Congratulations to the SLIM Program on their Reaccreditation!

The American Library Association (ALA), Committee on Accreditation, granted continued accreditation status to the School of Library and Information Management, Master of Library Science degree program, and scheduled the next accreditation review in seven years. Accreditation is a voluntary system of evaluation of higher education institutions and programs. It assures that higher education institutions and their units, schools, or programs meet appropriate standards of quality and integrity. ALA accredits 63 programs at 58 institutions in the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico.

ESU’s SLIM program is the only one with an ALA accreditation in the state of Kansas!

Fun Fact:
**Founders’ Day**  
February 13, 2016

Founders’ Day is the time when ESU pays tribute to the foresight of those Kansans who established the Kansas State Normal School in 1863. The school held its first day of class on February 15, 1865, with 18 teacher education students meeting for classes on the second floor of the district’s local school house. The school's first graduating class consisted of two women in 1867.

In February, 1923, the name of the school was changed to the Kansas State Teachers College, and in July, 1974, changed to Emporia Kansas State College.

On April 21, 1977, the College became Emporia State University. The Kansas Board of Regents is the governing body for ESU.

Since 1863 more than 150,000 students have studied at ESU and have gone on to careers in business and industry, education, and many other areas throughout the world.

During this year’s celebration, we will highlight how Emporia State University is changing lives for the common good by living our mission of preparing lifelong learners to work in rewarding careers and practice adaptive leadership – reflections of the common good!

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**Kansas City Alumni Chapter**  
**Happy Hour**

Join fellow ESU Alumni at Johnny’s Tavern for the Kansas City alumni happy hour on February 18, 2016 from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Enjoy appetizers and soft drinks while mingling with other Hornets in your area. A cash bar will be available. Cost is $5. Register today at www.hornetnation.emporia.edu/kansascitynetworking

Johnny’s Tavern  
6765 W. 119th Street, Overland Park, KS 66209
Program Spotlight: School Counseling

School counselors at Emporia State are trained to work with PreK-12th graders relating to academic problems, career choices and planning, school violence, bullying, suicides, social media concerns, family issues, substance abuse, and provide referrals for more severe mental health concerns.

If you have a passion for helping students navigate through these life decisions, Emporia State University can give you the training you need to be a leader in this essential field!

Why try School Counseling at ESU?

☑ Since 1947, ESU has prepared more Kansas School Counselors than any other university in Kansas.
☑ Our program is CACREP, NCATE, and KSDE accredited.
☑ Small class sizes ensure a more personalized experience
☑ Evening and online classes make this degree convenient for students working full-time!

Did You Know:

National School Counseling Week is February 1 - 5, 2016! School Counselors use this time as an opportunity to advocate for what they do and show how they plan to assist their students in achieving success at school.

Meet Distance Education Student: Orin Grammer

Orin Grammer is a graduate student majoring in School Counseling. He received his undergraduate degree at Washburn University and studied Mass Media.

Orin lives in Topeka, Kansas with his wife, Jennifer, sons Aiden (12) and Brady (8), and their two labradors, Briscoe and Parker.

Orin’s favorite class at ESU - KC was “Group Process in Counseling because I was able to get to know my classmates on a more personal level and because Dr. Briggs is amazing.”

In his spare time, Orin coaches summer baseball and middle school football. He is also a big Royals, Chiefs, and KU basketball fan! Orin attends games when he can and even takes the kids! “I am proudest of my kids and enjoy watching them succeed.”

Fun Facts:

- Orin was born in Spain!
- His Favorite Movie: Tombstone
- Someday he wants to go to Hawaii

“Here is a photo of me and my son Brady at his first KU basketball game.” - Orin Grammer
Executive Women International ASIST Program

The Kansas City Chapter of Executive Women International (EWI) is pleased to announce that it is assisting adults in the Kansas City community who are in transitional situations and are in need of financial aid to further their education in their career pursuit. A $1,500.00 award is being made possible through the Adult Students in Scholastic Transition (ASIST) Program. Applications are now being accepted through February 19, 2016. Criteria to submit includes the following:

- Financial need
- Socially, physically and economically challenged adults
- Preference is given to those individuals with children residing in the home

Applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Clearly define career goals and objectives
- Specify the educational requirements to attain the above goals and objectives
- Utilize re-entry programs available through colleges/universities, community agencies and service groups or career professionals
- 18 years of age or older
- Applicant must reside within the boundaries of an EWI Chapter (Greater Kansas City area).

The candidate may select the career path of their choice, and any assistance received is an award not requiring repayment. Awards will be distributed to educational providers by the Kansas City Chapter of EWI.

Please submit applications via email to Vernita Beck at vernita.beck@commercebank.com. Additional information about this program is available on line at www.executivewomen.org.
**A Friendly Reminder:**

**Saturday, February 20th**

Additional $50 late fee charged to all students who have an account balance of $100 or more and have not made payment arrangements. Students must have made payment arrangements prior to this date in order to avoid additional fees. All accounts not paid in full considered past due.

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**Have you heard about Win It Wednesday at ESU - KC?**

Every Wednesday, we will launch a new contest to learn more about our students and their distance education experiences. Look for the new question every Wednesday at noon on the ESU-KC Facebook page. Submit your answer as a comment to the post to be automatically entered. Once the winner is announced, prizes may be claimed at the ESU - KC office during normal business hours.

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**Inclement Weather**

For postings of class cancellations due to inclement weather, please visit our website, Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram pages or check local TV news channels.

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**The next CAAP Test is scheduled for February 20th!**

Contact your advisor for enrollment information or with any questions you may have.

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**10 Things You Should Know About The CAAP**

1. **All students must demonstrate competency in reading, writing and math before being allowed to graduate.** The CAAP test is one possible method to demonstrate competency in these areas. Students who are not education majors may fulfill the requirement through other means (please see Student Undergrad Catalog for a list).

2. Most students can claim an exemption for one or more of the CAAP sub-tests. However, teacher education students must take the CAAP or PPST once before they are eligible for the “window option” (if they are within 2 points of passing). A list of exemptions can be found in the Student Undergrad Catalog.

3. Students who qualify for exemptions MUST visit the ATEC office to complete an exemption request form in order to be officially exempt.

4. Students should take the CAAP in their Junior year or at the beginning of their Senior year. If a student fails one or more portions of the test, they should leave themselves time to retake the test or utilize one of the labs to fulfill the requirement (labs are available only after the student has attempted the test once).

5. The CAAP test consists of 3 sub-tests: reading, writing and math. The writing portion includes an essay test.

6. The CAAP test is offered 5 times an academic year by the ATEC office.

7. The CAAP is offered 5 times a year on the ESU campus and 3 times a year at the ESU - Kansas City location in Overland Park.

8. It takes 6 weeks for ACT to send CAAP scores to ESU and it takes our office one week to process the scores.

9. The deadline for the tests as well as all other testing information can be found on our website at [www.emporia.edu/atec](http://www.emporia.edu/atec)

10. Our office is located Plumb Hall 205, please call 620-341-5103 for any questions.
U.S. News & World Report

Online graduate programs are highly ranked by U.S. News & World Report in rankings released yesterday. Online graduate education programs remained the highest-ranked Kansas school at No. 30 on the list. This year, our business programs also picked up accolades. Online graduate business programs were also the top-rated Kansas school at No. 80 and our online MBA program the third-highest Kansas school at No. 110.

MBA Program

Our Master of Business Administration graduate program picked up another accolade. The Top Management Degrees website has included it in the 50 most affordable MBA degree programs, culled from more than 500 schools accredited by AACSB. Emporia State ranked No. 18.

American Library Association

Dr. James H. Walther, assistant professor, School of Library and Information Management, has been appointed co-chair of the American Library Association, Library Instruction Roundtable, Conference Program Committee.

Mathematics Chair

Congratulations to Dr. Brian Hollenbeck, who has accepted the department chair position in the Department of Mathematics & Economics. Brian will officially begin the position in early June.

Alum Becomes Author

Mr. Jimmie Taylor, BEST Program alum, mentor teacher for Emporia State University and fourth-grade teacher at Towanda Intermediate School, recently published a children’s book titled “My Mommy Burnt the Cookies.”
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To check out past newsletters, please visit:
http://www.emporia.edu/distance/denewsletters/

If you’d like to be featured in an upcoming newsletter, please email Jessica Gambrel (ESU-KC Graduate Assistant) at jgambrel@emporia.edu

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Degree Analysis – 620-341-5150
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Financial Aid – 800-896-0567
Graduate Office – 800-950-4723
IT Help Desk – 877-341-5555
Registration Office – 620-341-5211
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