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Sharing COEHS *Insights* with faculty and staff

- * Thank you for all the *Insights* submissions! The Dean's Office really appreciates hearing about the outstanding accomplishments of faculty, staff, students and the departments! We have had so many photo submissions, we can't show them all here so we have created a blog to create an archive for all the stories and to showcase all the photos. The site is live! Visit <http://www.wiu.edu/coehs/coehsblog>.
- * The Administrator's Round Table of Western Illinois, in conjunction with Western Illinois University's Department of Educational Leadership and the Regional Office of Education #26, held its annual "Legislative Issues" meeting on October 9. Featured above are some of the speakers. Not pictured is Rep. Don Moffitt, 74th District.
- * The WIU ROTC Ranger Club Team recently participated in the Ranger Challenge in Mersailles, IL. The team placed 7th. The ROTC cadets rappelled off a 10-foot wall located at Hanson Field and a 35-foot wall at Sallee Hall. The exercises were performed so the cadets could learn the basics of rappelling.
- * Mike Godard, KIN, and over a dozen undergraduate and graduate students in Exercise Science recently completed the pre-testing phase of a new research project on youth competitive swimmers. Approximately 30 swimmers from the McDonough County Dolphins YMCA Swim Team (<http://www.macombdolphins.org>) ranging in age from 6 to 17 years of age came to Brophy Hall for physiological testing this past week. Godard and his research team will complete the post-testing phase on all of the swimmers again in March at the conclusion of the swim season.
- * J.Q. Adams, EIS, was selected for the 2009 G. Pritchey Smith Multicultural Ed. Award. The presentation will take place during the 19th Annual International NAME Conference in Denver, CO.
- * Tammy Wilson and Sharon Butcher recently attended the NACADA Conference, Academic Advising: Deep in the Heart of Student Success, in San Antonio, TX.

- * Leanda Hemphill, IDT, and J.Q. Adams, EIS, were recently honored at the Provost's Awards for Excellence reception. Adams received the Excellence in Multicultural Teaching award and Hemphill received the award for Excellence in Teaching with Technology.
- * Christine Anderson, SPED, has been accepted for the presentation, *Choice as an Academic Intervention for Female Residents of a Juvenile Home*, at CITR's 4th Annual Faculty Research Symposium on Oct. 23.
- * Ashley Mason, Agriculture Education student, has been selected as one of 20 winners of the National Ag Collegiate Ambassador's Award for 2009-2010. This is the fourth year in a row a WIU student has been selected for this honor. Mason will be traveling throughout Illinois promoting agricultural awareness to school and community groups. She will be student teaching in Spring 2011 and is a native of Canton, IL.
- * Student groups in RPTA held successful events this month. The Student Recreation Society sponsored a Book and Bake Sale while the Student Recreation Association at the Quad Cities campus sponsored a pizza party and evening of bowling for students, faculty and alumni.
- * The Center for the Preparation of Education Professionals is proud to announce that Maria Dunstan joined the team this fall as a field supervisor for WIU students majoring in Special Education. Dunstan brings a vast array of experiences in the public schools as a classroom teacher, school counselor, building principal and assistant superintendent, to this position. She will be the facilitator of pre-student teaching field experiences for WIU special education majors in area schools. She continues to be a professional presenter on the topics of "School Improvement Practices Related to Improving Student Achievement" and "Ruby Payne's Framework for Understanding Poverty."
- * Dawn Sweet, Dean's Office, is proud to announce the birth of Justin Robert on Monday, October 13 at 5:09 p.m. He weighed 7 pounds 9 ounces and measured 20 3/4 inches. The family is doing great!
- * Many EIS faculty presented at the Midwestern Educational Research Association (MWERA) Annual Conference. Katrina Daytner presented *An Article-Based Approach to Teaching Human Development to Teacher Candidates, Accessing Curriculum through Technology Tools (ACTTT), A Model Development Project* and was the discussant in the session *Early Childhood and Science Education*. Gary Daytner presented *An Article-Based Approach to Teaching Human Development to Teacher Candidates, Online Teacher Training: The Early Childhood Technology Integrated Instructional System-Phase* and chaired one session and was a discussant in two other sessions. Tracy Davis was an invited speaker at the MWERA Division J Postsecondary Education Session. Greg Montalvo served as The Growing Use of Technology in Post-Secondary Education Discussant. Montalvo and Eric Mansfield presented *Self-Efficacy for Pleasing the Instructor: A Validation Study*. Deb Miretzky and Sharon Stevens presented the paper *Teacher Educators' Perspectives on Students, Instruction, and Assessment*. Stevens, with Nimisha Patel presented the paper *Parent-Teacher-Student Discrepancies in Academic Ability Beliefs*. Yuki Hasebe presented *A Bully-Victim Study: Their Perceptions of Autonomy in Transgression of Absolute vs. Ambiguous Moral Context* and also served as a discussant in another session.
- * Reinhard Lindner, EIS, presented *How are academic skills acquired?* at the WIU COEHS Continuing Conversations Colloquium.
- * Joe Decker, 2009 COEHS Distinguished Alumnus and World's Fittest Man, and his wife Nicole recently competed in the North American Wife Carrying Competition. They placed 7th overall. You can watch the video by clicking [here](#).
- * Dean Alexander, LEJA, was interviewed on WAND-TV, Decatur, on domestic jihadists. You can watch the interview [here](#).
- * The Visual and Apparel Merchandising Organization (VAMO) sponsored a presentation by DFMH alumna, Kelsey Butson (2007), who was back in town for WIU's homecoming. Kelsey spoke to fashion merchandising students about her summer 2007 internship experience at Lacoste in NYC and how she was able to secure a career position with them after completion of her internship. Kelsey's current position at Lacoste includes working in Lacoste's e-commerce division and with their internship program. The students were energized about their own career possibilities after hearing the success story of one of our own graduates with a career in the New York City fashion industry.
- * Kappa Delta Pi hosted the successful conference, Carousel of Educational Essentials Conference in late September. Many COEHS faculty members presented, including, Pamela Godt, C&I; Gloria Delany-Barmann, EIS; Melissa Stinnett, C&I; and Diana Goff, C&I. VAMO students provided a fashion show to demonstrate professional dress and teaching attire.

* **Announcements:**

- * Reminder: Western Lite's Cafe is open for lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The cuisine features low calorie (around 500), low fat meals (before dessert). The price of meals is \$6.00 with dessert costing \$1.00. The Cafe opens at 11:30 a.m.
- * On October 29, Jerry McBurney will present *Selling in Professional Sports - Techniques and Best Practices* in Horrabin Hall 1 from 2-5 p.m. The presentation is sponsored by the Department of Kinesiology and the Visiting Lectures Committee.
- * Today is the last day to register to attend the 5th Annual Area 3 Homeless Symposium entitled *Innovations: Meeting the Needs of Families in Transition* on Friday, October 23rd from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Contact the Dean's Office for registration information. This free professional development opportunity is being brought to you by the COEHS Dean's Office, Department of Social Work, and Regional Office of Education #26.
- * ROTC is sponsoring a blood drive on Wednesday, October 21 from 10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in the Horrabin Hall Gym. Donors can sign up by contacting Josh Zuck at jr-zuck@wiu.edu, visiting the Web site www.givebloodgivelife.org or by stopping by the ROTC office in HH 103.
- * On Thursday, October 29 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., the Rifle Team is hosting their annual "Pumpkin Shoot" at the Horrabin Hall shooting range. The cost is \$1 for 1 target, \$6 for 5 targets. Prizes will be awarded.
- * Join departments and centers from across campus in welcoming Bob Lujano, Para-Olympic athlete and Quad Rugby player, for his presentations, *No Arms, No Legs...No Problem!* on October 28. There will be three presentations: 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the Union Grand Ballroom and at 7:30 p.m. in Horrabin Hall 1. Admission is free.
- * Don't forget to go to the blog to see more pictures of happenings from the week!

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Trivia Question of the Week: Who are this year's Homecoming King and Queen and what departments do they come from?

Be the first to e-mail Dana Moon at DM-Moon@wiu.edu with the answer and you will be entered into a monthly drawing for a prize!

Answer to last week's questions: **According to the First Century Book by John Hallwas, IDT was originally the Department of Audiovisual Education.**

Congratulations to *Rachel Smith, RPTA*. She has won the prize for the month of September!!