

# CEE Program Updates 2004

## January 2004

- *Access*, our semi-annual publication of UW-L outreach programs and related news, was inserted in the *La Crosse Tribune* today, January 8. In addition, two billboards on the north and south entrances to La Crosse will promote the catalog and learning opportunities for the community.
- Three new ME-PD Learning Community sites have been established this semester in Onalaska, Chippewa Falls and Menomonee Falls enrolling 111 new students to date. In addition, 16 communities continue throughout Wisconsin making our total enrollment in the Learning Community program this semester 698.
- Distance education courses beginning this month are Current Trends in Literature for Children and Young Adults, Educational Psychology: Learning and Instruction, Teachers and the Law and Introduction to Family History (non-credit).

## March 2004

- More than 75 scientists, students and academics attended the **Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC)** Meeting last Thursday and Friday, March 4-5. Two SETAC regional chapters convened in La Crosse to discuss environmental education, research and development.
- The **2004 Summer Youth Program Guide**, a collaborative effort by the Boy's and Girl's Club, the La Crosse School District, and UW-L Continuing Education will be distributed the week of March 15 to all K-12 students in the La Crosse and surrounding school districts. The guide offers Coulee Region families one resource for planning youth summer activities.

## April 2004

- **Women in Leadership Forum**, a series of six, three-hour sessions presented by exemplary women leaders in Wisconsin, **begins Wednesday, April 14** and runs through May. This series was developed by a campus and community committee (Ellen Alexander, Patricia Anderson, Petra Roter, Christina Trombley, Penny Tiedt and Marjorie Troka) in partnership with Chancellor Hastad and local businesses and community organizations to recognize the essential role women play in the transition to the next economy.
- **Substitute Teachers Workshop**, focusing on practical techniques used by successful teachers, takes place **Saturday, April 17**. Developed in partnership with the Clinical Field Experience office, this workshop offers classroom management techniques, lesson planning and tips for communicating within the school district.

## May 2004

- More than 150 professional and amateur ornithologists are expected to attend the 74<sup>th</sup> annual **Cooper Ornithological Society Meeting**, focusing on Flocking to La Crosse – Spring Migration on the Mississippi River, **May 5-9** in the **La Crosse Center**. The meeting features workshops and fieldtrips, which the public may attend.
- Continuing Education is recognizing **15 graduates** of the Gerontology Certificate Program, a two-year non-credit program designed for health and human service professionals and other interested individuals. This

group is the fourth to graduate from the program. You are more than welcome to join us **May 12** beginning at 5 p.m. in the **Cleary Alumni & Friends Center**.

## June 2004

- The **International Death, Grief and Bereavement Conference** was held June 5-9 on the UW-L campus. Developed in partnership with the **Center for Death Education and Bioethics** and led by **Professor Gerry Cox** and **Professor Emeritus Robert Bendiksen, Sociology/Archaeology**, the conference brought together more than 80 professionals and those dealing with grief.
- More than 155 upper elementary, middle, and high school students will attend CEE's **pre-college and youth programs** during the next three weeks.
  - Forty middle school students will attend **Environmental Explorers**, June 15-16, in partnership with the Upper Midwest Environmental Sciences Center.
  - **Girls in Science**, June 26-27, in partnership with the Wisconsin Center for Academically Talented Youth, will attract 35 elementary and middle school youth.
  - **Harmony Explosion Camp**, June 10-13 will attract 30 high school boys.
  - More than 35 cyclists will participate in the **USA Cycling Athlete Development camp**, June 16-20.
  - **Hooked on Fishing**, June 24-26, will be attended by 17 middle school students.

## July 2004

- CEE's summer **pre-college programs** continue this month with the 15<sup>th</sup> annual **Young Scholars** program, July 12-16. More than 125 elementary and middle school youth will attend. **Fourteen UW-L faculty and academic staff are teaching classes** during this weeklong program.
- The 11<sup>th</sup> annual **Washburn Academy**, a partnership between UW-L and CESA #4 designed to improve K-12 classroom instruction in science, math and technology, will result in 450 enrollments from the two academy weeks held July 12-16 in Holmen and July 26-30 in Onalaska.
- The **Brethren National Youth Conference** will bring more than **2,300 high school and college students, staff and youth directors** to campus from throughout the country, July 17-23. Due to the large number of participants, students are staying in residence halls both on-campus and at Viterbo University.

## August 2004

- On Thursday, August 5, **Access** will be inserted in the **La Crosse Tribune**. This semi-annual publication highlights UW-L outreach programs for the fall semester.
- **Jazz on the Mississippi** will attract 50 seniors from across the country. This **Elderhostel** program is offered in conjunction with the 19<sup>th</sup> annual Great River Jazz Fest, August 4-9.
- Drawing and Painting Media, Writing in Green: Nature Writing Workshop and Exploring the Outdoor Classroom are **credit courses for teachers** offered in July and August at the **Kickapoo Valley Reserve**.
- **Six Wetland Delineation Training workshops** are being offered this month for 124 natural resource professionals in partnership with the **UW-L River Studies Center**, Wisconsin Department of Administration Coastal Management Program, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and other state and federal agencies. A Basic Hydric Soil Identification workshop will be offered for the first time attracting 19 participants.

- The 14<sup>th</sup> annual **Wisconsin Space Conference**, cosponsored by the Wisconsin Space Grant Consortium, will bring together more than 50 faculty and students **August 19-20**. This conference, which is open to the public, includes student presentations.

### September 2004

- **Parenting Teens for Success** (Kev Niam Txiv Qhuab Qhia Tej Tub Ntxhais Hluas Kom Zoo: Qhov No Yog Rau Cov Niam Txiv Hmoob thiab Tub Ntxhais Hmoob), was attended by more than **50 Hmong parents and adolescents** on Saturday, September 18.
- The **Junior Science and Humanities Symposium**, led by Associate Professor **Tim Gerber, Biology** at the Pigeon Lake Field Station September 19-21, was attended by 55 high school students presenting research and experimentation in sciences, mathematics and engineering.
- The CEE Annual Report will be distributed on campus and to community partners this week, highlighting selected programs offered and partnerships formed this past year. Associate Professor, **Sandra Grunwald, Chemistry** and Professor **Susan Kelly, Mathematics** are this year's featured faculty.

### October 2004

- Professor Emeritus **John Magerus**, Assistant Professor **Ahmed Ali** and **Dr. Chris Bakkum** are facilitating **three new ME-PD Learning Communities** this semester in West Salem, Madison and Hartland, enrolling 115 new students to date.
- The Gerontology Certificate, offered in partnership with the **Psychology Department**, has now been renamed the **Advanced Gerontology Certificate**. A new one-year Gerontology Certificate will begin this coming year. Programs offered this fall include Foundations of Gerontology, Drugs and Aging, Balance and Aging, and Ethical Issues in the Care of the Elderly.

### November 2004

- Twenty-two **Learning in Retirement** members are traveling to **Vietnam**, November 1-17, to revisit the country's historical and colonial past through visits to China Beach, Mekong Delta and the American Embassy in Saigon. Trips to a Hmong community, a hospital and a school are also scheduled. Emeritus professor Burt Altman organized this study tour.
- The 2004 **Wisconsin Upper Extremity Symposium and Workshops** take place November 12-13, the result of a long-term partnership with the **Physical Therapy** program and **Gundersen Lutheran Sports Medicine**. A distinguished faculty of orthopedic surgeons, physical therapists, and athletic trainers will present recent advances in orthopedic and sports injuries. More than 90 physical therapists from throughout the U.S. are expected to attend.
- More than 600 ME-PD Learning Community students, facilitators, and UW-L faculty and staff will convene at the La Crosse Center, November 13-14, for the 7<sup>th</sup> annual **Learning Community conference**.