

GRADUATE UPDATE

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MATH DEPARTMENT ENROLLMENT

The Masters in Mathematics program at ESU experienced an enrollment increase of 151% for Fall 2013. Dr. Yanik, chair of the department, stated the department had been working with the Graduate School to develop different strategies in advertising to math teachers in Kansas and offering online programs for distance students. He stated the recent Google ads for the Math program had really worked well in attracting students to ESU. We welcome all the new Mathematics graduate students to the ESU family.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Spring Calendar

Thesis/Dissertation Support Award Applications due	2/14
Scholar's Circle Funding requests due	2/27
Intent to Graduate for summer 2014 due	2/28
Nominations for Graduate Teaching Assistant Awards due	3/7
Laurence C. Boylan Scholarship applications due	3/14
Graduate Commencement	5/17
McNair Scholarship applications due	7/1
New Graduate Student Scholarship applications for Fall 2014 due	7/1

TWO HPER GRADUATE STUDENTS RECEIVE STATE AWARDS

Tyler Goad received the KAHPERD Graduate Research Award and Amy Avery received the KAHPERD Graduate Teaching Award at the 2013 KAHPERD Convention



FROM THE DEAN

“Opportunity is missed by most people because it dressed in overalls and looks like work” (Thomas Edison). As I read this quote, I think about the upcoming spring semester and the “opportunities” most graduate students will have within their graduate program. These opportunities could include:

- Completing the thesis, dissertation or research project
- Presenting a creative work
- Performing an artistic or musical piece
- Completing comprehensive exams
- Beginning or finishing the graduate program

These examples seem like an opportunity dressed in overalls! However, while these opportunities may look like work, the experiences and meaning created by these opportunities cannot be duplicated. Spring semester typically is a very “serious” and “strenuous” semester, but the rewards you will receive from the work will be amazing. I hope you have a wonderful Holiday season and I look forward to seeing many of the products you will be completing in the spring.

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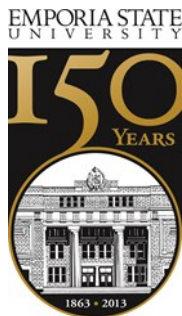
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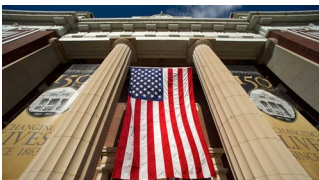


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ROBERT J. GROVER SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

Emporia State University has awarded two Robert J. Grover Graduate Student Scholarships for 2014 to Jessica Andrade, a student from Olathe, KS and Tiffany Orth, a student from Wichita, KS. Both students will receive \$350.

Ms. Andrade is currently working on her master's degree in Counselor Education with a concentration in School Counseling through ESU's Counselor Education department. Ms. Orth is currently working on her master's degree in Health, Physical Education, and Recreation through ESU's Health, Physical Education, and Recreation department. Both students will be honored at ESU's 2014 Research and Creativity Day on May 1.

MBA IN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS OFFERED ONLINE

The School of Business will begin to offer the Master of Business Administration degree online. This degree provides advanced education in business administration to those seeking advancement to middle and upper managerial and executive positions. Emporia State's School of Business will launch the online delivery of this program in Spring 2014.

The online MBA program is fully accredited by AACSB International, and is designed for business and non-business graduates who wish to receive their education with Emporia State University, but need the option of online classes. Besides accreditation and the convenience the program offers, the online MBA continues the School of Business' reputation for affordability.

"For many years Emporia State University has offered graduate programs aimed at professional development and career advancement, and this new online MBA program continues that tradition," said Dr. David Cordle, Emporia State provost. "We believe that students will benefit from the program's online delivery and from the quality that is characteristic of our School of Business."

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Two Laurence C. Boylan Scholarships will be awarded during the spring 2014 semester. The application deadline is March 14, 2014. Applications are available on line at <http://www.emporia.edu/grad/scholarships-awards/>. Each award recipient will receive \$2125.

The Harold Durst Graduate Research Award will be awarded during the fall 2013 semester. The application deadline is October 4. Applications are available on line at <http://www.emporia.edu/grad/scholarships-awards/>. The award recipient will receive \$898.

Graduate Commencement Spring 2014

Graduate Commencement will be held on May 17. The ceremony will be held in Albert Taylor Hall on Saturday, May 17, at 2:00. A commencement reception will follow the ceremony in the commons area of White Library.

If you have questions on commencement, please contact the Graduate School at 620-341-5403.

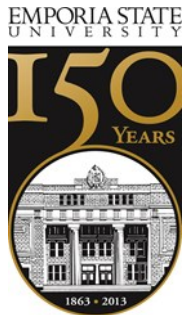
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Enrollment tops 6,000 at ESU!

New Graduate Student Scholarships Awarded For Spring 2014

- Justine Becker, Biological Sciences
- Kristi Bretches, School of Business
- Kevin Cook, SLIM
- Michelle Deedrick, HPER
- Beth Denker, SLIM
- Allison Fink, HPER
- Jessica Gambrel, Counselor Education
- Zahidul Karim, School of Business
- Emma Kisiel, SLIM
- Amanda Luke, SLIM
- Rachel Miles, SLIM
- Lisa Miller, SLIM
- Stephanie Nichols, Counselor Education
- H.M. Saidur Rahaman, Psychology
- Robyn Rhoton, SLIM
- Nicole Rongo, Instructional Design and Technology
- Lauren Sawyer, HPER
- Guinevere Swierczek, SLIM
- Faith Rucker, Elementary Education, Early childhood, Special Education
- Kevin Yarnell, HPER
- Diana Young, HPER
- Mark Young, Elementary Education, Early Childhood, Special Education

THESIS/DISSERTATION SUPPORT ALLOCATIONS AWARDED

The following graduate students were awarded up to \$500 by the Graduate School to support research costs related to the completion of their thesis/dissertation.

Judith Bilyea, Biological Sciences

Heidi Blackburn, SLIM

Karen Diller, SLIM

Lindsey Gerber, Physical Sciences

Tingting Wei, Physical Sciences

Jianzheng Wu, Physical Sciences

Chen Yang, Biological Sciences

ESU DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI



Dr. Linda Bluth was recently honored by being named one of Emporia State University's Distinguished Alumni for the 2013-2014 academic school year. Dr. Bluth received her Master's in Psychology degree from Emporia State in 1966. She has forty-seven years of experience as a special educator, including 32 years in special needs transportation. Dr. Bluth retired in 2009 as director of the Office of Quality Assurance and Monitoring at the Maryland State Department of Education. Dr. Bluth has accomplished many things in her wonderful career touching many lives in the process. Dr. Bluth is an amazing example of a Distinguished Hornet!

SEMESTER DATES

Classes begin-January 22
Spring Break—March 17-21
Midterm grades due-
Last day of classes-May 9
Final examinations-May 12-16
Commencement-May 17
Final grades due-
Summer classes begin- May 19
Summer classes end-August 8



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Fall Career and Graduate
School Fair



Liz McLain and Jenny
Barger at a recruiting event
for the Graduate School

LAURENCE C. BOYLAN OUTSTANDING THESIS AWARD

Bradley Johnson, a student from Leavenworth, Kansas, received the Laurence C. Boylan Award for the outstanding master's thesis produced during the 2013-2014 academic year. Mr. Johnson, who received his master's degree in Physical Sciences with a concentration in Earth Science in August 2013, was recognized for his thesis, "Identifying Oscillations and Teleconnections That May Impact Snowfall in Northeast and East Central Kansas 1951-2011: A Regional Climate Analysis and Study on Prediction Potential." Mr. Johnson's graduate thesis advisor was Dr. Richard Sleezer, associate professor and chair of the department of Physical Sciences.

GRADUATE TIPS/INFORMATION

Need a checklist for graduation! <http://www.emporia.edu/grad/graduating-students/degree-completion-checklist.html>

Need to know what scholarships/awards are available! <http://www.emporia.edu/grad/scholarships-awards/>

Looking for a job after graduation! <http://www.emporia.edu/grad/job-search-information.html>

Need a guide of your program requirements! <http://www.emporia.edu/grad/admissions/graduate-degree-listing.html>

NEW ONLINE REFERENCE FORM AVAILABLE

A new online reference form is now available for graduate students. The new form can be used for admissions or scholarships/awards. Students can now simply share the link to the form with their references. The form can be completed online and submitted electronically. The form can be found at <http://www.emporia.edu/grad/scholarships-awards/graduate-school-reference-form.html>.

ENROLLMENT TOPS 6,000!

A jump in new graduate students, an increase in the size of the freshman class combined to give Emporia State University the largest enrollment increase of the Regent universities. Emporia State University topped the 6,000 mark on the 20th day of classes. The enrollment total of 6,033 was an increase of nearly 3 percent from the 20th day of Fall 2012. New graduate students increased nearly 20 percent from Fall 2012. "The buzz is here," said President Shonrock. "We have momentum and we are continuing to move forward.

ESU GRADUATE SCHOOL RECRUITING

Graduate school recruiting kicks off in February with internal recruiting at the Memorial Union on the 11th. We will also have a table in the Union on March 6 and April 16 and will be attending the ESU Ed Fair on March 5. The Grad School and Career Services will also be holding Grad School/Job Search Boot Camps on March 12 and April 16. In addition to our on-campus recruiting, there will be a trip to the McNair Scholar's Conference at the University of North Texas in Denton (February 14-16). February also includes trips to Washburn University (19th) and University of Nebraska-Kearney (20th). Spring travel concludes with a trip the National Council on Undergraduate Research conference on April 3-5 in Lexington, KY.