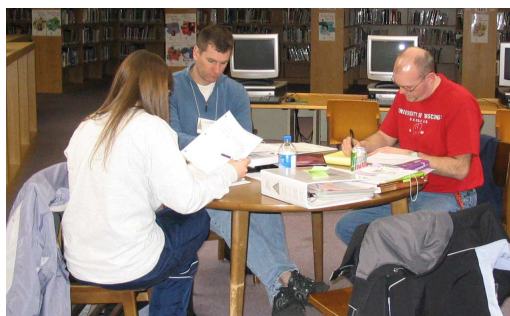


School of Education Year-End Report 2006-2007

Fifth Site-Based Master's Program in Wautoma School District LeAnn Chase and Paula DeHart, Co-facilitators Kim Rolands, Program Assistant



In 2006-2007 the UW-Stevens Point Site-Based Master's Program completed its first year of a two year program in the Wautoma School District. The School of Education's Site-Based Master's Degree program, which runs for two years and is offered completely at a school district site, offers an innovative and integrative curriculum with a focus on best practice, Wisconsin Teacher Standards and teacher leadership. The participants meet one weekend each month (Saturday and Sunday) from September through May and one full week each August. The program is co-facilitated by Paula DeHart, School of Education, and LeAnn Chase, elementary principal in the Tomorrow River School District.

The Wautoma program involves 20 participants from the following districts: Wautoma, Montello, Princeton, Adams-Friendship, Omro, Waupaca, Green Lake, Westfield, and Stevens Point. Each participant in the program will complete a portfolio that represents growth in all ten Wisconsin Teacher Standards, as well as completing a Master Teacher Initiative, a project that is linked to school district goals and provides benefits to the district beyond the teacher's own classroom.

UWSP Teacher Education Continues Alignment with PI34

The UWSP faculty engaged in teacher preparation programs continued their collaborative efforts during 2006-2007 with consideration of student demonstration of content knowledge and alignment of Education courses designed to support students in the development of their e-folios. Additionally, faculty worked with area K-12 administrators to facilitate school-based awareness and use of these professional portfolios in the hiring and retention of new teachers. Conversations on campus related to student performance on the Praxis II subject knowledge exam widened to a Regional Meeting held in Waupaca in

April to report on student data collected from UWSP, UWGB, and UWO preservice teachers about issues related to the standardized exam. Discussion at that meeting also investigated the possibility of developing an acceptable alternative assessment of teacher content knowledge. The UWSP Teacher Education Program also began the preparations for the Department of Public Instruction On-Site Program Review scheduled for November 2007.

OFFICE OF FIELD EXPERIENCES

Henry St. Maurice, Director

In 2006-2007, the Office of Field Experiences was responsible for the assignment and supervision of the following student and intern teachers:

	<u>200610</u>	<u>200620</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
elementary	69	61	130
science	4	3	7
social studies	8	14	22
exceptional ed.	15	9	24
other majors*	45	47	92
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	141	134	275

**6-12 majors:*

biology	5	8	13
English	9	12	21
family & consumer	8	3	11
foreign language	5	1	6
mathematics	3	10	13
music	7	8	15
physical education	8	5	13

Of the above, 32 were interns sponsored by the Wisconsin Improvement Program.

As in years past, UWSP continued successful collaboration with over 100 school districts, comprising nearly 1,000 qualified cooperating teachers. Liaison teachers in Stevens Point assisted with over 500 clinical field experiences.

News from the Graduate Office

Our graduate programs continue to diversify and expand. We have added new courses to meet the professional interests of our students. Our efforts have included bringing the courses required for Reading 316 License directly to the D.C. Everest School District. We have established an online graduate degree in exceptional education for educators with certification. Likewise, we have formulated a similar counterpart for those professionals in regular/general education. Graduate students can choose to pursue an on-campus degree, a degree encompassing on-campus and online courses, or fully online courses. Our graduate students have interests across all professional areas and they value the choice inherent within our program. In addition, graduates have stated how they value that the online and on-campus courses are taught by full-time faculty members having the depth and breadth of knowledge and teaching strategies.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Association for the Education of Young Children (AEYC)

Yomi Ogunnaike-Lafe and Patty Caro, Advisors

The Central Wisconsin Association for the Education of Young Children has experienced a very successful year under the direction of extremely enthusiastic officers and participants. We gained the most members so far and effectively participated in fundraising efforts. The presentations from our guest speakers were well attended and included such topics as Autism Spectrum Disorder, New Teacher's Guide to a Successful First Year, and School of Education Colloquium. More importantly, our members have been active volunteers in the central Wisconsin area by helping with university outreach efforts for families, Friends of Adoption state meeting, holiday baskets, and book fundraisers. Next fall, we will have an active presence in the state conference of the Wisconsin Early Childhood Association.

Kappa Delta Pi

Perry Cook, Larry Riggs, and Pat Shaw, Advisors

The KDP officers began the school year with their first-ever Officer Retreat Weekend in Wisconsin Dells. This event proved to be very beneficial! Officers bonded, planned their activities and committees for the entire school year, and had a great time. Our major fund raiser, the Scholastic book sale was held again this past September. For a week, the CPS gallery was transformed into a book store. The sale was highly successful and the profits enabled KDP to provide books to schools and set aside funds so that officers can travel to the National Convocation in Louisville, KY in November 2007.

Twelve new members were recruited to KDP in the fall. We collaborated with StWEA, AEYC, and SCEC to sponsor the Education Colloquium in November. KDP also co-sponsored an international symposium held on November 8, 2006 by D. Leslie Zweigman from Anglo American studies and London, England entitled, "The State of Education in the United Kingdom: Dilemma, Crisis and Direction."

Other activities this year for KDP include the "Giving the Gift" tree in collaboration with Parent-to-Parent in Stevens Point, a "Pajama Jammin' Party" for PreK through grade 6 students as part of the annual Reading is Fun program, a Mock Interview evening (over 30 teachers participated with area administrators), and our year long Project Knowledge tutoring program at area schools.

Student Wisconsin Education Association (StWEA)

Maggie Beeber, Christine Gould, Sue Slick, Advisors

The UWSP Student Wisconsin Education Association has once again had a fantastic year! For the seventh year in a row, they received the NEA Student Program National Award for Outstanding Local Chapter of the Year. In addition, they received two state awards: Outstanding Chapter of the Year and Outstanding Website of the Year (webmaster Mackenzie Waidelich). They also received the "Outstanding Student Organization-Unfunded" for UWSP.

Many speakers brought their expertise and knowledge back to campus to share with our students. About one hundred students attended the Annual Okray Colloquium, co-sponsored by AEYC, KDP, SCEC, and the School of Education. Mary Jo Lechner (Stevens Point Public Schools), Mary Schultz (Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools), Sharon Hill (Tomorrow River Public Schools), Ed Dorff (Green Bay Public Schools), and Officer Paul Piotrowski (supervisor of liaison officers in Stevens Point) spoke to the group on the topic: "Creating Positive School Climate."

All seven local chapter officers attended the National C.O.N.N.E.C.T.I.O.N.S. Leadership Conference in Denver, Colorado, thanks to donations from the CWUC UNISERV, CPS, and the SOE. They would like to thank those alumni who donated to the UWSP Annual Campaign as some of that funding assists students in going to such conferences. Six current officers received the UWSP University Leadership Awards and five former officers received the Chancellor Leadership Award this year. We are proud of our officers, members and advisors for their hard work, dedication, and contributions to the organization!

Student Council for Exceptional Children (SCEC)

Lisa Bardon, Advisor

The Student Council for Exceptional Children is an organization committed to supporting the learning about students with disabilities. This year the SCEC participated in several activities that support these efforts: a t-shirt sale, planning and participating in the SOE Colloquium, and volunteering for the Special Olympics. As a fund raiser, SCEC members designed and sold t-shirts with a UWSP School of Education logo and UWSP school colors.

During spring semester, the SCEC planned for a change in focus and decided to use their time and money to "adopt" a local special education classroom where they will use their funds to provide supplies and they will volunteer on a regular basis to provide support to the teachers and students. Additionally, SCEC members have asked their advisor to lead a "journal talk" where they can be instructed on how to read, understand, and apply the information they receive in the very rigorous journal they receive as part of their membership. During the spring semester, they participated in bimonthly "journal talks."

The SCEC officers will be meeting in August to plan for the 2007-2008 activities for the group.

Diversity

Project Forward

Lee Vang, coordinator

Project Forward is a federally funded grant that is subcontracted through UW-LaCrosse and provides financial and advisory support to Hmong American students who are pursuing teacher certification programs with a minor in English as a Second Language. Project Forward (PF), the Hmong American Career Ladder program at UW-Stevens Point, completed its six-year contract with the School of Education on June 30, 2006. In the fall of 2006, Project Forward received an extension for one more year of funding for 2007.

Project Forward students are required to maintain a GPA of 2.75 or above. 93% of the enrolled students have excelled beyond the requirement by maintaining a GPA of 3.00 or above and 73% of the enrolled students hold a GPA of 3.25 or above. In addition to academic success, one Project Forward student received both the Woman of Color and the Chancellor's Leadership Award in 2007.

As of spring 2007, Project Forward has assisted 22 Hmong American students to graduate with Bachelor's of Science in Education degrees. The amount of graduates has surpassed the original goal of 12 students.

Teachers 2010 Teaching for the Future

Nou Quo Vang, coordinator

Teachers 2010 was held in the fall semester with middle school students from the DC Everest School District. The day's schedule began at 9:00 AM and lasted until 3:00 PM. The students received a tour of the campus, ate lunch at the DeBot Center, and listened to a panel discussion given by students from the Hmong and Southeast Asian Club, when students had the opportunity to ask questions about college life and studies. The students also heard a performance and information the music education program on campus. In the afternoon, they watched Gary Shulfer's Science Show, complete with the explosions and sound effects as well as the engaging dramatization of interesting science concepts.

Wisconsin Creative Problem Solving Programs 2006-2007

Pat Schoonover, State Director

Wisconsin Creative Problem Solving Programs works with programs that are team-based and encourage the use of creative problem solving processes. The programs must be grounded in education in that federal and state standards should potentially be able to be met through implementation of the program. Destination Imagination® meets these criteria. It is an international problem solving, team-based program for students in kindergarten through college. It was first developed in 1999 and is, currently, the largest academic competition in the world.

Wisconsin Creative Problem Solving received two certificates this year from Destination Imagination, Inc. The first was a certificate for producing "an outstanding Marketing Report" and the other was for membership growth. Wisconsin had a 7% growth for Destination Imagination teams.

220 teams participated at our State Finals tournament held at UWSP on April 14. We had 37 teams qualify to advance to Global Finals held at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. There were 991 teams participating at Globals. There were, on the average, about 66 teams per challenge and level. Our Wisconsin teams did an outstanding job.

Among the 37 that qualified, we had 36 teams participate including a university level team from Germantown. Twenty of the 36 teams placed in the top ten of their challenge and level! There were two 1st places, one 2nd place, three 3rd places (first 3 places receive medals and trophies); three 4th place, three 5th places, three 6th places (4,5,and 6th places receive honorable mention certificates).

Faculty/Staff Activities 2006-2007

Lisa Bardon

- Presentations

Lisa Bardon testified before the National Commission on No Child Left Behind for their hearings on "Successful Interventions: Helping Schools Achieve Academic Success: at the Monona Terrace, Madison, WI on June 9, 2006.

- Lisa Bardon presented "A Framework for Developing Intercultural Competence and Responsive School Practices" sponsored by the National Center for Culturally Responsive Educational System and "Measuring Response to Social Skills Intervention: A promising practice for reducing African-American overrepresentation in Special Education" at the Leadership for Equity and Excellence: Transforming Education Conference in Washington, DC on February 8, 2007.
- Lisa Bardon presented "Examining a tool for Guiding Teachers to Differentiate Disability from Cultural Difference" at the Wisconsin Indian Education Annual Conference, Lac Du Flambeau, WI on April 13.

Patricia Caro

- Presentations
- Patty Caro along with Ellen Browning presented "Ingredients for a Successful Paraprofessional-Teacher Relationship and was part of the panel on "Information Technology in Early Childhood" at the 22nd Annual International Conference on Young Children with Special Needs and Their Families, Little Rock, AR, October 19-20.
- Paula DeHart, Patty Caro, Henry St.Maurice and Pat Shaw presented "Exploring New Paths in Professional Development: PI34 and PDP's at the Central Wisconsin Educators Conference at D.C. Everest High School, Schofield, WI on March 2.

Perry Cook

- June 13, 2006
- Professor of Science and Adolescent Education, Perry A. Cook, and Stevens Point Area Teacher, Mr. Steve Van Ark, were Keynote Speakers at the College of Education, Pakuan University in Bogor, Indonesia. The entire College of Education (all Education Faculty and nearly 200 education students) attended this interactive presentation on the U.S. and Indonesian Teacher Preparation Programs, as well as current Trends in U.S. Education. The two hour presentation was followed with a two hour question and answer discussion in nearly 100 percent humidity and nearly 100 degree temperatures.

Cook presented "Up Down and All Around" at the Wisconsin Elementary & Middle Science Teachers Extravaganza, at SPASH in Stevens Point, WI on 3/10/07. UWSP secondary science student teacher Mr. Kurt Freund, UWSP SOE Alumni, P.J. Jacob's Teacher Jeff Mlsna and UWSP Professor Perry Cook presented at the annual Spring W.E.S.T. Conference. Bernoulli's Principal and technology utilization – Vernier probes – were highlighted.

Perry Cook and Dayle Upham presented a paper April 9, 2007, written by Henry St. Maurice, Perry Cook and Dayle Upham at the American Education Research Association Annual Conference in Chicago, IL. It was submitted for publication in the meeting proceedings. Perry Cook also chaired a paper session for the Supervision and Instructional Leadership SIG on Friday, April 13, 2007.

Award

March 10, 2007

Perry A. Cook received the Wisconsin Elementary and Middle Level Teachers DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP AWARD 2007 while presenting at the annual spring conference held in Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

Other

Wisconsin Elementary and Middle Level Teachers Extravaganza (Spring Conference) – March 10, 2007

Nearly 70 Elementary and Early Childhood Education majors, under the direction of Perry A. Cook (their science methods professor) presented Science Discovery Learning Centers to over 800 science educators, K-12 students and family members. The "Hearts On ~ Hands On ~ Heads On" philosophy of science was modeled as over 30 centers served to challenge all who attended. Local television crews from Channel 9 and 7, as well as two area newspapers, covered the conference.

Paula DeHart

- Presentations

DeHart & Katzmarek's article "Putting it Together: Making Social Studies Learning More Powerful by Integrating Children's Literature and Language Arts" was published in the fall issue of the Journal of The Wisconsin Council for the Social Studies.

Paula DeHart, Patty Caro, Henry St.Maurice and Pat Shaw presented "Exploring New Paths in Professional Development: PI34 and PDP's at the Central Wisconsin Educators Conference at D.C. Everest High School, Schofield, WI on March 2.

Paula DeHart presented "Teaching What is Most Important in Social Studies" and "Exploring Controversial Issues through Structured Academic Controversy" at the Wisconsin Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference, Madison, WI on March 19 & 20.

Christine Gould

- Presentations

Christine Gould presented Explorers and Developers: Destination Imagination and Problem Solving Style at the Eighth Biennial Henry B & Jacelyn Wallace National Research Symposium on Talent Development in Iowa City, IA on May 22, 2006.

JoAnne Katzmarek

- Presentations

JoAnne Katzmarek presented Mixing Things Up: Some Uses of Technology in the Professional Preparation of Teacher, June 23, 2006 at the 13th Annual International Conference on Learning at Montego Bay, Jamaica. .

Katzmarek presented "The Tie That Finds: How a PK-18 Partnership Created Local School Leaders" at the annual PDK Convention in Washington, D.C. October 18-20.

JoAnne Katzmarek presented "Reading is Thinking: Interactive Strategies to Enhance Reading Comprehension for all Students, at the WI School Psychologist's Convention in Stevens Point, WI on Feb. 8 and "Current Issues in High School Reading" at the WI State Reading Association Convention in Milwaukee, WI on Feb. 9.

- Grants

PK-16 Grant "Preparing Our Teachers: Best Practice Leadership Collaboration" in the amount of \$21,792 in support of several initiatives of the PK-18 Council for 2007-2008.

- Publications

JoAnne Katzmarek's article "What's a Teacher To Do? Integrating Technology and the Language Arts" was published in Selected Papers from the 18th International Conference on College Teaching and Learning, ed. Jack Chambers. Katzmarek, Marciniak, and Leuschow were the authors.

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Pat Schoonover

- Presentations

Pat Schoonover presented "Destination Imagination: Creative & Critical Skills" at the Wisconsin Library Association Annual Conference, Wisconsin Dells, Nov. 3.

Pat Schoonover gave the keynote presentation "Art in Particular" at the Iowa Art Educator's State Conference, Des Moines, IA, Oct. 14. Presentation focused on importance of visual arts and design in education to promote creative and critical thinking skills and metacognition.

Pat Shaw

- Presentations

Patricia Shaw presented "Lighting the Shadows: Recognizing, Supporting and Sustaining Women Leaders in the Academy" at the 20th Annual Women in Educational Leadership Conference in Lincoln, NE, October 8-9.

Pat Shaw presented "The Modified Cast Study: Opening Doors and Minds to Learning" at the Lilly North Teaching and Learning Conference in Traverse City, MI September 14.

Paula DeHart, Patty Caro, Henry St.Maurice and **Pat Shaw** presented "Exploring New Paths in Professional Development: PI34 and PDP's at the Central Wisconsin Educators Conference at D.C. Everest High School, Schofield, WI on March 2.

Pat Shaw presented "Here Today, Here Tomorrow? Understanding and Meeting the Needs of Transient Students in the PreK-12 School" at the 17th Annual Spring Tonic Conference, Manitowoc, WI on March 31.

Sue Slick

- Presentations

Sue Slick presented "Exploring Possibilities: Reading Teacher Portfolios" at the American Reading Forum, Sanibel Island, FL, December 7.

Leslie Wilson

- Presentations

Leslie Wilson presented "When backward is forward thinking: Radical changes in instructional designs for summer school" at the North Central Conference of Summer School in Chicago, IL on March 9.

Leslie Wilson presented at "The Time is Right: Letting Go of Bloom and Embracing Newer Taxonomies of Learning: at the Lilly East - Professional Development Conference - Blueprints for Student Learning - April 12-14, 2007 University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware

- Grants

Faculty activity for Leslie Owen Wilson (Principal Investigator) UW-Systems grant with Mary Mielke (IT) Donna Raleigh (UWEC) and Andy Speth (UWGB)

Entitled: *Intercampus Community of Practice (ICoP) - Exploring the intersections between teaching and fostering effective communication with today's students* - for \$80,000 from Learning Technology Development Council and the Office of Learning and Information Technology in the University of Wisconsin System Administration. This grant funds a yearlong pilot initiative that involves representative faculty from six UW campuses - Eau Claire; Green Bay; Stevens Point; Whitewater; Superior; and LaCrosse.

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