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Top 'master's' rank renewed for WIU

Western Illinois University continues to be ranked in the top tier of Midwest Universities Master's granting institutions, according to U.S. News and World Report's Annual College Rankings 2010 edition. For the fifth consecutive year, WIU has also been re-named a Best Midwestern College by the Princeton Review.

As a top tier Midwestern University, Western has established an outstanding record for quality, access to education and affordability, said **Joe Rives**, vice president for Quad Cities, planning and technology. Western is among 20 public universities included in the Midwest top tier of 74 masters institutions.

"There are numerous factors that are used for the U.S. News and World Report ratings. The top tier designation is made possible based on what Western provides—small classes, a low student-faculty ratio, an affordable education and our graduation and retention rates," Rives noted.

In addition to the current U.S. News and Princeton Review acknowledgements, Western was recently designated as a "Military Friendly School" by G.I. Jobs Magazine and is featured in the "Guide to Military Friendly Schools." According to G.I. Jobs, this honor ranks Western in the top 15 percent of all colleges, universities and trade schools nationwide that are doing the most to assist America's veterans as students.

"Western has established its role as a leader in providing an affordable education with its Cost Guarantee and GradTrac programs," said Western President **Al Goldfarb**. "Our commitment to providing a high quality, accessible and affordable education is consistently recognized.

"Western's commitment to academic excellence and educational opportunity—two of our core values—are our key focus. Our commitment to access remains one of our most important priorities," Goldfarb said. "We are doing an exceptional job in providing outstanding opportunities for our students."

Fall 2009 Welcome from President Goldfarb

Dear Campus Community,

It is with much pride that I welcome new and returning students, faculty and staff to Western Illinois University for the 2009-2010 academic year. As Elaine and I begin our eighth year at Western, I cannot emphasize enough our gratitude to the campus community for its continued support.

While there is always much enthusiasm at the start of a new school year, this year is especially exciting. Western Illinois is marking several "firsts." Our new engineering program debuts this semester at the WIU-Quad Cities campus, and the four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree also begins this fall at both the Macomb and Quad Cities campuses. A new undergraduate program in anthropology is available at the Macomb campus, and Western's agriculture department has been renamed the School of Agriculture to better reflect the broad range of programs offered.

During the summer months, our first "green" Multicultural Center, which houses the Women's Center, Casa Latina, Gwendolyn Brooks Cultural Center and the International Friendship Club, was completed. An open house will be held from **11 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28**. Work

also continues on the Memorial Hall renovation.

However, what is perhaps the most exciting news regarding new construction on Western's campuses is a capital budget, which includes \$67.8 million for Western's Performing Arts Center in Macomb and \$15.8 million for the renovation and construction of Building One and \$42 million for Phase II (Building Two) at the WIU-Quad Cities Riverfront Campus. Construction may begin as soon as Summer 2010 on the Performing Arts Center, and renovation work will start in the near future at Building One in Moline.

While we are pleased with the capital bill, the current economic crisis continues to impact our university. We have been most fortunate to avoid employee furloughs and layoffs during these challenging budgetary times; however, we must hold off on any decision regarding FY10 pay increases for non-negotiated employees. The vice presidents and I will



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H1N1 virus awareness reminder

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) recent predictions of a potential H1N1 flu outbreak this fall brings to mind our need to have preparations in place to help us maintain a safe and healthy campus environment at WIU.

Flu viruses are spread mainly from person-to-person through coughing or sneezing by people with influenza. Sometimes people may become infected by touching something with flu viruses on it and then touching their mouth or nose. To limit the spread of illnesses, including H1N1, people need to practice common sense, which includes proper handwashing. Use soap and water (or alcohol-based hand sanitizers when soap and water are not available), scrub and rinse for 20 seconds and dry thoroughly.

As the semester progresses, it is essential to keep your health and well-being at the forefront. Eat right, get plenty of rest, and exercise as your schedule allows. Be aware of the symptoms of both seasonal flu and the H1N1 virus. Seasonal flu symptoms develop quickly; include fever and a sore throat and/or coughing, body aches, chills, and headache. Reported H1N1 symptoms are similar to seasonal flu and may also include nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. The symptoms of the common cold are generally much milder than the flu, develop more slowly, and usually do not include a fever. If you feel ill, please contact Beu Health Center at (309) 298-1888 prior to coming to the health center or your local health care provider.

Alton to lead liberal arts & sciences program

Biological Sciences Associate Professor **Althea Alton** was named director of the liberal arts and sciences bachelor's and master's degree programs within the College of Arts and Sciences, effective Aug. 1, according to Interim Dean **Susan Martinelli-Fernandez**.

Alton's duties will include working with faculty and students at WIU-Macomb and WIU-Quad Cities. She was previously coordinator of the bachelor's liberal arts and sciences (LAS) degree program.

Alton came to Western in 1987 as a visiting assistant professor in the biology department, and she was named to Western's fulltime faculty in 1988. She served as the assistant director for the University's Honors Program (now the Centennial Honors College) from 1995-1997 and then as its acting director during Summer 1997. Alton previously held posts at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas; Indiana University; the National Science Technology Authority of the Philippines; and the University of the Philippines Los Baños.

Alton earned her Ph.D. (1981) in biology with a concentration in developmental genetics at Cornell University Graduate School of Medical Sciences. She also was awarded a National Institutes of Health (NIH) postdoctoral fellowship at Sloan Kettering Cancer



Research Institute (1981-1983) and another postdoctoral fellowship with the Indiana Corporation for Science and Technology (1985-1987) at Indiana University. She earned her bachelor's degree (1976) in biology at the University of the Philippines, Quezon City.

The Bachelor of Liberal Arts and Sciences involves focused study in the traditional areas of liberal education: humanities, social sciences, natural sciences and mathematics. The degree can be tailored to meet students' academic needs and interests. The interdisciplinary Master of Liberal Arts and Sciences is for students who need or desire advanced education but do not require a specific specialized content area. This degree stresses critical thinking, comparative analysis and highly flexible content.

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revisit the feasibility of allocating salary increases for non-negotiated employees once there is a clearer budget picture. Please know our continuing goal is to provide an outstanding education for our students and an outstanding work environment for all of our employees.

It's appropriate, given these challenging economic times, that this year's University theme is "Dollars and Sense: Personal Finance to World Poverty," which will be incorporated into a variety of programs, including academic discussions, public forums and reading groups. The Universitywide theme illustrates our commitment to our core values of academic excellence, educational opportunity, personal growth and social responsibility. Because of our commitment to the core values, in particular, social responsibility, Western was recently named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for its exemplary service efforts.

I encourage members of the campus community, as well as area residents, to

take part in the outstanding educational, cultural and entertainment opportunities available at Western this year.

New and returning WIU-Quad Cities students, faculty and staff, as well as those from Black Hawk College and Scott Community College, are invited to attend the WIU-QC Society of Educators (SOE) Block Party from **4-7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11**.

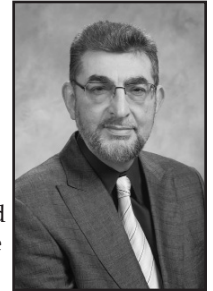
Please know I am very grateful to be a member of the Western Illinois University community. I look forward to an outstanding new academic year.

Sincerely,

Al Goldfarb
President

Kalantari to deliver Hallwas lecture

Mathematics Professor and Department Chair **Iraj Kalantari** will deliver the Seventh Annual John Hallwas Liberal Arts Lecture **Monday, Sept. 14** in Macomb and **Tuesday, Sept. 15** in the Quad Cities. The WIU-Macomb lecture will



begin at **7 p.m.** in the University Union Grand Ballroom. The Sept. 15 lecture at the WIU-Quad Cities 60th Street campus will begin at **7 p.m.** in Room 102.

Kalantari's talk, "Mathematics: The Landscape of the Liberal Arts," will address the effectiveness and joy in mathematics and its role in our everyday experiences.

"I wish to suggest some perspectives for viewing mathematics that help reveal its striking features," said Kalantari. "By examining the natural belonging of mathematics in the liberal arts, I hope to invite the listener to deliberate on its role in learning and in life."

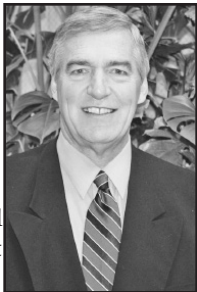
Kalantari started his career at Western in 1978. He has held posts at the University of California at Santa Barbara and Cornell University, where he received his Ph.D. in mathematics in 1976. He has received three outstanding faculty awards from WIU, a researcher of the year award from Sigma Xi Society and an outstanding researcher award from the College of Arts and Sciences.

"Dr. Kalantari is an engaging personality and a renowned scholar. He is well skilled in being able to discuss complex mathematics with people outside the field in such a way that math becomes accessible and understandable. In a day when more than half of all freshmen entering college require remedial mathematics courses, this lecture is certainly timely," said Hallwas, who delivered the inaugural Liberal Arts Lecture in September 2003.

Past lecturers in the series have included Charles Helm (2004), political science; Karen Mann (2005), English; Tracy Knight (2006), psychology; WIU President Al Goldfarb (2007); and Rick Hardy (2008), political science.

DiGrino named COEHS dean

Nick DiGrino has accepted a two-year appointment to serve as dean of the College of Education and Human Services (COEHS), effective July 1, according to Provost and Academic Vice President **Jack Thomas**. DiGrino had served as interim dean since April 24.



He replaced **Bonnie Smith-Skripps**, who retired in April after 35 years of service. Previously, he served as associate dean for administration for five years, and served as chair and professor in Western's recreation, park and tourism administration (RPTA) department from 1986 to 2004. Before joining Western's faculty, he served as coordinator of the leisure services program at Iowa State University and as director of parks and recreation for the City of Eastlake (OH).

DiGrino has authored and co-authored numerous articles and book chapters within his field, and he has presented at professional conferences internationally. He is an inductee of the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration.

Erdmann interim chair of kinesiology

Loran Erdmann was named interim chair of Western's kinesiology department, effective July 1.

Erdmann started at Western in 1994 as an assistant professor and was promoted to professor in 2003. Former kinesiology department chair **Miriam Satern** stepped down and has resumed her position as a full-time faculty member in the department.

Prior to coming to Western, Erdmann served in adjunct professor positions at Iowa State University and University of Northern Iowa, and as director of the wellness services department at Allen Memorial Hospital in Waterloo, IA.

Erdmann also has experience as a middle and high school teacher and coach (West Point, NE) and as an intramural sports director at Rochester Community College in Rochester, MN.

Ribbon cutting at the Caxton



Officials from WIU, the City of Moline, Renew Moline, the Quad Cities Illinois Chamber of Commerce and several other organizations marked the dedication of the Caxton Block Building in Moline (IL) in August as the new temporary home for the WIU engineering degree program.

Mindrup named assistant VP at QC

Kristi Mindrup, director of instructional and administrative services at WIU-Quad Cities, has been named assistant vice president for Quad Cities and planning, according to **Joe Rives**, vice president of the Quad Cities, planning and technology. Rives noted that Mindrup's new title reflects added responsibilities, in addition to the leadership she provides in instructional and administrative services and serving as second administrator in

charge of the Quad Cities campus.

Mindrup was named to her latest position in 2007. Prior to that she served as assistant director to the associate provost-Quad Cities for three years and as assistant to the director of the WIU-QC campus from 2000 to 2003. Mindrup joined the WIU-QC staff in 1997 as a clerk III and in 1998 was named instructional technology systems manager.

Assoc. director of bands named

Shawn Vondran was named associate director of bands and an instructor in the School of Music, effective July 20, according to **Mike Fansler**, director of bands.

Vondran's responsibilities include directing the Marching Leathernecks and pep bands, the Concert Band and University Band, as well as teaching instrumental conducting and other courses within the undergraduate music education curriculum.

Previously, Vondran served as the associate director of bands at Youngstown State University (2005-2006). He began his professional teaching career at Mentor High School (2000-2004) in Ohio, where his concert and marching bands consistently received superior ratings for their outstanding performances. He received a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Miami in May.

Greathouse DFMH dept. interm chair

Karen Greathouse was named interim chair of Western's dietetics, fashion merchandising and hospitality (DFMH) department, effective July 15.

Greathouse started at Western in 1989 as an assistant professor and was promoted to professor in 2004. Former DFMH chair **Erskine Smith** was recently named interim associate dean of the College of Education and Human Services (COEHS).

Prior to joining Western's faculty, Greathouse maintained a private practice as a registered dietician while serving as an instructor at Dickinson State University in North Dakota. Her professional experience includes private contract work as a nutrition educator for the State of Colorado and hospital administration in Kansas City (MO).

She received a teacher of the year award in 1994 and the College Outstanding Educator of the Year in 2000.

Quesal elected an ASHA fellow

Robert Quesal, a professor in the communication sciences and disorders department at, has been elected a Fellow of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA).

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association is the professional, scientific and credentialing association for 135,000 members and affiliates who are speech-language pathologists, audiologists and speech, language and hearing scientists in the United States and internationally.

The ASHA website (asha.org/about/awards) states: The ASHA Fellowship recognizes professional or scientific achievement and is given to members who

have made outstanding contributions to the professions. The award is one of the highest honors that ASHA can bestow and is retained for life.

Quesal and other individuals elected to ASHA Fellowship will be formally recognized with a presentation of Fellow certificates at the 5:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20 awards ceremony during the 2009 ASHA Convention in New Orleans.

A board recognized specialist in fluency disorders, Quesal also holds the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology (CCC-SLP) from ASHA and the Illinois state license in Speech-Language Pathology.

He joined Western's faculty in 1991 as a teacher and researcher. His primary research in the area of stuttering focuses on the psychosocial aspects of stuttering, including the speaker's experience of stuttering, as well as teasing and bullying.

Quesal is the author or co-author of a number of journal articles and book chapters on stuttering; and he has been a presenter about stuttering at local through international meetings and professional conferences.



Grants

Tara Beal, Physical Plant—\$500 from the Illinois Office of the Governor for "Illinois Rain Garden Initiative."

Courtney Blankenship, School of Music—\$10,380 from the National Association of Music Merchants for "NAMM Internship (Sieracki)."

Virginia Boynton, History—\$36,163 from the Regional Office of Education #26 for "Disseminating Traditional American History to Teachers Through Innovative and Cohesive Professional Development to Further Student Learning - Year 2."

Richard Chamberlain and Crystal Hack, CAIT—\$124,956 from the Illinois Community College Board for "Career and Academic Readiness System (CARS) - Year 2" and \$7,500 in supplemental funding from the Illinois Community College Board for "Career and Academic Readiness System (CARS)." **Chamberlain** also received \$47,550 from the Illinois Attorney General's Office for "Illinois Attorney General - Web Support - FY10."

Tom Erikson, CBT—\$144,394 from the Manufacturing Quad City Laboratory for "Professional Services to Quad City Manufacturing Lab (QCML)."

Gisele Hamm, IIRA—\$350 in supplemental funding from various sources for "MAPPING Community Support."

Robin Hanna, IIRA—\$550 in supplemental funding from various sources, another \$550 in supplemental funding from various sources and \$104 from various sources for "RETAC Services."

JoAnn Hairston-Jones, Beu Health Center—\$1,500 in supplemental funding from Southern Illinois University for "Live

Free Tobacco Free."

Fred Iutzi, IIRA—\$860,000 from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for "Linking Knowledge with Action for Renewable Fuels Development" and \$70,000 from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for "Illinois State Energy Program Facilitation."

Joyce Johanson, Center for Best Practices in Early Childhood Education (CBPECE)—\$33,750 in supplemental funding from the Illinois Department of Human Services for "Provider Connections: Credentialing and Enrollment-FY09."

Karen Mauldin-Curtis, IIRA—\$25,200 from the Illinois Department of Human Services for "ARRA - AmeriCorps Volunteer Project," and \$5,000 of supplemental funding from various sources for "Peace Corps Community Contributions."

Linda Robinson, CBPECE—\$978,500 from the Illinois State Board of Education for "Illinois STARNET Northwest Region I and Central Region III - FY10."

Cynthia Struthers, IIRA—\$20,000 from the Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network for "Health Education Module #5."

Paul Sweet and Kim Wisslead, CAIT—\$96,220 from the Illinois Attorney General for "Illinois Attorney General: SANE Online Training."

T. K. Vinod, Chemistry—\$210,000 from the National Science Foundation for "ARRA - Selective Oxidative Transformations Using Water-Soluble Hypervalent Iodine Reagents."

University Women welcomes newcomers

Women of the WIU community are invited to join the University Women organization for the 2009-2010 school year. This is a social organization built around interest groups. All women who are current or retired employees and/or wives or partners of current or retired employees are eligible. The organization's annual fall breakfast will take place at **9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19** at Taylor Hall (next to Sullivan Taylor Coffee House). Potential new members are guests for the event. For more information, or to RSVP, contact **Jan Mathers** at (309) 836-8641 or rmathers@macomb.com.

Professional activities

Gloria Hurh, former instructor in broadcasting, was editor of "We Married Koreans: Personal Stories of American Women with Korean Husbands," published by Llumina Press (2009).

Garry Johnson, Vice President for Student Services, received the 2009 Parthenon Award, based on his continued contributions to the collegiate housing profession, from the Association of College and University Housing Officers-International (ACUHO-I) at a recognition reception held at the Annual Conference and Exposition in Baltimore, MD in June.

Dean Zoerink, RPTA, presented the paper "The Interaction of Leisure, Health and Positive Aging: A Synthesis of Research" at the Third Age and Leisure Research, Principles and Practices International Conference at Buckinghamshire New University, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, England, in June.

Civil Service news

July New Employees

Scott, Krystal J., police officer, Office of Public Safety, 7/27/2009. Mowbray Hall, 298-1949.

Van Vlymen, James W., officer, Office of Public Safety, 6/29/2009. Mowbray Hall, Phone: 298-1949.

Promotions/Transfers/Reassigns

Bates, Troy D., chief clerk, Financial Aid, promoted to Financial Aid adviser IV, 6/16/09.

Resignations

Adolphson, Stephanie D., bookstore department supervisor, UU Bookstore, 6/19/09.

Carter, John L., police officer, Office of Public Safety, 6/15/09.

Dedjoe, Benjamin A., electrical engineer II, Physical Plant Administration, 7/6/09.

Henderson, Andrea D., human resource manager, Human Resources, 7/1/09. Accepted an A&P position on campus.

August

New employees

Blasi, Melissa J., web specialist I, University Union Bookstore, 8/3/09, 298-1931.

Boussaard, Johanna M., office support associate, Human Resources, 7/20/09, Sherman Hall 10, 298-1971.

Calvert, Heather N., office support associate, Financial Aid, 7/27/09, Sherman Hall 127, 298-2446.

Dorethy, Kayla B., office support assistant, Admissions, 8/3/09, Sherman Hall 117, 298-3100.

Forrester, Julia A., library specialist, Library, 7/27/09, Malpass Library, 298-2732.

Katz, Ashley E., space administrator I, University Union, Administrative, 7/6/09, University Union, 298-2421.

Georges, Justin O., instructional materials specialist, Library, 7/20/09, Malpass Library, 298-2785.

Welker, Carina L., construction project coordinator I, Facilities Planning & Construction, 7/6/09. Physical Plant, 298-2876.

Promotions/Transfers/Reassigns

Chenoweth, Sharon K., office support specialist, Management, promoted to office manager, Human Resources, 7/27/09.

Davis, Jo A., office manager, Global Education-Business & Technology, reassigned to office manager, Accountancy, 7/1/09.

Kornegay, Diane M., office support specialist, Geography, promoted to office manager, Student Activities, 7/20/09.

Robertson, Trenton P., police officer, Office of Public Safety, promoted to police corporal, Office of Public Safety, 7/27/09.

Watt, Derek J., police corporal, Office of Public Safety, promoted to police sergeant, Office of Public Safety, 7/14/09.

Name Changes

Hartnett, Amelia F., office support specialist, Psychology, 7/24/09. Former Name: **Amelia Crouch**.

Resignations

Dyer, Brody, microcomputer support specialist II, Electronic Student Services, 7/24/09.

Morgan, Charles K., assistant manager IT, Electronic Student Services, 8/9/09.

Accepted an A&P position on campus
Relander, Chelsea R., editorial writer, Document & Publication Services, 7/15/09.

Employee of the Month

Teresa Little, staff clerk in Office of the Vice President for Advancement and Public Service, was named the WIU August Civil Service Employee of the Month.



According to her nominator, in addition to serving as a staff clerk, Little also serves as assistant to the director of marketing. In that role she is responsible for a myriad of activities and tasks.

"Teresa takes her job seriously and does not procrastinate. She treats all requests as 'Priority 1.' She is committed to helping Western increase its visibility and has far exceeded the job requirements for her position."

Little began working at Western in 2006 as a chief clerk for the office. She was reclassified, per audit, to her current position in 2007.

Submit items to the online calendar

Get your public events on the online calendar and get people to attend!

Anyone may submit an item for inclusion on the public calendar and possible inclusion on the University homepage by going to wiu.edu/webcal and clicking on the 'submit event' in the upper right hand corner. Please note that a standards-compliant browser, such as Firefox, is best.

An event listed on the calendar garners a greater audience than individual departmental calendars, and provides RSS feeds for people to follow. University Technology encourages all campus community members to submit their event information to their College web marketing representative for inclusion on the College's web calendar as well; submissions to the College web calendar are not automatically entered into the public events calendar.

Once an event is submitted through the public events calendar, it should appear on the public events calendar within one business day. All events submitted are automatically sent to the queue for possible display on the WIU homepage. For more information, contact **Heather McMeekan** at (309) 298-1287 or webstaff@wiu.edu.

Free sun-damage screening

A free sun-damage screening for WIU employees provided by outreach services of McDonough District Hospital will be offered on **Tuesday, Sept. 1**, in two sessions: **8:15-9:30 a.m.** in Sherman Hall Auditorium, (3rd floor), and **11 a.m.-1 p.m.** in Stipes Hall Room 111. For best results, do not wear makeup with sunscreen.

For more information, call MDH outreach services at (309) 836-1584, or contact **Judy Yeast** at 298-1670, or JA-Yeast@wiu.edu.

CPA review offered

Western's accountancy department, in combination with CPAexcel, will offer a certified public accountant (CPA) review course Friday evenings and Saturday mornings and afternoons, starting 5:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11 through Friday, Dec. 11, on WIU's Macomb and Quad Cities campuses.

Those who sign up through Western get a discounted price of \$1,495 (regular price is \$2,000). For more information, contact **Greg Woodruff** at (309) 298-1152 or at GS-Woodruff@wiu.edu, or see the Aug. 24 news release at wiu.edu/news.



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