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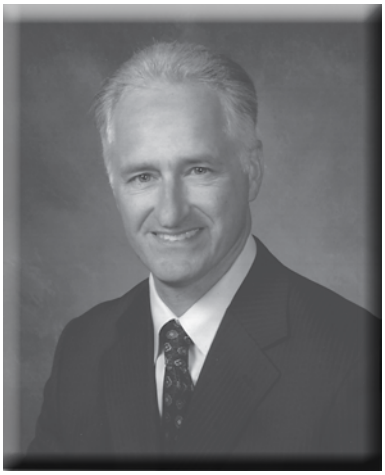
WATCH FOR EXCITING NEW FORMAT coming in the summer edition of our WED newsletter!



Dear WED students,

Warmest greetings from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College. It is an exciting time here at The Woods. Spring is now here, and that has brought two of our most honored traditions – Ring Day and Commencement.

One of the things that we often talk about at SMWC is family. The word has different meanings to different people, but at the heart of it all are the ideas of unity, community and love. And, for me, events like Ring Day and Commencement, serve as a wonderful reminder of the diversity that we have in our SMWC family.

As a WED student, your path to The Woods was probably much different than that of our campus-based students. Some of you have come to The Woods after a long period of work and raising your own families; others have come directly from high school or have transferred here from another college experience.

You joined our Woods family for various reasons. The wide range of our academic programs, the flexibility of distance learning classes that can be completed at any time of the day or night, and the wonderful faculty and staff who provide you with the support you need to complete your studies are just a few examples.

Many of you live, work and study in Indiana, but some of you also come to us from nearby locations in Illinois, Ohio and Kentucky. Others are from as far away as California and Florida. We even have a WED student who lived in New Zealand for a few years and a couple of our students are serving our country in Iraq.

But whatever your path and wherever your journey takes you, you are family. We celebrate each and every one of you, and we treasure all of the unique qualities and experiences that you contribute to this College community.

Thank you for choosing SMWC and for becoming a part of this family. I enjoyed celebrating Ring Day with many of you and your families and I look forward to celebrating Commencement Day this year and in the years to come.

Warm regards,

David G. Behrs, Ph.D.
President

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College
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DID YOU KNOW?

- **June 2000** — **5,000th student entered the WED program.**
- **September 2005** — **First male undergraduate enrolled in WED program.**
- **May 2008** — **Record number of WED students (114) earned degrees this academic year.**

Coming Soon!
WED 35th Anniversary Celebration
May 16, 2009

See full agenda on page 7.

Gwen Hagemeyer Named WED Director

After over 15 years of service in the WED program Gwen Hagemeyer was recently appointed as the new WED Director. Gwen will be responsible for managing the coordination and distribution of services to students in the WED program and providing leadership and supervision to staff and faculty for the purpose of program quality, development and retention. Gwen will be actively involved in resolving student problems and providing academic support.

Among Gwen's accomplishments during her years with WED are the implementation of process and procedural changes and leading changes to update program distribution systems. In the past several months as interim director Gwen planned and implemented our new one-day orientation for new students and led changes in the WED extension policy and in residency calendars. She is currently working with our registrar and faculty to establish a rotation system for WED courses.

Having received her Bachelor of Science in English from Indiana State University many years ago, Gwen went on in recent years to pursue certifications in American management and nonprofit management. She is now anticipating graduating with a Master of Leadership Development from SMWC in May 2009.

When asked what keeps her enthused about The Woods and working with non-traditional students Gwen said, "It is the program's ability to help people achieve their dreams. We help students grow in confidence and skill level."

Looking Forward to Commencement

Members of the Class of 2009 share their thoughts as they await commencement day:

"My advice for new WED students would be "to stick with it". I felt that I had such a long road ahead of me when I started- I had only 27 credit hours! I was able to complete my degree and student teach within three and a half years. I also worked while I was taking classes. Sometimes I felt discouraged and that it would never end! In January when I was finished student teaching and before my new job started, I almost missed not having a course to work on! I would recommend taking alternative format courses on campus; I really enjoyed them and developed friendships with other students who were living through what I was! We encouraged each other through Praxis II exams and the interview process. We celebrated the successes and supported the disappointments. It made us all feel part of a group and that we really were not doing this by ourselves.

I know that I would not have completed my degree at this time in my life if I had not done it through SMWC. The flexibility allowed me to be at every game, play, and doctor's appointment that my children had as well as continue working while earning my degree. My advisor was a huge supporter for me. I always felt great when I left her office!

I had considered not going through commencement because there is always so much going on in my family's schedule, but I decided that I earned the right to do it and I should! I am now teaching 6th grade Language Arts and I love it!

Beth Bielefeld, Westfield, Indiana

"I'd like to say the WED program was the ONLY way I could have earned a college degree because of its flexibility and the enormous contributions of the faculty and staff to make it so. What makes WED easy for students is conversely what makes it a challenge for instructors. Being able to work at one's own pace is so crucial to a student's success but gives the instructor an incredible amount of data to juggle. A huge thank you to them for accepting the challenge and instructing so well.

One of my best memories of my time at SMWC is the trip to New York with Elaine Yaw and the newspaper staff for the College Newspaper Advisor's Conference. I learned so much from the presentations, got to work the registration table and met interesting people, and the St. Patrick's Day parade staged just outside the hotel on the last day was a dream come true for this Irish lass!

I benefited greatly in feeling a part of The College, from the personal interactions of my professors through email, phone, and in face-to-face discussions. I consider several to be good friends with whom I will continue a relationship in the future. I did not want an online education for just this reason. Don't lose this valuable connection to an impersonal drop box. Included in this personal connection were the alternative format classes that allowed me to really master the subject presented and gave a reason for walking about campus as a true student of SMWC. I have developed a real attachment to MY school through all of these."

Elaine Bielefeld, Lowell, Indiana

Editor's Note: Elaine Bielefeld is Beth Bielefeld's mother-in-law and they have been a source of encouragement for each other for the past several years as they have strived to reach their academic goals.

"I have a lot of fond memories of my time at The Woods. One that took me by surprise was during Ring Day; I had been asked to do a reading at Ring Day and I was excited. I had really been anticipating getting my ring since my days as a campus student but I didn't realize how much it meant to me until I was actually up there reading and started to cry! I couldn't believe it, because I am not a cryer. When I was up there and I looked out at everyone in the church I knew that my experience at The Woods had changed me forever! I am just looking forward to graduation and how I will react to that. I have been working toward this for as long as I can remember and it is so important to me. I can't wait to show my daughters that you can do anything if you put your mind to it."

Stacey Bex, Terre Haute, Indiana

NEWS NOTES

CHECK OUT THE DESIRE2LEARN (D2L) HELP SITE!

The new D2L Help Site has been designed to help you succeed. If your courses don't use D2L yet, you might want to take the time to become acquainted. More and more courses are requiring D2L and you may find yourself in one soon!

D2L is a program that allows students to turn in homework, take quizzes, post on the discussion board, and organize notes and homework to name just a few things. Instructors are able to post helpful class lectures as well.

Don't know where to start? On the D2L Help site there are videos and tutorials that show you around. You'll be a pro in no time!

Go to: http://d2l.smwc.edu/

The D2L help site can be very useful if you encounter problems while completing your coursework.

Editor's Note: We're constantly working to update and improve the site, so please feel free to make suggestions!

EMAIL CONVERSION

As I am sure you are all aware, the recent conversion to Microsoft Outlook 2007 has not been without its glitches. What started out as a relatively simple installation of new equipment to support email and data storage turned into the necessity of having our old network completely reconfigured.

We are working diligently to insure that SMWC email accounts, D2L, and myrecords are working properly. If you have not recently done so, please take a moment to verify that you can access your accounts.

Email: **https://email.smwc.edu**
D2L: **http://woodsonline.smwc.edu**
MyRecords: **http://myrecords.smwc.edu**

Should you encounter any difficulties, please email me directly at **WEDMailHelp@smwc.edu**. Be sure to include your name, student ID number, and contact information.

I apologize for any inconveniences you may have experienced during this conversion, and hope that you will contact me if you are having problems.

– Marilee A. Bridgewater, WED Systems Manager

BY-MAIL REGISTRATION OPTION

In March 2009 we began offering the option of by-mail registration to most WED students. (Remember, education majors must come to campus at specified points.) If choosing this option for subsequent registrations, it is important that you begin planning for this early. Courses must be designated (TBA doesn't work), final grades need to be on your transcript for the previous semester, accounts must be at a zero balance, financial aid needs to be in order and students need to **return the By Mail Registration Form with signature** before students can be cleared to register or order books.

FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE DELINQUENT BALANCES

Students whose accounts are not in good standing are not entitled to receive transcripts, diplomas, or certificates. Delinquent accounts are subject to a monthly service fee.

DELINQUENT ACCOUNT COLLECTION

If it is necessary to forward a delinquent balance to the College's collection agency, all reasonable collection costs, including attorney fees and other charges necessary for the collection of any amount not paid when due, will be the responsibility of the debtor.

FIND YOUR ASSIGNMENT COVER SHEET

Many WED students continue to ask where they can find a Word template for their assignment cover sheet. On your Internet browser go to http:// and just type in **wed.smwc.edu**. Then, from the right side of the screen, under **Related Links** double-click on **Resources for Current WED Students**. Under WED forms, click on **Assignment Cover Sheet**. Once the cover sheet is open, highlight the whole page and copy it into a new Word document to have as a template for all your WED assignments.

WED STUDENTS: HONORS

All students in the WED program are considered for academic honors on July 31st and January 31st of each year. In order to qualify, in the previous six months students must have passed the milestones of 12, 30, 45, 60, 75, 90, 105 or 125 hours of graded coursework completed at SMWC, with a grade point average (gpa) of at least 3.5 and with no incomplete grades.The following students are congratulated for academic excellence, August 2008-January 2009.

HIGHEST HONORS (cumulative grade point average 4.0)

Beverly Amlaner	Education Licensure	Terre Haute, IN
Alta Cary	HR Management	Paris, IL
Ann Crites	Education Licensure	Casey, IL
Gabriel Cooley	Education Licensure	Lafayette, IN
Erika Eicholz	Education Licensure	Indianapolis, IN
Cassandra Ginter	Special Ed MS/HS	Danville, IN
Elizabeth Goodman	Education Licensure	Lafayette, IN
Cherie Green	K-Elem Education	Ramsey, IL
Suzanne Horn	Education Licensure	Guilford, IN
Amera Jaradat	Journalism	Amman, Jordan
Dianne Jensen	English Education	Crawfordsville, IN
Catherine Jones	Education Licensure	Vincennes, IN
Joyce Kustwin	Special Ed MS/HS	Terre Haute, IN
Keith Nash	MS/HS Soc Stds Educ	Palestine, IL
Brittney Nees	Education Licensure	Cloverdale, IN
Karla Noorlag	Educ. Lic. Mathematics	Rosedale, IN
Angela O'Neal	Education Licensure	Terre Haute, IN
Ginger Porter	K-Elem Education	Odon, IN
Susan Reed	Education Licensure	Indianapolis, IN
Angela Robinson	Early C'hood Education	Washington, IN
Theresa Snoderly	Crt.Writing/English/Psych	West Terre Haute, IN
Karen Teng	Education Licensure	Richmond, IN
Debbie Van Wyck	Education Licensure	Sheridan, IN
Debra Vaught	K-Elem Education	Odon, IN
Julie Washington	Business Admin	Shelbyville, IN

GREAT HONORS (cumulative grade point average 3.75-3.99)

Rhonda Adams	Accounting Info Systems	Terre Haute, IN
Janelle Alex	Psychology	Greencastle, IN
Dawn Axsom	Psychology	Oaktown, IN
Stacie Bennett	Accounting/Theology	Ellettsville, IN
Jennifer Best	Accounting Info Systems	Rosedale, IN
Beth Bielefeld	K-Elem Education	Westfield, IN
Bridget Bogle	Education Licensure	Terre Haute, IN
Cherrie Bonham	Human Services	Terre Haute, IN
Barbara Bowling	Human Services	Versailles, IN
Erin Brown	English Education	Indianapolis, IN
Kylee Brown	Hist/PoliSci/PreLaw	Marshall, IL
Gay Bryson	K-Elem Education	Anderson, IN
Dana Buechlein	K-Elem Education	Jasper, IN
Kimberly Butler	K-Elem Education	Indianapolis, IN
Jill Cardinal	K-Elem Education	Vincennes, IN
Melanie Caron	Theology	Milledgeville, GA
Kambi Carpenter	K-Elem Education	Sullivan, IN
Carrie Carr	K-Elem Education	Hidalgo, IL
Debbie Clapp	Human Services	New Richmond, IN
Laura Clark	Business Admin	Brazil, IN
Valerie Clark	K-Elem Education	Brazil, IN
Lori Clouse	Computer Info Systems	Terre Haute, IN
Betsy Cornelius	Soc Sci/History	Rio Rancho, NM
Sandra Crumrin	CIS/E-Commerce	Montezuma, IN
Farrah Cunningham	K-Elem Education	Williamsport, IN
Denise Davies	Elementary Education	Bainbridge, IN
Deborah Davies-Caldwell	Education Licensure	Hanover, IN
Diamond Deacon	K-Elem Education	Crawfordsville, IN
Allison Dixon	Education Licensure	Greenwood, IN
Emily Eagan	Pre-3 MI Education	Gosport, IN
Tracy Evangelista	Education Licensure	Avon, IN
Victoria Evans	K-Elem Education	Thorntown, IN
Mary Fennell	K-Elem Education	Terre Haute, IN
Catherine Field	Prof. Writing	Danville, IL
Elizabeth Flohr	Education Licensure	Ladoga, IN
Nanci Fox	NFP Public Relations	Conyers, GA
Michele Francis	Education Licensure	Terre Haute, IN
Linnea Friesen	Humanities	Terre Haute, IN
DeDe Groves	K-Elem Education	Crawfordsville, IN
Angela Guinn	HR Management	Thorntown, IN
Darrell Hamilton	Educ. Lic. Mathematics	Terre Haute, IN
Katherine Hari	Pre-3 MI Education	Lafayette, IN
Laura Harris	Education Licensure	Crawfordsville, IN
Jeanie Hebner	K-Elem Education	Indianapolis, IN
Catherine Hildebrand	Business Admin	Indianapolis, IN
Paula Hinesley	MS/HS Soc Std Educ	Farmersburg, IN
Amie Hume	Education Licensure	Lowell, IN
Brandy Hyatt	Pre-3 MI Education	Westfield, IN
Laurie Jackson	Prof. Writing	Peyton, CO
Lauri Johnson	Education Licensure	Greenfield, IN
Cindy Jupp	Psychology	Terre Haute, IN
Maria Kennedy	Education Licensure	Indianapolis, IN
Naomi Kennedy	Art	Cornwall, NY
Sarah Kennedy	Pre-3 MI Education	Gosport, IN
Janet Kieninger	Business Admin	Indianapolis, IN
Elizabeth Kinman	K-Elem Education	Madison, IN
Linda Kinser	K-Elem Education	Coal City, IN
Gloria Kohlmann	Undeclared	Longwood, FL
Amy Kozol	Prof. Writing	Florence, MS
Lee LaFontain	K-Elem Education	Lizton, IN
Jessica Lees	Psychology	Peru, IN
Laura Leggero	HR Management	Columbia City, IN
Jill Lewis	K-Elem Education	Farmersburg, IN
Katrina Logan	Human Services	Terre Haute, IN
Rebecca Low	English Education	Versailles, IN
Dawn Lynch	Education Licensure	Danville, IN
Ralph Marshall	Humanities	Seattle, WA
Kathy McCabe	Business Admin	Bourbonnais, IL
Cheryl McCann	K-Elem Education	Sunman, IN
Dorothy McDonald	Psychology	Carmel, IN
Heather McMasters	K-Elem Education	Cayuga, IN
Janine McNamara	English	Cottonwood, AZ
Erin Michels	K-Elem Education	Urbana, IL
Lori Mull	Education Licensure	North Vernon, IN
Lisa Mullen	Human Services	Paris, IL
Toni Newgent	General Business	Cloverdale, IN
Nancy O'Neill	Education Licensure	Chicago Heights, IL
Bridget Payne	Early C'hood Education	Greenwood, IN
Leanna Phelps	Pre-3 MI Education	Veedersburg, IN
Laura Plummer	Pre-3 MI Education	Poland, IN

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GREAT HONORS *(Cont. from page 4)*

Jamie Pohlman	English	Groton, CT
Cheryl Politz	K-Elem Education	Crawfordsville, IN
Wendy Preilis	Education Licensure	Whiteland, IN
Cassie Pride	K-Elem Education	Noble, IL
Kimberly Reeder-Ward	K-Elem Education	Marshall, IL
Sandra Rice	Pre-3 MI Education	Sainte Marie, IL
Connie Richter	K-Elem Education	West Harrison, IN
Lisa Riggins	Education Licensure	Bloomington, IN
Lynnette Ringis	Prof. Writing	Waveland, IN
Angela Rosandich	K-Elem Education	Oxford, IN
Katherine Ryan	Education Licensure	Bloomington, IN
Trina Schutte	K-Elem Education	Versailles, IN
Kimberly Skiba	K-Elem Education	West Lafayette, IN
Peggy Smith	Pre-3 MI Education	Danville, IN
Rebekah Somerton	Human Services	Rensselaer, IN
Karen Sullivan	Theology	Indianapolis, IN
Kelli Sutter	English	Watertown, TN
Rocky Thomas	English Education	Brazil, IN
Amanda Titlow	K-Elem Education	West Lafayette, IN
Apostolos Vasileiadis	K-Elem Education	Terre Haute, IN
Jo Ellyn Waggoner	Education Licensure	Columbus, IN
Michelle Walden	Accounting	Paris, IL
Heather Webster	Psychology	Bedford, IN
Cassandra Wells	English	Carmel, IN
Beth Whitsett	Education Licensure	Frankfort, IN
Karen Wilcher	K-Elem Education	North Vernon, IN
Susan Wilson	Business Admin	Indianapolis, IN
Thomas Winget	Education Licensure	Indianapolis, IN
Carrie Witmer	K-Elem Education	Chrisman, IL

HONORS (cumulative grade point average 3.5-3.749)

Kelly Adams	K-Elem Education	Indianapolis, IN
Kimberly Ahlfield	K-Elem Education	Olney, IL
Marvelia Alpizar	Journalism	Saluda, SC
Jessica Anderson	K-Elem Education	Richmond, IN
Joann Benjamin	K-Elem Education	Tell City, IN
Colett Berak	Education Licensure	Arcadia, IN
Stacey Bex	Psychology	Terre Haute, IN
Tina Boillard	K-Elem Education	Rosedale, IN
Kylee Brown	Hist/PoliSci/PreLaw	Marshall, IL
Darla Bury	Computer Info Systems	Oakwood, IL
Sarah Cady	Pre-3/MI Education	Moores Hill, IN
Deborah Cale	K-Elem Education	Indianapolis, IN
Caroly Couldry	Special Ed. MS/HS Educ.	West Terre Haute, IN
Farrah Cunningham	K-Elem Education	Williamsport, IN
Tammy Dick	K-Elem Education	Jasper, IN
Theresa Dirig	HR Management	Fort Wayne, IN
Jessica Dixon	Accounting	Lebanon, IN
Anita Douglass	Undeclared	Martinsville, IN
Rhonda Dressler	Pre-3/MI Education	Decatur, IN
Jill Eberly	Psychology	Pine Village, IN
Nicole Edens	K-Elem Education	Casey, IL
Stephanie Ferrell	Education Licensure	Harrisburg, IL
Sheryl Fulk	General Business	Center Point, IN
Ingrid Gaither	Theology	Kokomo, IN
Judy Glover	Pre-3/MI Education	Hartford City, IN
Lisa Goff	Prof. Writing	Terre Haute, IN
Kathryn Greenslade	K-Elem Education	Fortville, IN
Sharon Grigsby	Pre-3/MI Education	Plymouth, IN
Elaine Guinn-Eakins	Pre-3/MI Education	Avon, IN
Phyllis Gwin	Pre-3/MI Education	Franklin, IN
Cheryl Hagemeier	Human Services	Freelandville, IN
Tammy Halcomb	K-Elem Education	Versailles, IN
Adrienne Hayes	Psychology	Brazil, IN
Angela Heitman	HR Management	Indianapolis, IN
Pearl Hobbs	Accounting	Bedford, IN
Courtney Huckelberry	Education Licensure	North Vernon, IN
Michelle Hughbanks	K-Elem Education	Sullivan, IN
Gina Jennings	Business Admin	Terre Haute, IN
Patricia Jones	Advertising	Oblong, IL
Eric Kauffman	Business Admin	West Lafayette, IN
Brandye Kizer	Human Services	Danville, IL
Jeanette Kopsas	Business Admin	Indianapolis, IN
Toni Mahaney	Pre-3/MI Education	Bicknell, IN
Jessica Mancourt	Accounting	Lebanon, IN
Barbara Martin	K-Elem Education	Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, IN
Tammy Martin	General Business	Shelburn, IN
Beth Mathes	K-Elem Education	Versailles, IN
Abby McComas	Pre-3/MI Education	Casey, IL
Page McGaughey	Education Licensure	Darlington, IN
Terri McGee	Psychology	Terre Haute, IN
Angela Melchert	K-Elem Education	Farmersburg, IN
Diana Melton	Special Ed. MS/HS Educ.	Paris, IL
Martha Miller	Pre-3/MI Education	Indianapolis, IN
Michael Minor	English	Terre Haute, IN
Vicki Murphy	Business Admin	Columbus, IN
Becky Nelson	Paralegal	Lebanon, IN
Rebecca Nelson	K-Elem Education	Indianapolis, IN
Lauren Nobbe	Education Licensure	Indianapolis, IN
Monalisa Onyekwere	English/Prof. Writing	Beltsville, MD
Amanda Orchard	K-Elem Education	Wheatland, IN
Karla Orman	K-Elem Education	Terre Haute, IN
Melissa Patton	Human Services	Waveland, IN
Amy Pitstick	Accounting	Lafayette, IN
Angela Prewitt	Education Licensure	Seymour, IN
Kelly Przygocki	K-Elem Education	Lawrenceville, IL
Joan Ray	Pre-3/MI Education	Terre Haute, IN
Lindy Reeves	Pre-3/MI Education	Perrysville, IN
Sharon Reinhart	Human Services	Lerna, IL
Ashley Rogers	K-Elem Education	West Terre Haute, IN
Kathy Roman-Birkey	Business Admin	Terre Haute, IN
Donna Sizemore	Pre-3/MI Education	Guilford, IN
Starr Smith	Early C'hood Education	Lebanon, IN
Rebekah Somerton	Computer Info Systems	Rensselaer, IN
Suzanne Southworth	Theology	Nashville, TN
Kelli Sutter	English	Watertown, TN
Stacie Tabler	K-Elem Education	Vincennes, IN
Rebecca Truax	Humanities	Coal City, IN
Eileen Vera	Humanities	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Jada Wagle	K-Elem Education	Princeton, KY
Kali Walls	K-Elem Education	French Lick, IN
Heather Warfel	K-Elem Education	Pittsboro, IN
Crystal Williams	Accounting	Vincennes, IN
Shawn Worland	K-Elem Education	Washington, IN

Changes Occuring in WED Program

A number of changes are being planned for the 2009-2010 academic year. Beginning with the August 2009 WED return, semesters will be 16 weeks long. Along with the 16-week semesters will be available an option of an eight-week summer school semester for WED students. According to Gwen Hagemeyer, WED Director, there are some very good reasons for the changes to our residency calendar, "the 16 week semester was created so students, if they want or need to, can get on an August to January schedule within a year." Students using Indiana state grants need to enroll in August and January for optimum use of their financial aid.

We will probably offer a few more alternative format options during 2009-2010. It will be especially important for students to begin submitting assignments right away and to continue to do so consistently throughout the semester. There will be no registering for additional courses while on extension for a current course because terms cannot overlap. The 16-week semester will allow WED students a break between semesters; students can take advantage of this time to fit in CLEP testing and to put together materials for possible Assessment of Prior Learning credit.

Also being implemented in the fall of 2009 will be a rotation of courses available to WED students during any given semester. Most general studies and lower level major courses will be offered all of the time. Departments are now working on the plan for next year and it should be ready to share with both students and faculty later this spring. The complete list will be posted on the SMWC website this summer.

It will be more important than ever that WED students plan well ahead with their advisor and our financial aid staff. Advisors will need to be aware of which courses will be available in specific semesters in order to be able to help students plan ahead and ultimately meet their graduation requirements in a timely manner.

New and returning WED students will need to communicate their plans so that financial aid allocations for the year are not disbursed in too high an amount to students who plan to attend a fall, winter, and summer semester. Financial aid staff need to know of these intentions early in the academic year in order to be able to meet our students' needs.

After this academic year, there will be no overlapping semesters approved for students. However, this won't start until August 2009 to allow students more planning/transition time. To check academic progress, grades will need to be in before students start their next semester. For instance, for a student to begin in mid-August, we need grades posted by August 13th. Semester lengths have been shortened next year and grades will be due a little quicker to allow review for academic progress.

Spotlight on WED Students and Alumnae/i

Janelle Alex, psychology major and January 2009 graduate from Greencastle, Indiana, has already begun pursuing her Master of Science in Human Services with a specialization in gerontology through Capella University. Janelle says that Capella's set-up is vastly different from The Woods, but she thinks it is going to be great. She is required to participate in discussion threads with the professor as well as with fellow classmates and she is finding that she really likes that a lot.

Stacey Bex, psychology major fromTerre Haute, Indiana, will be working on her Ph.D. in school psychology this fall at ISU after graduating from The Woods in May. Stacey says she knows that she wouldn't be able to do that if it weren't for The Woods and everything it has provided her, from confidence and self-discipline to a quality education. Stacey is "grateful that she has been able to become a part of this wonderful place."

Good News from Higher Learning Commission

Evaluators from The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) recently visited our campus for two days and met with academic leaders and staff as well as some WED students and recent graduates. They were very happy with the WED program and were particularly impressed by three things:

a) We have a wonderful planning process.

b) We have excellent quality assurance.

c) Our WED students who took part in a session with the evaluators were amazing.

We would like to say a special thank you to our WED students and recent graduates who participated in the student panel during the HLC visit:

Stacey Bex, Nancee Callahan, Linnea Friesen, Cheryl Pound, Karen Propst, and Dee Reed.

The evaluators did make four suggestions:

a) We need to emphasize faculty development and planning.

b) We should look at recruiting and retention (i.e., consider things like how to conduct a ring ceremony for students across the seas).

c) We need to plan for new technologies and how they fit (Web 2.0, online communities).

d) We should consider academic-driven technologies.

Alternative Format Course Offerings

Spring 2009 Remaining Offerings:

SC 201	Integrative Science I, 3 hrs., May 11 - 13 and May 18 - 20

Summer 2009:

ED 206/337	Intro to Elem. Educ./Curriculum & Instr., 5 hrs., June 15 – 19
ED 227	Literacy Development, 3 hrs., June 10-12
ED 303	Music, Movement, and the Arts, 3 hrs., June 3 – 5
ED 326	Methods of Teaching Soc. Studies, 2 hrs., June 8 and 9

Fall 2009:

JO 215	Layout and Design, 3 hrs., Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 7

Fall 2009 Possible Offerings:

ED 110	Intro to Early Childhood, 2 hrs.
ED 201	Technology in Education, 2 hrs.
ED 221	Field Exp. I: Urban Education, 2 hrs.
ED 330	Methods of Teaching Sci in Elem Sch, 2 hrs.
ED 358	Functional Beh. Assessment, 3 hrs.
HS 325	Human Services Prac. Techniques, 4 hrs.
ID 302	Film, Culture, and Creativity, 2 hrs.
MA 101	Fundamentals of Mathematics, 3 hrs.
MA 253	Statistics, 3 hrs.
MA 361	Basic Concepts of Math & Methods, 3 hrs.
TH 201	Foundations of Theology, 3 hrs.

Spring 2010 Possible Offerings:

CS 101	Introduction to Computer Softward, 3 hrs.
MA 112	College Algebra, 3 hrs.
MA 362	Basic Concepts of Math Methods II, 3 hrs.

Please note: A deposit is required to insure your space in any alternative format class. Enrollment is first-come, first served, based on date of deposit or registration (payment at the Business Office). For deposits ($100.00 required), send check, or charge card number with expiration date to Jeannette Wrin/WED Office. (Note class with payment). If you have any questions, call (812)535-5251 or email jwrin@smwc.edu. This list will be updated periodically, distributed at residencies, published in *Bridges* and posted on www.wed.swmc.edu (click on Alternative Format Courses).

WED 35TH CELEBRATION AGENDA • MAY 16, 2009

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9:00 – 10:45 a.m.	Registration and Reception Welcome – President David G. Behrs, Ph.D. Visit with distinguished former WED staff and faculty
11:00 a.m.	Luncheon with reunion guests
12:30 p.m.	WED picture with Dr. Behrs
1:00 p.m. & 1:45 p.m.	Pilgrimage tour of campus
2:30 p.m.	Book discussion – **Julie Young '05** *A Belief in Providence: A Life of Saint Theodora Guerin*
3:30 p.m.	Reflection service
4:00 p.m.	Event concludes

Register online at www.smwc.edu
$15 per person registration fee includes the luncheon.

Opportunities for Current WED Students and Alumnae/i

Interested in Being a WED Mentor?

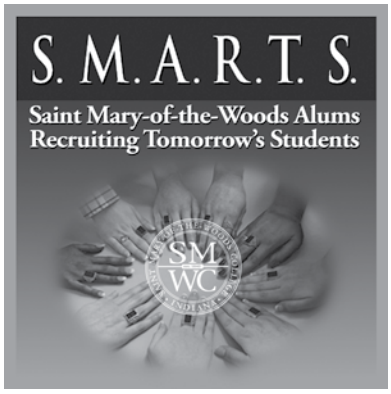
We are looking for conscientious and caring WED students to serve as mentors to new WED students during their first semester. You'd provide a support system that's unique because you've been there and done that! The goal: to help new students successfully adjust as they fit WED into their busy lives.

It will take about an hour a week, with most contact being by e-mail. There is a small stipend to thank you for your work for The College. To qualify as a mentor, you'll need:

- e-mail
- completion of at least 3 semesters in WED
- a solid G.P.A.

You will be required to view a PowerPoint training slide show about mentoring policies and procedures as well as meeting the criteria above. Please contact Kathy Moon, Director of WED Student Services at 812-535-5117 or kmoon@smwc.edu if you are interested in this opportunity.

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods Alums Recruiting Tomorrow's Students (S.M.A.R.T.S) was launched in the fall of 2008 with a small group of alums, as a joint project between the alumnae and enrollment management offices. These alums enjoyed interacting with prospective students in their area, and students were able to personally identify with The College. Based on the success of this initial phase, SMWC has expanded the program. This presents an exciting opportunity for students who have gone through the WED program and are now alumnae/i of The College.



If you are an alum who might be interested in participating in the regional expansion of S.M.A.R.T.S. contact Gwen Tucker, Director of Alumnae Relations at (812) 535-5222 or gtucker@smwc.edu. Your time investment will be greatly appreciated by all of us at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College and, more importantly, by the many prospective students who will benefit from your efforts.

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RETURN RESIDENCY SCHEDULE 2009-2010

RETURN DATES	RESIDENTIAL DATES	PROJECT DUE	GRADES DUE	NEXT PROJECT
Return	August 18, 19, 20	December 14	January 4	January
Student Teachers	August 21	December 14	January 4	January
Return	October 15, 16	February 8	February 22	March
Student Teachers	January 8, 2010	May 3	May 4	August
Return	January 26, 27, 28, 29	May 24	June 7	August
Return	March 17, 18, 19	July 12	July 26	August
Summer School Return	May 20, 21	July 26	August 9	August

The WED Program reserves the right to change these dates and events.

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