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New Staff



The Dean's Office and APP section welcomed **Ashley Noll** to DCE on March 17. Ashley will be supporting both offices and can be found in room 221. Ashley comes to us with a very strong background gained from six years as a department supervisor at the North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency. She is a K-State graduate and a licensed social worker. She was excited to become a part of the DCE family and has already made a difference! Ashley is married to Lance, currently a graduate student in Biomedical Veterinary Science. In her free time, Ashley enjoys walking her dogs, landscaping her yard and spending time with family and friends.

Coming Soon

Snack Attack

Tuesday, April 15
sponsored by CNCP

Newsletter Deadline

Friday, April 11

On Track Campaign Launches

The On Track bachelor's degree campaign launched in March as a multifaceted campaign including television, radio, print and online advertising and direct mail. It targets adults with some college but no bachelor's degree within a 60-mile radius of Manhattan.

Jo Maseberg-Tomlinson and **Ron Jackson** gave several On Track presentations on campus to K-State classified employees, encouraging them to return to school, use their tuition assistance and earn a bachelor's degree using Evening College, Intersession and online courses. A total of 32 employees attended the sessions, and one participant has already enrolled in an eight-week Evening College course starting in March to begin working on her degree. Participants were very engaged and had great questions.



Maleah Lundeen and **Lydell Cox** each attended a session and shared a little about themselves and the role of the Student and Faculty Services office with attendees. Presentations targeted toward community members will be held in April and May.

At the end of March, the On Track website has received approximately 950 visits. View more about On Track and see the student feature story about Lydell Cox and others at: ontrack.k-state.edu.

Roger McHaney and **Lynda Spire** delivered a session called "Making Distance Learning Work: Fewer Snags for a Department Head" at the 2014 Academic Chairpersons Conference in Jacksonville, Fla. on February 14. The presentation discussed ten ways distance learning impacted department heads and offered ways the group could cope with the demands of dealing with faculty issues, financial issues, distance students, program evaluation, distance policy and growth. The session was well received by the audience and after the presentation Magna Publications asked the presenters to write an article for *Academic Leader*, a monthly publication for department heads, deans and other higher education leaders.



Ellen Stauffer participated in a Navy Educator Orientation Visit (EOV) in San Diego on March 19-22. The EOV program is designed to teach science and engineering professors and other educators about Navy career opportunities for their students so that they can then share this information with their engineering, physics and math undergraduate students. The trip was highlighted by a trip to a surface destroyer ship, a visit to the submarine training center where the fun included driving a submarine underwater via a simulator, using a virtual reality helmet to drive the submarine on the surface, and viewing the wet trainer where submariners learn to fix leaks and prevent flooding of a sub. The final event was a day-long trip on the USS Pasadena, a nuclear submarine, where participants climbed to the bridge to ride atop the sub before it submerged, visited the torpedo room, experienced a dive while watching from the control room and eating lunch with the submariners.

Other participating universities included the University of Florida, Ohio State University, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, University of Colorado, University of Washington and Villanova University.

Global Teacher Launches as Expansion to Go Teacher Program

Global Teacher offers an intensive professional development program for international teachers of ESL. K-State is hoping to attract new sponsor organizations from around the world to the Global Teacher program and diversify the population of program participants. Sponsoring organizations can tailor the program to meet their specific needs for group size, program length and course components. All participants will receive course work to improve their English proficiency, tools to help them become more effective teachers, and cultural and leadership opportunities.

Learn more about Global Teacher at k-state.edu/globalteacher.

Go Teachers Attend TESOL International Conference

Effie Swanson, along with a delegation from Kansas State University including more than 20 staff and 42 master's students from Ecuador, attended the TESOL International Conference in Portland, Ore., March 27-29. This conference brings together educators from across the world whose emphasis is teaching English to speakers of other languages. Other staff from K-State included instructors from the English Language Program and staff from the Office of International Programs and College of Education.

The master's students from Ecuador are part of the Go Teacher master's program and will complete a master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction while on campus for this year-long, sponsored program. Students had an opportunity to attend sessions, network and learn valuable information from experts in their field. Upon completion of their academic program, these students will return to Ecuador to work in public education.



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Zaldy Doyungan

Office: Student and Faculty Services, Student Assistant

Years at DCE: 7 months

Hometown: Corpus Christi, Texas

Zaldy's Family Includes: Dad-Zaldy, Mom-Stella, and Sister-Alison



Award in the Photo: This award is the Cox Music Award that I won in my fraternity. The award goes to the member that demonstrates and represents the house in a performance and music based way!

How do you relieve stress? I relieve stress by watching TV, especially Netflix. Pokemon has just been put on it so I'll be stress free for a good while.

If you could be any age for a week, what would it be and why? If I could be any age, I would definitely go back to third grade. For some reason, recess was just so much fun and being able to come home to a nice cooked meal instead of ramen noodles was nice, too.

If you could spend a day with any famous person, who would it be? If I could spend a day with any famous person, it would have to be Jackie Chan. I've been watching his movies for a while now and I believe that he's quite the humorous person and it would be interesting to spend a day with him.

What are some hobbies you have? Some of my hobbies include dancing, eating, sleeping and everything K-State.

What five adjectives would describe you? The five adjectives that describe me would include funny, happy, silly, hyper and hungry.

What is one thing you cannot go a day without? One thing that I can't go a day without is my chapstick. Many people freak out if they don't have their phones or wallets, I go berserk if I check my pocket and realize I didn't bring my chapstick.

What is your favorite restaurant? Three letters... KFC. Man loves his chicken, and it's a blessing that they just reopened one in Manhattan.

DCE Research Initiative

Faculty and staff who have an interest in research pertaining to distance education—teaching and learning— were invited to participate in the DCE Research Initiative. The initial group, made up of faculty and staff from over 12 departments on campus, held their initial meeting on February 26, 2014 to discuss possible topics, formation of collaborative groups and existing efforts of data collection in these research areas.

Meeting discussion topics were:

1. Potential research areas that would be beneficial to those who teach and learn through distance education.
2. Data collection that has already been done and data collection planned for the future.

A K-State Online course was set up as a repository of ideas, data sets, existing research by the group members and pertinent national reports on distance education.

The group plans to meet again to form collaborative work groups with the end goal of publishing articles in peer reviewed publications.

Members of the group include: **Roger McHaney, Kevin Gwinner, Katherine Ankerson, Doris Carroll, Annie Hoekman, Royce Ann Collins, Mary Lou Marino, Deb Canter, Sarah Reasoner, Dawn Anderson, Amanda Gnad, Joyce Baptist, George Widener, Jason Maseberg Tomlinson, Dave Stewart, Rosemary Boggs** and **Sue Maes**.

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Liz Schafer

Office: Conferences and Noncredit Programs, Administrative Specialist

Time at DCE: 8 months

Hometown: Orlando, Florida

Liz's Family Includes: My parents live in Orlando and my

younger sister will be graduating from MIT in June. I live with my boyfriend, Ian, and our adorable beagle-boxer mix named Cady.



April showers bring May flowers.... Which flowers are your favorite in the spring? Tulips.

Do you have any pets? I have an adorable dog. She is a beagle-boxer mix named Cady that my boyfriend and I adopted from a local shelter a few months ago. She has completely become the queen of our hearts and house!

If you could have a vacation home, where would it be? It would be on the beach, specifically in Siesta Key, FL, near Tampa on the Gulf Coast. They have the prettiest and whitest sand beaches. It's such a laid back beach town which is great for a relaxing vacation! And I could work on my tan which the winter has taken away.

What is the most rewarding experience you have had and why? I went on a volunteer trip to Washington D.C. We were there to help re-build a crumbling day care center for underprivileged little kids. We cleaned the whole facility, repaired their fence, helped build a playground in their yard, fixed doors, and painted a huge mural in their eating area. The closest playground for them was 10 blocks away. So when we showed them that we built one in their backyard to play on all the time, they were so excited! Their excitement at that playground is something I will never forget.

What is your favorite food to eat for breakfast? Bacon! Bacon Bacon Bacon! Bacon makes everything better!

What is your favorite ice-cream flavor? Mint Chocolate Chip

What is your favorite place to visit? The beach. I always find it relaxing: listening to the waves crash, walking along the beach and having the water lap at your feet, laying out in the sun (with lots of sun-screen!) a good book or good songs to listen to, and then being able to cool off with a swim in the ocean. I never leave the beach upset. The fun and sun always put a smile on my face.

What was the first job that you have ever had? I worked as a summer assistant at the Orlando Museum of Art. I would come up with a craft the kids could do based on the piece of art they were to view that day. We did collages, paintings, sculptures, 3-D pieces, sewing, and more. Each day was different and the kids really gained an appreciation for art.

Rosemary Boggs exhibited at the COABE (Council on Adult Basic Education) March 16-19 in Pittsburgh, Pa. The conference is for educators who work with adult learners in GED programs and in English as a second language programs. There were 1200 participants. It was fascinating to hear individuals talk about the different sects of immigrants, refugees and under-privileged U.S. citizens they serve all over the country. Many professionals stopped by the booth to learn more about K-State's graduate programs in adult and continuing education. Rosemary met several students who are already in the program or who have graduated from the program. They were so happy with the online courses and the instructors who teach the courses through the College of Education. This is the view from the exhibit hall.



Professional Development

Professional Development Takeaway Forms

Be sure to check out the reports from those who have attended conferences and professional development events. These reports are a great way for everyone to glean the highlights of many activities in a quick, concise manner. All reports can be found at:

W:\public\DCE Information\Professional Development\Completed activity report forms

Also be sure to submit your reports after attending a professional development event so you can share what you learned with your colleagues!

Ashley Blake attended NACADA Regional conference in St Louis, Mo. February 20-22. A few of the topics to the sessions that Ashley attended were about what can you do with the bachelor's degree, peer advising, and using online advising tutorials.

Tony Ballard, Rosemary Boggs, Dana Flynn, Breanne Poston, Nichole Stoddard, Effie Swanson, Jeff Wolfe attended the K-State Leadership Conference on March 11. Some key take aways were: that everyone can be a leader by being proactive and by mobilizing others to make good decisions; listen to understand, rather than reply; diagnosing the situation can generally be boiled down to changing your perspective. Physically standing on the chair made the room look much different. This can be the same for actual situations. Another take away was about intervening skillfully, discussing different strategies for creating more or less tension around the issue you are trying to solve. Don't assume someone else will take the leadership for a project that needs to be done.

Matthew Blomberg attended the Case Multimedia Workshop in Washington, D.C. March 12-14. This workshop was designed to explore new advances in multimedia and learn how to take your communications to the next level. One take away at this conference was that storytelling is integral to marketing, no matter the medium or length of the piece. In a story, emotional truths are remembered not the facts that surround it. We can mix exposition with narrative but need to make sure the narrative message is in line with our advertising message as this is what your audience will take away.

Ron Jackson attended the ACHE Regional conference on March 6-7 in Oklahoma City. Something Ron took away from this conference was a presentation from Columbia College about how they handle student retention.

Rosemary Boggs took a few Transforming the Teaching and Learning Environment virtual sessions in February.



As a past president of UPCEA, **Sue Maes** met with other past presidents while attending the UPCEA National meeting in Miami on March 26.



Melinda Sinn worked at the Topeka Job fair on March 26. Over 260 people attended the event. The same day **Ginger Cook** staffed a job fair in Overland Park and **Ellen Stauffer** and **Suzy Auten** staffed a job fair at Garmin.

DCE Conference Calendar

APRIL

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| 1 | CPSI Conference: Guiding Pupils to Success | Manhattan, Kan. |
| 7-8 | NSF Career Proposal Writing Workshop | College Park, Md. |
| 7-9 | Great Plains IDEA Spring Meeting..... | Kansas City, Mo. |
| 7-11 | Emerging and Rapids Methods in Microbiology | Olathe, Kan. |
| 8-9 | Kansas Transportation Engineering Conference..... | Manhattan, Kan. |
| 14 | Sedimentation Reserach Workshop..... | Topeka, Kan. |
| 11 | EXCITE - Exploring Science, Technology and Engineering..... | Manhattan, Kan. |
| 11 | CFO Summit: Driving Financial Performance | Olathe, Kan. |
| 14-19 | Combined Radon Measurement and Mitigation | Wichita, Kan. |
| 16 | KELI-Kansas Educational Leadership Institute Conference..... | Olathe, Kan. |
| 18 | Challenging Competence to Stndy Trial in Forensic Practice Seminar | Manhattan, Kan. |
| 23 | KELI-Kansas Educational Leadership Institute Conference..... | Wichita, Kan. |
| 24 | IMSE Workshop: Scheduling for Justice Quality and Operations | Manhattan, Kan. |
| 24-25 | Enhancing the Grant Writing Environment in the Animal Health and Global Systems Arenas..... | Manhattan, Kan. |
| 26 | Boy Scouts Merit Badge Conference..... | Manhattan, Kan. |
| 27-29 | 26th Annual Conference on Applied Statistics in Agriculture | Manhattan, Kan. |
| 28-29 | ICDD Decision-Making Workshop..... | Manhattan, Kan. |
| 29 | Register of Deeds Course: Uniform Commercial Code Filings in Kansas. TELENET2 | |



Lydell and Felicia Cox are excited to announce the birth of their son, **Josiah Michael Cox**. Josiah arrived on Monday, March 17 at 9:47p.m., weighing 9 lbs. and 22 inches long. He has a happy big sister, **Olivia** and proud grandparents, Frances and Michael Bryant, Sandy and Timothy Grant. Thanks to everyone at DCE for helping us welcome our new bundle of joy!

Birthdays

April

- 6..... **Anna Shippy**, Marketing and Communication Services
- 7..... **Rachel Schafer**, Student and Faculty Services
- 8..... **Charlene Brownson**, UFM Community Learning Center
- 10 **Tina Horocofsky**, Administration and Finance
- 19 **Kathy Burkholder**, Dean's Office
- 19 **Liz Schafer**, Conferences and Noncredit Programs
- 22 **Kelsey Martin**, Marketing and Communication Services
- 23 **Trina McCarty**, Academic and Professional Programs
- 24 **Jo Maseberg-Tomlinson**, Academic and Professional Programs
- 29 **Ellen Stauffer**, Academic and Professional Programs
- 29 **Jason Maseberg-Tomlinson**, Student and Faculty Services
- 30 **Dana Flynn**, Conferences and Noncredit Programs



If you would like to be added to the birthday list, please send an email to mcsdce@k-state.edu

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