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From the Dean’s Office

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Our very own Associate Dean, Dr. Merrall Price celebrated her 50th birthday with us in November. She was a good sport and shared her ‘older than dirt’ cake with those in the office.

** Regional Mail **

University College is responsible for getting mail from the Bowling Green campus to the regional campuses. If you have an item that needs to go to South Campus, Elizabethtown, Ft. Knox, Glasgow or Owensboro campuses, you may drop off your mail at: Tate Page Hall, Room 201, or call our office (745-4092) for pick up. Please CLEARLY label the mail with the person’s name, campus, building name, and room number. Your cooperation is appreciated!

Where’s Big Red?

Big Red (JUST LIKE the image to the left) is hidden somewhere in this newsletter. Be the first to find him and you win a University College travel mug! Email wendi.kelley@wku.edu and tell us where you found him!
Bonner students are set for a great spring.

The WKU ALIVE Center for Community Partnerships welcomes six new students into the program. Aeryn Darst, Alexis Doroba, Tiye Gardner, Krystin King, Kate McElroy, and James Line join current Bonners Martajia Armstrong, LaDeirdre Mumford, Kurtis Spears, and Grace Gilliland.

Bonner Leaders spring semester service includes work with poverty, food access, homelessness, housing, fairness, down syndrome, health and wellness, underrepresented populations, and youth STEM education.

Hill House continues Project L.I.F.E. and sets plans for Formation

This semester, WKU ALIVE Center graduate assistants working with the Hill House program have continued working actively with the Neighborhood Association and Project L.I.F.E. Students are also preparing for their On Top Tuesday lunch and learn titled Formation: Self Care Edition.

On February 15, the McKinze Willard introduced the NextDoor mobile app as a tool for connecting neighbors with each other. The application will allow neighbors to communicate with each other and share what is going on around them. Now if a neighbor loses his/her dog, an accident happens, or a neighbor needs assistance, they can use the app.

Every Wednesday, Keira Martin leads a group of students at the Academy at 11th Street in Project L.I.F.E. The acronym stands for leadership, independence, freedom, and empowerment. Each week, high school students learn lesson, hear from speakers, and engage in related activities. Project L.I.F.E. motivates students by positively influencing students’ attitudes towards their future. The program gives participants an opportunity to get connected to their community, local leaders, teachers, and their peers as they create a personal vision for their success. Project L.I.F.E. teaches the importance of obtaining a quality education, developing leadership skills and a true sense of independence through self-led opportunities.
Scholars in Service

March 1 deadline
Complete the application online at www.wku.edu/alive/scholars

Scholars in Service dedicate time each week to community development projects organized by campus and local nonprofit organizations. Students serve independently, as well as in groups, to complete their service requirements. Scholars in Service are trained through a service-learning model to lead collaborative efforts with the goal of making a lasting impact in the communities in which they serve. Capacity-building, reciprocity, and partnerships are important elements to the service efforts implemented by Scholars in Service.

Formation: The Self Care Edition
On Top Tuesday (Lunch and Learn)
March 1, 2016
11:30-12:30pm
DSU 2001 (tentative)

Facilitators:
Keira Martin, Graduate Student in Student Affairs and Higher Education
Mckinze Willard, Graduate Student in Social Work
Omega Buckner, Graduate Student Social Work

The Formation: Self Care Edition workshop will focus on self care and racial fatigue. Graduate assistants will present an interactive, informative and discussion-based workshop. The session is designed to keep the audience involved in self care and great conversation from start to finish. Those in attendance can expect to learn and experience methods to help them stress less and be healthy through the rigors of their personal, academic, and young professional life.

Student Ambassadors of Service focus on health and wellness
Every other week, more than 20 students in the Student Ambassadors of Service (S.A.S.) program meet to discuss opportunities for meaningful service in the community. For the month of February, students will serve with the Historic Rail Park, Jesus Prom at Hillvue Heights, Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids Sake, and Family Enrichment Center Run & Walk for Children.

The Student Ambassadors of Service selected Healthy Kids for their issue-based area this spring semester. The members are planning a service project with Parker Bennett Community that brings in speakers and includes fun activities for the youth. SAS members will volunteer with the Center for Courageous Kids (CCK). In addition, plans are being discussed to host a 5K in partnership with other student organizations to benefit CCK.

The purpose of the Student Ambassadors of Service (SAS) at Western Kentucky University is to increase awareness of social issues and community needs, while also identifying ways for students to get involved addressing those topics through a diverse set of programs and projects.
Join us on March 22 for the Campus and Community Network

The WKU ALIVE Center for Community Partnerships invites you to attend the Campus and Community Network on Tuesday, March 22. During this meeting, we will identify partnership opportunities that exist among attendees to support your common goals.

Campus & Community Network participants will have the opportunity to connect and meet with up to three different partners or groups during the networking time. As part of online registration, participants will provide a 150 word or less description of the work you wish to accomplish through a partnership with community experts or students, faculty and staff.

Impact Expo will celebrate service-learning at WKU on May 3

Please mark your calendars for the spring 2016 Impact Expo, a campus-wide event that acknowledges students who have completed service-learning projects over the last semester by allowing students to showcase their projects through poster presentations. The event will begin with poster presentations at 3:30pm and curricular and co-curricular presentations begin at 4:00pm.

Impact Expo
Tuesday, May 3, 2016
MMTH Auditorium
3:30 – 5:00pm

Submit a Poster Presentation Proposal
Submit abstracts for your poster presentation to the ALIVE Center for Community Partnerships using the form url below by Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 4:30pm. Limit abstracts to 500 words describing the project in enough detail to allow peer review.

Visit http://www.wku.edu/alive/the100dollarsolution/impact-expo.php
CANstruct for a Cause set for April 23, 2016

Canstruction® is a unique charity which hosts competitions, exhibitions and events showcasing colossal structures made entirely out of full cans of food. After the structures are built, the cansculptures® are displayed. At the end of the event, all food is donated to local food pantries. WKU’s CANstruct® for a Cause challenges organizations to think critically about local, national, and global hunger issues. Groups will discuss hunger issues and engage in awareness activities in addition to the building. WKU’s CANstruct® for a Cause event is licensed under an agreement between Canstruction® at the Western Kentucky University ALIVE Center for Community Partnerships to host the event.

Students can now register to participate in CANstruct for a Cause. Details for student groups are available at www.wku.edu/alive/meaningful-service/canstruct.php. This year food will be donated to the WKU Food Pantry, HOTEL INC, and Hope House.

SAVE THE DATE

- March 1: On Top Tuesday
- March 22: Campus and Community Network
- March 30: Hill House Showcase
- April 10 - 16: National Volunteer Week
- April 23: CANstruct for a Cause
- May 3: Impact Expo at 3:30pm at MMTH Auditorium
- May 5: Recognition Reception at the Kentucky Museum at 7:00pm
WKU African American Studies
Spring 2016

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

February 9, 2016
6:30PM
Film & Discussion “Slavery By Another Name”
Facilitator: Dr. Andrew Rosa
MMTH Auditorium

February 10, 2016
2:00PM
“The Legacy of Nelson Mandela”
Ms. Nowetu Lutu, Charge d’Affaires, Embassy of South Africa
Grise Hall Rm 235

February 10, 2016
12:00PM
“Freedom Charter and Women’s Issues”
Ms. Nowetu Lutu, Charge d’Affaires, Embassy of South Africa
Grise Hall Rm 340

February 10, 2016
7:30PM
Ladysmith Black Mambazo
Van Meter Hall

February 23, 2016
6:30PM
“Black Activism on College Campuses”
Andrea Denise and Marcus Stubbs
MMTH Auditorium

March 15, 2016
7:00PM
Public Reading and Book Signing
Frank X Walker
Gary Ransdell Hall Auditorium

Co-Sponsors: Office of International Programs, Diversity and Community Studies, Gender and Women’s Studies, Library Outreach, A SLAH
Phone: 270-745-4559  wku.edu/afam/
Join us for a special screening of the documentary **Coal Black Voices**

featuring Affrilachian poets Frank X Walker, Nikky Finney, Crystal Wilkinson and more!

**Wednesday, February 24**  
7 pm at Cherry Hall 125

Discussion led by  
**Dr. Tom C. Hunley**  
WKU Professor, English Dept.

A Free, Swipeable Event and Open to the Public!

Presented by  
WKU Libraries, African American Studies, Diversity and Community Studies, Gender and Women’s Studies, Institute for Citizenship and Social Responsibility, and ASLAH
Public Reading & Book Signing

FRANK X WALKER

TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2016 AT 7:00 PM
GARY RANSDELL AUDITORIUM

WKU African American Studies presents...

Author • Educator • Affrilachian Poet

Multidisciplinary artist Frank X Walker is a native of Danville, Ky., a graduate of the University of Kentucky, and completed an MFA in Writing at Spalding University in May 2003. He has lectured, conducted workshops, read poetry and exhibited at over 300 national conferences and universities. A founding member of the Affrilachian Poets, he is the editor of America! What’s My Name? The "Other" Poets Unfurl the Flag and Eclipse a Nappy New Millennium and the author of four poetry collections: When Winter Come; the Ascension of York; Black Box; Buffalo Dance: the Journey of York; and Affrilachia.

FREE TO THE PUBLIC • SWIPEABLE EVENT •

Co-Sponsors: Diversity and Community Studies, Gender and Women’s Studies, Institute for Citizenship and Social Responsibility, WKU Libraries, and ASLAH
In October 2016, the Gender & Women’s Studies Program and Counseling & Testing partnered to bring the 2015 Kentucky Hopeline Drive from Verizon to the WKU community. The Hopeline Drive is a statewide initiative that turns no-longer-used wireless devices and accessories into support for domestic violence prevention organizations. Participating organizations included the Institute for Citizenship and Social Justice, Alice Rowe Learning Center, Recreation Administration, and the Downing Student Union. Over a period of two weeks, we collected 88 cellphones, 2 tablets, and countless wireless accessories.

These donations will make a difference in Kentucky. In 2013, 3,500 Kentuckians spent at least one night in a domestic violence shelter, including 1,927 women and 1,553 children. The 2015 Kentucky Hopeline Drive from Verizon benefits the Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence and its service regions including the Barren River Area. Wireless phones and accessories given to HopeLine are refurbished and recycled in an environmentally-safe way. The proceeds go towards the financial support of domestic violence awareness and prevention initiatives including providing wireless phones and services to local domestic violence shelters and non-profit organizations and by awarding grants to support programs and initiatives to end domestic violence.
Spring 2016 Schedule of Events

**Gender Images Film Series**

Screening of *Pariah* (2011) directed and written by Dee Rees
Discussion to follow with Dr. Chris Lewis (English)
Wed, Feb 17, 6:30p, CH 125

**Generations: A Gender & Women’s Studies Colloquia**

Dr. Karin Egloff (Modern Languages) “Women Street Artists: a Short-Lived Rebellion?”
Dr. Nubian Sun (Social Work) “The ‘Othermothers’ of the Négritude Movement”
Wed, Feb 24, 11:30-1p, Faculty House

**Sponsored by The 2016 Catherine Cookan Ward Visiting Professorship**

Dr. Tala Mae Bettscher, Professor and Chair, California State University, Los Angeles
Public Lecture
“From Embodiment to Empowerment: Starting Points for a Theory of Trans Gender Dissatisfaction”
Tue, Apr 5, 4:30p, GRH Auditorium

**Generations with Dr. Bettscher**

“Trans Politics, Feminist Politics and Trans/Feminist Solidarity”
Wed, Apr 6, 11:30-1p, Faculty House

**Vagina Monologues**

Mon, Apr 11, 7p, DSU Auditorium

**Gender Images Film Series**

Screening of *52 Tuesdays* (2013) Directed by Sophie Hyde
Discussion to follow with Dr. Dawn Hall’s SUS 295 Gender & Pop Culture
Tue, Apr 19, 6:30p, Cherry Hall 125

**GWS Recognition and Award Ceremony**

Mon, Apr 25, 4-5p, Faculty House

ALL EVENTS ARE SWAPABLE! FREE! AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

* Generations: A Gender & Women’s Studies Colloquia—Be our guests for delicious soups, breads, and enriching presentations. Please email renee.purdy@wku.edu to reserve your seat.

Gender & Women’s Studies thanks its co-sponsors: African-American Studies, Counseling and Testing, Department of Diversity & Community Studies, Department of English, Department of Philosophy and Religion, Institute for Citizenship and Social Responsibility, Potter College of Arts & Letters, University College
Save the Date!

Careers in Aging Week is April 3-9, 2016. We’re planning several exciting activities to inspire students to explore the possibilities in the field of aging. Stay tuned for more info!

WKU Aging’s Spring Celebration to honor students, faculty, and community partners will take place on April 27th at 4pm in the HCIC Multipurpose Room. We hope you can join us!

Congratulations are in order!

Hannah Ruggles was recently named a semi-finalist for the Fulbright Scholarship! Hannah is a senior majoring in chemistry and minoring in gerontology. Congratulations Hannah, and good luck!

Dr. Kelly Fitzgerald, adjunct graduate faculty for WKU Aging, was recently named a fellow by the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education. Congratulations Dr. Fitzgerald!

CORE begins exciting new project

Do you have students interested in making a difference in the lives of older adults? Please let them know about the opportunity to join Companions of Respected Elders (CORE). CORE partners with a local nursing facility where students visit residents and help with activities. This semester, CORE will also be helping the facility launch a Music and Memory program to bring the gift of music to the residents. Our events for spring semester are already underway, so contact advisor Marybeth Hunt for more details: marybeth.hunt@wku.edu or 270-745-3177.
Partnership with AARP continues

We are pleased to announce the renewal of our partnership with AARP Kentucky in providing a page specifically for seniors in SOKY Happenings Magazine. This page entitled “Silver Threads” includes information on local events and activities of interest to seniors as well as the “Golden Moments Calendar” which provides a snapshot of all the great things happening in the area. Visit the calendar [webpage](#) to learn more and check out our previous articles and calendars. Contact [marybeth.hunt@wku.edu](mailto:marybeth.hunt@wku.edu) for more information.

Don’t forget to follow WKU Aging on social media!
SOCIAL JUSTICE & CITIZENSHIP
ICSR Speakers Series, Spring 2016

FEBRUARY 25
Dr. Kaila Adia Story
Associate Professor, Departments of Women’s & Gender Studies and Pan African Studies, University of Louisville

“Disobedience & Rebellion as Transgression: How Black Queer Women Have Changed the Contours of America”

MARCH 31
Professor Enid Trucios-Haynes
Professor of Law, Brandeis School of Law, University of Louisville

“The Indeterminate Racial Identity of Latin@s: Impacts of a Changing Paradigm on Civil Rights Discourse”

APRIL 21
Dr. Julie Avril Minich
Associate Professor, Departments of English and Mexican American & Latinx Studies, University of Texas, Austin

“Panza Revolution: Chicanas Fat Aesthetics”

See wku.edu/icsr to learn more about the Social Justice Speaker Series and our speakers this year.

Downing Student Union, Room 3020
4:00-5:30 p.m.

Swpeable
Wheelchair Accessible
For other access, contact ICSR
Reception following talks
ICSR Announces Spring Social Justice Speaker Series

The ICSR is happy to announce the third annual Social Justice Speaker Series will be taking place this spring semester. The Social Justice Speaker Series takes place on the final Thursday of each month in the spring term, and highlights the work of regional scholars in the field of social justice. This year's series will focus on the intersections between social justice and citizenship. In previous years, the program has focused on social justice work in the academy and coalition building in social justice movements.

The ICSR will feature three speakers this semester, starting with Dr. Kaila Adia Story from the University of Louisville Departments of Women's & Gender Studies and Pan African Studies on February 25. Dr. Story’s talk is entitled “Disobedience & Rebellion as Transgression: How Black Queer Women Have Changed the Contours of America.” In this talk, Dr. Story will explore the ways the creators of the #BlackLivesMatter movement have created an intersectional movement and the ways that this movement fits into the tradition of black queer women educators and activists before them, such as Audre Lorde.

Dr. Story will be followed by Professor Enid Trucios-Haynes from the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law and Dr. Julie Avril Minich from the University of Texas at Austin Departments of English and Mexican American & Latina/o Studies. Complete bios and talk abstracts can be found at wku.edu/icsr. The events take place on the final Thursday of the month, at 4:00pm, in DSU 3020.

ICSR hosts nonprofit to discuss tax justice on campus

The ICSR partnered with Kentuckians for the Commonwealth (KFTC), a progressive grassroots nonprofit working to improve quality of life in Kentucky across a number of social issues, on February 11 to bring the workshop “Tax Justice & Tuition: Taking Action with KFTC” to campus for students, faculty, and staff.

KFTC organizers joined the WKU community to discuss issues affecting students stemming from Kentucky's relatively low per-student investments in higher education. The conversation extended to cover the strategies employed by and the goals of KFTC’s higher education activism, as well as ways that students, faculty, and staff could get involved.

As KFTC’s event ended, students moved from DSU to the ICSR’s lobby for our monthly informal discussion series, the ICSR Salon. Here, students and WKU faculty continued the conversation on tax justice and tuition, as well as the ways that the increasing cost of education inhibits students' ability to organize on their own behalf.

The ICSR Salon events are held every second Thursday of the month from 4:00-5:00pm in the ICSR lobby (TPH 110), with refreshments provided. Drop in anytime during the hour, the next ICSR Salon will be March 17.
Military Student Services and the WKU Student Veterans Alliance attended the Student Veterans of America National Conference in Orlando, FL: January 7-9

Tonya Archev, Kent Johnson and Joshua Smith represented Military Student Services while Joe Hunter, Christopher Parker and Colin Smith represented WKU’s SVA. Also in attendance was Rick Wright of Veteran’s Upward Bound. This was the 8th Annual National Conference and was held at Disney’s Coronado Springs Resort.

As with any conference, the sessions presented are what help you make the decision to attend and this conference was no exception. We attended the following sessions: Four-Year College Best Practices, Leading Practices in Student Veteran Focused Programming, Measuring University Success in Serving the Military Population, Supporting Student Veteran Success, and Women Veterans: Engaging Leadership and Influencing Change to name a few. We were able to network and gain valuable information to bring back and share with our students. For employment and internship opportunities we reached out to Raytheon, General Dynamics, NASA, Northrop Grumman, Google, Walgreens, Eli Lilly, Merck, Johnson Controls and several others. Lastly, the time spent allowed us to connect with other SVA chapters from around the nation to compare notes about our schools and assist each other with new opportunities for growth.
Coffee Time with Ari

In partnership with the Counseling and Testing Center at WKU we are offering this on-site counseling program for any of our military students or dependents who want to talk over coffee with Ari Deutsch, a Doctoral Intern. Ari holds an MS in Clinical Psychology and has a student focused approach to counseling. “I like to remain flexible during counseling and to include unique and creative ideas. Clients all have unique concerns, and I utilize my knowledge to be helpful in any way that I can. I do not believe that counseling always needs to be a formal process, and encourage students to speak with me for any reason. I understand that changes throughout the school year can be stressful, and I would like to be supportive while you manage them.” Stop by on Wednesdays at Tate Page Hall Room 410. The coffee will be waiting.
Candoo featured as Pet of the Week by Greenwood High School’s “The Daily Chomp”

CanDoo, a Golden Retriever, is a therapy dog at Western Kentucky University. When he’s not patrolling the University classrooms, bringing comfort and love to the students and faculty, this big guy relaxes at home with his handler, Scott Fox. However, even on his off-time, he doesn’t stop looking out for others for a moment.

While on a walk on a near-freezing January day, CanDoo suddenly stopped by a stretch of chain-link fence, on the other side of which was a bush-covered area. Mr. Fox gave him the command to keep walking, but CanDoo refused to budge. When Mr. Fox looked through the fence to see what CanDoo was so fixated on, he saw a small white dog curled up on the ground and shivering.

After bringing CanDoo home as quickly as possible, Mr. Fox climbed the fence and saw that the dog was severely injured and freezing from the thirty-degree temperature. He called the Humane Society who took her in to be treated, and they realized that she had been hit by a car before crawling behind the fence. The next day, her grateful family came in to claim her and take her home to recover.

Because of her injuries and the prolonged exposure to the cold, the dog would likely have died had she spent much more time on her own. So thanks to CanDoo’s persistence and constant concern for the well-being of others, he managed to save a life on an ordinary winter walk.

Written by Christine DiMeo, Pet-itor
- See more at http://gatornews.org/4545/showcase/pet-of-the-week-8/#sthash.eSflixU4.dpuf

CanDoo is a regular Bowling Green hero.
Textbooks For Troops update

2016 has gotten off to a great start with an $8,000 donation from Beck and Associates. Having their continued support over the last three years has been inspiring, to say the least. This semester Textbooks For Troops has assisted over 185 students! The total aided through the program is now over 1,400 WKU military students. As a lending library, it remains the largest scholarship program of its type in the nation.

If you would like to see Textbooks For Troops continue to grow you can:

1. Donate your new and/or gently used current textbooks to Tate Page Hall 408 or at one of our book drops located in Cherry Hall and Mass Media and Technology Hall.

2. Monetary, tax-deductible donations are also accepted. In person, you can drop off a donation at our office by annotating on the “memo line” of your check that your donation is for Military Student Services - Textbooks for Troops. Secure Online donations can be made on our website at http://www.wku.edu/veterans/textbooksfortroops.php

For more information, contact Joshua Smith at joshua.smith@wku.edu or 270-745-2180.
We are excited to welcome our newest pedagogical faculty member in the Organizational Leadership department, Dr. Kristie Guffey. Kristie came on board full time in January but she is no stranger to the program or to the University. She has been an adjunct for the department since 2012 and taught at the WKU-Glasgow campus for 7 ½ years. Recently, she was the director of the Kentucky FFA Leadership Training Center in Hardinsburg, Kentucky. The Center is owned and operated by the Kentucky Department of Education and Kristie ran the non-profit, leadership facility for three years.

Guffey hails from Cadiz, Kentucky where she grew up on a small beef cattle and tobacco farm. She received her undergraduate degree in Agriculture Education from Western Kentucky, her Master’s in Agriculture Education from Murray State and her doctorate in Organizational Leadership from Western Kentucky University in 2012. Guffey taught high school agriculture for four years in Carlisle County before coming on board at the WKU-Glasgow campus in 2005. While at the Glasgow campus, Kristie worked with her mentor, Dr. David Coffey, in leading study abroad trips to Ecuador. She has led 18 trips over the course of her career.

In the School of Professional Studies, Guffey will be coordinating the foundational leadership 300 courses, teaching the issues in leadership, 395, leadership in a global context, 450, and global leadership courses for undergraduates and graduate students. Advising students, working with adjuncts and developing new curriculum will be her priorities along with her teaching load.

Kristie and her husband, Jamie, have a sweet, baby girl, Ayla Belle, who is slowly stealing the hearts of everyone in the school. A future Hilltopper and student of the program in 2033!
WHO WILL MAKE YOUR MEDICAL DECISIONS?
WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO YOUR DIGITAL ASSETS?

COME LEARN HOW TO CONTROL THOSE DECISIONS
AND PROTECT YOUR ASSETS

WKU Student Legal Services is partnering with the Southern Kentucky Association of Paralegals and local attorneys to provide FREE estate planning information and estate planning documents including Living Wills and Digital Directives.

Thursday, February 25, 2016, 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Tate Page Hall Second Floor Lobby

Saturday, February 27, 2016, 8:00 a.m. – Noon
South Campus Lobby

If you have any questions regarding the event, feel free to contact:

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270-780-2539

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Sara McCaslin, SPS Instructor and University Experience Coordinator, spoke at the South Warren High School Dual Credit 101 event on Tuesday, February 5th. This event was open to all SWHS students and their parents to learn about the dual credit options available to them as they complete their high school requirements. Sara spoke specifically about the opportunity to enroll in the Dual Credit University Experience course for the spring 2016 semester. This course provides high school students foundational information and promotes success in future dual credit courses and beyond.
School of University Studies is happy to announce **Ryanne Gregory** as the new Administrative Assistant in the South Campus office. She comes from Houchens Industries where she worked in the Accountings Sales department as an assistant team leader. While there she was responsible for correcting and calculating sales and revenue figures for many of the convenience and restaurant locations owned by Houchens.

She is a native of Bowling Green. She is also a graduate of Western Kentucky University where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religious Studies in 2007. She is extremely excited about this opportunity to come back to her alma mater on the side of the staff, and is looking forward to the opportunity to help in any way she can!

She has been married for 8 years to her husband, Camron, and they have a wonderful 6 year old little girl named Alexis.

**Sydnie Driskill** is a new student worker for the School of University Studies on South Campus. She is a junior at Western Kentucky University studying Middle Grades Education with an emphasis on Language Arts and Social Studies. She will be starting her student teaching in the fall. She is active in the BCM (Baptist Campus Ministry) on campus. Sydnie is in charge of Women’s Ministry at the BCM and occasionally helps lead worship at the weekly worship services.

Sydnie is from Muhlenberg County, Kentucky. She graduated Muhlenberg County High School before attending WKU. Sydnie is excited to be a student worker and looks forward to meeting the students on South Campus!

**Murphy Burke** is another one of our new student workers in the main office on South Campus. She is a sophomore at WKU and is majoring in Public Relations with a minor in Citizenship and Social Justice. She is planning for a career working with nonprofit advocacy groups, particularly those that work on education policy.

Murphy is a Des Moines, Iowa native who came to WKU to join the Speech and Debate team. She is a member of Western iMedia, where she produces multi-platform news stories with other WKU students. She enjoys her job in the Academic Support Office because it gives her an opportunity to interact with students and help answer questions.
The Alice Rowe Learning Assistance Center (LAC) is excited to welcome Matthew Nguyen, a graduate assistant, for the spring 2016 semester. He is available to help with English, reading, math and chemistry. The LAC is a walk-in tutoring service for all WKU students with an open computer lab and quiet study area.

Matthew Nguyen – Graduate Assistance
Major: Engineering Technology Management
Career goal: IT Security
Enjoys: Traveling, outdoor activities, playing tennis

The WKU South Campus center is open
Monday-Thursday from 7:45 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Friday 7:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
We are also open 9:30 to 1:30 on Saturdays:
February 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th
March 19th
April 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th
The Alice Rowe Learning Assistance Center (LAC) is excited to welcome six new peer tutors for the spring 2016 semester. They are available to help with English, reading, math and chemistry. The LAC is a walk-in tutoring service for all WKU students with an open computer lab and quiet study area.

Mary Madison Lyons  
Major: Exercise Science  
Career goal: Occupational Therapy  
Enjoys: Painting, playing tennis, loves animals.

Anna Mutter  
Major: Nursing  
Career Goal: Oncology  
Enjoys: Working out, playing with animals, hanging out with friends.

LaDerickia Amos  
Major: Nursing  
Career Goal: Pediatric Nurse  
Enjoys: Helping others, sports and watching sport events.

Shaikayla Carroll  
Major: Secondary and Mathematics  
Career Goal: Superintendent after being a math teacher  
Enjoys: Spending time with family and working. Math

Brianna Stephens  
Major: Nursing  
Career Goal: Work in a Pediatrician Office  
Enjoys: Shopping, spending time with her pug, and watching UK basketball.

Kirsehten Roberts  
Major: Civil Engineering  
Career Goal: Radiology  
Enjoys: Being outside and spending time with friends.