

Centennial Honors College



From the E-Letter Archives: The picture above shows Professor Sean Jenkins receiving the 2013 Honors College Award of Excellence in Mentoring from Associate Director Jennifer McNabb. Jenkins was nominated by honors student Jamela Thompson, who is standing next to him in the picture. If you want to nominate a faculty member for the 2014 award, read the article below.

Honors Scholarship Applications Due April 1!

Applications for several Honors College scholarships are now available and are due back in the Honors College on April 1! The Martin Dupuis Award for Leadership is for honors students from historically under-represented communities who have excelled both as leaders and scholars. This award is for \$1300 (awarded in 2014-2015). The Cecile A. Christison Sterrett Award is for \$1500 and will go to an honors student in good standing with a GPA of 3.6 who has been active in the community, especially in the Honors College. The Dan and Laura Webb Pre-Law Scholarship is for \$5000 and will go to an honors student who has the Pre-Law Honors Minor, has a GPA of at least 3.5 and has demonstrated leadership in the field of pre-law. The Ernest Codilis Pre-Law Scholarship is for \$5000 and will go to a junior or senior honors student who is pursuing the Pre-Law Honors Minor and has a GPA of at least 3.7. Applications forms for all four scholarships can be found on our website here: http://www.wiu.edu/centennial_honors_college/forms.php. You can also pick up paper application forms in the Honors College at the front desk.

Nominations for Honors Teaching and Mentoring Awards (by Jennifer McNabb)

Hello, Honors students! Have you ever had an Honors professor or mentor who inspired you or provided invaluable assistance in a class or as you worked to complete a project or application for a scholarship or internship? Has an Honors teacher or advisor gone above and beyond your expectations in helping you achieve personal, academic, or professional goals? Please recognize his or her contributions with a nomination for the 2014 Centennial Honors College Awards of Excellence in Teaching/Mentoring. Simply fill out the (brief and easy to complete!) Nomination Form found online (http://www.wiu.edu/centennial_honors_college/forms.php) or stop by the Centennial Honors College to pick up a copy of the form; return completed nominations to the College or by email to me at JL-Mcnabb@wiu.edu. Award winners and their student nominators will be publicly celebrated at Thomas E. Helm Undergraduate Research Day in April. I know that students of the Centennial Honors College are campus leaders and that I can count on you to help ensure that our award program is a success. Nominations are due by **March 7th**, so please make one today!

Student Honors Association Quiz Bowl March 23 in the Bay-Henn Underground

The Student Honors Association will be hosting a Quiz Bowl on Sunday, March 23 from 12-6 pm in the Bay-Henn Underground. Teams of up to five people can enter the competition for \$25 per team. There will also be a bake sale during the Quiz Bowl in case the teams get hungry. For more information, email Tyler Czarnecki at TJ-Czarnecki@wiu.edu.

Game Theory Talk on Tuesday, March 18 in the Multicultural Center

On Tuesday, March 18 at 3:30 pm, Dr. Pradeep Dubey (from SUNY Stony Brook and Yale University) will give a talk called "Game Theory, Economics, and Matching between Donors and Recipients of Organs." The talk will be held in the Multicultural Center and is sponsored by the Office of Student Activities, the Visiting Lectures Committee, the Department of Mathematics, the Department of Economics and Decision Sciences, the School of Computer Science, and the Centennial Honors College.

Advising Survey Available Online (by Jennifer Sandrik-Rubio)

Hello All! The link below is to a survey about academic advising at WIU. This is very different from the evaluation you are asked to complete about your individual advisor. This survey takes about 10-15 minutes to complete and you can send your name in at the end to win a prize. This survey is important for advising issues in general on campus: like tutoring, help centers, best methods of sending information, etc. It is anonymous, so please feel free to give us your honest thoughts and suggestions.

https://wiutechnology.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_77pZK5fWi7caelB

Information Sessions for Admissions Ambassadors March 18 and 19

The WIU Admissions Office is looking for undergraduate students to be Admissions Ambassadors during the Fall 2014 semester. Admissions Ambassadors meet with prospective WIU students during Discover Westerns and other campus visits. They give tours, speak on panels, and talk to prospective students on the phone. Admissions Ambassadors can be paid through talent grants. If you are interested in being an Admissions Ambassador next fall, be sure to attend one of the information sessions right after spring break. The first is on Tuesday, March 18 at 3:30pm and the second will be on Wednesday, March 19 at 5pm. Both are in the Admissions Office which is Sherman Hall 115. For more information, contact LeeAnn Meyer at lm-meyer@wiu.edu or call (309) 298-2292.

GRE Prep Class in March and April

If you plan to go to graduate school, you might have to take the GRE General Exam. The WIU Psi Chi/ Psychology Club is offering a series of sessions in March and April to help students prepare for the GRE General Exam. They will meet on March 25, March 27, April 1, and April 3. Each meeting will begin at 3:30 pm in Waggoner 170 and will last an hour. No registration is necessary, but a \$20 donation to Psi Chi/Psychology Club will be expected at the first class. If you are interested and want to know more, contact Rachel Rogers (R-Rogers2@wiu.edu).

Mentors Needed for WESL Conversation Mentors Program

WIU's WESL program is looking for volunteers to serve as "conversation mentors" and help international students in the WESL program practice their English. Conversation mentors are needed on various Mondays from 2-2:50 pm, various Tuesdays from 10-10:45 am, various Tuesdays from 11-11:50 am, and various Mondays and Wednesdays from 2-2:50 pm. Most of these various Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays are in March and April. If you would like to be a WESL conversation mentor, email Steve Kaesdorf at S-Kaesdorf@wiu.edu.

Study Abroad Feature of the Week:

Happy Spring Break from the Office of Study Abroad! (by Emily Bahr)

The Office of Study Abroad wishes everyone a safe and relaxing Spring Break next week! Break is an excellent time to spend time with your family and friends, but it's also a great time to talk with them about all of the exciting study abroad opportunities available to you at WIU. The Office of Study Abroad offers numerous international experiences in locations all throughout the world. Programs last from a few weeks, to a full semester, to an entire academic year. Many short-term programs even take place during school breaks, so this time next year you could be spending your Spring Break abroad!

In addition to thinking about the location and length of program you are interested in, don't forget to consider factors such as the best time in your academic program to study abroad, finances, and how an international experience can enhance your education. Our study abroad advisers would be happy to have these conversations with you!

If you are interested in learning more about WIU's study abroad opportunities in more than 50 countries, please contact the Office of Study Abroad at (309) 298-2504, visit our website at www.wiu.edu/studyabroad, like our Facebook page: Western Illinois University Study Abroad, or follow us on Twitter: @wiustudyabroad.

We hope to hear from you soon! Have a wonderful break!

Sustainability Brownbaggers Lecture April 1

The Sustainability Brownbaggers lecture series will conclude on Tuesday, April 1 with a talk by Terra Brockman, the founder of The Land Connection and author of *The Seasons on Henry's Farm*. The talk will be held from 12:30 pm—1:30 pm on the west side of the fourth floor of the Malpass Library. Bring your lunch!

Career Development Workshop Wednesday, March 19

The next Spring Semester Career Development Workshop is right after spring break on Wednesday, March 19. The March 19 workshop will be held from 2-4:30 pm at the Goodwill store in Macomb, and the theme will be "Dressing on a Budget."

Get Ready for the 2014 Undergraduate Research Day on April 16

The 2014 Thomas E. Helm Undergraduate Research Day will be held on Wednesday, April 16 in the University Union. This event gives undergraduate students an opportunity to share their work with the entire WIU community. Students can present their work in one of three ways: as a poster, through a podium talk, or as a performance. Each student who presents must have a faculty sponsor and must submit an abstract describing the work to be presented. Abstracts may be submitted electronically to our website between March 17 and April 4. For more information about Undergraduate Research Day, go to: http://www.wiu.edu/centennial_honors_college/research_day/researchday.php.

Mystery Photo of the Week

Two *E-Letter* readers knew the location of the shadowed building in last week's mystery photo (below and left). Tariq Ahmad and Bill Thompson both knew that the building is at the bottom of the hill on Murray Street on the south side of the street, and the shadows are of the heating plant.



This week's mystery photo>>>>>: Where in Macomb is this passageway?

Movies Movies Movies

The new movies at the Rialto this weekend are "3 Days To Kill," "Mr. Peabody & Sherman," "300: Rise of an Empire," "Non-Stop." For showtimes, go to: <http://www.earlann.net/rialtocinemas.html> or call (309) 833-2626. On March 19, the WIU Film Club will show "Suspiria" at 7pm in Simpkins 220.

Ya's Sudoku:

Old Puzzle	4	1	2	3
	2	3	4	1
	3	4	1	2
	1	2	3	4

New Puzzle	1			
	2			
				4
				1