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NEWS FROM THE DEAN



DR. HENDERSON

Beyond the religious observances, I always am grateful for the lights, food, and music of the winter holiday season as beacons against the dark, cold nights of December. This year in particular, we need the unadulterated cheer and good will of the winter holiday season to resist the shadow of COVID. We may not be able to

surround ourselves with as many friends and family as we would like but, we can definitely relish the festivities in other ways and take a much-deserved respite. As much as you can, I encourage you to engage in restorative activities over the winter break. Enjoy the time off. We'll face the new year together when you return from break.

FOCUS ON FACULTY ...

College of Education faculty have once again been recognized for their accomplishments. The following individuals have received Achievement and Contribution Awards for the 2019-2020 academic year:

2019-2020 ACHIEVEMENT & CONTRIBUTION AWARDS		
FACULTY MEMBER	DEPARTMENT	AWARD CATEGORY
Dr. Carole Collins Ayanlaja	EDL	Balanced
Dr. John "Jay" Bickford	TLF	Research
Dr. Jennifer Buchter	SPE	Research
Dr. Heidi Larson	CHE	Teaching
Dr. Rebecca Tadlock-Marlo	CHE	Teaching

AWARDS & HONORS ...

Jodi Buis, Max Smith, Aileen Tierney -- Graduate Students in Counseling and Higher Education working with **Dr. Heidi Larson**, received funds from the Williams Travel Grant by the Award Committee of the Council on Graduate Studies to fund support a virtual presentation at the Illinois Counselor Association Conference on "How a School-wide Peer



"You rarely have time for everything you want in this life, so you need to make choices. And hopefully your choices can come from a deep sense of who you are."

... Mr. Rogers

Mentoring Program is Building Student Visionaries.” They will receive formal recognition at the Distinguished Graduate Student Awards Ceremony during Graduate Exposition week (April 15, 2021) and will be featured in the 2021 Graduate Journal of Scholarship.

Scott Eisenhauer, a fall 2020 graduate of the Bachelors of General Studies program, was the undergraduate student commencement speaker. A faculty committee selected Scott based upon academic requirements, his essay, and an oral assessment. Scott then selected **Kimberly Redfern**, academic advisor for the School of Extended Learning, to function as his faculty mentor to assist with the project.



Not only will Scott begin a Master's in Political Science degree, he will also serve on the College's Advisory Board.



ON THE HORIZON ...

Buzzard Boutique: Located in Buzzard Hall Room 1160, The Buzzard Boutique, will be a free professional clothing closet available to College of Education students who may have limited access to professional attire.

The Department of Special of Education is asking for gently worn or new professional clothing, shoes, and accessories for men and women. Donations can be made Monday through Friday from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm at the Special Education Department. We are thrilled to provide this opportunity for our students and appreciate everyone's contributions.



All-College Meeting: I look forward to visiting with you during our spring All-College meeting on **Wednesday, January 20, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. to noon**. Our focus will be sharing information and professional development for example, we will learn more about how to use Teams.

Polar Plunge: Please join the Department of Special Education for the 2nd Annual Glow Plunge on February 28, 2021. Concerned about social distancing, you can participate

in the SOILL Plunge at Home. Not interested in plunging? Donations are welcome. For more information and sign-up go to this [link](#) or visit us on Facebook @EIUSPE.

UNIVERSITY-WIDE NEWS ...

Spring Enrollment Update: This past week, with the help of a series of new communications, the coordinated efforts of Central Advising, Departmental Advisors, Financial Aid, Student Accounts, and other student support entities across campus, we were able to reduce the registration deficit from down 356(-7.5%) to up 38 (+.07%). This is a significant accomplishment since the majority of public universities in the state are reporting significant declines in Spring enrollment year to year. We hope to continue this upward trend as we proceed toward the 10th day of the Spring Semester. — **Josh Norman**, Associate Vice-President for Enrollment Management

Fall Enrollment Update: Applications continue to lag behind last year in all categories at EIU and nationally as students grapple with the reality of the College experience amid a global pandemic. This is going to be a longer cycle and we are adjusting our marketing, communications, timelines, and events to ensure that we continue to serve our prospective students and families well. If you are interested in national and state-level data regarding College Choice trends for the 2020/2021 cycle, these recent Niche [survey results](#) are a great resource. — **Josh Norman**,

Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!

