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Rhonda K. Lewis

Dr. Rhonda K. Lewis is a dedicated Professor & Graduate Coordinator at Wichita State University (WSU) as a faculty member in the Department of Psychology. Her twenty-five years have been a blessing to WSU. Many improvements and innovations have been realized through her many efforts.

Lewis served as chair of the Psychology Department providing support to faculty, staff, and students. Appreciated by each because of her unjudgmental and unbiased support, her commitment to acknowledgement of the efforts of faculty and students is critical. As department chair, no individual or group was excluded. Dr. Lewis wanted faculty to know they were valued and students to know they were valued for their educational pursuits and continued goals for success. Participants attending recognition ceremonies felt they too were important to the honorees and appreciated for acknowledgement of their support.

Importantly, she is a faculty member students want to learn from and get her direction. They worked to do their best because Dr. Lewis challenged, inspired, and helped them in the development of a plan of action to meet their personal goals and objectives.

In addition, as a faculty member she is dedicated and committed to her profession and has contributed to and conducted numerous research, published hundreds of papers, supported community projects, and helped hundreds of students.

Further, Lewis served as faculty mentor and sponsored students in the TRIO McNair Scholars program. Lewis allowed students to assist with research, trained and directed the inquiry and research desires, an effort rewarding for both. Lewis takes care to ensure students understand the process and have a valuable experience. She has supported pre-college TRIO and GEAR UP students in their pursuits.

Dr. Lewis has dedicated her career to giving back and helping others. She collaborates and partners with others to ensure a diversity of ideas and efforts are shared. Her community efforts are designed to ensure those needing assistance has the best possible information to make sound judgments and decisions. Her community service supports the direction to give back. Dr. Lewis' background in health has impacted her support from Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., where she is a member and has served as president.

Dr. Lewis makes sure persons are aware of how much she values teaching, support and love of her father Wilbert Lewis and mother Martha Lewis. She feels her success is tied to their belief in her directions and dedication. Being one for giving, her time and expertise has been important. An individual of accomplishment, Dr. Lewis is always learning and teaching. Every challenge is an opportunity for her to excel.

Dr. Rhonda K. Lewis is distinguished by her educational growth: she received her B.A. in Psychology from Wichita State University, M.A. in Human Development of Human Development and Family Life from the University of Kansas, M.P.H. Master of Public Health Department of Preventive Medicine from the University of Kansas School of Medicine, Kansas City, and PhD in Developmental and Child Psychology, Department of Human Development and Family Life from the University of Kansas, Lawrence.