Dietetics Distance Education

Karla Girard Helps Students Handle Dietetics Distance Education

Karla Girard is the Distance Program Coordinator for the Department of Hotel, Restaurant, Institution Management, and Dietetics in the College of Human Ecology at Kansas State University. In other words, Girard is a “special kind of academic advisor”; she advises distance education students in the dietetics program in their choice of courses throughout the curriculum. She also works with faculty to help decide when particular courses are offered.

Girard works with over 100 students who are “actively working toward completion” of the Dietetics Distance Education program. She also handles many information requests each week from prospective students.

“The most interesting thing about my job is corresponding with students all over the world,” said Girard. The Dietetics program has had students from Jordan, Hong Kong, Ireland, Guam, Kuwait, Norway, Portugal, and Canada.

Girard’s favorite part of the job is getting to meet some of the students that she has corresponded with over the years.

“Two students with whom I had been working for several years came to Manhattan for commencement…I had no idea what they even looked like,” said Girard. “It was very rewarding to know that I had helped them reach their goals of graduating with degrees in dietetics.”

Dietetics is a Bachelor of Science Degree offered through distance education. Most of the courses for the dietetics degree program are offered through multimedia delivery systems. More information about K-State’s Dietetics Distance Education program can be found at www.dce.ksu.edu/dce/as/dietetics1.html.

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Learning With a TWIST

Summer conferences are underway at Kansas State University, starting off with a program for young women interested in the areas of science and technology. June 2-4 K-State held Summer TWIST: Teen Women In Science and Technology.

About twenty teen women entering the ninth and tenth grades were provided the chance to enhance their skills in the areas of engineering, math, and science. The workshop provided the teens the opportunity to gain experience in the engineering processes of brainstorming, designing, building, testing, and revising. They focused on teamwork and hands-on activities.

The young women had the chance to take part in hands-on activities run by KSU faculty, including disassembling hand-mixers and constructing Styrofoam gliders, and even had the opportunity to take a tour of the Boeing Company in Wichita where they had a chance to shadow engineering employees.

ESL Program Earns National Recognition

K-State’s program to help educators teach students who do not speak English as their first language has been so successful that other states are adopting the model. This national recognition has helped K-State’s English as a Second Language (ESL) program increase in popularity.

K-State’s distance education ESL program serves practicing teachers, administrators and other staff, allowing them to earn their ESL endorsement. Educators learn skills needed to serve students who have language, culture, and academic performance issues according to Kevin Murry, co-director of the ESL/Dual Language Program and associate professor in Foundations and Adult Education at K-State.

The program has evolved from 125 educators representing seven school districts in 1996 to 44 school districts in Kansas and 15 in Iowa. The program enrolls 500-700 educators each semester, with more than 125 working toward a master’s degree from K-State. The ESL endorsement program is the nation’s first portfolio-based practicum experience via distance education and one of the earliest ESL distance education programs.


Viki Horan: More than an Assistant

To many, Viki Horan is “that woman who works for the Dean and always makes popcorn in the afternoons!” However, there are many things about Viki that we don’t know.

Viki’s official title at the Division of Continuing Education is “Administrative Assistant to the Dean.” This title includes many duties such as: coordinating activities in the Dean’s Office, managing the eArmyU program, administering the eCCW, reviewing DCE processes, reviewing all DCE publications, coordinating the collection of the VPAST Measures of Progress, editing the VPAST annual report, participating in Section Council, and (as if that wasn’t enough) serving as a reference person for various questions (e.g. proofreading).

Viki’s favorite part about her job is “the great people I work with, the variety of what I do, and feeling that what I’m doing may really make a difference for someone.” However, she says the worst part about her job is the lack of physical activity.

Outside of work, Viki leads an exciting life. She has been married for 23 years to Dan (a.k.a. J.D.), and together they have three daughters, Tanya (22) and Amy and Mandy (21). She also has a grandson, Zachary, who is 22 months old! Dan and Viki met in seventh grade in Abilene. Dan recently started a lawn and landscaping business, JDH Lawn and Landscape.

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Cyndy Trent attended an eArmyU education fair at Fort Carson, Colorado on June 19. Fort Carson is one of twelve Army installations participating in the eArmyU program. K-State is one of twenty higher education institutions providing distance degree programs through eArmyU.

Useful Course for Educators

Got a wealth of project or program ideas, but a shortage of funds to make them a reality? A course offered through K-State’s Division of Continuing Education will give you the tools to nail down the elusive dollar that will move your innovative idea from the blueprint phase to the building phase.

Grant Writing: Finding the Elusive Dollar will be offered in the fall via TELENET2, a statewide videoconferencing system. The course is designed for community and state agency employees, instructors, volunteers and others interested in writing grants. It includes an overview of proposal writing tips in these areas:

* government and private funding sources
* needs assessment
* dissemination strategies
* evaluation design
* budget formulation
* program planning
* program stabilization
* credibility establishment
* cutting-edge idea generation

Taught by Sue Maes and Beverly Page, Grant Writing is offered for two or three graduate or undergraduate credits. The course may also be audited at the lowest tuition rate.

For more information, or to register, go to www.dce.ksu.edu/dce/cl/grantwriting.

DCE Early Childhood Education Web Site

The new and improved DCE Early Childhood Education web site was published on July 16, 2002. The site not only has accurate, up-to-date information about the program, but models the new distance look that the division will be using on future sites. Keep your eyes open for many changes and check out the look of this new site at http://www.dce.ksu.edu/dce/cl/earlychildhood/.

A successful 14th Annual Music Symposium took place June 17-20 in McCain Auditorium. A total of 74 music educators attended the workshop. Session topics included innovative ways to improve the teaching of music to K-12 students in the areas of choral music, string instrumental music, and band music.

The KSU Music Camp was held June 16-20 in McCain Auditorium. This camp for middle and high school band members attracted 100 students.

The KSU Auxiliary Camp was held July 7-9 in McCain Auditorium. This camp was primarily for drum majors this year and 23 high school students participated.

The Joint Meeting of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists ran July 3-8 at the Westin Crown Center Hotel in Kansas City. This was a meeting of four international societies: The American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists, The Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles, The Herpetologist League, and the American Elasmobranch Society. A total of 1,043 field scientists, professors, and graduate students attended the 5 day meeting. Twenty countries were represented at the meeting. Fifteen exhibitors displayed books, equipment, and novelty items during the workshop. Graduate students presented numerous awards for outstanding work on oral presentations and posters.

Coming in August is the 11th Annual ITAM Workshop to be held in Savannah, Georgia. ITAM stands for Integrated Training Area Management. These participants work for the various army installations around the world maintaining the training land on which practice maneuvers are held. Following these maneuvers, the ITAM coordinators work to repair and maintain these grounds for future training operations. Approximately 600 attendees are anticipated, along with 40 commercial exhibitors.

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DCE Calendar...

AUGUST 2002

5-6 ----------- HIV/AIDS Prevention Training 2002 ----------------------------- Topeka, KS
5-9 ----------- Hazwoper 40-Hr & 8-Hr Training ------------------------------- Manhattan, KS
12 ----------- Hazwoper 40-Hr & 8-Hr Training ------------------------------- Manhattan, KS
12-13 ------- International Conference on University & Manufacturing
            Industry Collaboration ---------------------------------------- Kansas City, MO
18-23 ------ ITAM 2002 Workshop --------------------------------------------- Savannah, GA
19-21 ------ Stored Product IPM Training Conference -------------------------- Manhattan, KS
27-29 ------ HIV/AIDS Prevention Training 2002 ------------------------------- Kansas City, MO

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Loren Wilson’s new daughter was born Friday, June 21, at 11:33 p.m. Grace Lauren Elise Wilson weighed in at 7 pounds 11 ounces. Grace and her mother, Mindy Wilson are doing fine. Grace has two brothers, Garret (11 years) and Stuart (10 years) and a sister, Madeline (5 years).

Verl and Betty Stevens announce the marriage of their daughter Emily to Martin Ohmes on June 29. Emily is beginning the fifth year of the Interior Architecture program, and Martin will be completing a dual degree in Nuclear and Electrical Engineering. Martin is the son of Frank and Barbara Ohmes of Hutchinson.

David and Jessica Swisher are the proud parents of a new baby boy. Jeremiah was born Thursday, July 11 at 8:03 a.m. and weighed 9 lbs. 5 oz. He has a sister, Lydia (5 years) and a brother, Joshua (15 months).

Cyndy Trent (center) was in the UFM Scuba class at Beaver Lake, Arkansas, June 16, 2002. The people in the photo are K-State grads or students and some are K-State employees.

Cyndy Trent, Stacy Jobe and Jan Ranallo-Pfleiffer at the UAW Ford plant in Kansas City at the education fair.

Melinda Sinn talks with UAW Ford plant employees in Kansas City at the education fair.

We would like to start including the student birthdays if you could send them to pioinbox@dce.ksu.edu.