

CEPS NEWS

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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

In a Fall 2002 release from the Central Washington University President's office, President Jerilyn McIntyre has called for a year of focus on diversity. In her message, President McIntyre asks each student, faculty member, staff member, and administrator to reflect on what each one of us, as well as each department, college, and the university as a community, is doing to recognize, honor, and promote diversity. This is a good time, then, for each person who is associated with the College of Education and Professional Studies to review our college mission:

*The mission of the **College of Education and Professional Studies** is to prepare competent professionals and enlightened leaders who will contribute to and influence their respective professions; professionals and leaders who will commit themselves to socially responsible citizenship in a diverse global society.*

Each one of us, who has a relationship with the College of Education and Professional Studies, as a student, an alumnus(a), a faculty member, a staff member, and an administrator, must recognize the richness and opportunities that are present in our society. We take seriously the charge and opportunity to prepare our students to develop careers in workplaces that include diverse populations and viewpoints. Moreover, we take pride in the preparation of our students to make positive contributions to all aspects of our society. We recognize and honor the multitudes of affirmative influences people from various cultures have on our campus and our society at large.

We have some exciting challenges ahead of us. For example, we must continue to develop and sustain academic services to Native American, Hispanic, African-American, Asian, Caucasian, low-income, and other cultures of the people in both the central Washington region and the Westside areas. We must continue to prepare our teacher and other professional education students to teach every child in every classroom. We must continue to prepare our professional studies students for leadership in business, industrial, agency, and recreation needs that are available in our state, our nation, and various global sites. If we meet these challenges, then we will have succeeded in our mission. Moreover, we will have contributed toward President McIntyre's call to focus on diversity, beginning this year and continuing throughout the years to come.

Rebecca Bowers, Dean
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Site Visitors Approve Nutrition Program

Two American Dietetic Association (ADA) Commission on the Accreditation of Dietetic Education (CADE) site visitors came to the CWU campus in November 2002. Their task over the three-day stay was to determine if the Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) within the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences met the ADA and CADE standards of education.

At the exit interview on Tuesday, Nov. 19, the site visitors indicated they were recommending that CWU's DPD receive Accreditation Status. They had one recommendation, that the program add measurable benchmarks to the three- and five-year goals for the program, which were stated in the self-study. Students at CWU majoring in Food Science and Nutrition and specializing in Nutrition and Dietetics complete the DPD, which is currently Developmentally Accredited by the CADE of the ADA.

Upon completion of the DPD, students qualify for application to a CADE-accredited Dietetic Internship, which is required before the student takes the registration exam to become a registered dietitian. The DPD program has been on the CWU campus for the last 20 years as an **approved** program. The current CADE system requires **accreditation** and a site visit. CWU was granted developmental accreditation two years ago.

Blodgett Receives Award

Debbie Blodgett, CWU graduate and a member of the Yakama Nation, received one of nine national awards from The National Council for Learning Disabilities. Blodgett has focused for years on special education but is currently a mainstream classroom teacher who promotes the concept of integrating all students into the classroom.

"She is one of those one-in-a-million teachers. She's the type of teacher that lights up the room when she walks into it," said Debbi Prigge, CWU professor who nominated Blodgett for the award.

Mt. Adams School District Superintendent Mary Hall said that Blodgett is a district leader in making sure students with learning disabilities are kept in the main classroom or given outside help if needed.

Hall further states that this recognition also means progress within the school district. "I think for us it's reaffirmation of some of the changes that have been going on in the district—that we do have a quality teaching staff," Hall said. The award winning Blodgett is a major contributor to the quality teaching staff seen in the district. "I couldn't imagine doing anything else. I get paid to do what I love every day," Blodgett said.

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Charles Booth: Distinguished Alumnus

Charles A. Booth, who earned his bachelor's and master's degree from CWU, received the 2002 Distinguished Alumnus award for the College of Education and Professional Studies during the 2002 Homecoming ceremonies. Booth served for more

than 36 years as a teacher, counselor, and administrator in Auburn, Bellevue, Selah, and West Valley of Yakima school districts. After many years of service in public education, Booth served as mayor of Auburn, Wash., beginning on Jan. 3, 1994.

Since his retirement as mayor, Booth continues to live in Auburn with his wife of 44 years, Leila. They have two children.

Merri Pearson Given Award

Merri Pearson received the 2002 Special Achievement Award during Homecoming festivities. Pearson, a CWU Special Education graduate is the current director for the National Center on Deafness at California State University, Northridge. The recent development of a sign language Barbie doll was created by Pearson and a team of university staff members.

Pearson's personal gratification comes from helping the deaf community become more involved and educated. In 2001, through Pearson's leadership, Cal State Northridge was awarded a \$5 million U.S. Department of Education Grant to help deaf students make the transition to college.

Donahoe at Seattle Art Institute

Susan Donahoe, associate professor of Teacher Education, was invited by the Washington Art Education Association to show three paintings at the Art Institute of Seattle Gallery. Her work was on display from Sept. 23 to Oct. 31. In addition, William Derousie, CWU graduate, made the frames used by Donahoe to exhibit her work.

Jenkins Publishes

Andrew Jenkins, associate professor in Community Health Education, recently published an article titled, "Sports Drinks and Rehydration," in the October 2002 issue of the New Zealand Land and Search Rescue Association's Journal, *NZLSAR News*, Volume 8(5). Jenkins is an active rescuer/EMT with Central Washington Mountain Rescue and has published several articles for Search and Rescue journals.

Jefferies on Steering Committee

Stephen Jefferies, professor of Physical Education, was invited to participate on Cle Elum School District's Physical Education for Progress (PEP) grant steering committee. Cle Elum received a renewable \$328,288 grant to enhance physical activity in the district. The grant was one of only five awarded within the state of Washington.

Grant monies will focus on enhancing the district's physical education and health education programs and infusing movement activities into the academic curriculum.

Johnson and Beed FEF Guests

Craig Johnson, professor of Industrial and Engineering Technology and Bo Beed, professor emeritus of Industrial and Engineering Technology, were guests of the Foundry

Education Foundation (FEF) at the College Industry Conference in Chicago in November, 2002. Johnson and Beed attended the meeting with all expenses paid by the metal casting industry.

This conference brings together students and professors from across the country with the opportunity to interact with and meet leaders in the metal casting industry face to face.

Metal casting is the sixth largest manufacturing industry in the United States. CWU is one of only 32 universities in the world affiliated with the FEF. More than \$85,000 in scholarships and awards were given to the FEF affiliated schools at the conference.

Wilson Presents

Dale Wilson, Industrial and Engineering Technology, was the featured speaker at two Federal Aviation Administration safety seminars at Clover Park Technical College in Puyallup and The Museum of Flight in Seattle Oct. 23 and 24. His presentation, titled "VFR flight into deteriorating weather: The number one cause of fatal aircraft accidents," was based in part on an article he published in the September/October version of Aerosafe, the FAA's safety newsletter distributed to about 18,000 pilots in the Northwest.

Jefferies Defends

After contributing to the recent successful defense of the 100-minute-a-week K-8 school PE requirement before the State Board of Education, Steve Jefferies, Physical Education, presented at the annual convention of the Washington Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance. Jefferies and five graduate students from the M.S. Online program delivered two presentations: "Promoting your PE Program" and "Developing a PE Curriculum to Meet the EALRs." Jefferies was also elected as the WAHPERD vice-president for Physical Education. Leanne Oltman was recognized by WAHPERD as the CWU Physical Education Major of the Year.

Chandler and Crew Attend Conference

The 2001-02 Central Washington University Delta Epsilon Chi (DEC) Team attended and competed at the International Career Development (ICD) Conference. At this year's conference in Salt Lake City, CWU's Sabrina DeSisto, Mandy Thomasson, and April Mattson took first in their Entrepreneurship event.

Bill Chandler, professor, Information Technology and Administrative Management, and also the DEC team advisor, led this year's contingent to the annual meeting of university-related career programs.

Safford Receives Scholarship

Jolene Safford, dietetic intern in CWU's Dietetic Internship within the Department of Family and Consumers Sciences, was awarded the Ruth Lenore Harris Scholarship for the 2002-2003 academic year. The award of \$1,100 will be used toward

completion of Safford's dietetics education. Safford graduated from CWU in June 2002 and is currently a student in the Dietetic Internship (DI) at CWU. After the completion of the DI, Safford will take the Registration exam to become a registered dietitian.

The Harris Scholarship is given annually by the Washington State Dietetic Association to be used toward a candidate's education in a nutrition-related curriculum.

Schactler Competes

Carolyn Schactler, Apparel Design, Family and Consumer Science, attended the International Textile and Apparel Association annual conference in New York, Aug. 8-11. Two of her designs that were accepted into the finals of the design research competition were presented in the mounted gallery of the exhibit.

Black Receives Honor

Ann Black, Central Washington University adjunct professor and director of special education technology for the Washington state Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, was among four recipients of the 2002 National Floyd G. Hudson Awards for Outstanding Service.

The Council for Learning Disabilities (CLD) presents the annual awards to individuals who display outstanding performance and commitment to those with learning disabilities. The award is named in memory of Dr. Floyd G. Hudson, former CLD director, who had a long history of service in the field of learning disabilities.

Black, who also received her master's degree from Central, suggests that the biggest contribution she has made to children with learning disabilities is to add technology to their schooling. She has written numerous grants and received in excess of \$3 million to fund special education technology programs.

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