Inequalities Research Associate, was invited to join the Blue Key and Golden Key Honors societies, has been awarded numerous scholarships,

as well as awards for presenting at conferences and is a member of WIU's Centennial Honors College.

Posmanick was presented her Lincoln Laureate Award during an awards ceremony in Springfield Nov. 2.

"My time at Western Illinois University has been a driving force that has built me into the woman I am today. It has led me around the world and shaped my desire to be a human rights advocate."

- LINDSEY POSMANICK

Alumni Spotlight Q&A: Kirk Dillard '77

Kirk Dillard earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Western Illinois University in 1977. He is currently an Illinois State Senator and recently announced his candidacy for the March, 2014 Republican Primary election for Governor of Illinois. Dillard is the past president of Western's Alumni Council and received the "Distinguished Alumni Award" in 1997.

What is your current position? Prior to that?

I have proudly served the 24th District in Illinois as a State Senator since 1993, representing the people of DuPage and Will Counties. I am also a partner at Locke Lord LLP in Chicago. Prior to election to the Senate, I served as former Illinois Governor Jim Edgar's Chief of Staff, was a Judge on the Court of Claims from February 1987 to December 1990 and Director of Legislative Affairs for former Governor James Thompson from October 1983 to February 1987.

Explain your current responsibilities and how your position is personally fulfilling.

I serve as the Republican Spokesman for the Senate Judiciary Committee and as a member on the Senate Transportation, Energy, Executive Appointments, and State Government and Veterans Affairs Committees. Illinois is currently facing monumental obstacles, particularly pertaining to the state budget, and it is personally fulfilling to work as an advocate for integrity and fiscal responsibility in Illinois government. Over the years I have been the chief sponsor of many landmark pieces of legislation. In addition, I've been able to do what I can for Western, including helping secure funding for Western's new Center for the Performing Arts and the improvements to U.S. Rt. 67 from the north into Macomb.



Kirk Dillard '77

What led you to pursue a degree from WIU? How did this degree help you in your career endeavors?

I never dreamt that I would be a political science/economics major. I credit my interest in politics from a Political Science 100 level course taught by the late Professor **Don Marshall** in Morgan Hall. Additionally, Professor **Burt Southard** guided me to become a legislative staff intern in Springfield and the rest is history!

How do you stay involved with your alma mater and what advice do you have for others who want to get involved with WIU?

After graduation, I stayed involved by attending alumni events and eventually became a member of the WIU Alumni Council, serving as President from 1989-93. My role on the council continues today as an ex-officio member and legislative liaison to the council. As often as possible, I return to campus to visit and speak to students, and recently did so during a Mock Presidential convention and to march in Western's Homecoming Parade.

In addition, I was fortunate to receive the WIU Distinguished Alumni Award in 1997. I would tell students and alumni to remember to give back to your alma mater whenever you are able. It's nice to know you support the University by speaking to classes, attending events, and for me, also by supporting scholarships, the alumni association, athletics and the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity as much as possible.

What advice would you give to students?

Study hard, but enjoy yourself and participate in extracurricular activities! As a student at Western, I was very involved in student activities and many other things. I was the student member of the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities, which is now the WIU Board of Trustees, and the President of Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity.

Distinguished Alumnus



Retired Judge **Charles V. Romani, Jr. '69** stands with his former professor and academic adviser, History Professor Emeritus **Nicholas Pano**, who he credits for giving him the direction he needed as a student to achieve success. Romani was honored as the 2013 College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Alumnus at the seventh annual Scholarship Dinner in November.

Arts and Sciences

WIU Alumna Finishes in Top 10 in Ms. Veteran America



WIU alumna and Havana (IL) native Stormy Knowles '98, along with 20 other finalists, competed in Ms. Veteran America.

By Teresa Koltzenburg, '92 M.S. '11

Stormy Knowles '98 is on a mission to help homeless female veterans. But for this detail, instead of wearing her typical U.S. Army fatigues, the senior non-commissioned officer wore an evening gown. On Oct. 13, Knowles, along with 20 other finalists, competed in the Ms. Veteran America at the National Conference Center in Leesburg (VA). She finished in the top 10 among the 20 finalists who competed.

For Knowles, who joined the U.S. Army in 1997 and finished her interdisciplinary studies bachelor's degree from Western in 1998, competing in the pageant provided a way to continue her extensive volunteer work. The competition benefits Final Salute, Inc.—an organization with the mission to provide homeless female veterans with safe and suitable housing—as well as spotlights women in the military and the contributions they make.

"The winner of Ms. Veteran America serves as an ambassador to Final Salute, Inc., for the next year, which is an organization that brings awareness to the growing issue of homeless female veterans and the lack of programs to assist them," Knowles said. "At the Ms. Veteran America VIP Reception, they raised more than \$40,000, received two donated homes in Altoona (PA)—bringing the total number of homes for our homeless female veterans and their families to five in four states. The homes house more than one family, usually up to 10 people."

During the event, Knowles noted the organizations that support Final Salute, Inc., also pledged an additional 50 homes in 2014 and 1,000 jobs for veterans.

"It was astounding! It was very emotional to see all the amazing people there to support our female veterans," she said.

Service in Many Forms

The mother of two, Easton, 14, and Kaitlyn, 10, Knowles—who is a native of Havana (IL)—and her children reside in Lorton (VA). According to Knowles, over the last 15 years, she has volunteered extensively in childhood cancer organizations, such as Make a Wish and The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, in part, because of her son's Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia diagnosis when he was a toddler. To help children who have dyslexia like her daughter, she has worked for charitable organizations that promote awareness about dyslexia. She said she has also advocated for her fellow soldiers' children with special needs and noted her education at Western provided her with the background and knowledge to be able to assist them.

Knowles noted her past-pageant experience—in 1994 and in 1996 she competed in the Miss Macomb Scholarship Pageant—and her desire to help others are factors that compelled her to take a run at the Ms. Veteran America competition.

"Last year, a friend of mine came across the event, and having competed in pageants for years I wanted to know more. I started following the events of Ms. Veteran America and made a point to learn more about the organization in which she served as an ambassador, Final



Knowles '98 pictured in her Army gear.

Salute," Knowles explained. "When the time came to send in my paperwork to compete, I spoke to my first sergeant and commander, and they both felt that I should give it a shot. I began to do my own research on homeless female veterans—the incidences of their homelessness in comparison to males and what some of the circumstances are/were leading up to their homelessness. That information confirmed my decision to give the competition a try."

Knowles competed in the preliminaries in June, and in July, she found out she made the top 20 cut. Over the summer, in addition to preparing for the Oct. 13 competition, Knowles—who has served as a radiology technology specialist in the U.S. Army for 16 years—was finishing up a final course to earn her master's degree from Columbia Southern University and working full-time in her position as a manager in the U.S.

Army Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Clinic Department of Radiology. She said her preparation for the competition involved writing, finding a dress and reviewing military history.

"The categories for Ms. Veteran America, in which all the women competed, were: interview, talent, military history and advocacy. For the preliminaries, I wrote something and read it, and I continued with that as my talent. The piece represented who we are as women serving in the military, the mothers we are and the sacrifices we make," she said.

For more information about the Ms. Veteran America competition, visit hmsveteranamerica.org.

Toth named State Foreign Language Teacher of the Year

Western Illinois University alumna **Carrie (Daniels) Toth '93** was recently named the Illinois Foreign Language Teacher of the Year.

Toth, a Spanish teacher at Carlyle High School, is beginning her 12th year at the school and her 19th year of teaching Spanish. She was presented with her award in mid-October in Tinley Park at the annual convention of the Illinois Council on Teaching Foreign Languages.

"I was nominated two years ago by the now president of the organization, but at that time, I had a novel that was in the process of being published and I was finishing my master's degree," Toth said. "Since those things were going to be important in competing at the next level of the competition, I waited until this year, and she nominated me again. I now have two published novels for language classrooms and several teachers' materials to accompany them, and my master's degree is behind me."

Toth said she will now use all of her professional and classroom accomplishments to create a portfolio to be submitted to the Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages in March. If she wins at

that level, she will move on to a national competition in Texas in November 2014.

"Winning this award is such an honor," Toth said. "So many times, as teachers, we work hard in our classrooms and in our professional development without any expectation of an award like this. I teach Spanish because I love it, but being recognized for how I do it was a highlight of my career. There are hundreds of teachers out there doing their best every day for their students, and I am just one of them trying to represent our profession well at the next level of competition."

Toth said she believes her time at WIU helped prepare her for her career in teaching Spanish.



L to r: Carrie Toth '93, Yo Azama, 2012 ACTFL (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages) National Teacher of the Year, and Linda Egnatz, president of ICTFL (Illinois Council on Teaching of Foreign Languages) and 2012 Illinois Teacher of the Year.

"I began as a pre-med Spanish double major but I quickly fell in love with my language classes and ended up changing to a Spanish major/biology minor," she said. "My language teachers were wonderful and my methods professor, Dr. **Morris Vos**, showed us the importance of belonging to our professional organizations."

Toth enjoyed her time at Western and said she recommends the University to her students frequently. At Western, she was a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority and

the Alpha Mu Gamma honors foreign language society.



Intercollegiate Athletics

Michael Jones named director of athletics for development



Michael Jones M.S. '12

Western Illinois University Athletics Director **Tommy Bell** announced the hiring of **Michael Jones M.S. '12** in October as assistant athletics director for development.

Jones is responsible for fundraising activities for all 20 Leatherneck sport programs and donor management in conjunction with the Leatherneck Club.

No stranger to the University and athletics department, Jones previously served as the radio play-by-play voice of Leatherneck football and basketball for 10 years (1999-09). He worked for more than two years as assistant alumni director at Western, and the past two years, worked as the development director for the Centennial Honors College, School of Distance Learning/International Studies/Outreach and University Libraries.

"I am thrilled and honored to join the Leatherneck athletics family. Western Illinois Athletics has been a huge part of my life for as long as I can remember, going back to my late grandfather **Frank Jones '49 MS-Ed '67 Ed-Sp '72**, who was a member of the very first Athletics Hall of Fame class. To now work in the building where his plaque is displayed is truly special," said Jones. "I look forward to working with Tommy Bell, our outstanding coaches, staff members and student-athletes. Tommy has a new vision for Leatherneck athletics, which includes growing the Leatherneck Club and increasing funding for facility projects, so this is definitely an exciting time for WIU

Athletics."

Over the past two years, Jones was in charge of cultivating, soliciting and stewarding 150 major gift prospects. He secured multiple major gifts, including \$50,000 for the Gordon Kirk History Scholarship.

Jones oversaw the Library Atrium Society—an organization comprised of alumni, friends of the University, employees and businesses—which provides annual support to the libraries. The group solicited donations in excess of \$100,000 during his tenure.

"We are excited to welcome Michael to the Athletics Department staff. His University background and his former ties to the department makes him a great fit for Leatherneck athletics," said Bell. "He has experience in fundraising for the University, having worked in that capacity for the Centennial Honors College and University Libraries the last two years. His hard work and dedication as a committee member for the last 10 years has helped make our annual Purple and Gold Gala a fun and successful event."

A 1999 graduate of Monmouth College, Jones received his bachelor's degree in communications. While pursuing his master's degree in sport management at Western, he completed an internship with Western Illinois athletics and worked on several Leatherneck Club initiatives. Since 2003, Jones has served as a committee member for the Athletics Department annual Purple and Gold Gala.

"Having had the honor of being the 'Voice of the Leathernecks' and working with countless WIU alumni and friends over the past several years, I have formed great relationships with people who genuinely care about WIU Athletics," said Jones. "I am also one of those people, and I cannot wait to help Leatherneck athletics improve on its already stellar reputation."

Hokenson men's basketball associate head coach

Fighting Leatherneck Head Men's Basketball Coach **Jim Molinari** announced Sept. 23 that **Wade Hokenson**, who is entering his sixth season at Western, has been promoted to associate head coach.

"It is a privilege working at Western Illinois University, and I am excited to serve this team and the athletics department in a new role," said Hokenson. "I want to thank Coach Molinari for this opportunity, and also Coach (Billy) Wright and Coach (Josh) Wolfe for all the time and energy they have invested into the men's basketball program. I consider myself fortunate to work for one of the elite coaches in college basketball and will continue to work hard to develop young men both on and off the court."

Hokenson assists in recruiting, scouting opponents, player development, on-court coaching and coordinating and operating camps. He also administers much of the day-to-day operations of the program, such as coordinating team travel, scheduling practices, compliance and monitoring academic progress.

Hokenson arrived at Western prior to the 2008-09 season, the same season Molinari began at Western. Since then, the Leathernecks have made two postseason appearances in the College Basketball Invitational (2012 and 2013) and earned a share of the 2012-13 Summit League Regular Season Championship.

"Wade was a big part of building last year's

championship season from the ground up," said Molinari. "He is efficient, he has tremendous organizational skills and he commands great respect from our players. I think in the role of associate head coach, you want someone that has seen your philosophy be successful. You want someone you can have even more of a personal relationship with, something I feel comfortable doing with Wade. He has truly earned this promotion."

Prior to joining the Fighting Leatherneck family, Hokenson was an assistant at Bellevue for two seasons, and a graduate assistant coach for the Dakota Wesleyan men's basketball team for a year before that.

As a player, Hokenson was a point guard on the University of Minnesota's basketball team from 2001-04. He was honored as a scholar-athlete for the Golden Gophers in each of his seasons there and was named to the Academic All-Big Ten Team in 2004. He was a member of the 2003 squad that attended the Final Four of the NIT, while the 2001 and 2002 teams advanced to the NIT Second Round.

In December 2004, Hokenson received his Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from Minnesota and earned his master's degree in curriculum and instruction from Dakota Wesleyan in July 2007.

Hokenson and his wife, Amanda, reside in Macomb with their three children, Harper, Jack and Haley.

Calling all WIU Men's Basketball Alumni!

The Leatherneck Men's Basketball program will host an alumni event on Saturday, Feb. 15 before the conference showdown against South Dakota State. The day will include a facilities tour, a pregame social in Western Hall and a postgame social at Sports Corner @ 124 in Macomb. For more information or to register, call Assistant Athletics Director Michael Jones at (309) 298-1190 or email M-Jones2@wiu.edu.

Join our team and join the Leatherneck Club today!

Made up of fans, alumni, friends, parents and businesses, the Leatherneck Club provides annual funding for more than 430 student-athletes, giving them the resources they need to compete at the NCAA Division I level and to succeed in the classroom. For more information on joining the Leatherneck Club, visit goleathernecks.com, call Assistant Athletics Director Michael Jones at (309) 298-1190 or email M-Jones2@wiu.edu.



Intercollegiate Athletics



Men's basketball adds Damon James to coaching staff

The Western Illinois men's basketball program announced the addition of **Damon James** to its coaching staff. James joins the Fighting Leatherneck men's basketball staff after assistant positions at Racine Lutheran High School and Wisconsin-Parkside, and most recently a head coaching position at Kenosha Bradford High School.

"We are excited about adding Damon to our coaching staff," said Head Coach **Jim Molinari**. "He really fits well into our program's culture, and he has a great family, including his wife, Charity, and their four children. Damon has paid his dues. He has been a high school head coach at a competitive level and he has coached at the college level, as well. I think he will be not only a good mentor, but a great example for our young men, like coaches **Hokenson** and **Wolfe** have been."

Along with being the head coach at Kenosha Bradford, James, a native of Cleveland (OH), was also the athletics director during the 2012-13 academic year. In his second year (2009-10) at Kenosha Bradford, James led his squad to an 18-8 overall record and the program's first conference championship in 31 years. A year later, Kenosha Bradford finished with the best record in school history, 20-5. In his second and third seasons as head coach, James led his teams to regional championships, back-to-back sectional finals and conference sportsmanship awards.

"This is a great opportunity and blessing for me to work with an outstanding coaching staff," said James. "I'm excited to learn a tremendous amount of knowledge under Coach Molinari, as well as Coach Hokenson and Coach Wolfe."

James also coached an all-state honorable mention

student-athlete and five all-conference players at Kenosha Bradford. He managed all budgetary items, developed an offseason strength and conditioning program and coordinated youth summer basketball camps. James also incorporated an academic monitoring program for his team, which led to higher grade point averages.

"It's exciting to be a part of such a fine academic institution—Western Illinois University," continued James. "I'm honored to join this staff and to work hard on continuing the championship culture."

Prior to his position at Kenosha Bradford, James was an assistant basketball coach at Wisconsin-Parkside for two seasons from 2006-08. UW-Parkside finished the 2006-07 season 19-13, recording the program's most wins in 20 years. The Rangers also made the program's first-ever NCAA Division II Tournament appearance that season. James' main responsibilities at UW-Parkside were coordinating individual workouts; assisting preparation of film breakdown; creation of scouting reports; regional scouting in Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa; oversight of student-athlete academic progress and management of youth summer camps.

From 2003-06, James was an assistant basketball coach at Racine Lutheran High School where his team earned the 2003-04 WIAA Division III Regional Championship.

James earned his Bachelor's of Science in business administration in 2003 from Mayville State where he was also an all-conference basketball player. He later earned his Master's of Science in education from Walden in 2008.

James and Charity reside in Macomb with their four children Savannah, DJ, Mya and Madison.

Ruble and Moore named assistant athletic trainers

Western Illinois athletics has announced the hiring of **Zach Ruble** and **Lindsay Moore** as assistant athletic trainers.

Ruble joins Western Illinois from Coppin State where he spent two years (2011-13) as an assistant athletic trainer. During his time there, he worked with 12 varsity programs. Prior to Coppin State, Ruble spent time at the high school level where he was the athletic trainer for volleyball, men's and women's swimming, baseball and track.

Ruble earned a bachelors degree in kinesiology from Indiana University and his master's in post-secondary education from Salisbury University.

He will work with the Leatherneck men's basketball team this season.

Prior to coming to WIU, Moore was an assistant athletic trainer at Arkansas State University in 2012 where she worked with volleyball, women's basketball and softball.

Moore has also worked at the high school level and interned with the El Paso Diablos minor league baseball team in 2009.

After receiving her bachelor's degree in athletic training from Oklahoma State University, Moore went on to earn a master's in education from the University of Texas-El Paso.

She will be working with the volleyball and softball programs this year.

Washington named interim head tennis coach

Western Illinois athletics announced that **Mashishka Washington** will serve as the interim head tennis coach for both the men's and women's programs during the 2013-14 season.

No stranger to the Leathernecks, Washington enters his third year coaching with both programs, serving as a volunteer coach in 2011-12, then elevating to graduate assistant coach last season.

"I am excited about the opportunity of becoming the interim head coach for the men's and women's tennis program at Western Illinois for the 2013-14 season. With a core of returning players from last season, along with the addition of our incoming freshman and transfer students, I believe that we have the potential to produce some positive results. There is a new level of energy and enthusiasm for the upcoming season, which helps to create a positive environment amongst our players," said Washington. "It is important for our tennis program to remain diligent with their academic achievements, while maintaining a strong level of athletic performance. We are looking forward to what the future holds."

Last year, the men's team earned a spot on the All-Summit League squad. The men's team fell just short of a 'Top 4' finish and qualifying for the postseason tournament.

Washington began his coaching career after playing for 12 years on the ATP Tennis Tour. Washington competed in events in: North America, South America, Europe and Asia. During the 1999 U.S. Open, he competed in the main draw of the singles bracket. Washington has also played in events such as: Canadian Open, Brazil Open, and events in Washington D.C., Scottsdale, Memphis, San Jose and Indianapolis.

A standout player during his collegiate career, Washington competed in tennis at Michigan State for two seasons, winning the fall 1992 title at the Notre Dame Invitational and fall 1993 Ball State Invitational. In 1994, he qualified for the NCAA nationals. He became the first singles player in Spartans history to earn All-America honors.

His playing career began in his younger years, competing in USTA sanctioned events and earning a national ranking as a singles player. He advanced to the finals of the boys 18-under Indoor Nationals in 1992 and singles semifinals in the 1993 18-U Nationals.

He earned his bachelor's degree in communication from Michigan State in 2009, and is currently finishing his degree requirements for a master's in communication.

WIU partners with Neoti on video board

Fans who attended the Western Illinois football games this season enjoyed a new feature at Hanson Field. Athletics Director **Tommy Bell** negotiated a partnership with Neoti, a digital signage network, to provide a portable video board at Hanson Field.

The board, measuring 23 feet across and 13 feet high, displayed promotional graphics, feature videos by Leatherneck athletics and WIU Marketing and a live game feed courtesy of WIU-TV3 broadcasting.

"The project is a pilot program to experiment with Neoti as an alternative to the permanent scoreboard/video board project here at Western," said Bell. "I wanted to look into alternative ideas rather than a permanent video board at Hanson Field. Neoti is a well-known company around collegiate athletics. They are currently working with a few other Division I institutions."

Bell said the portable board gives Western more flexibility in promoting the athletics department and the University.

"Partnering with Neoti on this project enhances our fans' game day experience. Many fans mentioned to the staff and to me about how impressed they were with the look of the video board and quality of video," Bell said.

"The positive about renting the board is that when technology changes and improves, so will the video board. You're not stuck with a product that may be outdated in a few years," he added. "I think this is a great start to future possibilities."



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Noah Eckman Memorial Scholarship

By Julie Murphy '94 M.S. '95

"I can't explain how I felt when I found out about the scholarship; I was overwhelmed with emotions," Denita Rouse said recently. "For the Eckmans to think of me this way and honor me, when Noah was such a big part of my life, leaves me just in awe," Rouse added.

"We want to help people become teachers like Denita," said Jennifer Eckman, "and capitalize on the difference she made in Noah's life. Special education teachers have a unique connection with their students, and that certainly was the case with Noah and Denita."

Clearly, the respect and admiration between Rouse and **Troy '91** and **Jennifer Eckman '90 M.A. '92** have evolved beyond the professional relationship between a teacher and the parents of her student. The Eckmans feel that Rouse was much more than a teacher to their son, Noah; she allowed him to be a normal child, rather than a special education student, and she became a close family friend.

Rouse was one of the first people the Eckmans met when they moved to Macomb in July 2000 to open the Women's Health Center. Rouse was Noah's teacher at West Central Illinois Special Education Class at West Prairie Elementary School and also provided respite care outside of school.

"Denita made Noah a 'normal' child, rather than a special education student," said Jennifer. She said that Rouse made them feel welcome in the community, and it turned out to be a great place for Noah's needs.

Noah was three at the time and loved going to school.

"He would start laughing as soon as he heard the bus in the morning," Jennifer said. "He loved Denita and accomplished many milestones with her."

Noah died March 5, 2004, at the age of six. The Eckmans recently established the Noah Eckman Memorial Scholarship in May to honor both Noah and Denita Rouse and the memories they have of the two of them together.

"We established the scholarship first and foremost to remember Noah, while honoring Denita," said Troy, "and to give something back to Western."

Both Troy and Jennifer are graduates of Western; Troy completed a bachelor's in biology and Jennifer earned a bachelor's in home economics and her master's in gerontology.

"It's kind of fun to do something outside of both our fields," Troy noted. Their daughter, **Abbey**, is now a student at Western, continuing the family tradition.

"Noah was special to me and I truly loved him as my own," Rouse said. "I'm honored to be recognized by the Eckmans this way, and to have my name forever associated with Noah's."

The Noah Eckman Memorial Scholarship in Honor of Denita Rouse is available to senior level special education majors and will award \$1,000 annually. Applications and information can be found at the Department of Curriculum and Instruction or at wiu.edu/scholarships.



Denita Rouse and Noah Eckman.

Hawkinson African Study Abroad Scholarship

By Julie Murphy '94 M.S. '95

Western Illinois University Provost and Academic Vice President **Ken Hawkinson '78 M.A. '79** and his wife, **Ann Marie Hayes-Hawkinson**, director of the WIU Art Gallery, have established an endowment to support an African Study Abroad Scholarship.

"This scholarship ties together two of the most important events in my life: attending Western Illinois University and serving two years in the Peace Corps in Africa," said Hawkinson. "I gained so much from my experience in Africa that I would like to provide the opportunity for cultural and educational exchange to students today."

Long before Hawkinson became Western's provost in early 2012, he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Western before completing a Ph.D. at Southern Illinois University. After serving in the U.S. Army, he spent two years in Mali, West Africa as a Peace Corps volunteer, and later served as a Fulbright Scholar, teaching at the University of Ouagadougou in Burkina Faso (West Africa).

Hayes-Hawkinson was named director of the Western Illinois University Art Gallery in August 2012. She previously served as curator of education at the Figge Art Museum (formerly Davenport Museum of Art) and was an adjunct instructor in Western's Museum Studies program at the WIU-QC campus. Prior to this, Hayes-Hawkinson served as the curator of education at the Davenport Museum of Arts and was a curatorial assistant at the Spencer Museum of Art in Lawrence (KS).

"My strong interest in the arts provided the focus of study for this study abroad experience, while Ken's

experience in Africa contributed the geographical emphasis for the scholarship," said Hayes-Hawkinson.

The endowment will award a study abroad scholarship to an African student coming to Western to study art, music, theatre or literature; or to a Western student attending an African university to study art, music, theatre or literature. Provisions are also included to extend the scholarship to a faculty member once in a four-year period, based on the same criteria.

"As provost, I feel it is important to give back to the University which has given so much to me, personally and professionally, as well as do something tangible, beyond the scope of my professional responsibilities, to support students," Hawkinson said.

"These are tough times for students, and we felt a calling to step up and support these cultural exchanges," Hayes-Hawkinson.

"Ken has for many years supported areas of campus: his department and college (communication; College of Fine Arts and Communication), the Department of History, Tri-States Public Radio, Performing Arts Society, Centennial Honors College and Veteran's Assistance, and has had a planned gift on file since 1979," said Vice President for Advancement and Public Services **Brad Bainter '79 M.S. '83**. "Now Ken and Ann Marie have made a further investment in the institution and our students. I speak for the Foundation staff and board of directors in saying we are most grateful for Ken and Ann Marie's generosity, for the support they are giving our students and the gesture of philanthropy they are making as leaders of Western Illinois University."

Won M. Hurh graduate thesis award

By Julie Murphy '94 M.S. '95

The Won M. Hurh Graduate Thesis Award in Sociology has been established by Hurh's family and friends to honor his life and his memory.

"Hurh was a meticulous academic and felt strongly about the thesis option," Sociology and Anthropology Department Chair **John F. Wozniak** said. "Not only does this award encourage graduate students to pursue the thesis option, it honors the outstanding nature of Dr. Hurh and his own scholarly activity."

Hurh was born in Jochiwon, Korea in 1932. Beginning in 1951, he served as a South Korean artillery officer in the Korean War, fighting alongside the U.S. Army until the cease-fire. He continued in the Army until 1958. He received a bachelor's degree in economics from Monmouth College and a Ph.D. in sociology and ethnology at the University of Heidelberg, Germany. After teaching in Illinois, Korea and Texas, Hurh was appointed as a professor at WIU, where he taught and conducted research for 29 years, becoming one of America's leading scholars in Korean American immigration. He died on April 12, 2013.

In the course of his career, Hurh was the principal investigator for two major research grants from the National Institute of Mental Health that focused on Korean immigrants' mental health and stages of adaptation. He published five single-authored books, including "Personality in Culture and Society," "I Will Shoot Them From My Loving Heart" and "Memoir of a South Korean Officer in the Korean War" and two co-authored books (with Kwang C. Kim). He also published more than 40 articles (both jointly and solely), numerous book reviews, and made 65 presentations. Hurh was fluent in four languages: Korean, English, German and Japanese. In 1999, he was chosen to be WIU's Distinguished Faculty Lecturer on its Centennial and delivered the address "Multicultural America: New Challenges for the New Century."

War taught Hurh that all life is precious and should be respected. His scholarship revealed his deep commitment to cross-cultural understanding and the important value of research. The Won M. Hurh Graduate Thesis Award in Sociology is a monetary recognition of \$1,000 to be made yearly upon the completion, or near completion, of graduate studies after a thesis has been written and approved. Special consideration will be given for excellence in theory and methodology.

"My three grown children and I feel this award will carry on Won's legacy of research and his commitment to cross-cultural respect," said **Gloria M.A. '71**, his wife of 49 years. "Our family hopes that this award will carry on Won's legacy of research and his commitment to his students and his discipline."

Information and applications for the Won M. Hurh Graduate Thesis Award in Sociology are available in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, 404 Morgan Hall. Call 309-298-1056 or visit wiu.edu/sociology.

Malpass Mini-Golf a success

The second annual Malpass Mini-Golf fundraiser was held Nov. 2 in the Leslie F. Malpass Library.

"This was such a fun event," said Dean **Michael Lorenzen**. "I was excited to see so many students and families come out and support



Western pride on full display at mini-golf event.

University Libraries. The ticket sales and generosity of our sponsors increased the amount we raised to more than \$1,800 this year."

The holes were set up throughout the building, where faculty, staff and students were on hand to talk about library services and offer any assistance.

"The mini-golf event is so much fun to work," said **Josh Twidwell**, of Plymouth (IL), a library assistant and law enforcement and justice administration senior. "I think it



Bean the Dean hole.

is great to see a mix of students and families participating in an event on campus."

Sponsors for the event included:

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Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggle event series

Western Illinois University Libraries and the departments of African American Studies and History are pleased to announce the receipt of the grant, "Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggle," an initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities that uses the power of documentary films to encourage community discussion of America's Civil Rights history.

Numerous documentaries depict scenes of incidents in the 150-year effort to achieve equal rights for all, including "The Abolitionists," "Slavery by Another Name," "Freedom Riders" and "The Loving Story." "Freedom Riders" received an Emmy in 2012, and "The Loving Story" and "The Abolitionists" were nominated for Emmys in 2013. The co-authors for the grant are **F. Erik Brooks**, professor and chair of the

Department of African American Studies and **Peter Cole**, Department of History professor.

Martha Biondi, professor from Northwestern University, will present "The Black Revolution on Campus: Black Students and the

Transformation of Higher Education" on Feb. 6. The talk describes an extraordinary chapter in the black freedom struggle when black students rose up and pressed for change on college campuses across the country, inspired by Stokely Carmichael's call for black power and black self-determination. Shocked and saddened by the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., black students and their allies won significant reforms, even as they endured considerable violence, intense criticism and mass arrests. The black liberation did not die with the death of King, it accelerated and spread, vastly expanding access to college for the multiracial working class and challenging definitions of merit, knowledge and universalism.

The 2014 schedule for the events is:

Feb. 6: 7 p.m., Morgan Hall 109 - Martha Biondi presentation

Feb. 11: 7 p.m., Sandburg Theater - "The Abolitionists"

Feb. 18: 7 p.m., Sandburg Theater - "Slavery by Another Name"

Feb. 25: 7 p.m., Sandburg Theater - "Freedom Riders"

March 4: 7 p.m., Sandburg Theater - "The Loving Story"

The Created Equal film set is made possible through a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities as part of its Bridging Cultures initiative, in partnership with the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History.

For more information contact **Tammy Sayles** at (309) 298-3298 or TJ-Sayles@wiu.edu.

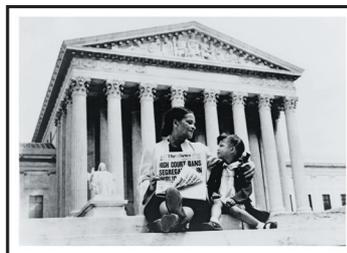


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Librarians for Literacy donates books to West Prairie Middle School

Hunt Dunlap, information systems librarian at Western Illinois University Libraries and a coordinator for the Librarians for Literacy project, helped organize a partnership with West Prairie Middle School in Colchester (IL) to raise more than \$600 to purchase new and slightly used books to add to the school's collection.

"The WIU librarians wanted to do a service project," Dunlap said. "Using a variety of top 10 lists from the American Library Association, we selected the books to ensure a broad audience. We contacted Ben 'Stone' Stomberg, the owner of Stone Alley Books in Galesburg (IL), who was willing to work with us to order the books we wanted at the lowest possible rate, allowing us to purchase more titles. We were excited to present these books to students for their use."

West Prairie Middle School celebrated the donation of books for the library.

"We are thrilled to receive over 250 books from the Librarians for Literacy service project, coordinated by several librarians at Western Illinois University," **Caitlin Watson MS-Ed '07**, principal at West Prairie Middle School said.



Hunt Dunlap presenting new books to the West Prairie Middle School students.

Student assistant profile

Angeline Sullivan, of Lombard (IL), has been a student assistant in the Music Library in Sallee Hall for the past two years.

"During my time in the library, I have improved my organizational skills and become more precise," Sullivan said. "My favorite part of the job is getting to know our patrons and being able to assist them in their research needs."

Sullivan is a music performance (bassoon) major and expects to graduate in May 2014.

"Right now, I am thinking about pursuing a master's degree in library science after graduation," Sullivan added. "I know my library experience will transfer into employable skills, either in a school library or whatever career path I choose."

According to **Rod Sharpe**, music librarian, "Angeline is a delight to have in the library. We will miss her when she graduates."



Angeline Sullivan

Education and Human Services

A Day in the life at HFC: Leading, serving, learning

"The sun is shining, and the birds are singing. It's a great day to be alive!" — Frank Lupton

By Teresa Koltzenburg '92 M.S. '11

For those Western Illinois University alumni who studied in the Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Administration (RPTA), this elemental reflection—often proclaimed by WIU RPTA Professor Emeritus **Frank Lupton**—may be associated with some time they spent at Horn Field Campus (HFC). (Even those who never had a course with Professor Lupton, who retired in 1993, are likely familiar with his upbeat persona and lighthearted legacy. An RPTA alumna, **Betsy Williams '07 M.S. '11**, had the proclamation tattooed on her leg.)

Since the early 1970s, when Lupton first began to utilize the 92-acre area as an outdoor educational facility for his RPTA students, Horn Field Campus has provided

opportunities for Western students—as well as faculty, staff and the region's community members—to lead and to serve. During the Fall 2013 semester alone, according to Horn Field Campus Program Coordinator **Mindy Pheiffer '91 M.S. '92**, a total of 1,200 volunteer hours have been logged at HFC.

From free, open-to-the public natural resource education programs conceived and presented by students, to student organizations and classes looking to lend a hand in the maintenance and upkeep of the enormous facility, Horn Field Campus provides a natural learning space ideally suited for developing leadership and team-building skills. The campus includes woodlands, prairie, several miles of nature trails and, these days, a challenge

course that features a teams course, a high-ropes course and a 40-foot climbing/rappelling wall. As these photos illustrate, it gives individuals and groups an outdoor outlet to pursue and practice Western's core values.

Plans are underway for a 2015 commemoration of 50 years of Horn Field Campus at WIU. Along with Pheiffer, Western staff members, including **Dana Moon '98 MBA '01**, **Julie Murphy '94 M.S. '95**, **Dale Adkins**, **Karen Peitzmeier '88**, **Susan Welsh '97** and **Marilyn Pruitt '94**, will be working on the plans for the golden anniversary celebration. For more information about ways to get involved, contact Pheiffer at (309) 833-5798 or MJ-Pheiffer@wiu.edu.



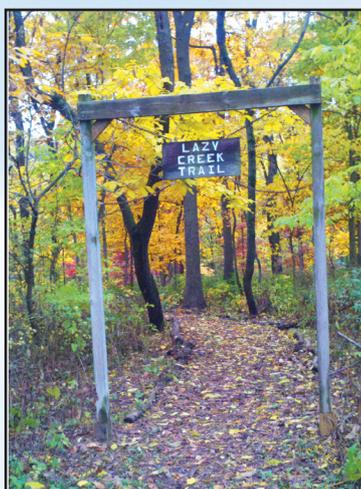
Maddie Ruhl, a naturalist and RPTA graduate student, developed the program, "Get the Buzz on Bees," which she presented in September to members of the WIU campus and Macomb communities.



Members of Lambda Alpha Epsilon (LAE), a professional fraternity of the American Criminal Justice Association for students studying in the School of Law Enforcement and Justice Administration, during a service day at Horn Field Campus.



WIU Professor Emeritus Maurice Kellogg '48 MS-Ed '56 (in orange, tending the fire) with a local youth group at Horn Field Campus. In 1958, Kellogg began using the field campus for science education. Kellogg is known throughout Illinois and nationally as a leader in science education. He was a faculty member in science education and biological sciences until his retirement from Western in 1990.



An entrance to one of the many trails at the Horn Field Campus.



Western Illinois University Housing and Dining Services' professional and student staff took part in a team-building and leadership-development retreat this past August at Horn Field Campus.



Members the Western Illinois Construction Management Association (WICMA), a professional student organization, standing on a bridge they designed and built at Horn Field Campus.



Members of WAVE (Western's All Volunteer Effort) carved pumpkins for the annual Haunted Corn Maze held Halloween night this year.



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Proposal on the Old Stompin' Ground

By *Teresa Koltzenburg '92 M.S. '11*

Jenna Decker, of Oak Forest (IL) and senior sociology major at Western Illinois University, was not exactly thrilled her boyfriend had talked her into running the early-morning 5K event during WIU's Homecoming Weekend. An annual tradition during the festivities, the Old Stompin' Ground 5K Run/Walk was the first race Matt Jeslis of Plainfield (IL) and senior law enforcement and justice administration major, had competed in at Western three years ago. For him, running in the race was another way to celebrate his love of WIU ... and the love he has for Decker, his girlfriend since June 2012.

Although they have run a few times together in other races, Decker, who ran track all four years of high school and has the leg wear-and-tear to prove it, had not been interested in competing this year.

"I didn't really want to run the race to begin with. I ran cross country and track for four years in high school, but my legs are pretty beaten down, so I try not to run long distances," Decker noted. "We've run a few 5Ks together, and they have always been fun, but this one he was acting really weird. He had his phone with him the whole time and was texting during the race. He was also extremely quiet and fidgety. I never would've thought he would do that during a race."

Jeslis had a reason for his nervousness. An idea—which had come to him one late December evening while working at the information desk in Corbin/Olson—was going to come to fruition that early morning run, which has a course that passes in front of the Sherman Hall steps. All he could do at that point (well, with the exception of running and texting) was hope his plan would end in success.

"Before the race, I hadn't described the course in detail, and I failed to mention the couple of hills we had to run up. To be honest, I was getting nervous, because Jenna seemed to be getting madder at me for making her run in the first place," Jeslis said. "But I because I know Jenna

is in love with the Sherman Hall steps and would like to get married on those steps, I was hoping my idea—about how special it would be if I proposed marriage in the same spot—would work."

Upon coming around the corner of the Sherman Circle part of the course, the reason for her boyfriend's behavior started to become clear to Decker. Jeslis had enlisted a group of their friends, who had traveled to Macomb especially to aid him in the execution of his plan. Stationed along the final leg of course, their friends were holding signs that would deliver the proposal while Decker and Jeslis ran the last bit of the 5K distance.

"I heard the voices of my friends,

Kate (who goes to ISU), Meagan (who goes to SIUC) and Sean (who goes to U of I), and that was my initial indicator this was happening. When I finally read the signs and got to the Sherman Hall steps, I was in complete shock and full of emotion. The signs were original and were

such a good idea on his part to lead me to the proposal," Decker said.

Needless to say, Jeslis' plan worked.

"When he got down on one knee, he looked at me with his big smile (my favorite) and asked, 'Will you make me the luckiest guy...?'"

And before he could finish, I said, 'Yes! Yes! Yes!' The rest is a

blur. I just remember him picking me up, and I was crying, and then I ran to my friends and family and hugged everyone while we were bawling our eyes out. It was everything I ever dreamed of. The fact he did it at Sherman Hall, right by the steps and at the heart of this University, made it even better. Saying that we love

Western is an absolute understatement; I couldn't imagine us getting engaged anywhere else," Decker said.

The young couple—who met during their first year at Western on their way to University Housing and Dining Services' leadership training camp, Camp Leatherneck—would like to say their vows in 2016.

"After we both graduate next spring, Jenna plans to attend graduate school to study college student personnel, and I plan to move to the state where she will be getting her master's degree. I plan to pursue my career in law enforcement by getting a policing job," Jeslis said.

And, if all goes according to Jeslis' next plan, they would like to arrange for the ceremony to take place on the Sherman Hall steps, both because of Decker's love of that area of campus and because of their cherished experiences at Western.

"Both Jenna and I have been extremely involved at WIU. From both being in Greek Life (Delta Zeta and Pi Kappa Phi); serving as summer assistants (which

is pretty much a summer resident assistant position) and working with hall governments; working with Inter-Hall Council; working with a state organization Illinois Residence Hall Honorary to bring a conference of 200 people to Macomb from 17 different Illinois universities, to community service and Students Today Leaders Forever (STLF) Pay It Forward Tours, we have been really lucky to call WIU

and Macomb our home," Jeslis explained. "Western has significantly changed our lives. We not only met each other here, but we have also gotten to know so many great people through all of our experiences. Never in a million years did I think, in addition to being able to earn my degree here at Western, I would be lucky enough to find that one person I want to spend the rest of my life with.

Once we graduate, we can come back to WIU every Homecoming and take part in the 5K and remember that special day," Jeslis added. "That is, if Jenna will want to run with me again."



Matt Jeslis, a Western Illinois University law enforcement and justice administration major (kneeling) proposed to his girlfriend, Jenna Decker, a sociology major, while they were participating in the Old Stompin' Ground 5K race during Homecoming Weekend at WIU.



As they approached the end of the Old Stompin' Ground 5K race, Decker realized why Jeslis was "fidgety" during the race. This photo shows when Jeslis' plan (to propose to her in front of the Sherman Hall steps—a favorite place of Decker's on WIU's campus) became clear to her.



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Decker and Jeslis right after she accepted his proposal of marriage.

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Fashion Merchandising Students, Faculty Get Inside-Industry Insight at NRF Student Program

By Teresa Koltzenburg '92 M.S. '11

It's that time of the year. The annual holiday shopping season—for those who work in retail—is the time when much of the annual planning and merchandising are put to the test. For some retail companies, according to the National Retail Federation (NRF), the holiday season can account for as much as 20-40 percent of annual sales. And for those who work in retail, the NRF is not only a source for that kind of data, which retail companies use to develop product and marketing plans, but it's also an organization that provides support for those working in retail and those who aspire to work in the industry.

Recently that support was demonstrated to faculty and students in Western's fashion merchandising program. In September, Ellen Davis, the senior vice president of the NRF and the executive director of the NRF Foundation, invited a select number of colleges and universities to attend the NRF's inaugural Student Program Sept. 30 in Chicago. In late summer, Davis (a native of Galesburg who was familiar with Western's fashion merchandising program) reached out to **Mary Mhango**, chair of the Western Illinois University Department of Dietetics, Fashion Merchandising and Hospitality (DFMH), via email. Davis' message included information about the program, which was designed "to show college students the career opportunities in retail," and a helpful offer—a \$2,500 travel scholarship to help cover the cost of transportation to McCormick Place.

"Our Student Program was created to help students understand what careers are in demand in the e-commerce and digital retail industry and provide opportunities to network with companies hiring for internships and entry-level positions," Davis said in her message.

"It wasn't easy, but I was able to get us up there, all 15 of us, get us hotel rooms for a night, all on that budget, so students didn't have to pay for transportation or lodging," noted **Shanna Bruer**, instructor in the DFMH department. "But all of it was definitely worth it, not only for the students, but also for the future of our fashion merchandising program."

For Bruer, the NRF Student Program provided her with a way to make connections with retailers for her interest in getting Western's fashion merchandising students involved with industry research projects. For the students, it provided them with invaluable job-recruiter and inside-industry perspectives firsthand.

"Several of the speakers and presenters at the Student Program were high-level retail executives—CEOs, presidents, vice presidents. They provided insight into their career paths, as well as trends they thought were emerging in the industry," Bruer explained. "It was a phenomenal experience for our students, not only for the up-close interaction they had with the retailers, but it was also great for them to see and hear from other students what their internship programs were like, what their experiences were like so far preparing for a career in retail and fashion merchandising. There were students from places as far away as California, North Carolina, Texas and Florida—it was a hugely diverse group. I think it opened our students' eyes to see who the competition is, whose résumés will be setting side by side with theirs when they finish their fashion merchandising programs at Western and are looking to get jobs in the industry."

For senior **Martina Rodgers**, information from the NRF Student Program she took especially to heart had to do with career advice.

"The most unexpected thing I got while attending the NRF Student Program was all of the critical advice given. Vicky Cantrell, one of the speakers, said, 'Reputation is important,' meaning that reputation is all you have in the retail business and it can get you far... or nowhere. Ms. Cantrell went on to explain how she built a good reputation in her career and how that resulted in her not even having to apply for certain positions," Rodgers explained. "I also received invaluable one-on-one time

with retail recruiters from such companies as Ann Taylor Loft, Saks Inc., Nordstrom, Uncommon Goods, Macy's and the Home Shopping Network."

Elana Katz, also a senior, noted that one-on-one time was also a key benefit for her.

"Getting that time to speak face-to-face with reps from huge companies is not an opportunity that most people our age get," Katz noted. "It was great to have that chance to ask them anything we wanted, give them our résumés and form personal connections, which we might not get outside of this opportunity. Plus, it was just good networking practice, in general."

The initial experience was so good that Bruer hopes students and faculty can attend the NRF Student Program next year. She said if faculty and staff

in the department can figure out a way to fund it, they would indeed like to take students again.

"I spoke with about eight to 10 recruiters who were there promoting their internship programs and provided me with information about how our students could become involved in those," she said. "Even the long van ride to McCormick Place was a great opportunity, because I spent 10 hours in the car with the students, and I got to hear about what they see in their futures and what they want from their studies in our program. Then, on the drive home... oh my gosh! The students were talking about how much they learned or what they felt they needed to yet learn, such as about multi-channel retailing and the importance of the e-commerce side of the industry. I think it was a great learning experience for everyone involved."



Front Row l to r: Elana Katz, Jessica Burke, Kellie Raddatz, Martina Rogers, Lauren Avampato. Back Row l to r: Ashley Lieurance, Amanda Mast, Ciara Isley, Virginia Dorn, Samantha Underwood, Karla Susnjak, Fernanda Polanco, Krystle Perryman and Ashley Frieson.

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A “little lesson” grows cross-cultural connection for WIU, Brazil

By Teresa Koltzenburg '92 M.S. '11

A connection that stemmed from a Brazilian doctoral candidate's 2012 visit to Western Illinois University during Homecoming Weekend has broadened the cultural exchange between Western and higher education in Brazil's state of Bahia.

In September of last year, Breno Pádua Brandão Carneiro, who is pursuing his doctorate in education at the State University of Bahia (Universidade Estadual da Bahia, or UNEB) made the nearly 5,000-mile trek to Western Illinois to take part in the College of Fine Arts and Communication's sponsored performance, "A Little Lesson... in Brazilian Portuguese." The show—which was produced by alumnus **Doug Adair '76**—was part of a larger effort organized by Adair, the director of ORS Multimídia Interativa Ltda of Salvador, Bahia, Brazil, in conjunction with **Mike Fansler**, director of bands at WIU, and the Universidade Federal da Bahia (UFBA) and the UNEB.

Carneiro, a harmonica player, knows Adair from his pursuit of music performance in his hometown, Salvador. For him, the opportunity to travel with Adair to Homecoming in 2012 not only brought him the joy of sharing his homeland's music and culture in Macomb last year, it also resulted in an ongoing academic collaboration with **Carol Webb**, assistant professor/assistant chair of WIU's Department of Educational Leadership.

"While I was here last year, I figured I could reach

out to faculty in the College of Education and Human Services [COEHS] to enhance my own educational experience," Carneiro explained. "So I tried to get in touch with someone from the educational leadership department, and that's how I came into contact with Carol. The first thing we did was arrange a video conference with Carol and the class I was teaching at UNEB. So, we had our first meeting, and then, like five minutes after that, we were doing a video conference with my students in Brazil," he added.

"Breno's students were discussing leadership in the class, and we had just finished the principal-preparation program redesign required by Illinois, so I was sharing (with Breno translating) what we had done for the redesign with his students and then they asked questions."

After Breno's and Carol's initial meeting online, the two continued to collaborate via Skype and other electronic communications. Within a few months, Carneiro began making plans to travel back to Western. He applied for a scholarship, through a Brazilian-government

sponsored program, so he could serve a stint as visiting scholar in the WIU educational leadership program.

"I arranged to obtain a grant, a scholarship, for what we call a 'sandwich doctorate' in Brazil. Basically, for it, the candidate serves in a short internship abroad, from four months to a year, funded by a governmental agency," he said.

Carneiro arrived back in Western Illinois in June and finished up his visiting scholar stint in late September this year. During his second time visiting WIU, he was able to work in-person with faculty in the educational leadership department on both the Macomb and Quad Cities campuses. While in the region, Carneiro was also able to share his experiences with his colleagues and students in Brazil—with the similar immediacy of being there—to extend the exchange between WIU and education students and faculty in Brazil.

"During one video conference we held early in the Fall 2013 semester, we had a group of principals from my city, Salvador, as well as graduate students and some professors. Actually, educational professionals from

across the western hemisphere participated. For example, we had a professor from the south of Brazil who did a presentation, then Carol delivered a presentation about the history and the background on leadership for principals in the United States, and we had another professor from Québec, Canada, who did a presentation on institutional evaluation."

Although Carneiro has returned to Brazil,

the cultural and knowledge exchange about the field of education taking place between the two universities, UNEB and WIU, continues. The two universities have established a formal agreement that Webb said will facilitate electronic and in-person exchanges and learning-oriented experiences and meetings. Programs are already underway, such as the video conferences in which Webb and Carneiro engage. Plans for more formal programs, as well as ideas about implementing relatively simple ones, are in the works, too.

According to **Gloria Delany-Barmann**, interim chair of

the departments of educational leadership and educational interdisciplinary studies in the COEHS, faculty members are considering applying for such programs as the U.S. Department of Education's Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad Program.

"Obtaining such a grant would enable us to bring a group of educators, future school leaders, to Brazil to provide an intercultural exchange there for a few weeks," Delany-Barmann explained. "Such an experience would give the graduate student an 'insider's perspective' about what it's like to be in another place, hear another language, to

experience another culture firsthand... to experience being the 'outsider.' Still today, the profile for educators—particularly in downstate Illinois, where several of our ed leadership students come from—tends to be white and female, whereas our student population is not white and female. When you live in a community in rural or downstate Illinois, I think it's easy for us to go many years without ever experiencing that: what it feels like to be the 'other.'"

Carneiro points to simple ways, too, that can create relationships between educational leadership students at Western and education students in Brazil and enhance their knowledge bases through the cross-cultural exchanges.

"Through online video conferencing and tools like Skype, we can arrange seminars for students to present their research to each other, so they can share and discuss different ideas and gain exposure to intercultural ideas and experiences," he noted.

The ongoing exchange between higher education in Bahia and WIU also continues through Western's band program. Next March, more than 150 members of the program will travel to Brazil to join in collaborative performances and donate instruments to aspiring musicians in impoverished communities. The tour, slated for March 13-23, will be the latest in a series of cross-cultural engagements coordinated by Fansler and Adair. Students from WIU's Marching Leathernecks, Wind Ensemble and Jazz Studio Orchestra will participate. (See p. 7 for more details.)

"These kinds of agreements and programs are all about sharing educational perspectives, and I think, we can always broaden our own," Webb added. "It's all very exciting. It makes you think beyond what you know and about what could be."

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— GLORIA DELANY-BARMANN



WIU Board of Trustees' Member Roger Clawson '77, Visiting Scholar Breno Pádua Brandão Carneiro and College of Education and Human Services Dean Sterling Saddler.

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Updates from the Career Development Center

Plans underway for WIU Spring Career and Internship Fair

The Career Development Center (CDC) is currently planning the 2014 Spring Career and Internship Fair to be held on Tuesday, Feb. 4. If you are interested in registering your company/business for the fair (\$150 per company for one recruiter) to recruit quality WIU students, or if you are a graduate seeking employment and wish to attend the fair, visit wiu.edu/cdc. We offer a \$25 discount for any company who has a graduate at the fair!

In the last Western News issue, you read about "Captain Careers," our office superhero "saving people from unemployment!" The captain and the rest of the CDC staff have been busy meeting with students (more than 150 face-to-face appointments in the month of October). If you would like to help students meet their career goals, consider offering an internship or job shadowing experience through your company. Contact the CDC at (309) 298-1838.

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WIU's iconic Rocky sculpture, located near Hanson Field, each bulldog was recently affixed to a concrete base and put on display at various locations throughout campus and in the city of Macomb.

Rocky sponsors paid \$1,500 or \$3,000, depending on the size of the sculpture, with a portion of the donation going to Western's art department for student scholarships. According to Howard, nearly \$10,000 was raised for the scholarship fund.

"This project celebrates the University's traditions, strengthens the unity of campus and community, contributes to the economic vitality and quality of life in Macomb and supports student scholarships," Howard explained. "This has been a wonderful experience watching Rocky on Parade develop into one of the largest public art projects in Macomb history. The overwhelming response from the community is a great reflection of our town and University."

Artists and their sponsors include Jan Clough—WIU Foundation; Linsey Lundeen—Sports Corner @ 124; Mason Karr—John and Dana Biernbaum and Joe Roselieb and Col. Rock III; Kappa Pi—McDonough District Hospital; Todd (TJ) Reedy—Blades; Nicole Rybarczyk—MidAmerica National Bank; Tyler Herald—Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Development Corp.; Don Crouch—Cathy Early, State Farm Insurance; Colleen Willey—Citizens Bank; Allison Hulslander—All Pets Veterinary Clinic;

Deborah Sparrow—Nelson's Clothing; Deb Lutz—Josh and Mishelle Oaks and Ryan and Ann Ford; Charles Wright—Ken and Lorraine Epperson, Century 21 Purdum-Epperson; and Amanda Bratz—Purdum Gray Ingledue Beck, Inc.

Sponsor Cathy Early selected the design submitted by artist Don Crouch, which followed Van Gough's "Sunflowers" painting, but with a few special touches such as a State Farm-themed dog collar.

"I'm so glad that Bill Howard, the committee and College of Fine Arts and Communication Dean Clow got behind the project. I firmly believe that in a small town, part of what makes us strong is the collaborations or partnerships formed," she said. "For me, having the opportunity to own a Rocky, and to work with retired Art Department Chair Don Crouch was great. Rocky is now proudly displayed at my office. Seeing this every day reminds me of what a wonderful community I live in and how fortunate we are to have Western

in our town. I commend all of the sponsors and artists for making this inaugural project so successful."

A "dog walk map" is available at wiu.edu/vpaps/rocky_on_parade/docs/ROP-map2.pdf. For more information on the "Rocky on Parade" project, visit wiu.edu/rockyonparade. The "Rocky on Parade" is a three-year project. The next round of Rockys will be unveiled in 2016.



Century 21 Purdum Epperson Rocky with Lorraine Epperson '48 MS-Ed '52. Artist: Charles Wright.

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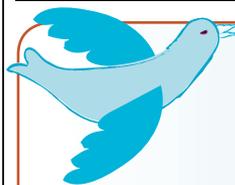
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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

As of Dec. 1, we have reached 102% of our *Set the Standard: Higher Values in Higher Education* \$60 million campaign goal. The public phase of the University's campaign kicked off in Oct. 2010 with goals to increase scholarship support; create endowed programs to support faculty; fund capital facilities improvements; and enhance information and technology.



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From Director of Admissions Andy Borst...

Greetings alumni! We are off to a great start with recruiting next year's class of Fighting Leathernecks. We are experiencing a positive response from prospective students, families and school counselors regarding our increased freshman admissions standards. We are in the middle of our peak application season for high school seniors, and we are currently up 25 percent in accepted students from a well qualified applicant pool.

In many ways, history is repeating itself at your alma mater. In 1984, when enrollment was down after the post-Vietnam war enrollment boom, the administration increased admissions standards and placed an emphasis on academic quality. The Dean of Admissions at the time commented that, "once quality is increased, quantity

Alumni-Admissions Initiative Update

will increase because students will seek out a quality school" (Hallways, 1999). WIU is again focusing on quality through our new admissions standards, the Western Commitment Scholarships, our Signature Academic Programs and an emphasis on growing the Centennial Honors College.

We have also reestablished the Western Express program, which started under retired Director of Admissions Karen Helmers, and had a significant positive impact on our enrollment in the past. The Western Express program brings high school counselors from the Chicago metro area to Macomb via Amtrak to showcase the campus and our academic programs. School counselors are highly influential to prospective students and have provided outstanding critical feedback and positive

comments about the appearance of campus and the quality of our academic programs.

We repeatedly hear about the wonderful stories that prospective students hear from Western alumni. These stories often encourage students to come to campus for a visit. Thank you for sharing your story and for being so passionate about being Leatherneck alumni!

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president, Region V vice president and past presidents' representative and NASPA: Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education. Campbell was a 2009 inductee of the National College Flag Football Hall of Fame and a 2002 recipient of NIRSA's Honor Award. He currently serves NIRSA as vice president of the Foundation Board of Directors and chair of the Audit and Finance Committee.

Campbell was instrumental in helping pass the referendum at Western for the construction of a new student recreation center, providing background material and research to develop a plan for a center. In addition, he has given back to his alma mater by providing sports management internships for WIU students at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and he frequently returns to campus to speak to sports management graduate classes.

In his community, he serves as a member of the Goodwill Industries Board of Directors, as an elder at his church, and as a member of the Great Plains Trails Network.

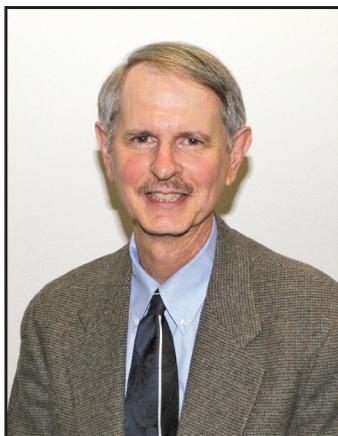
Clawson, a 1977 agriculture graduate, has served as a State Farm agent and owner of Roger Clawson State Farm Agency in Moline since 1982, and has achieved the Crystal Excellence Award, the highest honor within the company. He was recruited from Western as a real estate broker for David M. Weiner and Associates in Moline, where he worked until joining State Farm.

Clawson was one of the originating members of the Rho Epsilon real estate fraternity in 1980. He has been significantly involved with his alma mater over the years. He was appointed by the governor to the WIU Board of Trustees in 2013, and has served as a member of the WIU Alumni Council since 2001, including serving as president from 2010-2012 and founding the council's Alumni Legacy Program. In addition to giving of his time, he established the Roger Clawson Fund at WIU, and financially supports several other areas of campus including the Alumni Association, athletics, WQPT Television, student services, campus recreation, scholarships and the University Art Gallery.

In his community, he has been a member of the Moline Little League Board of Directors for 21 years and of the Moline Park Board since 2000, serving as park board president for 10 years, during which time two major sports complexes were renovated resulting in Moline hosting five national ASA girls softball tournaments creating millions of tourism dollars for the Quad Cities. He also served on Sen. Mike Jacobs Blue Ribbon Committee that was instrumental in the development of the WIU-QC Riverfront Campus.

Comerford, a 1996 political science graduate, has served as president of Blackburn College since July 2013. He previously served as vice president for institutional advancement at Westminster College in Fulton, Mo. where he was responsible for fundraising, having launched a

planned \$80 million comprehensive campaign; marketing; event management; and alumni relations. Comerford previously served as vice president and dean of student



Stan R. Campbell M.S. '75

life, as well as a faculty member, at Westminster College, and taught at the University of Missouri-Columbia. He held positions at the University of Kansas, Missouri Western State University and Ball State University. He serves as a consultant-evaluator with the Higher Learning Commission, which accredits institutions of higher education in the North Central region, and is a grant evaluator with the U.S. Department of Education. Comerford

also has served as a professional speaker, returns to WIU to attend and present at the College Student Personnel Summer Institute and speaks each semester in classes

at WIU. He financially supports scholarships at WIU and the annual fund.

He also is active in his community, serving in leadership roles with the Rotary Club, Boy Scouts and downtown development efforts. He has a master's degree from the University of Central Missouri and earned his doctorate in higher education administration from the University of Kansas.



Roger Clawson '77

Goldsbury, a 1979 finance graduate and a 1980

MBA graduate, has been a part of Doosan/Ingersoll Rand/Clark Corporations for more than 25 years. He currently serves as president of the North America and Oceania Regions of Bobcat Company and is responsible for all regional activities related to the Bobcat and Doosan branded products. He is also president of Doosan Infracore Construction Equipment. Goldsbury joined Clark Equipment in 1984 and joined Ingersoll Rand as a result of the 1995 acquisition of Bobcat Company. Bobcat Company is the world leader in compact construction equipment and the inventor of the skid steer loader.



John L. Comerford '96

to the Bobcat organization in 2008 as president of Bobcat Americas. In addition to his position as president of Bobcat Americas, he has served as vice president for global

product development, quality and support and marketing services and parts for Bobcat.

Goldsbury is a board member of the greater Fargo/Moorhead Economic Development Corporation; he is also a Board member of the Association of Equipment Manufacturers (AEM) and serves as Chair of the AEM Public Policy Committee. He and his wife Cindy, also a 1979 WIU graduate, have been involved with their alma mater over the years attending many events and supporting student scholarships. During his time at WIU, Goldsbury served as a graduate assistant and was the organizational finance officer (OFO) in the Office of Student Activities.

Lorber, a 1990 college student personnel graduate program alumnus, has served as vice chancellor for development at the University of Illinois Springfield and senior vice president of the University of Illinois Foundation since October 2012. Previously, he was the associate vice chancellor for institutional advancement and executive director of development for the SIU Foundation at Southern Illinois



**Richard M. Goldsbury '79
MBA '80**

University Carbondale (2005-2012). Lorber was also campaign director for SIU Carbondale's first comprehensive campaign, a successful \$106 million effort. He has also held advancement positions at several universities: vice chancellor for university advancement at Indiana University Northwest (2001-2005), director of development for the College of Engineering at the University of Tennessee (1998-2001), director of university development at Northern Illinois University (1996-1998), director of major gifts at Butler University (1994-1996), director of major gifts at the University of Northern Iowa (1991-1994), and assistant director of development for the School of Engineering and Applied Science at Washington University in St. Louis (1989-1991).

Lorber received a doctoral degree in educational administration and policy studies from the University of Tennessee in 2001 and a bachelor's degree in communications/public relations from the University of Northern Iowa in 1987. He has been involved with Western since graduating, regularly returning to participate in, and present during, the annual College Student Personnel (CSP) Summer Institute and he has attended many WIU events, both on and off campus over the years. He has also served as a guest speaker for CSP classes. The Lorber family supports many areas of campus including the Alumni Association, student services, CSP, athletics, Horn Field Campus and scholarships.



Jeff Lorber M.S. '90

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HOMECOMING PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

We received several great entries for our Homecoming Photo Contest! On our Alumni Association Facebook page, we asked alumni and friends to submit a photo of their special memories from our 2013 Homecoming. Alumni and friends were encouraged to submit a photo during the many events that occurred during Homecoming weekend.



The winner of our Homecoming Photo Contest is Jayne Wadsworth '09!! Jayne writes: "This is a picture of me at the Homecoming football game!" Congratulations Jayne and we look forward to seeing you at Homecoming 2014!



We are excited to share a few other entries. Thank you for supporting WIU! Top left: submitted by Bill Brouillet '73; top middle: submitted by Courtney James '10; top right: submitted by Lisa Adair '97; bottom left: submitted by Janaya Shaw '01; bottom middle: submitted by James Chapman '12; bottom right: submitted by Rick Carter.

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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 Programs

1968

Sylvia Glass, Waynesville, NC, is retired after teaching pe for 33 years and coached field hockey, softball, and girls varsity bowling for over 25 years and now is working as a dog nanny. (monkeydogkeo@aol.com)

Robert Hettich, Clarendon Hills, is retired from StrataCare, LLC after 39 years. (bobhettich@ameritech.net)

1972

Frank Grzych MA '79, Carbondale, is the director of the school of music at SIU Carbondale.

Judith Wagner, Temecula, CA, retired from Riverside after 16 years as business systems analyst. (jmwagner1972@aol.com)

1973

Ned Birkey, Ida, MI, is retired after 33 ½ years with the University of Illinois and MSU Extension and now is the owner of Spartan Agricultural Consulting LLC.

Frank Cichon, Bellingham, MA, is a consulting industrial hygienist for Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. in Hopkinton.

Sandra Wadington Cichon, Bellingham, MA, is a deduction resolution specialist at Ken's Foods Inc. in Marlborough. (sandycichon@yahoo.com)

Mark Hudson, Avondale, AZ, is a flight attendant for U.S. Airways in Tempe. (mark_a_h51@hotmail.com)

1975

Frank Christensen, Sturgeon Bay, WI, is retired. (frank@frankrobert.net)

Joe DePaulo, Naperville, has been appointed to the board of trustees for the health system created by the merger of Edward Hospital & Health Services and Elmhurst Memorial Healthcare.

1976

James Kusyik, Redondo Beach, CA, was awarded a Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Cinematography by the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences for his work on Deadliest Catch. (jfkusyik@yahoo.com)

1977

Phyllis Campbell MS -ED '87, Anderson, SC, is an author and publisher for Campian Bellstone Publishers and has published *Naked Me*, An Assortment of Reflections by Fay Campbell. (pfaycampbell@yahoo.com)

Roxanna Crosser, Coal Valley, is the new president for OSF St. Mary's Medical Center in Galesburg.

Timothy Golden, Maryville, is retired from Boeing after 35 years of service. (timothyjgolden@msn.com)

Steven Rochon, Mundelein, is the head volleyball coach for Lake Forest High School. (ssrochon@comcast.net)

Mark Rusin, Lombard, is a retired federal agent (ATF) after 24 years and currently works as a security and safety expert at Lexington Square of Lombard and has written a crime novel *Justice for Dallas*. (msrusin@comcast.net)

1979

John Smolk, Pasadena, CA, is the worker's compensation principal manager at Southern California Edison in Rosemead.

1980

Montgomery Dolieslager, Round Rock, TX, is retired from the U.S. Army and now is an intelligence research specialist for the U.S. Treasury's Financial Crimes in Austin.

James Morris, Belleville, retired from the Dallas Police Department after 32 years of service. (jdm4455@aol.com)

Mary Meyer Rochon, Mundelein, is a teacher at SEDOL in Wildwood.

1981

David Opon MS, Homer Glen, is an associate professor at Joliet Junior College. (sfca99@comcast.net)

Steve Young MS, Riverdale, NY, is the director of pe, health and athletics at New Rochelle High School. (steveyoung1481@gmail.com)

1982

Habib Atarodi MA MA '84, Decatur, is retired from ADM.

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Minneapolis, MN,
September 14, 2013**



Front row 1-r: Sue Kaufman Anstine '60, Gary Brown '79 '80, Nancy Hahn Brown '79, Carol Camphouse Smolk '78 and John Smolk '79. Back row 1-r: Bob Anstine, Chips Giovanine '58 '61 '68, Distinguished Alumni Award recipient and President's National Advisory Council member Al Boyer '72, Jerry Thompson '81, Megan Hagerty '05, Vice President for Quad Cities and Planning Joe Rives and Assistant Director Quad Cities Student Services Scott Brouette '10.



Seated 1-r: Cindy Flickinger Amundsen '86, Estella Daniels '85, Vice President for Quad Cities and Planning Joe Rives, Alumni Council member Jim Carter '75, Carolyn Dittmer Roselli '85 and Mark Roselli '85. Standing 1-r: Dave Eberle '88, Sally Rolloff Orr, Christy Dunn Corzine '83, Michael Leipold '86, Carol Swanson '74, Roger Swanson '74, Kristi Rolloff and Keith Steffens '81.

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Robert Cone, Kewanee, has recently published *The Man in the Heartwood: Selected Poems*.

Michelle Friedlund, Perrysville, is an employment specialist at Crosspoint Human Services in Danville. (michellefriedlund@gmail.com)

Martin Paulson, Glenview, is an administrative services commander for the Wilmette Police Department. (paulsonm@wilmette.com)

1984

Jeff Catalano, Barrington, is the vp of operations for Thybar Corporation in Addison.

Mark Shlifka, Aurora, is an executive assistant state's attorney in the Cook County State's Attorney's Office in Chicago. (mark.shlifka@cookcountyil.gov)

1986

Tammy Baker Bury, Kankakee, is a teacher's aide for special needs students at the Kankakee School District # 111.

(tamb63@sbcglobal.net)

Gina Argianas Gray, Naperville, is the chief of police in Woodridge.

1989

Patricia Diericks Barrow, Durham, NC, is the owner / photographer at barrowimages. (barrowimages@gmail.com)

Renee Cagle Davlin MBA '90, Des Moines, IA, is the assistant director - corporate real estate at Principal Financial Group. (r_davlin@earthlink.net)

James Purcell, Prosper, TX, is the vp at Arrow Magnolia International, Inc. in Dallas. (jpheismn@aol.com)

Bruce Siegel, Nashville, TN, is an actuary 2 for the TN Department of Commerce and earned CPCU Designation.

1990

Jill Sorensen Purcell, Prosper, TX, is a corporate accountant at Ellison Technologies.

WIU vs. UNLV

**Sam Boyd Stadium, Las Vegas, NV
September 21, 2013**



Front row 1-r: Barry Henby '75, Tommra Kiesow, Julie Meriage, Patricia Tinkham MacIntosh '76, Lenny Richer '75, Ellen Thompson Rothe '76, Kelly Bass, Ray Boyer '76, Diane Savage Boyer '77. Back Row - 1-r: Dennis Hashin '75, Deb Hashin, Wayne Hughes '76, Barb Degroot Henby '76, Dave Kiesow '76, Rick Meriage '75, Mike MacIntosh '76, Richard Rothe '76, Karen Frigo Krause '78, Gloria Dominick, Charles Dominick '76, Charles Randy Bass '76 and Dave Krause '77.



Seated 1-r: Mary Ellen Tonkinson Giovanine, Lupe Rios '56 '62, Mary Lou Ellis Rios and Pat Heap. Standing 1-r: Don Dolieslager '57 '62, Chips Giovanine '58 '61 '68, Kathy Rios, Ric Rios, Lisa Heap Grubestic '84, Barb Heap Bloom '84, Bill Heap, Jane Ray Dolieslager '74, Dave Dunn '53 and Martin Dunn.



Front row 1-r: Alumni Director Amy Spelman '98, Laura Cody '08 and Jim Bragado '79. Back row 1-r: Joe Walter, Mark Kiley '79, Joe Gunty '79, Tim Thompson '79, John Heard '79, Tom Lynn and Marty O'Connnor '78.

1991

Kathleen Malmloff Horrell, Bettendorf, IA, is a sr advocacy department director for Center For Active Seniors, Inc. in Davenport. (horrellkathy@yahoo.com)

1992

Bill Bell, Galena, MO, has been appointed the first city administrator for the City of Reeds Spring. (bjaybell@gmail.com)

Carol Taylor Bell MS '99, Galena, MO, is an early education coordinator for OACAC.

Tamara Harris Crawley, Stone Mountain, GA, is the founder and president of Selen's Sensations Wellness Bakery and is a sr instructional designer at IBM in Atlanta.

Christopher Kempa, Crystal Lake, is the vp and general manager of global business at W.W. Grainger in Lake Forest.

Kevin Monahan, Carlsbad, CA, is a sr loan advisor at First California Mortgage Company in San Diego.

1993

James Pettit, W. Des Moines, IA, is an engineer for John Deere in Urbandale.

Cincinnati Alumni & Friends

Via Vite, September 24, 2013



Seated l-r: Carolyn Kupferschmid '86 and President Jack Thomas. Standing l-r: Ken Church '53 '58, Bonnie Church, Kevin Dolan '78, Sharon Horne Dolan '78, Robert Haley '85 '87, Mark Wagher '83, Vice President Emeritus Jackie Speer Thompson '85 '94 and Honorary Alumni Award recipient Lisa Ward.

Columbus Alumni & Friends

Columbus Zoo & Aquarium,
September 25, 2013



L-r: Grady Gallagher, Kim Gallagher, Jim Gallagher, McKenna Gallagher, Dan Tinianow (back), Matthew Tinianow, Kelly Law, Jinnie Tinianow, Scott Pray '88 '92, Kristine Kurtz Pray '91 '93, Jim Wcislo '77, Terry Kocemba Wcislo '77, President Jack Thomas, Alumni Director Amy Spelman, Tom Stalf '92, Vice President Emeritus Jackie Speer Thompson '85 '94, Diane Tohn Lane '71, Janet Linden Kelly '71), Dennis Hetzel '74, Jane Malafa '06, Richard Malafa, Dee Grebe Grover, Jim Grover '57 and Honorary Alumni Award recipient Lisa Ward.



A special presentation by Columbus Zoo and Aquarium President and CEO Tom Stalf, WIU class of 1992 highlighted our event in September at the zoo. Several of the zoo animals joined us including a tiger, penguin, two leopards and a kangaroo. A Western thank you to Tom for his hospitality.

1997

Mark Border, Rock Island, is a CIO/G-6 sr lead information technology systems analyst for the U.S. Army Sustainment Command and graduated with a masters of business administration in strategic management from St. Ambrose University in Davenport, IA.

1998

Jana Brines Gamage '05, Macomb, is a social studies teacher at Bushnell Prairie City High School.

Adam Heath, Moreno Valley, CA, is the general manager at Harkins Theatres.

Marc Peterson, Lombard, is the director of security at SecurAmerica LLC. (marc.peterson@hotmail.com)

1999

Keith Barclay, El Paso, TX, is in the U.S. Army in Fort Bliss. (xkno13@yahoo.com)

2001

Prashanth Gowda MS, Redlands, CA, is an assistant professor of medicine at Loma Linda University Medical Center. (prashgg@yahoo.com)

Mum Ros Martens MS '03, Lake Villa, is the executive director of human resources at Oakton Community College in Skokie.

2002

Kevin Hynes, Naperville, is the CIO at Array Enterprises, Inc. in W. Chicago. (kevin@hynesinc.net)

Gilbert Mitchell, Skokie, works in the Chicago Public Schools.

Timothy Sanders, Orlando, FL, graduated from Trident University International with a masters of science in information technology management.

(timothy.s.sanders6.mil@mail.mil)

2003

John Kelly, Quincy, is a customer advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois.

Natasha Rodefelt McPartlin, Malta, is the marketing coordinator at NIU in DeKalb. (nmcpartlin@niu.edu)

Jeannie Desir Mitchell, Skokie, is an attorney at Jeannie D. Mitchell, Attorney at Law. (jeannedmitchell@gmail.com)

Tracy Goken Redman, Bourbonnais, is a reading specialist at Peotone Schools.

2004

Melfy Eddosary MS, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, is an assistant professor and vice dean of college of sport sciences and physical activity for development and quality at King Saud University and received a PhD from the University of Exeter at UK.

Tiffany McKown Greene MS '08, Rolling Meadows, is a leisure services supervisor at Northbrook Park District.

Brandi Kline Hofmann, Minonk, is a business architect at State Farm in Bloomington.

Lindsey Niekamp Kelly MS '06, Quincy, is a speech-language pathologist in the Quincy Public Schools.

Amanda Bergschneider Newell, Edwards, is an assistant professor and dietetic internship director at Bradley University in Peoria.

Matt O'Kray, Aurora, is a sr account manager – metals at CSX in Oak Brook. (mlokray@gmail.com)

2005

Kevin Froehlich, Naperville, is a financial services representative at United Central Bank.

Nick Stasi, Durango, CO, has been recently promoted to the rank of corporal with the Durango Police Department.

Meagan Vogel, Ft. Madison, IA, is a family school coordinator at Ft. Madison School District. (meagan.vogel@fmcsd.org)

2006

Jason Apt, Plainfield, is a system architect at Nuveen Investments in Chicago.

Chelsea Crabtree Blake, Sheffield, is a marketing manager at Cherrytree Kitchens.

Nick Mattis MS, San Jose, CA, is the head track and cross country coach and pe faculty at De Anza College in Cupertino and was named the 2012-2013 California Community College Women's Cross Country Coach of the Year.

Shilo Santiago, Granite City, is a family service worker at Bringing Families Together in Hazelwood, MO.

Matthew Slaga, Miami, FL, is the owner of Indifferent Media. (matthew_slaga@yahoo.com)

2008

Taryn Bradley, St. Charles, MO, is an academic coordinator at National American University.

Alison Sinadinos, Bloomington, IN, is an assistant residence manager at Indiana University.

Michael Wert, Riverview, FL, is a data production associate for The Nielsen Company in Oldsmar. (ml-wert@hotmail.com)

Cleveland Alumni & Friends

D'Vine Wine, September 26, 2013



L-r: Dan Brynelsen '74, Mark Anderson '12, Andy Barthel '97 (standing), President Jack Thomas, Jean Rude Simpson '70 '72, Paige Durkee '97, Robin Gendek Hedges '98 and Tom Szczurek '79 (front).

Detroit-Area Alumni & Friends

Vinoteca, September 27, 2013



Seated l-r: Mark Oldham '08, Diane Kent '10, Vince O'Connor '04, Nicholas Rachowicz '04 and Joe Aponte. Standing l-r: Michael Allison '76, Jody Spelman Evans, Troy Evans, Kim Wasilk, Chris Wasilk and Larry Galloway '59.

2009

Stephanie Brown, Donnellson, IA, is a pharmacy tech operator at Rashid Pharmacy in Ft. Madison. (stephaniejbrown21@gmail.com)

Amy Cavez McIntyre, Rockford, is the operations manager at Rockford Park District. (amcintyre1114@gmail.com)

Zachary McIntyre, Rockford, is the director of Magic Waters Waterpark/Aquatics for the Rockford Park District.

John Somar MA, Jacksonville, FL, is a financial analyst at Advanced Disposal in Ponte Vedra.

2011

Nicholas King, Dubuque, IA, is a system administrator for IBM. **Jason Rose**, Schaumburg, is a paralegal at Cooney and Conway.

2012

Claudia Pitchford MS-ED, Springfield, is an elementary art teacher in Jacksonville School District # 117 and is an adjunct professor at Blackburn College in Jacksonville.

Kyle Tadmank MA, N. Miami Beach, FL, is an adjunct history instructor at Northwood University in W. Palm Beach. (tadmank@northwood.edu)

2013

Jodi Santillie MS, Olympia, WA, is a student organizations advisor at The Evergreen State College.

Mary Stika, Tampa, FL, is the resident manager at Starting Right Now. (marystika@gmail.com)

Marriages

Erica Bruesch '01 and Matthew Rosenberg, Oct. 12, 2013.

Nathan Cobb '03 and Katherine Murphy, Aug. 17, 2013.

Adam Cully '12 and Mikki Galloway, June 15, 2013.

Kate Gossell MS '13 and **Garrett De Gross '11**, Oct. 5, 2013.

Tamara Harris '92 and Scott Crawley, Aug. 31, 2013.

Celebrating Town and Gown The Forum in Macomb, IL, October 3, 2013



L-r: Assistant Vice President for Advancement & Public Services Darcie Dyer Shinberger '89 '98, Vice President for Advancement & Public Services Brad Bainter '79 '83 and Director of Donor Relations Julie Chatterton Murphy '94 '95.



L-r: Chief Clerk Christopher Switzer '11 and Rachelle Boston '11 '13.



Front row l-r: Alumni Achievement Award recipient and Vice President for Administrative Services Emeritus Jackie Speer Thompson '85 '94 and Illinois State Representative Norine Hammond. Back row l-r: Steve Bainter, Jill Speer Bainter '77, Jane Rutledge Pittman '81 and Alumni Achievement Award recipient Dave Thompson '72.



Seated l-r: Steve Silberer, Amanda Nave Silberer '95 '97, Alumni Council member and Director of Residence Life Mishelle Banas Oaks '97 and Assistant Director of Admissions Vian Vance Neally '96 '02. Standing l-r: Diana Dubsy Cremer '74 '83, Alumni Council member and Town and Gown Award recipient Jerry Cremer '89, 1994 Honorary Alumni Award recipient Dennis Iversen, Laura Swanson Leezer '84 '98, Michelle Floersh-Clow and College of Fine Arts and Communication Dean Billy Clow.



L-r: Psychology Professor Virginia Diehl, Board of Trustees member, President's National Advisory Council member and 1997 Honorary Alumni Award recipient Cathy Early, Assistant to the Dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication Cathy Reis Null '72 '91 '02 and College of Education Dir. of Dev /Marketing /Comm Outreach Dana Stites Moon '98 '01.

Tracy Katschke '05 and Brian McClure, May 18, 2013.
Jaclyn Koch '03 and Mark Hood, May 3, 2013.
Richlyn Mulch '12 and Michael Hoener '12, July 13, 2013.
Lindsey Niekamp '06 and John Kelly '03, Aug. 24, 2013.
Shilo Santiago '06 and Tony Webb, July 19, 2013.
Brandt Springer '12 and Heather Hardwick '12, June 1, 2013.
Wayne Strang '09 and Jessica Vose '11 MS '13, July 20, 2013.
Lauren White '10 and Drew Long '12, Aug. 10, 2013.

Births and Adoptions

Tracey Adair '00 and Christina Morrell Adair '04, a son, Ethan James, July 24, 2013.
Jason Apt '06 and Megan, a son, Heinrich Charles, July 23, 2013.
Christina Frank Bavery '98 and Billy, a daughter, Katherine Margaret Christina, Mar. 3, 2013.
Chelsea Crabtree Blake '06 and John Blake '06, a son, Jase, Aug. 1, 2013.
Jenny Lahey Curalli '03 and Lucas Curalli '03, a son, Lucas Anthony, IV, Oct. 6, 2013.
Kyle Curry '96 MS '98 and Stacy Crouch Curry '96, a daughter, Kenna Beatrice, Apr. 19, 2013.
Jana Brines Gamage '98 '05 and Shaun, a son, Brady, June 22, 2013.
Lance Gentle '04 and Robyn Anderson Gentle '05, a daughter, Chelby, September 1, 2013.
Matt Howe '09 and Michelle Milstead Howe '09 MS '11, a daughter, Macie Lea, Aug. 21, 2013.
Nick Katz MS '06 and Ashley Hattaway Katz '04 MS '06, a daughter, Hattie Nicole, Aug. 5, 2013.
Kajsa Okmark Keane '03 and Brendan, a daughter, Siobhan Marie, July 4, 2013.
Marc Kessler '11 and Mallory, a son, William Axel, July 9, 2013.
Julie Biebel Ledger '05 and Adam Ledger '05, a daughter, Brooklyn Irene, Aug. 26, 2013.
Nate Miller '03 and Chelsea Bainter Miller '06, a son, Miles

Robert, Aug. 20, 2013.
Andrew Stambaugh '99 and Kate, a son, Isaac Nelson, Nov. 12, 2013.
Amanda Bergschneider Newell '04 and Shaun, a son, Elliott James, Oct. 15, 2013.
Jason Petentler '08 and Rebecca Ingles Petentler '09, twins, a son, Mason Bryan, and a daughter, Nataleigh Mae, May 29, 2013.
Marc Peterson '98 and Starr, a daughter, Scarlett, Feb. 7, 2013.
Brock Wissmiller '07 MS '09 and Becki Buls Wissmiller MS '09, a son, Colton Clarence, Feb. 13, 2013.

Deaths

Kellie L. Foreman Afman, Moline, May 1, 2013.
James M. Amerine, Macomb, Sept. 29, 2013.
Audrey C. Ashenhurst, Macomb, Aug. 8, 2013.
Joseph F. Beatty, Rock Island, Apr. 14, 2013.
Darrell G. Belshaw, Everson, WA, Aug. 30, 2013.
Joyce E. Marshall Cate, Savanna, July 28, 2013.
Arthur F. "Art" Clayton, Mahomet, Aug. 8, 2013.
Mary Kathryn Cobb, Macomb, May 11, 2013.
Betty C. Blust DeWolfe, Galva, Aug. 9, 2013.
Kathryn Dykstra, Wooster, OH, Jan. 24, 2013.
Jane Folwell, Bettendorf, IA, May 6, 2013.
James O. Ellis, E. Moline, Apr. 21, 2012.
Jack R. Gist, Beardstown, Apr. 25, 2012.
Willard Johnson, Clairon, IA, Dec. 17, 2012.
Dorothy L. Kipling, Macomb, Sept. 3, 2013.
Jo Knappenberger, Scottsdale, AZ, Jan. 22, 2012.
William F. Knobbs, La Harpe, Sept. 6, 2013.
Jean B. Koehler, Bettendorf, IA, June 20, 2013.
Dorothy E. Lane, Macomb, Aug. 25, 2013.
Virginia L. Campbell Lawhorn, Monmouth, Sept. 30, 2013.
Stephen Lieurance, Burlington, IA, Aug. 23, 2013.
Mary Ann Long, Orion, Jan. 4, 2013.
Hester E. Meadows McCosh, Chillicothe, Oct. 7, 2013.

Scott J. McLean, Greenville, Aug. 23, 2013.
Howard Montgomery, Petersburg, Oct. 5, 2013.
Edith Moore, Rushville, July 24, 2013.
Everett F. Morris, Mt. Carmel, Aug. 13, 2013.
Gretchen J. Mounce, Macomb, July 15, 2013.
Betty Reynolds, Deming, NM, Apr. 22, 2011.
Gordana M. Muskatirovic Rezab, Macomb, Aug. 31, 2013.
Barbara M. "Barb" Oester Rozek, Dixon, Oct. 2, 2013.
Sylvia S. "Susan" Carter Rubin, Geneseo, Oct. 3, 2013.
Sharlyne K. Preston Sheppard, Lake Forest, Sept. 26, 2013.
Oscar E. Strasser, LaHarpe, July 21, 2013.
James A. Sundberg, Macomb, Oct. 26, 2013.
Robert R. "Bob" Teel, Rushville, Aug. 24, 2013.
Leslie E. Vogler, Macomb, Aug. 10, 2013.
Ellen Wilcox, Davenport, IA, Aug. 14, 2012.
Donna J. Skinner Wright, Malden, Aug. 30, 2013.
Naomi J. Young, Muscatine, IA, Feb. 16, 2012.
1938 Martha L. Roark MSE '53, Macomb, Aug. 25, 2013.
1939 Marjorie J. Rector Cotton '50 MSE '57, Kankakee, June 9, 2013.
1939 Emily L. Markham Hart, Cocoa Beach, FL, Dec. 19, 2008.
1940 William E. Maynard, St. Louis, MO, Sept. 9, 2013.
1942 Maxine M. Glass Beers, Plymouth, July 18, 2013.
1941 Mabel Lequate Mayhew, Colona, Jan. 2, 2013.
1942 John P. "Jack" Reakes, Green Valley, AZ, June 10, 2010.
1943 Marjorie H. Hurst Kelley, Virginia Beach, VA, Dec. 5, 2012.
1944 Herschel R. "H. Ray" Young, Galva, Sept. 9, 2013.
1946 George B. Boyd, Beardstown, Dec. 14, 2011.
1947 Cyrilla Doering Meier, Lincoln, CA, Sept. 7, 2013.
1948 Helen M. Warmker Manker, Pontiac, Mar. 4, 2013.
1949 Kenneth W. Wolf, Bushnell, July 28, 2013.
1950 Dale Endter, Rochester, NY, Apr. 26, 2013.
1950 Charles A. Friedel, Bushnell, Sept. 23, 2013.
1950 Arthur E. Lundahl, Ashland, OR, Nov. 21, 2012.
1955 Marie D. Nielsen DeBates, Montgomery, Jan. 2, 2013.
1955 Ray E. Humphrey MSE, Kerrville, TX, Oct. 24, 2012.

Western Wednesdays

Yardhouse, Glenview, IL,

October 4, 2013



L-r: Janet Heim Beck '99, Joanne Adams Stroud '77, Distinguished Alumni Award recipient and President's National Advisory Council member Jack Brannigan '76, Distinguished Alumni Award recipient and President's National Advisory Council member Sam Oliva '77, Kris Kiefer Mackey, Mona D'Antonio '76, Paul Connery '73, Michael Borre '78, Pete Cassidy '67, Carol Kuczkowski '79, Ginny McGarrity '78 and Steve Cutaia '90.



L-r: Distinguished Alumni Award recipient and President's National Advisory Council member Jack Brannigan '76, Jeannie Desir Mitchell '03, Quentin Mitchell '02 and Kris Kiefer Mackey.

Homecoming 2013 - The Rocky Games Western Is United

Old Stompin' Ground Runaround

27th Annual Old Stompin' Ground Runaround Winners

WIU alumni and friends joined in the 27th annual Old Stompin' Ground Runaround 5K run/1.5 walk held on Homecoming morning with 125 participants. Ben Houston was the overall male winner with a time of 16:24 and the female overall winner was Stacy Van Loan with a time of 23:48.

Male Winners

15 and under: No entries
 16 to 22: Josh Bendorf, first place; Dave Wilkins, second place and Kody Parkins, third place.
 23 to 29: John Mannix, first place; Alec Smith, second place and Dusty Napoleon, third place.
 30 to 39: Scott Lawson '01 MS '08, first place; Kort McCulley '04 MBA '06, second place and Nick Knowles '02 MS '07, third place.
 40 to 49: Joel Gruver, first place; Mike Spann '88, second place and Doug Harvey '91, third place.
 50 to 59: David Taflinger '85, first place, Keith Schluter, second place and Joe Kula '77, third place.
 60 and over: John Simmons, first place; Victor Lantz MS '78, second place and Deckle McLean, third place.

Female Winners

15 and under: Morgan Payne, first place; Quinn Kurasz, second place and Bailey Jackson, third place.
 16 to 22: Ashley Luke, first place; Emily Banigan, second place and Vanessa Matheu, third place.
 23 to 29: Ebony Chambers '11, first place; Jessica Moore, second place and Victoria Lantz '10, third place.
 30 to 39: Jessie Rector, first place; Heidi Hamm Elbe '01 MS '03, second place and Meagan Kramer, third place.
 40 to 49: Diana Kurasz, first place; Melissa Matranga, second place and Emily Payne, third place.
 50 to 59: Lisa Peddle Hinman '82, first place; Daralyn Niedoospital-Duffy '82, second place and Wendi Mattson, third place.
 60 and over: Brenda Malinoski Martin '73, first place; Kathy Ridle Heikes MS '98, second place and there was no third place awarded.

Walkers

First place: Kay Hilligoss; Second place: Michele Blythe Powell '99; Third place: Emily Hohenbery



Homecoming Parade at the Alumni House



L-r: John Fayhee '01, Josh Oaks '04, Alumni Council member Mishelle Banas Oaks '97, Tiffany Haga Russell '97 and Shawn Russell '97.



Front row l-r: Christy Heaton '07, Jessica Berkey '07, Mary Anne Wolfmeyer '97 and Alumni Council member Jim Carter '75. Back row l-r: Jude Butch '07, Phil De Notto '73 and Bill Brouillet '73.



L-r: Vice President for Student Service Emeritus Garry Johnson, Distinguished Alumni Award recipient and President's National Advisory Council member Al Boyer '72, 2012 Honorary Alumni Award recipient Lisa Ward, Susan Hebert, Dick Hebert, 2005 Honorary Alumni Award recipient Marilyn Johnson.



L-r: Dennis Marcotte '88 '06, Deborah Ferris Reavis '86 '89, Kevin Reavis '88, Benjamin Schweizer '10, Peter Philhower '03, Bob Toniny and Bob Maronde '72.



L-r: Karl Schmidt '10 '11, Evan Ritchie '13, Chad Hyatt '93 '94, Matt Geimer '13 and Paul Strater '11.

The Right Place Tent



L-r: Nancy Law Ferguson '87, Christine Michals-Bucher '88, Cathy Hurlkley Hundley '87 and Laura Michals Koenig '87.



L-r: Assistant Director of Admissions Vian Vance Neally '96 '02, Cain Butcher and Assistant to the Vice President for Student Services Jessica Bunch Butcher '96.



L-r: Gabriele Frahm '11, Monica Harris '11 and Shane Fuqua '13.



L-r: Melissa Downin '11, Becky Enders '11 and Amanda Domeracki '11.



Front row l-r: Ann Aldrich, Arlene Peterson, Patricia Johntson Peterson '71, Jan Walker Donaldson '65 and Lynn Downing. Back row l-r: Gerry Aldrich '67, Jack Peterson '67, Gerry Peterson '68, Dave Donaldson '65 and Bill Downing '67.



L-r: Kristen Lahr, Megan Lahr, Mark Lahr '04 and Ann Lahr.



L-r: Scott Pinker, College of Arts and Sciences Director of Development Bryce Dexter, Heather Osborn '09 '11, Instructional Technology Systems Manager Doug Menke '92, Ryan Deaver, Brooke Bryant and Terri Billingsley Tobias '91, '10.

25 - 40 - 50 Year Reunion



WIU vs. Illinois State Pregram

Redbird Tent Zone, Normal, IL

October 5, 2013



Front row l-r: Steve Shafer '83, Retired staff member Barry Davis '79, Katherine Shafer, Chris Derry '04, Tom Pogue '71, Luke Werts '09, Rebecca Szajna and Bette Rockwood Ohlenkamp '55. Back row l-r: President Jack Thomas, Jared Pletsch '12, Cliff Arbogast '66 '76 '83, Jim Derry '85 '93, Tom Arbogast '87 '89, Dirk Pogue '76 '78, Philip Pogue '68 '78, Dan Szajna '00, Sherwood Dees '79, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Darryl Hollimon '83 '93, Mike Bleich '73 '79, Michael Miller, Ronald Chatmon '80, Phillip Goens and Ronald Boyd.



L-r: David Owens '73, Curt Grusy '73, Athletics Director Tommy Bell, Karen VandeVoorde Bloomberg '89, T.A. Whitsitt '79, Kelly Schwartz Romeo '89, Academic Advisor Linda Thomas, President Jack Thomas, Marty Schwartz Tarmann '86, Provost and Academic Vice President Ken Hawkinson '78 '79, Art Gallery Director Ann Marie Hayes-Hawkinson, Michael Becker '84, Steve Becker, Assistant Director Quad Cities Student Services Scott Brouette '10, Vice President for Quad Cities and Planning Joe Rives and Alumni Council member and Town and Gown Award Recipient Jerry Cremer '89.

WPA Exhibit Alumni & Friends

Figge Art Museum, Davenport, IA

October 10, 2013



Los Angeles-Area Alumni & Friends

Trastevere Ristorante, Hollywood, CA

October 21, 2013



Seated l-r: Academic Advisor Linda Thomas, President Jack Thomas and Roy Ruyle '59. Standing l-r: Mike Stevenson '87 '91, Ella Stevenson, Sara Long Stevenson '07 '09, Richard Wharton '76 '78, Dave Clauss '77, Carol Clauss, Carol Camphouse Smolk '78, John Smolk '79, Melvin Staples '79, Christopher Braun '94 and Frank Stanczyk '61.

Seattle Alumni & Friends

Daniel's Broiler, October 24, 2013



L-r: Janice Miller, Helen Davidson Jacobson '70, Bob Jacobson '69, Cheryl Pollard Smith '69, Johnny Jefferson '84, President Jack Thomas, Hal DeLaRosby '03, Allison Morgan Carroll '09 '11, Ashley Thompson, Thom Koschwanez '06 and Rob Carroll '11.



L-r: William Sweger '07, Micca Metz '10, Tom Miller '73 '74, Richard Novy '72, Chris Federhart '84, Eric Thomas, Tom Hurdelbrink '77, Jesse Godling '08, Emily Grothus Codling '08, Candice Dlouhy Cihon '74 '77, Michael Flannigan and President Jack Thomas.

- 1957 Patricia A. Gray Hargadine, Malone, WI, Feb. 4, 2013.
- 1957 John T. Nickson, Macomb, Feb. 1, 2013.
- 1957 Dolores K. Kator Switzer MS-ED '60, Macomb, Oct. 20, 2013.
- 1957 Albert J. "Al" Van Hecke MS-ED '62, E. Moline, July 1, 2013.
- 1960 Addra E. Icenogle Graham, Macomb, Aug. 27, 2013.
- 1960 William P. Osen, Avon, OH, Jan. 20, 2013.
- 1960 Robert B. Steinhauer, Hawthorne, CA, Apr. 9, 2013.
- 1962 William C. Bassitt MS-ED, Village of Lakewood, Aug. 10, 2013.
- 1962 Frances M. Fisher Boughan, Tucson, AZ, Jan. 25, 2013.
- 1963 Marcia E. Reiling Ferguson, Raleigh, NC, June 14, 2013.
- 1963 Thomas K. Weir, Aurora, Aug. 20, 2013.
- 1964 Philip A. Creed, Glenview, Sept. 2, 2013.
- 1966 Richard L. Inman, Earlville, Mar. 22, 2010.
- 1967 James L. Murdock, Galesburg, Aug. 7, 2013.
- 1967 Paul D. Tobin MS-ED '69, Mt. Carroll, May 4, 2013.
- 1969 Jon M. Harden MA, Peoria, May 26, 2013.
- 1970 John R. Brady, Sterling, Sept. 16, 2013.
- 1970 Kathleen "Kathy" Kleiber, Morton, Sept. 25, 2013.
- 1970 Michael F. McAvoy MS-ED '72, Geneseo, Jan. 22, 2012.
- 1972 Phyllis M. Hagedorn, Mt. Prospect, Sept. 8, 2013.
- 1972 Thomas P. Payton, Jamestown, NM, Aug. 19, 2012.
- 1973 Thomas W. "Tom" Masengarb, Granbury, TX, Feb. 28, 2012.
- 1975 Marie Canfield MS-ED, Dubuque, IA, Aug. 15, 2012.
- 1975 Kim A. Kuhn, Hayward, CA, Apr. 20, 2009.
- 1975 Edward H. Peterhoff ED SP, Bettendorf, IA, Oct. 31, 2010.

Portland Alumni & Friends

Widmer Brothers Brewing

October 23, 2013



L-r: President Jack Thomas, Jenny Locarno '01, Hazel Locarno, Kathleen Harriott '02, John Knowles '77, Trent Connor '98, Kathryn Nees '11, Terry Brennan, Kathy McAfee Finn-Brennan '74, Sandra Rodriguez and Jason Rodriguez.

- 1976 Michael R. Ashcraft, Springfield, June 28, 2010.
- 1976 James E. Fitzgerald, Oak Lawn, Apr. 3, 2011.
- 1976 William A. Johnson, Plano, TX, Oct. 30, 2009.
- 1978 Stephan E. Clay, Dallas, TX, Jan. 4, 2013.
- 1978 Jan A. Daniels Peiffer, Orland Park, June 17, 2009.
- 1981 Jane M. Wagner, Waukegan, June 28, 2013.
- 1982 Tamara L. "Tammy" Burk Brown MS '84, Schaumburg, May 21, 2011.
- 1982 Timothy M. "Tim" Burke, Peachtree City, GA, May 6, 2013.
- 1984 Gregory A. Graham, Jacksonville, July 27, 2011.
- 1984 William M. "Matt" Helms, Springfield, June 9, 2013.
- 1985 Christine D. Sneideraitis, Orland Park, Feb. 20, 2011.
- 1986 Virginia E. Locke Garrison, Mt. Pleasant, IA, Aug. 21, 2013.
- 1986 Harry D. Ulferts MA '03, Dixon, June 17, 2012.
- 1989 David R. Brown MA '90, Ft. Myers, FL, Aug. 10, 2011.
- 1989 Julia L. Johnson MS-ED '92, Spring Lake Park, MN, Aug. 1, 2013.
- 1989 Garland H. "Gary" Winner, Petersburg, Mar. 5, 2013.
- 1990 William E. Miler, Chariton, IA, Aug. 3, 2013.
- 1990 Jane E. Kale Smith MS-ED '97, Milan, Aug. 29, 2012.
- 1991 Steven J. "Steve" Ellerth, Bell Buckle, TN, July 15, 2013.
- 1993 Colleen A. Morrissey Hazen MA, Great Falls, MT, Apr. 13, 2013.
- 1995 Ralph G. Hunt, Jr., Rock Island, June 16, 2013.
- 1996 Sandra L. "Sandy" Glaudel Hirstein MS-ED, Davenport, IA, Sept. 17, 2013.
- 1997 Shelly L. Boyles, Macomb, July 19, 2013.
- 1997 Daniel D. Harmon, Bowen, Mar. 15, 2011.
- 1998 Christy M. Biddle, Maple Park, Aug. 9, 2011.
- 1999 Calvin L. Harris III, Memphis, TN, Mar. 25, 2012.
- 1999 Mamie L. Atwater Pittman, Moline, Sept. 7, 2013.
- 2000 Frank L. Baxter MA '10, Altoona, IA, Mar. 3, 2012.
- 2001 Anne E. Spencer Sperry, Galesburg, Sept 16, 2013.
- 2008 Matthew S. Repp, Kirkwood, Oct. 8, 2013.
- 2011 Georgia J. Gum, Ottumwa, IA, Aug. 15, 2013.

Alumni Travel Programs 2014

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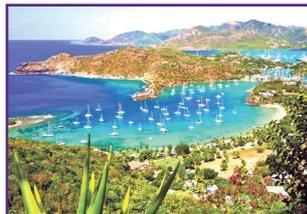
January 15-25, 2014

Imagine a cruise on one of the finest vessels afloat, Oceania Cruises Marina, where every port of call is a Polynesian paradise. Savor the tropical island splendor of Moorea, Bora Bora, Hiva Oa, and more as you sail the beautiful South Pacific.

Caribbean Discovery

February 12-22, 2014

Cruise the balmy Caribbean seas aboard the elegant Oceania Cruises Riviera to Tortola, Antigua, Barbados, St. Lucia and St. Barts—beautiful islands rich with verdant rainforests, spectacular beaches, colorful towns and enchanting wildlife.



Normandy, 70th Anniversary of D-Day

April 1-9, 2014

On June 6, 1944, a heroic formation of Allied troops achieved the largest coordinated military invasion in history on the beaches of Normandy, triggering the beginning of the end of World War II. Walk through history on this exclusive journey through Normandy, featuring two full days of exploration that highlight this important victory during the 70th anniversary of D-Day. Visit the American Military Cemetery, the Peace Memorial at Caen and the commune of Sainte Mère Église, one of the first towns liberated on D-Day. You will also indulge in a special tasting of Normandy's famous Calvados brandy and visit the majestic Mont-Saint-Michel.

Cradle of History

May 4-15, 2014

Follow the echoes of ancient civilizations as you cruise the Mediterranean. Immerse yourself in the ancient legends, traditions and cultures of Turkey, Greece, Cyprus and Israel. Begin in Istanbul and take in its legendary sites before departing for Kusadasi. Cruise to the Greek island of Rhodes and then on to Limassol and Cyprus. More wonders await in Jerusalem before concluding in Patmos and Athens.



Italian Inspiration

May 14-22, 2014

Let Italian-influenced towns and islands inspire you as you cruise to captivating ports in Italy, Croatia and Greece. Set out from Civitavecchia and journey south along Italy's shores. Explore Sorrento or travel to Capri. Cruise further down the scenic Amalfi Coast and visit Amalfi or Positano before heading to Sicily's northeastern tip. Discover the island of Corfu and then step back in time in Dubrovnik. Your voyage concludes in Venice.

Apulia~Undiscovered Italy

June 10-18, 2014 (Please note the new date.)

From Polignano a Mare, travel along the Apulian coast and see why this sun-bleached land has been settled since time immemorial. Discover views from the Via Venezia in the ancient Greek port of Bari. See unusual dwellings at the Sassi cave houses and the conical, limestone Trulli, and visit the Castel del Monte. Savor the region's vintages on a winery tour, and visit a family-run olive mill to meet the owners and sample the finished product.



Baltic Treasures

August 21-September 1, 2014

Discover distant monarchies, Baroque palaces and stunning harbors as you cruise the Baltic Sea to Germany, Lithuania, Latvia, Finland, Russia, Estonia and Sweden. Beginning in Copenhagen, sail to Warnemünde or take a short drive to Berlin. Cruise to Lithuania and then on to Latvia's capital Riga. Head to the Finnish capital of Helsinki and then spend almost three days in St. Petersburg before concluding your journey in Stockholm.



Cruise the Mosel, Rhine & Main Rivers

September 22-30, 2014

See picture-perfect villages and pristine German countryside during a journey down the Mosel, Rhine and Main rivers. Along the Mosel, discover Berncastel-Kues, admire medieval architecture and Roman ruins in Trier, and visit Cochem, famous for its folk tales. Explore the historic town center of Koblenz and see the legendary Loreley Rock on the mighty Rhine. Learn about the wine-making traditions of the Mosel and Rhine regions, and enjoy vineyard tours and tastings. Cruise the Main River, explore the university town of Heidelberg and marvel at the architectural treasures of Würzburg.

Treasures of Southern Africa

October 15-29, 2014

Embark on a once-in-a-lifetime journey to southern Africa, a region known both for its rich cultural heritage and natural beauty. Begin your journey in Cape Town, South Africa. Walk in Nelson Mandela's footsteps on Robben Island. Ascend Cape Point and marvel at the panoramic view of the ocean. See African penguins at Boulders Beach. The luxurious Rovos Rail will take you on a two-night deluxe train journey across the country to Pretoria. Bring to a close this exceptional program by experiencing the power and majesty of thundering Victoria Falls.



China and the Yangtze River

October 20-November 3, 2014

Discover one of the most fascinating and dynamic nations in the world. Travel to famous landmarks, including the sprawling Summer Palace, the Temple of Heaven and the Great Wall. Walk through sprawling Tian'anmen Square, and step inside the massive walls of the Forbidden City. Marvel at the Terra Cotta Warriors in Xi'an. Volunteer for a day at the Chengdu Panda Base and take advantage of this unique opportunity to learn about China's giant pandas and cruise the Yangtze River to marvel at the spectacular Three Gorges.

Pearls of the Mediterranean

November 7-15, 2014

Discover some culturally-rich pearls of the Mediterranean, as you cruise from Monaco to Spain. Depart Monte Carlo for Portofino. Journey to Rome before heading inland from the port of Livorno and experience the Tuscan countryside and the legendary cities of Florence and Pisa. Savor the port city of Marseille before heading to Port Vendres. Continue to Palma de Mallorca, Spain and stroll the cobbled streets of Old Palma before your voyage concludes in Barcelona.



Cruise the Panama Canal

November 19-30, 2014

Set sail on Crystal Serenity and escape the chill of November for the sandy beaches, sunny skies and easygoing spirit of the Caribbean. Embark the ship in Miami and cruise to Key West. Continue to Cozumel, Mexico's island paradise, and Costa Maya, famous for its ancient Mayan ruins. Celebrate the centennial of the Panama Canal as you traverse this famous man-made marvel, a masterpiece of 51 miles of locks that allow ships to effortlessly pass between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. Conclude your adventure in Caldera, Costa Rica.

Refer a Student to Western Illinois University



Do you know a student who would be a great fit for Western Illinois University? Let us know by completing the form below. We also welcome recommendations for students who may wish to transfer to WIU.

The WIU Admissions Office 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 (electronic/\$25; paper/\$30) for this student when he/she applies.

If this student chooses not to apply:

Please use the application fee for another deserving student.

OR

Please refund me.

Yes, I would like this student to know I recommended him/her.

No, I would prefer this student not know I recommended him/her.

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

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CHICAGO WESTERN WEDNESDAYS

February 5 – Glen Ellyn (IL) at Tap House Grill

April 2 – Downtown Chicago

June 4 – Suburb

August 6 – Downtown Chicago

October 1 – Suburb

Be sure to join us for our next installment of Western Wednesdays in Chicagoland. Your WIU Alumni Association began a tradition in 2011 with the first of many Western After Hours! Hundreds of alumni have joined us every month for great food, great conversation and a few beverages. We continued our tradition on a NEW bimonthly schedule in downtown Chicago in December and then we will rotate out to the suburbs and back to downtown over the next year! We'll meet you there from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. for complimentary appetizers and cash bar socials!

WASHINGTON D.C. UPCOMING WIU ALUMNI & FRIENDS EVENTS

Announcing WIU Washington Western Wednesdays...if you live in the Washington D.C. area or are traveling there on the last Wednesday of every other month, we hope you will join other WIU Alumni & Friends in the area for great food, great conversation and a few beverages! Watch your Western News, your mail, Facebook, Twitter and your email for updates on locations throughout the D.C. area!

January 29 – Downtown D.C. (This event will be a full Alumni & Friends Social from 6-8 p.m.)

March 26 – D.C. Area

May 28 – Downtown D.C.

July 30 – D.C. Area

September 24 – Downtown D.C.

November 19 – D.C. Area (due to Thanksgiving holiday)



SAVE THE DATE!

The Western Illinois University Alumni Association will return to the great state of Florida in January 2015 to host our annual Alumni and Friends Socials. We hope you'll mark your calendars and plan to join us! If you have suggestions of cities you'd like us to visit or venues you think would be fun and exciting, please email A-Association@wiu.edu or call (309) 298-1914.



Join Western Illinois University, President Jack Thomas, the WIU Foundation & your Alumni Association for *"Jazz and More"* at the Macomb Campus of Western Illinois University January 21, 2014, for a social in Sherman Hall from 5:30—7 p.m., featuring the special exhibition *"A New Deal for Illinois - The Federal Art Project Collection of Western Illinois University"* in the WIU Art Gallery. You will have the opportunity to view the exhibit any time during the social but are invited to a special tour at 7:15 p.m. by WIU Art Gallery Director *Ann Marie Hayes-Hawkinson*. To register, visit wiu.com/alumni or call (309) 298-1914.

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