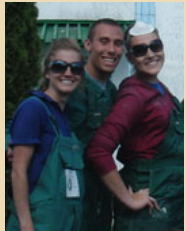




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Regents name Dr. Michael Shonrock as 16th president

Dr. Michael Shonrock is the 16th president of Emporia State University.

The Kansas Board of Regents voted Dec. 9 to approve the appointment then officially introduced Shonrock and his wife, Karen, during a special meeting at Albert Taylor Hall on the ESU campus.



Shonrock plans to begin his presidency Jan. 3, 2012.

"The Board is proud to announce that Dr. Michael Shonrock will be the next Emporia State University president," said Regent Ed McKechnie of Arcadia, Chair of the Board of Regents. "He rose to the top of an exceptional field of candidates, and we're extremely impressed by his experience, enthusiasm and passion he will bring to ESU and the Emporia community. The Board looks forward to working with Dr. Shonrock and

celebrating the success of ESU."

Shonrock served as a senior vice president and an associate professor of educational psychology and leadership at Texas Tech University. He began his higher education administration career at Texas Tech in 1990. He has held various leadership positions with increasing levels of responsibility and oversight in the area of enrollment management, student affairs, and auxiliary services. He earned a BS and MS from Western Illinois University, his EdS from Pittsburg State University, and his PhD from the University of Kansas.

"Accepting the Presidency of ESU represents a coming home," said Shonrock. "Karen and I are excited and honored to become part of the ESU and Emporia communities, and citizens of the great state of Kansas. ESU has a proud past and I look forward to helping shape the future of this institution with the help of the outstanding members of the ESU family."

Following the Board's announcement, Shonrock was introduced to members of the ESU and *story continues on page 11*

USDE Highlights ESU's Teacher Prep Program

ESU's teacher-preparation program, modeled after how doctors are trained in hospital residencies, is being presented as a model for the 21st century by the US Department of Education.

The Teachers College launched the Professional Development School program in 1993 on a trial basis. In the program, education majors in the final year of their programs are placed as interns in Professional Development Schools for the entire school year.



The program includes close collaboration among ESU faculty, administrators at the PDS sites and the supervising classroom teachers who act as mentors to the students. Collaboration continues after

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KSDE/NCATE Accreditation Update

The Fall 2010 issue of The Teachers College Newsletter provided an overview of the processes for recrediting educator preparation programs by the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) and the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) with an update in last spring's issue. There have been several developments since last spring.

At its June meeting, the Kansas State Board of Education approved all of the university's educator preparation programs. The end of July, The Teachers College received the preliminary report with the KSDE/NCATE team's analysis of how the college is meeting the six NCATE standards based on the Institutional Report (IR) and the supporting evidence. In early October, the college submitted an addendum to the IR to assist the team's ongoing analysis. From November 6-9, the 10 members of the KSDE/NCATE team were on campus for the accreditation visit.

The focus of the onsite visit was validating the content of the IR and the IR Addendum and the supporting evidence through interviews with the many constituencies that contribute so ably to preparing educators. The College expresses gratitude to following

Accreditation Timeline

Fall 2010 - The Teachers College sent all necessary materials to KSDE; KSDE begins reviewing the documents

March 15, 2011 - Institutional Report & electronic documents room deadline

March-April - offsite team reviewed report and evidence

May - offsite team issued findings

August - onsite team chair met with Dean & Associate Dean, KSDE staff member

November 6-9 - onsite visit; team's findings presented at the end of the visit

Fall 2012 - NCATE's Unite Accreditation will announce its decision

constituencies for participating and appreciation for their many efforts on behalf of quality educator preparation: mentor and cooperating teachers; the leadership of USD253 (Emporia) and USD233 (Olathe); the administration, faculty, and staff of Central Elementary School in Olathe and Riverside Elementary, Village Elementary,

Emporia Middle, and Emporia High Schools in Emporia; the principals of USDs 251 (North Lyon County), 252 (South Lyon County), and 253 (Emporia); current initial and advanced candidates; graduates of our initial and advanced programs; and university faculty and central administration.

At the exit meeting, the team Co-Chairs presented their preliminary report. All six standards were met with one Area for Improvement (AFI) for one of the elements under the Diversity standard. That element is "Candidates in conventional...programs interact with professional education faculty, faculty from other units, and/or school faculty, both male and female, from at least two ethnic/racial groups." The AFI means that the elementary and secondary teacher education majors do not regularly interact with faculty from at least two ethnic/racial groups. These preliminary results could change as the team report is finalized, and KSDE and NCATE make their final decisions. We now await the team's report. Look for the next update in the Spring 2012 newsletter.

Sincerely,
Dr. Ken Weaver
Associate Dean

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students graduate. If administrators who hire beginning teachers believe the new teachers need more training, the teachers may return to ESU at no cost for additional work. In the 18 years of the PDS program, only five teachers have been referred back to ESU.

The PDS program is helpful for ESU education students who can see just what teaching in the classroom is like. Of teachers trained at ESU, 92% remain in the classroom more than five years, which is almost twice the national average.

"Graduates of the Teachers College are highly sought-after by school districts because of their depth of knowledge and thoroughness of training and experience they bring to the classroom," wrote Todd May in a blog on the USDE website in June.

In the blog, May introduced a video about the PDS program that

was produced by the education department. The video is on the home page of The Teachers College Newsletter at www.emporia.edu/teach/newsletter/ and the university's YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/emporiastateuniv.

The video, shot on the ESU campus and in classroom settings at PDS sites around the state of Kansas, includes interviews with ESU officials including former President Michael R. Lane and Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Tes Mehring, who was associate dean of The Teachers College when the PDS program was launched.

The new video is not the first time The Teachers College at ESU has drawn attention at the federal level. In a 2009 speech at Columbia University about teacher preparation, U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan referred to The Teachers College as the "crown jewel" of ESU.

Save These Dates

2012 Kansas Master Teacher Awards

February 3, 2012: Deadline for 2012 nominations is 5 p.m.

Feb/March 2012: Kansas Master Teacher Announcement

April 4, 2012: Kansas Master Teacher Day

Visit www.emporia.edu/teach/dean/master/ for more information.

March 5, 2012 - Kansas Reading Recovery® and Early Literacy Conference

Visit www.emporia.edu/readingrecovery/ for more information.

March 9, 2012 - Education Career Fair

Visit www.emporia.edu/careerservices/; to find out more contact Career Services at 620-341-5407.

May 4, 2011 - Teachers College Honors Banquet

Contact the The Teachers College Dean's office at 620-341-5367 for more information.

June 10-14, 2012 - KS Future Teacher Academy

Visit www.emporia.edu/jones for more information.

Governor's Literacy Summit held at ESU

A full room of education leaders and stakeholders met with KS Gov Sam Brownback for the Governor's Literacy Summit Dec. 7 at ESU.

In his Road Map for Kansas, Governor Brownback emphasized the importance of improving literacy skills in Kansas children.



KS Commissioner of Education Diane DeBacker (left) with Gov Brownback

"The Road Map sets a clear and measurable goal to increase the percentage of 4th graders reading at grade level," Governor Brownback said. "According to 2011 NAEP results, 29% of Kansas 4th graders read below the 'basic' level and 64% of 4th graders scored below the 'proficient' level. We must do better

and by working together and focusing on shared goals, I believe we can."

Gov Brownback's remarks followed an introduction by Dr. Phillip Bennett, Dean of The Teacher College. The group then heard a series of presentations from leaders of national and statewide literacy programs. A roundtable discussion and question and answer session concluded the summit.

"This summit was a great opportunity to meet with educational leaders and stakeholders to discuss the challenges we face and the solutions we seek," Gov Brownback said. "I look forward to combining our efforts and working to improve the future of our young Kansans."

Serving on the summit's panel were Commissioner of Education Diane DeBacker, Kansas State Department of Education Early Childhood Coordinator Gayle Stuber, KS Regional Reading Recovery Center Director Annie Opat, and experts from KS Parent and Information and Resource Center, KS Language Essential for Teachers of Reading and Spelling, the University of Kansas Center for Research, Literacy First, Save the Children, MetaMetrics, and Opportunity Project.

Gov Brownback said the information shared and gathered at the summit will be used to develop an action plan for the state's role in improving literacy.



The summit was held in the recently renovated Webb Hall in the Memorial Union.

ESU Retains Status in National Rankings

ESU remains a Tier 1 Regional University in the 2012 edition of "Best Colleges," which was released in September by U.S. News & World Report.

The 2012 edition of "Best Colleges" includes 626 Regional Universities. These schools are compared only against others in their region "because, in general, they tend to draw students most heavily from surrounding states," the report said.

The Midwest rankings included 159 public, private and proprietary schools in 12 states — Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio. Of those 159 Midwest Regional Universities, 56 are public schools.

Emporia State ranked 36 out of the 56 public schools in the Midwest region and 98 out of the total 159 schools. Of the total 159 schools, 13 were unranked.

The rankings came from a variety of statistical information from the 2009-10 school year. The information is weighted into categories that then are calculated into a final score. The categories for Regional Universities are peer assessment, graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources and alumni giving.

\$7.5 Million Scholarship Commitment Announced

ESU Foundation Board of Trustees Chair Lana Oleen and ESU Interim President Ed Flentje announced in early November a new partnership expanding scholarship funding at ESU by \$7.5 million over the next five years.

The new plan, taking effect for students entering ESU in Fall 2012, has two important components. First, it increases the dollar amount of merit-based scholarships for both first-time freshmen and transfer students. Second, it extends the renewability of the scholarships based on academic performance.

Laura Eddy, director of ESU Admissions, explained the new scholarship plan: "Under the program, awards for first-time freshmen are offered at three scholarship levels — ESU Presidential Scholars, ESU Foundation Scholars and ESU Hornet Scholars — that are tied to college entrance scores and high school grades."

Freshman scholarship recipients who achieve and maintain academic standards may gain funding for a total of eight semesters. Scholarships for first-time transfer students are renewable for up to four total semesters, said Eddy.

Under the program, first-time freshmen can qualify for funding ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,600, based on academic performance.

Awards for transfer students range from \$1,600 to \$3,000 and equate to one-third to two-thirds of tuition, based on academic performance. More information about the new 2012-13 scholarship program is online at www.emporia.edu/finaid/scholarships/#Hornet_General or by calling toll-free 1-877-GO-TO-ESU (877-468-6378).

The priority application deadline for Fall 2012 scholarships is Feb. 15, 2012.

Videos Available to Promote Cross Cultural Understanding

Videos addressing different cultures living in Kansas are available online to assist educators working with migrant and English language learners.

The videos are the product of a partnership between two KS Board of Regents institutions and is funded by the KS Department of Education to support the Kansas Migrant & ELL Academy.

The goal is to provide educators with additional training to help K-12 students in the migrant and English language learning population of Kansas.

“Currently there are six videos online, with plans to add two more,” said Melanie Stuart-Campbell, Project Coordinator. “The purpose of the videos is to provide Kansas educators with greater insight into the minority cultures represented in their classrooms. With greater understanding of the students and parents’ cultures, more effective instruction can occur.”

The completed videos address migrant cultures in Kansas including Burmese, low-German speaking Mexican Mennonite, Mexican, migrant, Somali and Vietnamese communities living in the state. The videos are about 10 minutes in length and can be viewed from www.emporia.edu/jones/kmeacademy/videos.html.

Featured cultures were determined by either how prominent the culture was in Kansas or if it was a new population growing in the state,

Stuart-Campbell explained.

Two more videos featuring Bhutan and Sudan are being completed; no further videos are planned at this time.

The videos are one component of the KMEA.

For the last three years, workshops have been held in Dodge City, Garden City, Lawrence, and Topeka. The next workshop is scheduled to be in Wichita next summer. Approximately 700 educators including teachers, para-educators, and administrators have attended the workshops to date.

KMEA at ESU is located in the Jones Institute for Educational Excellence. For more information about the KMEA, visit www.kmeacademy.org.



Lisa Klassen and her mother, Helena, emigrated from Mexico with her family. The women give a short history of the migration of the Low German-speaking Mennonites.

2011-12 Department Personnel Updates

Counselor Education

Interim Chair - Jim Costello

Health, Physical Education, and Recreation

Chair - Joan Brewer

New Faculty - Sunnin Keosybounheuang, Instructor

Elementary Education/Early Childhood/Special Education

Chair – Jean Morrow

New Staff – Sharon Pittman, Admin Assistant

New Faculty – Earl Martin, Instructor

New Faculty – Karen Bevis, Advisor

New Faculty – Heather Caswell, Instructor

Tenure & Promotion

Faculty earning tenure and promotion:

- Edwin Church - Professor and Tenure, School Leadership/Middle and Secondary Teacher Education
- Janet Holland - Assoc Professor, Instructional Design and Technology
- Paul Luebbers - Assoc Professor and Tenure, Health, Physical Education, and Recreation
- Kelly O’Neal-Hixson - Assoc Professor and Tenure, Elem Ed, Early Childhood, and Special Education
- Shawna Shane - Assoc Professor and Tenure, Health, Physical Education, and Recreation

By the Numbers

During 2010-11, faculty of The Teachers College continued professional involvement through the following accomplishments:

- 83 state/regional Presentations
- 89 national/international conference presentations
- 7 books
- 15 chapters
- 52 refereed journal articles
- 27 new grants
- \$1,028,082 total new funding
- \$40,054 ESU academic enhancement grants

TTC Department Reorganization

There have been changes to names and office locations in recent months within The Teachers College. Most departments and offices of The Teachers College are located within Visser Hall; Counselor Education and the Jones Institute for Educational Excellence are located in The Earl Center (1601 State St).

Academic Department Names:

- Counselor Education (includes art therapy, mental health counseling, rehabilitation counseling rehabilitation services education, and school counseling programs)
- Elementary Education/Early Childhood/Special Education (includes the master teacher program)
- Health, Physical Education, and Recreation (includes athletic training, health education, health promotion, physical education, recreation, and coaching programs)
- Instructional Design and Technology
- Psychology (formerly Psychology, Art Therapy Rehabilitation, and Mental Health Counseling)
- School Leadership/Middle and Secondary Teacher Education (includes the curriculum and instruction masters program, educational administration licensure programs, instructional leadership masters, and masters of education in teaching)

Kansas Educators Achieve National Board Certification

Thirteen Kansas educators achieved first-time certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards in 2011, according to an announcement from NBPTS in early December.

National board certification is recognized nationwide as a model for identifying accomplished teaching practice.

The accomplishment of national board certification benefits the teachers, the schools they work in, and studies have shown NBCTs improve student learning. And the program hosted at ESU, the Great Plains Center for National Teacher Certification, benefits as it maintains an 80% rate with candidates achieving initial on their first attempt. This is twice the national initial certification rate of 40%. More information about ESU's program can be found at www.emporia.edu/jones/nbpts/.

On Dec 7, National Board Certification was celebrated at a White House event heralding the newest class of 6,266 board certified teachers, which brings to nearly 100,000 the total number of board certified teachers in the U.S.

In November, more than 20 KS NBCTs found out they were recertified. A year ago, each of them decided to go through the process to renew their certificates, as the life of their original 10-year certificate was about to expire.

The Great Plains Center maintains a 100% renewal rate with candidates achieving recertification on their first attempt.



CECE Playground Improvements

Grants secured by ESU's Center for Early Childhood Education have enhanced the outdoor play facilities at the center.

Large playground equipment and surfacing were funded in a large part through a \$5,000 grant from the Emporia Community Foundation. Another \$1,000 grant was secured through the Bowyer 79 Fund for extension of a bicycle track/raceway. Additional support was given by The Teachers College.

The CECE provides an early childhood environment for children of ESU students, faculty, and the surrounding community. The CECE also serves as a practicum and observation site for ESU students training to be early childhood and early childhood special education teachers.

Help Us Stay In Touch

Do you have information to share with us and/or your classmates? If so, please return the completed form to The Teachers College Newsletter, Jones Institute for Educational Excellence, Campus Box 4036, Emporia State University, Emporia, KS 66801-5087 or fax to (620) 341-6674 Attn: JIEE. You may also use the online form at www.emporia.edu/teach/newsletter/alum-choice.html.

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Student Teacher Education Scholarship Program

ESU's Student Teacher Education Scholarship Program is supported by a matching gift from the Lattner Family Foundation. Scholarships will be available to help students complete ESU's rigorous field experience teacher-education program. Your tax-deductible contribution to this effort is deeply appreciated. Please make your check payable to the ESU Foundation and note "Lattner Student Teacher Education Scholarship" on the memo line. Mail your check to:

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Lattner Student Teacher Education Scholarship
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The Teachers College Hosts Homecoming Activities

The Teachers College was featured during Homecoming 2011 on Oct. 15. Under the theme, "Teachers College: Empowering Educators," Visser Hall was full of activities, including:

- a tailgate party outside Visser Hall
- face painting
- children's art displays
- Remote control cars for kids provided by IDT
- CECE bake sale
- games with HPER students and faculty on the Visser lawn
- rat lab demonstrations
- a performance by Monte Selby
- a balloon release at the beginning of the football game



Photos provided by Zeni Colorado and Terri West

Emporia State's IDT Dynasty Continues

Emporia State's IDT dynasty continues Master's level students in the Instructional Design and Technology program at have been named finalists in an international design competition for the third straight year.

The selection of the project by Jason Baker of Lee's Summit, MO, and Michael Stewart of Shawnee marked the fourth time in five years an ESU team made it to the finals of the PacifiCorp international design and development competition, sponsored by PacifiCorp and the Association for Educational Communications and Technology. This is the eighth year for the competition.

Baker and Stewart, along with the two other finalist teams, presented their winning instructional design and development solution at the November Association for Education Communications and Technology 2011 International Convention in Jacksonville, FL in November. They were accompanied to the conference by the entire ESU IDT faculty and more than 15 students and alumni.

In the PacifiCorp design and development competition, teams of two students design and develop a detailed written solution and oral



report in response to a complex instructional design case study. During the year-long competition, 12 teams competed in the first round of the competition and six teams moved forward to the second round, with three teams being selected as winning finalists. The competition pits ESU's master's level students against doctoral students from some of the country's most notable programs.

Both Baker and Stewart plan to graduate with the master's degrees from ESU in May 2012.

More information about the competition and the 2011 question is online at www.aect.org/pacifcorp/.

TC Alum Named Among 2011 Distinguished Alumni

The highest honor Emporia State University confers upon graduates, the Distinguished Alumni award, was presented to four alumni during Homecoming Weekend in October. One is a graduate of The Teachers College.

Teachers College alumnus Don G. Reichardt (BSE '60), Roswell, GA, along with Maj Gen Kevin A. Leonard (BS '79), Scott AFB, IL, Teresa A. Markowitz (BS '78), Baltimore, MD, and Ronald Loewen (BS '70, MS '71), Columbia, SC were honored by the ESU community at the Alumni Celebration Dinner.

Since 1960, the award has recognized ESU's most prestigious alumni. Recipients are selected annually from among a pool of nominations. The initial selection is made by a committee

representing alumni and faculty, while the Alumni Association Board of Directors approves the final slate of award winners.

Don Reichardt retired in 1996 after a 35-year career in telecommunications. He was the executive director of advertising and brand management for BellSouth Corp., Atlanta, GA. In that capacity, Reichardt was responsible for BellSouth's 1996 Olympic Games sponsorship in Atlanta. After retirement, he formed ProComm Strategic Communications, providing planning and marketing counsel for clients in several cities. Active in the Public Relations Society of America, Reichardt was named to the organization's College of Fellows. Reichardt is a native of Emporia.

TC Alum Named 2011 Outstanding Recent Graduate

Darcy L. Seitz (BSE '06), Topeka, was one of four alumnae honored at Homecoming as the university's 2011 Outstanding Recent Graduates.

"The ESU Alumni Association is proud to recognize this year's class of Outstanding Recent Graduates," said Tyler Curtis, alumni relations director. "The level of individual achievement during the beginning of their respective careers is certainly outstanding, and we look forward to future accomplishments as well."

"They make us proud to count them among the almost 60,000 alumni of our institution."

Seitz has applied her traditional bachelor's degree in non-traditional ways. As a freshly minted teacher, she launched into a virtual education teaching job in Elkhart. That job prepared her for a move to a new position as program instructor for Kansas STARBASE, where she taught math and science to fourth through sixth graders at Topeka's Forbes Field Air National Guard base.

She now is state youth coordinator for the Kansas National Guard Joint Forces Headquarters in Topeka, and is responsible for planning, implementing and administering the Kansas National Guard Youth Program throughout the state.

Reeves Named to Hall of Fame

Kenna Reeves, coordinator of ESU's speech/theatre BSE program, was inducted into the KS Speech Communication Association's Hall of Fame in September 2011.



Horizon Winners are ESU Grads

Two of the 32-member 2011 class of Horizon Award winners are graduates of Emporia State University. A third is working on a graduate degree at ESU.

Kansas Horizon Awards are sponsored by the Kansas State Department of Education and recognize exemplary first-year educators. The program each year selects four elementary and four secondary classroom teachers from each of KSDE's four regions of the state.

The two were Elissa Hadley (BSE '09) of Emporia High School (Region 1) and Josey Eastes (BS '07) of Tonganoxie Middle School (Region 2). Mila Little of Pioneer Ridge Middle School in the Gardner-Edgerton district (Region 3) is currently a graduate student at ESU.

Horizon Award winners are invited to join the Kansas Exemplary Educator Network, a network of educators from around the state who have been formally recognized for exemplary performance. Members of KEEN have an opportunity to network with other outstanding educators and participate in a number of professional development programs throughout the year.

Leadership Minor Students Journey to Eastern Europe

A dozen people from ESU set off to Eastern Europe in late spring to learn about the world and themselves.

Mary Shivley, director of leadership, and Taylor Relph, co-instructor, traveled with 10 ESU students to eastern Europe in late May. The group included Jessica Brown and Jordan Yulich, both elem ed majors, and Jayme Lindstrom, health major.

The group arrived in Prague, Czech Republic, then journeyed to Budapest, Hungary and concluded the trip in Krakow, Poland.

Along with visiting a US embassy, various historical landmarks, and the infamous Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp, the students were called into service. They worked at a soup kitchen in Prague, then traveled to a monastery where they dug trenches, tiled, and cleaned living quarters for five orphans living there. Towards the end of the trip, they spent the day working at a Habitat for Humanity facility demolishing old flooring, fixing walls, painting, sanding and sweeping.

Read the daily accounts and reflections by the students about trip at www.emporia.edu/leadership/blog/.



Event Encourages Youth to Get Outside and Play

Emporia's Jones Park was the site of a Worldwide Day of Play event on Sept 24.

Worldwide Day of Play was created by the Nickelodeon television network eight years ago. During the day, Nickelodeon goes completely "dark" for three hours to encourage kids to get up, get out and go play. This year, for the first time, First Lady Michelle Obama's "Let's Move" campaign and the President's Council on Fitness, Sports and Nutrition are bringing the event to Washington, DC.



In Emporia, Kristin Gilmore, a graduate student in ESU's Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, organized a mid-day event in the Jones Park pavilion.

The free event featured games for all ages such as washers, Kuub, horseshoes and ladder golf; wellness walks through the park; disc golf and free fishing lessons at the pond. In addition, local instructor Amy Hayden taught an hour of Zumba.

"I want people to have fun, educate themselves from the different vendors and leave the event with a sense of pride that they participated in a nationwide event to promote active, healthy lifestyles," said Gilmore.



KS High School Students Explore Education Careers

The Kansas Future Teacher Academy was held in June 2011. Twenty-five Kansas high school students met with experienced teachers and teacher candidates, discussed what a career in education would involve, and learned about numerous professions within education.

This was the 22nd year for the academy and the last for Dr. Scott Waters who stepped down from being the KFTA director. Mr. Bob Aman is the new director.

Applications for the 2012 academy will be available in January 2012. For more information about the academy, visit www.facebook.com/KS.Future.Teacher.Academy or www.emporia.edu/jones/kfta/ or contact Terri West at 620-341-5372.

KFTA is looking for alumni is also attempting to find alumni. If you attended the academy, please join the Kansas Future Teacher Academy group on Facebook.



ALUMNI NOTES

Kent Allshouse (MS), North Newton, is in his first year as athletic director and head track & field and cross country coach. Previously he was a head cross country coach at Graceland University in Independence, MO.

Jared Anderson (BS), Emporia, was named the head baseball coach at Emporia High School in late May. Previously he was an assistant coach in Johnson County, Shawnee Mission East, and Blue Valley Southwest. He is married and has a 20-month-old son.

William Rex Berry, II, (BS), Canon City, CO, died at the age of 70 on October 26, 2011. He was a teacher for many years and then served in school administration, including serving as president of the Manhattan (KS) Area Technical College.

Karna Bruey (BS), Bluff City, is in her first year of retirement after 31 years as a science teacher at Quivera Heights High School in USD 328. She moved back to Bluff City, four miles from the KS-OK border, to farm.

Ryan T. Burns (MS), Topeka, is the new immunization program director at the KS Dept of Health and Environment's Bureau of Disease Control and Prevention. Previously he was a special day school principal as part of the South Central KS Special Education Cooperative.

Jason Carmichael (MS), has been elected National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Region 2 Director for Women's Sports for the 2011-12 academic year. His duties include the oversight of all women's athletic events in Region 2 which encompasses 14 member institutions representing all three divisions of NJCAA colleges in Arkansas and Oklahoma. His current job is serving as the athletic director at Mid-South Community College West Memphis, AR.

Tonya Cogan (MS), El Dorado, has worked for 30 years at Jefferson Elementary in El Dorado USD 490. She is married and has two sons.

Lisa Craft (MLS, MS), is an assistant professor in the library at Kansas State University at Salina. Previously she worked at Kansas Wesleyan University as director of library services. She is currently working on a PhD in curriculum and instruction from Kansas State University.

LeLan Dains (BS), Emporia, recently began work as a trainer at the Lance Armstrong Camps. Dains is a cyclist who was training for Olympic trials before a recent injury. He is also currently pursuing a graduate degree at ESU.

James Deister (BS, MS), Salina, was appointed in September to the State Rehabilitation Council. Deister has been a vocational services counselor for the state for nearly 40 years.

Pat Happer (BS, MS), Ozawkie, is in his first

year as superintendent of Jefferson West USD 340. He has been in the district since 1991, serving as high school principal and elementary and intermediate school principal. He began his career at Golden Plains in Thomas County where he taught and became principal. He then moved to Williamsburg where he was the K-12 principal from 1985-1991. He is married with three adult children, Tiffany, Emily and Nate.

Katy Hanson (BSE), Clay Center, is in her first year as a resource room teacher at Riley County Grade School in USD 379.

Greg House (BA), Leawood, 61, died August 8 of lung cancer. He had an outstanding career as a coach, leading a total of 20 boys and girls swim and dive teams to state championships, making him one of the winningest coaches in KS high school history. He was hired by the Blue Valley School District in 1983 and retired in 2008, returning to the district in 2009-10 and 2010-11. He taught prelaw at the district's Center for Applied Professional Studies.

Through the years, he had taught psychology and social studies at Blue Valley, Blue Valley North, Blue Valley Northwest and Blue Valley West.

Jodi Hylton (BS), Wellsville, was recently hired as a seventh-grade math teacher at Wellsville Middle School, where she has served as a substitute teacher for the past six years.

Lou Ann Kibee (BSE), Hays, was appointed in November by KS Gov Brownback to the Statewide Independent Living Council. Kibee has spent her career as an advocate for independent living, working for Living Independent in Northwest Kansas, and the Southeast Kansas Independent Living Resource Center in Parsons.

Kim Kingery (BSE), Madison, is in her first year of teaching grades 7-12 physical science, general science, chemistry and physics at Madison High School. She and her husband have a daughter, Lily.

Whitney Lanier (BSE), Paola, is in her first year teaching math at Paola High School.

Pat Likins (MS), Bonner Springs, is in her first year of retirement after more than 30 years as a Kansas educator. She began her career as a kindergarten teacher in Kansas City then moved to USD 204 to teach K-6 gifted education. In 1990, she became USD 204's director of curriculum and assessment. She became director of the district's Head Start program where she has worked the last five years. In her retirement, she plans to travel, take up painting again, and look for grants for Head Start.

Steve Mercer (MS), Kansas City, is in his first year as principal of Piper Middle School. He has worked in Piper USD 203 since 1987 and at Piper Middle School since 1990. He worked

in Hoxie for four years before going to Piper.

Teresa McQuin (BS), Topeka, was appointed in August by Gov Brownback to the KS Guardianship Program Board of Directors. She is a licensed social worker and works as a clinical therapist at Transition and Loss Counseling in Topeka.

Lora Meirowsky (BS), El Dorado, has been teaching for 17 years and is currently a counselor at El Dorado High School. She is currently studying for a graduate degree in school counseling from ESU. Previously she taught mathematics.

Cheryl Pennington (BS), Estes Park, CO, was featured in June 2011 as artist of the month at The Old Gallery in Allenspark, CO. She taught Physical Education and coached swimming in Niwot, CO and Longmont, CO. Pennington moved to the Estes Park area in 1978. Upon retiring from the teaching profession, Cheryl began to pursue her interest in black and white photography.

Dr. Dwight L. Spencer (BS, MS), Emporia, 87, died Nov. 25, 2011. Dr. Spencer was a biology professor at Emporia State University for more than 30 years.

Kathryn Taylor (BS, MS), Chanute, is in her first year of retirement after nearly 35 years in education. She began her career teaching in Emporia USD 253 and has also taught in Dodge City; she has served as assistant superintendent of USD 413 for the past five years.

Melissa Westerman (BS), Liberal, was honored with the K-State Department of Chemistry's Phyllis Johnson Patrick Distinguished High School Chemistry Teachers award in May. Westerman is in her 27th year of teaching and has taught at Liberal High School since 1996, where she also coordinates the USD 480 science fair.

Minta VanNortwick (BSE), is in her first year as a resource room teacher at Olsburg in USD 379.

1960s

Bill E. Bateson (BS '68), Independence, died May 15, 2011 at the age of 66. He taught industrial arts for 10 years. While teaching, he was involved in writing the state's industrial arts curriculum.

1970s

Don McDaniel (BS '74), Holton, is in his first year of retirement after spending the last 20 years leading the concert, pep and marching bands at Holton High School. He started his career leading a band in a Christian service

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program in Nova Scotia for two years. He began working for Holton USD 336 in 1974. After four years, he left to work for a company involved with fund-raising programs for school. Seven years later he left to get a degree in computer programming. In 1991, he returned to where he started. During his tenure at Holton, the bands have won several regional and state honors. He has played trumpet with the Topeka Symphony for 20 years and plans to continue doing so.

Marla K. (Summers) Wilcox (BSE '75, MLS), Little River, is in her first year of retirement after serving 35 years as the librarian at South Hutchinson Elementary School in USD 309.

1980s

Elaine P. (O'Connell) Schmidtberger (BSE '80), Overland Park, is a guidance counselor at Bishop Miege High School in Roeland Park. She is in her 32nd year as an educator.

Col. Christie L. Nixon (BS '82), Minneapolis, MN, was recently selected to command the CENTCOM J2 Army Reserve Element, headquartered in Tampa, FL and consisting of 12 detachments across the US. This position follows her completion of a tour as Human Terrain Analysis Team leader in Kandahar, Afghanistan. Christie continues her civilian job as firefighter, recently reaching 10 years of service.

Ben R. Leedle, Jr., (MS '85), has been the President & Chief Executive Officer of Healthways, Inc. since 1993. He is an active member of numerous CEO round tables and initiatives including the Center for Health Transformation, the HealthCare Executive Summit, the Healthcare Leadership Council and the CEO Health Care Transformation initiative. Leedle serves as Chairman of the Nashville Health Care Council and participates on the Vanderbilt Owen Health Care Advisory Board.

Karyl White (BS '83, MS '03), Great Bend, received the Don C. White Educator of the Year Award by the KS Emergency Medical Services Association in August. She began teaching the EMS curriculum at Barton County Community College in 2003 and became director in 2008.

J. Scott Day (BSE '86, MS '90), Ozawkie, was appointed in August to the KS State Employees Health Care Commission. Day is the co-owner of Day Insurance Solutions, LLC, in Topeka. Previously he served in USD 339 as a secondary school counselor and USD 501 as a vocational/technical counselor.

Carla Varner (BSE '87), El Dorado, has been teaching in El Dorado for the past 23 years at Lincoln Elementary. She is married with three

daughters, Amy, Tara, and Shelby.

1990s

Mike Wise (MS '90), Emporia, was named ESU's Director of Recreation Services in late May. Wise joined the recreation services staff in 1990. In 2002 he was named assistant director of recreation services under Director JoLanna Kord. Early this year, Kord moved to ESU Institutional Research and Wise served as interim director until his promotion. Wise is married to Shelley Wise (BSE '03) who teaches at Walnut Elementary in Emporia. The couple have four children – Matt, Meganne, Molly, and Jeff.

Joan Reichardt (BSE '92, MA '97), Augusta, was selected by the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC as one of its 15 Museum Teacher Fellows for 2011-12. Reichardt is in her 20th year of teaching in Augusta USD 402. She teaches a semester class on World War II; her proposal for her fellowship is to have pre-service educators at ESU work with her on teaching the Holocaust history.

Charles M. Huffman (MS '93), Americus, GA, was recently named chair of Psychology & Sociology Department at Georgia Southwestern State University, Americus, GA.



Vicki J. Tucci-Whisenant (BSE '94), Kansas City, is not in a formal teaching position, but is running her own business as a financial educator: teaching children and adults the importance of responsible spending and saving habits to prepare them for a successful future. She has two children, Ciara and Logan, and is active with their schools' PTAs.

Brian Rowley (BSE '95, MSE '01), is in his first year as principal at Udall Middle and High School. Previously he was an assistant principal and athletic director at Osage City. He also has coached football and basketball in his hometown of Lebo. He started his career teaching at Gossell for six years.

Lacey (Goldsmith) Sell (BSE '97, MS '01), Chapman, is in her first year as superintendent of USD 473 Chapman. She was a superintendent of Cinton County R-III School District in Plattsburg, MO from 2008-2011. She has also served as assistant principal and principal of Oak Grove Middle School in Oak Grove, MO, eventually becoming superintendent of the Oak Grove R-VI School District in 2006. Sell and husband, Dan (BSE '97), have two sons, Colt and Noah. Dan is also an educator, teaching science and Junction City High School and coaching football.

Rev. Jonah P. Burakowski (MS '99), Beloit WI, was installed as pastor of St. John's Luther-

an Church and School in August. Previously he was a pastor in Marshall, MN. He is married and has three children, Theresa, Kajjala, and Olivia.

Leslie Eikleberry (MS '99), Salina, is in her first year as the executive director of the Saline County Commission on Aging.

2000s

Jerod Kruse (BS '01, MS '07), Liberty, MO, is the head coach at William Jewell College in Liberty, MO. Prior to coming to Jewell, Kruse spent one season as the defensive secondary coordinator at Baker University. He is married and has a son, Cameron.

Tim Porter (BSE '01), Derby, is in his first year as assistant principal at Derby Middle School. Previously he taught and coached at Arkansas City Middle School for 10 years. He is married and has three children, ages 11, 4, and 1.

Ken Riess (MS '02), recently earned his PhD from the University of Alberta.

Lisa (Carlton) Scorrow (BSE '02, MS '05), is in her first year of being principal of preK-6 in Sedan USD 286. Previously she taught kindergarten in Burlington.

Amber Clark (BSE '03), El Dorado, is a teacher at Grandview Elementary in El Dorado USD 490. She has been there for seven years teaching fifth grade. Previously she taught in Parsons and Attica, where she coached volleyball and basketball. She is married with two children, Makiah and Zackary.

Clint Corby (BSE '03), Derby, is in his first year as principal at Wineteer Elementary in USD 260. Previously he was a fourth & fifth grade teacher in USD 259's Benton Elementary for four years. After that, he served as K-12 principal for Haviland USD 474 for two years before becoming that school district's superintendent where he served another two years. He is married to Heather (BSE '03).

Karen Barker (MS '04), Redmond (WA), is in her first year as principal at Dickinson Elementary and Explorer Community School. She taught in Oak Harbor School District and Northshore School District the previous 10 years, serving as a math and reading instructor as well as a health and fitness teacher and curriculum developer.

Kelly M. (Pierce) Wagaman (BSE '06, MS '11), Emporia, works for USD 253 as a third grade teacher. She earned her master's as Master Teacher Elementary Subject Matter Spring of 2011 and earned outstanding graduate student of the year for Elementary Subject Matter

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KS Reading Association Conference Held

About 200 people attended the Kansas Reading Association conference held in October at ESU.

A pre-conference, held Oct 20, offered by ESU's Annie Opat and Suzanne DeWeese, provided instruction on Guided Reading techniques.

On Oct 21, 35 sessions were held featuring 14 speakers addressing numerous aspects of literacy and literacy instruction in K-12 and higher education.

Author Brian Lies was the luncheon speaker, discussing his book, *Bats at the Library*, which received the 2010 Bill Martin Jr. Picture Book Award.

The Bill Martin Jr. Picture Book Award is given annually by the KRA in honor of internationally renowned Kansas author Bill Martin, Jr., an ESU alumni and author of well-loved titles including *Brown Bear, Brown Bear* and *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*.

The event was sponsored by the KRA and the KS Dept of Education. The conference co-chairs were Melissa Reed, Asst Prof, Elementary Education/Early Childhood/Special Education, Lori Mann, Asst Prof, Elementary Education/Early Childhood/Special Education and Dawn Moews, Assistant Project Coordinator, Jones Institute for Educational Excellence.

Read to Your Bunny!

by Ron Wilson, KSU Research & Extension Service

The bunnies are multiplying. This is not some biology experiment, but rather the rapidly growing number of toy bunnies and reading packets that are being distributed to families of newborn children in Emporia and beyond.

Janice Romeiser and Eleanor Browning are founders of a project in Emporia called Read to Your Bunny. Janice and Eleanor are long-time teachers with roots in rural Kansas. Romeiser is director of The Teacher's College Resource Center at ESU. She and Browning are both special education reading instructors.

In 2007, Janice attended a reading conference in Chicago. One of the speakers was author Rosemary Wells who wrote *Read to Your Bunny*.

"It gave me goosebumps," Janice said. "Every family needs this book." The book reinforces the importance of parents reading regularly to their children at the earliest age.

With grant funding and then ongoing support from the Emporia chapter of the National Education Association and others, every newborn at Newman Memorial Hospital receives a packet to encourage reading. The packet includes a hand-made, stuffed toy bunny, a copy of *Read to Your Bunny* book, a discount coupon for a children's book at Town Crier, an invitation to the library for a free library card, and a refrigerator magnet which reminds parents to read to their baby 20 minutes a day.

They hand-deliver the packets at the hospital and ship to other newborns when notified. Bunnies and packets have been shipped to Nebraska, California, Florida, and Germany.

The bunnies are handmade and washable. The bunnies come in all colors and designs of fabrics, most of which are donated.

As of mid-July 2011, the number of bunnies and packets which had been delivered to young families had reached 1,819.

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Emporia communities during a holiday reception in the rotunda of Albert Taylor Hall.

The announcement of Shonrock as the 16th President of ESU comes after seven months of work by the ESU Presidential Search Committee. Members of the committee received public recognition for their efforts at the announcement.

"A special thank you to the members of the ESU Presidential Search Committee," said McKechnie. "These individuals made a commitment to help the Board find the best candidates from

around the nation to lead this fine institution and we recognize that commitment today in naming the 16th President of ESU."

"I wasn't at all surprised by the number of top tier higher education professionals who wanted to be the next ESU president," said Deryl Wynn of Kansas City, Chair of the ESU Presidential Search Committee. "Dr. Shonrock brings impressive credentials and abilities to ESU. I look forward to celebrating successes with him for many years to come."

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2011. She was unable to attend the honors banquet on May 5, 2011 to receive the award as she was delivering her son, Kole Allen. Wagaman is married and has another son, Kael Weston.

Elizabeth Economon (MS '07), Pittsburg, was recently hired as the head softball coach at Pittsburg State University.

Heather Moss (BS '07), Clay Center, is in her first year teaching language arts at Clay Center Community High School.

Samantha Sheeley (BS '08), Wichita, was hired in August as an assistant softball coach. Previously she spent three seasons at Winona State University (MN); she also played professional softball with the Rockford Thunder and Tennessee Diamonds.

Eric Wellman (BSE '08, MS '11), Emporia, was named head coach of cross country and assistant coach of track & field at ESU in August. Previously he was an assistant coach in the cross country program and oversaw distance runners.

2010s

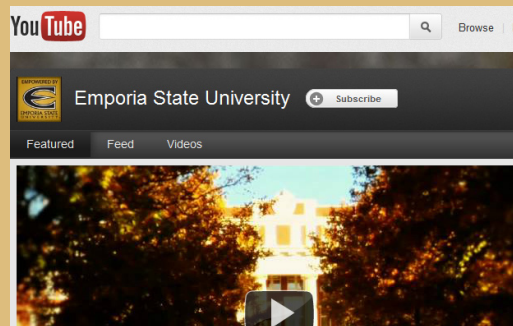
Amanda Lenon (BSE '10), Tonganoxie, is in her first year as a fourth-grade teacher at Tonganoxie Elementary School.

Abraham Marintzer (BSE '10), Neosho Rapids, is teaching sixth-grade at Neosho Rapids Elementary School. This is his first teaching job. Previously he student taught in the school's fifth-grade.

Joe Marten (BS '11), Liberal, completed his first summer as manager of Adventure Bay Family Water Park.

Kelsey McAnulty (BSE '11), Clay Center, is in her first year teaching fourth grade at Garfield Elementary in Clay Center.

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