



COLLEGE OF APPLIED STUDIES

2019 ANNUAL REPORT



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ABOUT THE COLLEGE

The College of Applied Studies (CAS), formerly known as the College of Education, was established in 1926. As of this year, CAS offers 15 programs at the baccalaureate level, 9 programs at the master level, 1 specialist degree and 1 program at the doctoral level. Our college houses four departments with degree offerings that touch all aspects of Pre K-12 education, educational administration, sport management, athletic training, exercise science and workforce leadership.

Throughout its history, WSU's College of Applied Studies has grown and changed to meet the challenges of preparing education professionals for an increasingly complex and specialized world. The college has expanded to include not only the preparation of teachers and education leaders, but counselors, educational psychologists, sport managers and professionals in human performance studies. Our newest undergraduate program, workforce leadership and applied learning is designed to provide individuals with the skills to lead a work group toward success.

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**ACADEMIC
DEPARTMENTS**

8

**CENTERS
AND LABS**

72

**FACULTY &
STAFF**

MISSION

The mission of the College of Applied Studies is to prepare education and other professionals to benefit society and its institutions through the understanding, the facilitation, and the illumination of the learning process and the application of knowledge in their disciplines.

CORE VALUES

Diversity
Integrity
Collaboration
Discovery
Leadership

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

As we look toward a new year, I am delighted to share our 2019 annual report with you highlighting some of the activities, initiatives and accomplishments our faculty, staff and students experienced throughout the past year. We began the year with a motto, Listen Intently and Respond Adeptly. This motto ties to our core values of diversity, integrity, collaboration, discovery and leadership, which have been our guiding posts for implementing and delivering programs and initiatives that are making an impact and responding to the needs in our community.

For the third year in a row, our college has continued to grow enrollment reaching a 41% increase since 2016. This increase is a result of the work our faculty and staff put into revising a large number of our existing programs as well as developing new programs to ensure we continue to respond to the needs of our community. We continue to focus on building relationships that guide our efforts and ensure we continue to meet the needs of our students. This past year our faculty have engaged in numerous community service activities to complement their scholarship and instructional endeavors. Their leadership at the local, regional, national and international levels has raised the bar for our programs.

Students in the college were also engaged in numerous service and applied learning opportunities and were recognized for their accomplishments as Teachers of Promise, Shocker New Venture Competition winners, and Senior Honor recipients.

In addition to all these happenings, the college faculty, staff and students had a great time at the Clash of the College competition. Escorted onto the field by the Wichita Public Schools Heights High School drumline, our students competed mightily and were crowned the 2019 Clash of Colleges Champions!

The CAS Leadership team, faculty, staff and students are a talented group of individuals who demonstrate their commitment to making a positive impact on the lives of others on a daily basis. I am grateful to each of them as well as our alumni, friends and donors who support our college and make it possible for us to continue to serve our community.

I hope you will enjoy reading about how we are continuing to live the mission of WSU to be an economic driver for Kansas and the greater public as well as position the College of Applied Studies for the future!”

SHIRLEY LEFEVER, PHD

Dean, College of Applied Studies

LEADERSHIP TEAM



Shirley Lefever
Dean



Clay Stoldt
Associate Dean



Ashlie Jack
Assistant Dean/
Accreditation Officer



Bobby Berry
The Fuse



Rich Bomgardner
Human Performance
Studies



Jody Fiorini
CLES/
School of Education



Kayla Jasso
Marketing/Outreach



Sherena Langley
Advising



Tyler Levesque
Esports



Tiffany Morgan
Budget/Records



Andrew Myers
Asst. to the Dean/
Scholarships



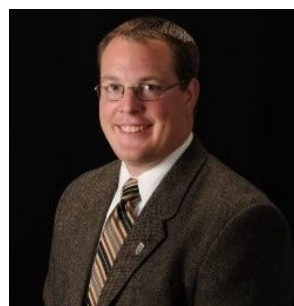
**Chelsea Redger-
Marquardt**
Service-Learning



Edil Torres Rivera
Latinx Studies



Mark Vermillion
Sport Management



Chris Wyant
Corbin Connect

NEW INITIATIVES

ACCELERATED BACHELOR'S TO MASTER'S IN EXERCISE SCIENCE

The new accelerated Exercise Science program is designed to allow students to earn both a Bachelor of Arts in Exercise Science and a Master's of Education in Exercise Science in five years.

For more information, visit wichita.edu/exercisescience.

APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS CERTIFICATE

In response to the need for school personnel to increase their skills in social and emotional learning, the CLES department is adding a certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis.

For more information, visit wichita.edu/aba.

BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN WORKFORCE LEADERSHIP AND APPLIED LEARNING

The Workforce Leadership and Applied Learning degree launched this spring and aims to prepare students to be leaders in a range of organizations.

For more information, visit wichita.edu/wlal.

ESPORTSMANAGEMENT MINOR

The newly developed minor in Esports, launched this fall through the Sport Management department and is available for students interested in careers associated with Esports.

For more information, visit wichita.edu/esportsminor.

ESPORTS VARSITY TEAMS

In 2019 WSU launched it's first varsity Esports team. The team, managed by our college has quickly grown and now features four competitive varsity gaming teams: Overwatch, League of Legends, Counter Striker and Rocket League.

For more information, visit wichita.edu/esports.

NEW FACES



KRISTIN PANOS

Assistant Professor, Special Education

Kristin says she's living out her dream as a professor of Special Education. She joined us from the University of Iowa where she earned each of her three degrees. She also has two sons, both of which attend the University of Iowa.



CHELSEA REDGER-MARQUARDT

Assistant Teaching Professor, CAS/ Cohen Honors College

Chelsea is not new to WSU, as she comes to us after five years in the Student Involvement office. She also recently earned her doctorate from our college in Educational Leadership. Her new position is a joint appointment in CAS and the Dorothy and Bill Cohen Honors College.



VICTORIA SHERIF

Assistant Professor, Educational Leadership

Victoria came to WSU from the University of Kentucky where she earned her doctorate in Education Leadership and served as an instructor and research/ development associate. In her free time, she enjoys riding bikes and horses.

NEW FACES



VALERIE THOMPSON

Assistant Professor, Educational Psychology

As a Wichita-native Valerie is thrilled to be back in Wichita and teaching at WSU. She has joined the faculty in CLES and is teaching in the new Higher Education Student Affairs (HESA) program.



EDIL TORRES RIVERA

Professor & Director, Latinx Studies

Edil heads up Latinx Studies at WSU including teaching and developing curriculum, recruiting and hiring for Latinx cluster, and fostering relationships with the WSU and the Wichita community. Prior to his teaching career Edil was in the Army where he was an amateur boxer.



JILL WOOD

Coordinator, Teacher Apprentice Program

Jill oversees the rapidly-growing Teacher Apprentice Program at WSU. Aside from working with students, Jill is a mother of 3 and also enjoys sports. She has been playing or coaching volleyball and basketball for nearly 35 years.

TENURE & PROMOTION

Our college is proud to be home to dedicated, energetic and committed faculty and staff members. These individuals are dedicated to ensuring our students' needs are addressed in a welcoming environment.

We would like to congratulate the following faculty who received tenure and promotion this year:

- Mara Alagic, Professor
- Daniel Bergman, Professor
- Jody Fiorini, Professor
- Fuchang Liu, Professor
- Victoria Opalewski, Associate Educator
- Jennifer Stone, Associate Professor



Left to right: Jennifer Stone, Daniel Bergman, Jody Fiorini, Mara Alagic, Fuchang Liu, Shirley Lefever.

RETIREMENTS



Rick Pappas, Senior Educator

Rick taught Physical Education for 43 years, including the last 10 years at WSU. Prior to WSU he was a PE teacher in Wichita Public Schools. A gymnasium was named after Rick at Price-Harris Elementary School.

Sandra (Sandy) Peer, Senior Educator

Sandy taught at WSU for 27 years and taught math courses for Education majors for the last 10. Before joining the faculty at WSU she taught in Wichita Public Schools. Sandy battled cancer and passed shortly after her retirement.



Anh Tran, Associate Professor

Anh started at WSU in 1997, after working in Wichita Public Schools for many years. During her 22 years at WSU, Anh greatly enjoyed teaching both undergraduate and graduate students, as well as writing for publications and presenting at international and local conferences.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

COLLEGE AWARDS

Outstanding Staff

Sheri Barnes, Human Performance Studies

Service

Bobby Berry, Sport Management

Technology and Innovation

Jaehwan Byun, School of Education

Emory Lindquist

Jason Herron, CLES

Research

SoonChun Lee, School of Education

Teaching

Kristin Sherwood, CLES

SERVICE RECOGNITION

25 Years

Sherri Holle, School of Education

20 Years

Sherena Langley, CAS Advising

Jean Patterson, CLES

15 Years

Jeff Noble, Sport Management

5 Years

Kayla Jasso, Dean's Office

Beatrice Latavietz, CLES

SoonChun Lee, School of Education

Jiaqi Li, CLES

Aaron Rife, School of Education

UNIVERSITY AWARDS

Academy for Effective Teaching

Katie Cramer, School of Education

Sandy Peer, School of Education
(posthumous)

Excellence in Teaching

Rick Pappas, Human Performance Studies

Faculty Risk Taker

Rich Bomgardner, Human Performance
Studies

Faculty Senate Distinguished Service

Mark Vermillion, Sport Management

Shocker Innovation Corps Fellow

Heidi Bell, Human Performance Studies

Ventures Bright Future

Tyler Levesque, Esports

WSU Alumni Association University Recognition

Bobby Berry, Sport Management

STUDENTS

ORGANIZATIONS

- Athletic Training Student Association
- CAS Ambassadors
- Exercise Science Student Organization
- Graduate Association of School Psychologists
- Klose Student STEM Association
- Sport Management Student Association
- Team K12



46%

**FIRST-GENERATION
COLLEGE STUDENTS**

11%

**OUT-OF-STATE
STUDENTS**

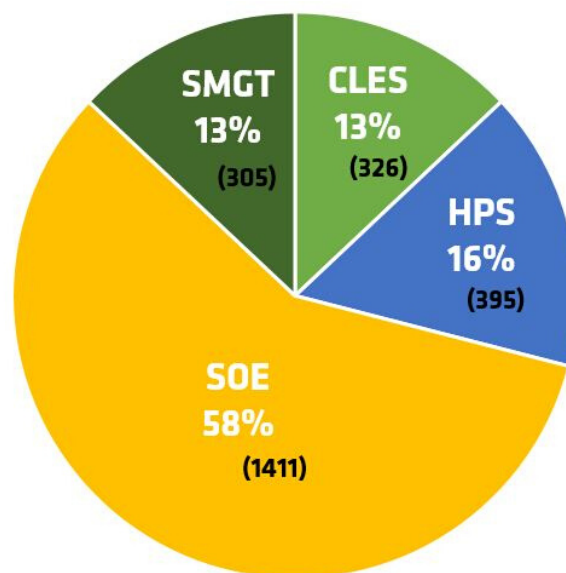
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**GRADUATES
IN 2019**

BY THE NUMBERS

This fall 2,450 students were enrolled in the College of Applied Studies of that 1,743 were undergraduate students and 707 were graduate students.

The largest department remains the School of Education (SOE) with 1411 students, followed by Human Performance Studies (HPS), Counseling, Educational Leadership, Educational and School Psychology (CLES) and Sport Management (SMGT) respectively.



STUDENT RECOGNITION

Senior Honor is one of the most prestigious honors a WSU student can receive. Students are selected based on commitment to academic excellence, involvement on campus and in the community, academic standing and oral and written communication skills. Among those selected in 2019 was secondary history-government major, Sam Belsan (pictured top middle).

Additionally, CAS selects a graduating senior to receive the Academic Achievement Award and Outstanding Graduating Senior Award. This year's Outstanding Senior Award (leadership and involvement) was awarded to sport management major Collin Munson (pictured bottom left). The Academic Achievement Award (highest GPA) was given to Brooke Pederson (pictured bottom right), an exercise science student.



WE ARE CHAMPIONS



Clash of the Colleges is an annual competition between academic colleges. This year we were victorious taking home gold!

RESEARCH GRANTS



2019-2020 American Athletic Conference Grant

Dr. Rich Bomgardner: Return to Learn research and policy development

Buck Institute for Education Out of the Gate Project Grant

Chris Wyant: Bringing cutting edge pedagogy training to faculty, mentor teachers in USD 259, and pre-service teachers

NASA Kansas Grant Consortium

Dr. Danny Bergman, Cathy Durano, Dr. Soonchun Lee, Greg Novacek: Teacher Workshop program for 15 middle school science teachers

Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities Grant

Dr. Heidi Bell and student Millicent Setzkorn: Pilot Study: Comparison of Vertical Jump Assessments between DARI motion capture, My Jump 2 App, and traditional Vertec



SCHOLARSHIPS

This year we were able to award scholarships to 179 students totaling nearly \$479,500.

One new scholarship was secured, Debra K. Smith Scholarship. This scholarship supports students in the Teacher Apprentice Program.

\$479K IN SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARDED



179
STUDENTS RECEIVED
SCHOLARSHIPS

PARTNERSHIPS

Our college engages with a number of community partners each year. Here are just a few of the partnerships from this year:

- USD 259 Wichita Public Schools
- Envision
- Girls on the Run
- United Way
- Wichita Open
- Wichita Business & Education Alliance
- Project Teacher
- Greater Wichita YMCA
- Workforce Wichita
- Robert J. Dole VA Medical Homeless Program
- Flagship Kansas



CREDIT UNION OF AMERICA

In spring 2019, we launched a new partnership with Credit Union of America (CU of A). CU of A provides support to our college through the Teacher Apprentice Program (TAP) scholarships, TAP Graduation Celebration and Corbin Connect.

ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS

We signed a number of articulation agreements with community colleges and technical schools to provide a seamless transfer for students wanting to earn their bachelor's degree at WSU.

Current schools we have articulation agreements with include:

- Butler Community College
- Garden City Community College
- WSU Tech



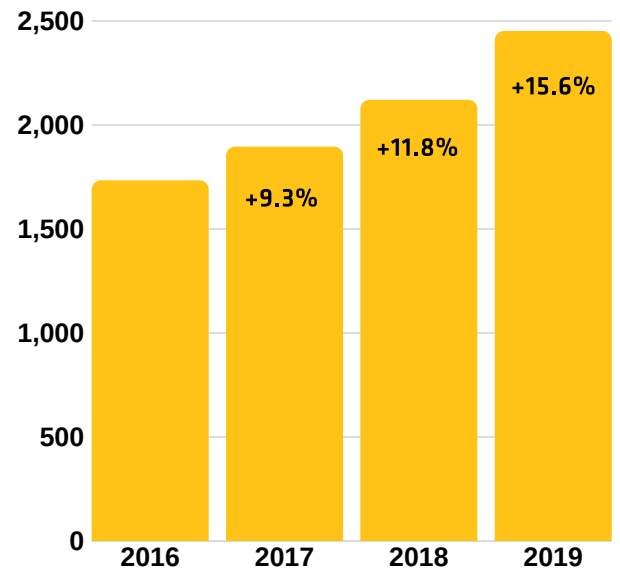
Dean Shirley Lefever (right) and Sheree Utash (left) of WSU Tech sign an articulation agreement.

RECRUITMENT

2019 was another record year for enrollment. For the third year in a row our college enrollment increased. This fall student headcount reached 2,450 a 41% increase since 2016.

Some of the programs with the largest growth include:

- Educational Leadership
- Educational Psychology
- School Psychology
- Special Education
- Teacher Apprentice Program



MET WITH

171

CAMPUS VISITORS

ATTENDED

32

RECRUITMENT EVENTS

INCREASE OF

15%

FIRST-GEN STUDENTS



CAS AMBASSADORS

This group of outstanding student volunteers represents the college at events and supports outreach efforts to prospective students.

The CAS Ambassadors are representative of each of the academic programs in the college and nearly 75% of the group is from outside of Wichita.

20 STUDENT
AMBASSADORS

MARKETING



CREATED INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT
@WICHITASTATECAS

27%

INCREASE IN FOLLOWERS ACROSS
ALL SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS



DEVELOPED NEW COLLEGE
VIEWBOOK

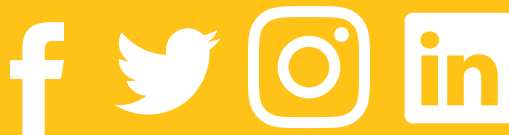
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VIDEO FEATURES



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