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DOERS & DEEDS

Academic Excellence at WKU



“Back of the deed was the doer, back of the doer, the dream.” – H.H. Cherry, Founding President

Bill Pfohl, professor in Psychology, was named the recipient of the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) 2010 Lifetime Achievement Award. NASP established the lifetime achievement award to recognize those who have contributed to the profession in a significant and lasting manner. Pfohl is the 11th recipient of this award. Pfohl's career in school psychology spans nearly 40 years and reflects achievements in the areas of practice, service and advocacy.

WKU's all-female engineering team finished third overall and won the slide presentation category in the first NASA Lunabotics Mining Competition. Team ARTEMIS (Amassing Regolith with Toppers Engineers eMploying Innovative Solutions) was made up of eight students from all three engineering disciplines. The team built a robot to dig, transport and deposit into a NASA container as much simulated regolith (lunar soil) as possible in 15 minutes. WKU was one of 22 schools that completed at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, FL. Other schools included Alabama, Auburn, Carnegie Mellon, Florida State, Iowa state and Virginia Tech.

In April, WKU Forensic team won its ninth National Forensic Association (NFA) Tournament championship in debate and its seventh championship in individual events. The WKU Forensics team has won more national titles in the past decade than any other program in the nation.



John All

JOHN ALL, associate professor in Geography & Geology, reached the summit of Mount Everest in June. All, an expert in climate change as well as an avid climber/adventurer, worked in Nepal on a Fulbright scholarship and studied climate change in the Himalayas.

John Moore, associate professor in the School of Teacher Education, was elected vice president of the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS). Moore will be NCSS vice president for 2010-11, president-elect for 2011-12, president for 2012-13, and immediate past president for 2013-14. With more than 17,000 members in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and 69 countries, NCSS serves as an umbrella organization for elementary, secondary and college teachers of history, geography, economics, political science, anthropology, psychology and law related education.

WKU SIFE team received its highest-ever finish in May at the SIFE USA Nationals Competition. THE WKU SIFE team finished second in its league and now ranks in the top 7 percent of all SIFE teams at universities and colleges across the US.

As part of WKU's Confucius Institute (CI), 11 teachers from China are providing instruction at several area schools. The WKU Confucius Institute is the first CI in Kentucky. The teachers are providing instruction in Chinese language and culture at Glasgow, Greenwood, South Warren, Warren East and Logan County high schools as well as Parker Bennett Curry, McNeill, Lewisburg and Olmstead elementary schools. They will be in Kentucky through July. Classes include lessons in Chinese calligraphy, art, music and cooking. In addition to their teaching duties, they will assist with the Super Saturdays classes offered by WKU's Center for Gifted Studies and be a part of WKU's summer language camps. They also participated in the Bowling Green International Festival. The instructors will also be learning about American culture by living with host families.

WKU Libraries' TopSCHOLAR research and creative activity database was ranked in the top 5% of universities worldwide by the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Cientificas (CSIC), the largest public research body in Spain. This top ranking puts WKU's TopSCHOLAR in CSIC's Premier League among institutional repositories from around the globe.



Barbara Burch

BARBARA BURCH, Provost Emeritus, was appointed as the Chair of the Executive Board for the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). She has also been appointed by the American Council of Education (ACE) as the only non-pharmacist on the Accrediting Council for Pharmacy Education for a six year term.

Heather Stroupe-Smith, a May 2010 graduate of the Industrial/Organizational (I/O) Psychology graduate program, recently completed a year long stint as a Consortium of Universities of the Washington Metropolitan Area Research Fellow at the U.S. Army Research Institute Field Unit at Fort Knox. **Betsy Shoenfelt** has served as the project director for Consortium Research Fellows Program since the partnership began at WKU in 1988. Other universities participating in the Consortium include Maryland, George Mason, Georgetown, Penn State, Kansas State, Auburn, Alabama and Boise State.

Five WKU students interned this summer through the Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars. The Center is an independent, nonprofit organization serving colleges and universities in the US and other countries by providing selected students challenging opportunities to work and learn in Washington, D.C. The four students selected were **Ryan Dickson**, a mechanical engineering student from Danville; **Thomas Wood**, a public administration graduate student from Franklin; **Joshua Butler**, a political science graduate from Bowling Green; **Justin Crice**, a public administration graduate student from Lovelaceville; and **Matt Bagwell**, a public administration graduate student from Clarksville, TN. Dickinson worked inside the U.S. Department of Defense with the BRAC-133 project. Crice worked with Potomac Advocates. Bagwell interned in Sydney, Australia and Wood and Butler, worked on Capitol Hill with congressional leaders.

For WKU students received \$10,000 scholarships funded through the National Science Foundation's Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program. The recipients of the Science and Math Alliance for Recruitment and Retention of Teachers scholarships are Kathryn Crawford, a biology major from Science Hill; Tara Thompson, a math major from Center; Sara Johnson, a math major



Chunxue Liu teaches Chinese at McNeill Elementary School through WKU's Confucius Institute



Jennifer Dooper, Dawn Reinhardt, Eileen Ryan, and Emily Wilcox

from Owensboro; and Joye Beth Spinks, a biology major from Bowling Green. The WKU Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship program aims to prepare a total of 39 science and math majors who are committed to teaching high school in a high needs district in the region.

In 2009, WKU was named one of the top US producers of Fulbright students among Master's degree-granting institutions. This year, four WKU graduates were awarded 2010-2011 Fulbright grants, **Jennifer Dooper** (Owensboro), **Dawn Reinhardt** (Crossville, TN), **Eileen Ryan** (Louisville), and **Emily Wilcox** (Louisville). All four are graduates of the University Honors College and of departments within Potter College of Arts & Letters. Dooper will be teaching English in Argentina, Ryan will be teaching English in South Korea, Wilcox will be teaching English in Indonesia, and Reinhardt will travel to Munich, Germany on a research grant in German literature and language.

WKU has received the 2010 Readership Excellence Award from The New York Times (NYT) inCOLLEGE Program. The award is for excellence in instructional strategy and programming and is the first ever given. The objective of the NYT inCOLLEGE program is to foster students' global awareness, promote critical thinking, engage students in

active learning and help to create a more informed, responsible citizenry. The WKU average number of copies is typically 400-plus per day, amounting to thousands of copies over a semester, and is one of the largest programs in the country and the largest in Kentucky.

David Kerr of Bowling Green, a graduate student in History, participated in the prestigious Smithsonian Affiliations Intern Partnership Program this summer. The award is made possible by Smithsonian Affiliations and the Frazier International History Museum, a Smithsonian Affiliate in Louisville. Kerr is based at Smithsonian Affiliations in Washington, D.C., conducting independent research on Smithsonian artifacts related to Kentucky and the Civil War. His work is in conjunction with the Frazier Museum's upcoming exhibit, *My Brother, My Enemy*.

The Navitas program at WKU is in the midst of its first semester on campus. Around 20 international students enrolled this fall at WKU through Navitas University Pathways Program. Students in the program come from countries around the globe, Mongolia, China, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Taiwan, Saudi Arabia, and United Arab Emirates. In January, WKU was announced as the first U.S. affiliate for Navitas. WKU's strong academic programs, safe learning environment and commitment to service made WKU an attractive partner. The program is expected to grow to 60 students by the spring semester.

Christy Spurlock, assistant professor and education curator for the Kentucky Museum received the Emerging Professional Award from the Kentucky Heritage and Museum Alliance.

GARY SCHALLERT, associate professor in the Department of Music, was elected by all the college and university band directors in Kentucky to serve a two year term as State Chair for the College Band Directors National Association. In addition, he was asked to serve as the Kentucky State Chair for the National Band Association by the association's President and Southern Division Chair.



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For the second straight year, WKU students are being honored with SMART Scholarships from the US Department of Defense (DoD). **Jacob Haven**, a second-year student at the Gatton Academy, and **Brittany Logan**, a sophomore from Englewood, Ohio have accepted scholarships from the Science, Mathematics, and Research for Transformation (SMART) Scholarship Service Program. The scholarship funds tuition and provides living stipends, books, health insurance reimbursement, and paid summer internships for recipients. Students are also promised employment placement with a DoD laboratory upon completion of their studies and internships. Haven will use his scholarship to pursue a bachelor's and master's degree program in computer science at Stanford University. He will be spending



Jacob Haven

his summers at the Space and Missile Systems Center at Los Angeles Air Force Base. Logan will use her scholarship to complete her electrical engineering and physics degree here at WKU. She will be

spending her summers at Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico.

WKU graduate **Cassandra Warren** is pursuing a one-year master's degree in gender, sexuality and society this school year at the University of Amsterdam on the Huygens Scholarship Programme. Warren is one of 236 students selected from a pool of 1,700 applicants to receive this prestigious European scholarship. The scholarship is offered to outstanding students in the final phase of a bachelor's degree, or during master's level studies, and is intended to fund study at an accredited university in the Netherlands for up to two years. The scholarship covers tuition, visa fees and airfare, as well as providing a monthly living stipend for food, housing and transportation.