Northwestern State University recognized outstanding members of its faculty with Excellence in Teaching Awards during the university’s annual Faculty Institute. Honorees are Dr. Massimo Bezoari, Louisiana Scholars’ College; Janet Darfus, College of Nursing and Allied Health; Dr. Wade Tyler, College of Arts, Letters, Graduate Studies and Research; Dr. Nelda Wellman, College of Education and Human Development, and Dr. Lynn Woods, College of Science, Technology and Business.

The Excellence in Teaching Award recognizes outstanding commitment to student success, research and academic endeavors both in and out of the classroom.
Northwestern State faculty and staff are invited to join the festivities on campus as the Athletic Department hosts Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day during the first home football game on Saturday, Sept. 8.

Faculty and staff who show their ID can join tailgating activities and buy tickets to the game for $5.

Excellence in Teaching Award recipients will be recognized during halftime ceremonies.

For information on tickets, contact Kyle Barnard at barnardk@nsula.edu or Haley Blount at blunth@nsula.edu.

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Bezoari holds the Richard Lounsbery Professorship in Chemistry in the Louisiana Scholars’ College where he teaches courses in biochemistry, organic chemistry, instrumental analysis, general chemistry and science seminar. He is active in institutional service, committees and community service. Half of his published research includes undergraduate co-authors and he is frequently an invited lecturer at National Chemical Society meetings. Bezoari has secured significant grant funding for undergraduate instruction from the National Science Foundation and was awarded eight patents and Inventor of the Year Award during an industrial research experience at Dow Chemical.

Darfus is an assistant professor in the College of Nursing and Allied Health. After earning a nursing degree at Vanderbilt University, the Tennessee native served three years active duty in the Army Nurse Corp at Fort Polk reaching the rank of captain. She earned her master’s degree at the University of South Alabama and was inducted into Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society. She has worked at Northwestern State’s Leesville/Fort Polk campus, as well as main campus.

Tyler is a professor and director of social work field instruction in the Department of Social Work, College of Arts, Letters, Graduate Studies and Research. He has been a member of the NSU faculty for 15 years. He was previously recognized with an Excellence in Teaching Award from NSU in 2008. Tyler maintains memberships in several professional organizations, served on the boards of community and state organizations, social agencies, federally funded education programs and testing companies. From 2007 to 2010, he served on the Louisiana Board of Social Work Examiners, and was chairperson for two years. He is a member of the board of Family Counseling Agency in Alexandria, serving as vice president for the last two years.

Wellman has been on faculty in the College of Education and Human Development since 2007 teaching education leadership courses alongside her husband, Dr. Wendell Wellman. She also teaches across programs that include reading and curriculum courses. She has authored and co-authored multiple educational articles and book chapters, along with writing the Educational Leadership SPA report for the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education. She has presented at several local, state, national and international conferences. Her research interests include the teacher-student relationship and its affects on student learning.

Woods is a professor in the Hospitality Management and Tourism (HMT) concentration of Family and Consumer Sciences. She began travels around the world in 1976 and accompanies students to exotic locations abroad and in the United States. She also supervises students presenting the biennial International Festival of Cultures and Cuisines for the Natchitoches community. Woods worked in the hospitality and tourism industry for 14 years before joining the staff at Northwestern State in 1995 to oversee the HMT curriculum based in part on hands-on participation. Woods fosters liaisons with the Louisiana Lt. Governor’s Office, city of Natchitoches, Chamber of Commerce and Office of Tourism administration, local historic preservation groups and the Louisiana Travel Promotion Association. She incorporates student volunteer work and practical experience in working for local and state festivals, events and non-profit organizations.
Dr. Pat Pierson, head of the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences at Northwestern State University, was named recipient of Northwestern State’s 2012 Excellence in Advising Award. The honor is presented annually to a member of the faculty during the school’s Fall Faculty Institute to recognize dedication to student advising, based on knowledge, helpfulness and accessibility.

“This is the 11th year we’ve presented the award,” said Steve Hicks, executive director of NSU’s Academic and Career Engagement Center (ACE). “The university’s initiatives in recruiting, retention and graduation dovetail with what we do in academic and career advising to maximize students’ learning experience and academic achievements. Recipients of the Excellence in Academic Advising Award are those who are knowledgeable, helpful and accessible to the students they advise.”

Northwestern State’s academic and career advising initiatives assist students in fulfilling their academic potential and in establishing and accomplishing life goals and ambitions, Hicks said. He offers several professional development workshops for faculty during the academic year.

“Dr. Pierson has been consistently cited by students and colleagues for having sincere concern for students, as well as a willingness to participate in all our professional development opportunities for advisors,” Hicks said.

Pierson has worked in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences since 1992, serving as department head from 1993 to the present. She has been instrumental in the establishment of the hospitality management and tourism degree, the culinary arts concentration, and adding the online concentration in child development and family relations. Under her leadership, the department has gained and maintained national accreditation. In 2006, she was awarded the Excellence in Teaching Award. Prior to her tenure in academics, she served as Head Women’s Basketball Coach at Northwestern State from 1978-1987 and then as Head Women’s Basketball Coach at East Carolina University from 1987-1992.

Regarding her philosophy of advising, Pierson noted “students need someone to be genuinely interested in them and someone to help them develop realistic educational goals for themselves. As an advisor, I try to do this by providing them with a roadmap of sorts, illustrating to them how they can get achieve their degree. Advising is one of the most rewarding parts of my job and I really love working one-on-one with college students. I am honored and humbled in receiving this award since recommendations for it come from students.”
Service Awards acknowledge long careers at NSU

Northwestern State University recognized several long-term employees with Faculty and Staff Service Awards during the university’s annual Fall Faculty Institute and university-wide luncheon Aug. 15. From left are Northwestern State President Dr. Randall J. Webb congratulating Janis Davis, Student Accounting and Cashiering supervisor, 40 years; Vice President for Business Affairs Carl Jones, Dr. Norann Planchock, dean of the College of Nursing and Allied Health, and Professor of Theatre Vickie Parrish, 35 years; the Rev. Henry Edwards, custodian; Bill Brent, director of the Dear School of Creative and Performing Arts, and Track and Field Coach Leon Johnson, 30 years. Dr. Lisa Abney, provost and vice president for Academic and Student Affairs, right, announced the honors.

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entitled “Factors Impacting Counselor Competency With Sexual Minority Intimate Partner Violence Victims.”

Drs. Barbara A. Duchardt (College of Education and Human Development) and Michelle Fazio-Brunson (Family and Consumer Sciences) have an article entitled “Adaptive Physical Education Ideas for Young Children” published in the Fall 2012 edition of Collaborations: The Louisiana Journal for Early Childhood.

University event calendar linked to nsula.edu

Northwestern State’s new calendar of events went live April 19 and is available for faculty and staff to use to list events regarding their department or office open activities.

The calendar can be accessed at nsula.edu/calendar. The calendar includes campus events which are open to the public or promote the educational mission of Northwestern State. Users can filter the calendar to show events they are most interested in and can download events to their personal calendar.

Those on the Northwestern State campus who need to book rooms for campus events should still use the existing EMS system. To place events on the calendar, faculty and staff should work with the campus communicator in their area of the Office of Marketing and Branding.

For more information, contact Bill Smith at extension 4245 or e-mail smithb@nsula.edu or Christina Lake at extension 4414 or lakec@nsula.edu.
Northwestern State University recognized members of the faculty with Above and Beyond Awards during the university’s Fall Faculty Institute. The honor was presented to those who demonstrate a strong commitment and dedication to working with students. From left are Dr. Lisa Abney, provost and vice president for Academic and Student Affairs congratulating Associate Professor Tammy Curtis, Radiologic Science; Leslie Gruesbeck, assistant professor of art and Orville Hanchey Gallery director; Gail Kwak, Reference/Government Information librarian; Jim Mischler, director of the NSU Writing Center and assistant professor of English; Assistant Professor Joel Hicks, Radiologic Sciences; Instructors of Math Roxanne Lane and Melissa Kelly and Steve Hicks, director of Academic Advising and Career Engagement.

Northwestern State University recognized three staff employees with Above and Beyond Awards during the university-wide faculty/staff luncheon. The honor was in thanks to those exceed their job responsibilities and demonstrate a strong commitment to the university. From left are Northwestern State President Dr. Randall J. Webb congratulation Leigh Ann Miller and Pam Cook, administrative assistants to the president. Dr. Lisa Abney, provost and vice president for Academic and Student Affairs, right, presented the honors. Not shown is honoree Chuck Bourg, director of the university’s Physical Plant Operations.
Aaron named Louisiana’s top radiologist

Dr. Laura Aaron, head of the Department of Allied Health and an associate professor of radiologic science at Northwestern State University, is the 2012 recipient of the Edward Mallinckrodt Award of Excellence. The Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technology presents the award to the state’s top radiologic technologist.

A member of Northwestern State’s faculty for 14 years, Aaron was a program director from 2003 to 2010 and was named department head in 2010. She is responsible for clinical education and teaching of didactic courses at the undergraduate and graduate level. Aaron is involved in curriculum development, faculty supervision and evaluation and program evaluation. She takes part in grant writing, scholarly research, publications and presentations.

Aaron oversaw Northwestern State’s Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology interim report and reaccreditation process. She developed the Master of Science in Radiologic Sciences program, which was implemented in 2009, and was involved in developing the Bachelor of Applied Science in Allied Health program, which began in the spring 2012 semester.

Aaron earned a bachelor’s degree at McNeese State, a master’s at Midwestern State University and a doctorate at Louisiana State University.

As a faculty member, she has obtained nearly $500,000 in grants to enhance programs in the College of Nursing and Allied Health. Aaron has held the Rapides Regional Medical Center Endowed Professorship and received the NSU Alumni Association’s Excellence in Teaching Award for the College of Nursing in 2006.

She has been active in state and national professional organizations including the American Society of Radiologic Technologists, the Association of Educators in Imaging and Radiologic Sciences and the Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technology where she served as president in 2002 and 2006.

Payroll supervisor provides information for 9 Month Faculty

All returning 9 Month Faculty will not be required to fill out the check election form for the upcoming academic year, according to Payroll Supervisor Brett Knecht.

“Your check election form from the previous academic year will remain in effect again this year. You will only need to complete a new check election form if you want to change the number of checks you elected last year,” Knecht said.

All 9 Month Faculty New Hires will need to fill out the check election form in their new hire packet and return to the Personnel Department by September 7. Also, any new 9 Month Faculty that began their employment in the Spring 2012 semester will need to complete the check election form and return it to the Personnel Department by September 7.

The check election form can be found on the Business Affairs website under the Payroll tab. http://businessaffairs.nsula.edu/assets/
Phifer gets Information Literacy Award

Professor of Biology Dr. Curt Phifer was named the 2012 recipient of the Fleming A. Thomas Faculty Information Literacy Award during the August Faculty Institute. Recipients of the award work with librarians to create assignments that will ensure a positive research experience for students, schedule information literacy sessions for students and encourage students to work closely with librarians to further their research. Director of Libraries Abbie Landry presented the award.
The Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education approved continued accreditation of Northwestern State University’s College of Education and Human Development as recommended by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). BESE made the announcement Aug. 15.

NCATE accreditation indicates that Northwestern State’s teacher training programs meet rigorous standards set forth by the professional education community. According to the NCATE board of examiners report, Northwestern State’s teacher candidates have demonstrated in-depth knowledge of the subject matter they plan to teach and possess the skills to see that students learn. In addition, the university has developed partnerships with P-12 schools that enable practical experience for teacher candidates who are prepared to work with diverse student populations. The report also indicates that university faculty effectively model teaching practices and the college has the resources necessary to prepare candidates to meet new standards.

“Professional accreditation assures the public that schools of education are graduating well-qualified teachers and other school personnel who are ready to assume the responsibilities for their daily work in today’s classrooms,” said Dr. Vickie Gentry, dean of the College of Education and Human Development. “Teaching and leading require a different set of skills than it did 30-plus years ago. There is greater diversity among students today and many require tailored instruction. It is critically important for Northwestern graduates to complete their programs with the knowledge, skills, and dispositions to meet the urgent needs of current P-12 schools.”

Northwestern State’s College of Education and Human Development met or exceeded all standards set forth by NCATE with no areas cited as Areas of Improvement.

“All NCATE standards were met at acceptable levels, with Standard 3, Field 8”
Dr. Margaret Kilcoyne, director and professor in the School of Business at Northwestern State University, was named the 2012 Outstanding Career and Technical Educator by the Louisiana Association for Career and Technical Education. The presentation took place during the organization’s conference that drew career and technical educators from Louisiana secondary school systems and post-secondary education institutions. She now advances to eligibility in the regional Outstanding Career and Technical Educator competition in Oklahoma City, Okla., in April 2013.

“I’m very excited to have been selected by the LACTE to represent the state of Louisiana as the Louisiana Association for Career and Technical Education Educator of the Year 2012-Post-secondary at the regional competition,” Kilcoyne said. “This achievement would not be possible without the support that I have received from NSU and the School of Business.”

The theme of this year’s LACTE conference was “CareerTech VISION,” which emphasized future vision for career and technical education in Louisiana. The theme was in keeping with the national Association for Career and Technical Education’s upcoming International Summit on Excellence in CareerTech Education to be held in Atlanta later this year. The summit focused on ways career and technical education programs can better prepare a competitive workforce with the credentials and certifications to compete in a global economy.

Kilcoyne has taught at both college and high school levels, has published numerous articles in educational journals, works with student organizations and participates in community service.

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Experience and Clinical Practice, meeting target levels,” Gentry said. “Further, the NCATE onsite team noted five areas of exemplary performance across all initial and advanced programs. Faculty appreciate the historical significance of our roots in teacher education and dedicate themselves to maintaining excellent programs.”

“The fact that we had no areas for improvement and were cited for five areas of strength rarely happens. We are thrilled to be recognized as continuing to lead the state in exceptional education programs,” said, head of the Department of Educational Leadership and Technology and NCATE coordinator.

“This NCATE and state report documenting our program excellence is a testament to the collaborative effort across campus to graduate candidates who can help all students learn, whether in a classroom or other educational setting. At NSU, we’re not content to meet standards; we work hard to exceed standards. Despite tough economic times for universities, our education faculty and staff are to be commended for their can-do attitude and willingness to go above and beyond to remain a model for teaching and learning.”

Northwestern State’s next NCATE review will be in Fall 2018.
Wynder will serve on special education advisory panel

Ramona Wynder, an instructor in Northwestern State University’s College of Education and Human Development, has been invited to serve on the Louisiana Department of Education’s Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP). SEAP is Louisiana’s state special education advisory panel.

“By participating on this committee, I will have the opportunity to assist the Louisiana Department of Education with policy guidance as it relates to special education and related services for students with disabilities in Louisiana,” Wynder said.

SEAP was established in accordance with the requirements for the Individuals with Disabilities Act and provides policy guidance to special education and related services for children with disabilities. The panel is made up of parents, individuals with disabilities, teachers, representatives from institutions of higher education that prepare special education teachers, state and local education officials, administrators of programs for children with disabilities, the state child welfare agency, state juvenile and adult corrections agencies and representatives of private and public charter schools.

Wynder holds an undergraduate degree in mild/moderate elementary teaching from Northwestern State and has spent more than half of her career as a special education teacher serving students in inclusion, resource and self-contained settings. She also managed a group home for adults with severe disabilities. She currently teaches undergraduate education courses and works with alternate certification students.

“I feel I will be an asset to the advisory panel not only because of my knowledge and experience, but, most importantly, my passion and concern for children with special needs,” Wynder said. “As we move closer to the implementation of the Common Core State Standards, I am particularly concerned about how the changes will affect this group of learners. With the increased rigor required of the standards, additional support systems and resources will have to be put in place to help students with disabilities achieve academic success. As a member of the panel, this is one area I would hope to address as we strive to ensure a quality education for all of Louisiana’s children.”

Perkins chairs Rules Committee meeting for state LPC board

The Rules Committee for the Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners met at Northwestern State last month, chaired by Dr. Gerra Perkins, coordinator of the master’s program in counseling. The focus of the meeting was to draft Emergency Rules for ACT 636 that will be presented and voted on by the entire Board at the September meeting. Seated from left are Mary Alice Olsan, executive director of the board; Anthony Williams of Shreveport, Dr. Ernie Cowger of Shreveport and Perkins.
Nursing faculty present poverty research at Sigma Theta Tau international conference

Vicki Wissing, Dr. Katheryn Arterberry and Dr. Pamela Simmons of the College of Nursing and Allied Health presented at Sigma Theta Tau International’s 23rd International Nursing Research Congress: The Culture of Poverty July 30-Aug. 3 in Brisbane, Australia. Simmons organized the evidence-based symposium session, which more than 730 people attended. Sigma Theta Tau is the international honor society of nursing.

Their topics discussed were “Developing Cultural Competency Through Service Learning in a Baccalaureate Nursing Program,” “Developing Cultural Competency through Clinical Simulation in a Senior Level Baccalaureate Community Health Course” and “Assessing Student Attitudes Towards Poverty Using the Atherton Poverty Scale.”

“Nursing, by definition is about serving others,” read the presentation overview. “Thus nursing professionals need to understand the culture of poverty in order to assist those experiencing its devastation. Initially students may view nursing through a very narrow lens – hospitals, scrubs, IVs, medications, call bells and monitors beeping. However, understanding that much of what nurses do will be community-based broadens their perspective.

“Poverty, a condition many experience in varying degrees throughout the world, is usually associated with poor health outcomes and lack of access to appropriate healthcare. In the United States alone, there is an estimated 42.6 million people or 15.1 percent living in poverty in 2010 – the highest number since the U.S. Census 2010). Thus it is imperative that students understanding the burden of population health on the community and be responsive by working to address those health needs in an effort to improve the quality of life for the people who live in their communities.”

The symposium discussed Northwestern State’s approach to helping students understand and respect the burdensome impact living in poverty has on persons and their health care decisions. Objectives were, first, to describe community-based service learning projects that improve nursing students’ cultural competency across the lifespan in underserved populations and, second, to identify differences in student attitudes toward poverty after participating in a traditional teaching methodology versus a less traditional method.

Smith discusses crisis management and social media at CoSIDA

Northwestern State University’s Director of Marketing and Branding Dr. Bill Smith was a featured speaker during the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) annual national convention and workshop in St. Louis, Mo.

Smith presented along with Chris Syme, co-chair of the CoSIDA New Media/Technology Committee, during the session “Social Media 2.0: How Social Media Can Help You in a Crisis.” His presentation, titled “Tale of Two Cities: Case Study of Social Media Response and Impact at TCU and Arkansas,” offered advice on developing an effective crisis communications plan with a strong base of advocates on social medial channels. It further discussed monitoring, engagement strategies, messaging and how to handle negative posters and included case studies and research results.

Dr. Bill Smith

The workshop was Smith’s 10th time to be a feature speaker for CoSIDA, discussing the use of new media and social media policy and procedures.
Potpourri now on-line for distance students to enjoy

The 2011-2012 Northwestern State University yearbook, Potpourri, is now available online. It can be accessed at nsula.edu/yearbook or by visiting NSU’s homepage and clicking on the Current Students link.

Work to make the yearbook available online began last year after students voted to extend the yearbook fee to include online-only students.

“These students paid the fee, but had no way to see what their money was used for without paying a shipping and handling charge to have a book mailed to them,” said Potpourri Advisor Stephanie Masson.

“The online book allows these students to enjoy the book for the first time.”

Alumni and others interested in NSU can also access the new site.

“NSU employees Phillip Gillis and Beth Mann, and yearbook publisher John Trotter of Multi-Media Technology Group played key roles in helping the staff accomplish this goal,” Masson added.

“It’s a great opportunity for all students to access the yearbook,” said Editor Shana Lee. “We’re trying to reach all campuses and our online students. We’re glad it has finally become a reality.”

“The Potpourri is this school’s history book, and I think it is awesome that we finally have a way of sharing it with everyone,” said Associate Editor and Social Media Director Randa Lopez. “Countless hours of time and effort are put into the creation of Potpourri.

It can be disappointing for the staff when only a limited amount of people receive their books, so this is a great platform to share our talents with the world. I also think it is a wonderful way for the online students to feel connected with NSU. With as many online students as we have, I only wish we had done this years ago.”

The staff has also reactivated Potpourri’s Facebook page at facebook.com/NSUPotpourri.

Got an unusual hobby? Potpourri wants to profile you

The editorial staff of Potpourri, Northwestern State’s yearbook, is looking for faculty and staff who have unique, odd or unusual talents or hobbies to profile in the 2012-13 yearbook, according to Potpourri advisor Stephanie Masson.

“Potpourri staff member Catherine Beverley is writing an article about faculty members and needs your help. Do you or a fellow faculty member have a talent or hobby that might interest the NSU community? If so, send Catherine your contact information and a description of your talent or hobby. She can be contacted at cbeverly001@student.nsula.edu,” Masson said. “I appreciate your help as this yearbook staff member and others contact faculty across campus for the 2012-2013 Potpourri.”

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Saraf Ahmed of Cedar Creek School in Ruston was named the winner of the 2012 Northwestern State University Louisiana High School Essay Contest. Ahmed won the honor for her essay, "Spider Web." Madeline Wagnon from Captain Shreve High School in Shreveport won second place with “The Journey of a Character” and Molly Mitchell of Cedar Creek School in Ruston won third place for “An Interconnected Heartbeat.”

Entrants wrote on the subject “How the arts inspire me.”

“There were so many excellent essays submitted to this year’s Essay Contest that it was a very difficult process to decide upon just three winners,” said Dr. Shane Rasmussen, director of the Louisiana Folklife Center and co-chair of the Contest. “The winning essays beautifully express not only the importance of the arts in Louisiana, but also how vibrant and intense the experience of the arts can be for our young people. In Louisiana the arts change lives.”

All of the winners received a cash prize in honor of their accomplishment as well as a $200 per semester NSU scholarship with a value up to $1,600 for 4 years. The essay contest is open to all Louisiana students in grades 9–12 regardless of type of school institution, including students in all types of private educational environments, as well as homeschooled students.

“As a recruitment tool for NSU one of the wonderful benefits of the Contest is that we are able to use it to bring some of the best young writers in the state to NSU,” Rassmussen said.

The judges serving on this year’s Essay Contest Selection Committee were Lori LeBlanc, instructor in the Department of Languages and Communication; Dr. Sarah McFarland, head of the Department of Languages and Communication and associate professor of English, and Scholars’ College student and NSU Writing Center staff worker Marissa Sonnier. Rasmussen served as chair of the Committee. Dr. Lisa Abney, provost, vice president for Student and Academic Affairs and professor of English, served as co-chair of the contest.

Contest winners have been invited to attend the 4th annual Louisiana Studies Conference on Saturday, Sept. 22 to read their essays to the conference participants prior to having their essays published in the Louisiana Folklife Journal which is published by the Louisiana Folklife Center. The Louisiana Studies Conference will be held on the NSU Natchitoches campus. This year’s Conference theme is “Louisiana Art and Artists.” Attendance at the conference is free and open to the public.

The contest was sponsored by the Louisiana Folklife Center, the Folklife Society of Louisiana, the NSU Department of Fine + Graphic Arts, the NSU Office of the Provost, the NSU Writing Project, and the Northwestern State University College of Arts, Letters, Graduate Studies and Research. The Contest is annual, with a new theme to be announced in early Spring 2013.

For more information about the Essay Contest or the Louisiana Studies Conference contact Rasmussen at rasmussens@nsula.edu, or call 357-4332.
Northwestern State University’s College of Science, Technology and Business recognized four former professors during a ceremony Monday. Named Professors Emeriti were Dr. Tom Hall, Dr. Wayne Hyde, Dr. Bill Shaw and the late Dr. Ed Anders. In a ceremony attended by colleagues and family members, the four were lauded for their leadership and accomplishments inside and outside the classroom.

“We honor people all of us hold in high esteem, those who have given a great part of their lives to the university,” said NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb.

Anders, honored posthumously, was a professor of mathematics for 18 years. After earning degrees from Louisiana Tech University, Northwestern State, Penn State and a Ph.D. in mathematics from Auburn University, he joined the faculty at NSU in 1967. He served as the university’s budget officer for three years and was active in the Faculty Senate and numerous academic and community organizations. He retired from Northwestern State in 1985.

He was a member of the American Mathematical Association for 45 years as well as a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Louisiana System from 1997-2001. Anders was a retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force Reserves and served as a liaison officer for the Air Force Academy.

Anders passed away Dec. 26, 2010. His widow, Jolene Anders, accepted the honor on his behalf.

Hall was professor and head of the Department of Engineering Technology from 2000 until his retirement in 2011, during which time he was the driving force behind achieving accreditation for the Department from the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology and developed a concentration in biomedical engineering technology. He joined the faculty at Northwestern State in 1969, reaching the rank of colonel. He also received the Purple Heart. Hall earned his bachelor’s degree at the United States Military Academy at West Point, a master’s degree in electrical engineering at Stanford University and a Ph.D. in educational technology at Northwestern State.

“What I appreciate most is the permanent attachment this gives me to NSU and my friends here,” Hall said.

Hyde earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees at North Texas State College and a Ph.D. at Tulane University. He joined Northwestern State’s faculty as an assistant chemistry professor in 1962 and was promoted over the years to full professor and head of the Department of Chemistry and Physics from 1979-1985. He served as coordinator of the Department of Chemistry and Physics during the 1997-98 school year. He was an active participant in JOVE program, a joint venture NASA, serving as advisor and mentor for many years.

“Dr. Hyde educated and prepared many young people for careers in the medical profession,” Webb said. “He is well-respected by his peers around the state for his

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University recruiting calendar lists opportunities to reach prospective students

University Recruiting has released important recruiting dates for the 2012-2013 year. More detailed information about each particular event will follow as the date approaches for those who will be involved. If you would like a University Recruiting Calendar, please stop by the recruiting office in the Student Services Center on the first floor. Keep in mind that this calendar is geared toward prospective students but it does include lots of good information.

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excellent reputation for fine teaching.”

“I enjoyed greatly my time at NSU,” Hyde said. Shaw joined the Northwestern State faculty in 1965 and was professor and coordinator of Industrial Technology from 1989-1996 and department head from 1984-89. In 1982, he was the coordinator and editor of the report for accreditation to the National Association of Industrial Technology. After earning a bachelor’s degree in industrial arts education at Northwestern State in 1954, Shaw served in the U.S. Army for two years, then earned a master’s degree in industrial education from the University of Missouri in 1960. He received his doctorate in industrial education and business management from the University of Missouri in 1964.

“Thank you to the folks that initiated my nomination,” Shaw said. “This institution is part of my family. I started here in 1950 and at that time, five members of my family were here as students, plus my sister, Dr. Marie Shaw Dunn, who was an administrator in Home Economics.”

Currently, five of Shaw’s grandchildren are students and his son and daughter-in-law serve on faculty, he said.

“You are my family and I appreciate every one of you,” he said.
LTC William Macky Underwood, professor of Military Science at Northwestern State University, spent three weeks in the United Republic of Tanzania earlier this summer participating in the U.S. Army’s Cultural Understanding and Language Proficiency (CULP) program. During his stay, Underwood taught history classes to teenagers, helped construct facilities affiliated with an orphanage and visited points of interest in the east African nation and Kilimanjaro region.

As CULP cadre, Underwood supervised 12 ROTC cadets from around the United States participating in CULP during their stay in Moshi, Tanzania. Their placement was arranged through Cross-Cultural Solutions, a non-profit organization not affiliated with the U.S. military that arranges volunteer service to communities abroad. With undergraduate and master’s degrees in history, Underwood was assigned to teach that subject at the House of Learning, a school established by an affluent couple to help the area’s disenfranchised children. The school is structured with Forms 1 though 4 with Form 1 being the youngest students and Form 4 the oldest.

“I began with colonial history of Africa, specifically east Africa for Forms 3 and 4,” he said. “I made lesson plans and delivered the classes in English and there was always an instructor present to bridge the language barrier. About 75 percent of my students had either lost a parent to AIDS or had AIDS themselves. In Tanzania, there is a lot of HIV and AIDS. Moshi is historically a market town just a few miles from Kenya where there is a huge intersection of trade routes, a lot of exchange of cultures and such. There are many social problems and conditions are right for human trafficking.”

In Tanzania, state schools are free but students are required to wear uniforms, which many children who have only one parent or no parents at all can’t afford. Previous CCS volunteers returned to their home country and started a Friends of House of Learning non-profit group to help them.

“It’s pretty bad. The students can’t go to the public school because they don’t have the clothes or money. Some students haven’t eaten or they come to school wearing the same clothes day after day.

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They feed them during the break, so for some kids that is the only time they get to eat,” he said. “They live in abject poverty, but they are smart and have an eagerness to learn.”

Underwood’s cadets were assigned to other projects, working in schools, orphanages and medical clinics. The U.S. Army wants its officer corps to be culturally astute, he explained, and CULP is the military’s language and culture immersion program designed to offer cadets experiences with indigenous people outside the United States. Cadets learn to at least minimally understand the region, culture and language of a place in order to navigate, survive and avoid cultural insults.

“It was a great opportunity. The cadets are placed in leadership positions and are evaluated on how they carry out their tasks,” Underwood said.

Cadets selected for CULP complete an application process that includes an essay and a cultural awareness/language competency pre-test. They must meet all requirements for active deployment, undergo a series of vaccinations and complete several areas of training in antiterrorism awareness, isolation preparation, human trafficking, area of responsibility training and Survival/Evasion/Resistance/Escape (SERO). Two cadre – military science professors – oversee each group of cadets. LTC Scott Copeland of Auburn University joined Underwood in supervising the cadets.

“One cadet who is African American had visited Africa with his family, but none of the others had ever been outside the United States or done a volunteer mission. It made them realize the world is different outside Norman, Okla., or New York. It opens their eyes to the world,” he said. “We tend to take for granted everything we have, especially young people. Free education, food on the table, clothes. It’s just not like that everywhere. Here, you have the ability to do what you want to do. The sky is the limit. Our American dream holds true here but it’s not like that everywhere. It’s a humbling experience for the cadets.”

The group volunteered in the mornings and in the afternoons had classes in the Swahili language and lessons on the culture, history, politics and economics of Tanzania.

“They are trying to implement reforms to bring their country into the modern world, in spite of a generally apathetic national attitude. It’s very different from a Western mentality where time is money. ‘Hakuna matata’ is a Swahili phrase. That’s OK but it’s not good business,” he said. “Their borders are secure and they are trying to increase trade. It’s a huge agricultural area, but a very local market. Moshi is the breadbasket of Tanzania, even though it shares the Serengeti with Kenya, but the area around Kilimanjaro is volcanic soil with water from the snowmelt from the mountain to feed the agricultural area.”

One healthy industry, thanks to Kilimanjaro, is tourism. With weekends free, the volunteers were at liberty to explore the area, touring a coffee plantation, Mount Kilimanjaro National Park and safari in the Ngorongoro Crater, where they saw elephants, lions, warthogs, giraffes and hippos. They also visited villages and museums of the native Maasai and Chaga tribes, who maintain traditional practices, dress and rituals, learning about the history and culture of those ethnic groups.

The group was housed at a compound provided CCS that had water, electricity and an outdoor kitchen, but where residents washed dishes and clothes by hand, ironing the dry clothes to kill parasitic fruit fly larvae that can embed itself into flesh.

“For me, it was good to get out and do something outside my comfort zone. The Army gave me the opportunity to do it and I’m glad I did,” Underwood said. It was also eye opening for the cadets he supervised, who quickly became engaged in their service projects.

“I could see it in the cadets’ eyes,” Underwood said. “They were talking with the volunteers to come up with plans for helping the kids. They were involved in a construction project at an orphanage that housed 72 kids. They organized a group of volunteers to help mix concrete on the ground, clear trees by hand and pour three slabs for the school and kitchen of the orphanage. Its so exciting for me to see cadets take ownership of the project and help those people.”
Grad Council meetings, members announced

The following dates have been scheduled for the Graduate Council Meetings for the fall/spring semester of 2012-2013. Meetings are set for 1:00 p.m. in Roy Hall Conference Room 209.

Please submit 2 complete hard copies and one electronic email of all graduate proposals to the Graduate School office no later than two weeks prior to the meeting dates. The Graduate Council follows the same protocol for submission as does the CRC and your agenda and accompanying paperwork will be sent to you electronically.

Listed below are the Graduate Council Members for 2012-2013 academic years. If you have any questions regarding submission of proposals please contact Janine Waters in the Graduate School Office at 357-5851 or the Council Member representing your department listed below. All proposals being submitted to the CRC that are Graduate School related MUST be presented to the Graduate Council for approval prior to submitting to CRC. Both Councils meet on the same day with Graduate Council meeting immediately prior to the CRC.

Graduate Council — 1 p.m. Tuesday
Tuesday, September 11, 2012
Tuesday, October 9, 2012
Tuesday, November 13, 2012
Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Tuesday, February 19, 2013

Members
Dr. Laura Aaron, Radiological Sciences, 1st year (carwilee/677-3072)
Dr. Christine Allen, Creative & Performing Arts—Music, 2nd year (christine/5854)
Dr. Allen Bauman, Language & Communication, 2nd year (baumana/5615)
Dr. John Dollar, Health & Human Performance, 2nd year, (dollars/5128)
Dr. Gregory Granger, Social Sciences, 1st year (granger/6195)
Dr. Lee Kneipp, Psychology, 1st year (kneippl/6594)
Dr. Michelle Morris, Education, 2nd year (paulselm/4252)
Dr. Sang Park, Education, 2nd year (parks/5774)
Dr. Dana Roe, Nursing, 1st year (georged/677-3055)
Mr. Clyde Downs, 1st year CAPA--Art, 1st year (CD233@aol.com/4479)
Dr. Steven G. Horton, Chair

Associate Members
Dr. Donald Stewart, Criminal Justice, 1st year (stewartd/5818)
Dr. Nelda Wellman, Education, 1st year (wellmann/6350)

Sympathy

A funeral mass for Chuck Norwood, adjunct instructor of English and husband of Heidi Norwood, instructor of English, was held Aug. 7 at Holy Cross Catholic Church. Mr. Norwood passed away on Aug. 3. The NSU Floral Fund sent a plant to services.

Funeral services for Clavord Sepulvado (Clay) Hennigan were held Aug. 28 at the Minor Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. Mr. Hennigan, son of Dr. Margaret Kilcoyne, director of the School of Business, and Jim Kilcoyne, director of the Small Business Development Center, passed away Aug. 21. He was a 2004 graduate of Northwestern State. In his memory, friends are invited to contribute to the Brooke and Clay Hennigan Endowed Scholarship through the Northwestern State University Foundation. A donation to the fund was made by the NSU Floral Fund.