A newsletter for all cohort members in Western Kentucky University's Educational Leadership Doctoral Program

Editor, Gaye Pearl; Doctoral Staff Assistant, Shahbaz Munawar; Student Assistant, Kaylyn Cardwell

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

1 Eleven WKU Doctoral Students to Graduate in May 2012
1 Cohorts' Corner
2 Birthday Calendar
3 Doctoral Students' Recent Presentations
3 Cohorts' Corner (Cont.)
4 Doctoral Program's Applied Initiative in Action
4 Educational Leadership Doctoral Program Selects Cohort IX
4 Second Annual WKU EDLD Symposium Held at WKU
6 Doctoral Students' Upcoming International Travels

COHORTS' CORNER

What is going on in the lives of your Ed.D. family?

Kevin Weaver Will Host Youth Leadership Camp

Kevin Weaver of Cohort VII will host an annual Youth Leadership Camp in Fairburn, GA, on June 18-23, 2012, with Rev. C. Houston of Emory University. Kevin also became a mentor in the Warren County Public Schools "Why Me?" youth program, which aims to place mentors with disadvantaged youth in Bowling Green.

LeAnn Howell Accepts a New Position

LeAnn Howell of Cohort III has accepted a position as an Assistant Professor of Social Work at Brescia University, Owensboro, KY, as of January 2012. Many congratulations to LeAnn!

Samuel Hunt's Article Accepted for Publication

Congratulations to Samuel Hunt of Cohort VII. His article, "Nitric oxide and the biological cascades underlying increased neurogenesis, enhanced learning ability, and academic ability as an effect of increased bouts of physical activity" has been accepted into the International Journal of Exercise Science.

Sara Jennings is Nominated for a Bammy Award

Sara Jennings of Cohort VIII has been nominated for a Bammy Award for excellence in the Middle School Teacher category by the Academy of Education, Arts, and Sciences. Congratulations to Sara.

ELEVEN WKU DOCTORAL STUDENTS TO GRADUATE IN MAY 2012

Below see names of eleven doctoral students, who will graduate this spring from the Educational Leadership Doctoral Program.

Wes Cottongim of Cohort I
Chris Mueller of Cohort I
Kevin Thomas of Cohort I
Wesley Waddle of Cohort I
Bob Jackson of Cohort II
Linda Keller of Cohort II
Tony Kirchner of Cohort II
Benny Lile of Cohort II
Tim Gott of Cohort III
Kirk Biggerstaff of Cohort IV
Jo Shackelford of Cohort IV

Congratulations to all of them!
# Birthday Calendar

## May

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SUNDAY</th>
<th>MONDAY</th>
<th>TUESDAY</th>
<th>WEDNESDAY</th>
<th>THURSDAY</th>
<th>FRIDAY</th>
<th>SATURDAY</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Rheanna Plemons &amp; Jenaya Perdue</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>6</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>11</td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>13</td>
<td>Beth Fleming</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>17</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Tim Gott</td>
<td>Linda Keller</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>20</td>
<td>Brittany Richey</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>24</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Margaret Crowder</td>
<td></td>
<td>25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>27</td>
<td>Jennifer Anderson and Dana Clayton</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>31</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Lauren Martin</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

## June

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SUNDAY</th>
<th>MONDAY</th>
<th>TUESDAY</th>
<th>WEDNESDAY</th>
<th>THURSDAY</th>
<th>FRIDAY</th>
<th>SATURDAY</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Stephen Holloman</td>
<td></td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>10</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>Robert Jackson</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>14</td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>17</td>
<td>Kevin Thomas</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>21</td>
<td>Carol Schreiber</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>24</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>28</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>29</td>
<td>Tony Norman</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>30</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

## July

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SUNDAY</th>
<th>MONDAY</th>
<th>TUESDAY</th>
<th>WEDNESDAY</th>
<th>THURSDAY</th>
<th>FRIDAY</th>
<th>SATURDAY</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Rhonda Callaway</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Kaylyn Cardwell</td>
<td></td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>8</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Denise Perdue</td>
<td></td>
<td>Terence Hayes</td>
<td></td>
<td>14</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>15</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Donna Crouch</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>21 Gregory Ross</td>
<td></td>
<td>21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>22</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>27</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Kay Combs</td>
<td>Rhonda Simpson &amp; Alicia Golston</td>
<td></td>
<td>Michelle Patrick</td>
<td></td>
<td>28</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>29</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>31</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Christopher King</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
DOCTORAL STUDENTS’ RECENT PRESENTATIONS

Daryl Hagan of Cohort VII presented at Marian University on April 3, 2012. The presentation was entitled, “Get Em’ Up Get Em’ Moving: Creating a Unified Staff” as part of his leadership series on the topic of “Building Unity Among your Group/Employees.”

Kevin Weaver of Cohort VII attended the annual International Mentoring Association Conference in Orlando, FL, on March 14-16, 2012, where he discussed “The Philosophical and Cultural Dynamics of Ethnocentrism.” The theme of this year’s conference was, “The Impact of Mentoring: Helping Others Reach their Human Potential.”

Penny Logsdon of Cohort I presented her research “Caring, Interaction, and Active Learning: Factors that Influence Successful Associate Degree Nurses” on April 17th at the spring meeting of the Kentucky Council of Associate Degree Nurses.

Shahbaz Munawar of Cohort IV presented at the 2012 Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association on April 14 in Vancouver. The title of his presentation was, “Small Group Discussions and Language Development for English Language Learners.”

@WKU DOC-ALUM

Our future digests will secure a section for alumni of Educational Leadership Doctoral Program, which will include news (personal, work, family related) and life in general after graduation. WKU EDD alumni are requested to keep us informed.

Alumni Birthdays: Below see names of our alumni who will celebrate their birthdays in next three months: Donna Renaud – May 2, Leigh Ann Roden – May 14, Sheri McGuffin – June 1, Lee Maglinger – June 24, Cindy Ehresman – July 28.

COHORTS’ CORNER (CONT.)

What is going on in the lives of your Ed.D. family?

Nadia De Leon Receives a Part-Time Faculty Award

Nadia De Leon of Cohort VI receives a University College Part-Time Faculty Award. Congratulations to Nadia.

Ryan Hall’s Involvement with WKU-China Expansion

Ryan Hall of Cohort IV was part of the WKU four-member delegation to China’s Hebei province to finalize a five-year contract between WKU and Hebei University. Click on the link below to read more about this agreement: http://wkunews.wordpress.com/2012/04/20/wku-hebei-agreement/

Brandon Blake Accepts a New Position

Brandon Blake of Cohort VIII has accepted a new position as a Principal at Russellville High School. Congratulations to Brandon.
DOCTORAL PROGRAM’S ‘APPLIED INITIATIVE’ IN ACTION

In spring 2012, three groups in the EDLD 731 doctoral research class have been working with the South Central Kentucky Kids on the Block program, Public Achievement program, and GED in Spanish and ESL program in the local Hispanic community as part of their program evaluation projects for this class. All students have learned immensely by engaging in authentic evaluation projects and addressing the real needs and concerns of stakeholders. All programs have greatly benefitted from the student work. One program was able to secure funding on a timely basis with the help of its evaluation team. Dr. Jie Zhang, the doctoral faculty for this course, is very pleased with the outcome and has taken steps to introduce more real opportunities in her future classes to enhance the practitioner-scholar nature of the WKU doctoral program.

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP DOCTORAL PROGRAM SELECTS COHORT IX

Twenty two students are accepted into 9th Cohort of Educational Leadership Doctoral Program that will start in fall 2012. Students selected into the program are: Sharlene Baragona of Natchez, MS; Brian Brausch of Bowling Green, KY; Geralyn Caplan of Evansville, IN; Carol Clark of Clarksville, TN; Nicole Cobb of Louisville, KY; Philip Coots of Ashland, KY; Sakiba Dzelil of Bowling Green, KY; Chika Ejike of Bowling Green, KY; Scott Gordon of Bowling Green, KY; Nicole Griffith-Green of Grayson, KY; David Hamilton of Bowling Green, KY; Amy Hardin of Bowling Green, KY; Devan Icsman of Richmond, KY; Andrew Kester of Clarksville, TN; Jennifer Luttrel of Madisonville, KY; Karen Mackey of Sebree, KY; Ronald Marshall of Louisville, KY; Corie Martin of Woodbury, KY; Nadine Menser of Madisonville, KY; Dawayne Meyer of Dunnville, KY; Emily Williams of Bowling Green, KY; and Dawn Winters of Bowling Green, KY. Congratulations and welcome to the Doc family.

SECOND ANNUAL KENTUCKY EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP DOCTORAL SYMPOSIUM HELD AT WKU

Written by: The Symposium Leadership Team

The second annual Kentucky Educational Leadership Doctoral Symposium, “Navigating the Changing Landscape of Educational Leadership”, was held on March 29-30 at the Knicely Conference Center.

The Symposium was designed to provide a platform for doctoral students, faculty, and educational leaders across the state and nation to engage in dialogue about current challenges and opportunities faced by educational leaders. The Leadership Team included doctoral students from four cohorts, including all four strands: Nancy Givens (Cohort V); Sonya House (Cohort II); Ladonna Hunton (Cohort VII); Mary Lloyd Moore (Cohort IV); David Oliver (Cohort V); Catrice Bolton Reese (Cohort V); and Rhonda Simpson (Cohort IV). Dr. Barbara Burch, Provost Emeritus, supervised the practicum. The doctoral student Leadership Team worked over a period of six months to plan and implement the Symposium, which included attendance of doctoral faculty and P-16 practitioners from the region. Also, attending were
representatives from the doctoral programs at Morehead University, Northern Kentucky University, and Spalding University.

Speakers for the conference included Dr. Robert King, president of the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education, Dr. George Mehaffy, Vice-President for Academic Leadership and Change at the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU), Mr. Nathan Phelps, assistant professor in the WKU Honors College, Mr. Tommy Floyd, Superintendent of Madison County Schools, and Mr. Greg Coker, president and CEO of the non-profit organization, The Cathedral Institute. Panelists included Dr. Cecile Garmon, Director, Leadership Studies, Dr. David Lee, Dean, Potter College of Arts and Letters; Mr. James Robinson, Executive Director, International Center of Bowling Green; Mr. Joe Tinius, Superintendent, Bowling Green Independent Schools; and Mr. Abraham Williams, Executive Director, Housing Authority of Bowling Green. Presenters included several WKU faculty members: Dr. Gordon Baylis, Vice President for Research; Dr. Marty Boman, Associate Professor, College of Education; Dr. Jeff Butterfield, Associate Professor, Information Systems; Ms. Sharon Hunter, Coordinator of College Readiness; Dr. Paul Markham, Assistant Professor, Honors Interdisciplinary Studies; Dr. Stephen Miller, Associate Professor, Education, Administration, Leadership, and Research; Dr. Pam Petty, Associate Professor, School of Teacher Education; and Dr. Bill Pfohl, Professor of Psychology.

Six doctoral students also presented their research: Ms. Nancy Givens, WKU; Ms. Jibby Brown, NKU; Mr. Gregory Ross, WKU; Ms. Melody Rawlings, NKU; Ms. Heidi Crocker, WKU; and Ms. Cindy Ehresman, WKU.

One of the special highlights of the event was the Pinning Ceremony for doctoral students who have advanced to candidacy. Doctoral students were recognized and pinned at a reception hosted by the Dean of the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, Dr. Sam Evans. Dr. Gordon Emslie, Provost and VP for Academic Affairs, assisted by Dr. Sam Evans, presented each pin. Students who have advanced to candidacy and who were recognized at the ceremony were Mr. Kirk Biggerstaff, Ms. Stephanie Cornwall, Ms. Heidi Crocker, Mr. Tim Gott, Mr. Eric Gregory, Ms Kristie Guffey, Ms. Sonya House, Mr. Robert Jackson, Ms. Linda Keller, Mr. Tony Kirchner, Mr. Benny Lile, Ms. Lauren Martin, Mr. Chris Mueller, Ms. Milli McIntosh, Ms. Annette Parker, Mr. Greg Ross, Mr. Chris Schmidt, Ms. Jo Shackelford, Ms. Tamela Smith, and Ms. Lee Ann Wall.

Results from the Symposium evaluation and assessments by conference planners, presenters, and attendees confirm that it was a very successful and worthwhile event. In future years, the conference-hosting site may be rotated among the other Kentucky institutions that grant doctoral degrees in Educational Leadership.
DOCTORAL STUDENTS’ UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL TRAVELS

Bregenz, Austria
July 5 – July 16

Denise Perdue of Cohort II
Kenyetta Martin of Cohort V
Mana Kariman of Cohort V
Hajara Mahmood of Cohort V
David Oliver of Cohort V
Rachel Rosales of Cohort V
Jenaya Perdue of Cohort VII

Lyon, France
May 19 – May 27

Greta Jones of Cohort II
Milli McIntosh of Cohort II
Evgenia Mauzy of Cohort II
Shahbaz Munawar of Cohort IV
Chris Gaddis of Cohort IV
Rhonda Simpson of Cohort IV
Lee Ann Wall of Cohort IV
Sara Jennings of Cohort VIII
Eric Keeling of Cohort VIII

Confucius Institute – Summer Cultural Exchange Trip to China
May 5 – May 27

Lisa Horn of Cohort V
Christopher King of Cohort VI
Elizabeth Sholar of Cohort VII