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Ken & Lorraine Epperson gift achieves WIU'S Capital Campaign goal

By Julie Murphy '94 M.S. '95

The Western Illinois University Foundation is pleased to announce that its Higher Values in Higher Education Campaign has met its \$60 million goal with a most generous gift from distinguished alums, longtime friends and loyal supporters Dr. Ken '46 MS-Ed '52 and Lorraine Epperson '48 MS-Ed '52.

"Our commitment to Western and to this campaign is a gift of love and appreciation for what Western has meant to us, and an investment in the future of Western and the Center for Performing Arts," said Lorraine.

The Epperson's seven-figure gift, a combination of an outright gift and a bequest, directs \$1.5 million to the long-anticipated Center for Performing Arts (CPA) to be located on the southwest side of campus along Western Avenue. Both Ken and Lorraine selflessly worked to bring a Center for Performing Arts to the campus of Western Illinois University and the Macomb community since 1970s.

"We will be so happy when the CPA is constructed at last, and believe strongly that it will positively impact the quality of life for the University, the community and the region," Lorraine added.

The more than 5,000-square-foot iconic lobby of the center will be named in honor of Dr. Ken and Lorraine Epperson in recognition of this gift. Ken and Lorraine have been involved with Western in some way for most of their lives.

"Our loyalty to Western has never changed a bit since

we were students," said Ken. "We got our start at Western, and everything we have achieved is possible because of the education we received. We are giving back so that current and future students can be as fortunate."

The couple met as students at Western and were married the year following Lorraine's graduation. As students, they were both involved: Ken as a three-



Dr. Ken '46 MS-Ed '52 and Lorraine Epperson '48 MS-Ed '52 pictured with their dog, Skipper II.

sport letterman (football, basketball and track) and Lorraine as the first president of Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority. They both earned education degrees then went on to education careers – Ken as a teacher, principal, superintendent, and later Community College Relations Director for Western; Lorraine as a teacher and 18 years as guidance director for Macomb High School.

Lorraine entered the real estate business in 1974 and Ken joined her upon his retirement from Western. Together, they purchased the Purdum Real Estate Firm in 1985, and in 1990 acquired a Century 21 franchise.

The Eppersons have strengthened their commitment to Western throughout their lives. As a couple, they have served on the Performing Arts Society Board of Directors. Lorraine was a member of the WIU Alumni Council for several years, serving as its president for two years. She was a Board of Governor's Trustee, then appointed by Gov. Jim Edgar to Western's Board of Trustees in 1995, including terms as vice chair and chair of the Board. In 1988, she received the College of Business and Technology's Distinguished Alumni Award, and in 2006,

was awarded Western's Distinguished Alumni Award. She is currently in her third term on the WIU Foundation Board of Directors. Lorraine received the Sigma Sigma Sigma Centennial Woman of Distinction given by the national sorority. She received her bachelor's degree in 1948, and master's degree in 1952 from Western.

Ken earned his bachelor's degree in 1946, and his master's in 1952 from Western, and later his doctorate in 1969 from Indiana University. He was awarded WIU's Alumni Achievement Award in 1987, and was initiated into the Athletics Hall of Fame in 1996. Ken is a talented woodworker, crafting the large WIU seal on display in the Registrar's Office (made in 1974 in honor of Western's 75th anniversary) and the Ceremonial Mace (a symbol of university scholarship and integrity since the 11th century) featured in convocations and commencements. Ken learned basic woodturning skills while at Western, nearly 70 years ago, from **Wayne Wetzel**, for whom Wetzel Hall was named.

"The Foundation and WIU are thrilled that this noteworthy gift, the one that achieves our campaign goal, comes from Kenny and Lorraine," said Vice President for Advancement and Public Services **Brad Bainter '79 M.S. '83**. "Their relationship with Western and their history of giving, both of their time and resources, makes this particular gift and attaining this goal all the more meaningful. Truly, all of Western is grateful to them for all they do."

The Eppersons have supported numerous Western initiatives, including the Leatherneck Club, Performing Arts Society, the College of Business and Technology, University Libraries and several scholarships. They made a commitment to the previous Centennial Campaign in 1996 to establish an endowment to support future generations and are among the University's leading donors.

"It is a day for rejoicing," said WIU President **Jack Thomas**. "Not only are we celebrating Founders' Day at Western Illinois University, we are celebrating meeting our campaign goal thanks to two very special people who have been connected to Western since the 1940s. We are so happy that they are part of this important occasion."

The "Set the Standard: Higher Values in Higher Education" \$60 million campaign for Western Illinois University began silently in 2006, and went public in 2010. The campaign has focused on increased scholarship support for students, support for faculty, improvements to capital facilities and enhancing information and technology for all the staff and students of Western Illinois University. The campaign will conclude Dec. 31.

UPCOMING ALUMNI & FRIENDS EVENTS

October	November	December
2 Glenview (IL)	21 Los Angeles/Hollywood	13-14 Macomb
3-4 Macomb	6 Chicago	22 Columbia (MO)
5 Normal (IL)	7 Boston	
10 Davenport (IA)	14 Chicago	
11-12 Homecoming, Macomb	24 St. Louis	

We are coming to a city near you!

See page 2 for entire calendar and page 32 for complete details!



Greetings from Western! I am so happy to share with you the exciting news you read about on the front page of this Fall 2013 Western News regarding the announcement of reaching the University's \$60 million capital campaign fundraising goal. We

thank all of the generous alumni, friends and businesses who made gifts in support of the campaign. Finally, a very special thank you to **Ken '46 MS-Ed '52** and **Lorraine '48 MS-Ed '52 Epperson**—two of the most loyal alumni any school could ever hope to have. We are truly, truly grateful for all they've done for their alma mater all these years, and especially for making the gift OF A LIFETIME to help put WIU over the \$60 million goal. Thank you Ken, Lorraine and all of you!

Amy E. Spelman

-Amy Spelman M.S. '98

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WIU ALUMNI & FRIENDS 2013 EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2013

- 21 . . . WIU at University of Nevada Las Vegas Social & Football Game
- 24 . . . Cincinnati Alumni & Friends Social
- 25 . . . Columbus Zoo Alumni & Friends Event
- 26 . . . Cleveland Alumni & Friends Social
- 27 . . . Detroit Alumni & Friends Social

OCTOBER 2013

- 2 . . . Western Wednesdays After-Hours at The Yard House in Glenview (IL)
- 3 . . . Celebrating Town & Gown at The Forum in Macomb
- 4 . . . Paint the Paws in Macomb
- 5 . . . WIU at Illinois State Social & Football Game
- 10 . . . Alumni & Friends Event at the Figge Art Museum in Davenport (IA)
- 11 . . . Homecoming/25-40-50-60 Year Reunion
- 12 . . . Homecoming/25-40-50-60 Year Reunion
- 21 . . . Los Angeles Area Alumni & Friends Social
- 23 . . . Portland Alumni & Friends Social
- 24 . . . Seattle Alumni & Friends Social

NOVEMBER 2013

- 6 . . . Jazz Studio Orchestra Tour Event at Jazz Showcase in Chicago
- 7 . . . Boston Alumni & Friends Social
- 14 . . . Communication Sciences and Disorders Alumni Social at Hubbard Inn in Chicago
- 24 . . . Chicago Bears at St. Louis Rams Social & Football Game

DECEMBER 2013

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

Think Purple



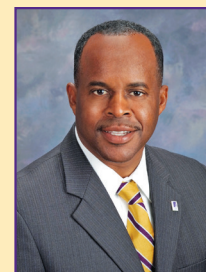
Think Social



Think Western

(See p. 27 for more.)

From the President



As we welcome our students back for another academic year, we welcome all of our alumni back to campus to be active and to engage with the University. This is going to be an exciting, productive and successful year.

As we prepare for our upcoming Homecoming weekend at Western, I am looking forward to visiting with many of you on campus October 11-12, as well as at many other alumni events throughout the country. There are several activities taking place during Homecoming weekend, including the all-alumni social on Friday evening and the "Old Stompin' Ground Runaround" on Saturday morning, followed by the parade, the alumni picnic and the Homecoming football game.

Although there are many exciting things happening on campus, Western Illinois University continues to face significant challenges with budget and cash flow due to limited state funds. However, we continue to practice very sound fiscal management while conserving financial resources. We will continue to provide the programs and services that our students need to be successful. Despite these challenges, Western Illinois University continues to move forward.

As we begin this new academic year, I would like to highlight a few of the initiatives that help our students achieve success during their time at Western. Our newly redesigned First Year Experience (FYE) program includes two FYE courses, which are specifically designed for our new freshmen students. We are in the second year of our "Building Connections" mentoring program, which assists students with their transition to college. More than 200 faculty and staff are volunteering again this year as mentors to help our students succeed, and the program has been integrated into our First Year Experience and required University 100 courses. We continue to enhance the Centennial Honors College on our campuses by recruiting a number of students who are in the top one percent in the nation, establishing the Phi Theta Kappa Alumni Association for transfer Honors students and premiering a student Think Tank. Because of our increased admissions standards and our strategic enrollment plan, we have enhanced our overall student academic profile.

We continue to make improvements to our facilities on both campuses. Thompson Hall renovations are complete, and the University Union phase one renovations are underway, which includes an enhanced food court. We continue to beautify the campus, and construction is ongoing for the new campus signage at the north entrance to our campus funded through student enhancement fees and approved by the Student Government Association. Additionally, phase two construction on the WIU-Quad Cities campus is underway and on schedule to open in August 2014. I encourage you to take note of the ongoing improvements at Western.

I look forward to continued growth and success at Western Illinois University and bringing you even more news regarding our achievements as the year progresses.

See you at "The Right Place" tent Saturday, Oct. 12.

All my best,

Jack Thomas

Jack Thomas

Education and Human Services

Interning at an eco-friendly boutique provides perfect fit for environmentally minded fashion merchandising major

By Teresa Koltzenburg '92 M.S. '11

Newly minted Western Illinois University alumnus **Chelsea Dieckow '13** is no stranger to organizing fashion shows. During her time at WIU, the fashion merchandising major either spearheaded or helped coordinate shows that raised funds for breast cancer research and showed elementary teachers how to dress for their soon-to-be classroom work settings. But the Recycled Fashion Show Contest—an event she directed and facilitated for her major project during her senior internship this past summer—she described as the “icing on the cake.” Dieckow designed the show as a contest that asked local designers to create a recycled garment and submit it for display in the show.

Dieckow's June 22 show, held during the Duryea Days festival held in Peoria Heights (IL) was a perfect fit for a major project in her 240-hour internship at the Peoria Heights-based boutique called “re-” (pronounced “re-hy-phen”), which sells items made from recycled, repurposed or reclaimed materials, as well as merchandise that is green or eco-friendly. According to the store's website (www.rehyphen.com), many of the products are “one of a kind,” and the selection includes household items, gifts, jewelry, purses, bags and “much more!” Dieckow said she met the shop's owner, Nancy Martin, through another full-time job she had (while attending school at Western), in which she served as Martin's sales representative for a marketing and publishing company.

“After closing the sale and leaving the store, I thought to myself, ‘What a fantastic idea for a boutique! What if I did my merchandising internship there?’” she explained. “A couple months went by, and it was still on my mind. So I went in to re- and sat down with Nancy. She was absolutely thrilled about my idea—the Recycled Fashion Show Contest. Not only was my internship about building awareness to be more eco-friendly with the store's everyday products, but I also wanted to help promote re- in the



This dress made from magazines was donated by the WIU DFMH Department for Dieckow's show.



This dress made from Starburst Candy wrappers was donated by the WIU DFMH Department for Dieckow's show.

Peoria area. It was a terrific feeling to help out a small local business, earn my bachelor's degree and promote recycling and reusing materials all at the same time.”

In late May, Dieckow's Recycled Fashion Show Contest was promoted through a short segment on “Good Company,” an early-evening show that airs on the Peoria-based television station WEEK. On the segment, garments made from recycled materials (including a dress constructed from Starburst wrappers and another from old magazines) and donated by the WIU Department of Dietetics, Fashion Merchandising and Hospitality (DFMH), demonstrated the unique re-use functionality of seemingly throwaway materials. (View the video at <http://bit.ly/17Fi87U>.)

“The dresses were constructed by students in a visual merchandising class for Western's Environmental Summit Fashion Show. The Starburst-wrapper dress I wore on ‘Good Company’ is hand woven and in pink, yellow and red. The recycled magazine dress was made by layering the magazines,” Dieckow explained. “I asked my internship supervisor and DFMH professor, **Susan Creasey '91 MBA '92**, if I could borrow the dresses to add fervor for the fashion show.”

Creasey noted Dieckow's determination and strong interest in fashion helped make both her internship experience and her Recycled Fashion Show Contest successful.

“Chelsea's eco-friendly attitude and environmental awareness made re- a perfect

fit for her. She researched her store's product and is very knowledgeable about how to reduce, reuse and repurpose items and still maintain a fashionable edge,” Creasey added.

Dieckow said her classes in Western's fashion merchandising program provided her with important knowledge and skills, which she applied during her internship.

“My visual merchandising, fashion promotion, advertising, customer service and retail-buying courses at WIU helped me out immensely. Learning how to use the sales operations manager software when purchasing orders and counting inventory is vital for any small business, and my class work has definitely helped me understand the software and stay organized. In addition, what I learned in my visual merchandising class was crucial for this internship. By displaying the products in a certain aesthetically pleasing way, this helps the customer move

around the entire store and it generates more sales. My enthusiasm and dedication for fashion, along with my outstanding education at WIU, truly prepared me for my internship at re-,” she said.

Now that Dieckow has completed her bachelor's degree and has racked up several real-world fashion industry professional experiences through her internship and her other full-time employment opportunities in publishing, her career goals involve continuing to work in advertising while mixing in her passion for eco-friendly materials and fashion.

“My plan is to move to Colorado by winter of next year to be closer to my family. And what state is more eco-friendly and sustainable than colorful Colorado?” she noted. “Ultimately, I want to sell advertisements for a major fashion magazine, and whether it means starting my own savvy publication, moving to New York or networking on LinkedIn until I find the right job opportunity, I am determined to be successful in pursuing my dream.”



Dieckow, third from left, poses with some of the recycled fashions in the contest. She is wearing a tank top she designed made from her mother's old scarves.

TECH INSIGHTS

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Education and Human Services

Signature Program Spotlight: RPTA

Noted for their size, unique areas of concentration for undergraduate students, demand for graduates and accessibility, Western's signature programs have garnered recognition for the graduates they produce. Major studies in Western Illinois University's Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Administration offer students:

- semester-long field experiences in environmental conservation and outdoor education, as well as numerous internship opportunities;
- cooperative relationships with nearly 500 organizations throughout Illinois and the nation;
- the opportunity to be part of a program accredited by the Joint Council on Accreditation of the National Recreation and Park Association and the American Association for Leisure and Recreation; and
- opportunities and experiences in the only program of its kind in the nation.

RPTA set a foundation "fore" 2013 Distinguished Alumnus' future

With the help of a Western Illinois University faculty member's connection, **Brian Gerard '86** was able to complete his required senior internship at Kiawah Island Golf Resort. Nearly 30 years later, Gerard is now the director of golf and other programs at the South Carolina-based haven located on a barrier island a few miles from Charleston.

Earlier this year, Gerard was recognized for his long career at the resort and his contributions to his field by the Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Administration (RPTA) with the department's 2013 Distinguished Alumni Award. While Gerard was not able to come back to Macomb to receive the award in person, he did provide current RPTA students and faculty with a short video acceptance speech, in which he described how he advanced to his current role at Kiawah Island Golf Resort and the strong foundation his RPTA education and degree from Western provided him.

"One of my professors knew the director of golf at Kiawah at the time, and he made a phone call for me and down I came," Gerard explained. "I had a great internship at Kiawah. It allowed me so many opportunities. It's a multi-faceted facility, and I got to do just about everything. It really prepared me for me for my career. And when I finished that, they hired me as an assistant golf professional."

Over the years, Gerard worked his way up at the resort, which, in 2012, played host to the PGA

Championship. Gerard noted that while he didn't make much money at first and worked in a few different positions at the Kiawah Golf Resort, he knew it would be all worth it.

"So here I was a college graduate, not making very much money. I was working the bag room, the cart shed and doing snack bar work. But none of that really mattered to me at the time, because I knew in my mind what my goal was," he said. "I did a three-year apprenticeship, and I was elected to Class A membership in the PGA of America in 1989. I got the head professional job at Turtle Point in 1990, and I did that for five years. Then, I moved out to the Ocean Course as the head professional in 1995, and I did that for 11 years. In 2006, I was promoted to my current position as director of golf and activities here. I oversee all the golf, recreation, tennis and retail operations."

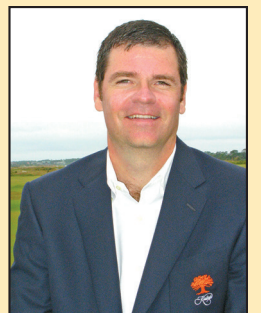
Gerard attributes his long, successful career, in part, to his time at Western, which he selected because he "knew he wanted to go to a school with the best RPTA program."

"So attending Western Illinois University was an obvious and easy decision for me. My studies at WIU gave me a wonderful foundation and a great opportunity to be successful. That was really all that I could ask for at the time," he said. "I really felt like it was up to me from there to decide how hard I wanted to work every day and how hard I wanted to work to achieve my goals."

In his video acceptance speech, Gerard shared a brief anecdote with current RPTA students, as well as faculty and staff, who viewed the video at the 2013 RPTA Professional Development Conference Awards Luncheon in Spring 2012.

"During my junior year at Western, I was having a long discussion with one of my professors, and we were talking about a career path and where I wanted to be five, 10, 15 years down the road, that sort of thing. I'm not really sure how we got on this topic, but he said to me, 'You know, Brian, most people will tell you what's wrong and who is to blame. Very few people will tell you what's wrong and how they can be a part of the solution to fix the problem.' Really, what he was talking to me about was that I needed to be a good problem solver. And he was so right about that. If you can become efficient in that skill, you will set yourself apart from the masses, no doubt about it."

View the video of Gerard's acceptance speech for the 2013 RPTA Distinguished Alumni Award at <http://vimeo.com/64067966>.



Brian Gerard '86

Horn Field Campus Corn Maze honors alumnus' service and alma mater

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

Every year in October, hundreds of autumn-activity and Halloween enthusiasts head out to Western's Horn Field Campus (HFC) to experience its annual Corn Maze. This year, the maze's design has special significance, not only for Western Illinois University, but also for the alumnus who designed it.

John Moninger '13, a graduate of WIU's recreation, park and tourism administration (RPTA) program, designed and created the Corn Maze based on Western's Marine-style logo. (WIU is the only public school in the U.S. that has permission through the Department of the Navy to use the United States Marine Corps official seal,



John Moninger '13

mascot [the bulldog] and nickname, "The Fighting Leathernecks.") To finish his bachelor's degree in RPTA (13 years after he initially started at Western), Moninger served as an intern at Horn Field Campus this past summer. One of his major projects for his internship was to create the Corn Maze. For him, a former Marine, basing the maze's design on the Marine-style logo was a way for him to show pride in his soon-to-be alma mater, as well as in his service for the U.S. Marine Corps.

In a short bio piece Moninger wrote for HFC's quarterly newsletter, "Horn Happenings," Moninger shared how he first chose to come to WIU (back in 2000), as well as how he left Western in 2004 to join the Marines.

"When I was 15 years old, I acquired

my first job as a lifeguard at Flick Pool in Glenview, IL. I loved working outdoors so much I stayed on and did it part-time for almost 10 years. I had not thought too much about what my major was going to be at WIU until I was a second-semester sophomore. So, I talked to my aquatics supervisor, who is a WIU alumna, and she told me to get into the RPTA department. I completed four years of college courses, and instead of finishing up my degree, I made a life-changing decision to join the U.S. Marine Corps. I served my country for five years with several overseas deployments, one of them being Iraq in 2009. I was also in Okinawa, Japan, for my last year in the military and had the honor of assisting Japan in the tsunami disaster relief in 2011," Moninger wrote.

After he left the Marine Corps, Moninger said he decided to come back to Western "to finish what he started," with the assistance of the G.I. Bill.

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Education and Human Services

IDT student puts WIU campus on Google Earth map...3-D style

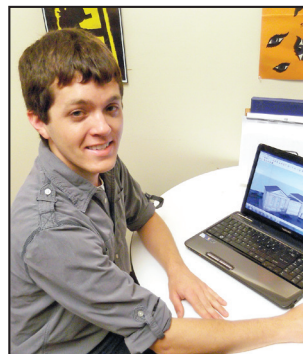
By Teresa Koltzenburg '92
M.S. '11

If you've perused the map of Western Illinois University on Google Earth, you may have noticed a few of the buildings appear to be three dimensional or "in 3-D." Sherman Hall, the Leslie F. Malpass Library, Waggoner Hall and a few other buildings protrude from a mostly otherwise flat depiction of the campus. So far, 10 buildings on the Macomb campus are available for viewing this way, all thanks to the hands of **Dane Severinsen** (Germantown Hills, IL), a senior majoring in instructional design and technology, who used Google's free 3-D modeling software, Google Sketchup, to create the models.

The website for the free Sketchup program encourages individuals to "join the worldwide geo-modeling community and help put every village, town and city on the 3-D map." According to Google, an individual's 3-D models can appear in Google Earth and Google Maps. Although Severinsen said he was able to use the 3-D modeling software and the project for an independent study-course in Spring 2013, he started creating three-dimensional renderings of the campus buildings as a personal, independent endeavor in September 2012 because the opportunity presented itself.

"I first became interested when I was using Google Earth, and I realized no one else had done it yet, which was a little surprising to me. There wasn't a single building on the campus that was modeled, so I saw it as an opportunity to leave my mark on campus," Severinsen explained. "I think it's really cool that anyone can access it and see the three-dimensional appearance of the buildings. I think it can be especially good for international students, who can't necessarily come and visit in person, but they can come and visit virtually."

He noted that he first became interested in using Google Earth, and the possibilities it offers for three-dimensional projects, a few years ago.



Dane Severinsen (Germantown Hills, IL), a Western Illinois University senior majoring in instructional design and technology, used Google's free 3-D modeling software, Google Sketchup, to create three-dimensional models of buildings located on WIU's Macomb campus and submit them to Google Earth.

"I think it was in 2005 or 2006, when they came up with the three-dimensional buildings. When it was first released, the 3-D buildings looked like gray blobs...not too pretty. But as the technology progressed, it enabled users to create buildings that could look more lifelike. That's when I started to really become interested in three-dimensional modeling, to try to bring the maps to life," he said.

According to Severinsen, creating each three-dimensional building tends to be a tedious, pain-staking process. To start, he takes a number of photographs of the building he plans to model.

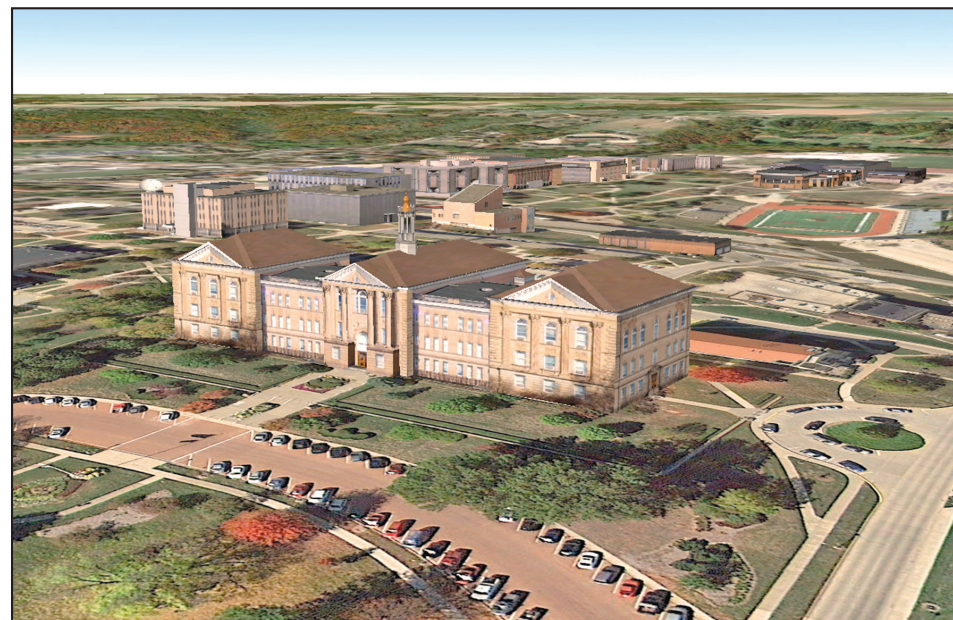
"I take photos of the front, back and all around it, to get a good perspective so I can make the model look as accurate as I possibly can. I even go as far as counting every brick on the building to know how high it is," he said. "The amount of time it takes to complete each rendering depends on the size of the structure and how intricate it is. A simple building can take four hours, while a really complex one can take 25-30 hours."

After he completes a building rendering, he then has to upload and submit each file to Google for an approval-and-release process. The first part of Google's relatively simple process works much like any other web-based program to which you upload an image or graphic file.

"All you have to do is key in what you want to call the building (I always use the proper name of each building, and you can also put in a description, such as a URL to WIU's website), then you just click on an 'upload' button to upload the Google Sketchup file," he explained. "Before a new rendering is viewable on Google Earth, it goes through a two-step process. It first needs to be accepted manually at Google—they make sure it follows the guidelines for models, and if it does, it gets approved. The second step involves when the model will be released

and available to view on Google Earth. Google establishes release dates for their 3-D models, so once a model is approved, you may not necessarily see it right away. It will be available for viewing the next time Google decides to release the newly added 3-D models. The whole process can take anywhere from a week to a month."

At this point, Severinsen has 10 of the 3-D building models available for viewing via Google Earth, including: Currens Hall, Horrabin Hall, Knoblauch Hall, the Malpass Library, Morgan Hall, the Multicultural Center, Sallee Hall, Sherman Hall, Stipes Hall and Waggoner Hall. He has three buildings awaiting release by Google Earth, including Memorial Hall, Western Hall/the Donald S.



Screenshot of WIU on Google Earth by Dane Severinsen, who created all the three-dimensional models on campus using Google Sketchup, Google's free 3-D modeling software.

Spencer Student Recreation Center (which are connected) and Mowbray Hall. While he said he plans to continue to work on rendering the buildings on campus, he would more than welcome anyone else creating and adding 3-D models of campus buildings.

"I would like to see other people get interested in doing this, so it's not just me doing it. What I have found is that some universities in the country have teams of five, six or even seven people creating 3-D models for campus buildings. So far, for Western, it's just been me."

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"By this time I was a completely different person, and I was ready to take on any obstacle that stood in my way of getting my degree. I was fortunate enough to have had the course, RPTA 376, 'Perspectives in Outdoor Recreation,' with [Horn Field Campus Program Coordinator and RPTA Instructor] **Mindy Pheiffer '91 M.S. '92** in Fall 2012. This was my bridge to Horn Field Campus, where I decided, if Mindy would have me, I was going to finally complete my internship... and my degree," he explained.

Pheiffer noted she is honored to have crossed paths with Moninger; she is pleased she could assist him in

completing his degree and was equally as pleased to have his help at Horn Field over the summer.

"John did his fair share of facilitating and belaying high ropes course activities for many groups. He was my right hand at every turn all summer long," she added. "So many more doors will be opened to him with his degree. The sky's the limit for his future."

As for Moninger, he said he considers his time serving at Horn Field Campus as a privilege and embraced the work, even though, in addition to working the high ropes course, it was comprised of such labor-intensive activities

as trail clearing, grounds keeping, cabin cleaning and, of course, designing and creating the Corn Maze.

"I [took] every opportunity to learn more about the outdoors, which I love so much, from all the experienced personnel that came through Horn Field Campus. Whatever my next endeavor in life is, I know the skills and knowledge I will obtain from my internship at Horn Field Campus will ensure I prosper."

Education and Human Services

Gregory named chair of WIU Curriculum and Instruction Department

Anne Gregory, formerly a professor in the Boise State University (BSU) Department of Literacy, has been named chair of the Western Illinois University Department of Curriculum and Instruction. She began her post July 22.

Gregory served as a faculty member at BSU (Boise, ID) since 2002.

Gregory earned her Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction from Purdue University in 2002, her master's degree in adult and higher education from the University of Texas at San Antonio in 1996 and her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Purdue University in 1991.

Gregory's research and work has been published in such academic journals as *The Reading Teacher*; the *International Journal of Humanities and Social Science*; *Critical Literacy: Theories and Practices*; *The New Educator*, *Literacy Teaching and Learning: An International Journal of Early Reading and Writing* and *The Journal of Reading, Writing and Literacy*. She has also co-authored chapters in such books as, "Children's Literature and Social (in) Justice," "Blended Curriculum in the Inclusive K-3 Classroom: Teaching All Young Children" and "Contemporary Issues on Educational Administration and Policy."

She has presented at such education conferences as the International Conference on Language, Education



Anne Gregory

and Diversity; the Literacy Research Association; the National At-Risk Youth Conference; Curriculum and Pedagogy Conference and the American Educational Research Association Annual Conference.

In her role as a literacy department faculty member at BSU, Gregory served as the adviser for six students' dissertations, as well as served as the primary adviser for master's degree-seeking students and bachelor's degree candidates on their theses and senior projects. She served as the BSU Faculty Senate president from 2011-13, as well as a member of BSU's enrollment management committee from 2011-13.

Most recently, the work she and a colleague collaborated on in a rural elementary school resulted in the school receiving the International Reading Association's Exemplary Reading Program award for the state of Idaho and a certificate of recognition in closing the achievement gap between student groups from the National Title I Association.

She is a member of the International Reading Association, the Literacy Research Association, American Educational Research Association and the Reading Recovery Council of North America.

Mhango named chair of WIU Dietetics, Fashion Merchandising and Hospitality Department

Mary Mhango, formerly a professor in the College of Education at Marshall University (WV), has been named chair of the Western Illinois University Department of Dietetics, Fashion Merchandising and Hospitality. She began serving in the chair position July 15.

Mhango formerly served as a program coordinator for family and consumer sciences at Marshall University (since 2006).

Mhango earned her Ph.D. in textiles and clothing from Iowa State University in 2006, her master's degree in home economics education from Mount Saint Vincent University (Nova Scotia, Canada) in 1985 and her bachelor's degree in clothing and textiles (apparel design) from the University of Missouri Columbia in 1974.

Mhango's research and work has been published in such academic journals as the *Journal of Family and Consumer Sciences Education*, the *Journal of Business and Entrepreneurship* and the *Journal of Fashion Marketing*



Mary Mhango

and Management. She has authored and co-authored chapters in such books as, "Innovative Teaching: Experiences and Insights from Eastern and Southern Africa Universities" and "Biotechnology: A Hope or a Threat."

During her academic career, she has received such scholarly honors as the Women of Color Award from Marshall University (2010) and the Mainstream Living Academic Scholarship (Iowa State University, 2005).

From 1994-02, Mhango served as the chair (founding) of the University of Botswana Department of Home Economics Education, and from 1990-94, she served as the chair of the University of Malawi Department of Home Economics.

Currently, Mhango serves as a reviewer for the *Journal of Career and Technical Education Research* and has served as a reviewer for the *Clothing and Textile Research Journal*.

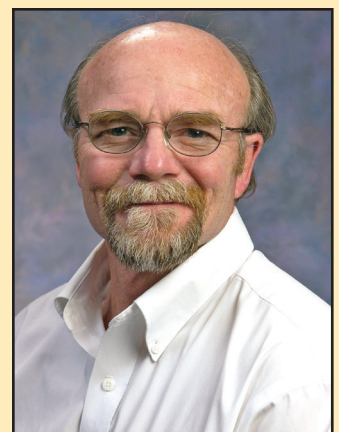
COEHS interim department chairs



Gloria Delany-Barmann, interim chair, educational and interdisciplinary studies and educational leadership.



Lorette Oden, interim chair, health sciences and social work.



Dan Yoder, interim chair, recreation, park and tourism administration.



Fine Arts and Communication



CSD offers Study Abroad Program

By Jodi Pospeschil

Western Illinois University students who have studied communication sciences and disorders (CSD) now have the opportunity to further their academic experience by studying abroad in Wales, United Kingdom.

WIU has an exchange program with Cardiff Metropolitan University in Wales, which trades two students each summer.

In 2012, WIU graduate student **Jamie Monier M.A. '13**, of Sparland (IL), and **Cassie Henry '11 M.A. '13**, of Timewell (IL), spent time studying in Wales. In 2013, **Alexandria Blair '13**, of Macomb and **Rachael Cuculich**, a graduate student from Orland Park (IL), were the two students chosen.

In the summer of 2012, Welsh students Linh Lee and Jenna Adams visited the WIU campus, and in the summer of 2013, students Sarah Gibbon and Amanda Evans visited Macomb.

Stacy Betz, chairperson of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, said while the Welsh students were in Macomb their activities included completing clinical practica and assessing and treating children and adults with speech or language impairments on campus and in Quincy.

"Having our WIU students study in Wales is an extraordinary opportunity for them to increase their cultural competencies and learn about clinical practice in another country," Betz said. "However, students in our graduate program, who are not able to travel to Wales, also benefit greatly from the clinical exchange as they are able to interact with the visiting students from Wales. This summer, Sarah Gibbon and Amanda Evans taught our students the differences in health care and educational systems between the U.S. and U.K. and how those differences lead to different clinical practices."

Monier graduated with her master's degree from Western in May and has been hired as a kindergarten through fourth grade speech therapist in the Peoria School District.

"At Western, I have met the most influential people in my life who have shaped who I am today," she said. "Everyone in the CSD department has helped me immensely in one way or another. During my graduate career, I had the opportunity to fully appreciate what each of them had to offer."

Henry, who also received her master's degree in May, is currently working as a speech-language pathologist for Select Rehab at three skilled nursing facility locations in Mt. Sterling (IL), Beardstown (IL) and Jacksonville (IL).

Henry credits the CSD program and her teachers at Western with helping her be well prepared for her career.

"The CSD program at WIU is wonderful. I learned so much and I still feel that I can email my teachers and ask advice for certain clients," she said. "The majority of my teachers have provided me with advice I have used, but a few of them have really made an impact. **Kathryn Pohlpetter M.A. '89** was the instructor for the majority of the classes that dealt with the geriatric population. She is

also the professor that changed my mind from pediatric to geriatric after she was my clinic supervisor one semester."

Blair is beginning her second semester as a graduate student in the CSD department.

"As a graduate student within the CSD program, I attend classes to further my knowledge within the field and have the opportunity to apply what I have learned within a clinical setting. I see clients with various disorders providing speech and language services," she said. "Being a student at WIU has helped me grow both educationally and personally through the development of leadership skills, professional skills and knowledge within the speech, language and hearing field."

Both Henry and Blair note that one of their fondest memories of Western was the opportunity to study in Wales.

"This opportunity that was provided by WIU helped foster my growth within the CSD profession and expand my knowledge of other cultures and customs," Blair said. "An additional fond memory would be the friendships that I have gained from being a part of the CSD family. We are a small program and a great class. As a result, I have made friends that will last a lifetime, personally and throughout my future career as a speech-language pathologist."

Cuculich is also a second year graduate student in the CSD program and wants to eventually work as a speech-language pathologist. She credits her fellow classmates and the WIU faculty for helping her become a better clinician and student.

"The faculty has provided me with the knowledge and skills I need in order to be successful when I leave WIU," Cuculich said. "My classmates have provided me with support throughout my time at Western, whether that be through classwork or clinic work. It is really great to have this support because we are always able to bounce ideas off one another so that we are able to get new perspectives and insights."

Cuculich said the "open door policy" of WIU professors helped foster her academic path.

"The department really functions as a whole in order to help contribute to everyone's success," she said. "In order to become a speech-language pathologist there are certain requirements that have to be met, and everyone at WIU ensures that you are on track and able to achieve your goals."

For more information about WIU's CSD program visit wiu.edu/csd.



L to R: Rachel Cuculich and Alexandria Blair '13.



L to R: Cassie Henry '11 M.A. '13 and Jamie Monier M.A. '13.

Rocky on Parade unveiling Oct. 3

The official unveiling of the Rocky on Parade statues, a public art project and art department scholarship fundraiser coordinated by Western Illinois University will be Oct. 3, but two of the artists recently allowed a WIU photographer a sneak peek of their work.

Jan Clough, an art professor at WIU, has designed and is painting the Rocky statue purchased by the WIU Foundation, while WIU art major **Linsey Lundeen**, a junior from Aledo (IL), has designed and is painting the Sports Corner @ 124's statue. The artists were selected earlier this year by the 14 sponsors of Western's inaugural Rocky on Parade public art project to decorate bigger than life-size fiberglass bulldogs that will be on display throughout the Macomb community and WIU campus.

Inspired by successful projects like Cows on Parade in Chicago, WIU Art Professor **Bill Howard** conceived the idea for Rocky On Parade. On Oct. 3, at the annual WIU Alumni Association's Town and Gown Celebration, the 14 Rocky sculptures will be debuted. The bulldogs will be installed at the sponsors' location of choice following WIU Homecoming Oct. 12.

"This has been a wonderful experience watching Rocky on Parade develop into one of the largest public art projects in Macomb history," noted Howard. "The sponsors are excited about their Rockys and have been working closely with their artists to develop unique sculptures. All the artists are hard at work developing their designs; it's exciting to see them come to life. The scholarship money we have raised and the



Jan Clough and the WIU Foundation Rocky statue.

overwhelming response from the community is a great reflection of our town and University."

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. A commemorative plaque will be placed on each bulldog to acknowledge the sponsor and its artist.

Other artists and their sponsors include: **Mason Karr—John and Dana Biernbaum '99** and **Joe Roselieb '07 M.S. '09** and Col. Rock III; Kappa Pi—McDonough District Hospital; **Todd (TJ) Reedy '02**—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 '05**—Josh and **Mishelle Oaks '97** and **Ryan '96** and **Ann Ford**; **Charles Wright—Ken '46 MS-Ed '52** and **Lorraine Epperson '48 MS-Ed '52**, Century 21 Purdum-Epperson; **Amanda Bratz**—Purdum Gray Ingledue Beck, Inc.



Linsey Lundeen and the Sports Corner @ 124's Rocky statue.

Arts and Sciences

Alumnus trip enhances WIU Herbarium



Dave Jansen '76 is pictured during a graduate study trip to Belize.

By Jodi Pospeschil

A love of plant study at Western Illinois University has resulted not only in marriage but also a unique interest in the University's Herbarium collection.

Dave Jansen '76 and Dorothy Fisher '75 M.S. '79 now of Springfield, met in the 1970s

while both were graduate students at Western. They shared an interest in the study of plants.

Dorothy received her bachelor's degree in German from WIU and her master's degree in biology. Dave received his bachelor's degree in biology from WIU and worked on his master's degree in botany. He was also a teaching assistant in general biology.

Dave is now the manager of the Bureau of Land, Central Region, Field Operations, for the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. He has worked for the agency for 34 years, starting as a field inspector.

After the couple's three children were raised, Dorothy worked in a variety of science-related positions. She worked in the laboratories of the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, tutored microbiology students and was a tutor with the Americorps Project.

But it was her 2009 enrollment in a Lincoln Land Community College class in tropical studies that brought

her back to the scientific roots she and Dave planted at Western.

While Dave was pursuing his master's degree at WIU in 1977, he traveled to Belize, Central America, for a plant specimen collection trip. The

wide variety of plants he returned to the United States with is housed in the WIU Herbarium, which is located in Waggoner Hall.

WIU Professor Eric Ribbens, the curator of the Herbarium, said Dave's portion of the WIU collection

contains about 90 specimens. The WIU collection is the sixth largest in the state, with about 90,000 specimens. While Dorothy was conducting research for her class, which coincidentally included a field study trip to Belize, she became interested in Dave's plant collection and decided to come to WIU in Spring 2013 to see it.

"I wanted to see what condition the specimens were in and how many there were," Dorothy said. "The collection is a lot larger than I thought. Dr. Ribbens has done a great job of bringing things up-to-date so it is easier to pick things out of the cabinets."

Since Dorothy's Belize trip, she has been working with David Cox M.S. '98 and Lincoln Land Community College to help with the program's plant studies. The Lincoln Land class is taught by Cox.

"The field class was designed for students to see the spectrum of tropical terrestrial and coastal habitats of Belize in a week's time," she said. "We visited the jungle, a baboon sanctuary, a butterfly sanctuary, snorkeled off the coast, visited Myan ruins and lived in huts."

Dorothy said there is a possibility that she will join other research trips as a co-instructor or that she could lead her own group.

"The community college's Belize program was established in 2007, and since then, 35 educators, 20 colleges and hundreds of students have participated," she said. "The program has included six years of continuous research about stream ecology, five years of orchid conservation and related programs being established at three other schools."

R. Maurice Myers, the retired chair of the botany department, started the R.M. Myers Herbarium at WIU in 1945. Specimens in the collection date back to the 1860s and work is underway to place the WIU collection online in a "virtual herbarium."

For more information on the Herbarium, visit wiu.edu/users/mfer1/MWI.html. For more information on future plant collection trips to Belize, Dorothy can be reached at djansen0071@gmail.com.



The WIU Herbarium offers thousands of specimens available for study.

WIU's science station

A group of veterans and their guests were treated to a weekend of getting back to nature in late July thanks to the faculty and staff at the Alice L. Kibbe Life Science Station on the Mississippi River in Hancock County.

On July 27-28, the group of 25 veterans and guests visited WIU's science station as part of a program designed in partnership with the Wounded Warrior Project and the Warsaw Lion's Club.

The warriors and their guests were taken out on the Mississippi River to see the wide variety of fish species that live there. They were also given opportunities to net fish and pull in turtle traps used by Kibbe faculty and staff.

Those who attended then spent the night in the Kibbe dormitories after an evening campfire. On July 28, the guests took part in a nature hike, with a chance to learn more about identification of different species of plants and trees. The Warsaw Lion's Club provided meals for the group throughout the weekend.

Kibbe Station Manager James Lamer '01 M.S. '06 said the event was enhanced by great weather.

"We discussed river ecology, fish identification and aquatic turtle identification in detail, letting the warriors handle the fish and turtles before returning them to the water unharmed," Lamer said. "On Saturday, Sean Jenkins, Kibbe station director, took the warriors on a nature hike, discussing native prairie plants and trees, ending the hike by showing them how to core a tree and to determine its age and growth history. We were honored to host these fine men and women and proud to have the opportunity to show our appreciation for their service and sacrifice."

Kibbe is located on 222 acres of land owned by Western Illinois University. It is joined by 1,260 acres owned by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. For more information on the site, visit wiu.edu/kibbe.



Kibbe Station Director Sean Jenkins demonstrates the handicapped accessible ramp.



Kibbe's large boat can carry up to 25 people.

“We visited the jungle, a baboon sanctuary, a butterfly sanctuary, snorkeled off the coast, visited Myan ruins and lived in huts.”

- DOROTHY FISHER '75 M.S. '79

Arts and Sciences

Susan Romano named Society of American Foresters Fellow

Susan Romano M.S. '90, an associate professor of biology at Western Illinois University, was recently named a Society of American Foresters (SAF) Fellow.

The recognition comes from Romano's peers "for outstanding service to the society and to the profession."

The SAF is an organization which helps provide information and opportunities for networking for natural resources professionals.

"It is an honor that few receive and one that you deserve entirely," according to society President Joann Meyer Cox.

Romano said she has transitioned the work and research she has completed into her classroom lessons.

"My sustained, lifelong participation in the forestry profession and in the advancement of forestry, has provided many valuable experiences with those who have a deep appreciation of the forest at many levels," she said. "It has been my pleasure to work with forest landowners, loggers, agencies, students and academics as part of a community of caretakers of our forests, continuing and promoting a legacy of sound stewardship for this valuable resource. Teaching has given me the honor and opportunity to mentor students and help them to also find satisfying careers in conservation."

Romano received her bachelor's degree and Ph.D. from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and her master's degree from Western. Her research interests include forest ecology and management.

For more information about the Society of American Foresters, visit eforester.org.



Susan Romano M.S. '90

WIU alumnus becomes president and CEO of Ohio zoo and aquarium

Western Illinois University alumnus **Tom Stalf '92** is using his biology degree in a unique way after being promoted to the president and CEO of the Columbus (Oh) Zoo and Aquarium in February.

Stalf, who also minored in geology at Western, was previously the director of the Niabi Zoo in Coal Valley (IL). His wife, **Colleen Stalf M.S. '11**, completed her master's thesis on elephants with Biology Professor **Jeannette Thomas '79** at the Niabi Zoo. Colleen was previously the head trainer at the Niabi Zoo.

Tom began at Niabi in 1995, and in 2010, became the senior vice president of operations at the Columbus Zoo. He was promoted to chief operations officer in 2011 before being named interim CEO in 2012.

Stalf is also president and CEO of the zoo and aquarium's other properties, Zoombezi Bay, Safari Golf Club and the Wilds conservation center.

"During his time as interim CEO, Tom demonstrated strong leadership and advanced the organizational goals and mission," said Columbus Zoo Board Chair Phil Pikelny. "He is directing the progress of Safari Africa, the largest project in the Zoo's history, which opens in 2014, and is coordinating this summer's arrival of 25 animatronic dinosaurs to engage people of all ages in the prehistoric past and lessons for our planet's future. Tom has the experience and credentials as a successful zoo director, he embodies passion and vision."

Stalf began his zoo-related career as a zookeeper, where he worked on animal care and exhibit design, and then advanced into zoo management.

"My life has been dedicated to inspiring people to care about wildlife and wild places, but I know I can't do it by myself," Stalf said. "I walk through the zoo and talk with our animal care experts, educators, conservationists, guest services representatives and others who I encounter."

Zoo officials said Stalf uses his "gift of storytelling and his love of education to help inspire people to join the zoo's mission to protect animals globally and locally."

In addition to his zoo work, Stalf spent more than 15

years traveling with Jack Hanna for educational programs, zoo promotions and national television appearances. He also speaks on behalf of state and federal legislation that impacts wildlife.

Throughout his career, Stalf has placed a high priority on the welfare and conservation of animals, traveling to countries where the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium supports programming to help with wildlife protection. Those programs include one to save mountain gorillas in

Rwanda, Africa.

"Since coming to the Columbus Zoo, and while I served as interim CEO, I utilized the time to engage staff members and members of the community, and I heard how passionate they are about our zoo," Stalf said. "I share that passion and am enthused to have this tremendous responsibility and feel privileged to do what I love each and every day."

Stalf is a professional member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), has served as an AZA accreditation mentor and is currently a member of the Government Affairs Committee.

When Stalf began his time at the Niabi Zoo, he was the youngest zoo director in

America.

The Columbus Zoo and Aquarium is home to more than 10,000 animals, which represent more than 575 species from around the world. The zoo's complex includes a 22-acre water park, an 18-hole golf club and a 10,000-acre conservation center and safari park.

For more information about the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, visit columbuszoo.org.

"I received a great education at WIU and it truly prepared me for the work I do every day educating people on the conservation of animals," said Stalf. "It's been such a pleasure to host WIU alumni and friends at both the Niabi Zoo and now, most recently, at the Columbus Zoo. I'm happy to have had the chance to meet them and learn of their passion for the zoos in their area, and of course about WIU!"



Tom Stalf '92 with one of the Columbus Zoo's Black-footed penguins.

Save the Date

The seventh annual Western Illinois University College of Arts and Sciences Scholarship Fundraising Dinner will be held Saturday, Nov. 16.

The dinner event, which recognizes college scholarship recipients and the 2013 distinguished alumni award recipient, runs from 6-9 p.m. in the University Union Grand Ballroom. The evening will include a social hour and dinner, followed by a program.

Event tickets are \$70, with \$30 of the cost donated to the WIU scholarship of your choice. RSVP by Nov. 1 to Bryce Dexter, director of development for the College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Office, (309) 298-1828 or e-mail bm-dexter2@wiu.edu.





Intercollegiate Athletics

Marshall repeats as NCAA Division I leader in stolen bases



Sammy Marshall

Western Illinois softball standout **Sammy Marshall** was named the NCAA Division I leader in stolen bases for the second straight year.

"We are very excited for Sammy to earn the NCAA Stolen Base Champion title for the second year in a row," said head coach **Holly Van Vlymen '00 MS-Ed '08**. "She worked very hard to come back this season after breaking her ankle last April.

This award would not

be possible if weren't for her teammates, Coach **Drew Kramer** (our strength and conditioning coach) and **Erica Post** (our athletic trainer) pushing her to be the best she could be. Sammy is a competitive, passionate and determined athlete, and we are proud to have her as a part of this Leatherneck softball family."

Marshall averaged 0.94 stolen bases per game (31-of-33) in 33 games played. She was caught stealing for the first two times in her career last season. The Naperville (IL) native also ranked among the nation's Top 20 in five statistical categories. Marshall ranked third in triples per game (0.15), fourth in batting average (.465), 14th in on-base percentage (.534) and 18th in triples (5).

Besides being named to the Midwest's 2013 NFCA (National Fastpitch Coaches Association) Division I All-Region Second Team, the Summit League's head coaches voted Marshall Player of the Year after she led the conference in batting average and on-base percentage. She was named Player of the Week on two occasions and earned First Team All-League recognition for the second consecutive year.

"It's very self-rewarding; my hard work was not unnoticed. A lot of it was getting on and moving over to score runs for my team," said Marshall. "Whatever I can do to help them win the game, taking as many bases as I can, stealing as many bases as I can, it's great to know my hard work is being noticed and going toward something."

In the regular season finale against nationally-ranked Missouri, Marshall moved into a tie for the Western Illinois career stolen bases record (76).

Marshall has also received academic recognition following her 2013 season. She was named to the Capital One Academic All-District Second Team and to the Summit League Academic All-League Team.

"It's great to know my hard work is being noticed and going toward something."

- SAMMY MARSHALL

WIU announces Tommy Bell as new athletics director

By *WIU Athletics*

Tommy Bell has been hired as Western Illinois University Director of Athletics. **Gary Biller**, vice president of Student Services, made the announcement July 15.

Bell officially began his new duties with the Leathernecks Aug. 12. He is the sixth Athletics Director for the Leathernecks since 1926.

"[My wife] Laurie and I look so forward to being a part of this great institution; we are very excited and are deeply honored to be chosen to have this opportunity," Bell said at his introductory press conference. "Most importantly, my administration is going to focus on Western Illinois' four values that they stress here at the institution: academic excellence, educational opportunity, social responsibility and personal growth."

Bell served as director of athletics at Fort Wayne (IPFW) the past six years, and the Mastodons are coming off the most successful year in department history. Bell saw three of his programs advance to the NCAA postseason in 2012-13: volleyball, softball and women's tennis.

"[I'm] not going to come in here and reinvent the wheel; we're just going to get the wheel rolling and we want everyone pushing to get the wheel rolling and look for creative ways for people to be involved, excited and everyone pulling in the same direction," Bell added. "We will develop signature sports programs that will mirror the signature University programs on the academic side that are already in place."

Three players were named Summit League Player of the Year, and the Mastodons received the women's soccer Coach of the Year award. Fifteen of the 16 programs participated in the Summit League Tournaments. The Mastodons continued their impressive academic success; for the 10th straight year, the departmental grade point average finished at 3.0 or better.

Overall during his six years in Fort Wayne, Bell led a department that witnessed six NCAA Tournament berths, five regular-season Summit League Championships, 186 Summit League Players of the Week, 152 All-Summit League Selections, 13 Players of the Year, six Coaches of the Year and three Academic All-Americans.

Known for his marketing and fund raising abilities, Bell and the IPFW athletics department expanded their brand by entering into a marketing agreement with Nelligan Sports Marketing. Bell secured funding to endow scholarships for the men's volleyball program, which finished as the NCAA Division I national runner-up in 2007. He also established the Mastodon Athletic Scholarship Fund, which raises money for scholarship dollars for student-athletes.

The 2012-13 academic year also marked the best fundraising year in department history. A new academic center for Mastodon student-athletes is in the process of being completed. Other recent and future facility enhancements include: a new video scoreboard in the Gates Sports Center, a new playing surface on the tennis

complex, locker room renovations for the basketball and volleyball programs and a new scoreboard at the soccer stadium.

"Tommy brings many years of experience to Western," said President **Jack Thomas**. "His success in fundraising and leadership will further enhance Western Illinois University's athletics programs. Tommy will put administrative measures in place to help Western win championships in multiple sports. He will also continue to make certain that intercollegiate athletics upholds the academic standards and integrity of our student-athletes."

Bell previously served as the chair of the Summit League Tennis committee and currently as the chair of the League's Baseball committee. He is also currently serving a four-year term on the NCAA Amateurism Committee.

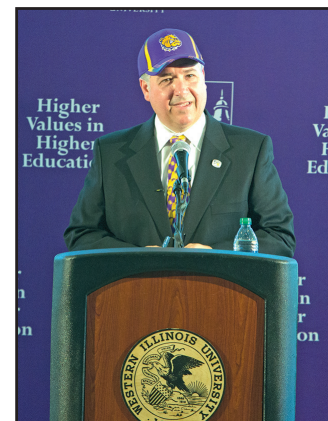
"We wanted someone with Division I experience, someone who knew our conferences and the nuances within those conferences; we wanted someone who was a good budget manager, someone who could work with coaches from 20 different sports; and we wanted someone who could help us raise money," Biller said regarding Bell at the introductory press conference.

Prior to his arrival in Fort Wayne, Bell spent six years as the constituent development office for the Southern Illinois Athletics Department. He oversaw all fundraising efforts for the Salukis, including the creation of the Saluki Athletic Scholarship Fund in Fall 2002 and increased that fund by 500 percent during his tenure. Bell led the capital campaign efforts for the Saluki Way master facility plan.

He worked from 1990-99 in the Athletic Development office at Northern Illinois. He also served as head athletic trainer at Radford

University in Virginia from 1980-1984 and then served full-time as athletic trainer for the Philadelphia Phillies AAA affiliate Portland Beavers from 1984-87.

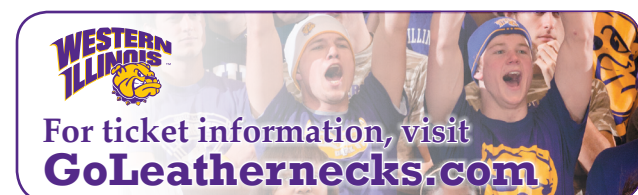
A 1979 graduate of Virginia Tech, Bell earned his master's degree from Radford in 1987. He and his wife Laurie have two children, Joey and Courtney, and one granddaughter.



Tommy Bell

"We will develop signature sports programs that will mirror the signature University programs on the academic side that are already in place."

- TOMMY BELL



Intercollegiate Athletics



Western Illinois University Leatherneck Hall of Fame

Four individuals and the back-to-back National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) national championship gymnastics teams from 1964 and 1965 will represent the 2013 Western Illinois University Athletics Hall of Fame class. The induction ceremony will take place Oct. 11, as part of the Homecoming/Hall of Fame weekend.

Those receiving the highest honor by Leatherneck Athletics are: **Fred Adair** (contributor), **Russ Michna '02 MBA '04** (football), **Kathy Orban '77** (administrator) and **Becky Tyo '03 M.S. '08** (women's basketball). The back-to-back NAIA national championship gymnastics teams from 1964 and 1965 will be inducted as well.

"It is my honor to announce the Hall of Fame Class of 2013. These individuals and teams each played a distinct part in our athletics history, and it is only fitting to pay tribute to those who have shown exceptional athletic ability and who have made positive contributions to the athletic programs at Western Illinois University," said **Lisa Melz-Jennings M.S '94**, assistant director of athletics and senior woman administrator.

Adair began work at the Western Illinois University Physical Plant (now Facilities Management) in 1979 and worked as a landscape maintenance grounds foreman until his retirement in 2011. During his 30-plus years, he worked on the fields at Hanson Field (football/track and field), Mary Ellen McKee Stadium (softball), John MacKenzie Alumni Field (soccer), Boyer Stadium (baseball), three football practice fields and one soccer practice field. Thousands of Leatherneck student-athletes benefitted from Adair's dedication and attention to detail. His reputation extended to St. Louis, as he supervised taking care of three NFL-quality football practice fields during the time that the St. Louis Rams traveled to Macomb for training camp.

Michna ended his career as a two-time Gateway Conference (now named the Missouri Valley) Offensive Player of the Year, one of the few players to win the award multiple times, let alone in consecutive years. During his four-year career, the Leathernecks made three NCAA Division I playoff appearances. In 2002 and 2003, Western won its opening playoff round game but eventually fell

in the quarterfinals. Michna twice earned First Team Academic All-Gateway Conference honors and was named Academic All-Conference three years (one of nine Leathernecks to ever receive the academic distinction three times). A First Team All-American in 2003, Michna still ranks in 13 season and career Top 10 listings.

Orban worked for 28 years in the WIU athletics department, ending her career as the associate athletics director for compliance and senior woman administrator. She joined the athletics department in August 1980 as the assistant field hockey coach, then was promoted in 1985 to assistant athletics director. Her responsibilities included public relations, promotions, the Westerwinds Athletic Club and home event management. When she was promoted to associate athletics director, she oversaw financial aid, student-athlete eligibility, athletic academic services, compliance, athletic training and strength and conditioning.

Tyo ended her standout basketball career as the sixth-leading all-time scorer in Western women's history, netting 1,367 points in her four years. No one in Western's history has made more free throws in a season (127) and career (380) or had a better free throw percentage in a game (1.000, 10-for-10) than Tyo. She was named to the 2000 Mid-Continent Conference (now named the Summit League) All-Newcomer team, and then the following year, she was voted to the Mid-Con Second Team. Following her senior year, she earned First Team honors. Tyo was also a three-time Academic All-Mid-Con selection.

Western won back-to-back NAIA national titles in gymnastics in 1964 and 1965, the first two national titles sponsored by the organization. Coached by **Robert Clow** (Hall of Fame Class of 1982), fifteen members representing the two teams will be inducted. They include: **Gerry Aldrich '67**, **Dave Donaldson '65**, **Bill Downing '67**, **Dennis Hallett (deceased)**, **Ray Ingersoll '66**, **Ray LaFrancis '67**, **Loren Michaels**, **Tom Muraoka '67**, **Gerald (Gerry) Peterson '68**, **Jack Peterson**, **Jerry Polacek '67**, **Mike Rogers '68**, **Howie Sokol '68 MS-Ed '71**, **Gene Swanson '66 MS-Ed '73 (deceased)**, and **Mac Weeks (deceased)**.

McCleary and Beale: women's basketball assistant coaches

Western Illinois head women's basketball coach **JD Gravina** announced the additions of **Kierra McCleary** and **Bailey Beale** as assistant coaches on July 2.

McCleary comes to Western Illinois after a one-year stint as an assistant coach at Lewis University in 2012-13, where she helped the Flyers to a 24-6 record and berth into the NCAA Tournament.

She assisted the Flyers to the best turnaround in Division II, after the Flyers went 8-20 in 2011-12 before McCleary's arrival.

A three-time team captain at North Alabama (UNA), McCleary capped off her four-year playing career with a 2010-11 Gulf South Conference Tournament Championship and the program's first NCAA Tournament appearance since 1994, as the team finished 21-7 and a perfect 12-0 conference mark.

Off the court, McCleary was the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee President at UNA, served as a Spread Your Wings participant and coordinated PinkZone efforts from 2007-11 to raise funds and awareness for breast cancer research.

She graduated with a degree in Business Administration from North Alabama in 2011.

"Kierra has won conference championships as a player and a coach. Her team at Lewis was successful on the court and in the classroom," Gravina said. "Her personality will be an asset in recruiting, and her basketball knowledge will allow her to understand and implement our basketball systems."

After serving as a graduate manager in 2012-13, Beale will serve as an assistant coach in 2013-14.

Her responsibilities last year included organizing team travel, video coordination, film exchange, recruiting visits and facility usage.

"Bailey really proved herself last year. She stepped up and took on more responsibility than most graduate managers," Gravina added. "From our conversations, it became apparent that she really understands the game of basketball. I'm excited to bring her on board full time."

Beale joined the Leatherneck women's basketball staff following a playing career at University of Illinois-Springfield (UIS). She captained the Prairie Stars as a junior and senior and holds the school record for three-pointers made in a season. The Independence (MO) native also earned Second Team All-Conference honors.

In 2012, Beale was one of 50 women's college basketball student-athletes selected to the Women's Basketball Coaches Association's "So You Want To Be A Coach" program, which provides professional development and career advancement through education, skills enhancement and networking.

Prior to attending UIS, Beale spent two years playing basketball at Cottey College where she was named First Team All-Region and was an Academic All-American.

Beale majored in mathematics at UIS and graduated in August 2012. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in sport management at Western.

Second annual Ladies Leatherneck event

The Second Annual Ladies' Leatherneck Football Academy raised more than \$1,500 for McDonough District Hospital and diabetes research. The July 25 event drew nearly 100 participants.

The evening kicked off with tailgating in Western Hall's East Arena, followed by a film session led by new Head Coach **Bob Nielson** and instruction on proper equipment fitting by Leatherneck coaches and staff. From there, the women went onto Hanson Field where they performed offensive and defensive position drills with help from Leatherneck student-athletes.

The night capped off with a live play scrimmage between the participants.



Participants receiving instruction from Leatherneck coaches and staff.



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Dear Alumni
& Friends,

I continue to be impressed by, and grateful for, the commitment you, our donors, demonstrate to Western Illinois University. Despite the state's difficult financial environment and ongoing economic challenges, many of you have come forward in support of Western students and programs.

Fiscal Year 2013 brought many fine accomplishments that would not have happened without your support—we broke ground for Phase II of the Quad Cities Riverfront Campus; saw our first-ever student to be named a Truman Scholar finalist; had three faculty members named Fulbright Scholars and cheered the men's basketball Leathernecks to become first-ever true Summit League regular season champions. We even hosted an alumni event in Korea!

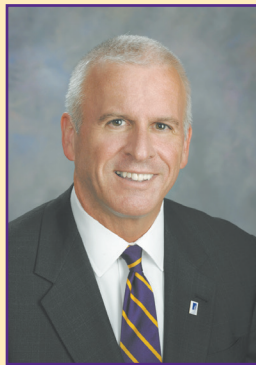
As we conclude our \$60 million campaign for Western Illinois University: Higher Values in Higher Education, I thank each and every one of you for every gift that has us presently at 95 percent of our goal. I am confident we will have exceeded our goal by the time the campaign ends Dec. 31, 2013.

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

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

Sincerely,

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



Major gift highlights 2013 Foundation year in review:

- **Seven-figure** planned gift and \$100,000 charitable gift annuity from **Mona Sawyer '55** of Stamford (CT) to benefit students in the College of Business & Technology
- **\$400,000** commitment from Sodexo to fund scholarships as a stakeholder in the Western community and to assist students entering their industry
- **\$219,000** from the Moline Foundation for scholarships at WIU-QC
- **\$149,000** from the estate of **Ralph & Gladys Anderson '34** to support teacher education in the College of Education & Human Services
- **\$115,000** from Archer Daniels Midland for the Supply Chain Management program in the College of Business & Technology
- **\$76,250** in scholarship support from the Caterpillar Foundation for the College of Business & Technology
- **\$75,000** commitment from **John '80 & Kim Distefano '81** for the Flip, Learn and Master iPad Project
- **\$58,400** from the estate of **Burdette Knappenberger** for scholarship support
- **\$50,000** commitment from longtime WIU Foundation Board member **Donald Dexter** to establish the Ruth Dexter Scholarship in Nursing
- **\$50,000** gift from **Olga "Kay" Kennedy '46** for Department of Kinesiology Scholarships
- **\$50,000** commitment from retired history Professor **Gordon Kirk** for history Honors students
- **\$50,000** from the **Lowell N. Johnson** Charitable Foundation for scholarships at WIU-Quad Cities
- **\$25,000** from **Troy '91 & Jennifer Eckman '90 M.A. '92** to establish the Noah Eckman Memorial Scholarship in honor of Denita Rouse for special education
- **\$25,000** gift from **George Grice '71** for the Grice Faculty Instructional Development Fund in the Department of Communication
- **\$25,000** addition to the Robin C. Frieden Memorial Scholarship from her daughter and son-in-law, **Andrea Frieden Gulley '96 & Joe Gulley II**
- **\$25,000** additional planned gift from Professors Emeriti and long-time friends of WIU **Maurice '48 MS-Ed '56 & Alice Kellogg '52 MS-Ed '69**
- **\$20,000** gift from **Paul & Sheila '78 Nollen** to increase the number and amount of awards given each year through the Paul Nollen Biology Honors Scholarship
- **\$20,000** from the Riverboat Development Authority
- **\$10,000** in scholarship support from the Illinois Soybean Association for the School of Agriculture

Scholarships—Helping students succeed

The Foundation Scholarship Program at Western Illinois University attracts talented and promising students to the University, rewards academic achievement and makes a Western education more affordable to qualified students; scholarships enable many students to complete their education and meet academic career goals. The Western Illinois University Foundation Scholarship Program awards hundreds of named scholarships to students each year thanks to the financial support of alumni, friends of WIU, businesses and corporations, faculty and staff and private individuals. Donors often choose to perpetuate a family member or family name by establishing either an annual or endowed scholarship through the WIU Foundation. Below are highlights of the support and generosity from donors in Fiscal Year 2013:

- The WIU Foundation distributed more than \$2.2 million in student scholarships this past year. Including institution-based aid and room scholarships, more than \$3.6 million was awarded to over 3,000 WIU students in fiscal year 2013.
- Scholarship awards represented more than 36 percent of the Foundation's total expenditures for the year.
- New contributions added an additional \$1,257,329 to the endowment for scholarships, assistantships, research and similar areas.
- Donors to the WIU Scholarship Program include alumni, parents and relatives of WIU alumni, students, current and retired faculty and staff members.

The following new scholarships were established through the WIU Foundation in Fiscal Year 2013. We thank the individuals, corporations and foundations whose generosity made these scholarships possible.

- Phillip Benne Scholarship
- BGS Alumni Scholarship
- Rachel Carter Scholarship
- Center for International Studies Scholarship
- Chicago Mercantile Exchange Transfer Scholarship
- College of Education & Human Services Transfer Scholarship
- Computer Science International Graduate Student Scholarship
- Ruth Dexter Nursing Scholarship
- Robert & Betty Druien Scholarship in Foreign Languages
- Noah Eckman Memorial Scholarship in honor of Denita Rouse
- Fallen Soldiers Scholarship
- Foreign Languages & Literatures Study Abroad Scholarship
- Rhonda Haffner Scholarship
- Kay Kennedy Kinesiology Scholarship
- Gordon Kirk Honors History Scholarship
- Sarah Knight Memorial Scholarship for Bilingual Education
- Carl B. Larson Scholarship in Archaeology
- Laura Lee McLaren Scholarship
- Ed Ohlin Scholarship
- Sodexo Dietetics, Fashion Merchandising & Hospitality Scholarship
- WQPT Broadcasting Scholarships

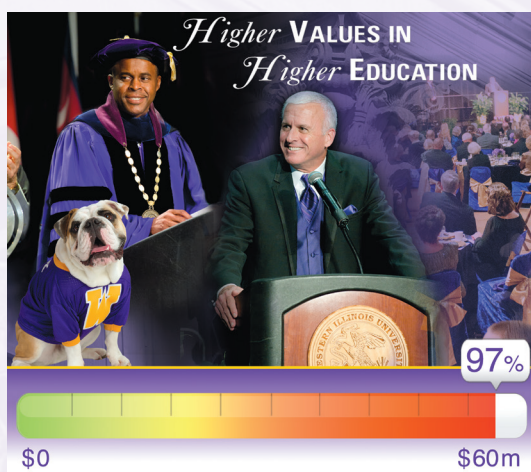


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Higher Values in Higher Education: The Campaign for Western Illinois University

As of Sept. 15, 2013, the WIU Foundation is 97 percent of the way to its \$60 million goal, having raised more than \$58 million. The Campaign, which began in 2006, will conclude Dec. 31, 2013. We are confident that, with your help, we will meet and surpass this goal.

Private contributions are a necessary part of WIU operations. Currently, the State of Illinois supplies slightly more than half of Western Illinois University's appropriated/general



See p.1 for an update on the Campaign.

revenue budget. In addition, 85 percent of new freshmen on campus receive financial aid.

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

WIU-Quad Cities *Foundation Year in Review*

Western Illinois University-Quad Cities experienced another strong and successful year. WIU-QC fundraising was enhanced by many significant institutional accomplishments.

WIU-Quad Cities experienced increased enrollment in 2012-13, highlighted by a record-high undergraduate enrollment of 799 students. New student enrollment increased by 12.9 percent, and online enrollment increased by 246 students, or 41.4 percent, over the previous academic year.

The Western Illinois University-Quad Cities Riverfront Campus completed its first full year of operations. The new campus—on the banks of the Mississippi River—was made possible by a gift of land and property from John Deere and Company. Phase I supports the College of Business and Technology, all other undergraduate programs, student services and administration.

An August 2012 Phase II groundbreaking (five interconnected buildings) lends to the 2014-15 opening of our newest facilities that will house Quad Cities programs in the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Education and Human Services, Fine Arts and Communication and other staff areas.

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

- WIU Presents: A monthly program showcasing fine and performing arts presentations at Western.
- The Cities: A local public affairs program moderated by a local anchorman. Notable guests during the past year included Vice President Joe Biden, Arun Ghandi, national bullying expert Jennifer Caudle and elected officials from both Illinois and Iowa.
- Out & About: A one- to two-minute production throughout the broadcast day highlighting station programs and events sponsored by non-profit groups in the area.
- Re-broadcasts of home Leatherneck basketball

games.

Cumulative Comprehensive Campaign and annual WQPT contributions total \$8.225 million in gifts, pledges and grants for WIU-QC. There are 38 donors in major gift categories and 101 in recognition categories for annual gifts, up from a total of two just four years ago. FY13 donors include:

- 3M Foundation
- **Derek Bloomfield '11**
- Thomas & Elaine Bridge
- Butler Insurance Services, Inc.
- CD Wiman Memorial Trust
- **Roger Clawson '77**
- Doris and Victor Day Foundation
- Dispatch Publishing Company
- Holabird & Root, LLC
- Illowa Construction, Labor & Management Council
- John Deere Classic
- Lowell N. Johnson Charitable Foundation
- LinguiSystems
- McCarthy-Bush Foundation
- Mel Foster Co.
- Melvin McKay Trust
- Mid American Energy Foundation
- Midland Information Resources
- Modern Woodmen of America
- The Moline Foundation
- Robert & Blenda Ontiveros
- Paragon Commercial Interiors
- Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 25
- Quad Cities Chapter NECA
- Quad City Bank & Trust
- Raufeisen Development
- Royal Neighbors of America
- Sedona Technologies
- Scott County Regional Authority
- The Geneseo Foundation
- Whitey's Ice Cream Manufacturers
- Robert D. Wismer

WIU-Quad Cities has 21 scholarship awards and distributed \$65,000 to 70 individuals during the past year. Generous community donors have contributed more than \$500,000 for scholarships since 2008.

WIU-Quad Cities hosted their first minority student

*Dear Alumni &
Friends of Western,*



In starting my second year as president of the WIU Foundation Board of Directors, I'm excited to continue to strive to meet the goal of the Foundation, to enhance the lives of our students at Western Illinois University. To do this, we need the continued support and generosity of our many alumni and special donors. Your donations will help us reach our campaign goal of \$60 million, which supports student scholarships, faculty development and capital improvements.

Because I am from the Quad Cities, I hope you have a chance to see the new WIU Riverfront Campus in Moline, IL. It is a great addition to our programming in the Quad Cities.

On behalf of the Western Illinois University Foundation Board of Directors, we thank all the individuals and businesses for their vision and continued support and commitment to Western Illinois University.

Think Purple...Think Success...Think Western Illinois University!

Sincerely,

Jim Lodico '62 MS-Ed '75
President, WIU Foundation Board

scholarship fundraiser in April in partnership with 100 Black Men of the Quad Cities, Davenport League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), Greater Quad Cities Area Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Rock Island (IL) and Davenport (IA) chapters of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and VIVA Quad Cities. The Moline Foundation provided a generous matching gift for funds raised. All funds raised match scholarships awarded by these organizations to students at WIU-Quad Cities.

"The number and diversity of all the private and public investors for WIU-Quad Cities and those who have helped with the progress of the Riverfront Campus reinforces the entire community's commitment to the betterment of both the regional economy and educational landscape of the entire Quad Cities region," said WIU President **Jack Thomas**. "With their generosity, our dreams have become reality. We have advanced student scholarships, information and technologies, facilities and the public service mission of WQPT."

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



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Foundation Year in Review



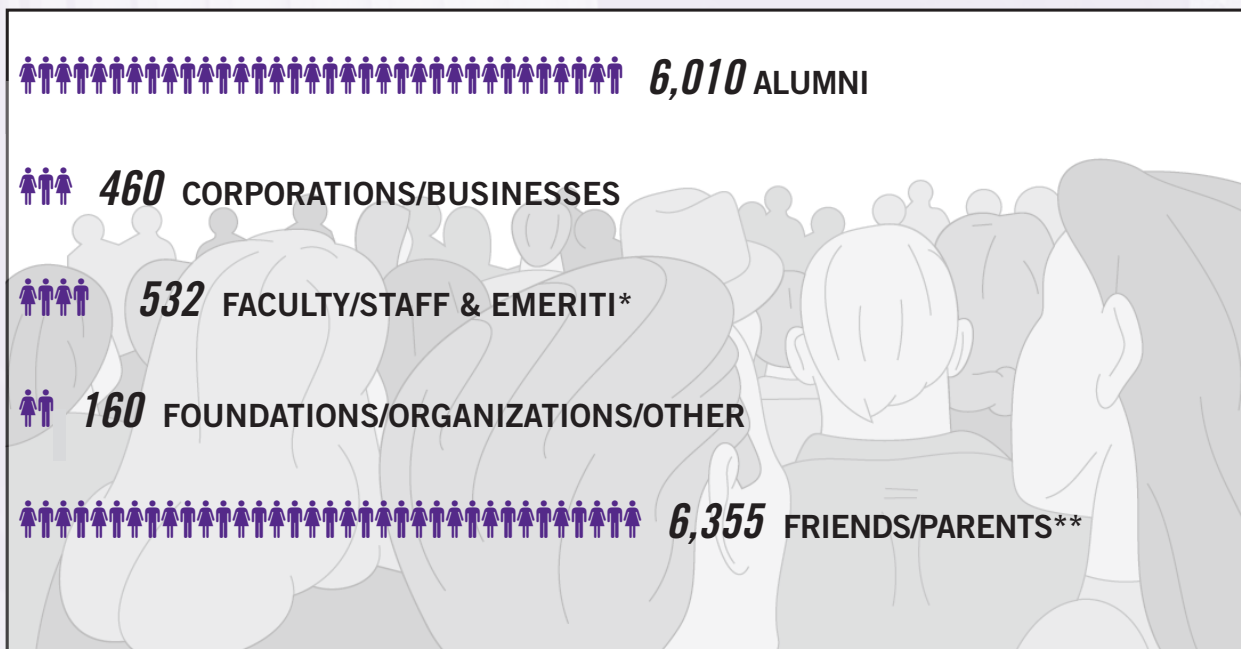
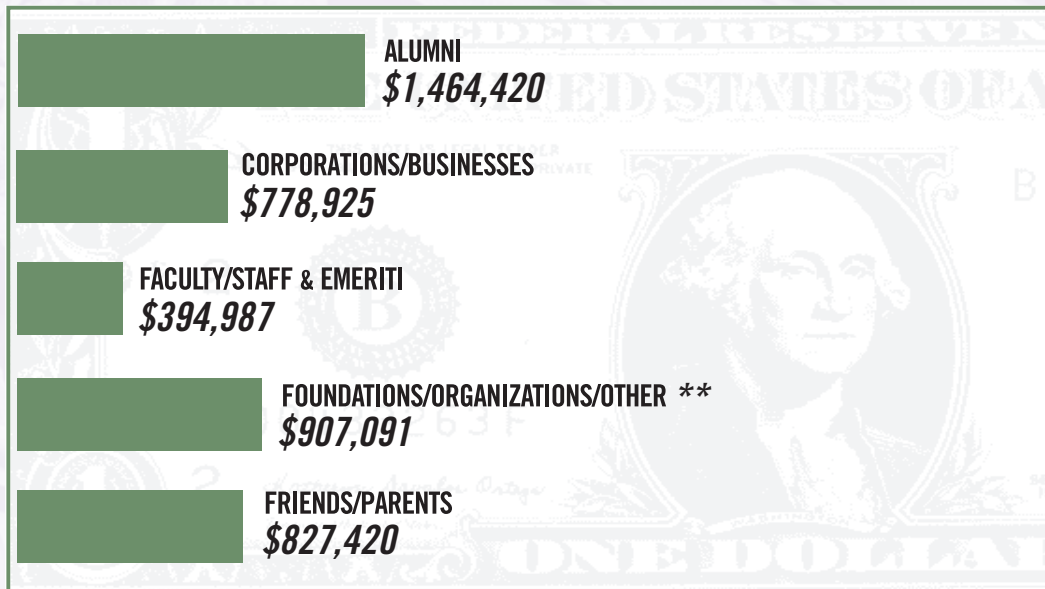
On behalf of the entire Western Illinois University community, the WIU Foundation thanks all of the generous individuals who made contributions to the University this past year. The following report highlights financial information, programs and services, and contributions to the Western Illinois University Foundation covering the period of July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013.

- Private support received through the WIU Foundation, including cash gifts, gifts-in-kind, pledges and testamentary/deferred gift commitments totaled \$7,951,673.
- The WIU Foundation processed 27,051 gifts from 13,517 alumni, friends, parents, faculty and staff members, corporations and business, foundations and other organizations.
- The average alumni contribution for all purposes was \$243.66.
- WIU Foundation expenditures in support of the University for all purposes totaled \$6,162,604.
- Contributions to the endowment added \$1,257,329 to the WIU Foundation's permanent asset base.

TOTAL DOLLARS CONTRIBUTED BY CATEGORY—FY13*

* Income only; outstanding pledges not included. Includes \$161,081 of gift-in-kind income.

** Does not include \$1,080,559 in outside scholarship donations for student support.



NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTORS BY CATEGORY—FY13*

* Does not include 533 employees who are included in the alumni count.

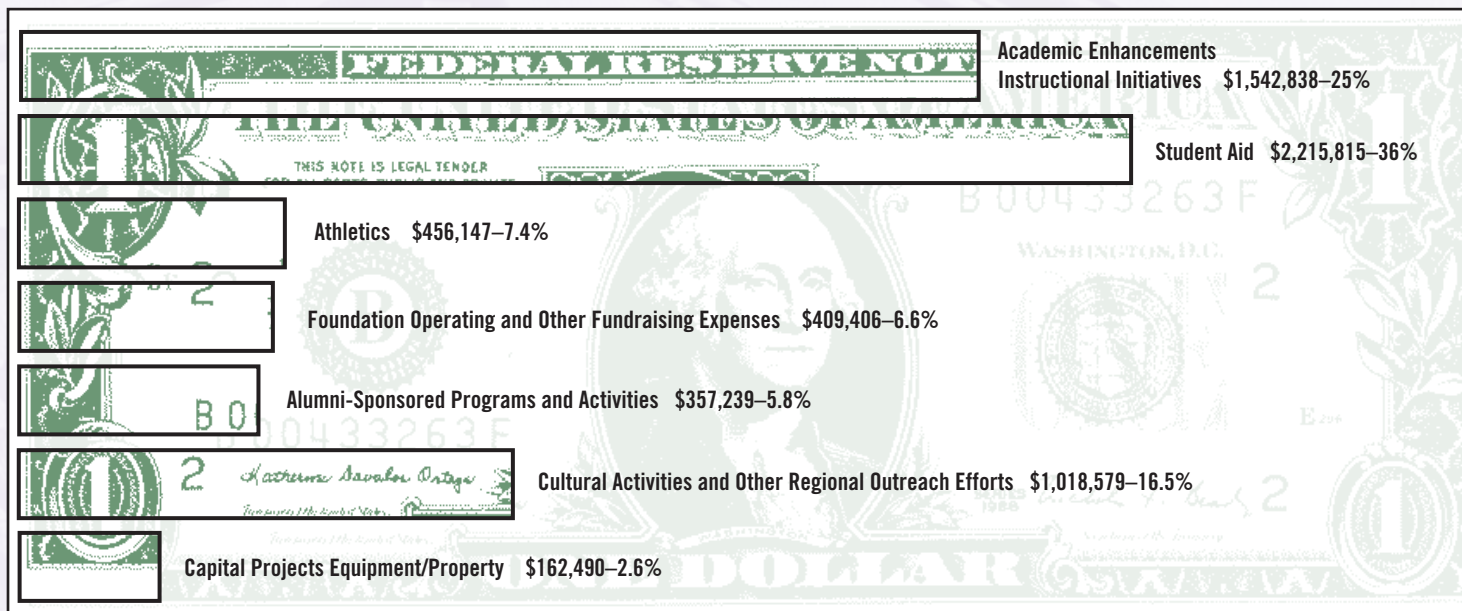
** Does not include 411 parents included in alumni count.



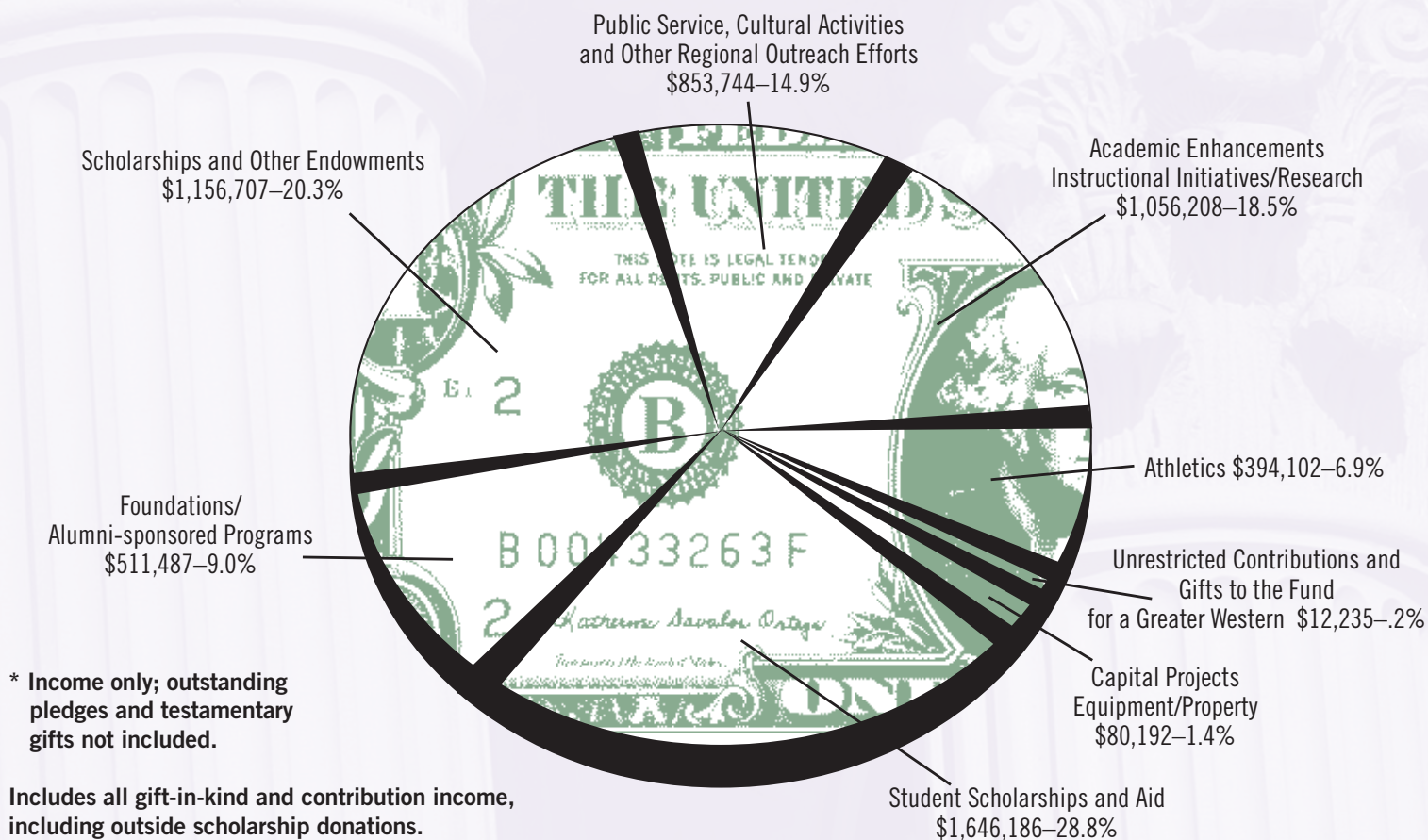
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EXPENDITURES BY PURPOSE—FY13



CONTRIBUTIONS BY PURPOSE—FY13*



Career Development Center serves alumni and students

As WIU students are planning for graduation and job searching, many WIU alumni are also seeking further job opportunities and career changes. The WIU Career Development Center serves alumni and students with career planning and preparation. Services include resume and cover letter building/critiques, job searching strategies, mock interviewing, utilizing social media for professional networking, and transitioning to the workforce.

To spread the word on campus about the benefits of using the center, "Captain Career Services" was created by Assistant Director Renee Sprock. According to Sprock, Captain Career Services' 'mission' is to empower students and alumni to take charge of their careers and utilize the career services office in order to reach their career goals. The captain has attended the Student Activities Fair,

has ridden Go West public transit system and walked around campus to pass out information about career fairs and career-related information. Captain Career Services is also available for classroom/student organizations presentations by request (career-related topics).

The center also hosts three career fairs every year, which brings in more than 60 companies that are hiring for jobs and internships. All alumni and students are welcome to attend (the Fall Career Fair is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct 1).

"We would appreciate working with any alumni member who would like to further develop their company's recruiting efforts on campus," Sprock added.

For more information about the Career Development Center, call (309) 298-1838 or email careers@wiu.edu.

Fallen Soldiers Run/Walk Nov. 2

In November 2012, more than 300 runners and walkers came out in force to raise nearly \$10,000 by participating in Western Illinois University's inaugural Fallen Soldiers 5k Run/Walk, and event organizers expect the Nov. 2, 2013 event to match—or better yet, exceed—last year's success.

The event is designed as a fundraiser for the Fallen Soldier's

Scholarship Fund in honor of two WIU alumni who were killed in the line of duty, Capt. **Derek Dobogai '03** and Lt. Col. **Robert Baldwin '07**. Dobogai, who graduated from Western in 2003

with a bachelor's degree in law enforcement and justice administration, was among the 14 U.S. soldiers aboard a Black Hawk helicopter that crashed Aug. 22, 2007 in northern Iraq. Baldwin, who earned a bachelor's degree in industrial technology from WIU in 1993, was killed Sept. 21, 2010 when his Blackhawk UH-60 helicopter carrying international troops crashed during combat operations in the Zabul province of Afghanistan.

Money raised from the 5k Run/Walk is directed toward the WIU Fallen Soldiers Scholarship Fund, which supports veterans and service members currently enrolled at Western. Additional donations are welcome. The entry fee is \$25 per person, and pre-registration is due by Friday, Oct. 25. On the day of the race, the entry fee is \$30. The registration form can be found at <https://www.wiu.com/alumni>.

For more information, contact Holly Fecht at (309) 298-1861, or email HC-Fecht@wiu.edu.



Captain Dobogai's mother, Lisa, fires the cannon to start the 2012 race.



Van Vleet joins Alumni Programs

Carrie Van Vleet '03 has joined the staff of Western Illinois University's Alumni Programs as the new assistant director, effective Aug. 26, according to Alumni Programs Director **Amy Spelman M.S. '98**.

Van Vleet most recently worked as an office support specialist in the WIU Department of Management and Marketing. She also previously had been a legal assistant with the law office of March, McMillan, DeJoode & Duvall, P.C. in Macomb and served as recreation supervisor at Godfrey Parks and Recreation in Godfrey (IL).

"We're pleased that Carrie has joined our staff," said Spelman. "She is well-known throughout the Macomb community, has a great deal of experience and has been involved in the Alumni Association, as well as her alma mater, for many years."

"I've been involved with WIU for most of my life and look forward to helping foster lifelong relationships between the University, alumni and students."

- **CARRIE VAN VLEET '03**

As assistant director of alumni programs at Western, Van Vleet will coordinate, develop and plan various alumni-related events and activities, including reunions and other special programs throughout the year. In addition, she will assist in advising the Student Alumni Leadership Council and the coordination of social media efforts, along with assisting with marketing efforts for the nearly 120,000-member Alumni Association.

"I am extremely excited about joining the Alumni Programs staff here at my alma mater," said Van Vleet. "I've been involved with WIU for most of my life and look forward to helping foster lifelong relationships between the University, alumni and students."

Van Vleet has a masters degree in public administration from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.



Carrie Van Vleet '03

WIU announces seven new members to Alumni Council

Seven new members will serve the Western Illinois University Alumni Council for the 2013-14 year.

Comprised of 25 alumni appointed to three-year terms and the president of the Student Alumni Association, the Alumni Council represents the interests of Western's nearly 120,000 alumni.

Eldon Brown '96, the west and southwest regional delivery manager at Fruition Partners in San Jose (CA), graduated from WIU with a bachelor's degree in law enforcement and justice administration.

Amber Duncan '00, a compensation consulting manager at CBIZ, Inc. in St. Louis (MO), graduated from WIU with a bachelor's degree in communication. She received her Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Missouri in 2002.

Kort McCulley '04 '06, the president of McCulley Financial Group in Westchester (IL), graduated from WIU with a bachelor's degree (double major) in finance and economics and a Master of Business Administration degree with an emphasis in finance and international business.

Joe Roselieb '07 '09, the director of Residential Facilities at Western Illinois University, graduated from WIU with a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies and a master's degree in recreation, park and tourism administration.

Tye Taylor '79, a marketing manager at Charter Communications in St. Louis (MO), graduated from WIU with a bachelor's degree in mass communication. He has a Graduate Certificate in telecommunications management and completed hours in the Master of Business Administration degree program at the University of Dallas.

Tom Tomaszewski '70 '72, a senior account manager at Homewood Disposal in Homewood (IL), graduated from WIU with a bachelor's degree in political science and a Master of Business Administration degree.

Shane Van Vleet '02, owner of Advanced Dentistry of Western Illinois, P.C. in Macomb (IL), graduated from WIU with a bachelor's degree in biology. He received his DMD from the Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine in 2007.

Members serve as liaisons to various University areas and on advisory boards. The council assists in the recruitment of students, selects Alumni Award recipients and was instrumental in establishing the Student Alumni Association and the new stone wall in front of the Alumni House. The council meets on a quarterly basis.

Jeff McElroy '97, an attorney in Yorkville (IL), serves as president.



Eldon Brown '96



Amber Duncan '00



Kort McCulley '04 '06



Tye Taylor '79



Joe Roselieb '07 '09



Shane Van Vleet '02



Tom Tomaszewski '70 '72

New dean of libraries

By Teresa Koltzenburg '92 M.S. '11

For **Michael Lorenzen**, moving back to the Midwest brought a welcome change to his family of four. The new Western Illinois University Libraries' dean, who is originally from Ohio, left his post as associate dean for public services at Western Washington University and took the helm of Western's libraries, effective July 15.



Michael Lorenzen

"The west coast is beautiful, but it's expensive, and it's not home. I very much prefer being here, closer to family. I like the cornfields and the flat earth. I guess it makes me feel reassured," he noted with a smile.

As head of University Libraries, Lorenzen will spend the next few months getting to know the faculty and staff of WIU's library system, which includes the main building—the Leslie F. Malpass Library, as well as the curriculum, music, physical sciences and WIU-Quad Cities branches.

"Over the next couple of months, I plan to talk to everyone who works in the libraries, and I'm also talking a lot with campus constituents—with faculty, department chairs and deans—to hear what people want from the libraries. I don't foresee any radical changes. We're going to keep our basic core mission, and we're going to look for new ways to cooperate with other libraries, within our consortia and around the country, so we can share resources. I would like to do more with the local public library, too."

For Lorenzen, there's no better place to work than in an academic library, which is where he was inspired to become a librarian.

"I'm first-generation college in my family, and as an undergraduate student, I worked at the library of Bowling Green State University. I really gained an appreciation for libraries there," he explained. "My parents were supportive of me going to college, but they had no idea what it was like. Back then, having librarians on a daily basis to advise me, I think that got me through college. At that point, even though my undergraduate major was in philosophy, I decided I was going to go to library school and get a graduate degree in library science."

In addition to working in libraries his entire career, Lorenzen has spent a good deal of his professional life working on his scholarship. He has authored approximately 30 publications, much of it covering information literacy and topics pertinent to library administration. In 2008, he was honored with the Michigan Library Association's Information Literacy Award.

Lorenzen earned an Ed.D. from Central Michigan University and an educational specialist degree from Michigan State University. He obtained a master's of education (higher education) from Ohio University; a master's of library science from Kent State University and a bachelor's degree from Bowling Green State University. He resides in Macomb with his wife and two sons.

Malpass Mini-Golf set for Nov. 2

University Libraries will host the Second Annual Malpass Mini-Golf on Saturday, Nov. 2 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. in the Leslie F. Malpass Library.

"We received so many positive comments after last year's event," said **Michael Jones M.S. '12**, director of development for University Libraries. "We are excited about this year's event and have modified the course, along with adding a few fun wrinkles. This is a fun group activity for people of all ages. We are thrilled to host an event that students, alumni and families from the community can attend, while raising funds for the University Libraries."

Proceeds will benefit the Library Atrium Society, which aids in the expansion of educational resources for students, faculty, staff and the general public. Last year's event raised nearly \$2,500, which was used to purchase 10 iPads for the Curriculum Library.

"My daughter and I had a great time playing last year. We cannot wait for this year's event," said **Jason Kubis '08**.

Angeline Sullivan, a music performance major at WIU, who is employed as a student worker in the Music Library, worked the Tune Town hole last year.

"It was great to see other students have so much fun while sharing information about the Music Library," "I had a blast and cannot wait until Nov. 2," she said.

"The mixture of students, adults and parents with children who came really made it a fun community event. It was also a great opportunity for the library to highlight many of the collections and services it has to offer," said **Chuck Malone**, government and information services librarian.

The Leslie F. Malpass Library will be transformed into a giant miniature golf course, featuring themed-holes throughout the building's six floors.

"Thanks to the generous support of our sponsors, we are able to give out more prizes, supply snacks and provide entertainment to those waiting their turn," Jones added.

A complete list of sponsors, ticket information and photos from last year's event can be found at wiu.edu/libraries/events/mini-golf/2013.php.

Those interested in sponsoring a hole can contact Jones at (309) 298-2356 or via e-mail at M-Jones2@wiu.edu.



Last year's participants lining up a shot.

Atrium Society donors recognized

The Library Atrium Society recognized members who donated at the "Gardener Level" during the 2012-13 academic year at a ceremony held July 25 in the Leslie F. Malpass Library.

According to University Libraries Development Director **Michael Jones**, the Library Atrium Society supports the acquisition of educational resources for use by Western students in every academic discipline. "Gardener" is the highest level of Atrium Society membership.

"Membership dollars help fund scholarships, sustain special collections, acquire new materials and equipment and underwrite special events," Jones explained. "These dollars are vital to create active spaces for learning, collaborating and researching. The generosity of these donors is humbling and it was an honor to recognize their support."

The honorees were **Tony Freeman** and family, **Ernie '73** and **Pam Codilis '77** and **Ruth Richert '73 MS-Ed '81** and her husband **Al**, who passed away last year. The event included the dedication of the plants, comments from Dean of University Libraries **Michael Lorenzen** and a brief presentation by Malpass Library Nursery Supervisor **Rebecca Fross '00**.

"I received a large collection of books on a variety of interesting and unique topics," said Freeman. "I wanted to see them put to good use, where others would have the opportunity to read and learn from them. I was happy to donate them to University Libraries where a majority of the books were placed in the collection."

Anyone interested in making a donation to University Libraries may contact Jones at (309) 298-2356 or via e-mail at M-Jones2@wiu.edu.



Tony and Kelly Freeman



Erin Fawcett has joined University Libraries Access Services Unit in July as a library assistant.

"I am excited to be a part of the team at University Libraries, and I am thankful for the opportunity," said Fawcett. Fawcett's smiling face can be found at the Access Services Desk in the evenings.

New department chairs and directors in the College of Business and Technology

The Western Illinois University College of Business and Technology (CBT) announced three new department chairs/directors in July.

WIU marketing Professor **Craig Conrad '89 MBA '91** was named the permanent chair of the management and marketing department, while **Dennis DeVolder '83 M.S. '89** has been named director of the School of Computer Science and Professor **Andy Baker** has been named interim director of the WIU School of Agriculture. The former School of Agriculture Director **William Bailey** will join the school's faculty full-time.

"Craig, Dennis and Andy have many years of



**Craig Conrad '89
MBA '91**

experience in their respective fields," said CBT Dean **Tom Erikson**. "Their background and knowledge will allow them to continue, and further enhance, the outstanding reputation of their department and schools."

Conrad, who has served as the interim chair since last summer, joined the WIU marketing faculty in 2001 as an assistant professor. Before coming to Western, Conrad worked at the University of Tennessee-Martin and at Wingate University. He received his bachelor's degree in chemistry in 1989 and his MBA in 1991, with both degrees coming from Western.

DeVolder joined the faculty in the School of Computer Science in 1996 as an assistant professor. He has served



**Dennis DeVolder '83
M.S. '89**

as the school's interim director since July 2011. DeVolder received his bachelor's degree in health sciences in 1983 from Western, followed by a master's degree in computer science from Western in 1989 and a doctorate degree from Florida State University.

Before coming to Western, Baker was an assistant professor at Murray State University and an adjunct assistant professor at the University of Missouri-Columbia. He came to Western in August 1999 as an assistant professor. Baker received his bachelor's, master's and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

For more information on the WIU CBT, visit wiu.edu/cbt.



Andy Baker

Flip, learn and master iPad project

By Julie Murphy '94 M.S. '95

The flipped classroom is a relatively new teaching model, where lectures become homework and traditional homework becomes classwork. Students access content, lectures and class readings, on a device such as an iPad as assigned material outside of class. The classroom is where the instructor spends his/her time on the most complex ideas and is there to help students understand the materials as they work on assignments and projects.

Mandeep Singh '86 MBA '87, professor of management and marketing, tried a flipped classroom during the Spring 2013 semester.

"The notion appealed to me as I realized that it would free up a substantial part of my class time to engage students in experiential learning based assignments," he said.

What started with 14 students will expand this fall to accommodate 100 students; one flipped classroom has evolved into a learning lab within the College of Business and Technology (CBT) for faculty/student collaboration with this new teaching innovation. A demonstration by Singh to the CBT Advisory Board in April resulted in incremental funding for a "project that provides the unique opportunity to impact both course content, as well as the approach to teaching which I believe can make a differential impact for hundreds (if not thousands) of students."

These are the words of CBT alumnus **John Distefano '80**, principal at Ernst & Young, LLP and one of Consulting Magazine's top 25 consultants for 2012. "I was very

fortunate that most WIU professors recognized and were very patient with my nontraditional way of learning," he continued. "This project has the opportunity to help deliver standardized content and structured learnings through a digital channel that can be customized and individualized by each student."



**John Distefano '80 and CBT Director of Development
Becky Paulsen.**

professors or peers and applying what they learn to new contexts. It transforms the classroom into a collaborative learning space. Learning is not limited to the lecture from the instructor, but rather from the many interactions between students and the instructor."

And this "ambitious aspiration" is exactly what appealed to Distefano, so much, that he and his wife, **Kim '81**, have committed \$75,000 to enable Singh to expand the number of courses and students taught through this method, and to create (with CBT Dean **Tom Erikson's** blessing) a lab devoted to creating new ways of teaching and learning. "In the spring, the whole concept was to conduct actual

"This method of teaching has a singular underlying imperative: Students cannot passively receive material in class," Singh explained. "Instead, they gather information largely outside of class, by reading, watching recorded lectures or listening to podcasts. And when they are in class, students do what is typically thought to be homework, solving problems with their

applications in class," said Singh. "We worked with local businesses to deliver a total promotional campaign. Every student participated in terms of input for each business; it was a very friendly environment. Effort was put into brainstorming and coming up with the best possible campaign for the client. It was beautiful and brilliant to watch because the group taught each other, using their own contacts. The classroom became a community of learners; it got away from the traditional classroom and became engaging and fun."

"Pretty exciting, right?," says Distefano. "You (Dr. Singh) should be proud of making a difference already. I am pleased to be associated with this impactful endeavor, and have particularly enjoyed the stimulating and enriching interaction."

"John is the ideal partner," said Singh, "and we are grateful to him for underwriting this project and allowing us to experiment. I've been teaching a long time, and it's rare to be given the opportunity to follow an idea. This one started out small, but just kept growing. Students are delighted at the academic value."

"It's great for Kim and me to see that supporting this project gives us the chance to impact young adults in a way that hopefully contributes to future success," said Distefano.

"In addition to the personal support we are providing," he continued, "I'm very grateful that Ernst & Young is also providing a strong financial contribution through our firm's matching gifts program."

Singh credits the Center for Innovation in Teaching and Research for the Summer iPad project and for furnishing the requisite background to

propose this project, and CBT Development Director Becky Paulsen for facilitating the process.

“It transforms the classroom into a collaborative learning space. Learning is not limited to the lecture from the instructor.”

- MANDEEP SINGH, PROFESSOR
OF MANAGEMENT

Sundberg elected to prestigious board

Western Illinois University alumnus **Lori Sundberg MBA '98**, president and CEO of Carl Sandburg College (CSC), has been elected to the board of directors for the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC).



Lori Sunderberg '98

Sundberg will serve a three-year term on the board, which governs AACC policies and helps guide direction for national advocacy for nearly 1,200 two-year colleges. Her election to the 32-member board was certified at a recent meeting in California.

"This will allow me and (CSC) to have a voice in the many policy issues that will be facing community colleges in the near future," she said.

Sundberg also serves as a member of AACC's 21st Century Initiative Implementation Team. The group expands the work of the 21st Century Commission of the Future of Community Colleges by focusing on aspects of the "Reclaiming the American Dream" report, which look at challenges and opportunities facing higher education.

Sundberg is CSC's sixth president and said her fondest memories of her time at Western were the relationships she developed with key faculty members as well as with other MBA students.

"My WIU education was wonderful," she said. "My master's degree is in business administration and the core components of that program I use almost every day. The program, at the time I completed it, consisted of marketing courses, accounting and finance, supply chain management and, of course, strategic management. Without question, I use elements of all of those disciplines in my job."

At WIU, Sundberg said her education was enhanced by studying with faculty members **John Drea, James Patterson and Paul Thistlewaite**.

"These faculty were some of the best professors I had in my entire academic career," she said.

Through her responsibilities at CSC, Sundberg said she does still return to the Western campus with regularity. She said CSC is "always looking for ways to extend the great partnership we already have in order to better serve our students."

"WIU is the preferred choice for many of our students who choose a public university," she said.

In her free time, Sundberg said she is an amateur equestrian in the discipline of dressage. She is also a certified yoga instructor and an avid reader.

WIU MBA students excel in national exam results

Students in Western Illinois University's master of business administration (MBA) degree program have shown strong scores and preparation levels on the field's national exam, particularly when compared to their peers.

For the 2012-13 testing period, WIU's MBA students collectively ranked in the top 20 percent of all MBA students taking the national exam. In 2012, the students ranked in the 67th percentile, and in 2013, they ranked in the 89th percentile.

"We were very pleased with the results from the national exam that our MBA students took," said MBA Committee Chair and WIU Finance Professor **Peppi Kenny**. "The MBA Committee feels that our college's ability to keep class sizes small allows the faculty to get to know the students better, offer more individual instruction and interaction and provide assistance in securing internships and permanent employment. It is rewarding to see the positive impact from the hard work that the MBA faculty have put in to improving the degree program over the last few years."

“The results indicate that our students are among the best in the country.”
- **JOHN DREA, MBA PROGRAM DIRECTOR AND ASSOCIATE DEAN OF CBT**

In Fall 2011, the WIU MBA program instituted a new requirement that all students must complete a course called BAT 611 – MBA Outcomes. MBA Director and Associate Dean of the College of Business and Technology **John Drea** said the course helps faculty assess what the students know as they get closer to completing the MBA program.

Through the course, students complete the MBA Major Field Test,

which measures students' knowledge of business concepts including accounting, finance, management, marketing and strategic planning. The 125-question exam takes about three hours and is completed by students on both the Macomb and Quad Cities campuses.

"The MBA Major Field Test is an objective measure that allows us to see how our students compare to other MBA students across the United States," Drea said. "The results indicate that our students are among the best in the country regarding their understanding of the concepts every MBA student is expected to know."

Drea said more than 24,000 MBA students nationwide have taken the MBA Major Field Test from 2009-12; 22 of those are from Western. He added that 18 of the 22 students scored at or above the 50th percentile, which indicates a strong level of preparation.

"We have made some significant strides toward improving the MBA program over the past five years, and the results from the MBA Major Field Test are one important outcome of those changes," he said.

For more information about WIU's MBA program, visit wiu.edu/mba or wiu.edu/cbt.

Allison Farm Field Day offers lessons on nutrient management

The annual Allison Farm Field Day, hosted by the Western Illinois University Organic Research Program, was held Aug. 8 at the Dakin Farm and at the Allison Organic Farm, both near Roseville (IL).

Joel Gruver, director of the Organic Research Program and WIU School of Agriculture assistant professor, said the program offered farmers opportunities for improved nutrient management on both organic and conventional farms.

"This year's program offered a balance of technical information and on-farm observations relevant to anyone interested in the advantages of feeding both the soil and the crop," he said.

Speakers at the research day included:

- Tom Ferguson, a manure specialist whose company specializes in pelletized chicken litter products, which were evaluated on the Allison Farm this year. For more information on Ferguson's company, visit manureinc.com.

- Bill "The Crop Doctor" Becker was the event's keynote speaker. He is a consultant based in central Illinois who spoke about how to optimize crop health and soil biological activity through finely tuned nutrient management.

The afternoon included a discussion panel with farmers, which featured successful large-scale organic grain farmers in Illinois.

Gruver spoke during lunch about recent Allison Farm research. He later hosted a walking tour of the farm's research and demonstration plots.

For more about Western's organic research program, visit wiu.edu/cbt/agriculture/farms/organic.



The 2013 Allison Farm Field Day was held near Roseville on Aug. 8.

Four CBT majors designated as “Signature Programs”

Four majors within the Western Illinois University College of Business and Technology (CBT) are among the 12 majors designated as “signature academic programs” by the University.

The CBT signature academic programs are the B.B. in accountancy, the B.S. in agriculture, the B.S. in engineering, and the B.B. in supply chain management (SCM). Signature academic programs were selected by the University based on “size, unique area of concentration for undergraduate students, Centennial Honors Program opportunities and demand for graduates and accessibility. Western’s signature programs have garnered recognition for the graduates they produce,” noted Admissions Director **Andy Borst**. Signature programs are highlighted in recruitment efforts with potential WIU students.

The B.B. in accountancy was cited for its specialized accreditation through the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) and its nationally recognized student organizations. The accountancy major has grown to nearly 300 students and has attracted national companies to campus to recruit accounting majors. It also offers five-year integrated degree options for students interested in a master’s in accounting or an MBA degree.

The B.S. in agriculture was singled out for its extensive level of service to the agriculture community on a local and state-wide basis, delivering hands-on learning experiences for students through labs and internships, and more than 15 student-run ag organizations. The program is also noted for its outstanding plant and animal research and a nationally recognized livestock judging team. The agriculture major is the largest single major within the college with 335 declared majors.

The B.S. in engineering is one of the newest majors at WIU, but has rapidly distinguished itself as a quality academic program. The final two years of the engineering major are delivered at the new Riverfront Campus in Moline. The program is fully accredited by ABET (Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology) and is the only accredited engineering program in the western region of Illinois. Engineering graduates have a 100 percent pass rate on the Fundamentals of Engineering exam. The number of engineering majors has grown rapidly, with 123 students declared for fall (up from 72 in the spring).

The B.B. in SCM has grown steadily over the past decade, from eight majors in 2004 to 129 majors in 2013. One of only three undergraduate SCM degree programs in Illinois and one of only 39 nationally, the supply chain management program was cited for its strong connections to several Fortune 500 companies and nearly 100 percent placement rate.

“We are proud of all of our academic programs within the college,” said CBT Dean **Tom Erikson**. “The signature programs are receiving well-deserved recognition, and this reflects well on all of our majors.”

For more information on the CBT, visit wiu.edu/cbt.

Sisters, mom joined by common WIU educational interests

By *Jodi Pospeschil*

Although supply chain management (SCM) has only been offered as a major at Western Illinois University since 2005, in that time three sisters from Atkinson (IL) have found a common academic home in the College of Business and Technology.

Abby ‘09, Megan ‘13 and Kelly Wyffels, a WIU senior, have each majored in supply chain management and been active in a variety of Western’s extracurricular and sports programs. The trio’s mom, alumnus **Janice Wyffels ‘78**, received her degree in information science and is a parts marketing team leader for John Deere.

Abby, who now lives in Chicago, graduated with a double major of SCM and marketing, with a minor in international business. She was a member of the Delta Zeta sorority and active in numerous business fraternities and clubs on campus.

After graduation, Abby began working for Target, but for the last two and a half years she has been employed as a senior inventory analyst for Sears. She works in the Power Lawn and Garden division and helps optimize each store’s product offerings in addition to meeting with vendors and other responsibilities.

Abby said she chose WIU because of its small class sizes and its proximity to her home.

“It was close enough, but still far enough away,” she said. “Also, I really wanted to study abroad, and Western had that opportunity.”

When Abby came to Western, she said she knew she wanted to major in business, but she wasn’t aware of the SCM major.

“I took Dr. (**Bart**) Jennings’ introduction to supply chain management class one of my first semesters on campus (and I knew that was what I wanted to do),” she said.

Megan, who minored in Spanish, is currently working in a three-year rotation program with Caterpillar in Atlanta (GA). She is a supervisor for the inbound logistics team at a company distribution center.

Megan said she was attracted to Western because of its business program. She was also a member of the University’s track team during her four years on campus.

“Western exposed me to a lot of different events and

definitely helped put me down a good career path,” she said.

Kelly will graduate in the upcoming academic year. This summer, she interned for Caterpillar in Morton (IL), and in Summer 2012, she was an intern for the Archer Daniels Midland Company (ADM).

At Western, Kelly is a member of the WIU Marching Band, and she hopes to study abroad in Rome in the upcoming academic year.

Kelly said she chose Western because she felt its SCM program set it apart from other schools.

“At Western you get a lot of one-on-one experience with professors,” she said. “I also knew my sisters had been successful at Western.”

Kelly also offered praise for WIU Assistant Professor **Michael Tracey**, who teaches management and marketing.

With a common interest in business, the sisters said

their mom also

offered good advice for their career paths.

“For many years our mom has drilled numbers and finance to us,” Abby said. “Supply chain management is a good combination of business and numbers, so it was a good fit for all of us.”

While at Western, Megan was president of the Supply Chain Management Student Association (SCMSA), and Kelly served as vice president. All three sisters also had high praise for Jennings and his academic involvement with students.

“I think his willingness to help every single student find an internship or a job is just amazing,” Abby said. “He involves himself with his students, and it shows in the success of the program.”

“Dr. Jennings really cares about his students and is more than a professor at WIU,” Kelly added. “He is willing to help you with multiple career decisions not just in supply chain. I firmly believe that he goes the extra mile for his students.”

For more information about Western’s SCM program, visit wiu.edu/scm.



L-r: Kelly, Abby, Megan and Janice Wyffels.

“Western exposed me to a lot of different events and definitely helped me put down a career path.”

- MEGAN WYFFELS '13

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Business and Technology



WIU agronomy team places first in summer contest

A Western Illinois University agronomy team placed first in the North Central Weed Science Society's Summer Weed Contest in Monmouth (IL) this summer.

The first place Western team included agriculture students **Sarah Ziegler Le'Jeune** (senior, La Harpe, IL); **Avery Le'Jeune '13** (Ferris, IL); **Chris Corzatt** (senior, Macomb, IL) and **Deanne Donley Corzatt '13** (graduate student, Mendon, IL). Ziegler Le'Jeune also took first place overall in the undergraduate student category.

Agronomy Assistant Professor **Mark Bernards** said more than 120 students, graduate and undergraduate, took part in the contest.

"The contest includes events that test the students' abilities to perform calculations related to weed

management and general agronomy (calculations); to correctly identify weeds (weed ID); to correctly identify herbicides used based on crop and weed response (herbicide ID); to calibrate a sprayer in a timed event (sprayer calibration) and to role-play (farmer problem) visiting a farmer who has a problem in one of his fields, then trouble-shoot the issue and recommend appropriate practices, if possible, to fix the problem," Bernards said.

The WIU agriculture/agronomy team has been preparing for the contest since the spring semester.

"Dr. Bernards held a class once a week as preparation for this contest, and every week we would

meet and go over the different components of the contest: weed identification, herbicide identification, farmer

problems, sprayer calibration and math problems. We also held a few summer practices prior to the contest," said Donley Corzatt. "Dr. Bernards put so much into this team. He spent numerous hours helping us by preparing lessons, slideshows, as well as much more. He truly cares about each student's success, professionally and personally."

Chris Corzatt said events such as this weed science contest will help him with his career planning.

"I plan on working in the agronomy field after I finish my degree," he noted. "Agronomy is such an important part of agriculture. Working in agronomy isn't just a job, it's an opportunity to provide for our world."

Three additional Western students, **Joshua Burke** (senior, Sublette, IL), **Grant Dempsey** (junior, Loraine, IL) and **Joseph Struett** (senior, Naperville, IL) also competed the contest.

Bernards said in the individual events, WIU Team One also took first place in the sprayer calibration category and Ziegler Le'Jeune won first place in the event categories of weed ID, farmer problem and calculations.

For more information, contact Bernards at (309) 298-1569 or via email at ML-Bernards@wiu.edu. Visit the WIU School of Agriculture online at wiu.edu/ag.



Deanne Donley Corzatt (right, WIU graduate student, Mendon, IL) was part of a four-person team that placed first overall in the North Central Weed Science Society Summer Weed Contest held in Monmouth (IL) in late July 2013.

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Calendar of Events

Sept. 30: 10th annual Supply Chain Management Day

Event fosters interaction between employers, current and prospective supply chain management majors and WIU faculty and staff—featuring keynote speaker Thomas E. Knoll, vice president of Worldwide Supply Management and Logistics for John Deere

11 a.m.–6:30 p.m., University Union Grand Ballroom and the WIU Multicultural Center

(wiu.edu/cbt/management_and_marketing/scm-day.php)

Oct. 9: School of Agriculture's annual Career Day

A career and internship fair for students majoring in agriculture

9 a.m.–1 p.m., University Union Grand Ballroom

(wiu.edu/cbt/agriculture/career-fair.php)

Oct. 30 - 31: Executive in Residence

Featuring alumna Nancy Cardea, senior vice president at Leo Burnett Worldwide – successful alumni share how they reached the peak of their careers

(wiu.edu/cbt/executive_in_residence)

Oct. 14: Annual Ferguson Lecture

Featuring Patrick Magoon, president and CEO of Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago

2 p.m., University Union Grand Ballroom

2013 CBT Advisory Board meetings:

- Accountancy: Oct. 18
- Agriculture: Oct. 18
- College of Business and Technology: Nov. 1
- Engineering: TBA
- Engineering Technology: Oct. 4
- Supply Chain Management: Sept. 30

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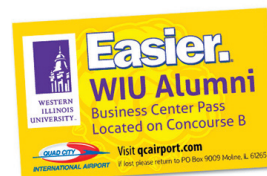


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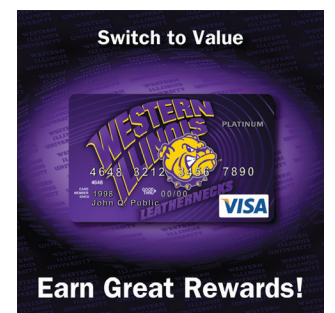
If you don't carry the Leatherneck Visa, you should. Just take a look at the value offered: FREE rewards, low APR, zero-liability fraud protection, ID theft coverage and responsive customer service. More importantly, the Leatherneck Visa provides significant funding for the Alumni Association's student and alumni events, special programs and much more – at no cost to you!

Did we mention Cash Rewards – and more?

Your Leatherneck Visa comes with our free rewards program that pays you back with a wide variety of reward choices including: cash back, travel awards, merchandise, gift cards and event tickets.

Don't wait!

You don't have to wait to receive an offer by mail, apply anytime at intrustbank.com/wiu or call 800-222-7458. Join your fellow alumni and friends who show their Leatherneck pride by carrying the Leatherneck Platinum Visa.



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Alumni Insurance

Whether you've just graduated, are established with a family and career, or are getting ready to enjoy a well-earned retirement, The Alumni Insurance Program, sponsored by the Western Illinois University Alumni Association, can help you at every stage of your life.

Offering a wide variety of insurance plans and financial services, our goal is to bring you peace of mind by providing quality products and excellent customer service.

Find the BEST plans and services for you

Need help? We're here to answer your questions. Many common requests can be handled online at wiu.edu/alumni/insurance.php.

Insurance Plans:

Health Insurance

Help keep your health care affordable with plans like short-term major medical, renewable major medical, hospital indemnity, Medicare supplement, dental, travel health insurance, and even pet health insurance.

Life Insurance

Whether you've just started a family or need to supplement or replace your current coverage, there is a plan that can meet your life insurance needs.

Long Term Disability

Protect your income and your lifestyle with economical long-term disability income insurance.

Long Term Care

Help insure your costs for long term care services such as skilled care at home, assisted care facilities or nursing homes.

Emergency Assistance Plus

Our 24-Hour Medical Evacuation and Travel Assistance Program can help when accidents and medical emergencies happen. Protect yourself and your family with the Alumni Association Emergency Assistance Plus Program for just pennies a day. You'll get medical assistance that's invaluable: Emergency Medical Evacuation, Transportation Home, Travel Assistance, Personal Security Services and many other benefits! Best of all, as a Western Illinois alumnus, you are GUARANTEED low group rates and cannot be turned down.

Auto, Home and Renter's Insurance

As an alumnus of Western Illinois you may qualify for a special group discount on your auto, home and renters insurance through Group Savings Plus® from Liberty Mutual. To learn more, call 800-531-6081.

Travel Insurance

There are four plans to cover a variety of travel needs. Insure against medical expenses, trip cancellation and/or baggage loss while traveling inside or outside the United States.

Financial Services and More:

AlumniAnnuity®

Fixed Annuity Savings Plan

Alumni Annuity offers you two types of retirement savings accounts: an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) and Non-Qualified Deferred Annuity.

Alumni ID Recovery®

Identity Theft Recovery Plan

Alumni ID Recovery saves you valuable time by acting as your advocate and recovery specialist if your identity is stolen.

Other Alumni Benefits Include

Other alumni benefits include....

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

Construction to begin on WIU entrance sign



Construction began Monday, Aug. 19 on a new grand entrance sign on the Western Illinois University campus.

The Student Government Association approved the expenditure for the \$420,900 project funded through student enhancement fees at its April 16 meeting.

Leander Construction of Canton (IL) will build the new Western Illinois University sign at the U.S. Route 67 and University Drive intersection. The Campus Master Planning Committee worked with Farnsworth Group to complete a design for a landmark sign that designates a prime entrance to the Macomb campus.

According to **Jerry Scott**, Facilities Management construction project coordinator, the new sign ties in architectural features from Sherman Hall, including the "Western brick blend," stone quoins (masonry angles) and a sphere to provide a sense of consistency and cohesiveness between the main landmark and the entrance.

"This sign and other projects included in the campus master plan are about making an impact and establishing a strong first impression. The new grand entrance sign lets visitors know they have arrived at Western Illinois University and draws them into our campus," noted WIU President **Jack Thomas**. "We are pleased that construction will soon be underway, and we look forward to the finished project."

For the complete campus master plan, visit wiu.edu/university_planning/masterplan.php.

Ashmore is newest member of WIU BOT

Junior **Andre Ashmore**, of Matteson (IL), is the newest student member of the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees.

Ashmore, a law enforcement and justice administration major, said he is looking forward to looking out for the needs of students.

"As a newly-elected member to the board, my rule will be to listen and advocate any need that students might face here on campus, to the best of my ability," he said.

Ashmore said he enjoys having the opportunity to represent the student body, and he also looks forward to learning how the University is governed.

"The most important responsibility that we as a Board must take into consideration is the common need to make sure that all students are put first to help put forth excellence within the University," he said.



Andre Ashmore

A letter from the Alumni Council President Jeff McElroy

Dear Alumni and Friends:

For more than half of my life, WIU has been a part of who I am. For me personally, I will be forever indebted to Western Illinois University for providing me the opportunity to establish lifelong friendships and access to professors and advisors who served as mentors that facilitated my growth as a student, a leader and a person. It is with great humility and honor that I take the reins as the President of the Western Illinois University Alumni Association.

Rarely a day goes by that I do not encounter something WIU. Whether it is passing a giant purple billboard along a highway, a proudly displayed window decal or license plate, seeing someone wearing Leatherneck gear or discovering a business contact that also has a WIU connection—I seem to notice WIU students and alumni almost everywhere. The tradition is for the new Alumni Council president to offer a challenge to our nearly 120,000 alumni across the world. Mine is very simple. Share your Western story.

The Western Illinois University experience is a unique one for each of us. Next time you come across a WIU connection in your life, make a point of acknowledging it. Come out to one of the many WIU Alumni events held around the country each year (wiu.edu/alumni/events). Take time to reconnect with an old roommate, fraternity/sorority member or former professor. Perhaps it is time to reflect on those at WIU that have made a difference in your life or career and thank them for their influence. However you decide to share your Western story, do it proudly. Once a Leatherneck, always a Leatherneck.

Jeffery L. McElroy '97

President, WIU Alumni Council

Alumnus in Afghanistan



Kelly Ward flies his wife Cheryl's '09 WIU flag from the side of his UH60 Blackhawk.

Western Pacific Pulp & Paper.

Sarah Janicek '04, Chicago, is a research assistant at the University of Illinois at Chicago. (sarahjanicek@aol.com)
Aisha Payne, Aurora, is a mental health practitioner for Adapt Illinois. (aisha.payne@yahoo.com)

2006

Jaclyn Koch Hood, Wheaton, is an intake coordinator for Camelot School. (jkhood0217@gmail.com)
Brandon Moore MS '09, Princeville, is an exercise specialist for UnityPoint Health – Methodist. (bmoore@mmci.org)
David Nedved, Willowbrook, is a detective for the Blue Island Police Department. (dnedved@bipolice.org)

2008

Matthew Bonomo, Chesterfield, MI, is a software developer for General Motors.
Jennifer Dudycha, Las Vegas, NV, is a 5th grade teacher at Doral Academy.

2009

Patrick Hampton MA, Springfield, is a director of constituent affairs for the State of Illinois, Office of the Governor. (patrickhampton@illinois.gov)
Krisilee Murphy, Yorkville, has been named the director of marketing at the Elgin Area Convention & Visitors Bureau by Destination Marketing Association International.

2010

Kimberly Akers Kepple, Quincy, is an assistant manager for Cell Tech Electronics. (kn.kepple@gmail.com)
Anthony Sabos, Bolingbrook, is an AV specialist and store designer for Boombah, Inc.
Whitney Delestowicz Sabos, Bolingbrook, is an adapted physical education teacher for the Indian Prairie School District 204. (whitney_sabos@ipsd.org)

2011

Amber Post McCormick, Peoria, is an activity director at Lutheran Hillside Village. (anmccormick@yahoo.com)
Matthew McCormick, Peoria, is a special education teacher for Dunlap Middle School.

2012

Bryan Schreder, Paxton, is an alley buyer for Rantoul Foods. (bschreder90@gmail.com)

2013

Jeff Breuer, Burlington, IA, is a graphic designer for TurnKey Creations. (jeff.breuer@drakehs.com)
John McCue, Batavia, is a teacher's assistant at K.D. Waldo Middle School. (mccuebatavia@comcast.net)

Marriages

Kerry Doan '99 and **Windy Bieker**, Feb. 15, 2013.
Rona Galica '12 and **Jacquelyn Holan '83 MBA '85**, May 18, 2013.
Stacie Lindeen '00 MS-ED '06 and **Matt May**, Mar. 30, 2013.
Robert Shafer '94 and **Melinda Edlin**, Apr. 13, 2013.
Leigh Terstriep '10 and **Scott Bickerman '09**, June 15, 2013.
Emily Thornley '12 and **Michael Leonhard**, Mar. 23, 2013.
Logan White '12 and **Olivia Kerr**, Mar. 16, 2013.

Births and Adoptions

Sara Pump Allen MS '04 and **Nicholas Allen '99 MS '03**, a son, James Joseph, Aug. 14, 2012.
Megan Butler Bainter '06 MBA '09 and **Brock Bainter '04**, a son, Bryden, July 9, 2013.
Stephanie Redfield Bravieri '05 and **Steven Bravieri '13**, a daughter, Elizabeth Lynn, June 17, 2013.
Rebecca Virag Cannon '00 MS '09 and **Thomas**, a son, Oliver Thomas, Aug. 16, 2012.
Denise Devine Carriel '81 and **Edward**, a daughter, Emily Ann, Apr. 12, 2012.
Kimberly Rodeen Daunoravicius '03 and **Jonas**, a daughter, Gabrielle Reese, Aug. 5, 2012.
Susanie-Ann Wilson Egan '06 and **Aaron Egan '04 MBA '06**, a daughter, Riley Lois, Apr. 24, 2013.
Ted Gayford '01 and **Katy Taake Gayford '01**, a son, Samuel Finn, Apr. 20, 2013.
Kim Field Jacobs MS '01 and **Andrew**, a daughter, Sara Margaret, June 15, 2013.
Mark Kerr '94 MA '96 and **Hyun-Jyong**, a daughter, Mairi-Lee, Apr. 17, 2013.
Lisa Carpenter Maisto '06 and **Dax**, a son, Preston Douglas, May 19, 2013.
Alison Thompson McGrew '05 and **Justin**, a son, Nolan Miles, Jan. 30, 2013.

Chicago Alumni & Friends

Deuce's & The Diamond Club, July 13, 2013



L-r: Marjorie Manchen '82, Dave Plackett '79, Dave Kepchar, George Holman '98, Chris Wheeler '97 '00, Emily Thoma '97, Jennifer Watson, Kate Bradley and Keith Jones '98.



Front row l-r: Cathy Brovelli '95, Kelly Humke Streng '09, Wendi Driskell Harrell '87 '03 and Jeanine LeFonte. Back row l-r: Chris Topf '94, Ben, Tim Streng '07 and Mari Thomson '95 '00 '09.



L-r: Brian VanAcker '99 '01, Denise Stewart, George Engeln '74, Nick Allen '99 '03, Dustin Bainter, Jared Hintzche and Aaron Schroeder.



L-r: Kendall Reid '04 and Charles Snipes.

Dustin McWhirter '04 and **Heather**, a son, Brody Charles, Apr. 25, 2013.
Chelsea Bainter Miller '06 and **Nathan Miller '03**, a son, Miles Robert, Aug. 20, 2013.
Jerry Myers MA '99 and **Laura Werry Myers '00**, a daughter, Leanna Elizabeth, July 10, 2013.
Guy Redman '03 and **Tracy Goken Redman '03**, a son, Guy "Will" William, June 21, 2013.
Meghan McVey Schroeder '01 and **Brad Schroeder '01**, a daughter, Katherine Isabelle, June 12, 2013.
Shawn Touney MS '04 and **Lindsey**, a son, Matthew Joseph, June 30, 2013.

Deaths

Charlene Prather Arnold, Princeton, July 11, 2013.
Leatha Bain, Macomb, May 31, 2013.
Donald Bath, Macomb, May 27, 2013.
Carl Billeter, Galesburg, Oct. 8, 2010.
James Blackwelder, Kannapolis, NC, Jan. 6, 2013.
John Boyd, Livonia, MI, Mar. 28, 2010.

San Francisco Alumni & Friends

Nectar Wine Lounge, July 17, 2013



Seated l-r: Nathan Rockhold '03, Roy Albiani '84 and Chad Twaddle '09. Standing l-r: Pamela Barton Graham '76, Katherine Krebs '73, Adi Albiani, Art Cepeda '81, Robert Hubbs '58 and Beth Nausler.

Ron Brady, Petersburg, June 7, 2012.
Janet "Jan" Bushman, Woodstock, GA, Apr. 30, 2013.
John Christy, Davenport, IA, Apr. 28, 2012.
Kenneth "Ken" Chumbley, Eldridge, IA, May 13, 2013.
Faye Clow, Bettendorf, IA, Feb. 18, 2011.
Gwendolyn "Gwen" Coker, Macomb, Apr. 26, 2013.
Josephine Cougill, Charleston, Feb. 23, 2011.
Robert Day, Jacksonville, May 30, 2010.
L. Elaine Derry, Macomb, July 30, 2013.
Patricia Conneely Eberley, Sterling, June 24, 2011.
Orlo Felgar, Spokane Valley, WA, June 14, 2013.
William "Bill" Ferree, Macomb, June 6, 2013.
Lyle Fick, Silvis, May 9, 2011.
Robert "Bob" Godke, Sr., Kewanee, July 3, 2012.
Lois Hakes, Normal, Jan. 26, 2011.
Patricia "Patty" Hall, Tampico, Mar. 15, 2012.
Rick Heisler, Warsaw, Jan. 4, 2011.
John Herr, Davenport, IA, July 7, 2011.
Doris Hovey, Davenport, IA, Dec. 31, 2012.
Ellen Gorlinsky Hubbard, Russellville, AR, May 4, 2013.
Won Moo Hurh, Macomb, Apr. 12, 2013.
Subhash Jani, Macomb, July 16, 2013.
Louise Jones, Hollandale, MS, Jan. 6, 2010.
Billy "Bill" Kever, Macomb, June 21, 2013.
Ruth Kruse, Davenport, IA, Dec. 30, 2010.
Richard "Dick" Law, Worthington, MA, May 1, 2013.
Luise Lenel, Bethlehem, PA, Oct. 14, 2012.
Lloyd "Duane" Lester, Kingman, AZ, Mar. 28, 2013.
David Linnenburger, Macomb, June 21, 2013.
James "Jim" Livermore, Bushnell, Apr. 27, 2013.
John Mahal, Skokie, Aug. 30, 2010.
Philip McCleary, Blandinsville, May 6, 2013.
Helen McKay, Hampton, Mar. 11, 2011.
Edward McLaughlin, E. Moline, Mar. 3, 2012.
Betty Reddig Means, Bettendorf, IA, Apr. 23, 2013.
Eugenia Merry, San Antonio, TX, Apr. 12, 2013.
Lois Nelson, Geneseo, Oct. 2, 2012.
William "Bill" O'Toole, Sr., Oviedo, FL, Sept. 26, 2011.
Evelyn Pearson, Moline, June 24, 2011.
Theresa Peterson, Waterford, MI, Apr. 12, 2013.
Ernest "Ernie" Pruett, Kimberling City, MO, Mar. 9, 2013.
Ruth Rettenmaier, Davenport, IA, Aug. 12, 2012.
Phyllis Farley Rippey, Macomb, Apr. 17, 2013.
Nancy Shaheen, Stratford, CT, Apr. 6, 2013.
Barbara Olson Simpson, Highland, Feb. 19, 2013.
John Siperly, Rock Falls, Apr. 10, 2010.
Ruth Allderige Smithers, Moline, Jan. 21, 2011.
Carolyn Strong, Rushville, May 27, 2013.
Marian Utecht, Litchfield, June 9, 2012.
Edward Vanmeir, Elmhurst, Mar. 2, 2013.
1934 Marion Peterson Swanson, Silvis, Apr. 21, 2013.
1937 Marion Johnson Crane, Moline, May 28, 2013.
1937 Mildred Swedlund Hale '72, Monmouth, May 27, 2013.
1938 Leota Eyman King, Macomb, Apr. 12, 2013.
1938 Warren Myers, Joliet, May 24, 2013.

1939 Helen Myers Clayton, Sandwich, Feb. 15, 2013.
 1939 Emily Hart, Cocoa Beach, FL, Dec. 19, 2008.
 1941 Marjorie Williams Hartzell, Sebastopol, CA, Oct. 14, 2010.
 1942 Esther Vonderohe MacDuff, Villa Park, Sept. 29, 2012.
 1942 Margaret Fornoff Rankin, Manito, July 4, 2009.
 1943 Mary Juneman Easterly, Peru, May 5, 2010.
 1943 Jeanne Andrews Johnson, Galesburg, Sept. 18, 2008.
 1943 Marjorie Hurst Kelley, Virginia Beach, VA, Dec. 5, 2012.
 1943 Betty Stegal Schneider, Spring Hill, FL, June 24, 2009.
 1943 Dorothy Swearingen Wilkowski, Fontana, WI, Nov. 30, 2008.
 1946 George Boyd, Beardstown, Dec. 14, 2011.
 1946 Cecil Kipling, Jr., Blue Ridge, GA, June 8, 2013.
 1947 Ernest Melvin, Sante Fe, NM, Dec. 4, 2011.
 1949 Roland Sellergren, Bloomingdale, Apr. 30, 2009.
 1951 Joseph "Joe" Johnson, Plymouth, May 14, 2013.
 1952 Margaret Johnson Hooper, Lakewood, CO, May 9, 2013.
 1953 Ramona Lawson MS-ED '66, Viola, May 30, 2013.
 1953 Arnold Stahl, Indianapolis, IN, Oct. 16, 2010.
 1953 Ruth "Maxine" Stevens, New Braunfels, TX, Apr. 10, 2013.
 1954 George Black, Galesburg, Apr. 11, 2013.
 1954 Robert "Bob" Nordstrom MS-ED '58, Geneseo, Nov. 10, 2012.
 1956 Donald Bybee, Canton, Apr. 20, 2010.
 1956 Martha Hays Manis, Clarkston, WA, Oct. 21, 2010.
 1957 Raymond Schwigen, Jr., Galesburg, June 18, 2013.
 1957 Frank Wayland, Acton, CA, Jan. 9, 2013.
 1958 Joyce Debert McIntyre, Quincy, Apr. 27, 2013.
 1958 Raymond Shea MS-ED '62, Bartow, FL, Dec. 20, 2012.
 1959 Rosand Hancock Chambers, Phoenix, AZ, Feb. 3, 2013.
 1959 Jane Cook Weaver MS-ED '60, Dixon, Apr. 28, 2013.
 1960 William "Bill" Beal, Bloomington, Jan. 6, 2012.
 1960 Myrtle Spink Pewitt MS-ED, Manitowoc, WI, May 15, 2013.
 1961 Joyce Ford Marsh, Bethalto, June 24, 2013.
 1962 William "Joe" English, Oak Park, June 2, 2013.
 1962 Mary "Madolyn" Maxwell Redman MS-ED '64, Macomb, Dec. 8, 2012.
 1963 Larry Inman MS-ED '65, Table Grove, May 8, 2013.
 1964 Royce Derks MS-ED, Frankfort, Apr. 8, 2013.
 1964 Gary Downs MS-ED '69, Ames, IA, July 17, 2010.
 1965 Bruce Torbeck, Mesquite, NV, Apr. 10, 2013.
 1966 Jeri Schroeder Torbeck, Louisville, KY, Mar. 23, 2012.
 1966 Helen Schaff Winkler, Bushnell, Apr. 5, 2013.
 1967 Lawrence Gile, Tucson, AZ, Dec. 22, 2012.
 1967 Geraldine Praul, Estes Park, CO, May 17, 2009.
 1968 Byron McAllister, Fredericksburg, VA, Mar. 31, 2013.
 1969 Gerald "Jerry" Goggin, Ft. Wayne, IN, Nov. 2, 2012.
 1969 Lewis Yocum, Manhattan Beach, CA, May 25, 2013.

1970 Catherine Hamilton MS-ED, McHenry, Mar. 31, 2012.
 1971 Suzanne Heckler Sears MS-ED '72, Libertyville, June 4, 2013.
 1972 Nancy A. Quimby Koltzenburg MS '08, Hamilton, Sept. 1, 2013.
 1972 Beverly Ogle Naslund MS '00, Bushnell, June 10, 2013.
 1973 Frank Farrell, Naperville, Apr. 28, 2009.
 1973 Mervin Habenicht ED SP, Davenport, IA, May 16, 2012.
 1973 Karen Hart, Kansas City, MO, May 22, 2011.
 1974 Renae Brown, Dixon, June 16, 2012.
 1975 Martha Smith Bonyng, Silvis, Aug. 21, 2008.
 1975 William Cooper ED SP, Scottsdale, AZ, Dec. 18, 2009.
 1975 Kenneth "Ken" Folks, Springfield, June 5, 2013.
 1975 Mary Caldwell Chonto Rusche MS-ED, Ocala, FL, Oct. 28, 2011.
 1975 Yadolah Shahveisi MA, Anaheim, CA, Oct. 12, 2011.
 1977 Kristine Polson Hemphill, Annawan, Apr. 7, 2012.
 1977 Gertrude "Trudy" Calvary Moses, Moline, Oct. 9, 2008.
 1977 Wayne Mowers, Toulon, Sept. 19, 2012.
 1978 Michael Hess, Covington, LA, July 12, 2013.
 1978 Delbert Nicklaus ED SP, Iowa City, IA, Mar. 17, 2013.
 1978 John Travis ED SP, Pleasant Gap, PA, Feb. 22, 2013.
 1979 Teresa Weishar Fenrick, Portland, OR, Feb. 5, 2013.
 1979 Mark Hepner MA '84, Kewanee, Apr. 29, 2013.
 1980 Vernon Collins, Fulton, Feb. 11, 2013.
 1981 Robert "Bob" Dahlquist, Rock Island, June 21, 2013.
 1981 Eleanor Dumar Dirksen MS-ED ED SP '89, Long Grove, IA, Mar. 23, 2013.
 1982 Kathryn Oakford Miller, Peoria, Aug. 17, 2009.
 1983 Betty Blankenship Cantrell MS-ED ED SP '92, Jefferson City, TN, Jan. 25, 2009.
 1983 Patricia Jamicich Duffy, Downers Grove, Jan. 20, 2011.
 1983 Mary Humphrey Landa, Barrington, June 15, 2013.
 1984 Homer Gordon, Lincoln, NE, Sept. 8, 2009.
 1984 Harry Kutcher, Jr., Peoria, Mar. 22, 2013.
 1984 Robert Struck, St. Paul, MN, Aug. 6, 2012.
 1985 Carl Selnes MS-ED, Walla Walla, WA, Apr. 14, 2013.
 1985 Christine "C.D." Sneideraitis, Orland Park, Feb. 20, 2011.
 1986 Cheryl Harris Agergaard, Vista, CA, Sept. 5, 2011.
 1986 Elizabeth Groeppner Langenfeld, Altona, Oct. 26, 2012.
 1989 Thomas "Tom" LaCourse, Bushnell, June 28, 2012.
 1989 Vernetta L'Hommedieu Near, Savanna, Feb. 10, 2010.
 1989 Genevieve Maire Rogers, Kewanee, Mar. 10, 2011.
 1991 Cheryl Koutsky, Milan, June 7, 2013.
 1996 Joseph "Mark" Gallagher, Gaithersburg, MD, Dec. 2, 2012.
 2000 Patricia "Tena" Flynn, Good Hope, May 2, 2013.
 2007 Daniel Aupperle, Roseville, Apr. 29, 2013.
 2010 Nikolaus Maurus, Winnetka, Jan. 7, 2013.

WIU alumnus rejoins Amtrak Board of Directors

Western Illinois University Alumnus **Tom Carper '82** has been reappointed to the Amtrak Board of Directors. He was nominated by President Barack Obama and confirmed by the U.S. Senate to serve a five-year term.



Tom Carper '82

"I look forward to revisiting and tackling the exciting challenges and opportunities that lie ahead," Carper said. "Amtrak remains a critical component of national transportation infrastructure and it plays a vital role connecting communities and providing passengers with convenient access to job centers thus enhancing regional economies."

Carper previously served as a board member from March 2008 to March 2013. He was elected chair in January 2009 and served in that capacity until his term expired.

"Tom's reappointment will only strengthen the make up of the existing board by virtue of his wealth of experience, transportation knowledge and the continued growth of America's Railroad which continues to enjoy record ridership levels throughout the country," said Amtrak Board Chair Tony Coscia.

Carper, of Macomb, is a former small business owner and former mayor of Macomb, serving from 1991 to 2003. He was appointed by the Amtrak Board of Directors to serve on the Amtrak Mayors' Advisory Council and served as its chair from 2000 to 2001. In 2003, he was named regional director of the West Central Region for Opportunity Returns by the Illinois governor. He retired from this position in 2010.

He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Western Illinois University in 1982. He served in the U.S. Army from 1967 to 1970 in Thailand and Vietnam.

From the RockeNetwork Blog...

Ashley Pickett is a senior at Western Illinois University and is interning with the WIU Alumni Association this semester.

I am anxious and really looking forward to blogging for all of the WIU alumni and friends, especially since in only five months, I will be considered a Western alumnus. Then I will have the chance to keep up with Western through another intern's blogs.

The semester is off to a great start and there have been numerous changes to our campus recently. But, the beauty in our campus is that as some features are changing, others are staying the same.

On a walk to the Donald S. Spencer Student Recreation Center one afternoon I noticed, as I always do, the statue of the university mascot Rocky. It seems as every time I walk past the statue, which sits in front of the main entrance to Hanson Field, he has been painted in a new eye-catching color. Over the past



"Rocky" out in color

two and a half years that I have been a student here at WIU, I have wondered who paints the statue or more importantly why.

My curiosity landed me in the Archives section of Leslie F. Malpass Library. I was greeted by Senior Library Specialist Kathy Nichols when I entered. She carefully explained to me the system of which WIU information/history is organized, and helped me throughout my quest for the story behind this small but intricate staple on campus. She was very supportive and knowledgeable.

My hunt for information took me back more than seventy years! I looked through a Western Courier issue from 1931 that briefly mentioned the Rocky statue. As I kept looking I found that the mascot we know as Rocky is not just the name of the mascot, but also the name of former football coach Ray "Rock" Hanson. Hanson Field was also named after him.

He coached at Western from 1926-1941.

Hanson also sought permission from the Department of the Navy to use the name "Fighting Leathernecks" and to use the bulldog as our mascot. Western is still the only school that is allowed to use the nickname and seal.

As I looked through a Western Courier from 1971, I struck gold. The 900 lb. statue which was named Colonel Rock II, was given to the WIU Foundation from The Country School Restaurants, Inc. The statue was originally painted to resemble the living Colonel Rock Bulldog, and was painted by then WIU Student Alumni Foundation. The sculpture was sculpted by Herman Morrill.

I was shocked to see the original paint that covered the statue was a tan color. Fast forward more than a decade and the fun began. WIU students began painting Rocky as a practical joke. And the tradition carries on to this day. And it doesn't look to be stopping anytime soon. Did you ever paint Rocky with your WIU friends and/or family members? If so, I want to hear your story and see pictures if you have any. Feel free to share on my blog site at ashley2013rockenetworkblog.wordpress.com! Go 'Necks!

“Best in the Midwest” nine years running

For nine years, The Princeton Review has named Western Illinois University a “Best Midwestern College.” Western was one of 155 regional universities, and one of three Illinois public institutions, named to the “Best in the Midwest” list by The Princeton Review.



The 155 colleges included in the “Best in the Midwest” list are located in 12 states: Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin. Collectively, the 643 colleges named “regional best(s)” comprise 25 percent of the nation’s 2,500 four-year colleges, according to The Princeton Review.

“We are pleased to be acknowledged for the ninth consecutive year by The Princeton Review,” said President **Jack Thomas**. “We strive to provide our students with a quality, well-rounded education, and the continued recognition from The Princeton Review and others, indicates we are meeting this goal. We will continue to provide outstanding programs and services to our students.”

The Princeton Review asks students to rate their own schools on several issues, from the accessibility of their professors to the quality of the campus food, and to answer questions about themselves, their fellow students and their campus life.

For more information about Western Illinois University, visit wiu.edu and wiu.edu/qc on the web or [facebook.com/wiu.edu](https://www.facebook.com/wiu.edu). The 2014 Princeton Review regional bests lists can be found at princetonreview.com/best-regional-colleges.aspx.

Rocky the Mascot gets a makeover

Rocky, Western’s costumed mascot, recently received an update to his look.

Col. Rock was first introduced on Oct. 10, 1959, when a live four-legged English Bulldog, purchased by Student Government, was marched through the football stadium



during home games. He was named Col. Rock in honor of Western’s legendary Athletics Director and Coach **Ray “Rock” Hanson**, a Marine colonel.

In the late 1960s, Capt. Dale A. Luster (a recruiter from the Marine Corps League of Chicago) was instrumental in assisting the Corps with the purchase of the second live mascot, Colonel Rock II, a.k.a. “Rocky.” Two years later, on Sept. 26, Luster was killed in action over North Vietnam. Rocky retired in 1973, and he was replaced with a costumed version.

Western Wednesdays Flossmoor Station Restaurant in Flossmoor, IL, August 7, 2013



L-r: Tim McCahill, Dale Anderson '79, Alumni Council member Kathy Sullivan '78, Kendall Anderson, Urfrancia Green-Anderson, Ernest Anderson, Maggie O'Brien '12, Jay O'Brien '78, Tom O'Brien '07, Pat Carlson '79, Tim McCahill '78 and Bob Stump '78.



L-r: Sandy Kovarik Sakun '70, Lad Sakun '69, Mike Michau '72, Bill Sander '78, Dan McAuliffe '85, Eric Hager '71, Mike McAuliffe '83 '86 and Al Low '70.

Western Wednesdays Hubbard Inn in Chicago, IL, September 4, 2013



L-r: Board of Trustee member Bill Epperly '68, Diane Meister '69, Sonny Liston '78, Ron Daniels '07, David Plackett '79, Margie Manchen '82, Jim Riley, Chantel Blackmore, Anna Krowczyk and Dustin Bainter.

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Future Leatherneck contest winners

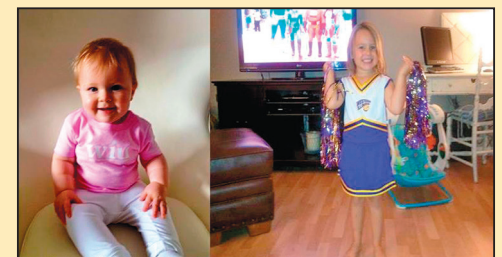
We received several great entries for our Future Leatherneck Photo Contest announced in the summer issue of the Western News and on our Alumni Association Facebook page. We asked alumni and friends to submit a photo of a future Leatherneck supporting WIU by wearing their Leatherneck gear.

The winner of our Future Leatherneck Photo Contest is Parker Ingledue! Parker was 6 months old in this photo. His parents are **Beau '99** and **Christa Allaman Ingledue '03**. Christa wrote: “Parker’s family currently consists of 22 proud WIU alumni members and he will be a fifth generation college graduate when he finishes school.” Congratulations, Parker, and we look forward to you becoming a member of Leatherneck Nation!

We are also excited to share those that were selected as our runner-ups. Congratulations on being chosen as our Future Leatherneck runner-ups and thank you for supporting WIU!

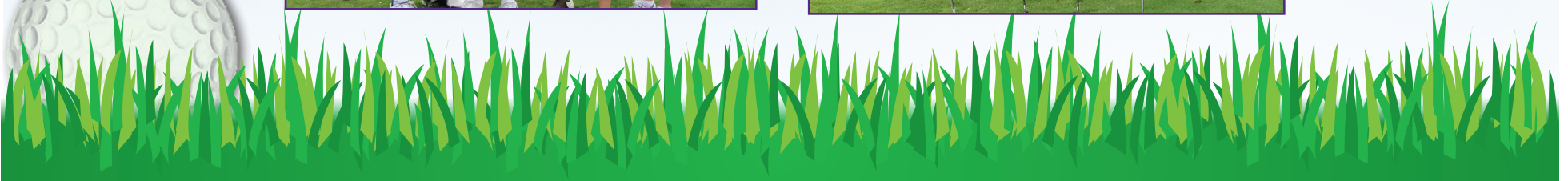


Future Leatherneck first place: Parker Ingledue.



Future Leatherneck runner-ups— Top left: Ava Alexis Taylor, submitted by Diane Paulsen Taylor '89 MA '91 and Gordy Taylor '68; top right: Reagan Knowles, submitted by Nick Knowles '02 MS '07; bottom left: Kara and Kassie Rich, submitted by Shari Gresham Rich '91 MS '93; bottom right: Michael King, submitted by Kim Rothbauer King '82.

“The Western Open” Chicago Alumni & Friends Golf Outing • Seven Bridges in Woodridge, IL • June 10, 2013



Quad Cities Alumni & Friends Golf Outing • TPC Deere Run in Silvis, IL • June 17, 2013



Alumni Travel Programs 2013-2014

Mediterranean Inspiration: Rome to Venice

October 18-29, 2013

Discover the Mediterranean aboard Oceania Cruises' Marina, as you sail to ports in Italy, Greece, Montenegro and Croatia. Depart from Rome to Italy's west coast, then visit Florence, Sorrento, or Capri, the harbors and hillside towns of Amalfi and Positano, Sicily's Taormina, the Greek island of Corfu, Kotor, and Dubrovnik. Cap off your journey with a full day in Venice.



Tahitian Jewels

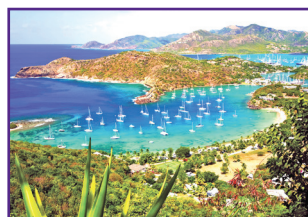
January 15-25, 2014

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

July 1-9, 2014

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

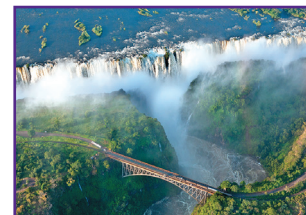
September 22-30, 2014

See picture-perfect villages and pristine German countryside during a journey down the Mosel, Rhine and Main rivers. Along the Mosel, discover Bernkastel-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.

Send Us Your News

Full Name _____ Maiden Name _____ Grad. Year _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Prefer Home Business E-mail Do you want to receive text messages from the University? No Yes

Home E-mail _____ Business E-mail _____

Title/Position _____ Employer _____

Employer Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Business Phone _____

Marital Status: Married Single Divorced Widowed Domestic Partner

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

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

Title/Position _____ Employer _____

Employer Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Business Phone _____ Prefer Home Business E-mail

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

Include Information in Western News? Yes No

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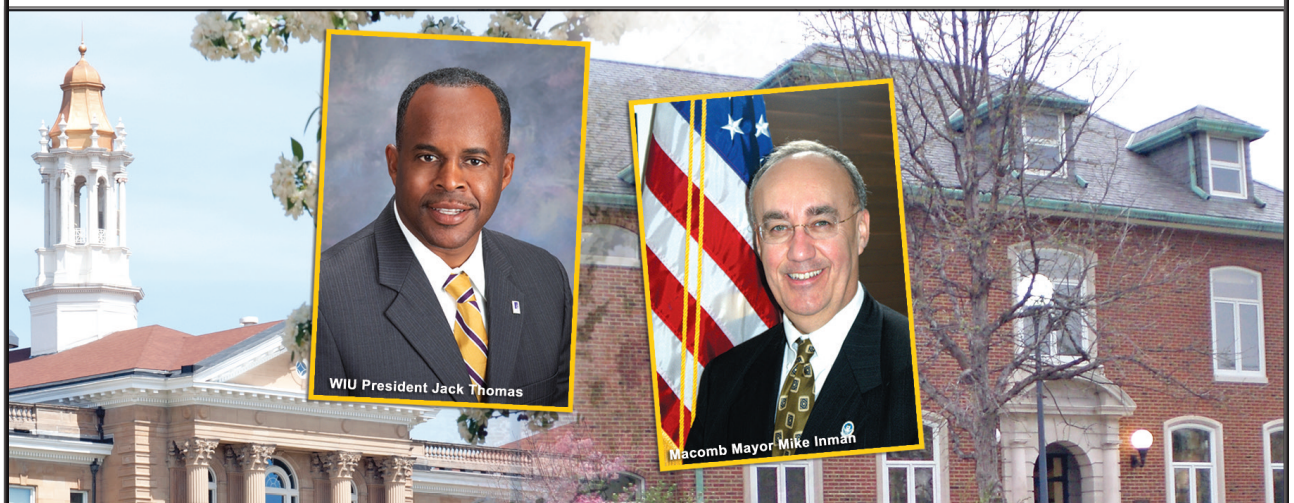
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*** NOTE: Information will be included in Western's online directory and in the online Western News.**

Celebrating Town & Gown featuring the unveiling of Rocky on Parade



Help Western Illinois University and the city of Macomb start WIU Homecoming 2013 in style. Join us to celebrate all President Jack Thomas and Mayor Mike Inman have accomplished this past year for the WIU and Macomb communities. Call (309) 298-1914 or visit wiu.edu/alumni for more information or to register.

Oct. 3 • 5:30-7:30 p.m. • Brief program at 6:15 p.m. • Price: \$20/person



October 2 – Glenview (IL) at the Yard House
December 4 – Downtown Chicago

February 5 – Suburb
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. Your WIU Alumni Association began a new tradition in November 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 are continuing our tradition with Western Wednesdays...starting in October we'll host events the first Wednesday of every other month in Chicago and the suburbs!



UPCOMING WIU ALUMNI & FRIENDS EVENTS

WIU President Jack Thomas will join us at UNLV, Cincinnati, Columbus, Cleveland, Town & Gown, Illinois State, the Figge in Davenport, Los Angeles, Portland, Seattle, Boston, St. Louis and perhaps a few others along the way!

October 3 Celebrating Town & Gown 2013 featuring the unveiling of Rocky on Parade

The Forum
 124 N. Lafayette St., Macomb, IL
 5:30-7:30 p.m. with a brief program at 6:15 p.m.
 Tantalizing hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar - \$20

October 5 WIU at Illinois State Social & Football Game

Hancock Stadium – Redbird Tent Zone
 (Field 2 behind the U-High parking lot), Normal, IL
 Social 11:30 a.m.; Game 2:00 p.m.
 Game ticket, social, food & drinks - \$36
 Social, food & drinks only - \$10

October 10 Quad Cities Alumni and Friends event: "A New Deal for Illinois - The Federal Art Project of Western Illinois University" Exhibition and Social

The Figge Art Museum
 225 W. 2nd St., Davenport, IA
 6-8 p.m.
 Exhibition tour, social, food & cash bar - \$15

October 11-12 WIU Homecoming & Reunion 2013

Western Illinois University
 Macomb, IL
 Visit wiu.edu/alumni for all the weekend event details!

October 23 Los Angeles Area Alumni & Friends Event

Trastevere Ristorante
 6801 Hollywood Blvd, Suite #423
 Hollywood, CA
 6-8 p.m.
 Social, hors d'oeuvres & cash bar - \$20

October 24 Portland Alumni & Friends Event

Widmer Brothers Brewing
 947 N. Russell St.
 Portland, OR
 5:30-7:30 p.m.
 Social, hors d'oeuvres & cash bar - \$20

October 25 Seattle Alumni & Friends Event

Daniel's Broiler
 809 Fairview Place N.
 Seattle, WA
 5:30-7:30 p.m.
 Social, scrumptious hors d'oeuvres & complimentary drinks - \$25
 Social, scrumptious hors d'oeuvres only - \$15

November 7 Boston Area Alumni & Friends Event

Capt's Waterfront Premium Steak & Seafood Grill
 94 Wharf St.
 Salem, MA
 6-8 p.m.
 Social, hors d'oeuvres & cash bar - \$20

November 24 St. Louis Rams vs. Chicago Bears Social & Football Game

Edwards Jones Dome – Social location outside of dome
 901 N. Broadway, St. Louis, MO
 10 a.m. – noon (Game time noon)
 Game ticket, social & drinks - \$100
 Social & drinks only - \$10
 Game ticket & social package also includes Jaquars (Oct. 6), Titans (Nov. 3) or Buccaneers (Dec. 22) game ticket of your choice

December 22 WIU at Mizzou Social & Women's Basketball Game

Mizzou Arena
 600 East Stadium Blvd., Columbia, MO
 Social one hour prior to game; Game TBA
 Pizza, beer and wine, game ticket & social - \$15/person
 Pizza, beer and wine, & social only - \$10/person
 You are required to have a game ticket to attend the social.

Registration Form for WIU Alumni & Friends Events



Payment options:

Name _____ Class year _____
 Address _____ City, State, Zip _____
 Home phone _____ Home e-mail _____
 Cell phone _____ Do you want to receive text messages from the university? No Yes
 Name of business _____ Job title _____
 Work phone _____ Work e-mail _____
 Work address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Online wiu.com/alumni
 Phone (309) 298-1914
 Check Payable to **WIU Alumni Association**
 Credit card Please provide credit card information

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION:

Card #: _____
 Three digit security code _____ Exp. date: _____
 Name on card: _____
 Signature: _____

Fax form to: (309) 298-2914 or mail form to:
**WIU Alumni Association, 1 University Circle,
 Macomb, IL 61455-1390**

Name of event:	Number attending/Name(s):	Price:
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