Western Points of Pride
May 2014

Excellence in our Faculty/Staff

Awards

- Wonda Berry, Recreation Services director, received the International Student Services 2013-2014 Mentor of the Year award at the International Student Services awards banquet.
- Ashley Carpenter, America Reads tutor, received the “Leaders in Literacy” award at a recent Literacy Luncheon. This award was presented by U.S. Sen. Roy Blunt for recognition as an outstanding tutor, giving time and commitment to lead the cause of literacy in the community.
- The International Graduation and Awards Banquet recognized graduating international students and awards were given out to faculty, staff, students and community members who have impacted the Missouri Western international student community. The World Party afterward was attended by 100 students who enjoyed international appetizers, a green screen photo booth to take pictures around the world and a DJ playing world music.
- Suzanne Kissock, professor of legal studies and coordinator of the legal studies program, was this year’s recipient of the Dr. James J. Scanlon Service-Leader Award.
- Stephanie Stewart, assistant professor of nursing, received a Missouri Campus Compact Mini-Grant for her project, “Enhancing Undergraduate Nursing Student Experiences Through a Collaborative Education Project in Long-term Care.”

Significant Appointments

- Charlotte Foster, assistant professor of education, serves as the academic editor for the Journal of International Studies, which recently published the peer-reviewed www.jistudents.org.
- Amy Kotwani, International Student Services director, is part of a community committee that planned St. Joseph’s first cultural festival after the Apple Blossom parade. Members from the St. Joseph community, as well as international students from Brazil, Honduras, South Korea and Mexico, performed throughout the afternoon. Kotwani took part in the Indian Bollywood performance. The festival took place at the gazebo on Felix Street Square.

Published Articles

- Geo Sipp, professor of art, wrote a review of the “Illustration, Comics and Animation Conference at Dartmouth College” for the journal, Studies in Comics, an academic journal from the United Kingdom.
- Dr. Dawn Drake, assistant professor of geography, co-authored a paper with Ron Kalafsky of the University of Tennessee and Michael Glass of the University of Pittsburgh in the Journal of Geography in Higher Education. The article, “Advanced Manufacturing as an Online Case Study for Global Geography Education,” had
previously been available on the journal’s website, but was published in print in the fall 2013 edition.

- Dr. Dawn Drake, assistant professor of geography, published a review of Tim Falconer’s book “Drive: A Road Trip Through our Complicated Affair with the Automobile in the Southeaster Geographer.”
- Dr. Paul Choi, associate professor of health, physical education and recreation, and Dr. Britton Johnson, assistant professor of physical education, co-authored “Children’s Development Through Sports Competition: Derivative, Adjustive, Generative, & Maladaptive Approaches,” which was published in Quest.

Performances/Exhibits

- David McIntire, assistant professor of music, performed with Ensemble of Irreproducible Outcomes at The Brick in Kansas City, Mo., opening for Glimpse Duo and Jorge Arana Trio.
- The Faculty Piano Trio, including Dr. Matt Edwards, professor of music, on piano; Rico McNeela, associate professor of music, on violin; and Sascha Groschang, instructor of cello, on cello; presented a concert at Ashland Methodist Church in St. Joseph, Mo.
- Rico McNeela, associate professor of music, led the St. Joseph Symphony Orchestra in a performance at the Missouri Theater in St. Joseph. The program featured the “Jupiter Symphony” by Wolfgang Mozart; “The Four Last Songs” by Richard Strauss, with guest soloist Tami Petty; and The Symphonic Dances by Sergei Rachmaninoff.
- Teresa Harris, associate professor of art, had a mixed media piece, titled “Portrait_Attribute_Bird,” accepted into the “L>M, Less is More: Small Works in a Great Space” national juried exhibition held in the Mitchell Gallery on the St. John’s College campus in Annapolis, Md. Domenic Iacono, director of the Syracuse University Art Galleries and teacher of the Graduate Museum Studies courses at Syracuse University, was the juror for the exhibition.
- Tee Quillin, assistant professor of theatre and cinema, and Jeff Stover, assistant professor of cinema, recorded the voiceover for the new Block Walk St. Joe app. This new smart phone app, created by Better Block St. Joseph, gives a virtual historic tour of downtown St. Joseph, Mo.
- Tee Quillin, assistant professor of theatre and cinema, will direct “The Music Man” for Western Playhouse this summer, while Dr. Robert Willenbrink, founding dean of the School of Fine Arts, will direct “Mother Divine.”
- Faculty Piano Trio, including Dr. Matt Edwards, professor of music, on piano; Rico McNeela, associate professor of music, on violin; and Sascha Groschang, instructor of cello, on cello; presented outreach concerts at Central High School and Spring Garden Middle School in St. Joseph, Mo.
- The following theatre, cinema and dance faculty and students were cast in Western Playhouse this summer for the following shows:
o “The Music Man:” Dallas Henry, assistant professor of theatre and cinema; students Riley Bayer, Lauren Bergman, Jagger Bowers, Ian Fast, Eric Burns-Sprung, Antonio Daniels-Braziel, Caleb Hazelwood, Neressa Lee, Jacob Mills, Sebastian Smith, Derek Thompson

o “Mother Divine:” Thomas Delgado, Derek Thompson

Presentations

- Dave Brown, Counseling Center director, delivered a presentation on test-taking strategies and test anxiety to graduates of the physical therapist assistant program, in preparation for the students taking their certification examinations.
- Dave Brown, Counseling Center director, and Drew Fisher, graduate assistant, provided a workshop on “Learning Styles” to the student tutors in the Center for Academic Support.
- Sohail Jouya, speech and debate coach, conducted a signing day ceremony for a Savannah High School student accepting a debate scholarship to Missouri Western.
- Dr. Mike Lane was a “shark” on a “shark tank” competition day for GATE (Gifted and Talented) middle school students. The students shared the results of their year-long entrepreneurship study in the form of a 30-second commercial and a business review. GATE students and their teachers have been meeting on campus in business teams to learn more about business creation and economic opportunity.
- David McIntire, assistant professor of music, presented on musical entrepreneurship for an Intro to Music Business class at Kansas City, Kansas Community College.
- Dr. Susan Carter, associate professor of music, was a guest lecturer presenting a lecture/recital for the Plano Music Teachers Association in Plano, Texas. The title of her lecture was “The Singer/Pianist Relationship.”
- Teresa Harris, associate professor of art, was a juror for this year’s Regional High School Art Exhibition at the Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art in St. Joseph, Mo.
- Teresa Harris, associate professor of art, was a juror for the Northwest Kansas District High School Art Competition, sponsored by the Kansas Women’s Federation, at Highland Community College, Highland, Kan.
- Dr. Teddi Deka, professor of psychology, along with Sarah Gerving, St. Joseph School District, presented their research, “Increasing Personal Agency in Behavior Problem Children,” at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association in Chicago.
- Dr. Karen Koy, assistant professor of biology, and her student Natassja Hanttula presented their PORTAL 2013 study, “Progressive Taphonomy of Vertebrates in Temperate Terrestrial Settings,” at the Geological Society of America North-Central Section Meeting in Lincoln, Neb.
- Dr. John Courington, professor of economics and department chair, presented a paper, “Forecasting With Expert Information: An Application to Intercollegiate Athletics,” at the Society of Business, Industry and Economics Conference in Destin, Fla. He also was a session chair and discussant for two other papers.
- Dr. Ben Caldwell, dean of the Graduate School, attended the Experimental Biology 2014 conference in San Diego. He made a presentation, “Assessing Student Skills in Laboratory and Research Experiences,” and was a co-author on two poster presentations, “Outcomes of Networking: RCN-UBE: Promoting Concept Driven Teaching Strategies in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Through Concept Assessments,” and “Using
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Alignment Tables to Improve Assessments and Outcomes.” He served as a judge for the 18th Annual Undergraduate Research Poster Competition and served on several committees for the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology that met during the meeting, including the Undergraduate Affiliate Network committee, the Program Accreditation committee, and the steering committee for an RCN-UBE grant from the National Science Foundation to the ASBMB.

- Dr. Melinda Kovács, assistant professor of political science, attended the 72nd Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference in Chicago. She presented a research paper, “Speaking of Syria: Discourses of Intervention and Diplomacy to the panel of Foreign Affairs Coverage.” She was also a discussant on “The Canon and Its Applications” poster session and “Social Constructions of Identity and Power” panel.

- Dr. Melinda Kovács, assistant professor of political science, provided stress relief with her therapy dogs, Bailey and Chandler, on six days during finals. There were 90 individual visits during that period and articles describing the sessions appeared in the New York Times, The St. Louis Post-Dispatch and the St. Joseph News-Press.

- Dr. James Okapal, assistant professor of philosophy, presented, “Give them a Better Chance: Potentiality and Moral Responsibility in Roger Zelazny’s ‘The Keys to December,’” at the Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association conference in Chicago.

- Dr. Dawn Drake, assistant professor of geography, presented a paper at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Association of Geographers in Tampa, Fla. titled, “Why are Their Cows in my Subdivision?” She also organized two sessions on rural geography research in Africa, Asia, and Middle and South America.

- Dr. Cynthia Bartles, instructor of English, presented the paper, “Till We Meet Again: Another Chapter for Carolyn and Neal?” and chaired a Baby Boomer Culture panel at Popular Culture Association in Chicago.

- Dr. Michael Charlton, assistant professor of English, presented a paper titled, “The Romance Quest: Same Sex Coupling and Modding in Video Games,” at the Console-ing Passions Conference in Columbia, Mo.

- Dr. Mike Ducey, associate professor of chemistry and department chair, presented STEM opportunities at Missouri Western to high school counselors from the Kansas City region as part of the Office of Admissions High School Counselor Luncheon.

- Dr. Dawn Drake, assistant professor of geography, co-authored posters with six different students or groups of students for the Spring 2014 Multidisciplinary Research Day.

- Dr. Dawn Drake, assistant professor of geography, co-authored posters with two students at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Missouri Academy of Science in Warrensburg, Mo. Erin Patton’s poster, “Home Rangers of Urban Raccoons in Northwest Missouri,” earned third place in the Conservation, Geography, and Geosciences Division. Brock Couch’s poster, “Using CIS to Determine the Success of Amphibian Reproduction in Man-Made Vernal Pools,” was cited by the lunchtime speaker as an example of the types of science research that the Nature Conservancy partners with academia to complete.

- Dawn Terrick, director of developmental writing, hosted 80 people at the eighth annual reception for the ENG 100 student publication, Discovering the Student, Discovering the Self. Students received certificates and awards and read their original work. Students
were joined by their family and friends as well as faculty, staff and administration for the celebration.

- Several writing marathon participants and other K-12 teachers joined forces with faculty from the Department of English and Modern Languages for Prairie Lands Writing Project’s annual event, When Writing Teachers Write. Held at the East Hills Library, the program featured Dr. Bill Church, assistant professor of English; Dr. Mike Cadden, professor of English; Dana Andrews, instructor of English; Dr. Susan Martens, assistant professor of English; Tom Pankiewicz, PLWP director; and Jane Frick, retired English professor; as well as PLWP Co-director Christie Leigan (Hall Elementary School), Joy English (Pickett Elementary), Elisabeth Alkier (Bode Middle School), Terrance Sanders (Braymer High School), Mark Henderson (Savannah High School), Dasha Davis (Savannah High School), Cayetana Maristela (Indian Creek Elementary School), Kris Miller and Mary Lee Meyer.

- Joanne Katz, professor of legal studies, was the subject matter expert for a Community Relations Service national conference call. CRS is part of the Department of Justice and was created as part of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. CRS conciliators go into communities experiencing unrest based on civil rights issues and attempt to help the parties reconcile. Katz was invited to make a presentation on restorative justice and discuss its potential application to strengthen the work of CRS.

- Marsha Dolan, health informatics and information management program coordinator, co-presented, “Consumer Engagement: What Should it Mean to the HIM Professional,” at the Missouri Health Information Management Annual Meeting in Lake Ozark, Mo.

- Dr. Pi-Ming Yeh, assistant professor of nursing, presented, “The Impact of Patient’s Personality, Spiritual Well-being and Their Parent’s Rearing Attitude on Mental Illness Patients’ Suicidal Ideation,” at the 21st National Evidence-Based Practice Conference: Promoting Patient Decision Making with Evidence-Based Practice, at the Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, Coralville, Iowa.

- Dr. Pi-Ming Yeh, assistant professor of nursing, and nursing students Madalyn Bonderer, Madison Lyon, Kathlyn Ramsell, Melissa White presented a poster, “The Influences of Anxiety, Depression, and Coping Strategies on Older People’s Suicidal Ideation,” at the Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society Induction Ceremony and Multidisciplinary Research Day.

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Attended
- Dave Brown, Counseling Center director, attended the monthly Partners in Prevention coalition meeting at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Missouri Western is one of the founding member schools of the state organization.
- Dr. Vincenza Marash, diversity and women’s issues counselor, attended two seminars to fulfill her license requirements. The seminar, Issues of Attachment in Psychotherapy, was sponsored by the Kansas University School of Social Work. The second seminar, Transference Focused Psychotherapy, was sponsored by the Greater Kansas City-Topeka Psychoanalytic Center.

Excellence in our Students

Appointments/Awards
- The commencement speaker committee listened to five students’ commencement speeches and evaluated each with a public speaking rubric. The selected speaker was Derek Thompson, who spoke on “Individuality and Creativity.”
- Deb Potter received Honorable Mention and monetary award for her photography piece at the Images Art Gallery in Overland Park, Kan.
- Ten students from the Craig School of Business competed in the International Collegiate Business Strategy Competition. The two teams managed a simulated company during the spring semester and completed the intense phase of the competition in California. Each of the teams was competing with universities from other countries and other parts of the United States. A team consisting of Tara Wallace, Regena Hatfield, Emily Kogan, Dakota Wilson and Zachary Drake, placed first among their competitors. Another team consisting of Stephen Mohn, Sarah Williams, Kassie Sachs, Makayla Thygerson and Victoria Byerley, placed second among their set of competitors. The second-place team additionally won the award for “best documents” among their competitors for their outstanding Annual Report and Strategic Plan.
- Hugh MacFaden had an outdoor sculpture, “Big Blue,” accepted into the inaugural St. Joseph Sculpture Walk Exhibition.
- Hugh MacFaden had a sculpture, “Burning Tree,” accepted into Art in Motion, an outdoor sculpture exhibition at Missouri Valley College.
- Thomas Delgado, junior in theatre, cinema and dance; was accepted into the South Dakota Shakespeare Festival this summer, where he will be playing Hortensio in Shakespeare’s “Taming of the Shrew.”
- Tarah Adams, Ethan Blair, Missy Blanton, Alexandria Bouling, April Clements, Gabrielle Isom and Victoria Sweiger won first place in the Social/Behavioral Sciences poster session at the Missouri Academy of Science for their presentation, “Weighing in on Unconscious Prejudice in Hiring Decisions,” held in Warrensburg, Mo. on the campus of University of Central Missouri. Dr. Kelly Henry, professor of psychology, was the faculty sponsor for the research.
- The Office of Admissions is excited to announce the hiring of 11 new Student Ambassadors for the 2014-2015 academic year: Jacob Dowell, Mackenzie Lovitt, Reyhan Wilkinson, Jessica Cato, Felecia Voss, Jessica Walter, Rachal Jackson, Lauren Stewart, Paige Klocke, Kristen Clements and Victoria Byerley. They will join 14 returning

**Presentations/Performances**

- Drew Fisher, Counseling Center graduate assistant, and Dave Brown, Counseling Center director, provided a workshop on learning styles to the student tutors in the Center for Academic Support.
- The Vocal Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Lab and Jazz Ensemble performed their annual spring concert. The event was open to the public. The groups study and perform under the direction of Bob Long, assistant professor of music; Kathleen Holeman, instructor of music; and Steve Molloy, Artist in Residence at Missouri Western.
- Symphonic Winds, under the direction of Jeff Hinton, assistant professor of music, presented their annual Spring Concert.
- The Jazz Ensemble, directed by Bob Long, assistant professor of music, performed for students in the Blum Union Food Court.
- eXtreme Percussion, the annual percussion variety show, was presented twice. The event was open to the general public and featured performances by percussion students and guest performers from the Kansas City-area. The percussion students are directed by Dr. Dennis Rogers, professor of music.
- MWSU Chamber Choir, directed by Dr. Roger Hale, assistant professor of music, conducted an outreach performance at Heartland Hospital.
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- The student chapter of American Correctional Association raised travel funds and conducted a diaper drive to support facilities that provide programming for incarcerated females and their children. The chapter visited and toured the facilities in York, Neb. and Geneva, Neb.
• The Social Work Program and Organization of Student Social Workers hosted their annual spring banquet. The banquet recognized graduating seniors, field instructors/preceptors and other various awards; 170 were in attendance.
• Nursing students Madalyn Bonderer, Madison Lyon, Kathlyn Ramsell, Melissa White and Dr. Pi-Ming Yeh, assistant professor of nursing, presented a poster, “The Influences of Anxiety, Depression, and Coping Strategies on Older People’s Suicidal Ideation,” at the Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society Induction Ceremony and Multidisciplinary Research Day.
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• Health Informatics and Information Management Program’s senior student, Tabatha Peterson, was awarded the Missouri Health Information Management Association’s 2014 Outstanding Student of the Year at the MoHIIMA’s Annual Conference. Only one student is chosen across the state for this award.

Attended
• Drew Fisher, Counseling Center graduate assistant, attended the Doniphan West High School senior seminar. Seniors of Doniphan West School District must complete an extensive research paper as a graduation requirement. Students must research a desired profession or hobby that they would love to pursue after graduating high school. Drew was selected as an expert to critique the topic of Cold Weather Wilderness Survival and a presentation of the United States Marine Corps.
• Griffon Arts Alliance attended the First Friday’s Gallery Openings in Kansas City, Mo. The trip was funded by the Griffon Arts Society.

Excellence in our Programs

• Sally Sanders, director of human resources; Misty Miller, benefits coordinator; and Shelley Scott, recruiting specialist; attended a regional conference of the College and University Personnel Association. This conference was especially beneficial as it enabled staff to network with peers in the state and region. They also gained valuable information on the status of several federal initiatives that would affect areas of compliance with federal law.
• Missouri Western sponsored a conference conducted by State Emergency Management Agency and Federal Emergency Management Agency on Campus Emergencies Prevention, Response and Recovery. Representatives attended the two-day conference from most public universities in the state, some private colleges and businesses.
Student Affairs is continuing work on the College Completion Team: Second Year to Graduation. They are reaching out to students who have not yet registered for the fall of their third year to see what resources can be provided to enable them to register. The Sophomore Jump program is also under construction for the 2014-15 school year. Various events will be planned for sophomores to keep them engaged on campus and on track for graduation.

The Baker Fitness Center held the National Exercise Trainers Association workshop. Nine participants signed up for certification of Group Exercise Instructor and six participants took part in the specialization of Teaching Core Boot Camp Classes for group fitness. Local area participants were joined by participants from the Kansas City area, Lincoln, Neb., and Council Bluffs, Iowa.

The Part-Time Job Fair has been scheduled. This event will bring 50+ employers to campus with employment opportunities for Missouri Western students. Additionally, Employer Spotlight and Roundtable events; resume, cover letter and interview seminars; and other skill building sessions are being scheduled.

The Office of Student Employment is actively partnering with non-profit agencies in St. Joseph and the surrounding community to provide literacy and other community service programs to the public. Missouri Western students will be participating in one of the programs: “Learn. Serve. Change the World.”

Bill Rieger of the Disabled American Veterans presented a benefits brief for veterans at the Nontraditional and Commuter Student Center. Members of the Student Veterans of America were present. Informational brochures as well as benefits books were given to the center to continue assisting veterans.

Michael Korenblit, president of Respect Diversity Foundation and the son of two Holocaust survivors, spoke to a crowd of more than 135. Korenblit is the co-author of a book about his parents’ love story and struggles during the Holocaust.

This academic year, the Bachelor of General Studies degree was implemented. The degree is targeted to adults who have earned college hours, but have not completed a degree. Dr. Gordon Mapley, Western Institute dean and executive director, and his staff have taken the lead in advertising the degree and in initial advising of students who indicate an interest in the degree. They developed an advertising campaign with a “Back to Western” slogan and have met with many area employers to offer this degree option for their employees. To date, more than 100 adults have visited the Western Institute to receive initial advisement for this degree, with half of them officially declaring this major. Roughly 60 percent of the BGS students advised within the Western Institute were not current Missouri Western students at the time of their inquiry.

The Department of Chemistry hosted its annual Chemathon competition. More than 500 students from regional high schools attended the event.

The Prairie Lands Writing Project has been awarded a $20,000 SEED Teacher Leadership grant through the National Writing Project, to be used in 2014-2015 and 2015-2016. This grant will help fund the Invitational Summer Institute, Teacher Consultants’ participation in the Fall Leadership Conference sponsored by the Missouri Writing Projects Network, and a new community literacy initiative which will support after-school writing clubs at area schools. Co-director Tom Pankiewicz, Principal Investigator Dr. Jane Frick and Director Dr. Susan Martens were co-writers of the grant. Work with teachers involved in the College Ready Writers Program funded by PLWP’s
i3 grant continued in April with model lessons, book study groups and other sessions with teachers and students in Braymer, Hamilton and Breckenridge. PLWP Teacher Consultant Kathy Miller (Weston High School) joined Pankiewicz and Dr. Frick in delivering these programs. Teacher Consultant Terri McAvoy (St. Joseph, retired) conducted model lessons and met with teachers at Pickett Elementary, in St. Joseph, Mo., as part of the SEED 2 Professional Development in a High-Needs Schools grant.

- Prairie Lands Writing Project hosted an Open Writing Marathon at the Rolling Hills Library. Several area teachers and their writing-friendly friends attended, including Joy English (Pickett Elementary), Kelly Lock-McMillen (Benton High School), Josie Clark (Bode Middle School), Elisabeth Alkier (Bode Middle School), Colleen Nichols (Penney High School in Hamilton), Ashleigh Bertrand (Blue Springs High School), Megan Montgomery (Blue Springs High School), Cayetana Maristela (Indian Creek Elementary School) and Mary Stone Dockery, instructor of English. Participants formed groups and wrote in locations around St. Joseph such as Mount Mora Cemetery, Remington Nature Center and Magoon’s Delicatessen.

- The departments of Biology and Chemistry received a financial contribution of $12,252.40 from Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica Inc. for establishing and hosting the “Discover Science Summer Day Camp” at Missouri Western in the summer of 2014. The principal investigators for this award are Dr. Csengele Barta, assistant professor of biology, and Dr. Stan Svojanovsky, assistant professor of chemistry.

- The Social Work Program partnered with the Law Enforcement Academy, Department of Criminal Justice/Legal Studies/Social Work and the Children’s Advocacy Center to host the two-day conference, “Child Abuse Investigation.” There were more than 300 professionals, faculty and students in attendance.

- In addition to the eight Brazilians who joined Missouri Western in March through the Brazilian Scientific Mobility Program (BSMP), about 13 additional BSMP students will arrive in June. Another cohort may arrive in August.