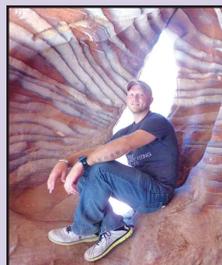


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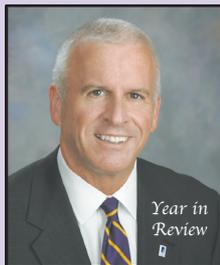
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# Western News



WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Alumni News and Notes from Western Illinois University

## WESTERN CONTINUES TO EARN HIGH MARKS

### WIU: Best Bang for the Buck



The 2015 Washington Monthly College Guide has recognized Western Illinois University as a “Best Bang for the Buck” Midwestern school.

Western is 30th among 403 Midwestern colleges and universities, ranking in the top 7 percent, and among five Illinois public universities in the top 75 of the Midwestern school rankings. This is the third consecutive year that Western has appeared in the Washington Monthly College Guide.

According to Washington Monthly, institutions are ranked for their contribution to the public good in three broad categories: social mobility (recruiting and graduating low-income students), research (producing cutting-edge scholarship and Ph.D.) and service (encouraging students to give something back to their country). Washington Monthly also rates colleges doing the best job of helping non-wealthy students attain marketable degrees at affordable prices.

Western was also ranked 217th among 673 master’s degree granting institutions from across the nation by the Washington Monthly. In addition, for 12 consecutive years, the University has been ranked a “Best Midwestern College” by the Princeton Review.

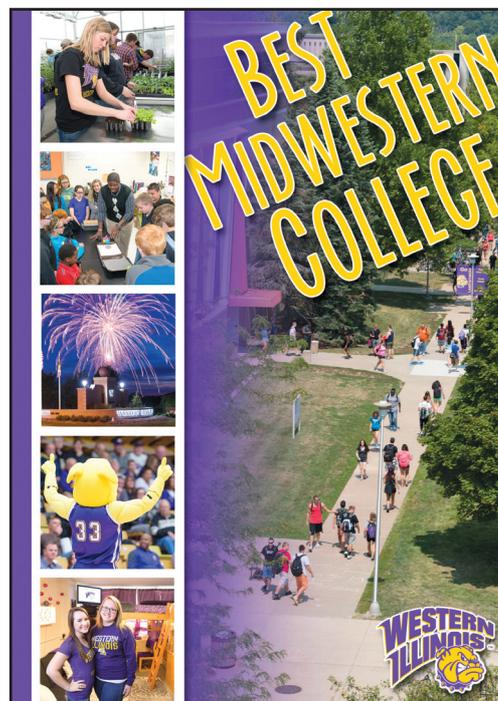
The complete Washington Monthly Midwestern list can be found at [tinyurl.com/nskps9c](http://tinyurl.com/nskps9c).

### Princeton Review: WIU “Best Midwestern College” for 12th year

For 12 years, The Princeton Review has named Western Illinois University a “Best Midwestern College.” Western is one of 159 regional universities, and one of three Illinois public institutions, named to the “Best in the Midwest” list by The Princeton Review.

The 159 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 649 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 12th 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 editors made their selections based on data the company collected from its survey of administrators at several hundred colleges in each region, as well as its staff visits to schools over the years and the perspectives of college counselors and advisers, whose opinions the company solicits.

The selections also take into account what students at the schools report about their experiences via an 80-question student survey. 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 lives. Students commented that WIU’s athletic and recreational facilities are “excellent” and also noted that Western has a

“homelike atmosphere,” “fun events” and “plenty of organizations.”

The Princeton Review also rates the schools on its “2016 Best Colleges: Region by Region” list in six categories. The rating scores (on a scale of 60 to 99) appear on the school profiles and are tallied from institutional data the company obtained from the colleges in 2014-15 and/or its student-survey data. Western received the following rating scores: Academics [69], Admissions Selectivity [74], Financial Aid [72], Fire Safety [82], Quality of Life [69] and Green [68].

The Midwestern “2016 Best Colleges: Region by Region” ranking list is available at [www.princetonreview.com/college-rankings?rankings=best-midwestern](http://www.princetonreview.com/college-rankings?rankings=best-midwestern).

### 2015 UPCOMING ALUMNI & FRIENDS EVENTS

See pg. 2 for entire calendar and pg. 32 for details.

#### September

- 16 . . . . Charlotte (NC)
- 17 . . . . Raleigh (NC)
- 19 . . . . Myrtle Beach (NC)
- 24 . . . . Macomb
- 25 . . . . Macomb
- 26-Oct. 5 Greek Isles

#### October

- 2-3 . . . . Macomb
- 7 . . . . Rosemont (IL)
- 11 . . . . Kansas City
- 14-22 . . Tuscany
- 21 . . . . Columbus (OH)
- 22 . . . . Cincinnati (OH)
- 24 . . . . Normal (IL)

#### November

- 4 . . . . Davenport (IA)
- 5 . . . . New Orleans
- 8-18 . . . Oriental Express
- 12 . . . . Las Vegas
- 14 . . . . St. Louis
- 15 . . . . St. Louis

#### December

- 2 . . . . Chicago
- 19 . . . . Macomb



Dear Alumni and Friends,

Greetings and welcome to the Fall 2015 issue of the Western News! We kicked off another exciting school year in August where we welcomed thousands of students back and greeted new freshmen and transfer students! We hope you've saved the date for Homecoming, being held Oct. 2-3 ... it's right around the corner. We'll see you in Macomb for the biggest event of the fall! If you aren't able to make it, be sure to join us at an event near you! Visit [wiu.edu/alumni/events.php](http://wiu.edu/alumni/events.php) to learn more!

*Amy E. Spelman*  
-Amy Spelman MS '98

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## WIU ALUMNI & FRIENDS EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER 2015

**16** Charlotte (NC) Alumni & Friends Social at Blackfinn Ameripub

**17** Raleigh/Durham (NC) Alumni & Friends Social at Tyler's Restaurant & Taproom

**19** WIU at Coastal Carolina Pregame Social & Football Game

**24** Celebrating Town & Gown 2015 and Rocky on Parade unveiling in Macomb at The Forum

**25** Paint the Paws in Macomb

**26-Oct. 5** Greek Isles Odyssey

### OCTOBER 2015

**2-3** Homecoming & Reunion

**7** Chicago Western Wednesdays After-Hours in Rosemont (IL)

**11** Chicago Bears at Kansas City Chiefs Pregame Social & Football Game

**14-22** Rediscovered Tuscany

**21** Columbus (OH) Alumni & Friends Social

**22** Cincinnati (OH) Alumni & Friends Social

**24** WIU at Illinois State Pregame Social & Football Game

### NOVEMBER 2015

**4** Quad Cities Western Wednesdays After-Hours in Davenport (IA)

**5** New Orleans Alumni & Friends Social

**8-18** Eastern & Oriental Express

**12** Las Vegas Alumni & Friends Social

**14** Chicago Blackhawks at St. Louis Blues Pregame Social & Hockey Game

**15** Chicago Bears at St. Louis Rams Pregame Social & Football Game

### DECEMBER 2015

**2** Chicago Western Wednesdays After-Hours in downtown Chicago

**19** Graduation & Alumni Achievement Awards

### JUNE 2016

**8** Peoria Alumni & Friends Event - Social & Book of Mormon performance at Peoria Civic Center

## From the President



Dear Alumni and Friends,

The new academic year at Western Illinois University is underway, and in a few short weeks, we will be celebrating Homecoming and Family Day. I look forward to seeing many of you at these events as you return to your alma mater to reconnect with friends and classmates, and to visit your students.

Please join us Oct. 2-3 for the 2015 Homecoming festivities. There are many activities taking place that weekend, including the all-alumni social Friday evening and the Old Stompin' Ground Runaround Saturday morning, followed by the parade, the alumni picnic and the Homecoming football game. This year's Family Day will be held Saturday, Oct. 10, with several events planned, including a free concert in Q-Lot featuring Dennis DeYoung and the music of Styx.

Despite the ongoing challenges facing higher education and the state of Illinois, we will have a productive academic year at Western Illinois University. We have already been recognized as a "Best Midwestern College" by The Princeton Review for the 12th consecutive year. Western was also recently recognized by The Washington Monthly as a "Best Bang for the Buck" Midwestern school. In addition, Western's online RN-BSN completion program has been named to the list of the top 50 most affordable colleges for online RN-BSN programs by the Best Master of Science in Nursing Degrees website.

We have wonderful students here who are eager to learn and further their education, and we have outstanding faculty and staff who make students a priority. As the year progresses, we will have even more accomplishments and achievements to share with our many alumni and friends.

Thank you for your loyalty and dedication. I hope to see you at "The Right Place" tent in Q-Lot Saturday, October 3. If you cannot make it back for Homecoming, please check [wiu.edu/alumni](http://wiu.edu/alumni) for information about all of our WIU Alumni and Friends events taking place throughout the country.

Remember, every day is a great day to be a Leatherneck!.

All my best,

*Jack Thomas*

Jack Thomas

# Education and Human Services

## Stepping up the game: Sport Management Program offers international student multinational perspective

By Teresa

Koltzenburg '92 MS '11

Netherlands-native **Marloes van Eijkelenburg** has hopes of again working at the Olympic Games. In 2012, before she came to the United States to study, the graduate student in Western Illinois University's sport management program (offered through the WIU Department of Kinesiology) worked as a facility manager at the London Games.



**Marloes van Eijkelenburg**

Although she described her job at the 2012 Summer Olympics as "amazing," van Eijkelenburg admitted the sheer magnitude and pressure of the experience left her a bit depleted.

"I was very tired after that, so I took a little vacation by myself and I traveled to Porto, Portugal to attend the annual conference held by the International Association for Philosophy of Sport [IAPS] in September of that year," she explained.

It was the 2012 holiday that served as the catalyst for van Eijkelenburg's trek to the U.S.—and eventually led to the pursuit of her master's degree in sport management at Western.

### A Significant Score

Prior to coming to the Midwest, van Eijkelenburg had earned her bachelor's degree in sport management from The Hague University of Applied Sciences (Netherlands), as well as completed postgraduate work in sport economics at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel. While she wasn't necessarily looking to come to North America to study, a chance meeting with **Algerian Hart**, assistant professor in kinesiology and graduate coordinator for the sport management program, and a few of his graduate students, who were all attending the IASP conference that year, caused her to consider (and ultimately take) the path to WIU.

"I met Dr. Hart at a networking thing at the conference. We started talking, and I told him about working at the Olympics, as well as my undergraduate work in sport management. After hearing about my background, he thought it would be beneficial for me, and for the program, if I came to Western," she noted. "There were six students with him, and he told me not to take his word for it, but to talk to his students so I could hear about the program from their perspectives."

According to van Eijkelenburg, it was those conversations that convinced her to apply for the program

so far away from her home in Europe.

"They really convinced me. I remember thinking, 'Oh wow. If the students are talking so highly about this program, it must be good,'" she added.

After finishing her studies at Vrije Universiteit Brussel, van Eijkelenburg worked another year (in 2013) and began her master's program at WIU in August 2014. Now in her second year, she said the program continues to offer her valuable educational opportunities.

"My professors are extremely approachable here, and I really enjoy that. I am also a teaching assistant, and I have a little cubicle in the same office space as my professors, so they are accessible and easy to reach out to when I have a question or concern about my studies or my classes," she noted.

Although van Eijkelenburg, who described herself as "very competitive," had considerable knowledge about the study of sport management from her courses in Europe, she said her classes at Western

offer practical application of sport management skills and philosophies.

"In Europe, the dominating sport is European football, or soccer, as it's called here in the U.S., but since being here, I have been introduced to many of the American sports. I think it's amazing how sports are organized here, and in my classes, we get to discuss what's happening in the industry a great deal. I remember when I first got

to Western, the whole story about NFL player Ray Rice's

assault case had just come out in the media, and it was my first introduction to American football. In our classes, we discussed this story from its different perspectives, such as from a fan's point of view or from the organization's management's perspective. We talked about how we may have to deal with such issues in our own jobs," she explained.

In addition to her studies and serving

as a teaching assistant, van Eijkelenburg is also active in the Sport Management Association (SMA), a student organization at WIU with the mission to "expand upon students' professional access and to provide networking opportunities and exposure to increase students' marketability."

"Taking part in this student organization has been significant for me. I have met many friends through SMA, and we have been able to travel to different places to experience various sports venues," van Eijkelenburg noted. "One experience, through my involvement with the SMA, included a trip to Kansas City, where I watched my first baseball game in person. Those kinds of activities have enabled me to get to know my classmates a little better on a personal level, and I think the opportunity to get involved like this is one of the biggest advantages of the sport management program at WIU."

The graduate candidate has plans to finish her degree next May and has hopes of, again, working at the Summer Olympics, slated to take place next year in Rio de Janeiro. Through her experience in European sports (in addition to her undergraduate studies and work at the Olympics, she has coached field hockey), and the experience and understanding she now has of the U.S. sports industry, she said she could be interested in working for an international sports organization.

"My experiences in the U.S. and in Europe have been so rich, I really would like to stay international, to serve both the European and the American markets," she said. "There's a really high job placement rate within the program—I think everyone who graduated last May has a job right now. But it really depends on what opportunity arises."

Learn more about the sport management program at WIU online at [wiu.edu/coehs/kinesiology/graduate\\_programs/sm](http://wiu.edu/coehs/kinesiology/graduate_programs/sm) or call (309) 298-1981.

"I remember thinking, 'Oh wow. If the students are talking so highly about this program, it must be good.'

- MARLOS VAN EIJKELBURG



**Marloes van Eijkelenburg (front row, far right) and her fellow classmates in the WIU Department of Kinesiology's Sport Management Association on a field trip during Spring 2015.**

# Education and Human Services

## WIU College of Education and Human Services announces new administrative appointments

**Katrina Daytner**

**Associate Dean for the College of Education and Human Services**

**Katrina Daytner** has been named the associate dean for administration of the Western Illinois University College of Education and Human Services (COEHS). She has served as the interim associate dean since Aug. 1, 2014.

Daytner joined Western's faculty in 2001 as an assistant professor in the educational and interdisciplinary studies department, with primary teaching responsibilities in the areas of educational psychology and human growth and development. From 2006-14, she served as the faculty associate for First Year Experience (FYE), and in that role, she was responsible for co-chairing such committees as the Foundations of Excellence Self Study, Committee on FYE Classes, FYE Review Committee and FYE Leadership Committee.

During her time at WIU, Daytner has published her research in *Midwestern Educational Researcher*, has written numerous grant reports and has presented at conferences for the American Educational Research Association, the Midwestern Educational Research Association and the annual meetings of the First Year Experience. She has served on the Council on Admission, Graduation and Academic Standards, the Academy for Persistence and Completion (Higher Learning Commission) and WIU's Faculty Senate. In 2013, Daytner was promoted to the rank of professor.

Daytner earned her doctorate in educational psychology (with a concentration in human development) from Indiana University—Bloomington, her master's degree in developmental psychology from Illinois State University and her bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Wisconsin—LaCrosse.

In 2013, Daytner won the COEHS Award for Excellence in Service and the WIU Provost's Award for Academic Excellence in University/Community Service.

**Jill Joline Myers**

**Interim Director of WIU School of Law Enforcement and Justice Administration**

**Jill Joline Myers** has been named interim director of Western Illinois University's School of Law Enforcement and Justice Administration (LEJA). Prior to joining Western's LEJA faculty in 2004, Myers served as a state and special assistant U.S. prosecutor in Baltimore (MD), where she was the division chief of special investigations, a unit that focused on employing wire, electronic and oral surveillance techniques to investigate major criminal organizations, drug traffickers and terrorist activities.

As a faculty member at Western, she has taught both graduate and undergraduate students, primarily in courses addressing legal issues concerning criminal justice practitioners. In addition, she regularly teaches and acts as a consultant to state and federal law enforcement agencies, including the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board Executive Institute, state and regional educational institutions, as well as legislative bodies, including the Washington, D.C./Baltimore High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) program and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). She also serves as an expert regarding First, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and 14th Amendment issues, as well as surveillance technologies and applications under the USA PATRIOT Act and various state and federal statutes.

While at Western, she received the 2013 Centennial Honors College Award of Excellence in Teaching and the 2011 Provost's Award of Excellence in Teaching with Technology. In 2011 and 2009, she received the Best in Track Award for Creative Research Activities in the WIU Faculty Research Symposium, and in 2009, she received the College of Education and Human Services' Faculty Research Award. In 2006, Myers also received the Outstanding First Year Experience Faculty Member Award. In addition, in 2008 and 2014, Myers received awards for Special Recognition for Diversity Efforts.

Myers earned her juris doctorate from the University of Baltimore.

**Sara Simonson MS-Ed '87**

**Interim Chair of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction**

**Sara Simonson MS-Ed '87** has been named the interim chair of the Western Illinois University Department of Curriculum and Instruction.

Simonson joined Western's faculty in August 1990, and she was promoted to professor in 2003. Prior to coming to Western, she served as a reading specialist in the Monmouth (IL) and Hamilton (IL) school districts.

During her time at Western, Simonson has published numerous journal articles in such publications as the *Illinois Reading Council Journal*, *Reading Psychology* and *Multicultural Review*. She has also presented at several international, national and regional education conferences. Since 2004, in conjunction with various colleagues, she has been awarded close to \$136,000 in grant funds from external institutions and organizations.

In 2004, Simonson was named the Most Inspirational Teacher by the Student Education Association at WIU. In 1995 and 1996, Simonson was honored with the Outstanding Teacher award for Western's College of Education and Human Services (COEHS). Also in 1995, she was honored as the first recipient of the WIU Faculty Excellence in Multicultural Programming award.

Simonson received her doctorate in literacy from the University of Iowa, her master's degree in reading education from Western and her bachelor's degree from Augustana College.

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# Education and Human Services

## Positive impact: Alumnus recognized as IBCA Coach of Year, inducted into Hall of Fame

By Teresa Koltzenburg '92 MS '11

His everyday goals are the very same as when he first started his career in 1986 in Plymouth (IL).

"On my very first résumé, one of my goals as a physical education teacher and a coach was to have a positive impact on all my students each day I go to school, and that is still my goal. I continue to try and do that," noted **James "Jim" Valla '85 MS '95**.

With his recent recognition as one of the recipients of the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association (IBCA) Co-Coach of the Year Award and his 2015 induction into the IBCA's Hall of Fame, Valla—a teacher at Elmwood (IL) Elementary and coach of boys' seventh/eighth grade basketball—has demonstrated that his seemingly simple

“Dr. Beaver, who was good at working with and teaching students with disabilities, made a significant impact on me. He showed me how important physical education is for all students.

- JIM VALLA '85 MS '95

objective can help lead to the kind of career achievements one dreams of as a young coach.

In February, Valla coached Elmwood's seventh-grade boys' basketball team to the Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA) Class 7-2A

state title for the first time. In previous years, Valla and his Elmwood basketball teams had gotten close—three of his boys' teams had finished second (in 2012, eighth grade; in 2011, seventh grade; and in 2010, seventh grade). And, even before the state title, Valla's coaching

record was something to be proud of; a congratulatory ad that appeared in spring 2015 issue of "The Weekly Post" (a weekly newspaper covering west central Illinois) highlights Valla's coaching accomplishments over the years: "Junior high record of 686 wins-333 losses; 18 conference championships; 23 regional championships; 16 sectional championships; five state trophies; one first-place state title and three second-place state titles."

But while Valla said he is proud of his winning record and successes over the years, he always keeps in mind that coaching "is all about the players."

"I've been very blessed to have talented kids who work hard and listen—a lot of good players who have helped me achieve success," he noted. "I've also been lucky to have a lot of support from my school."

According to Elmwood Elementary Principal **Tony Frost '84**, the program that Valla has built over the years has also been good for the school.

"Jim was already here when I got here about 16 years ago now, so I have been able to see the program get to where it is today," Frost explained. "This is Jim's passion. He is a well-respected coach in the area and has a program that kids want to play for, and I think that is part of the success he has developed. He has kids lined up just waiting to be a part of it, and the way he works with the kids is rewarded by the effort he gets from them. I think that is part of being a good coach—creating an environment in which kids want to be a part of it. He has done that very successfully."

Valla, who started pursuing his master's degree at Western while he was teaching and coaching in the Plymouth (IL) school district in the late 1980s, said he knew when he was young he wanted to coach kids and teach physical education.

He noted, though, that WIU Department of Physical Education faculty members like **David Beaver** (who retired from Western in 2001 after 25 years of service) and **John Colgate** (1964-94 and retired from WIU) affirmed his decision to teach physical education and serve as a coach for kids' teams.

"Dr. Beaver, who was good at working with and teaching students with disabilities, made a significant impact on me. He showed me how important physical education is for all students," Valla said. "I was heavily involved with intramurals at Western, and Dr. Colgate, who was the director of them [1971-1994], was a good influence on me, as well."

Valla was officially inducted into the IBCA's Hall of Fame May 2 in Normal (IL).

**SEVENTH GRADE STATE CHAMPIONS**

**Elmwood wins state hoops title**

By JEFF LAMPE  
Weekly Post Staff Writer

CLINTON — Elmwood Junior High School already owns an impressive list of accomplishments in the Illinois Elementary School Association record book. After last Thursday, the school can add one key distinction that had previously proven elusive.

Elmwood's seventh-grade team handled St. Vincent de Paul 50-35 in the Class 7-2A state title game last Thursday to earn the Trojans their first IESA championship. Coach Jim Valla has had three teams finish second (2012 eighth grade, 2011 seventh grade and 2010 seventh grade).

"It was truly a team effort," Valla said.

Despite the final score, this was a close game through three quarters a Elmwood (26-1) battled foul trouble. Starting guards Cameron Jacobson, Charlie McKinty and Jacob Brown

**Pep Rally**  
Celebrate Elmwood's title Friday at 2:15 p.m. in the grade school gym.

**Fourth time a charm for Valla**

By JEFF LAMPE  
Weekly Post Staff Writer

ELMWOOD — Jim Valla laughs when the conversation turns to how busy he is coaching four boys basketball teams.

Four teams? That's nothing for the coach of this year's 7-2A state champions.

Back in 1986 when Valla started his career at Plymouth — a Hancock County town of 562 that no longer has a high school — he coached the

"I hope every player who I've ever coached feels a part of this championship." — Jim Valla

varsity, the junior varsity, the seventh grade and the eighth grade. Over the next few seasons he picked up fifth and sixth grade and by 1980 had created third- and fourth-grade teams.

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Newspaper clipping from "The Weekly Post" (wklypost.com) from coverage of Valla's winning record for Elmwood Community Schools.

**Congratulations to Coach Jim Valla**

From The Elmwood School Community

**For Induction to the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame**

**And for being an IBCA Co-Coach of the Year**

Junior High Record 686-333  
18 Conference Championships  
23 Regional Championships  
16 Sectional Championships  
5 State Trophies: 1 First,  
3 Second, 1 Third

IESA 2014 7-2A State Champions!

This congratulatory advertisement appeared in "The Weekly Post" (wklypost.com) after Valla and his seventh-grade boys' basketball team won the state title.

# Education and Human Services

## Alumna's effort to pass law to protect kids from childhood sexual abuse hits milestone

By Teresa Koltzenburg '92 MS '11

A Western Illinois University alumna's personal crusade to pass Erin's Law, a law to help protect children from sexual abuse, reached a milestone in June. This summer, **Erin Merryn '08**, who received her bachelor's degree in social work from Western, achieved the halfway mark in her goal to get a sexual abuse prevention law passed in all 50 U.S. states. In early June, the law passed in Alabama, which was the 25th state to pass it.

Since that time, it also passed in Alaska, and in mid-July, the law was introduced at the national level by Congresswoman Katherine Clark (D-MA) and Congressman Joe Heck (R-NV). A video on Rep. Clark's YouTube channel shows Clark introducing the Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Act (<https://youtu.be/TxxzZlye2Ck>).

Additionally, Merryn and her work for Erin's Law is featured in a commercial and a documentary, "Breaking the Silence," on the TLC cable network.

"TLC produced an entire commercial to air regularly about Erin's Law, and that was set to start in mid-August," Merryn explained. "I was also featured in a one-hour, commercial-free documentary on child sexual abuse, which was aired at the end of August."

Merryn is a survivor of childhood sexual abuse and has written three books on the topic since her graduation from Western. In early June, on Erin's Law Facebook page, Merryn posted about her personal push to raise awareness about childhood sexual abuse and to get the law passed in

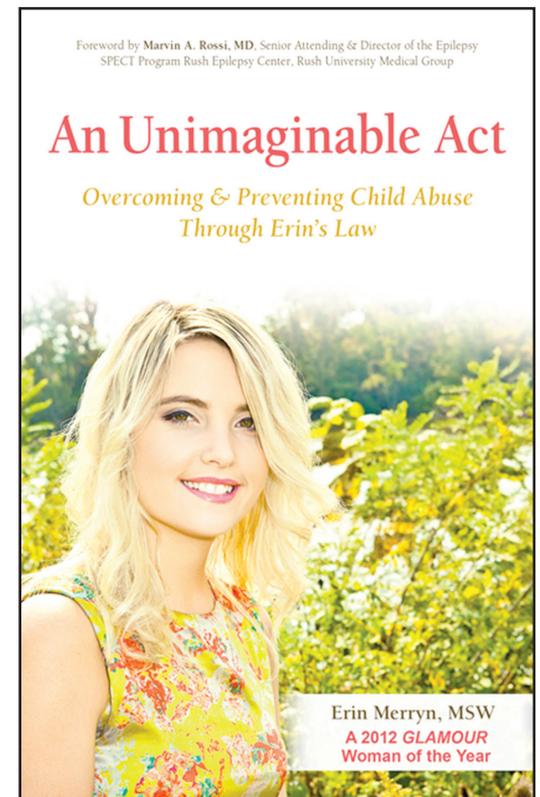
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"[Five] years ago was my first day unemployed. I had just resigned from my job as a youth and family counselor. When I handed my boss my letter resigning, he tried to convince me to stay and even handed my letter back to me and said, 'Think about it some more over the weekend. What can I do to make it better here for you?' I explained to him, 'I don't need any more time to think. I have already made up my mind, and I am going after passing a law in Illinois that will require that we teach kids about sexual abuse prevention. I can't work full time and work on this law. Kids' lives are more important to me than a paycheck,'" she wrote. "Never could have I imagined, when I had that conversation, that five years later that law has now passed in 25 states—Erin's Law is working. It seems every week now I am getting a phone call from a police department, teacher, counselor, mother, prevention educator, etc., telling me they had a disclosure because a child or children were just taught Erin's Law."

In late May and early June, Merryn provided commentary on CNN, MSNBC, Fox News and the Today Show regarding a childhood sexual abuse media story involving a reality television family.

Merryn first spoke to a crowd about her personal sexual abuse at a WIU Take Back the Night rally and march at Hanson Field in 2004. (see [wiu.edu/news/newsrelease.php?release\\_id=7740](http://wiu.edu/news/newsrelease.php?release_id=7740))

For more information about Erin's Law, visit the Facebook page at [facebook.com/ErinsLaw](http://facebook.com/ErinsLaw).



WIU alumna Erin Merryn '08 is the author of "Stolen Innocence," "Living For Today" and "An Unimaginable Act." Her law, "Erin's Law," which requires sexual abuse prevention to be taught in schools, has passed in 26 states in the U.S. She was recently featured in a commercial and documentary produced by the TLC cable network.

## CSP alumna, former WIU employee named Purdue dean of students

**Katherine "Katie" Sermersheim MS '91** was recently named Purdue's dean of students. She took up her post in West Lafayette (IN) Aug. 1. Prior to her Purdue position, she was the interim dean of students at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Sermersheim, who received her master's degree in Western's nationally recognized College Student Personnel (CSP) program, also worked at Western for four years (in the mid-1990s) as the assistant director of student activities and Greek affairs.

Originally from Huntingburg (IN), Sermersheim said she interviewed with two other institutions before deciding to attend WIU to earn her master's degree in CSP.

"Faculty and staff made a lasting impression on me, and after interviewing at Western, I was certain I wanted to be a Leatherneck," she noted. "From my time at WIU, there were many faculty and staff members and students who made an impact on me and

helped me grow into the professional I am today. Some of those individuals include **Jim Miner '72 MS '73**, **Bill Brattain**, **Garry Johnson**, **Dea Forney**, **Nancy Evans**, **Cathy Onion '85 MS '90** and **Gordy Taylor '68**, as well as many others. The sense of family and student success was apparent to me and was felt throughout my cohort of students in the program. Faculty and staff members all wanted us to be successful."

According to a Purdue press release, Sermersheim is an active member of the ACPA (American College Personnel Association)-College Student Educators International and NASPA, the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators. Additionally, the WIU CSP alumna has presented at numerous national conferences, including at ACPA, NASPA, Mid-American Greek Council Association, National Association of Campus Activities and at multiple national fraternity and sorority functions.

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- KATHERINE SERMERSHEIM MS '91



Katherine "Katie" Sermersheim MS '91



# Fine Arts and Communication



## WIU Department of Broadcasting, Journalism program merge

Beginning this fall, the WIU Department of Broadcasting and the University's journalism program merged into the WIU Department of Broadcasting and Journalism.

Previously the broadcasting department was under the umbrella of the WIU College of Fine Arts and Communication (COFAC), and the journalism program was housed in the WIU College of Arts and Sciences (CAS). The newly-formed department is housed mostly on the third floor of Sallee Hall and is a part of COFAC.

**William "Buzz" Hoon '86 MA '91** chairs the combined department. Students in the department can earn a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism or a Bachelor of Arts in Broadcasting.

"We hope to tell the success stories of each program and help our students understand the connection and overlap in both areas," said Hoon. "We have a wonderful legacy of alumni working in both fields."

Hoon said WIU faculty members will work to enhance and expand the learning opportunities available to students in the department.

"Our students receive valuable hands-on experience when they arrive at WIU and have made this an award-winning department," he said.

For more information on the newly-combined department, visit [wiu.edu/cofac/bcj](http://wiu.edu/cofac/bcj) or call (309) 298-2888.

## Walters creates public art in Quad Cities

By *Jodi Pospeschil MA '15*

It has been an artistically busy summer for Western Illinois University Art Professor **Bruce Walters**.

In June, Walters was named the Illinois Artist of the Month by the website I Like Illinois. He also spent part of his summer creating a 10-foot by 30-foot mural as part of the Bix run in the Quad Cities.

The mural, which depicts Bix Beiderbecke, a Davenport (IA) jazz musician in the early 1900s, was hung on an outside wall of the German American Heritage Center in Davenport from early June through August.

In addition to his creative and artistic work, Walters has authored more than 40 feature articles on public art and architecture in the Quad Cities.

"There is a wealth of history and art in the community that I continue to discover," said Walters.

Walters has been teaching students at WIU since 1997. Prior to beginning his teaching post at Western, he worked as an illustrator and graphic designer for a variety of corporations, museums, federal and state institutions, advertising agencies and in the media. His artwork has also been displayed in more than 100 solo, invitational and competitive exhibitions, mostly in the Midwest.



**WIU Art Professor Bruce Walters works on an enormous mural he created this summer as part of the annual Bix run in the Quad Cities.**

Walters cites his "twin passions" as creating and teaching and added that he still derives joy from working with Western's students and "helping them find their own voice through the arts."

"The University provides a tremendous creative environment and the opportunity to learn directly from professors and from fellow students in traditional art media—drawing, painting, printmaking, ceramics, metals and sculpture—and emerging digital technologies," said Walters. "Macomb provides opportunities to view other artists' work and to exhibit your own work at the

University Art Gallery, West Central Illinois Arts Center and student galleries."

In addition to the artwork and the artistic designation, Walters continues to work on writing and directing a film and multi-platform production in collaboration with WIU's Department of Theatre and Dance and the University's Public Broadcasting System (PBS) station, WQPT.

For more information about Walters' work, visit [bruce-walters.com](http://bruce-walters.com), [thespiritoftheage.com](http://thespiritoftheage.com), [exploringnasa.com](http://exploringnasa.com) or [halloweenflight.com](http://halloweenflight.com).

## ARTS CALENDAR

### Art Gallery Receptions

Oct. 6: Luke Severson  
Nov. 17: Marc Moulton

### Bureau of Cultural Affairs (BCA)

Sept. 18: Improvised Shakespeare Company  
Sept. 19: Al Chez & The Brothers of Funk  
Oct. 9: Sinbad  
Nov. 18: Bill Blagg, magician

### Performing Arts Society Events

Sept. 26: Beerfest  
Nov. 14: Moulin Rouge Silent Auction and Gala

### School of Music Concerts

Sept. 13: Music Scholarship Concert  
Oct. 9: Wind Ensemble Concert  
Oct. 24: Marching Band Classic  
Oct. 29: WIU Symphony Halloween Concert  
Nov. 7: Chamber Winds/Players Concert  
Nov. 19: Jazz Band Concert  
Dec. 4: Wind Ensemble Concert  
Dec. 5: Holiday Festival of Choirs  
Dec. 11: WIU Symphony Orchestra December Concert

### Theatre and Dance Mainstage Shows

Sept. 30-Oct. 4: She Kills Monsters  
Oct. 21-25: A Bright New Boise  
Nov. 11-15: The Tempest  
Dec. 3-6: Winter DanceWorks Concert  
Dec. 13: Christmas Cabaret

### Tri-States Public Radio Celebration

#### Concert Series

Sept. 12: Victor & Penny  
Oct. 10: Mother Banjo  
Nov. 14: Ben Bedford

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# Arts and Sciences

## WIU alumnus studying Arabic in Jordan through CLS scholarship

By Jodi Pospeschil MA '15

A Western Illinois University alumnus expanded his education through the summer by studying the Arabic language in Jordan with the help of a U.S. Department of State Critical Language Scholarship (CLS).

**Patrick Bohnenkamp '14**, of Ft. Madison (IA), graduated from WIU in 2014 with a bachelor's degree in anthropology. He was named the department scholar at the time of his graduation.

He is the first WIU graduate to receive one of the CLS scholarships, which are highly competitive.

Bohnenkamp spent two months in Amman, Jordan this summer, which he called a "life changing experience."

"Complete immersion was terrifying at first, but it has taught me new ways of learning and living through cultural exposure," said Bohnenkamp. "My time in Jordan has strengthened my Arabic skills, as well as my love for people and my desire for organic experiences. I am grateful for the warmth and kindness my Jordanian friends have shown me, as well as the opportunity to study Arabic amidst such a people."

This year, the U.S. Department of State awarded 550 CLS scholarships to graduate and undergraduate students in the United States. Students come from 49 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia, and represent more

than 200 institutions of higher education from across the United States, including public and private universities, liberal arts colleges, minority-serving institutions and community colleges.

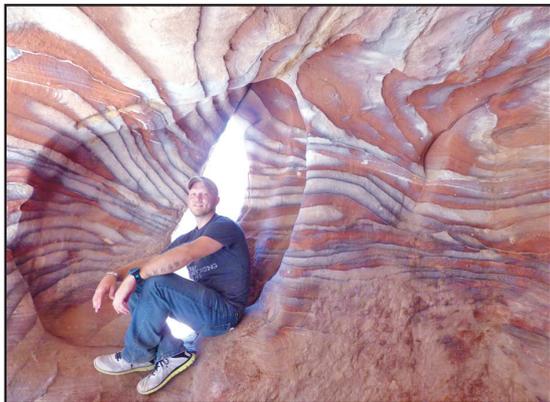
Bohnenkamp said several faculty members in WIU's Department of Anthropology supported and encouraged his application for the scholarship funding, including Professor **Heather McIlvaine-Newsad** and Assistant Professor **Christina Davis**.

"Their support gave me confidence to do things I would have never done," he said. "They didn't just suggest I study Arabic, they believed I could learn Arabic, and they believed I could get a scholarship to study abroad—now here I am. Their support and encouragement made a

huge difference in my confidence and ability to pursue what I never would have otherwise."

The CLS program is part of an effort by the U.S. government to expand the number of Americans studying and mastering critical foreign languages. Program participants are expected to continue their language study after the scholarship term has ended and use what they learn in their future careers.

For more information about the WIU Department of Anthropology, visit [wiu.edu/anthropology](http://wiu.edu/anthropology) or call (309) 298-1056.



WIU alumnus Patrick Bohnenkamp '14 studied Arabic in Amman, Jordan this summer with the help of a U.S. Department of State scholarship.

## Biggs takes second

By Jodi Pospeschil MA '15

A junior in Western Illinois University's meteorology program won second place earlier this summer in "The Weather Challenge," a national competition for weather forecasting held at the University of Oklahoma.

**Devin Biggs**, of Lincoln (IL), competed in category four of the competition, designated for freshman- and sophomore-level college students.

At the competition, Biggs and the other students registered in his age category, forecasted the weather for Phoenix (AZ) for a two-week period.

"I was honestly shocked I did so well," said Biggs. "I'm thankful to have earned a trophy, and I plan to keep competing and continuing to improve in the challenge. I want to become a great forecaster, and this challenge will help. It also makes it fun to have competition. My ultimate goal is to finish at the top of the category."

According to WIU Associate Professor of Geography **Marcus Bükler**, Biggs was the only person in the pool of faculty or student forecasters from WIU to get a trophy this year.

"Our school has had four previous winners over the past five years: two faculty and two students. Devin got second place for Phoenix out of approximately 500 freshmen and sophomores."

Bükler said forecasters used a variety of tools during the competition (computer model output, satellite imagery, radar and climatological data), as well as their own experience and knowledge of meteorology, to produce as accurate a forecast as possible.

For more information on WIU's meteorology program, call (309) 298-1648.

## Davi named president of ISBA

By Erika Davis, University Relations intern

Western Illinois University alumnus **Umberto Davi '76**, of Willowbrook (IL), was named the president of the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA) in June.

Davi, who graduated with a sociology degree from Western, was part of the National Honor Society. He received his law degree from The John Marshall Law School in 1982. There, he was a member of the school's alumni board and served as its president from 2005-06 and served as a trustee on the school's Board of Directors.

Davi's law practice concentrates on real estate and family practice. The practice was elected to the ISBA in 1998, 2004, 2008 and 2011. Since becoming an ISBA board member, Davi has served as secretary and treasurer.

As the ISBA president, Davi hopes to create a committee that will allow law students to work directly with private law firms and make court appearances. He also wants to provide a library of augmented forms.

In addition, Davi will address the implications of new client services and expand the Courtroom in the Classroom program with judges in the association. He will assist with any changes to what law schools teach students and bring educational programs to members around the state.

## Political science alumna named dean of UW-Madison School of Education

In August, **Diana Hess '79** took the helm of the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Education. A DeKalb (IL) native, Hess—formerly the senior vice president of the Spencer Foundation (Chicago, IL)—earned her bachelor's degree in political science at Western Illinois University.

While an undergraduate, she received certification to teach secondary social studies through the WIU Department of Curriculum and Instruction. She began her career in education teaching high school social studies.

"WIU was really a good place for me to earn my bachelor's degree. I learned best in classes that were interactive, and I remember quite clearly how engaging and fun it was to be in relatively small classes with lots of discussion," she said. "Later, when I became a professor, I worked hard to replicate that experience for my students."

While at Western, Hess served on the Student Judicial Board. She noted the experience taught her a great deal about due process, inquiry and leadership.

"We were put through a very extensive and interesting training program before we served on the Judicial

Board. I recall being impressed by the effort Western's administration put into supporting the board and the amount of real authority the board had," she added.

Hess mentioned that an internship with U.S. Congressman Tom Railsback in Washington, D.C. during her undergraduate studies in Western's political science program was formative for her, as well.

"It was a fascinating time to be in Washington—not that long after Watergate. I worked on all sorts of projects as an intern and also did a lot of constituent casework. The internship made me even more interested in public policy and politics. It also taught me how important internships can be; so later, when I was teaching American government at Downers Grove South High School, I created an internship program for my own students. I doubt I would have thought to do that had I not had such a wonderful internship opportunity myself," she said.

Hess earned her doctorate from the University of Washington and her master's degree from the University of Illinois. Read more about Hess on UW-Madison's website at <http://news.wisc.edu/23815>.

# Arts and Sciences

## Geography and geology departments build visualization sandbox

By Erika Davis, *University Relations intern*

A unique technology and construction project in the Western Illinois University College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) has resulted in a virtual reality sandbox that will enhance the learning experience for students studying topography.

Design of the project began in Spring 2015; construction took about two and a half months and cost only a few hundred dollars.

WIU Associate Professor of Geology **Steve Bennett** found the initial directions for construction of the system; Geologic Museum Coordinator **Robert Johnson '78** built a moveable wooden table and sandbox and mounted the equipment, while Geographic Information Systems Center (GIS) Director **Chad Sperry '95** installed the computer software and calibrated the sandbox. Undergraduate and graduate students from the GIS Center also helped with the necessary coding.

"We had an extra computer and a projector we used for free and an Xbox camera that was purchased from eBay," said Sperry. "The sandbox will be used as a recruitment tool for the geology and geography departments. It will also be used by students during classes."

The computer, Xbox camera and projector work together. The computer runs a Linux operating system and is attached through an adaptor cable to the Xbox camera. The camera senses changes in the sand surface and relays that information to the computer, which in turn maps the surface and projects the contour lines on the sand. As the sand is changed, the projected map follows almost

instantly.

Those who use the table can use their hands to create high and low spots in the sandbox and the computer projects colored contour line—lines connecting points of equal elevation—on the sand surface in real-time. The sandbox can be used to model many different landforms, including mountains, volcanoes, valleys and streams and to simulate water flow.

Sperry said the idea for the sandbox's design came from the University of California-Davis' W.M. Keck Center for Active Visualization in the Earth Sciences. The original goal of the sandbox was to develop a real-time integrated augmented reality system to create topographic models.

The virtual sandbox, which is located in Tillman Hall, was used this summer in the University's science camps for high school students. Students called the sandbox one of the "coolest things" they have seen.

Makayla Gunter, a high school junior from Smithen (IL) was one

of several students attending one of the science camps at WIU. She said the sandbox is unlike anything she had seen before.



WIU faculty members **Steve Bennett, Chad Sperry '95** and **Robert Johnson '78** all had a part in creating a virtual sandbox for the WIU departments of geography and geology.

"The elevation is amazing. I really like seeing the water movements and different simulation. I honestly want to have one in my house," she said.

During the academic semesters, the sandbox will be used by both the WIU departments of geography and geology. It will offer WIU students a unique way to study landforms and maps and will help them understand the relationship between the two by using a device that simulates reality.

"The sandbox was a good collaboration for the two departments," said Sperry.

Anyone interested in learning more about the project can contact Sperry at [CE-Sperry@wiu.edu](mailto:CE-Sperry@wiu.edu) or call (309) 298-2562.

## Deitz implements national 'Ready to Run® Illinois' at WIU

By Jodi Pospeschil MA '15

A unique national political program, designed to aid women in efforts to run for public office, has been implemented locally by a Western Illinois University professor.

Director of Public Leadership and Outreach and Political Science Professor **Janna Deitz** organized the first "Ready to Run® Illinois" event June 6 at the WIU-Quad Cities Riverfront campus. Deitz worked to secure the designation for WIU through the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University and received financial support from Rutgers to get this first offering of the program off the ground.

"Women's political representation from local to federal offices still has much room to grow," said Deitz. "In Illinois, for example, women hold 31 percent of seats in the state legislature. Programs such as 'Ready to Run® Illinois' can help spur the growth in women's political representation by demystifying the campaign process."

The non-partisan program provides candidate training

for women and is open to all interested in learning more about taking the first steps in running for office or seeking public appointed office.

The June 6 event featured 17th District Congresswoman Cheri Bustos as the keynote speaker. Presentations were made by other local elected officials, including Illinois Rep. Norine Hammond, of Macomb; former Iowa State Sen. and Executive Director of Iowa's 50/50 program for Women's Political Equity, Maggie Tinsman; Rock Island/Milan School Board President **Linda Dothard '95** and McDonough County Board member and founding member and Vice Chair of the Prairie Land Conservancy **Alice Henry '74 MS '78**.

Presenters shared expertise on campaign messaging, strategy, media/social media and fundraising.

Other event speakers included **Robin Johnson MS '98**, regional political expert and Democratic campaign consultant for local, state and federal elections; Judy Davidson, chair of the Scott County Republican Party and

member of the Iowa Republican State Central Committee; Drew McConville, social media advertising and communication expert with Revolution Messaging, a Washington DC-based progressive communications firm; and Jim Reis, Republican consultant for legislative and statewide candidates in Illinois.

For more information about the 'Ready to Run® Illinois' program visit [wiu.edu/ready2run](http://wiu.edu/ready2run) or contact Deitz at [JL-Deitz@wiu.edu](mailto:JL-Deitz@wiu.edu) or call (309) 298-1741.



During the "Ready to Run® Illinois" at Western, 17th District Congresswoman **Cheri Bustos** served as keynote speaker.



WIU Director of Public Leadership and Outreach and Political Science Professor **Janna Deitz, right**, organized the first "Ready to Run® Illinois" at Western.

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# Intercollegiate Athletics

## Head Coach Billy Wright announces hiring of Mark Vershaw as assistant coach

Western Illinois University Head Men's Basketball Coach **Billy Wright** announced the hiring of assistant Coach **Mark Vershaw MS '10** in June, completing Western Illinois' coaching staff for the 2015-16 season.

Vershaw, who spent time at Illinois State University during the 2011-12 academic year, recently concluded his third season on staff with the University of Virginia (UVA) men's basketball program. Vershaw joined the Cavalier program in Fall 2012 and completed his master's degree in education at UVA. Vershaw also holds a master's degree in sport management from Western Illinois University.

"I am pleased to add Mark to my coaching staff," said Coach Wright. "He has been successful as a player and coach at the highest level. He has participated in the NCAA Final Four, was part of the staff at Virginia that won the ACC, and he brings a wealth of knowledge as a former head coach that will help move our program forward, especially with the development of our post players and

our defense."

Vershaw played collegiately at Wisconsin from 1997-01 for Head Coach Dick Bennett. He scored 1,066 career points during his career and was the leading scorer on the Badgers' 2000 NCAA Final Four squad. He became just the sixth forward in Big Ten history to register at least 1,000 points, 400 rebounds and 300 assists over a career.

"Mark is a man of high integrity, understands what Division I coaching is all about and comes highly recommended from some of the best in the business," Wright added.

Vershaw was the head coach of Monmouth College for four seasons from 2007-11. He also has coaching experience on the staffs at Cornell, Washington State and Illinois Central College.

Vershaw and his wife, Natalie, have two children, Isabelle and Asher.

## Western succeeds in NCAA APR Scores

Coming off an announcement of a record four sport programs earning the Academic Progress Rates (APR) Public Recognition Award, Western Illinois Athletics turned in another impressive year of NCAA APR scores. The NCAA office announced the four-year multi-year rates for all Division I institutions.

The women's golf, volleyball and men's and women's cross country teams were honored for the perfect 1,000 APR score, which placed each program among the top 10 percent in the country in each respective sport.

The multi-year number is the average APR score of the four-year cohort spanning 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14. The APR is calculated as follows:

- Each student-athlete receiving athletically related financial aid earns one point for staying in school and one point for being academically eligible.
- A team's total points are divided by points possible and then multiplied by 1,000 to equal the team's APR.
- In addition to a team's current-year APR, its rolling four-year APR is also used to determine accountability.

"Our APR scores reflect a strong commitment to academic excellence by our head coaches, student-athletes and staff. We raised the bar with four squads earning the public recognition award, and we aspire to additional squads joining that list in the future," said Interim Athletic Director **Matt Tanney**. "We will continue to support the academic pursuits of our student-athletes with the same level of dedication that we support their athletic endeavors."

To learn more about academics and APR, visit [naa.org](http://naa.org) and click on Academics/Division I.



## WIU Athletics Home Games

### Volleyball

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT
Oct. 2	7 p.m.	Fort Wayne
Oct. 4	1 p.m.	IUPUI
Oct. 6	6 p.m.	Southeast Missouri State
Oct. 9	7 p.m.	Denver
Oct. 16	7 p.m.	South Dakota State
Oct. 20	6 p.m.	Omaha
Oct. 25	1 p.m.	North Dakota State
Nov. 6	7 p.m.	South Dakota State
Nov. 8	1 p.m.	Oral Roberts

### Men's Soccer

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT
Sept. 21	5 p.m.	Loras
Sept. 26	1 p.m.	Denver
Oct. 5	4 p.m.	Bradley
Oct. 13	3:30 p.m.	Drake
Oct. 17	1 p.m.	Eastern Illinois
Nov. 1	1:30 p.m.	IUPUI

### Women's Soccer

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT
Oct. 2	3 p.m.	Fort Wayne
Oct. 4	1 p.m.	Indiana State
Oct. 18	1 p.m.	IUPUI
Oct. 30	1 p.m.	South Dakota State
Nov. 1	11 a.m.	North Dakota State

## Jasmine Brown earns Second Team All-American Honors

Western Illinois junior **Jasmine Brown** earned NCAA All-American Second Team honors after competing in the triple jump in Eugene (OR). Brown, who was the first ever WIU student-athlete to participate in the triple jump at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships, finished in 15th place with a jump of 12.70 meters.

"While Jasmine did not have the results we were hoping for, she still had the second best series of her career, and added NCAA Second Team All-American honors to her list of achievements," said head coach **Mike Stevenson '87 MS '91**. "She finishes her sophomore year with two school records and major NCAA experience to build on for the future."

The DeKalb (IL) native advanced to NCAA Championships by leaping a WIU program record distance of 13.20 meters in NCAA Regional competition after finishing second in the 2015 Summit League Outdoor Championships. Earlier in the year, Brown won the The Summit League Indoor Track and Field title in the triple jump with a distance of 12.49 meters.

She is the third WIU women's outdoor track and field student-athlete to earn All-America Honors, and first since 2006. Others to accomplish All-America Honors included **Aubrey Martin**, in 2004 and 2006 for her performance in the shot put, and **Patty Murray** in 1986 and 1987 for her time in the 5,000 meter run.



Jasmine Brown

## Student-athletes honored at commencement

Seventy-seven Leatherneck student-athletes earned undergraduate or graduate degrees at WIU's Spring 2015 commencement at Western Illinois University.

Among the 77 student-athletes, **Ashley Jeffers** (women's golf) and **Jenna Wernsing** (track and field) were named departmental scholars. **Lindsay Condon** (women's soccer) and **Faith Lois** (women's basketball) served as commencement marshals.

During the Honors Convocation Ceremony, 11 student-athletes were honored for their academic achievements. Jeffers, Lois and **Ann Miller** (volleyball) graduated Summa Cum Laude. Condon, **Amber Davis** (women's soccer) and **Sarah Wright** (women's soccer) graduated magna cum laude. **Abby Ball** (women's golf), **Christina Jones** (women's basketball), **Jessica Knepp** (women's golf), **Jennika Myers** (women's soccer) and **Lia Romeo** (softball) ended their academic tenure with cum laude honors.

# Intercollegiate Athletics



## Western Illinois University announces 2015 athletics Hall of Fame class

Western Illinois University Athletics announced the 2015 Hall of Fame class. Four former student-athletes will be inducted during the Hall of Fame/Homecoming weekend Oct. 2-3.

**Tony Bresky '98** (men's tennis, 1993-97), **Jen (Dockmeyer) Hogan '00** (volleyball, 1996-99), **Mark Kaczmarek '73** (football, 1969-72) and **Dr. Justin Langan '04** (football, 2001-04; men's soccer, 2000-03) were selected for their outstanding record of performance while representing Western Illinois Athletics.

"The achievements of Tony, Jen, Mark and Justin distinguished them from an outstanding class of nominations," said Interim Director of Athletics **Matt Tanney**. "The strength of the inductees' credentials is indicative of the historical success of Leatherneck Athletics. We look forward to welcoming them back to campus for Homecoming weekend."

The induction ceremony will take place Friday, Oct. 2 in the University Union Grand Ballroom. The four inductees will be honored during halftime of the Leathernecks' football game against Southern Illinois.

For ticket information to the event contact the WIU Athletic Department at (309) 298-1190.

Bresky remains as the Western Illinois men's tennis all-time leader in victories. The two-time Mid-Continent Conference Player of the Year (1995 and 1997) earned All-Conference honors all four years. He helped the Leathernecks win back-to-back Mid-Continent Tournament titles in 1995 and 1996. During his senior year, playing for Hall of Fame coach **Art Peterson**, Western won 15 matches, which still ranks in a tie for seventh-most wins in Summit League season history.

Bresky holds the season records for singles victories (27) and combined victories (51). His 89 career wins in singles play and 181 combined wins (singles and doubles) still rank first in the WIU record books.

A former ITA (Intercollegiate Tennis Association) National Assistant Coach of the Year in 2005 at Virginia, Bresky served as the head coach at Cornell in 2011 leading the Big Red to their first-ever NCAA Tournament berth. He took over at Wake Forest in the following fall and returned the Demon Deacons to a Top 25 program ranking. Bresky was named the Atlantic Coast Conference Coach of the Year in 2013, leading Wake Forest back to the NCAA Tournament. Last spring Wake Forest won its first two NCAA Tournament matches before falling in the Sweet 16. One of Bresky's players advanced to the NCAA Singles Championship finals.

Hogan currently stands in volleyball history as one of two players all-time to earn All-Mid-Continent Conference honors all four years. She was a two-time First Team selection in 1997 and 1999, and she earned Second Team accolades in 1996 and 1998.

Hogan also accomplished the rare feat of leading the squad in blocks all four years (one of two players to accomplish that), and she led the team in kills her final three seasons (only player to lead that category for three consecutive years). She ranks third all-time in WIU history in kills (1,260), hitting percentage (.264), solo blocks (99), career blocks (406) and second in career block assists (307).

During her career, Hogan set—and still holds—the single-match record of 10 solo blocks against Northeastern Illinois, and her 19 blocks that match are the second-most by a WIU player in a match. She also ranks third in the single-match leaders with 10 block assists versus Kansas City.

A four-year letterwinner as an offensive lineman, Kaczmarek helped Western to a 32-9 record during his career under WIU and College Football Hall of Fame coach **Darrell Mudra**. Kaczmarek joins 13 of his teammates (during his four-year career) in getting inducted to the WIU Athletic Department Hall of Fame.

Kaczmarek was a 1972 All-American selection, and he signed a contract with the World Football League two years later. During his freshman year in 1969, the Leathernecks went undefeated and won the final IAC Conference title.

His offensive line coach, and future WIU head coach, was Hall of Famer **Brodie Westen**. After graduation and his playing career, Kaczmarek began a successful career coaching high school football. He became a three-time regional Coach of the Year (1984-85 in Nebraska, 1997 in Iowa) award winner and four times was a finalist as the Class 4A Eastern Iowa Coach of the Year.

In three years as the head coach at Beatrice (NE) High School, he led the team to the first-ever playoff appearance and first winning season in 13 years. After a three-year stint at Dixon (IL) high school, he continued his football coaching career at Davenport (IA) Assumption. Kaczmarek's squad qualified for postseason 11 of 12 times, went undefeated three times and won six MAC Championships. He has served as an assistant coach at Assumption since the Fall 2007.

A two-sport standout in football and men's soccer, Langan holds the distinction of earning College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-America honors a WIU record four times (all three years of eligibility in soccer, one time in football). In 2004, Langan was chosen as the Mid-Continent Conference Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

He earned All-Mid-Continent Conference honors four times in soccer, helping the 2000 team win the Mid-Continent regular season title. Langan earned a spot on the 2002 Mid-Continent All-Tournament Team. He finished his career tied for the program record with nine career multi-goal games, and ranked third in points (82), goals scored (32) and assists (18).

Among the season Top 10, Langan still ranks ninth in points, tied for eighth in goals, tied for fifth in assists and twice is ranked eighth in game-winning goals. He still owns the program record for most goals (3) and points (6) in a conference tournament game.

After sitting out the 2000 season in football, Langan began his football career in 2001 and was a four-year starter for the Leathernecks. Until recently he held the NCAA record for most kicking points in a season. A three-time All-Gateway Conference selection, Langan was also a three-time First Team Academic All-Gateway selection. Twice in his football career he picked up First Team All-American accolades.

Langan owns almost every season and career kicking record—field goals, extra points and points scored. He ranks first and second in the season leaderboard in both the extra points and scoring categories.

After graduation from Western, Langan began medical school at UMKC. He was a Junior AOA (American Osteopathic Association) member and served as class president and Surgeon Society President. In 2011, he joined the Greenville (SC) Health System University Medical Center doing his orthopaedic surgery internship and residency.

## Leatherneck Club membership reaches 12-year high

During Fiscal Year 2015, Leatherneck Club membership hit a 12-year high of 675 members who contributed more than \$300,000 to Western Illinois University Athletics.

"It's exciting that Leatherneck Club membership continues to grow. The record-high number of members since 2003 is a testament to the commitment and pride of our supporters who rose to the occasion," said Interim Director of Athletics **Matt Tanney**. "We will continue to set ambitious goals in the future because our student-athletes deserve the best experience possible, and the Leatherneck Club helps make that experience a reality."

From July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015, Leatherneck Club membership climbed from 650 to 675. The Leatherneck Club saw increases in its top level, rising from three Champion (\$10,000 and above) donors in 2013-14 to four in 2014-15. MVP (\$5,000-9,999) donors increased from four to six, and the largest increase came at the Purple level (\$50-\$99), which jumped from 92 members to 130 members.

"The Leatherneck Club is the backbone of the athletics department," said Assistant Director of Athletics for Development **Michael Jones MS '12**. "Annual support has always been important, but with scholarship costs soaring and state-funding dwindling, it has become more crucial than ever. All Leatherneck Club members should know their dollars are having a positive impact on our deserving student-athletes, and that they are enhancing their Division I experience."

Founded in 1971, the Leatherneck Club is the primary fundraising program of Western Illinois University Athletics. It provides annual funding for more than 430 student-athletes, allowing them to excel in the classroom and compete at the NCAA Division I level.

Those wanting to join the Leatherneck Club can sign up online or call (309) 298-1190. Membership benefits begin at just \$50 and increase with gift level. Visit [goleathernecks.com](http://goleathernecks.com) for more information on the Leatherneck Club giving levels.

### 2015 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Sept. 19	Coastal Carolina	Conway (SC)	5 p.m.
Oct. 3	Southern Illinois	Hanson Field	3 p.m.
Oct. 10	South Dakota	Hanson Field	3 p.m.
Oct. 17	Northern Iowa	Cedar Falls (IA)	4 p.m.
Oct. 24	Illinois State	Normal (IL)	2 p.m.
Oct. 31	Youngstown State	Hanson Field	1 p.m.
Nov. 7	North Dakota State	Fargo (ND)	2:30 p.m.
Nov. 14	Indiana State	Terre Haute (IN)	12:05 p.m.
Nov. 21	South Dakota State	Hanson Field	1 p.m.

\* All times listed are central time zone.

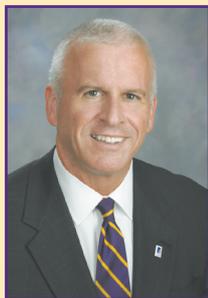




# Foundation

## Dear Alumni and Friends,

Western Illinois University has the best and most generous alumni, donors and friends. You are the reason the University is able to do what it does best ... offer an affordable education that focuses on academic excellence, educational opportunity, personal growth and social responsibility for all students.



Accomplishments over the past year include the unveiling of the new WIU website, which not only provides a new look, but it also features a new responsive design technique; the College of Business and Technology developed online courses to make the entire master of business administration (MBA) program available online; and the University celebrated the annual Purple & Gold Day April 24 with 15 consecutive Alumni & Friends Events held around the world. We are also proud of the fact that for 12 years, The Princeton Review has named Western Illinois University a "Best Midwestern College." Western is one of 159 regional universities, and one of three Illinois public institutions, named to the "Best in the Midwest" list by The Princeton Review. The 159 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 649 colleges named "regional best(s)" comprise 25 percent of the nation's 2,500 four-year colleges.

Thanks to WIU supporters, the front of the Alumni House is getting a facelift, one that you'll be able to see and enjoy when you return to campus for Homecoming on Oct. 3. **Susan Garner Wenzel M.Acct. '86** and her husband, Tom, honored Susan's late parents, **James R. (Jim) '50** and **Betty Spurgeon Garner '48** by funding Phase II of the Alumni Legacy Project, improving the front of the Alumni House and grounds, creating better accessibility and more space for activities.

Your generosity is felt across campus—by our determined students, by our innovative professors and through our progressive and signature programs. It is because of your giving that we are able to provide scholarships to help students complete their degrees, offer the technology students need to succeed in the classroom, attract pioneering professors, and so much more. If you would like to give—even for the very first time—you are invited to contact my office or one of the University development officers. No gift is too small.

We hope you are able to visit the Macomb or Quad Cities campus in the near future to see your gifts at work. Or, feel free to join us at one of the 50+ Alumni & Friends Events scheduled around the country over the next year. We'd love the opportunity to say "thank you" in person!

Sincerely,

**Brad Bainter '79 M.S. '83**

Vice President, Advancement and Public Services  
Executive Officer, WIU Foundation

## Major gift highlights 2015 Foundation year in review:

- From the John Deere Foundation, a gift of **\$500,000** to support the WIU-Quad Cities campus.
- **\$250,000** planned gift from **Richard and Roseanne '69 Bye**. The bequest will support a scholarship in dietetics, fashion merchandising and hospitality for students studying hospitality or dietetics
- Over **\$160,000** from The Moline Foundation for the WIU-Quad Cities engineering program.
- **\$152,000** from retired Agriculture Professor **James Wehrly** to honor his late wife, **Bea**, and the many Wehrly funding initiatives.
- A gift of over **\$127,000** from the estate of **Anne Conklin** for support of WQPT.
- Stock gift of just over **\$100,000** from **Dave Lumley '76**, CEO Spectrum Brands, to establish a scholarship in communication.
- **\$100,000** from the Lowell Johnson Charitable Foundation to support the Lowell Johnson Scholarship for WIU-QC students.
- **\$100,000** pledge from sisters **Margaret '73** and **Cecilia Wong '73** to establish the Margaret W. Wong and Cecilia Wong Award for Academic Assistance in the College of Arts and Sciences.
- **\$100,000** from friends, family, colleagues and former students of **William E. Brattain** to dedicate the William E. Brattain Lounge in the University Union.
- Nearly **\$90,000** from the estate **Hazel TeStrake** in support of WQPT.
- **\$75,000** from **Maurice Kellogg '48 MS-Ed '56** in memory of his wife, **Alice '52 MS-Ed '69**, to support the Alice Kellogg Tennis Fund and the Alice Bennett Kellogg Scholarship for kinesiology.
- **\$70,000** from the Craig Glattly Foundation to enhance the Glattly Scholarship for incoming freshmen from Lake County, Illinois.
- **\$57,000** additional funding for the Grice family scholarships from longtime friend **George Grice MA '71**.

## 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. WIU Foundation scholarships are made possible by 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 2015.

- The WIU Foundation distributed more than \$2.8 million in student scholarships this past year. Including institution-based scholarships, more than \$5.2 million was awarded to nearly 3,600 WIU students in Fiscal Year 2015.
- Scholarship awards represented 32.6 percent of the Foundation's total expenditures for the year.
- New contributions added an additional \$1,890,825 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 2015. We thank the individuals, corporations and foundations whose generosity made these scholarships possible.

- Archer Daniels Midland Scholarship in Agriculture
- Eric Hill Memorial Scholarship in Honor of Michael Meador
- Eric R. and Cherie J. Clark Scholarship for Married Students
- Dean and Ellen Zoerink Scholarship
- Kim Piano Scholarship
- Jennings Women's Leadership Scholarship
- Devin VanBrooker Memorial Scholarship
- Brodie and Jane Westen Scholarship
- David Lumley Communication Scholarship
- David Johnston Agriculture Scholarship
- Joseph R. Withers Memorial Scholarship
- Dr. Soon Suk Yoon Scholarship
- Michaela Rae Romano WIU-Quad Cities Administrative Scholarship
- Lillian Archer Women's Basketball Scholarship
- L. Steven West Agriculture Education Scholarship
- James and Veronica Shipp Scholarship
- Cheadle Percussion Scholarship
- Purple and Gold Gala Scholarship
- Alejandro Valadez Memorial Scholarship
- Harry Bennett Memorial Scholarship
- Ronald D. and Audrey A. Thompson Scholarship
- DFMH Faculty and Staff Book Scholarship
- Phi Beta Delta Study Abroad Scholarship
- Phi Beta Delta International Scholarship
- Mohammad Siddiqi PR Scholarship
- Dr. David Beaver Disability Advocacy Scholarship
- Physics R.I.S.E. Summer Scholarship Award
- Career Development Center Travel Scholarship
- Alice Kellogg Tennis Fund
- Burton Writing Award in History
- Unity Textbook Scholarship
- McDonough County Summer Music Institute Scholarship
- Ag Down Under Scholarship



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## The WIU Phonathon Pledge now. Give later.

Each year, the WIU Office of Annual Giving partners with students to reach out to alumni through email, personal letters and the Phonathon. Your participation in the Annual Fund effort impacts every area of campus and provides you the opportunity to personally connect with students who benefit from your annual gift. Although the Phonathon is a great way to stay connected to campus, we know that no one wants to receive a call during the big game, a movie or dinner, even if the cause is something we support, like scholarships for deserving Western students.

We certainly understand! This year we are giving you the opportunity to pledge your support without receiving a call. Simply text the word "GIVEPURPLE" to the number 41444.

We will text you a secure link that you can use to make your pledge and fulfill at your convenience anytime between now and Dec. 30.\*

\*Standard message and data rates may apply.

## WIU-Quad Cities *Foundation Year in Review*

In Fall 2014, Western Illinois University-Quad Cities (WIU-QC) welcomed a growing student body to its newly expanded campus along the Moline riverfront. After years of dedication, planning and perseverance, the completion of Phase II construction added three interconnected buildings to house much-needed classrooms, instructional laboratories, offices, internal and external meeting spaces and a state-of-the-art library.

Successful mentorship programs have led to increased persistency rates, and a multi-year initiative to improve diversity has resulted in a 43 percent growth of minority students. Additionally, the average ACT scores of incoming WIU-QC students exceed state and national averages for college-bound students. Following campus expansion, WIU-QC earned re-accreditation and will continue to offer 45 degree and certificate programs to its exceptional student population.

The Quad Cities community continues to financially support Western Illinois University's dedication to expanding the local campus, with more than \$1.7 million donated during the 2015 fiscal year. Leading the way

were the John Deere Foundation (\$500,000) and The Moline Foundation (\$250,000), both supporting enrollment growth in the College of Business and Technology and the School of Engineering. Scholarship support saw significant gifts from the Lowell N. Johnson Charitable Trust (\$100,000) and the Doris and Victor Day Foundation (\$25,000), aiding 62 WIU-QC students this year. In addition, as a department of WIU, the public television station, WQPT, completed another strong year of fundraising, with more than \$750,000 donated for annual operational support.

Decades of building strong community relationships and partnerships are now reflected in the promising future for WIU-QC. Additionally, with more than 8,800 WIU alumni living in the immediate three county area, Western Illinois University has a strong foundation for providing students with a high quality, affordable higher education for generations to come.

*Dear Alumni &  
Friends of Western,*



Greetings from the Western Illinois University Foundation Board. I am honored to serve on the Foundation Board with a dedicated group of board members who are committed to Western Illinois University and the Foundation. The Foundation Board provides support and advice to Vice President **Brad Bainter '79 MS '83**, the fundraisers and the terrific support staff in the Division of Advancement and Public Services.

As the state of Illinois continues to struggle financially, there is a direct, negative impact on Western Illinois University's appropriated funding level and the education and services that WIU provides to its students, faculty, staff and community. The history of yearly reductions in appropriations from the state, as well as the lagging reimbursements, puts more and more pressure on the WIU Foundation and fundraisers to supplement the declining appropriations and to continue essential programs.

While the Foundation Board and staff are steadfast in ensuring that our donors' wishes are honored, it is also imperative that the vice president and fundraisers have the support and tools needed to meet the additional fundraising pressures. Even during these difficult economic times, they are to be commended for their fundraising achievements. The WIU Foundation Board is eternally grateful to our donors who demonstrate their loyalty to Western Illinois University by making their generous donations for scholarships, program support and facilities.

On behalf of the Foundation Board, thank you for your support.

Think Purple. Go Leathernecks.

Sincerely,

**Jackie Thompson '85 MS-ED '94**  
President, WIU Foundation Board



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## Foundation Year in Review



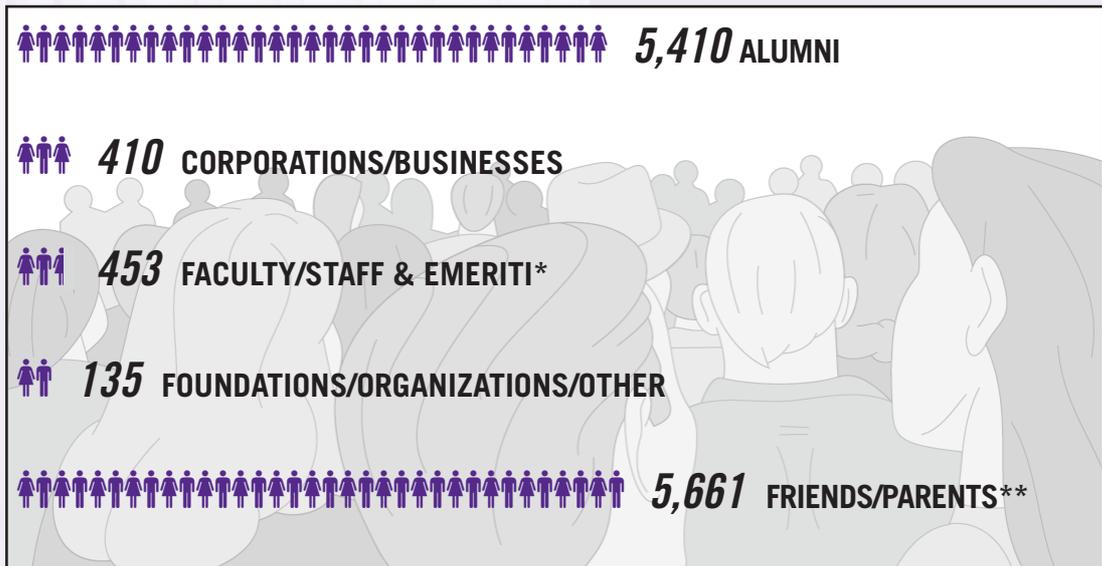
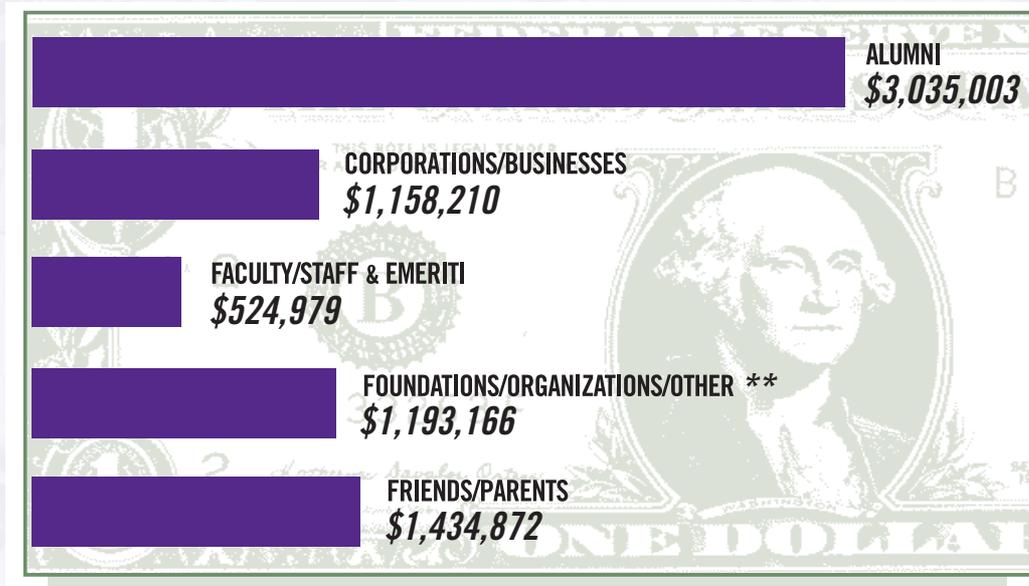
On behalf of the entire Western Illinois University community, the WIU Foundation thanks all of the generous individuals who made contributions to the University this past year. The following report highlights financial information, programs and services and contributions to the Western Illinois University Foundation covering the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

- Private support received through the WIU Foundation, including cash gifts, gifts-in-kind, pledges and testamentary/deferred gift commitments totaled \$9,144,747.
- The WIU Foundation processed 30,984 gifts from 12,069 alumni, friends, parents, faculty and staff members, corporations and businesses, foundations and other organizations.
- The average alumni contribution for all purposes was \$561.31.
- WIU Foundation expenditures in support of the University for all purposes totaled \$8,201,885.
- Contributions to the endowment added \$1.4 million to the WIU Foundation's permanent asset base.

### TOTAL DOLLARS CONTRIBUTED BY CATEGORY—FY15\*

\* Income only; outstanding pledges not included. Includes \$236,149 of gift-in-kind income.

\*\* Does not include \$1,258,840 in outside scholarship donations for student support.



### NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTORS BY CATEGORY—FY15\*

\* Does not include 528 employees who are included in the alumni count.

\*\* Does not include 601 parents included in alumni count.

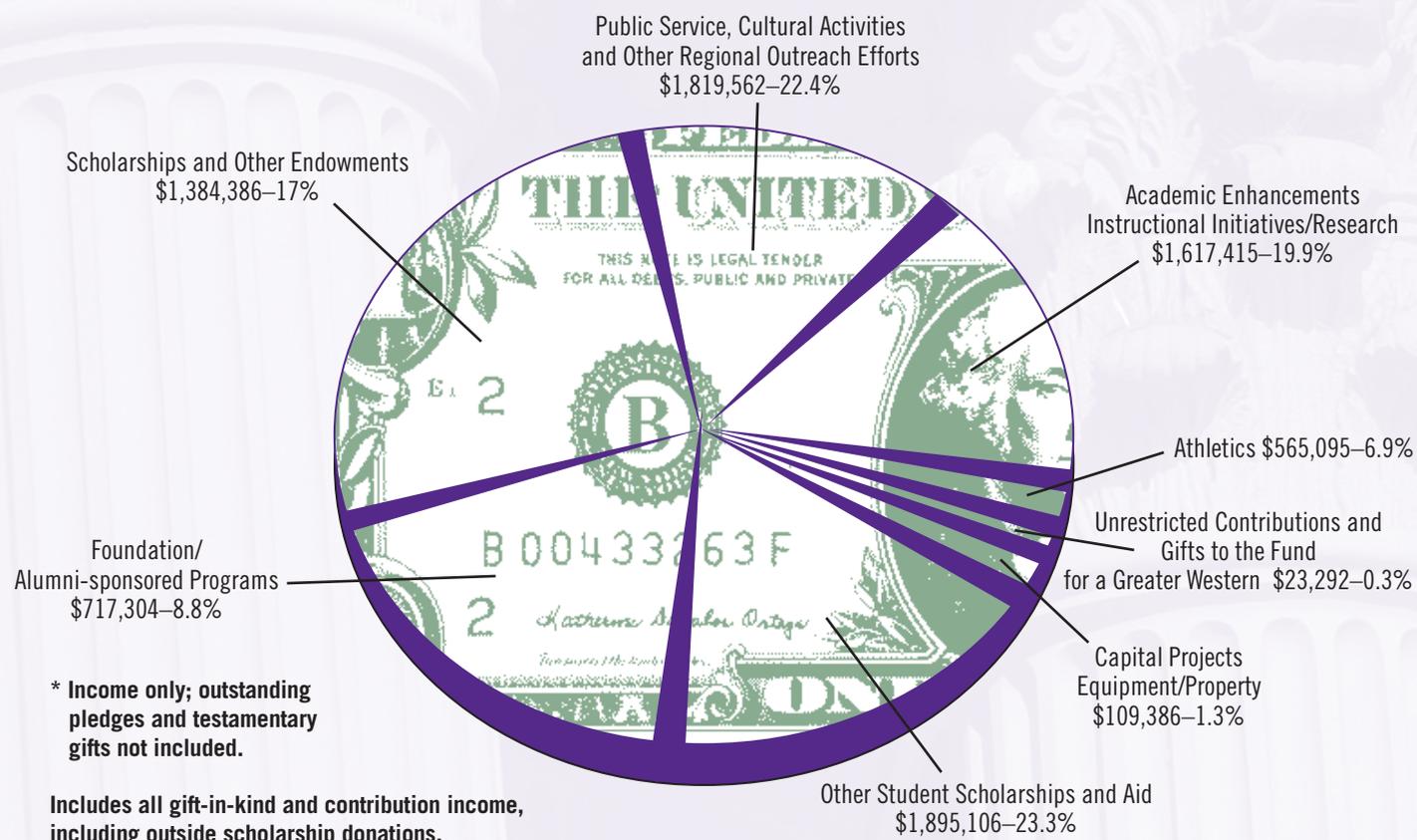


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## Financial Summary

	Academic Enhancements Instructional Initiatives	\$2,137,104–26.1%
	Student Aid	\$2,677,398–32.6%
	Athletics	\$788,262–9.6%
	Foundation Operating and Other Fundraising Expenses	\$859,605–10.5%
	Alumni-Sponsored Programs and Activities	\$389,545–4.7%
	Cultural Activities and Other Regional Outreach Efforts	\$1,187,085–14.5%
	Capital Projects Equipment/Property	\$162,886–2%

### CONTRIBUTIONS BY PURPOSE–FY15\*





## Large LGBTQA collection added to Malpass Stacks

In June, a reception was held to recognize Jack and Joyce Wiley, of the organization Quad Citizens Affirming Diversity (QCAD), and their donation of more than 1,400 LGBTQA (lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender, queer/questioning, asexual/ally)-related items to the WIU University Libraries. At the reception, Dean of Libraries **Michael Lorenzen** stated that in all his years working for a variety of academic libraries, this collection ranked in his top five donations he has worked with.

The Wileys started QCAD more than 20 years ago in the Quad Cities as they recognized the struggles faced by their son when he 'came out' during his youth. Since then, they and their board members have provided a safe haven for gay youth and adults and served as a resource and advocacy center. According to the Wileys, as their organization is changing course and moving to a different location, they chose to work with **Matthew Toland '05 MA '10**, WIU Alumni Council member and QCAD Board president, to find a safe place for their collection. They stated that they were thrilled to entrust the collection to WIU, knowing the items would be accessible to all through consortiums and the interlibrary loan process.

"Many of these books were given to QCAD by people for whom they were a lifeline of hope and inspiration



Jack and Joyce Wiley

during a time of extreme oppression of LGBT people," said Jack. "They were given in the trust that QCAD would see that they provide comfort to others. We are very grateful that WIU realizes the historical value of the collection and will ensure that the books are available across the state and even the world."

"These books, documents, articles and other materials could have gone to a number of institutions, but we approached WIU because we knew the materials would be professionally cared for and available for reading, research and reference to people around the world, continuing QCAD's mission to advocate, educate and support as we keep working toward full equality," Toland added.

"The WIU Libraries thank the Wileys and QCAD for entrusting the libraries with their collection and helping library collections grow. This collection will continue to help the libraries achieve and maintain the WIU core value of social responsibility, with a commitment to equity, social justice and diversity," Lorenzen said.

"We will take good care of this collection, and we will make sure that the collection is easy to access and use for all," he added.

The collection will be available for checkout during the fall semester.

## Alumnus draws on personal passion for McHenry County Genealogy Society Conference presentation

By Teresa Koltzenburg '92 MS '11

**Greg Phelps '93** has taken his fond childhood memory of cemeteries and turned it into a learning experience for others. In mid-July, Phelps, a senior library specialist at Western Illinois University Libraries, presented "Dead Men's Tales: Cemetery Symbols and Their Meanings" at the McHenry County Genealogy Society's annual conference in Crystal Lake (IL).

"I really love talking about this topic, as cemeteries have a very special meaning to me because my grandmother and I used to walk in the cemetery near her house," Phelps explained.

Phelps said his presentation at the conference in northern Illinois came about as a result of **Erik Wagner MFA '15** attending the same presentation Phelps delivered at Western's Leslie F. Malpass Library.

"Erik told his mom, Ann Wells, who is on the McHenry County Genealogy Society annual conference committee, about my lecture, and he suggested to her she would really like the subject matter, common symbols found on gravestones and their history," Phelps explained. "So, Ann contacted me and asked if I would be interested in presenting at their conference. I sent her a DVD copy of my presentation, and she really loved it, and we signed a contract for me to present there."

Phelps, who is the president of the Scott's Cemetery Association (Plymouth, IL), has presented the same lecture to groups in McDonough and Hancock counties. He said it was enjoyable to take a personal passion and share it with many others at the McHenry County Genealogy Society's annual conference.

"It was a wonderful challenge to be a part of a big conference and share this information with people who live in an entirely different area of the state than I do," he added.



## University Libraries announces new positions

- o **Dave Macchi '01** – Curriculum Library
- o **Julie Hannen '83** - Physical Sciences Library
- o **Greg Phelps '93** – Access Services
- o **Mallory Sajewski** – Music Library
- o **Bill Thompson** – UPI President

*University Libraries wishes the retiring members of the department well in their future.*

- o **Barb Grindstaff '73** – 33 years, Library Operations Associate
- o **Kathleen Clauson '82 MA '86** - 16 years, Library Operations Associate
- o **Rod Sharpe** – 19 years, Associate Professor, Music Library

## Donations are always welcome

University Libraries welcomes gifts in all forms, including monetary gifts, materials and Western Illinois University artifacts and memorabilia. Gifts of materials can be directed to **Greg Phelps '93** at (309) 298-2730 or via e-mail at [GW-Phelps@wiu.edu](mailto:GW-Phelps@wiu.edu). Historical WIU artifacts and memorabilia donations can be directed to **Ann Patridge** at (309) 298-2717 or [AL-Patridge@wiu.edu](mailto:AL-Patridge@wiu.edu). All other donations, including monetary and planned gifts, should be directed to **Lora Adcock** at (309) 298-2356 or [LJ-Adcock@wiu.edu](mailto:LJ-Adcock@wiu.edu).



# Business and Technology

## WIU professor giving students hands-on, real-world opportunities while bringing upgraded technology to campus

By Alisha Looney MA '13

Western Illinois University Engineering Technology (ET) Professor **Rafael Obregon MS '91** is putting the University's technology in the hands of his students. He and a team of several faculty, undergraduate and graduate students built two 3-D printers from scratch, which the College of Business and Technology (CBT) departments can now use for various hands-on learning projects.

Obregon explained that 3-D printing is part of a larger concept, additive manufacturing, which means to stack materials to create a shape with layers.

The technology of 3-D printing is a process of using a machine that can make a three-dimensional object without using a mold or mass-manufacturing machines. The objects can virtually be any shape or geometry and are produced by entering a code or data into a computer connected to the printer, which, depending on the size of the printer, can print small objects or very large objects. The machine creates the objects by layering a particular material.

"Imagine you have a hot glue gun and a glue stick, which is solid to a certain extent," explained Obregon. "If we heat that glue and instantly melt it, it will allow us to create a line of melted material, which is soft for a period of time. If we create a circle and let it harden, then put another layer on top of that and let that harden and repeat the process 100 times, we will end up with a cylinder."

However, according to Obregon, while this technology is somewhat new to Western, it is not new to the business world.

The idea of rapid prototyping, additive manufacturing and 3-D printing started in the mid-1980s. Two different companies developed two methods for printing three-dimensional objects, 3-D Systems Corp. and Stratasys. The first

company, 3-D Systems, used the laser sintering method, while Stratasys used the method applied by the printers Western houses—fusing the material, layer by layer. Both quickly patented their products, making it expensive to use the technology for 25 years, until the patents expired and the technology was open for companies to replicate, therefore, making it much less expensive to utilize.

"This technology is not new by any means, but access to it is," Obregon said. "Thirty years ago, it would have cost \$125,000 to acquire a very small 3-D printer and probably about \$1 million for one capable of making something about three cubic feet. For a state university,

that would be completely out of reach. Then, after the technology became more available, there was an explosion of companies making 3-D printers, which brought down the price. Several organizations started putting the recipe for making your own out there. In fact, that's kind of where we got the idea of building our own."

Staff in the Center for Innovation in Teaching and Research (CITR) acquired Western's first 3-D printer in 2013 with the purchase of a Makerbot Replicator 2X (see [wiu.edu/news/newsrelease.php?release\\_id=10956](http://wiu.edu/news/newsrelease.php?release_id=10956)). The printer is available to WIU faculty and staff for research and classroom projects and can create objects up to the size of a small loaf of bread. CITR has purchased a second Makerbot since and has two available.

In 2013, the Engineering Technology Department purchased the CBT's first 3-D printer, also a Makerbot, which according to Obregon, was the first brand that started exploring producing 3-D printers and selling them at a more cost-effective rate for consumers.

Obregon explained that while the printers are available at a more reasonable price now, they are still not necessarily easily worked into a budget of



**WIU Engineering Technology Professor Rafael Obregon MS '91 (left) works with Robert Buckley, computer science graduate student (middle), and Rob Martin (of Open Source Classroom, LLC) to put together a new 3-D printer for Western.**

a state university. He began to research how the machines are made, and he created a few programs that manipulate the information generated by the CAD (computer-aided design) software, the part of the 3-D printing process in which the information input by a human is translated in the computer to a language the 3-D printers understand. He was a presenter for the 69th

Midyear ASEE (American Society for Engineering Education) conference in Bloomington (IL) during Fall 2014, where he showed his findings regarding the programs. While he was there, a businessman from Bloomington (IL) spoke following Obregon about how he teaches people to make their own 3-D printers.

After the presentations, he and Obregon were able sit down and discuss how they might be able to collaborate. Obregon shared information on reducing input information to make his process more efficient, and the businessman shared information on creating a 3-D printer from scratch for less than \$1,000.



**Rob Martin, of Open Source Classroom, LLC in Bloomington (IL), leans in and assists Denise Gravitt, engineering technology associate professor, and Brent Payne '88, engineering technology professor.**

Following the initial collaboration with the businessman, Obregon returned to Western with new knowledge and excitement about WIU's Engineering Technology Department faculty and students producing their own printers. In March, he again collaborated with numerous CBT departments, faculty, students and staff to produce two new printers. Through a three-day workshop, students and faculty from various departments came together to build the new printers.

"About 25 percent of each machine consists of 3-D printed parts—it took about 16 hours to print all of the parts. About 25 percent is made up of commercial products that wouldn't be practical to try to create, like electrical circuits that control the motion of the machine and the controller board that tells the machine to move this and heat that, along with ball bearings, nuts, cables, etc.," Obregon explained. "The other 50 percent are pieces that could be produced in-house at Western. Our machine and manufacturing guys can do the metal pieces; our electronic guys can flash the control of the machine, which includes software that tells the machine the size of the platform, how much the motors can travel and what temperature to use to heat the different elements. The aluminum pieces that hold together different elements can be made in our machine shop."

The first workshop day, Obregon invited faculty to participate. The second day, mostly graduate and undergraduate students were present.

"I was part of the workshop," said Obregon. "I was learning. I had the opportunity to see how my students were going through this."

"The best thing that will hopefully come out of this project is what it can do for our curriculum," he added. "In my design or production classes, I have my students do some sort of a team project. This opens the door to a multidisciplinary teamwork project. Ideally, I would like to see this turned into a capstone project."

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# Business and Technology

## Management and marketing class travels to Ireland

By Alisha Looney MA '13

In May, WIU Management and Marketing Professor **Susan Stewart** traveled with nine undergraduate and graduate students from the Macomb and Quad Cities campuses to Dublin, Ireland in an effort to gain insights into Irish business practices and draw parallels and contrasts to U.S. businesses as part of her Business Practices and Culture of Ireland course.

At the beginning of the semester, Stewart provided a "Top 10 list of reasons to study in Dublin, Ireland." Some of the reasons included: an estimated 50 percent of the population in Dublin is under age 25; world famous organizations are now located in Dublin, including Facebook, Twitter and Visa; and Dubliners are friendly and known for their sharp wit and humor.

Stewart set up several pre-departure assignments, which focused on getting to know the culture, business and social practices of Ireland prior to the one-week trip. Each student in the class had a different topic for each pre-departure assignment.

"The students conducted research on their topics, gave interesting classroom presentations and submitted papers," said Stewart. "We started with an introduction to Ireland by studying the history, politics, etc. Then, we examined various business behaviors, such as how to conduct business meetings and negotiate deals with Irish businesspersons. We also examined the history, context and location of the organizations, universities and cultural sites we would be visiting. The students' excitement increased as the course progressed leading up to the trip."

Senior human resource management major **Jennifer Radosevich**, of Rock Island (IL), said she was most excited about the relationships she formed while abroad.

"Traveling is such a bonding and personal experience, and I'm very lucky I got to spend my time with the group I was with. Whether it was the Irish people I talked to while I was there or the new friends I now have from Western, I now have lifelong friendships because of this course," Radosevich said.

Stewart added that for about half of her students, this was the first time they traveled out of the United States.

"This is why this course is so valuable to WIU," Stewart said. "When I put this particular study abroad course together, I had our WIU-QC students in mind because they, generally speaking, tend to be more non-traditional students who work full time and have other obligations. They can't get away for semester or a month to have these international experiences. The travel component to my course is one week so students can take time off to go."

"The course also has ties to the College of Business and Technology's mission statement: We are preparing our students for professional careers and lifelong learning in a globalized economy," she said.

The course fulfills WIU's Global Issues graduation requirement and has been approved for the Spring 2016 semester with travel to Dublin.

For more information, visit [wiu.edu/studyabroad](http://wiu.edu/studyabroad) or call (309) 298-2504.



## Alumni Spotlight

By Alisha Looney MA '13

When **Carol (Sherman) Mathis '72** graduated from Western with a business education degree and left to briefly teach typing in the Chicago area before moving to Pinellas County (FL) to teach, she could not imagine the way her curriculum would change over the next few decades. Over the years, she saw the death of electric typewriters and floppy discs and the birth of laptops, cell phones, personal computers and even the Internet.

Mathis retired this year, and her final curriculum (for Information Technology in a Global Society) included units on synthesizers and artificial intelligence, podcasts, 3D printers and programming for the cloud—a far cry from her days teaching "ff space jj space" on manual typewriters.

"I have taught typing, shorthand, business law, accounting, business math, business English and a variety of computer classes," Mathis said. "The learning curve has indeed been steep at times, but being able to manage a variety of subjects and being willing to learn a variety of things prepared me for what it takes to be a successful Information Technology in a Global Society (ITGS) teacher in the IB [International Baccalaureate]

## WIU alumna takes her teaching experience to the international level

program."

In 2006, Mathis took her knowledge and experience to a new level when she was selected to participate on the curriculum review committee for the International Baccalaureate (IB) program, an international educational foundation headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland and founded in 1968.

"The goal of the committee is to improve and update the curriculum where necessary," Mathis said.

From 2006-08, Mathis traveled to Cardiff, Wales; Vienna, Austria; and Lima, Peru with a committee of seven to eight people from various countries to review the 2012-19 curriculum for the ITGS course.

According to Mathis, each IB subject undergoes curriculum review every seven years. Every part of the syllabus is examined for possible revisions, including course topics, internal assessment requirements and end-of-course examinations.

"The best part was meeting amazing educators from around the world," Mathis said. "We shared our ideas and enthusiasm for the course, and I still keep in contact with several of them."

Mathis credits her time at Western with helping her

make the decision to become involved with the IB program.

"The more business courses I had at WIU, the more I knew I had made the right decision to major in business education," Mathis said. "I loved the variety of courses I took and then was able to teach. That variety helped prepare me for the IB program because our syllabus is extensive, and it was up to me to prepare my students for the international exams they take at the end of the two-year course."

Mathis said her fondest memories of Western are the lifelong friends she made. She said she still gets together with her Delta Zeta pledge sisters and friends from Corbin Hall.

"I always told my seniors to keep working hard. College will be one of the best times of your life," Mathis said.



Carol Mathis '72

# Business and Technology

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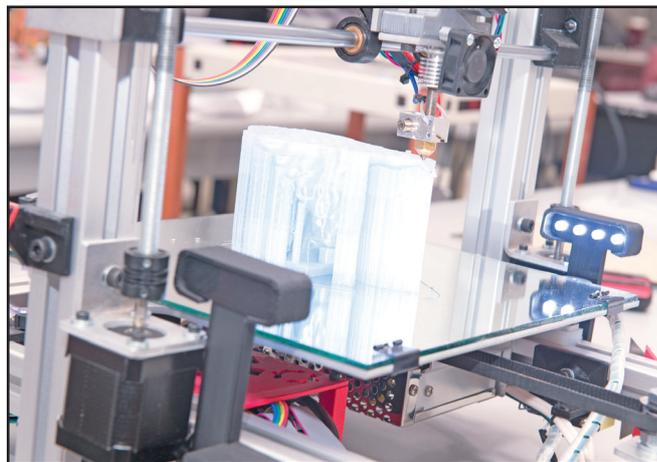
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Obregon explained that Western offers a series of classes related to design, and this type of hands-on learning is a great educational tool.

During the Spring 2014 semester, two engineering technology students were able to use the hands-on tool to make business connections and take home first place at a national conference. **Scottie Waldhaus**, from Quincy (IL), and **Darren Walker**, of Fort Madison (IA), presented their winning design at the Direct Digital Manufacturing (DDM) Design Competition. As the first place team, they were able to present their design—which they created using the ET department's 3-D printer—during the DDM Tech Group meeting and have their design distributed by show-floor exhibitors as pieces for the conference. They also received a complimentary pass to RAPID 2014, the industry-leading



The group tested out the 3-D printer built during the workshop.

forum for discussion of the latest developments, trends and techniques specific to additive manufacturing, rapid technologies and 3-D printing and scanning. (Read more about it at [wiu.edu/news/newsrelease.php?release\\_id=11771](http://wiu.edu/news/newsrelease.php?release_id=11771).)

"The fact that two of our students won the competition is huge," said Obregon. "It is the largest exposition of its kind in the world, and it shows that Western and our students are very in tune with what's happening outside of this area."

"These printers have given me new ways to encourage my students to have an understanding of three-dimensional perception," he added. "I can just tell my students to create a model; however, if once they create it, I bring them to the printer and tell them to actually produce it

in 3-D, there are so many things that start clicking in their brain as they are making all of the connections. It's a great real-world application process."

For more information about the WIU Engineering Technology department, visit [wiu.edu/engrtech](http://wiu.edu/engrtech) or call (309) 298-1091.

## Alumnus collaborates with Cold Stone Creamery to produce international product

By Alisha Looney MA '13

As the owner and founder of a small, family-run business, **Tim May '81** does everything from janitorial duties to sitting down with shareholders and traveling internationally in an effort to continue to expand his business, Matrix Liquid Mfg, Inc.

May came to Western after graduating from high school in St. Charles (IL). Schools in Indiana, Wisconsin and Illinois were recruiting him to play golf.

"I chose Western because it was the perfect size for me," May said.

While at WIU, May, a marketing major, was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

"I really enjoyed the Greek system," May said. "After college, we all went our own ways, and I moved to Dallas, so I lost touch for a while. I reconnected with a few of the guys through social media eventually."

He also played golf all four years for **Harry Mussatto '51**, the namesake of the WIU Harry Mussatto Golf Course.

"Harry was a wonderful coach to play for. He was very focused on the student part of 'student-athlete.' We were expected to be students first and athletes second," said May.

When May left Macomb after graduation, he went to Dallas to play golf professionally and work for Oscar Mayer, where he worked for several years before moving on to Kerry Ingredients. In his next position, May traveled internationally and worked with several fast food chains (such as McDonald's, Yum! Brands, Wendy's, etc.) creating and implementing flavor profiles for their food products.

"Around this time, I realized there were traditional food service brands, like TGI Fridays, who had been spending big money to get people to come out to their

locations to eat and spend money," May said. "All of a sudden, I started seeing their products in grocery stores."

"At this point, I had worked in research and development; I knew about distribution; my whole career was about sales experience ... so I used my supply chain management knowledge from Western and decided to start my own company," May added. "I thought, I'm going to go to a big company and say, 'I will do everything. I will provide a complete supply chain and a turnkey product for nationally-recognized brands.'"

So, May visited Kahala Corporation, which owns the Cold Stone Creamery brand, and worked with them to create Cold Stone Creamery Iced Coffee, which is sold internationally.

"This product has three flavors and two sizes, and we worked directly with Cold Stone and Wild Flavor to manufacture the iced coffee so the flavor profiles match the ice cream someone could get at a Cold Stone ice cream shop," May said. "Our vanilla has their same sweet cream vanilla flavor profile. Our mocha has the same Dutch chocolate Cold Stone uses in their chocolate ice cream."

"Currently, our company is family owned," he added. "All of my kids work for me. We are based in Florence (KY), but our product is manufactured in Freeport (IL). We make our product out of 100 percent real low-fat milk from Freeport, which gives the iced coffee a creamy and indulgent flavor. Our goal is to continue to grow and eventually add more brands and lines."

May quit playing golf professionally, but it is still one of his favorite hobbies, along with spending quality time with all four of his grandchildren who live close to him.

"I'm still a weekend golfer, and I still carry a four handicap," May said.

# Business and Technology

## WIU College of Business and Technology offers hybrid MBA

By Alisha Looney '13

In August, Western Illinois University's College of Business and Technology (CBT) began offering a hybrid Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree with a management emphasis, which blends face-to-face and online courses for a one-year master's degree program.

"The hybrid concept is a natural step in the evolution of our MBA offerings," said CBT Associate Dean and MBA Director **William Polley**. "Hybrid courses blend the flexibility of the online format with the personal dimension of a face-to-face class. This is an ideal program for working adults who cannot commit to a full schedule of traditional courses but who also want to have more interaction with faculty than is possible with a fully online course."

The degree program, which can be completed in one calendar year, is comprised of 11 courses, with approximately 75 percent of the instruction being offered online. Students who desire to complete the program in 12 months can enter it in the August summer term or the fall term. The courses are open to all WIU MBA students, as well.

"We continue to offer the full-time MBA program on the Macomb campus, as well as the fully online courses for students who are not within commuting distance of either of our campuses," added Polley. "The hybrid MBA will also utilize the facilities of our beautiful Riverfront campus in the Quad Cities and give students direct contact with the faculty whose experience and dedication are the heart of the program."

Western is one of 727 member institutions with the AACSB International (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) accreditation, with 48 countries and territories being represented. This ranks WIU among the top 25 percent of business schools in the world.

WIU's College of Business and Technology was established in September 1966 and offers courses on the Macomb and Quad Cities campuses. To learn more about WIU's CBT, visit [wiu.edu/cbt](http://wiu.edu/cbt). For more information about Western's hybrid MBA program, visit [wiu.edu/mba](http://wiu.edu/mba) or contact Polley at [WJ-Polley@wiu.edu](mailto:WJ-Polley@wiu.edu) or call (309) 298-2442.

## Bailey named Interim dean of WIU College of Business and Technology

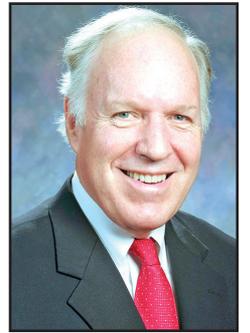
**William "Bill" Bailey**, professor in the Western Illinois University School of Agriculture, has been named interim dean in the WIU College of Business and Technology.

Bailey has served as a professor in the WIU School of Agriculture since July 2013; prior to that, he served as director of the WIU School of Agriculture (2005-13). Before coming to Western (from 1993), he was a professor and chair of agribusiness at Massey University (New Zealand). Prior to that appointment, he was the vice president and director of research at World Perspectives, Inc., in Washington D.C. Bailey has also served as the deputy under-secretary of agriculture for international affairs and community programs and as the deputy vice president of the commodity credit corporation and deputy administrator for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Bailey's tenure also includes commodity analysis manager for General Mills, chief economist for the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture and economist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Office of Transportation.

"Dr. Bailey has many years of administrative leadership, and his experience will certainly serve the College of Business and Technology well," said Interim Provost **Kathy Neumann '86 MS '88**.

Bailey has authored numerous book chapters and journal articles in professional publications. He has also served as an international consultant for such organizations as the U.S. Department of Agriculture, New Zealand Dairy Board, Southland Federated Farmers and the Iowa State Soybean Association.

A former captain in the U.S. Marine Corps, Bailey earned his bachelor's and master's degrees at the University of Idaho. He earned a second master's degree at Pepperdine University and his Ph.D. in agricultural economics from the University of Missouri.



**William "Bill" Bailey**

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## Employee Spotlight

### Martin Coe: 2015 Outstanding Educator Award

Western Illinois University accounting Professor **Martin Coe** recently was awarded the 2015 Outstanding Educator Award by the Illinois CPA (certified public accountant) Society (ICPAS).

According to ICPAS, the award recognizes Illinois educators at the community college, college or university level who excel in leadership and teaching, and who make continuous and outstanding contributions to accounting education in the state.

"I am honored to receive the Illinois CPA Society's 2015 Outstanding Educator Award," said Coe. "I am fortunate to be part of Western Illinois University's outstanding accounting program, which includes great students and great colleagues."

While Coe teaches upper-division accounting courses, his position also includes research and service responsibilities. His research has been published in

professional and academic journals, such as the "Journal of Accounting Education" and "Fraud Magazine." His specialty areas include accounting, accounting information systems and information systems auditing, and he has more than 30 years of experience with several executive management positions in the areas of accounting, finance, auditing and information systems.

At Western, Coe is a member of the WIU College of Business and Technology (CBT) Computing and Technology Committee and several committees in the WIU Department of Accounting and Finance, including the committees of Curriculum, Personnel, Strategic Planning and Graduate. He is also the faculty advisor for the WIU-Quad Cities campus' Beta Alpha Psi chapter.

Coe received his doctorate in business administration, MBA and bachelor's degree in accounting from St. Ambrose University. He is a licensed certified public accountant, certified information systems auditor, certified management accountant, certified government financial manager and chartered global management accountant.

For more information on Western's accounting program, visit [wiu.edu/accounting](http://wiu.edu/accounting) or call (309) 298-1152.



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# University Housing & Dining Services



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

## A Note from Associate Vice President for Student Services

It has been a busy spring and summer for the Division of Student Services and University Housing and Dining Services. There was much to celebrate in 2014-15 with our student and staff accomplishments, both on and off campus.

As we begin the next academic year, we will continue to move forward on projects, including the demolition of Higgins Hall, Lamoine Village and East Village. We understand the deep ties that our alumni have with these complexes, and as we draw closer to the demolition dates, it is our intention to celebrate the

memories of these WIU landmarks over the next year. Please watch for opportunities to participate in these celebrations on campus and online as we roll them out. Additionally, Tanner Hall lobby has been significantly renovated.

We look forward to seeing former staff and student leaders back again this year for Homecoming Oct. 2-3. Consider attending our Friday night Student Services social at the Sports Corner in Macomb, and come by the "Right Place" tent on Saturday after the parade, before the football game to join us for lunch. We would love for you to tour the halls while you are on campus. It is going to be another challenging but exciting year here, and I hope to be able to highlight the accomplishments that take place in the upcoming months. As always, I hope to see you out at our future alumni events or on your visits back to campus.

## Former director of residence life recognized for his work in student affairs

**Floyd Hoelting** was recently selected as the recipient of the Western Illinois University Lawrence J. Miltenberger Award for Excellence in Housing and Dining.

The Lawrence J. Miltenberger Award is the highest honor given by the Division of Student Services at Western Illinois University, which recognizes a person who has made an outstanding contribution to the field of housing and dining services. This award is presented to an individual who has served a minimum of 10 years in the profession and has contributed significantly to the development of the housing and dining profession, and has made significant contributions to the nominee's institution or business.

Hoelting served as the director of residence life at Western from 1972-77. For the past 20 years, he served as the executive director of the housing and food service division at The University of Texas at Austin. He manages \$2 billion in housing and food service assets, a \$90 million

annual budget and a staff of 1,100, providing housing, food service, conference services and student development for 8,000 students in 14 residence halls, seven dining venues and 715 apartments.

"Hoelting is one of the most well-known figures in the university housing profession and embodies everything this award is meant to honor," said Associate Vice President of Students Services **John Biernbaum**.

He will retire in August after more than 40 years of service.



**Floyd Hoelting served as the director of residence life at WIU from 1972-77.**

## College Student Personnel alumna receives ACUHO-I Parthenon award



**Keener Scott MS '82**

**Keener Scott MS '82** was selected as the 2015 recipient of the Association of College and University Housing Officers-International (ACUHO-I) Parthenon Award at the annual conference and exposition in Orlando (FL). The Parthenon Award recognizes supreme achievement in the profession, outstanding service, leadership and

contributions to the field of campus housing and is considered the ACUHO-I Foundation's most prestigious award.

Scott is a graduate of the WIU College Student Personnel program and worked in Corbin Hall and Bennett/Hursh as a member of Student Residential Programs (now University Housing and Dining Services) from 1980-82. Scott currently serves as the associate director for staff development and student conduct at the University of Georgia (UGA). She has recently served on the leadership team, coordinating the National Housing Training Institute (NHTI) at UGA.

## Alumni Spotlight



**Troy '91 and Jennifer '90 MA '92 Eckman**

**Dr. Troy Eckman '91** was a student worker in the Thompson Hall Dining Center during his time at Western Illinois University.

He received his bachelor's degree in biology from WIU, where he was also a member of the WIU Honors Program. Upon graduating from Western, he attended medical school at Southern Illinois University, and completed his residency at the

University of Illinois.

Eckman owns the Women's Health Center of Macomb, where he has served as an obstetrician/gynecologist for the past 15 years. He credits his employment in University Housing and Dining Services as teaching him the level of responsibility and commitment necessary to be successful. He also credits the principles and leadership skills put forth by the management team as being valuable lessons.

"I hope that my employees can look at our office with the same fond memories I have of Thompson," said Eckman.

Eckman had fond memories to share, as well.

"The first memory, of course, was getting hired the first day. The student manager who hired me is now my wife and she continues to be the boss," Eckman said. "I have to say that of the many jobs I have held, I look back on the food service as my favorite. The camaraderie and the friendships formed still exist today."

Eckman remains in touch with several of his former staff members through social media, exchanging cards and by occasionally having the opportunity to take care of their families or delivering their grandchildren.

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## Dr. Russell Dohner obituary

Dr. Russell Dohner, 90, a physician who became a local legend because of his kind and inexpensive Schuyler County medical practice, passed away Friday, Aug. 7 at Culbertson Memorial Hospital in Rushville (IL).

Dohner was one of the first four pre-med students at Western Illinois Teacher's College and became the first doctor produced by Western Illinois University. He attended Western from 1946-49 on the GI Bill, while living and working at Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home in Macomb.

After receiving his medical degree from Northwestern University, Dohner moved to Rushville in 1955, to practice medicine. He is said to have delivered more than 3,500 babies in Rushville and donated at least 10,000 trees to the community.

Dohner was named one of WIU's Distinguished Alumni Award recipients in 1990, and, in 1982, was recognized as an Alumni Achievement Award recipient. In

2006, he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from WIU, the highest award the University can bestow to an individual who has made significant contributions to his/her career and to Western.

Numerous statewide awards were also bestowed on Dohner, including serving as grand marshal of the 2013 Illinois State Fair Parade in Springfield. A bronze statue of his likeness was also added to Rushville's Central Park Square in 2013.

But it was his medical fees that began attracting national attention to Dohner's nearly 60-year medical career, starting in the 1970s, when he began charging \$2 for an office visit. The fee was raised to \$3 and stayed at \$5 until his practiced closed in 2013. He was also known for making house calls in surrounding communities and treating patients who visited him at home.

## Alumni Council announces four new members

Three new members will serve the Western Illinois University Alumni Council for the 2015-16 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 130,000 alumni.

**Thomas D. Henderson '73**, an attorney with Pike County Title Company in Pittsfield (IL), graduated from WIU with a bachelor's degree in agriculture-teacher education.

**Jana Knupp '02 MBA '04**, a faculty member in WIU's School of Agriculture, graduated from Western with a

bachelor's degree in agriculture. She received a Master of Business Administration from WIU in 2004.

**Phil Nathe '81**, an attorney with the Law Office of Philip Robert Nathe in Naperville (IL), graduated from WIU with a bachelor's degree in political science. He received his Juris Doctorate from the John Marshall Law School in 1988.

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 Alumni Legacy Project.

## Van Vleet named associate director of Alumni Programs

**Carrie Van Vleet '03**, who has served as Western Illinois University's assistant director of alumni programs since August 2013, has been named associate director of alumni programs at Western Illinois, according to Alumni Programs Director **Amy Spelman MS '98**.

In her new position, Van Vleet will be responsible for assisting with management and administration as well as planning alumni events; coordinating marketing and public relations efforts; working with colleges and departments on alumni-related topics; supporting the WIU Alumni Council; advising the Student Alumni Association and coordinating social media efforts.

"We are excited to have Carrie in this new role as associate director," said Spelman. "As a graduate of WIU, she is very passionate about this University and I know she is going to do great things for her fellow Alumni."

Van Vleet graduated from Western with a bachelor's degree in recreation, park and tourism administration in 2003 and earned a master's degree in public administration from Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville in 2008.



Carrie Van Vleet '03

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### Updates from the Career Development Center

#### Fall 2015 Career & Internship Fairs

Registration has opened for the Fall 2015 Career Fairs coordinated by the Career Development Center. The Fall Career and Internship Fair will be from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6 in the University Union Grand Ballroom. The fee is \$150 per company for one recruiter and \$10 for each additional recruiter. Companies that send a WIU alumnus/alumna will receive a \$25 discount off the total registration price. The registration fee includes table space, lunch and refreshments throughout the day.

The Law Enforcement and Justice Administration Career Fair will be held from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15. The registration cost is a \$100 flat fee, no matter how many recruiters attend from the department or agency. Due to the flat fee, the alumni discount will not be applied to the LEJA fair. The registration fee for the LEJA fair includes table space, lunch and refreshments throughout the day.

To register, visit [student.services.wiu.edu/careers/fair](http://student.services.wiu.edu/careers/fair).

Call (309) 298-1838 for questions or concerns.

# WIU alumna named first female vice president for student affairs

Mississippi State University (MSU) has selected Western Illinois University alumna **Regina Y. Hyatt '94 MS '97** as its next vice president for student affairs, the first woman to serve in this role at the 137-year-old land grant institution, according to a press release from MSU.

Hyatt's appointment, is pending approval by the Board of Trustees, Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning, and comes after an extensive national search by a diverse committee charged with making the final recommendation on the position to MSU President Mark E. Keenum. Hyatt, who succeeds former Vice President of Student Affairs William "Bill" Kibler, has served for the past four years as dean of students at the University of Alabama, Huntsville.

"I am very pleased about having Dr. Hyatt join our MSU leadership team," said Keenum. "She brings impressive credentials and a strong dedication to advancing student-centered programs for our university. We're fortunate to have someone with Regina's skill set joining our university administration at this exciting time in MSU's history."

Jerry Gilbert, MSU provost and executive vice president, echoed Keenum's remarks.

"I look forward to working with Dr. Hyatt as a colleague and am confident she will make an excellent Division of Student Affairs even better," said Gilbert, who also chaired the search committee. "She brings an

outstanding set of experiences that will enable her to be a highly effective leader."

As MSU's vice president for student affairs, Hyatt will serve as a member of the President's Cabinet and provide executive-level leadership and vision for the Division of Student Affairs. Strategic planning for programming to support student life and success is also among the responsibilities of the job.

Moreover, Hyatt will help manage issues in student affairs associated with MSU's enrollment growth.

Functional areas that report to this position include the Office of the Dean of Students, health services, assessment and testing services, dining, housing and residence life, recreational sports, bookstore and the Student Honor Code Office.

Hyatt said, "I am so appreciative to President Keenum, Provost Gilbert and the search committee for their support and am delighted to become a part of the vibrant MSU community. In my visits to campus, I have been impressed with the outstanding and dedicated staff in the division. Additionally, every student I have interacted with exemplifies the Mississippi State spirit and is committed to the values and ideals of this great institution."

MSU College of Arts and Sciences Dean Greg Dunaway, a search committee member, said of Hyatt,

"She is committed to student success and understands the importance of the integration of campus life activities and academics in order to achieve this goal. She will be a terrific leader for our university."

JoJo Dodd, MSU Student Association president, said, "I've had the opportunity to speak with Dr. Hyatt at great length. Her experience in student affairs, combined with her focus on student success, will make her a great asset to both students and the MSU community as a whole."

In her dean of students role at UA, Huntsville, Hyatt has been responsible for creating and maintaining a healthy, safe and supportive environment for that university's students. She previously was associate dean of students and director of student life at the University of South Florida, where she developed the student life and engagement group, and created a co-curricular transcript program. She also served as associate and assistant director of student activities at the University of North Carolina, Charlotte, and began her professional career in the Office of Student Activities at Western Illinois University.

A former board chair for the National Association for Campus Activities, she also has held leadership positions with the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators and Leadershape, Inc.

## CLASS NOTE CRITERIA

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— WIU Alumni Association

## Rocky's Century Club—A salute to our alumni who have turned 100 or more!

### 1936

**Dorothy Johnson Grant**, Quincy, born May 15, 1915.

### 1956

**James Schaive MSE '61**, Ottawa, was inducted into the Springfield Sports Hall of Fame on April 28, 2015, in recognition for his terrific career as a runner. He was one of the greatest runners in Western Illinois University history.

### 1960

**Larry Sharp**, Poplar Bluff, MO, has retired from the State of California as a training manager.

### 1961

**Warren Dew MS '63**, Lee's Summit, MO, is a member of the Kansas City 75+ senior softball team.

### 1963

**James Selby MS-ED '66**, Vancouver, WA, was awarded the Hardesty Cup for his contributions to hiking 2012 by Mazamas, a 3,500 member hiking/climbing club in Portland and chaired a committee which arranges for over 900 hikes and 9,000 hikers per year, of which he led 32 hikes.

### 1966

**Leo Cromien**, Glendale, AZ, recently retired.

### 1967

**Marion Watt Cromien**, Glendale, AZ, recently retired.

## 1970

**Dennis Agan**, Galesburg, retired December 31, 2014, as location manager for Agreliant Genetics.

**Carl Hensley MS '71**, Port St. Lucie, FL, retired November 2014 as a math professor at Indian River State College in Ft. Pierce.

**Gary Johnson MS '77**, St. Paul, MN, is a professor/extension professor at the University of Minnesota/Forest Resources Extension and the Director of the Urban Forestry Outreach, Research and Extension Laboratory and Nursery, UMN/Twin Cities.

**Frank Livorsi**, Downers Grove, is a State Farm agent and was recently elected commissioner for Downers Grove Park District.

**Tom Tomaszewski MBA '72**, Flossmoor, is an account representative for Homewood Disposal and was honored at the 47th annual WasteExpo Conference and Exhibition in Las Vegas by the National Waste & Recycling Association with its Chapter Leadership Award for his service to the industry in leading NWRA's Illinois Chapter.

## 1971

**Pamela Lenover Binkley**, Chicago, is retired.

**Doug McCollum MS '72**, Rock Island, recently retired following a 42-year career as a psychologist.

**Christine Zelm**, Centennial, CO, recently retired as senior vice president of sales for Artistic Studios, LTD LLC in San Francisco, CA.

## 1972

**Susan Hunter Pearce**, Schaumburg, has retired after 30 years as an elementary school teacher for CUSD #220.

**Shelley Smith**, Scottsdale, AZ is a retired teacher for Scottsdale Unified School District #48.

## 1973

**Michael Darnall**, Honolulu, HI, has retired as telemedicine research project manager for Kalino LLC.

## 1974

**James Burton**, Chatham, is a senior investigator for the Attorney Registration & Disciplinary Commission.

**Bruce Peterson**, Moline, recently retired as Dean of Students at Marietta College.

## 1975

**Nancy Boettner**, Indianapolis, IN, retired on May 1, 2015, from Technicolor USA, Inc. after almost 36 years of serving as engineer and engineering manager.

**Karen Flick-Crossland**, Fairfield, IA, is an office manager for Dr. M. Neil Crossland – Chiropractor and also a substitute teacher.

**William Tyson**, Carpentersville, is a financial analyst for General Mills Inc. in Montgomery.

## 1976

**Raymond Boyer MS**, Woodstock, is retired.

**Umberto Davi**, Willowbrook, is a principal in the Western Springs Law Firm of Umberto S. Dave, P.C. and was installed as president of the Illinois State Bar Association at the organization's 139th Annual Meeting June 19, 2015.

**Michael Hetzel**, McKinney, TX, is vice president of Americas for Pro QC International.

**Terri Wald McDowell**, Havana, is retired from the State of Illinois.

**Sue Hilgendorf O'Hara**, Lincoln, is a teacher for Lincoln Elementary School District #27.

**Randall Soland MS-ED '85**, Springfield, is a private practice counselor for Psychiatric Associates. ([randallsoland@yahoo.com](mailto:randallsoland@yahoo.com))

**Luan Buffington Watkins MS**, Marble Falls, TX, is the owner of Big Boy Shooting Galleries LLC.

**John Whalen, Warner**, NH, is vice president of circulation for New Hampshire Union Leader.

## 1977

**Dianne Savage Boyer**, Woodstock, is retired.

**Brent Greider**, Batavia, retired from Allianz as of July 2015 after a 38-year career as a consultant for the large property insurance industry.

**Doug Smith**, Westfield, IN, is retired and was inducted into the Illinois Athletic Directors Association Hall of Fame in May 2015.

## 1978

**Joan Salerno Guglielmi**, Mooresville, NC, is a design consultant for A New View.

**Kurt Weiler**, Salida, CO, is retired from the City of Boulder.

**Ted O'Sullivan**, Naperville, has retired from a 30-year

banking career and is currently acting and producing in the 2016 HBO mini-series "Verrater."

## 1979

**Julie Dorothy MS-ED '87**, Sedona, AZ, is a sales associate for Berkshire Hathaway Homeservices in Santa Rosa Beach, FL.

**Patti Gienko-Buchert**, Naples, FL, owns Patti Genko Communications.

**Lisa Loacker Lauren**, Evanston, is the catering and conference sales manager for Hilton Orrington Evanston.

**Bryan Murray**, Monmouth, is a teacher at Knoxville High School.

**Kim Pence Szerletich**, Springfield, is a retired special education teacher at Ball Chatham Schools.

## 1980

**Alan Greenberg**, Stratford, WI, is senior director of IT security for Forsythe Technology in Skokie, IL.

**Julie Lalande**, Houston, TX, is a real estate broker for Lalande Properties.

## 1981

**Pamela Allen Larson MFA '84**, Keosauqua, IA, is retired and is now self-employed as a Nature Shop owner and theatre artist.

**Keith Mattheessen**, Katy, TX, is executive vice president for Willis of Texas, Inc.

**Susan Greene Spahits**, Blacklick, OH, is deputy director of EBS Requirements and Integration for Defense Logistics Agency.

**Susan Kirbach Veach**, Springfield, MO, is an administrative assistant II for Missouri State University.

## 1982

**Gina Windisch Baldwin**, St. Louis, MO, is a speech pathologist and has developed a speech output communication application for the iPad called APP2Speak.

**Janet Ulrich Brooks MFA**, Oak Park, is an actress and has appeared on television shows including "Boss," "Chicago Fire," "The Chicago Code" and "The Playboy Club" along with roles in "Conviction," "One Small Hitch" and "Divergent" on the big screen. Her latest role is Sonia in the Tony Award winning play "Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike."

**David Harlow**, Alexandria, VA, is a deputy director for the U.S. Marshals Service in Arlington.

**Jean Heyduck**, Bluffton, SC, is vice president for marketing and communications for the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry in Hilton Head Island.

**Linda Garcia Merchant**, Lincoln, NE, is an award-winning Chicana filmmaker, a technical director of the Chicana Por Mi Raza Digital Memory Exchange Project, a Digital Media Partner of the Somos Latinas Oral History Project, the Chicana Chicago/MABPW Collection Project, a board member of the Chicago Area Women's History Council and a doctoral student of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln English Literature program and the Ethnic Studies program.

## 1983

**Robin Hatfield MS '10**, Natchitoches, LA, is the center director for TLC-Louisiana at Northwestern State University.

**Kayla Lobdell**, St. Paul, MN, recently retired as a teacher.

## 1984

**Keith Eichorst MA '94**, Plainfield, retired June 2015 from Federal Government Civilian Service. ([keitheichorst@yahoo.com](mailto:keitheichorst@yahoo.com))

**Susan Buxton Linn**, Carson City, NV, has retired as a teacher after 31 years.

## 1985

**Jeffrey Gastel '90**, Bloomington, is an engineering manager for Farnsworth Group, Inc.

**James Leahy**, Grover, MO, has been appointed the new Chief Operating Officer for the Veterans Canteen Service in St. Louis.

## 1986

**Daniel Cheever**, San Diego, CA, is the chief of staff of Naval Air Forces.

**Jennifer Edholm MS-ED '95**, Carthage, is the elementary principal for the West Prairie School District.

**Kimberly Nelson Hannant**, Macomb, is a bookkeeper for Key Agricultural Services, Inc.

**Nancy Brattain Rogers**, Terre Haute, IN, was promoted on May 1, 2015, to vice president of the new division of University Engagement at Indiana State University.

**Doug Zuidema MS '89**, Merced, CA, is the coordinator of student conduct for the University of California-Merced.

## 1987

**Eric Morris MFA**, Columbia, SC, wrote a novel titled "Jacob Jump" which was published by Story River Books, with a foreword by Pat Conroy.

## 1988

**Rhys Blavier MS '90**, College Station, TX, is a student at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville working on his Master's degree in Political Science and was selected for a first year Graduate Assistantship.

## 1989

**Bruce Western MBA '98**, Macomb, is an instructor in the Management & Marketing Department at Western Illinois University.

## 1990

**Matthew Eaton**, Oregon, is a band director for Freeport CUSD #145.

**Jeffrey Gastel**, Bloomington, is an engineering manager for Farnsworth Group, Inc.

## 1991

**Robin Clary-Toone MS-ED '97**, Geneseo, is a teacher for Colona School District #190.

**Thomas Clemens**, Tyrone, GA, is the office manager for Shorr Packaging.

**Chung Ham MS '03**, Glenview, is a personal trainer at the Park Center Health & Fitness for the Glenview Park District.

**Katherine Sermersheim MS**, Carbondale, was named Dean of Students at Purdue University.

## 1993

**Mike Stella**, Southaven, MS, is the COO for Cognate Bioservices.

## 1994

**Mark Hutchinson**, Fort Wayne, IN, is director of financial planning and analysis for Star Financial Bank. ([mwhutchinson@gmail.com](mailto:mwhutchinson@gmail.com))

**Joseph Lampinen**, McHenry, is director of engineering services for Kelly Engineering in Chicago.

**Ann Tracy Mueller**, Galesburg, is a recruiting and communications director for the Sustainable Business Center.

## 1995

**Sandra Gray**, Kenosha, WI, is a student coordinator for Sinai Health System in Chicago, IL.

## 1996

**Carrie Roeder**, Woodstock, is an account specialist for Don Johnston, Inc.

## 1997

**Jason Hadad**, Lake Alfred, FL, is an operations training manager for Walt Disney World.

**Gary Tagatz MA**, West Bend, WI, is a senior welding engineer for Wacker Neuson Corp. in Menomonee Falls.

**Robert Thompson MS '99**, Chicago, is a veteran services

specialist at City Colleges of Chicago-Malcom X College.

## 1998

**Kelly Lynde Nestler**, Pecatonica, is a senior lead consultant for Jamberry Nails.

**Robert Rieke**, Washington, DC, is a program analyst for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. ([robert.rieko@yahoo.com](mailto:robert.rieko@yahoo.com))

## 1999

**Melissa Morrison**, Zion, is a CSR for Aon.

**Suzanne Kochniarczyk Smiley**, Aurora, is a counselor at Plainfield North High School.

## 2000

**Brian Walsh**, Peoria, is the key account lead of corn genetics for GreenLeaf Genetics at Syngenta.

## 2001

**Philip Kelley**, Pewaukee, WI, is a logistics manager for Midwest Refrigerated Services.

**Eugene Kronos**, Chicago, is employed with fraud investigation and dispute services for Ernst & Young.

**Tim Losey**, Peoria, is a truck driver for Confidential Security.

**Kate Schander McCoy**, Glen Ellyn, is a nutrition specialist for Coram/ CVS Specialty Infusion.

## 2002

**Erica Wandtke**, Durango, CO, is vice president of business development for Brittingham Software Design, Inc.

## 2003

**Christopher Celaya**, Albuquerque, NM, is fire chief for the Bernalillo County Fire Department.

**Kristen Terhune Christiansen**, Glen Ellyn, is an accounting assistant for LaSalle Investment Management in Chicago.

**Sarah Myers Curtis**, Macomb, was honored as the 2015 Illinois Mother of the Year from American Mothers, Inc. in March, 2015 and attended the national conference in Washington, DC.

**Elizabeth Evans Doores**, St. Louis, MO, is a program administrator for Washington University in St. Louis.

**Chrissy Hansen**, Chicago, is a brand director for Reverb.com.

**Shane Hill MA '07**, Macomb, is an instructor at John Wood Community College.

## 2004

**Patrick Crosby**, N. Aurora, is an operations manager for Glen Ellyn Storage Corp.

**Mitchell Day**, Chicago, received the 2014 Police Officer of the Year Award on June 2 by the Lincolnwood Police Department.

**Adriane Morris**, Blue Grass, IA, is a sales and marketing assistant for Lee Enterprises.

**Heather Stalling Reed MS**, Lincoln, NE, is the director of first-year experience and transition programs at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and will supervise the new Military & Veterans Success Center at UNL.

**Anton Rill**, Des Plaines, is an athletic trainer for Athletico/ US Soccer.

**Renee Walker**, Urbana, is an ultra sound technician at Decatur Memorial Hospital.

## 2005

**Eric Myers**, Pekin, is a director of business operations at INTEGRIS Group LLC in E. Peoria and received his MBA from Northeastern University in Boston, MA, in May 2015.

## 2006

**Adam Jackson**, Mediapolis, IA, is a grain merchandiser for TriOak Foods.

**Terri Hannam Kennedy MS**, Gander, Newfoundland, Canada, is a speech-language pathologist for Central



# Cubs vs. White Sox Alumni & Friends, July 11, 2015 (Wrigley Field, Chicago)



Health.  
**John Land MS '15**, Keokuk, IA, is self employed as a web developer, martial arts instructor and voice teacher.

**2007**  
**Constanza Camacho**, Virginia Beach, VA, is a market leader for BB&T.

**Rebecca Robins Ghiselli**, Chicago, is a fine arts teacher for Community Consolidated School District #59.  
**Kara Giedd Guist**, Verona, WI, is an administrative assistant for First Choice Dental.  
**Benjamin Reed**, Maquon, is a facility manager for the Illinois Air National Guard in Peoria.  
**Matt Suellentrop**, Peoria, is an athletics manager for the

Peoria Park District.  
**2008**  
**Patrick McDonagh**, Chicago, is a treasury management officer for J.P. Morgan Chase.  
**Victoria Ekstrom Mular**, Geneva, is a 1st grade teacher for School District #204.

## Recent Alumni Events



**Quad Cities Western Wednesdays, May 6, 2015**  
**Doc's Inn Bar & Grill, Silvis, IL**

L-r: Steve Nelson '70, Keith Peterson '04 '14, Drue Mielke '92, Ken Reamy '77, John Reynolds '91 '04 '08, Patricia Harris, Public Safety Director Scott Harris '04 '06, Victor Moreno '86 '02 '04, Quad Cities Director of Development Paul Plagenz, Bill Horrell '89 '95 and Chris Connolly '82.



**Canton Alumni & Friends, May 20, 2015**  
**Big Racks Steakhouse, Canton, IL**

Seated l-r: Kelsey Cole Platt '02, Trista Trone '11, Judith Lebeck Huggins '79, George Baughman '60 '67, Debbie Ferris Reavis '86 '89, Michelle Glad Trone '83, Jeanette McWhorter '77 and Pam Pace Sprout '67. Standing l-r: Ernie Huff, Corey Platt '99, Dave Ford '65 '69 '73, Brian Platt '90, Rick Klinedinst '86, Betty Kirkpatrick Taylor '76, Kevin Stephenson '77, Barbara Swanson Rogers '56, Kevin Reavis '88 and Debbie Harris Stephenson '73.



**Chicago Alumni & Friends, May 31, 2015**  
**Steppenwolf Theatre, Chicago**

L-r: Jeff Schmidt '94, John Shartle '70, Greg Pranski '89, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Ernie Blomquist '68, Julie Newfeld, Cheryl Kaden Healey '80, Distinguished Alumni Award recipient and President's National Advisory Council member Laura Janus '70, Gayle Coyle Heldmann '81, Linda Janus '70, Linda Savage, Jen Dixon '02, Jeff Nagel '81 and Veronica Nagel.



**Chicago Alumni & Friends**

L-r: Bev Beste Taylor '77, Tom Moran '76, Diane Leib, Fran Koszut Moran, retired Instructor Lee Tichenor, Diane Tichenor, Larry Rawlins, retired Chairperson Melanie Rawlins, Alumni Council member Tom Tomaszewski '70 '72 and Alumni Council member Brian Savage '73.



**Chicago Alumni & Friends**

L-r: Susan Gorman Winstead '83, Reggie Karas Devers '78, Lisa Fabian '93, Cecelia Collins and Christina Leider Bohlmann '74.



**Chicago Western Wednesdays, June 3, 2015**  
**Kingston Lanes, Woodstock, IL**

Seated l-r: Pam Dahm Moorhouse '76, Mike Hellyer '73, Alumni Council member Carol Lewis Scott '70, Shelby Duvivant Reese '61, Julie Crisman McNabb '76, Christine Winkates Main '75, Rita Delguidice McGawley '75, Angie Dahm Boe '75 and Melinda Dahm Zingrone '81. Standing l-r: Steven Aavang '72, John McMorrow '70, Keith McNabb, Ken Reese '61, Carol Frighetto Kuczowski '79, Pete Merkel '75, Dan Cooney, Ray LaFrancis '67, Charlie Boe '76, Nancy Blais, Dave Blais '85, Steve Reed '76 and Sue Swenson Reed '76.



**Green Bay Alumni & Friends, June 18, 2015**  
**Hagemeister Park, Green Bay, WI**

L-r: Dave Hager '69, Kathy Hager, Jason Cover '03, Chrys Cornelius '95 and Alumni Director Amy Spelman '98.



**Ozarks Alumni & Friends, July 25, 2015**

**Home of Dave and Jackie Thompson, Osage Beach, MO**  
Front l-r: Head Football Coach Bob Nielson, Terri Nielson, Alumni Achievement Award recipient Dave Thompson '72, Alumni Achievement Award recipient and Vice President Emeritus Jackie Speer Thompson '85 '94, Stan Kaiser '68 '72 '75, Pat Goodwin Kaiser '71 '88, Meredith Gravina, Head Women's Basketball Coach J.D. Gravina, Honorary Alumni Award recipient Dan O'Neill, Linda Russell O'Neill, Chuck Giger '70, Scholarship Director Terri Turnquist Hare '96 '07 and Mailing Services Supervisor Kevin Hare. Back l-r: Associate Professor Sheryl Briggs Boston '83 '03, Randy Boston, Rachelle Boston '11 '13, Laura Hull, Diane Clark, Theresa Sorensen Kindred '74, Alumni Council member Matthew Toland '05 '10, Saul Nache '05, D.K. Hirner, Bruce Biagini, Fran Biagini, Charlene Goehl, Dick Goehl, Andrea Hickenbottom Leinbach '99, Jim Gingerich, Clerk Sue Harding Schoonover '81, Retired Residential Administration Director Jack Schoonover '75 '93, Kristi Davis Patterson '91 and Stephen Patterson.

**Derick Stoullil MS**, N. Logan, UT, is the assistant athletics director of marketing and promotions at Utah State University.

**Deanna Thomason**, Peoria Heights, is a 401K compliance specialist for Verisight, Inc.

### 2010

**Brad Malone**, Bloomington, is a safety coordinator for DuPont Pioneer.

**Michael Ochs**, Minneapolis, MN, is in technology sales for Oracle.

### 2011

**David Anderson**, Bunker Hill, is a teller for United Community Bank.

### 2012

**Andrew Poppy MBA**, Lagrange, GA, is an HRIS specialist for Kia Motors Manufacturing Georgia, Inc. in West Point.

### 2013

**Andrew Slezak**, Park Ridge, is a service advisor for Grossinger Toyota North in Lincolnwood.

**Sara Stockert**, Mapleton, is a social worker for OSF St. Francis Medical Center.

**Andrew Weihe**, St. Charles, was sworn in July 2015 as a police officer for the village of Western Springs.

### 2014

**Sara Frederick MS**, Shelby Township, MI, is a parks and recreation supervisor for Waterford Township.

**Megan Moffit Greening**, Springfield, is a sales manager for Penn Global Marketing.

**Christy Beck Hopper EDD**, Galena, is director of the Northwest Special Education Cooperative.

**Kristin Katsu Koski MFA**, Rock Island, is a theatre teacher at Davenport West High School.

### 2015

**Laurie Berry MS**, Madison, WI, is an instructional designer at the University of Wisconsin-Extension in the Division of Continuing Education, Outreach and E-Learning.

**Emily Davidson MS**, Richmond, IN, is the area director for residence life at Earlham College.

**Rita Stahl Hart MS-ED**, Davenport, IA, is an elementary music teacher for North Scott Community School District in Eldridge.

**Holly Lock**, Rock Island, is a 5th grade math/science teacher at Eagle Ridge School.

**Bridget Osborn MS-ED**, Blue Grass, IA, is the director of Noah's Ark Preschool.

**Cody Schara MS**, St. Louis, MO, is an academic advisor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

**Debra Streeter**, Peoria, is a paternity establishment liaison with the IL Department of Healthcare & Family Services.

## Marriages & Civil Unions

**Jennifer Black '07** and **Craig Hollman**, Mar. 14, 2015.

**Caitlin Lohman '11** and **Dave Berkley**, June 27, 2015.

### Top 5 Reasons to Follow Us on Social Media

1. Stay connected to WIU
2. Interact with your WIU Alumni Association online
3. Keep up with Rocky
4. Be the first to learn about all that is Purple and Gold
5. View photos of campus past and present

[http://wiu.edu/alumni/social\\_networking.php](http://wiu.edu/alumni/social_networking.php)



Bryan Murray '79 and Linda Miller, June 20, 2015.  
Heather Stalling '04 and Scott Reed, June 6, 2015.

## Births and Adoptions

Jason Apt '06 and Megan, a son, Ian Michael, May 15, 2015.

Amber Moore Bisby '05 MS-ED '11 and Curtis, a son, Brock Owen, May 16, 2015.

Kristin Hurt Conklen '09 and Reid Conklen '07, a daughter, Elizabeth Ann, Apr. 26, 2015.

Patrick Crosby '04 and Tara, twins, a son, Jack Campbell and a daughter, Grace Elizabeth Marie, Nov. 14, 2014.

Jenny Lahey Curalli '03 and Lucas A. Curalli, III '03, a daughter, Mikaela Mia, July 2, 2015.

Jamie Diseron Draughan '09 and Patrick, a son, Dax Franklin, June 28, 2015.

Kevin Froehlich '05 and Kerry, a daughter, Kelly Marie, July 18, 2015.

Kara Giedd Guist '07 And Geoff Guist '07, a son, William Lee, May 20, 2015.

Amber Knott Hardy '03 MS '05 and T.J., a daughter, Lily Joyanna, May 25, 2015.

Madeline Howd '05 and George Hufnagl '05, a daughter, Winifred "Winnie" Mae, July 6, 2015.

Amanda Rice Krahl '03 and Michael, a daughter, Madelyn, Mar. 28, 2015.

Steve Krause, Jr. '06 and Angela, a son, Wyatt LeRoy, May 14, 2015.

Eric Myers '05 and Rachel Knight Myers '06, a son, Sawyer Richard, Apr. 7, 2015.

Jared Pollock '05 and Delta, a son, William Miles, May 12, 2015.

Debra Meyer Rabe '04 MBA '05 and Josh, a son Cal Ryan, June 18, 2015.

Matt Suellentrop '07 and Molly McLuckie '06, a son, Reid Walter, July 8, 2015.

Crystal Myers Zulauf '06 and Joshua Zulauf '06, a son, Grayson Isaac, May 23, 2015.

## Deaths

Robert R. Bahr, Smithfield, July 3, 2015.

Kerry J. Bogguss, Kissimmee, FL, Apr. 24, 2015.

Philip U. Brothers, Jr., Spencerport, NY, May 22, 2015.

JoSue Colman, Rock Island, June 24, 2015.

Letha E. "Evelyn" Cuba, Industry, June 18, 2015.

Timothy J. Feary, Franklin Grove, May 13, 2015.

Charles L. Friese, Montgomery, AL, Aug. 2, 2013.

Judith A. Fulkerson, Macomb, May 22, 2015.

Lillie M. Graham, Bushnell, May 4, 2015.

Frank L. Larocca, Geneva, Mar. 21, 2013.

Bernard J. Lewis, Colchester, June 21, 2015.

Robert M. Lindsay, Macomb, May 14, 2015.

Charles W. Manno, W. Sacramento, CA, June 5, 2014.

Ona J. McSperritt, Macomb, May 13, 2015.

Ivan D. Morey, Macomb, June 19, 2015.

David A. Pearson, Geneseo, May 10, 2015.

Karl A. Rauschert, Bushnell, June 12, 2015.

William R. Rehling, Avon, May 17, 2015.

Stephan L. Roth, Colchester, July 3, 2015.

Shirley A. Somers Strode, Canton, May 24, 2015.

Margaret L. Martyn Swain, Milan, Apr. 6, 2015.

Marilyn S. Baum Vincent, Zion, July 13, 2015.

Richard G. "Dick" Witter, Macomb, June 2, 2015.

Nancy E. Wylie, Arlington Hts., Apr. 30, 2015.

1938 Laura F. Strong McMillen, Rushville, May 3, 2015.

1940 Ruth A. Kingery Mazza, Carlisle, PA, May 18, 2015.

1947 Lorraine E. Simmons Reel MS-ED '57, Mesa, AZ, Feb. 16, 2015.

1951 Norman R. Carr, Fox River Grove, Apr. 27, 2015.

1951 Betty Bruner Moore, Hanover, July 25, 2015.

1951 Jay W. Nordberg, Park City, Dec. 1, 2014.

1951 Francis L. "Lee" Terhune, Macomb, June 30, 2015.

1952 Lyndell R. Rhoades, Winfield, Apr. 3, 2015.

1953 John L. McNeil, Bloomington, Apr. 5, 2015.

1954 Lowell E. McCulley, Centerville, IA, May 6, 2015.

1954 Otto W. "Bill" Wendel MS-ED, Hiawasse, GA, Apr. 26, 2015.

1957 Margaret A. Drew Cravens, Mt. Sterling, Apr. 16, 2015.

1957 Robert H. Dailey MS-ED '58, Macomb, June 1, 2015.

1957 Lawrence Welsh III, Aurora, Apr. 23, 2015.

1958 Ronald D. Friichtenicht, Rock Island, Apr. 22, 2015.

1958 Bonita L. "Bonnie" Norway Keeley, Annawan, May 30, 2015.

1960 Edward R. Kregor MS-ED, Wheaton, July 5, 2015.

1960 Richard W. "Dick" McLaughlin, Minooka, Mar. 30, 2015.

1960 Thomas C. Weston, Parachute, CO, May 17, 2015.

1961 Rosellen Salter Roegiers, Burbank, SD, Apr. 24, 2015.

1962 Louis H. Fuller, Jr. MS-ED '73, Beaumont, TX, Oct. 23, 2013.

1962 Charles J. "Chuck" Lyon, Decatur, June 11, 2014.

1963 Ronald L. Briddick, Norco, CA, Apr. 5, 2012.

1963 Esther J. Poland, Quincy, June 4, 2015.

1964 Patrick A. McElwee, Pekin, May 27, 2015.

1965 Constance J. Ufkes Neill, Carthage, Apr. 21, 2015.

1966 Robert W. Cox, Geneva, June 12, 2015.

1966 Patrick E. Fagan, Sr., Lake Villa, Mar. 28, 2015.

1967 Wayne S. King, Kewanee, Aug. 6, 2009.

1967 Kenneth W. Piotrowski, Englewood, FL, Apr. 24, 2015.

1968 Florence S. Schlicher Long, Keokuk, IA, Apr. 20, 2015.

1968 Anita L. Mitchell, Galesburg, May 12, 2015.

1969 William N. Becker MS '72, Springfield, May 2, 2015.

1969 Charles M. "Chuck" Shoemaker, Geneseo, Sept. 18, 2014.

1970 Richard N. Armstrong, Brentwood, TN, June 18, 2015.

1970 Marcia E. Makinen Boku, Frankfort, MI, Mar. 21, 2015.

1971 Melvin D. "Dean" Brewer, Lebanon, June 27, 2014.

1972 Hugo L. Lopez, Wilmington, NC, Apr. 3, 2015.

1972 Larry L. Miller, Estero, FL, May 4, 2015.

1974 Julienne M. Barry Phillips, Lemont, May 2, 2015.

1975 Teresa L. Craig Bromley, Baton Rouge, LA, Apr. 4, 2015.

1975 Mark G. Magill, Springfield, May 9, 2015.

1977 Joseph I. Hutter, Bettendorf, IA, Apr. 18, 2015.

1978 Sybil S. Sparks Grimes, Washington, June 29, 2015.

1978 Jack P. Hall, Allison Park, PA, Jan. 4, 2015.

1978 Michael W. Hinrichs MS '90, Macomb, May 7, 2015.

1979 Bobbie J. Smick Zimmerman, Mackinaw, Feb. 7, 2015.

1980 Jack G. Kepple, Bushnell, June 30, 2015.

1980 Bernard B. O'Connell, Oak Brook, Jan. 26, 2013.

1981 Elroy Sims, Rockford, Apr. 2, 2015.

1982 Robert A. Slavish, Matherville, Apr. 23, 2015.

1983 Doris A. Debruine Volle MS, Happy Valley, OR, Apr. 16, 2015.

1983 David R. Wallin MBA '84, River Forest, May 15, 2015.

1983 Patricia J. Payne Westerdale, Altona, Apr. 21, 2015.

1985 Timothy H. Myers, Salem, WI, May 31, 2015.

1985 Robert F. Strain, Port Charlotte, FL, Apr. 30, 2015.

1986 Floyd D. Simpson, Corpus Christi, TX, May 3, 2015.

1986 Daniel F. Stork, Hannibal, MO, Jan. 11, 2015.

1988 Mary C. Ericson Blixt MS '90, Galesburg, May 31, 2015.

1992 Alexis P. "Al" Ustinoff, Spring, TX, Mar. 8, 2015.

1992 Robert H. Wincklepleck, Merritt Island, FL, June 20, 2015.

1993 Laura L. Ratliff Bopes, Princeton, June 28, 2015.

2000 Martin T. Touchette MS '04, Monmouth, Apr. 21, 2015.

2006 Russell R. Dohner HD, Rushville, Aug. 7, 2015.

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## Greetings WIU Alumni and Friends,



For the past six years it has been my privilege to serve on the Alumni Council as one of 26 members representing over 130,000 alumni worldwide. I am now at the beginning of a two-year term as president of the council. It is an honor to be selected to serve our alumni and University in this way.

Western has been a part of my life for many years. My favorite seventh and eighth grade art teacher, **Betty Post-Cutler '53**, introduced me to Western. She shared her memories of classes, professors, friends and experiences with us. In my young mind, Western sounded far away and very exciting. It was because of Mrs. Cutler that I knew where I wanted to go to college. Thanks to that influential art teacher, when I came to Western in the Fall 1966, I knew immediately that I was exactly where I should be and was ready to make my own memories. Mrs. Cutler was so committed to WIU that that she left a bequest of her estate to the College of Fine Arts and Communication's Recital Hall, and the lobby has been named in her memory.

Shared memories can define a culture, and the culture at Western is unique. At the many WIU alumni events offered throughout the year, we meet fellow alumni and friends for the first time or we reconnect after many years. Always during their conversations we hear, "Do you remember...?" It never matters if they graduated in the 1950s or 2000s, lived on campus or off or participated in campus organizations or athletics. Everyone has shared memories of their years at Western.

So, as president, I have a challenge for you. During the next year, I hope you will attend an alumni event in your area, or come to homecoming (Oct. 3) and reconnect with Western. Share your memories of Western with others whenever the opportunity presents itself. Western prepared us for life. Continue to be an active part of Western's unique culture. BE A LIFETIME LEATHERNECK!

My own challenge for this year is to meet as many alumni as I am possibly able. And, when we see each other at Western or elsewhere, I hope you will introduce yourself so we can share some of our great WIU memories.

Sincerely,

*Carol Scott*

Carol Lewis Scott '70

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# Quad Cities Alumni & Friends Golf Outing • TPC Deere Run in Silvis, IL • June 15, 2014



## Alumni Travel Programs 2015-2016

### Eastern & Oriental Express: Bangkok to Bali

**November 8-18, 2015**

Experience Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia. Visit elaborate temples, palaces and shrines throughout this program. Discover Bangkok on a tuk-tuk, marvel at the Grand Palace; visit Wat Po and see other key landmarks. Spend three nights aboard the legendary Eastern & Oriental Express Train and journey under the Bridge over the River Kwai on a raft, and visit colonial Georgetown, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Explore Singapore before flying to Bali. This program includes excursions, deluxe accommodations and an extensive meal plan.



### Ecuador ~ Quito

**February 17-27, 2016**

Discover Ecuador on a 10-night journey. Explore the historic district of Quito, Ecuador's capital and your home for a total of four nights, and travel outside the city to the town of Otavalo and the crafts markets. Visit Mitad del Mundo, home to an equatorial marker that dates from the 18th century. Experience the open-air museum of Cuenca, a beautiful city in the heart of the Andes where you'll spend six nights. Observe the artistic traditions of Chordeleg and Gualaceo, and journey to the Ingapirca ruins. This Alumni Campus Abroad program includes excursions, educational programs, accommodations and an extensive meal plan featuring wine with dinner. It also features an optional extension to embark on a four-night cruise of the stunning Galapagos Island.

### Cuban Discovery

**March 3-11, 2016**

Cuba's turbulent economic and political past and vibrant, culturally rich present unfold on this journey developed for the WIU Alumni Association. This exclusive travel opportunity is organized and operated by Go Next, Inc., a qualified people-to-people sponsoring organization allowed to conduct educational exchanges in Cuba. Specially designed to showcase the island's spirit, this nine-day adventure goes beyond the tourist surface to reveal the rich culture, compelling history and architectural majesty of this long-forbidden island on the verge of great change.

### Atolls & Islands of French Polynesia

**March 25-April 4, 2016**

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



### Southern Grandeur

**April 24 -May 2, 2016**

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

### Mediterranean Wonders & Waterways

**May 11-21, 2016**

Experience the the Mediterranean, from the ancient ruins and cosmopolitan charm of Turkey to the age-old wonders of Greece, Italy and Croatia. Board Oceania Cruises' Riviera in Athens and sail to Turkey's vibrant port city of Kusadasi, a jumping-off point to explore the amazing ruins of Ephesus. Behold blue-domed, whitewashed villages on Santorini, and stroll past neoclassical mansions at Navplion, one of the most romantic towns in mainland Greece. Browse the charming taverns and shops that line Gythion's bustling waterfront, or venture through the rugged countryside to see the ruins of Mystras, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Immerse yourself in the natural splendors at Corfu, a Greek isle drenched in greenery and sprinkled with cypress trees and wildflowers, and visit Dubrovnik, Croatia's walled masterpiece.

### European Hideaways

**June 1-9, 2016**

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



### Italy's Magnificent Lake District

**June 21-29, 2016**

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



### Grand Danube Passage

**July 25-August 8, 2016**

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

### Great Pacific Northwest

**September 17-25, 2016**

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



**Spain~Ronda**  
**October 11-19, 2016**

**Adriatic Gems**  
**November 1-9, 2016**

**More 2016 trips coming soon!**  
**For additional trip information, visit**  
**[wiu.edu/alumni/travel.php](http://wiu.edu/alumni/travel.php).**

### 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 (\$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.

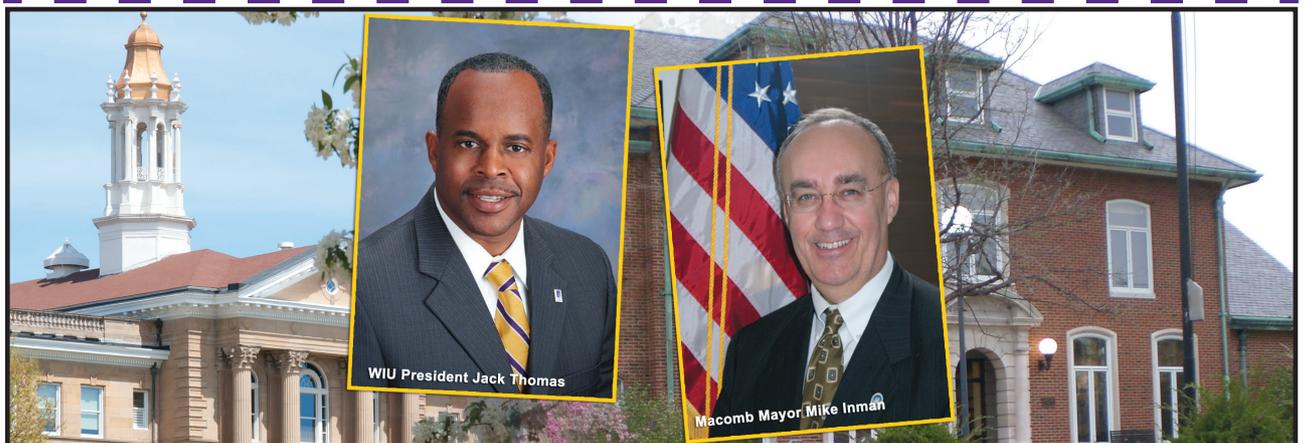
Please mail form to: WIU Alumni Association, 1 University Circle, Macomb IL 61455-1390, or visit [wiu.edu/alumni/recommend.php](http://wiu.edu/alumni/recommend.php) to complete the form online.

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 If yes: Spouse/Domestic Partner Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title/Position \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Prefer  Home  Business E-mail  
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## Kick off WIU Homecoming 2015 with Celebrating Town & Gown 2015

Sept. 24 The Forum in Macomb 5:30-7:30 p.m. Brief program, including unveiling of 2015 Rocky on Parade statues at 6:15 p.m. Price: \$20/person

## WIU Vs. Coastal Carolina

September 19, 2015

Pregame social: 3:30 p.m. ET  
Location: Brooks Stadium

Kickoff: 6:00 p.m. ET  
University Blvd.  
Conway, SC



## WIU Vs. ISU

October 24, 2015

Pregame social: 12:30 p.m.  
Location: Redbird Tent Zone  
(Field 2 behind the  
U-High parking lot)

Kickoff: 2:00 p.m.  
Hancock Stadium  
N. Main St., Normal, IL



## ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS

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

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

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



## Kansas City Chiefs Vs. Chicago Bears

October 11, 2015



Pregame social: 10:00 a.m.  
Kickoff: 12:00 p.m.  
Arrowhead Stadium  
One Arrowhead Drive  
Kansas City, MO



## St. Louis Rams Vs. Chicago Bears

November 15, 2015



Pregame social: 10:00 a.m.  
Kickoff: 12:00 p.m.  
Edward Jones Dome  
901 N. Broadway  
St. Louis, MO



## Western Wednesdays

Join your WIU Alumni Association as the Western Wednesdays After Hours tradition continues! We'll continue to rotate every other month in the Chicago and Quad Cities areas. Hundreds of alumni have joined us every month for great food, great conversation and a few beverages!

### Chicago

October 7, 2015  
Rosemont, 5-7 p.m.

December 2, 2015  
Downtown, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

February 3, 2016  
Suburb, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

April 6, 2016  
Downtown, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

### Quad Cities

November 4, 2015  
Davenport, 5-7 p.m.

January 2016  
No event due to holiday

March 2, 2016  
Bettendorf, 5-7 p.m.



Sept. 24-Oct. 3

WIU vs. Southern Illinois  
Oct. 3 @ 3 p.m.

## Registration Form for WIU Alumni & Friends Events

Payment options:

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

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 \_\_\_\_\_

**CREDIT CARD INFORMATION:**

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax form to: (309) 298-2914 or mail form to:  
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Macomb, IL 61455-1390

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