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Verizon Grant

Through generous support from the Verizon Foundation, the CWU-Des Moines Center's Teacher Education Program will embark on a one-year project aimed at increasing teacher diversity in south King County schools. The project's approach looks at the full cycle of learning starting with high school students, then community college students and four-year degree students, and finally degreed teachers entering classrooms. High school students are introduced to the notion of an education degree and career. CWU-Des Moines representatives will meet in groups and individually with high school students providing information and support, and talking about the need for teacher diversity in schools. Admission representatives will provide outreach and information to community college students about teacher education and the need (and continued support) for teacher diversity. During and after completing their community college education, students will transfer to CWU-Des Moines to receive further education and successfully complete their four-year degree.

Link! We invite you to check out www.cwu.edu/desmoines/diversity/verizon.html. We have a current newsletter posted, event calendars, information about the Verizon grant, as well as other important information for interested students and colleagues.



2008-09 Renton High School Teacher Academy

Recruiting Washington Teachers Grant

In March of 2008 Dr. Steve Nourse of CWU and Kay Hermann of the Renton School District were discussing the disproportionate number of teachers of color available to match the diverse student needs of the district. As a result the Recruiting Washington Teachers Grant was written and funded by the Professional Educator Standards Board of the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). This is a two-year grant with a possible option of extending it for

two more. The primary goal of the grant is to provide the support, academic and financial resources, and passion for 22 Renton High School students of color and other under-represented groups to become future teachers within their home school district.

Professors involved in assisting with this project are Dr. Steve Nourse, Dr. Steve Schmitz and Melanie Kingham of CWU, as well as Eric Hougan, Dr. Paul Apostle, and Jay Leviton of the Renton School District. Students were recruited, an orientation dinner was arranged for the parents and students, and one week of teacher training was arranged at CWU-Des Moines. A trip and overnight stay at the main CWU campus was also planned by Dr. Schmitz, where the students took classes in technology and teaching, met with education department administrators, visited the climbing wall in the Student Union and Recreation Center, and stayed in campus residence halls.

During the 2008-2009 academic year the 22 students took daily classes in teaching from Eric Hougan, which included practicum experiences in local elementary and secondary schools. Each student in the program was given a digital camera and a laptop computer to record his or her experiences. CWU students also met quarterly with Dr. Nourse and Dr. Schmitz's graduate classes at CWU-Des Moines for presentations by the master teacher students on subjects such as classroom management and educational games.

At the end of year one, four seniors will head to Central Washington University in the fall and plan to become teachers. The academy has been re-funded by OSPI for the 2009-10 academic year with a full compliment of 22 students enrolled.



Steve Nourse and Steve Schmitz (CWU education professors at CWU-Des Moines) and the 2009-10 Renton High School Teacher Academy. To learn more about the academy, contact Steve Nourse at graduate22@comcast.net.

The Center for Teaching and Learning hosted a teacher panel on February 19. Three award-winning teachers participated in a panel discussion: Susan Johnson, Washington State Teacher of the Year; Brian Hagbo, Washington State High School Physical Education Teacher of the Year; and Amber Farthing, Washington State Science Teachers Association Elementary School Science Teacher of the Year. The teachers each shared their educational journeys and provided recommendations to prospective teachers, including tips concerning classroom management and substitute teaching. Approximately 100 teacher education candidates participated in the forum.