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Message from the Dean

Grant Writing: An Essential Part of The Teachers College Future

The Teachers College is now 1.5 years into its 2013-2020 Long-Range Plan. The college's current vision is sustaining educational excellence and enhancing the college's presence with leadership, diversity, and technology. All paths to realize this vision start with the

faculty, and one of the important paths is grant writing. The faculty have obtained a variety of grants over the years, but the record over the past two years is stellar with funded grants in excess of \$1.8 million and more faculty than ever writing and submitting grants.

Receiving a grant is a win/win/win situation: Our students win because they know they are working with faculty who are leaders in their field. Our faculty win in three ways — creating knowledge, funding projects of deep professional interest, and advancing to promotion and tenure. The Teachers College and ESU win because they share the scholarly spotlight when our faculty excel. The rest of my column illustrates the stunning work our faculty are doing.

Rehabilitation counseling faculty Katrina Miller and Damara Paris, Counselor Education department chair Jim Costello, and special education faculty Marj Bock learned in September the Rehabilitation Counseling master's program at ESU received a grant from the U.S. Department of Education. To address the shortage of qualified counselors, *Get the Heartland Working! Training Highly Competent Rehabilitation Counselors* provides scholarships to allow Kansans and Nebraskans to complete their Master of Science degree in Rehabilitation Counseling while continuing to work in their positions.

Matt Seimears, chair of the department of elementary education/early childhood/special education, has collaborated with several faculty on grants to expand P-12 teachers' pedagogical knowledge for teaching science, technology, engineering, and math (the STEM disciplines). The *Western Kansas-STEM Experiences for All* grant funded by the Kansas Board of Regents is a partnership among ESU, Garden City and Liberal STEM teachers, and

DEPCO, a company that manufactures robotic kits, to improve teachers' and students' STEM content knowledge and stimulate and motivate students to consider STEM careers.

The *New Foundations Project* funded by the Kansas State Department of Education is a partnership among the department of elementary education/early childhood/special education, Emporia State's department of mathematics, and the Emporia public schools. Thirty-five teachers attend two-week summer institutes for three years (ending in 2015) to improve student learning by increasing teacher mathematical content knowledge and the application of the best mathematical practices in classroom instruction.

The *Advancement Via Individual Determination - Climate Initiative* is a National Science Foundation funded partnership among ESU, urban Wichita and rural El Dorado schools, and Butler Community College to expand access to STEM career opportunities for students from underrepresented populations of minority and first generation education students.

Matt's collaborators include Dusti Howell, instructional design and technology professor; Jean Morrow, elementary education professor emeritus; Tiffany Hill, elementary education assistant professor; Connie Schrock, *continued on page 2*

Wichita Couple's Gift Aimed at Student Success

A desire to help students make career choices positioning them for lifelong success was one of the motivations a Wichita couple shared in contributing to Emporia State University's comprehensive fund-raising campaign.

Roger D. and Carla (Bailey) Smith made an estate gift in excess of \$1 million to Now & Forever: The Campaign for Emporia State University.

A portion of the Smiths' gift will benefit a Success Center fund. "We think that's a very exciting and critical element for student success and retention," said Carla Smith.

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mathematics professor; Chris Pettit, physics associate professor; Joseph Kern, ESU's instructional designer; Helen Williams, curriculum coach; George Abel and Ryan Karjala from the Emporia school district; and Robert Carlson from Butler Community College.

School psychology director Jim Persinger's *Kansas Safe Space Initiative* was funded by the Kansas Health Foundation to partner with the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network, Kansas City chapter to create awareness that a majority of sexual minority youth experience harassment at school and feel distress over homophobic language from peers and school staff. The grant provides Safe Space training for pre-service teachers and educators throughout the state.

Instructional design and technology department chair Zeni Colorado received funding from the National Science Foundation Cyberlearning initiative for an early career symposium at the Association for Educational Communications and Technology international convention in 2012 and 2013. The Early Career Symposium brought together senior and mid-level faculty to serve as mentors to doctoral students and early career faculty.

School leadership professor Nancy Albrecht, in collaboration with University of Kansas faculty, received a grant from The Longview Foundation to fund *Project: The World Matters: Adding Global Competence to Teacher Education in Kansas*. The project goal is to increase awareness of global competence in courses taught to pre-service and in-service educators and school administrators at Kansas public and private colleges and universities.

In addition to these successes, ESU's Reading Recovery program is part of a consortium led by Ohio State that also includes Clemson and Georgia State. In November Annie Opat, director of the Reading Recovery program at ESU, was notified the consortium was awarded a \$4 million Investing in Innovation (i3) grant to train special education teachers to improve literacy achievement for the special education population (up to age nine) through individualized lessons in reading and writing. ESU's allocation is unknown at this time.

Finally, Director of the Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Salim Sehlaoui and his collaborators, Cynthia Seguin and Nancy Albrecht in school leadership, have received five U.S. Department of Education grants totalling \$6.5 million over the past 13 years. The grants enable teachers to complete TESOL licensure coursework to raise the quality of teaching and learning for English learners in over 35 school districts across the state of Kansas.

Kudos to these faculty for their many valuable contributions to Kansas and their disciplines!

Best wishes for 2015!
Ken Weaver

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The Success Center will weave together academic advising, student retention services and a learning and tutoring center for students as they progress through their coursework. Selecting the necessary courses to graduate on time and identifying career options post-graduation are additional components of the Success Center.

The Smiths are also gifting a portion of their estate to establish two scholarships in their names to benefit graduates of public high schools in Wichita, where the couple lived and worked until retirement, Paola (Roger's hometown), and Ellsworth (Carla's hometown).

Roger and Carla first met at the institution of higher education known as Kansas State Teachers College.

During the time they attended, the school's name changed twice, becoming Emporia State University in 1977.

"The education we received at Emporia State gave us a solid foundation for our careers," said Roger. "In addition, we developed friendships that have lasted a lifetime." He worked at Boeing/Spirit AeroSystems until retiring.

Carla Smith retired as an elementary school principal in



President Michael Shonrock (left) celebrates the gift Roger D. (middle) and Carla (Bailey) Smith (right) made to Emporia State University to help students succeed in their college careers. The gift was celebrated at a reception in Visser Hall's Skillet Atrium on September 18.

Wichita after working in schools whose students were from low-income families. "I developed a passion for helping students understand the possibilities that an education can provide for their future," she said, noting that one of the scholarships bearing their names will be directed toward Emporia State education majors.

"The incredible generosity of Carla and Roger makes the goal of becoming a teacher attainable for the fine minds of Kansas students," said Dr. Ken Weaver, dean of The Teachers College.

"The preparation of teachers has changed dramatically over 150 years, but Emporia State's goal has remained the same — to prepare professionals whose effective teaching results in student learning," Weaver added.

"The Smiths' philanthropy will make dreams come true, and Kansas children will be the ultimate beneficiaries of their gift," said Dr. Michael D. Shonrock, Emporia State's president.

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Marilee Valentine Beins (MS), Baldwin City, is an eighth grade social studies teacher at Baldwin Junior High School. Previously, she taught in the Wellsville school district.

Robert Chatham (BS), Abilene, marked his 80th birthday in April with a party hosted across from Abilene High School, where he taught for nearly 35 years. Although he retired 20 years ago, he remains deeply involved with the community and the school.

Jessica Ferguson (BSE), Great Bend, is a SFA teacher/tutor with Lincoln School in USD 428 Great Bend.

Casi Hamilton (BS), Oxford, is the K-12 art instructor for USD 358 Oxford. In June, her work was part of an exhibit at Gallery 1001 in Winfield.

Rozanne Holmes (MS), Stafford, is the resource teacher for grades K-4 through the South Central Kansas Special Education Coop.

Lisa Kuchar (MS), South Haven, is teaching kindergarten at South Haven Elementary School in USD 509 South Haven.

Barbara Moore Robinson (BS), Hutchinson, authored a book, *Flint Hills Farm Girl* and the *One-Room Country School*, in which she describes life on the family farm, and the adventures she and her sister experienced while attending Blue School, District 15, in Morris County. She taught 32 years in Kansas schools,

Instructional Design & Technology Students at AECT Convention

A trip in November to the 2014 Association for Educational Communications and Technology International Convention in Jacksonville, FL proved to be very productive for Emporia State University's Instructional Design and Technology graduate program. During the convention faculty and students collaborated to give presentations, enjoyed other presentations about issues in IDT, and networked with scholars in the field.

Jozenia Colorado, IDT department chair and associate professor and Harvey Foyle, IDT professor, collaborated with students to give two different presentations, while one group of students presented on their own. The presentations were:

- *Creating Augmented Reality Applications for Educational Environments*, Jozenia Colorado and IDT students Ning Liu, Xianyu Liu, and Heishan Luo. IDT alumni Patrick Resa also collaborated on the content of the presentation, but was unable to attend the convention.
- *Cloud Computing: Reliability, Ownership, and Security*, Harvey Foyle and IDT students Jingwei Chen, Lixiazi Lu, and Muxin Wang.
- *3D Printing Technology*, Lin Lin, Eva Gyawali, Weiwei Ji, and Minji Park.

"We were able to interact with the top scholars in the field and authors of our textbooks," said Weiwei Ji. "To me, I met the IDT celebrities!"



Colorado (front) and Emporia State's IDT students at the AECT Convention in November.

Lixiazi Lu collaborated on a roundtable presentation and said, "It was a friendly atmosphere in which we could discuss different perspectives of our topic."

As the most recognized association of information concerning a wide range of instructional and educational technology, AECT is the oldest professional home for this field of interest and has continuously maintained a central position in the field, promoting high standards, both in scholarship and in practice. It provides an international forum for the exchange and dissemination of ideas for its members and for target audiences; it is the national and international spokesperson for the improvement of instruction.

As an international student from Nepal, Eva Gyawali was impressed with the representation from other countries. "AECT gave me the opportunity to meet people associated with my field from all over the world," said Gyawali.

While it was a little overwhelming to have met so many people from different countries and see their achievements in this field, Gyawali added, "It was a great learning experience and good opportunity to build national as well as international networks."

Chinese IDT student Lin Lin agreed the experience was an opportunity to build international networks in the IDT field. "I met the president of the AECT Affiliate of Hong Kong, China. He is trying to establish a relationship between IDT professionals in China Mainland, Hong Kong,

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and six months at the American School of Brasilia, Brazil.

Charles Wallace (MS) was added to Wellington High School's Wall of Recognition in May. He began coaching in Wellington in 1966, coaching a variety of sports.

1950s

Marlow Ediger (BSE '58, MS'60), North Newton, was notified in August his manuscript, "Science, a Logical Approach Versus a Psychological Approach in Teaching," was accepted for publication in the *College Student Journal*.

1960s

Gary G. Peer (MS '67), Stephenville, TX, was named Provost Emeritus in April by the board of regents of The Texas A&M University System. Peer served as Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs of Tarleton State University (Stephenville, TX) from 2001 until 2007, and again from August 2009 until January 2011, when he retired. He also served as Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs of Texas A&M University-Commerce in 2008 and 2012-13. He spent more than 40 years in education,

ranging from professor to interim president at public and private universities, including Central Michigan University, Adams State College and the University of Tulsa.

1970s

Gayle Parker (BS '77), Tonganoxie, is the director of the Tonganoxie Recreation Commission. He started in that position in 2003. Previously, he worked as an activities director, worked at the Newton Recreation Commission, and sold insurance for a while before returning to parks and recreation.

Joanne VanCoevern (BSE '77), Edwards County, is a former teacher who researches all aspects of the Santa Fe Trail. Besides growing up near the Wet Route of the Trail near Fort Dodge, her interest in genealogy led her to form the Wet/Dry Routes Chapter of the Santa Fe Trail Association. Along with participating in historical reenactments and programs, a large amount of her research has focused on the women travelers on the Trail.

Carolyn K. (Gardner) Boyd (BSE '78, MS '10), Olathe, is the ESOL district teacher and coordinator for USD 469 Lansing.

1980s

Elaine P. (O'Connell) Schmidtberger (BSE '80), Overland Park, is a guidance counselor at Bishop Miege High School. She is in her 35th year in education.

Lendi L. Bland (BSE '83, MS '97), Emporia, completed her Ph.D. in May 2014. She is currently an instructor and Professional Development School coordinator in the department of elementary education/early childhood/special education in The Teachers College at Emporia State.

1990s

Valerie Haring (BSE '91), El Dorado, is an art instructor at Butler Community College. She began teaching art at BCC in 1991.

Shelly Todd (BME '92), Baldwin City, has been teaching vocal music for 23 years at Lincoln Elementary School in Ottawa.

2000s

Heidi Voigts (BS '00), Hiawatha, is the co-owner of The Pines of Hiawatha, which she manages with her mother. Previously, she worked for the Northeast Kansas Community Action Program.

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Scholarship Awards Doubled for Adaptive Special Education Majors

The adaptive special education graduate program at Emporia State University awarded over \$45,000 in scholarships for the 2014-15 academic year — nearly double last year's amount.

"These endowments are a reflection of the legacy of support for the adaptive special education program at Emporia State," said Marjorie Bock, professor in the department of elementary education/early childhood/special education. "We are grateful for the generosity of donors who have a vision to help equip teachers, administrators and schools to serve children with special needs."

Emporia State's adaptive special education program is unique in that it offers students the option of a 24-credit-hour special education endorsement or a 36-credit-hour master's degree. Both the endorsement and the master's degree are available entirely online.

Every year, during the fall semester and beginning of the spring semester, graduate students pursuing masters degrees in adaptive special education are encouraged to apply for a number of scholarships available through the program. Students interested in applying for scholarships for the 2015-16 year may check the program website for application information at www.emporia.edu/elecse/sped/adaptive.html.

For the 2014-15 academic year, 22 graduate students from Kansas received scholarships provided by nine endowments.

Nettie B. Cartmel and Mattiepearl Heath Scholarship - Christina Allen, Udall; Pamela Fulbright, Hiawatha; Deann Hunt, Junction City; Scott Hornbaker, Overland Park; Samuel Hendee, Ozawkie; Martie Helm, Madison; Kristen Hart, Spearville; Cody Grauberger, Overland Park; Nicolas Gardner, Topeka; Melanie White, Manhattan

Betty Carter Manning Scholars Fund - Terri Ward, Berryton; Cody Stockwell, Westmoreland; Katelyn Lee, Lawrence; Anthony Lane, Haven

Student Council for Exceptional Children Scholarship - Lexi Unruh, Topeka; Robin Stock, Wichita; Kelly Solomon, Phillipsburg; Kylie McElravy, Mulvane; Hilary Jackson, Atchinson; Breah Butler, Manhattan

Southwest Kansas Association for Visually Impaired - Camp Mitchell Special Education School - Anne Abell, Minneapolis

Duane Hetlinger Memorial Scholarship - Christina Allen, Udall
Carrollyn J. Helbert and Oneida Elizabeth Ziegler Memorial Scholarship - Breah Butler, Manhattan

Marshall and Olga Hiskey Scholarship - Nicolas Gardner, Topeka

Olga Chambers Memorial Scholarship - Loren Hoffman, Topeka

Mary L. Doris Memorial Special Education Scholarship - Loren Hoffman, Topeka

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Art Houser (MS '02), Fort Scott, is a psychology instructor and advisor at Fort Scott Community College. He is a licensed professional counselor and worked as a therapist before coming to Fort Scott.

Michelle Mosiman (BSE '03) was named Teacher of the Year by Butcher-Greene Elementary School in the Grandview school district in Missouri. She has taught eight years in the district, four at Butcher-Greene where she works as an instructional coach for the school's teachers and staff.

Rob McKim (BS '05), Baldwin City, is the principal at Baldwin High School, where he has been the last three years. Previously, he was a math teacher at Atchison County Community High School (Effingham), then a math teacher and basketball coach at Washburn Rural and El Dorado. He took his first job as an administrator in Fort Scott, where he worked for two years.

Dustin Rimmey (BSE '07), Topeka, is in his eighth year teaching at Topeka High School, this is his first year as the school's debate team coach. Rimmey was awarded the 2014 James Madison fellowship for Kansas, a distinction bringing with it up to \$24,000 for graduate studies and a one-month trip to Washington, D.C.

2010s

Rachel Haught (BSE '11), Mount Hope, is a technology/computer teacher at Andale Elementary / Middle School; this is her third year teaching.

Katherine McCartney (BSE '11) is spending her summers as the curator of the Hollenberg Pony Express Station State Historic Site near Hanover.

In June 2014, more than 700 horseback riders re-rode the course of the Pony Express through California, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas, and Missouri, stopping in Marysville, KS on June 20.

Kayla Bauck (BSE '13), South Haven, is teaching English at South Haven High School in USD 509 South Haven.

Erin Broadbent (MS '13), Fort Scott, is in her second year as a school counselor at Winfield Scott Elementary.

Jessica Leiker (BSE '13), Liberty, is teaching seventh grade math at Liberty Middle School, mixing traditional methods of instruction with iPads and apps.

Suzanne Trotter (MS '13) teaches grades 10-12 English, 9-10 social studies, and English as a Second Language in USD 106 Western Plains. She has worked as a professional research consultant, substitute teacher, and assistant librarian. She has taught in Dodge City and Caldwell.

New Jobs

Sarah Armstrong (BS), Louisburg, is in her first year as a 7th grade math teacher for USD 416 Louisburg.

Melvin Baker (BS), Seneca, returned to Axtell Public School in USD 113 Prairie Hills this year to teach high school social studies and physical education. Previously, he worked in Axtell for three of his 35 years of teaching; he has taught at Utica, Burdette, Nemaha Valley, Deerfield, and Missouri. In addition to teaching, Baker will serve as the sponsor of student council, forensics, and the junior class.

Ryan Baxter (BSE, MS '14), Paola, is in his first year as an English teacher at Spring Hill Middle School.

Barbara Clark (MS), Attica, is in her first year as the librarian for Attica Public Schools and her 30th year in education. Previously, she worked with special education students.

Cami Cook (MS), Bucklin, is in her first year teaching kindergarten at Bucklin as well as working as the high school cheer coach. Previously, she was a first grade teacher at Northwest Elementary in Dodge City.

Chris Curtis (BS), Manhattan, was hired in August as the recreation superintendent for the Manhattan Parks and Recreation Department. In his 15-year career in municipal recreation, he has managed sports leagues for the City of Lawrence and was a program specialist for the City of Salina. Previously, he served as the recreation superintendent in Dodge City.

Tom Dolenz (MS) is in his first year as the superintendent for USD 225 Fowler. He started his education career in Golden City, MO, moved to Yates Center, then to Iola. For the past 10 years he worked for USD 413 Chanute.

Kammy Downs (BS), Arkansas City, started as programming director at the Burford Center for the Arts in July. Previously, she taught art at Liberal High School and in Redlands, CA.

Sheila Fowler (BSE) is in her first year as a kindergarten teacher in USD 230 Spring Hill at Spring Hill Elementary School and a part-time paraprofessional. She has two years of teaching experience.

Trent Giffin (MS) is in his first year as a special education teacher in USD 346 Jayhawk where

The Teachers College New Leadership, Faculty

Four out of six departments within The Teachers College at Emporia State University began the fall 2014 semester with new leadership. Two offices within The Teachers College also started the year with new directors.

The new department chairs include: Zeni Colorado, Instructional Design and Technology; Matt Seimears, Elementary Education/Early Childhood/Special Education; Shawna Shane, Health, Physical Education, and Recreation; and Dan Stiffler, School Leadership/Middle and Secondary Teacher Education.



Zeni Colorado

Colorado came to Emporia State in 2002, serving as director of Academic and Multimedia Services; she joined the IDT faculty in 2007. She has degrees from James Madison University, Old Dominion University and the University of Kansas.



Matt Seimears

Seimears has been a member of the ESU faculty since 2004. He received his degrees from Pittsburg State University, Newman University, Wichita State University and Kansas State University.

Shane has been a faculty member at Emporia State since 1998. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from Emporia State and her doctorate from the University of Kansas.



Shawna Shane

Stiffler held a variety of positions in Wichita Unified School District 259 and was most recently the superintendent for the Buhler Public School USD 313. He earned his degrees from the University of Oklahoma, Central State University, Wichita State and Oklahoma State University.



Dan Stiffler

"Department chair leadership is essential for the university to fulfill its mission," said Ken Weaver, dean of the college. "The Teachers College is very fortunate to have the caliber of experience, teaching and leadership represented by the four new department chairs. Their efforts are crucial for realizing the full potential of the college and the university to advance Kansas's future."

New directors include Shannon Hall, director of Office Field Placement and Licensure (OFPL), and Lendi Bland, interim director of the Leadership Minor program.

Hall served as the university's teacher licensure officer from 2006 to 2014. During the 2013-14 year, the office merged Emporia State's Alternate Route program into the OFPL.

Bland has been a faculty member since 2000. She has two degrees from Emporia State and her doctorate from Kansas State.

The Teachers College has new faculty members in the following departments:

Counselor Education

- Melissa Briggs, assistant professor of school counseling, earned her degrees from Pittsburg State and Kansas State; she is a licensed professional counselor, licensed clinical professional counselor, licensed school counselor, registered drama therapist, registered play therapist supervisor, and national certified counselor.
- Mijin Chung, assistant professor of clinical counseling, earned her degrees from Saejong University, Seoul, South Korea, Kyung Hee University, Seoul, South Korea, University of Florida, and University of North Carolina; she is a licensed professional counselor, national certified counselor, and approved clinical supervisor.
- Robert Kircher, assistant professor of school counseling, earned his degrees from Johnson County Community College, Pittsburg State and Kansas State; he is a licensed clinical professional counselor, national certified counselor, and national certified school counselor. He has been a teacher and a middle and high school counselor in small rural districts and large suburban schools.
- Damara Goff Paris, assistant professor of rehabilitation counseling, earned her degrees from Western Oregon University and Lamar University; she is a certified rehabilitation counselor and a nationally certified counselor. Paris has also published six books and is working on a Gallaudet University Press book pertaining to the criminal justice system and deaf offenders.

Elementary Education/Early Childhood/Special Education

- Catherine Ayantoye, assistant professor, earned her degrees from University of Jos, Plateau State Nigeria, Appalachian State University, and University of Northern Colorado.
- Tiffany Hill, assistant professor, earned her degrees from William Jewell College, and three degrees from the University of Missouri-Columbia.



Shannon Hall

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he will also serve as the middle school assistant football coach and the high school assistant baseball coach. Previously, he was the head softball coach at Marysville High School.

Jeremy Harmison (MS), Skiddy, is in his first year teaching math at Prairie Heights Middle School in USD 417 Morris County. Previously, he has taught in Salina, White City, and in the Herington school district.

Eric Pretz (BSE '04, MM '06), Burlingame, is in his first year as band instructor for grades 5-12 at Burlingame schools.

Don Hilliard (MS) is in his first year as the principal at Burlington High School. He has been an educator for 20 years, teaching English in Clay Center while coaching baseball and football, then moving to Anderson County High School where he became assistant principal and athletic director.

Kristie Kader (BS), Wichita, in February became the City of Bel Aire's senior coordinator. Previously, she served in the U.S. Navy as a recreation director.

Alumni Anniversaries

Trudy (BSE) and Lyle Barker (BSE), Chapman, celebrated their 50-year anniversary in September. They began their teaching careers in Colorado Springs, CO, then moved to St. Louis, MO where Trudy Barker taught elementary school and Lyle Barker worked as a cartographer with the Defense Mapping Agency. Eventually they both worked for DMA and moved to Virginia before retiring.

Larry Daniels (MS), Grove, OK, and his wife celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in May 2014. He worked as a counselor, principal and testing diagnostician in schools in Kansas and Wyoming.

Sarah Kyle (BSE), Olathe, is in her first year as a special education teacher at La Cygne Elementary School in USD 346 Jayhawk.

Lauren Merrill (BSE) is in her first year as a

Patrick (BS) and Patricia (BS, MS) Johnson, Council Grove, celebrated their 50th anniversary in August. Trisha Johnson taught for the Flint Hills Special Education Cooperative in Emporia and USD 501 Topeka before retiring in 2007. She then worked as a school psychologist for the cooperative until retiring again in 2011. Patrick Johnson worked for Diddle Printing in Emporia before entering the U.S. Air Force and then managing and owning Midwest Business Service before his retirement.

John (BS) and Mary Lewis (BS), Wichita, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in October 2014. Both taught in Emporia USD 253.

special education teacher at Spring Hill Middle School in USD 230 Spring Hill.

Callie Minor (BS), Neosho Falls, is in her first

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Applications for Kansas Future Teacher Academy available in January

The 26th Kansas Future Teacher Academy will convene in June 2015. During the five-day academy, Kansas high school students will have a variety of experiences to learn what it is like to be a teacher. Applications for the 2015 academy will be available in January 2015. For more

information about the academy, visit www.facebook.com/KS.Future.Teacher.Academy or www.emporia.edu/jones/kfta/.

Photos: 2014 KFTA participants work in a variety of environments to learn more about becoming educators.



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year teaching fifth grade at Jefferson Elementary School in Iola. Previously, she taught in Pittsburg.

Brandon Olney (BSE, MS) is in his first year as a special education teacher at Spring Hill Middle School in USD 230 Spring Hill.

Russell Orton (BSE, MS), became the assistant principal/athletic director at Parsons High School in May 2014. Previously he worked as an administrator at Altoona-Midway and Flint Hills. Before that he worked at Ulysses.

Kebra Panko (BSE), Fredonia, is in her first year teaching second grade at Lincoln Elementary School in USD 484 Fredonia. Previously, she taught second grade in Americus and coached middle and high school cheerleading and was the after-school program coordinator.

Sara Saddler (BSE) is in her first year teaching third grade at Chanute Elementary School.

Jayne Secrest (BS, MS), Garnett, is in her first year teaching grades 5-6 at Greeley Elementary. Previously, she taught at Holy Angels in Garnett, middle school science and communications at Williamsburg Middle School, and fifth grade in Paola.

Tonya Shumaker (MS) began the school year in her new job as the K-6 special education teacher at Wetmore Academic Center for Prairie Hills USD 113.

Becky Sohm (MS, EdS), Rolla, is in her first year as a fifth grade teacher at Rolla Elementary School. Previously, she worked as a school psychologist for the High Plains Educational Cooperative and taught general psychology through EduKan. She also was a second grade teacher at Hugoton.

Rachel Spencer (BS), Grant County, is in her first year as a school psychologist for the High Plains Educational Cooperative, serving Rolla, Moscow,

and Hugoton Elementary.

Amy Studebaker (BSE), Fredonia, is in her first year as the grades 3-5 resource room teacher at Lincoln Elementary School in USD 484 Fredonia. Previously, she taught at Cherryvale Middle School.

Linda Weippert (MS), Wichita, became the new registrar at Southwestern College in May 2014. Previously, she was the registrar at ITT Technical Institute in Wichita. She also worked as a financial aid administrator at American University in Washington, D.C. and the University of Maryland University College.

Bonnie Young (BSE), Madison, is in her first year teaching grades 7-12 math at Madison High School, where she also works as the junior high cheer sponsor. Previously, she taught ESL math at Emporia Middle School, middle school math and algebra in Liberal, and algebra at Winfield High School.

1970s

Sandy Hemphill (BME '74, BS '04), Fort Scott, is in her first year as the USD 234 gifted teacher this fall. Previously, she worked as a music teacher at Eugene Ware in USD 247.

Joe D. Markley (BME '75), Junction City, is the interim director for the C.L. Hover Opera House in Junction City. Markley retired in May 2008 after teaching vocal music at Chapman High School since 1980. He has been a music director for many productions at the Abilene Great Plains Theater and has been the director for the Junction City Little Theaters' summer youth program for the last five years.

Roy Mann (BME '79, MSE '98), Emporia, was named Emporia State Foundation's Director of Development in August. In his new role, Mann

will focus on building connections with alumni and friends in The Teachers College, School of Library and Information Management, and William Allen White Library to secure gifts for Now & Forever: The Campaign for Emporia State University. He served as the alumni relations director from 1995-2008 and received the University Service Citation Award in 2013. He has also been a leader in the Emporia community, serving on a number of boards and service organizations.

1980s

Angie Cowen (BSE '87), Burlingame, is in her first year as a special education teacher for the middle and high schools of USD 244 Burlington. She has worked for 24 years as a special education teacher in grades K-12.

1990s

Elisa (Chavez) Wagoner (BS '90, MS '93), Shawnee, was promoted this year from director of human resources to chief human resource officer for the BalancePoint Corporation.

Greg Clark (BSE '91), Great Bend, became superintendent for Central Plains USD 112 in July. A 1987 graduate of Great Bend High School, he grew up in Great Bend, with both of his parents working as teachers in USD 428. He previously served as the principal for Ewalt Elementary in Augusta and taught in Derby for 14 years.

Dave Martinez (BSE '91), Junction City, is in his first year as assistant principal of Eisenhower Middle School. Since 2009, he has served as assistant principal and athletic director at Junction City Middle School. Previously, he was a fine arts and human services academy leader, an English

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language learner instructor, and a physical education teacher at Junction City High School.

Stuart K. Sutton (MS '93), Sublette, became Chief Financial Officer at Southwest Plains Regional Service Center in August. Previously, he taught K-12 and served as a school counselor, principal and superintendent/elementary principal for USD 217 Rolla.

Shawn Thomas (BS '93, MS '10), Fort Scott, is in his first year as principal of Fort School High School. Previously, he was the building principal at Burlington High School. Thomas was a teacher at Jayhawk-Linn High School from 1996-2011, spending his last three years there as assistant principal. He also coached basketball, cross-country, and track. In 2011 he became assistant principal and activities director at Burlington High School.

Wayne Burke (MSE '94), Spring Hill, started as superintendent-elect of the Spring Hill school district in March and will take over as superintendent in June 2015. Previously, Burke served as the district's assistant superintendent. He has held administrative posts in the district since 1997, leaving in 2006 to serve as assistant superintendent for human resources for the Derby school district, and returning to Spring Hill in 2009.

Jill Griffith (BSE '95, MS '03), Lebo, is in her first year teaching family and consumer science in USD 243 Lebo-Waverly. Previously, she taught in USD 501 Topeka for eight years.

Darren Schroeder (BS '95, MS '14), Peabody, is in his first year as the assistant principal and athletic/activities director at Marysville. He has

worked as a social studies and physical education teacher at Jewell Public Schools, Mission Valley High School, and Peabody-Burns Middle/High School.

Shannon Sommers (BSE '95) is in her first year teaching fourth grade at Chanute Elementary School. She has 17 years teaching experience.

Darla Long (BS '96) is in her first year as the principal at Burlington Elementary School. Previously, she was the principal at Coffey County. She has 18 years of teaching experience, beginning as a math and computer science teacher at Peabody Burns Jr/Sr High School before moving to Lebo Jr/Sr High School. She then was the sixth grade principal at Lebo Elementary School, eventually becoming principal for preK through 12.

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DeBacker named Distinguished Alumni

Former Kansas Commissioner of Education Diane M. DeBacker one of four named Emporia State University's 2014 Distinguished Alumni.

DeBacker recently concluded four years of service as Kansas Commissioner of Education, providing leadership for the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) to carry out the policies and programs to help the state's 475,000 kindergarten through 12th grade students achieve their academic goals.

DeBacker rose through classroom and administrative ranks in Kansas public and private schools before joining the KSDE, an agency she served as director of school improvement and accreditation, deputy commissioner of the Division of Learning and Innovative Services, interim Commissioner of Education, and most recently Kansas Education Commissioner.

Throughout her career, DeBacker has been sought out by schools, districts, education organizations and others for her educational insights as well as her clear thinking around the issues and challenges facing policy makers, educators and students.

DeBacker left her KSDE post in May 2014, to serve as advisor to the director general of the Abu Dhabi Education Council in the United Arab Emirates.

On Oct. 17, she gave a presentation at ESU providing an overview of K-12 education and the reforms being made in Abu Dhabi.

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'96 MS '04) is in her first year as a middle school counselor for USD 346 Jayhawk.

Darren Schroeder (BSE '95, MS) is in his first year as principal of Marysville Jr/Sr High in USD 364. Previously, he taught in Jewell Public Schools, at Mission Valley High School, and in the Peabody-Burns Schools.

Richard Burkdoll (BSE '97, MS '10) is in his first year as principal at Lebo Jr/Sr High School. He has 17 years of teaching experience, 14 teaching and coaching at Burlingame and three as a principal at Crest. He has taught middle school social studies, physical education, and third grade.

Jennifer Hecht (MS '97), Wichita, began a new job as a counselor with Prairie View Inc. in June 2014. Hecht is providing mental health and substance abuse therapy for adolescents and adults at Prairie View's Reflection Ridge office in Wichita.

Renae Gifford (BSE '98) is in her first year teaching English at Iola High School in USD 257. Previously, she was a substitute teacher and paraprofessional, teaching in Burlington and at the Southern Coffee County Academy of Learning.

Terry Griffith (BSE '99, MS '07), Lebo, is in his first year teaching physical education for the Lebo schools in USD 243. He also is an assistant football coach, junior high boys' basketball coach, and junior high girls' track coach.

Russell Mildward (BSE '99, MS), Gridley, is in his first year as the preK through 12 principal at Gridley Elementary School. He has 14 years

of experience in education, including teaching middle school math and science and high school math. He also has been a coach of boys' and girls' high school basketball.

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Lucas Boss (BSE '01, MS 05), Osage City, is in his first year teaching at Osage Middle School. Previously, he taught in USD 450 as a fifth grade teacher, USD 434 as a fifth grade teacher, and three years at USD 434 as a grades 5-8 at-risk math teacher.

Anacea Stambaugh (BS '01), McPherson, started in July as a therapist at Prairie View's McPherson office providing individual, family, couples and group therapy for all ages. Previously, she has worked as a day care provider, substitute teacher, marriage and family therapist, drug and alcohol counselor and mental health therapist.

Cherise Smith (BSE '02, MS '10) is in her first year as a kindergarten teacher in Royal Valley USD 337. Previously, she taught for Atchison County in Effingham as well as in Royal Valley as a third and fourth grade teacher, and a special education instructor.

Vince Evans (BSE '03, MS '06, MS '07), Derby, is in his first year of being the director of special services at Derby Public Schools. Previously, he was the principal at Cooper Elementary School. For the past two years he has taught educational law and special education classes at Southwestern College. Before moving to administration, Evans taught at Chase County Elementary School and

Allen Elementary in Wichita.

David Jackson (MS '03) is in his first year as executive director of operations for Andover Schools. Previously, he was the superintendent at USD 243 Lebo-Waverly. He has 25 years of education experience, working as a teacher, coach, and building administrator.

Mark Meyer (MSE '03), Gardner, became principal of Gardner Edgerton High School in July. Meyer is a 1989 graduate of GEHS. He taught at the school, coached the football team and served as an assistant principal for nine years before becoming the principal at De Soto High School.

Christi Schumaker (BSE '03) is in her first year teaching second grade at Colorado Elementary School for USD 336 Holton. Previously, she taught kindergarten at Horton Elementary School, sixth grade at Jackson Heights, and fourth grade in El Dorado Springs, MO.

Julie Keithline (MS '04), Hillsboro, is in her first year teaching grades 7-12 math in USD 397 Centre.

Alisha Frazer (BSE '05), Hillsboro, is in her first year teaching art to grades 8-12 in USD 408 Hillsboro. Previously, she taught for eight years at Great Bend Middle School.

Brandi Miller (BSE '06), Wellsville, is in her first year teaching biology, anatomy and physiology at Blue Valley-Randolph High School. Previously she taught at Wellsville High School.

Jason Erickson (MS '07), Wichita, began a new job in April with

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Retirements

Sister Arthel Cline (MS), Leavenworth, retired in July from Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas. For 27 years she met with prisoners at Lansing Correctional Facility. For the past 12 years she was the coordinator of the Friendly Visitors program in Leavenworth County, pairing volunteers with the homebound. She has been a Catholic sister for 60 years.

Phyllis Gibson (BS), Junction City, retired from her role as principal of Franklin Elementary at the end of the 2013-14 school year. She spent nearly 40 years with USD 475, beginning in 1975 as a fifth-grade teacher at Franklin Elementary, then special education teacher. In 1989 she became an instructional coordinator at Jefferson Elementary School. In the early 1990's she taught sixth grade at Fort Riley Middle School, then became the principal of Franklin Elementary.

Nancy Utz Hageman (MS) retired from teaching in May after 34 years, including 29 years with USD 331 Kingman.

Bert Lord (BS), Marysville, retired from the Marysville school district in May 2014. He spent 21 years as the Marysville Elementary principal, nine years as an elementary teacher, nine years as the high school athletic director/assistant principal and the last two years as the high school's activities director.

Susan McCollum (BS, MS), Johnson, retired from teaching in 2012 to spend her time writing. She is working on a series of books, one series about dragons the other about a young badger named Torboc. Previously, McCollum taught in Kansas, Washington, and Montana, mostly to students in grades 3-8.

Barry Mellen (BSE) retired from education in May after 29 years of teaching and coaching at Southwestern Heights in USD 483. Previously, he taught at Dighton for five years.

John Schultze (BS) retired in May after 52 years of teaching. He began his career in Virgil, then taught in Nebraska before returning to Burr Oak. In 1975 he took a job teaching shop at USD 288 Central Heights and spent nearly 40 years there. Schultze served as the assistant track coach, head track coach, cross country, and head girls' basketball coach.

Judy Terick (BSE) retired in May after more than 38 years teaching first through third grades and special education at Augusta. Her first 13 years were at Robinson School, the next 25 were at the Garfield School teaching a combination first and second grade class, Reading Recovery, and first grade.

Darrell Thrasher (BSE '58, MS), Wilson, retired in June after more than 50 years of teaching. He began his career teaching all subjects at Wilson Jr/Sr High School and coached football, basketball, and track. He taught in Harper in the mid-1970s, returning to Wilson in 2000 to teach part-time. He plans to continue being the Wilson City judge in his retirement and volunteer at the Wilson Senior Center.

Patricia L. Shaw (BSE '67), Waverly, IA, retired in March 2012 from the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Susan Case (BSE '74), Lawrence, retired from teaching in May after 39 years, all of it spent in USD 348 Baldwin. She taught her first 36 years at Vinland Elementary School and the last three years at the Primary Center.

Barbara A. (Swenson) Weidner (BSE '74), Topeka, retired in May from teaching in USD 501 Topeka.

Gaye Ann Theurer (BSE '75), Atchison, retired from Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority after almost 30 years of service as a staff trainer and special investigator for the state.

Nancy Meyer (BSE '89) retired in May as superintendent of USD 336 Holton. She taught for a few years before becoming the superintendent of Marmaton Valley in Moran before moving to Holton.

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2014 Outstanding Recent Graduate

Emporia State University's 2014 Homecoming celebration carried special significance for four alumni who launched distinguished careers soon after receiving their diplomas. Among the four receiving Outstanding Recent Graduate awards was Sean Balke of Wichita, a graduate of The Teachers College.

As president and chief operating officer of Craig HomeCare, Balke (MS '06) leads a regional organization with 11 offices in Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska. His company provides pediatric nursing care in patients' homes, allowing medically fragile children to thrive at home and providing much-needed relief and support to families.

Balke advanced from a career in human resource and operational support consulting to lead Craig HomeCare by putting to practical use the research skills and knowledge base he learned during his studies, finding ways to improve and advance the company's operations to improve the quality of life for both their patients and their employees.

A lifelong Kansan, Balke maintains ties with Emporia State's Student Society for Industrial-Organizational Psychology by hiring students in the program to conduct mission critical projects such as client satisfaction surveys and statistical data analysis, along with offering internship opportunities in his business to students in the program. Additionally, he teaches classes at Friends University, mentoring those students and promoting ESU graduate programs as next steps in their academic careers.

Emporia State's Alumni Association recognized the graduates at the Homecoming Kickoff Celebration on Oct. 17. Recipients of the outstanding recent graduate award are no more than 10 years past graduation. The colleges and schools select the award recipients, and the ESU Alumni Association sponsors the award.

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and the United States." China Mainland is not very developed in the IDT field and Lin hopes her country can catch up with other countries.

Student travel was supported by funds from Emporia State's Graduate Office, the Associated Student Government in support of members of the Instructional Technology Student Association, The Teachers College Dean's Office, as well as IDT departmental funds. Students volunteered their time working at the convention's registration and the technology support desk to off-set the cost of their registration fee.

"For most of them, this was their first professional presentation. It is a wonderful feeling to watch them grow as presenters in the months leading up to the convention," Colorado said.

Colorado, who has been active in AECT governance groups over the last few years, began a new three-year appointment to the AECT Board (2014-2017) as a representative of the Research and Theory Division. She was also honored with a Special Service Award in appreciation for her dedicated service to AECT.

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Prairie View Inc.'s Legacy Park in Wichita. Previously, Erickson worked for 10 years in the mental health field in Kansas, most recently as a children's therapist and psychologist evaluator with COMCARE of Sedgwick County.

Rhonda Heim (MS '07), Bazine, is in her first year as the principal at Western Plains South High School in USD 106. She has spent 23 years in education; this is her eighth as an administrator.

Cade W. Amend (BS '09, MS '13), Newton, began a new position with Prairie View Inc. to provide outpatient therapy for adults and adolescents. He also has experience in counseling individuals with developmental disabilities, head injuries, mood disorders, panic disorders, phobias and sleep disorders. He will see clients at Prairie View's Newton office.

Karin Cox (BSE '09), Garnett, is in her first year as a math teacher at Waverly High School. Previously, she was a math teacher and track coach at Anderson County Jr/Sr High School.

Jake Lott (BS '09), Hoyt, is in his first year as a physical education teacher and head football coach at Royal Valley High School.

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Brad Emme (BSE '10), Salina, is in his first year teaching physical education at Oskaloosa Elementary School in USD 341.

Libia Fernandini (BSE '10), Emporia, is in her first year teaching Spanish at Hartford High School and Olpe High School in USD 252

Southern Lyon County. Previously she taught dual language to kindergarteners in Emporia and was a Spanish teacher at West Elk High School in Howard.

Katrina Litch (BSE '10), Melvern, is in her first year teaching fourth grade at Lyndon Elementary School in USD 421. Previously, she taught in Emporia and Burlingame.

Chris Brown (BS '11) is in his first year teaching physical education and coaching boys' basketball and middle school track at Jackson Heights Middle and High School in USD 335 North Jackson. Previously, he taught at Chase County.

Mary Whisler (BSE '11), Yates Center, is in her first year as a computer teacher for Marias des Cygnes Valley Middle School. Previously, she taught seventh grade math at USD 339 Jefferson County North and worked as a substitute teacher in USD 257 Iola.

Christina Black (BSE '12) is in her first year teaching second grade at Jayhawk Elementary School in USD 346 Jayhawk. Previously, she taught first grade in USD 362 Prairie View.

Brent Harrell (MS '12), Conway Springs, is in his first year as principal at Conway Springs High School. Previously, he taught history at Scott City and was an assistant principal at Larned High School.

Kelly Hoehn (BSE '12), Ottawa, is in her first year as a second grade teacher at Wellsville Elementary School in USD 290. Previously, she worked as a paraprofessional in Osawatomic.

Obituaries

Jerry Webster (BSE '62), Independence, died January 23, 2013 at the age of 74. In early 2014, he was inducted into the Kansas Baseball Hall of Fame. A top athlete at Mulvane High School, he played semiprofessional baseball in the late 1950s for teams based in Wichita including the Joyland Giants, Boeing BoJets, and Boeing Bombers. He signed with the Los Angeles Dodgers, eventually leaving to continue his education at Emporia State. He became a coach, teacher and principal at Mulvane, and was selected as the 1965 Wichita Area Coach of the Year. He later served as principal at Peabody and finished his career as superintendent of the Neodesha school system. He served on the Kansas State High School Activities Association board of directors and president of the United School Administrators of Kansas in 1992.

Eric Fox (BSE '11), Arlington, TX, died May 18, 2014 while awaiting a double lung transplant. He was a high school physics and biology teacher at Sam Houston High School in Arlington, TX.

New TTC Leadership, Faculty *continued from page 5*

- Jill Jones, instructor, from Reading, Kansas, earned her degrees from Emporia State and taught intermediate grades at Village Elementary from 2005 to 2014.
- Teddy Roop, BEST (Butler & Emporia Students to Teachers) co-director/ advisor in El Dorado; she earned degrees from Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Emporia State, and is pursuing a Ph.D. at Kansas State.
- Sara Schwerdtfeger, instructor, earned her degrees from Emporia State and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. at Kansas State.

Health, Physical Education, & Recreation

- Sally Miller, clinical education coordinator for the undergraduate athletic training program; she earned her bachelor's degree from West Virginia University and her master's from Bowling Green State University.
- Emily Witte, instructor, earned her bachelor's degree from Wayne State College and her master's degree from Auburn University at Montgomery.

Instructional Design & Technology

- Insook Han, assistant professor, earned her doctorate of education in the area of Instructional Technology and Media from the Teachers College at Columbia University.

School Leadership/Middle and Secondary Teacher Education

- Brenda Cain, instructor, earned her degrees from Pittsburg State, Wichita State, and the University of Minnesota. She worked in the Wichita Public Schools as a classroom teacher, followed with many positions in the Wichita and Topeka public schools for 32 years. Previously she worked at Friends University.

Kansas Educators Achieve National Board Certification

In 2014, 11 Kansas educators achieved first-time certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and another 13 renewed their national board certification – one for the *third* time.

These teachers worked toward national board certification during the 2013-14 school year. It was not until late this fall that these teachers found out if they had successfully demonstrated their accomplished teaching practice.

The new Kansas NBCTs are:
 USD 229 Blue Valley – Stephanie Brachtenbach, Brenda M. Colwell, Trevor Goertzen, Kristen Leaming, Jean Reynolds, Tonya Runnels
 USD 259 Emporia – Jamie Dawson
 USD 489 Hays – Amy D. Wasinger
 USD 233 Olathe – Nancy L. Smith
 USD 320 Wamego – Michael Alan Petermann

USD 259 Wichita – Steve Maack
 Among this year's successful renewal candidates was a teacher from Mill Creek Valley USD 329 who was one of the original eight Kansas teachers

to receive certification in 1995.

This month Susan Gronquist, a first grade teacher at Alma Grade School found out her efforts at renewing her certificate again in middle childhood generalist were successful.

Other teachers included:

USD 229 Blue Valley – Theresa Grospitch, Cheryl Kerns, Barbara McAleer, Colleen Zink
 USD 265 Goddard – Pamela Lawson
 USD 266 Maize – Wendy Trail
 USD 383 Manhattan-Ogden – Sonda Copeland
 USD 345 Seaman – Susan Swanson
 USD 372 Silver Lake – Tonya Campbell
 USD 262 Valley Center – Greg Mittman
 USD 259 Wichita – Steve Smith

Finally, Victoria Seeger, resident of Topeka and faculty member at Northwest Missouri State University, renewed her certificate in early to middle childhood/literacy: reading language arts.

More information can be found at www.emporia.edu/jones/nbpts/.

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Clint Merritt (MS '12) is in his first year as the district athletic director for USD 473 Chapman. Previously, he worked in Hugoton as the assistant principal, athletic director, head football, baseball and middle school track coach. He also worked at Osborn and La Crosse high schools.

Zach Rampy (BSE '12), Humboldt, is in his first year as an offensive coordinator at Humboldt High School and also works as the high school weight instructor as well as a fourth grade science teacher at Humboldt Elementary Charter School. Previously, he coached at Emporia High School and Pittsburg State University.

Kelsey Sturdy (BSE '12), Osage City, is in her first year as a first grade teacher at Osage City Elementary School. Previously, she taught kindergarten at Waverly Grade School.

Diane Vaughn (MS '12), Osage City, is in her first year as a first grade teacher at Osage City Elementary School. Previously, she taught kindergarten, third grade, and special education.

Ashley Farrell (BSE '13) is in her first year as the early childhood special education teacher in the Ottawa school district's central office. Previously, she assisted in beginning a new preschool program.

Miranda Gardner (BSE '13), Osage City, is in her first year teaching third grade at Lyndon Elementary School in USD 421 where she will also serve as the assistant coach for high school girls' basketball and middle school track.

Doug Minneman (MS '13) is in his first year as the junior-senior high assistant principal and activities director in USD 364 Marysville. Previously, he taught in Axtell, Burrton, Satanata, and Cimarron.

Megan Vanderford (BSE '13), Ottawa, is in her first year teaching grades 3-4 at Greeley Elementary. Previously, she taught fifth grade in Topeka.

Amy Allen (BSE '14), Olathe, is in her first year teaching third grade at Sunflower Elementary in USD 368 Paola.

Wesley Book (MS '14), Olathe married Erica Cowhick (MS '11) on May 31, 2014. He is in his first year as the physical education teacher and the head boys' basketball coach at Spring Hill High School in USD 230. Erica (Cowhick) Book works for USD 231 as a first grade teacher and as varsity volleyball coach for Gardner Edgerton High School.

Luke Bryan (BSE '14) is in his first year teaching sixth grade at USD 330 Mission Valley.

Michelle Coley (BSE '14) is in her first year teaching second grade at USD 330 Mission Valley.

Allison Enneking (BME '14), Topeka, is in her first year as the vocal music director at Paola High School in USD 368 Paola.

Rebecca Fraker (BSE '14), Osage City, is in her first year as the business instructor for grades 9-12 for Osage City High School in USD 420.

Hailey Gifford (BSE '14), Burlington, is in her first year as a special education teacher for grades K-6 in Madison in USD 386.

Kathryn Gordon (BSE '14) is in her first year as a second grade teacher at Wolf Creek Elementary School in USD 230 Spring Hill.

Emily Hampton (BSE '14), Iola, is in her first year teaching English at Iola High School.

Macey Kaufman (BSE '14), New Strawn, is in her first year as a second grade teacher at Waverly Elementary School in USD 243 Lebo-Waverly.

Kelsey Keias (BSE '14) is in her first year teaching second grade at Chanute Elementary School in USD 413.

Rebecca Mahon (BSE '14), Olathe, is in her first year as a long-term substitute teacher at Sunflower Elementary in USD 368 Paola.

Kady Paul (BSE '14), Ottawa, is in her first year as the grades 7-8 math teacher and volleyball coach at Ottawa Middle School in USD 290.

Anthony Pence (BS '14) is in his first year as the vocal and instrumental music teacher at Valley Falls in USD 338.

Marquis Scott (BME '14), Lyons, is in his first year as the K-2 music teacher at Park Elementary School in USD 405 Lyons.

Tamera Westhoff (BSE '14) is in her first year as a third grade teacher at McLouth Elementary School in USD 342. Previously, she was a kindergarten teacher in Liberal.