Introducing Lauren Jaqua, Curriculum & Instruction Master’s Student

My name is Lauren Jaqua. I was born and raised in Kansas within a family filled with educators. My grandma taught home economics for thirty nine years, my aunt teaches middle school English, and my mom worked at the high school for many years, so I typically say education is in my blood. I am currently in my second year of teaching sophomore English at Olathe South High School and I could not be happier with the impact my Emporia graduate classes have had on my teaching practices. I took advantage of the onsite Emporia State University classes through the Olathe School District. I was able to apply strategies, theories, and basic classroom knowledge directly into my classroom the very next day. The applicable curriculum and dedicated, personable professors within Emporia’s graduate program have made all the difference in helping me become a better teacher every single day. I am excited to graduate in May 2016 with a Master of Science in Curriculum Instruction with a focus in curriculum leadership. I hope to continue on towards my goals in administration.

Enroll now for Spring 2016 classes

Go to Buzz-In to enroll and reach out to Megan O’Brien, Graduate Student Advisor, with questions about your degree plan.

Advising tip: Many classes fill quickly; email mobrien1@emporia.edu with questions for getting ENROLLED in spring classes.
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Preparing students for lifelong learning, rewarding careers, and adaptive leadership.

Formal education provides the basis for the continued pursuit of knowledge to enrich one’s personal and professional life, independent of time and place. Adaptive – collegial – leadership recognizes the many contributions of individuals toward society’s common interests and aspirations.

National spotlights continue to shine on Emporia State University

OnlineColleges.net notified the university this month that its online master’s degree in educational administration has been recognized as one of the best in the country.

Emporia ranked 14th of the top 25 universities and was the only Kansas institution to make the list.

Dr. Melissa Venable, education editor for Houston-based OnlineColleges.net, said that her organization had carefully studied academics, student experience, financial aid and enrollment as criteria to select the best programs in the country.

“You’ve clearly put great emphasis on creating a program that prepares students for success, and that played a major role in our ranking,” Venable said in a notification letter to the university.

The program is for students seeking licensure as principals and athletic directors at building or at district level for pre-K through 12 schools.

Since the university first offered online courses in 1996, it has flourished through interdepartmental collaboration, innovation, original materials, administration support, and dedicated faculty who are nationally-known in their professions, according to Dr. Kathy Ermler, dean of graduate school and distance education.

Ermler, who came to Emporia in 1989, was part of the team that produced the first online classes.

“We had some programs that were the first online programs in the world,” Ermler said.

Original coursework created by Emporia State faculty continues to be a foundation of the university’s online education.

“The faculty that teach online believe in it,” Ermler said. “Others buy classes. It’s an instructor, hired by a company, that is not there in the class. ... That’s something we have never bought into.”

The Information Technology department has enabled distance students in some courses to join the classrooms in real time to interact with other students and faculty members, Ermler said, or to access materials through archives at a more convenient time.

“The learning management system is so rich in the ability to interact with students,” she said. “Our faculty gets to know students.”

At $5,614 for in-state tuition, Emporia State’s top-quality education comes at the lowest cost of the 25 institutions. Its out-of-state tuition — $17,388 — ranked third-lowest of the group.

Earlier this semester, Affordable Colleges Online ranked Emporia State the No. 1 online college in Kansas, with a score of 99.65%. More than 91 Kansas institutions were included in the rankings process. That recognition followed a January 2015 analysis by U.S. News & World Report, which ranked Emporia State’s online graduate education programs No. 11 in the United States and No. 1 in Kansas.

See more at: ESU Educational Administration National Spotlight

Affordable Colleges Online
Graduating Soon?

Notice of intent to graduate must be received by the Graduate School the semester preceding graduation. The Intent to Graduate form is due March 1 for summer graduates, July 1 for fall graduates, and November 1 for spring graduates.

- Log into Buzzin -- buzzin.emporia.edu
- Select Academic Life Tab
- Select Student Record
- Select Intent to Graduate Application

Are you ready to take the Spring 2016 comprehensive exam?

The exam is a graduation requirement.

2016 Comprehensive Exam Schedule:

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Email Missy to sign up.

To help all new graduate and distance students orienting to Emporia State University, we have a guide, which will help you locate student services quickly:

Graduate and Distance Student Guide Link

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Phase 1 Orientation Meeting

January 19, 2016

11:00 AM

Visser Hall room #126