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## ***Counselor E-News – Fall/Winter 2011***

### ***“Counselors’ Day on Campus 2011”***

We had a great day with a great group of school counselors on Friday, December 2, as we hosted our every-other-year “Counselors’ Day on Campus” program. 25 school counselors joined us for the information-filled program that included such topics as the UW System’s early placement testing program; UW-Richland’s dual-credit program known as Academic Alliance 2.0; a counselor roundtable; Wisconsin Covenant; and, UW Colleges Online.

If you weren’t able to attend, perhaps you’ll consider it in 2013. So, mark your calendar now for Friday, December 6, 2013! Take a look below at a fun group of counseling professionals who are joined in the photo by various UW-Richland staff, as well as presenters for the day’s program.





## ***Enrollment up-dates & student body facts***

Enrollment this fall is **476** students, including a new freshman class of **174** students. As compared with enrollment one year ago, this fall's headcount is about 4.5% ahead of the 2010 level.

Here are a few additional enrollment stats for your consideration:

**62% of our students are full-time students**

**54% are female; 46% are male**

**78% of our students are 16-21 years of age**

**22% of our students are 22 years of age and older**

**11% are age 30 and older**

**42% are from Richland County, but 25 other Wisconsin counties are represented, too**

**3 Out-of-state students come from Iowa, Minnesota, and Washington**

**24 international students represent 9 different countries** (*China, France, Hong Kong, Pakistan, Russia, South Korea, Netherlands, Switzerland, and Viet Nam*)

### **Of significance:**

- *UW-Richland enrolled 4 valedictorians this fall, the second highest number in the UW Colleges.*
- *Our 26 non-resident students comprise the largest number of non-residents in the UW Colleges.*

Enrollment in the UW Colleges this year is at 14,614, another record enrollment.



**Dr. Karen McLeer**

## ***Academic Alliance 2.0 provides dual credit opportunity***

This year we are piloting a new version of our dual credit program formerly known as the Academic Alliance. Being the creative folks we are, we've dubbed the new program "Academic Alliance 2.0". Clever, wouldn't you say? The pilot high schools this year are River Valley and Ithaca where we are offering dual credit opportunities in the following courses:

Biology 180, Human Biology (Ithaca & River Valley)

Math 124, Pre-Calculus Math (River Valley)

English 101, Composition I (River Valley)

What's unique and interesting about this program?

- Students earn both high school and university credit without leaving the high school building.

- The high school instructor meets UW Colleges credentialing requirements and is, in effect, functioning as both the high school and UW-Richland faculty member. The high school faculty member works with a UW-Richland faculty liaison.
- Students pay 50% of the normal tuition; student segregated fees are waived. This year a 3-credit course cost about \$284.
- Your school doesn't need to alter its curriculum at all.

We now have a page on our website devoted to Academic Alliance 2.0. Here you'll be able to find out more about the possibilities, learn about credentialing requirements—including access to the application form an instructor would need—and so much more.

Check it out:

[http://richland.uwc.edu/academics/academic\\_alliance.asp](http://richland.uwc.edu/academics/academic_alliance.asp)

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### ***Associate Degree Emphasis Program Grows***

Launched earlier last year, the AA&S Degree with emphasis program has proven to be both popular and expanded. Students are now able to choose from 19 different areas of emphasis as a means of enhancing their associate degree.

The emphases include:

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| Anthropology          | History      |
| Biological Sciences   | Literature   |
| Business              | Mathematics  |
| Chemistry             | Philosophy   |
| Computer Science      | Pre-Nursing  |
| Education             | Psychology   |
| Engineering           | Sociology    |
| Environmental Studies | Theatre Arts |
| Geosciences           | Writing      |
| Health Science        |              |

In addition, we offer two certificate options: Business and Environmental Studies. The primary difference between an emphasis and a certificate is that certificates can be stand-alone options, while the emphasis requires completion of the AA&S Degree.



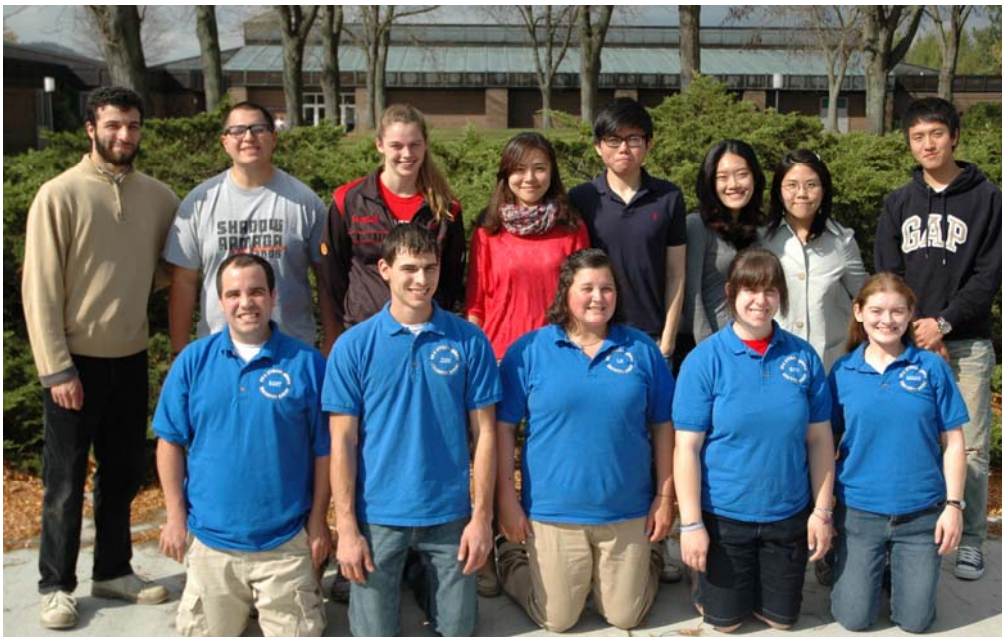
### ***Guaranteed Transfer Program continues popularity @ UWR***

Since its inception more than a decade ago, over 900 UW-Richland students have signed “intent to participate” forms in the Guaranteed Transfer Program. While its greatest impact is seen at UW-Madison and UW-LaCrosse, GTP provides that transfer “peace of mind” for students heading to any four-year UW System campus. It is, in essence, a guaranteed admission program in the junior year—and is most assuredly a major reason many students choose to start here. We all know it’s pretty tough to be admitted as a new freshman at several UW campuses, including Madison & LaCrosse, but GTP makes it relatively easy to be admitted as a junior. **Guaranteed.**



### ***Student leaders elected***

The UW-Richland Student Senate became a functioning body following elections held in late September. Members include: **President Sarah Schultz**, Home-School; **Vice-President Beth Govier**, Prairie du Chien; **Secretary Elizabeth Deitelhoff**, Weston; **Treasurer Josh Joseph**, Kickapoo; **Freshman Senators Deasick Woo**, South Korea, and **Matthew Li**, Hong Kong; **Sophomore Collegium representatives Minshi Wan**, China, and, **Vanessa Mislivicek**, Hillsboro; **Freshman Collegium representatives Wenxin Hu**, China, and **Sun-Ah Shin**, South Korea; Other members of the Senate include **Jori Campbell**, Kickapoo; **Jeff Koschkee**, Middleton; **Osama Abdl-Haleem**, Home-School; **Joyce Kim**, South Korea.



Pictured above are members of this year’s UWR Student Senate.

## ***Campus View residence halls***

**125** students are calling Campus View “home” this fall and so, once again, our residence halls are at capacity—and then some. Clearly the availability of housing at UW-Richland is a major “draw” for students considering their college options—and we’re glad we can provide that option for students. The housing staff includes **Glen Brown**, executive director; **Bart Sonnenberg**, residence life coordinator; **Jane Jones**, office manager; and three student resident assistants. The RAs are: **Rose Weckerly, Monroe; Garrett Benzing, Sparta; and Gabrielle Beardsley, Whitehall.** **Elizabeth Govier, Prairie du Chien**, is the Academic Resource Coordinator, a new position this year.

Campus View residence halls not only provide a comfortable and safe living environment, but also academic and social programming for the residents. Current plans include a total renovation of Symons Hall by fall 2012; in addition, preliminary discussions are taking place regarding a building project to further expand housing opportunities.



### ***UWR activities keep students engaged***

We’ve said it in past newsletters, but it bears repeating: **A key factor in student success is linked to student engagement.** UWR students have wonderful opportunities to get involved in a wide array of clubs and organizations, performance groups (i.e., athletics, music, theatre), and academically-oriented activities.

A major effort is undertaken each year to help our students connect with us and with each other. Our first year seminar offerings continue to expand; in fact, again this year, more than 90% of our new freshmen are enrolled in a first year seminar class this fall.

Our “WintORientation” for new second semester students will take place on Wednesday, January 18.

All of these activities are geared toward helping our students achieve success.



### ***Emery Wontor joins Student Services team***

Emery Wontor became the newest member of the UWR Student Services team when she assumed her Coordinator responsibilities on November 21. Emery replaces Lindsay Heiser who departed in mid-August for a position at the University of North Carolina.

While Emery will have varied responsibilities, a key focus for her will be our international student programming. Interestingly, Emery is an alumna of UW-Richland and was our Student Senate president during her sophomore year; she earned her AA&S Degree in 2008. In 2010 she graduated from UW-Madison with a bachelors degree in English with certification in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages. She is currently completing work on a masters degree at North Dakota State University.

Prior to coming to UW-Richland, Emery had worked as an ESL instructor at the Madison English as a Second Language School (MESLS).

### ***Fall semester comes to an end***

Friday, December 16, is the last day of classes on campus; Final exams begin on Saturday, December 17 and conclude on December 22. Second semester classes begin on January 23.

We will offer one course during a three-week period in January known as Winterim. And, while there will be no classes during the semester break, our office will be open during normal office hours each weekday. The only exceptions will be:

Monday, January 2: New Year's Holiday. Campus Closed..

Monday, January 16: Dr. Martin Luther King Day. Campus closed.



### ***A sneak peak at Summer 2012***

While the 2012 Summer Session bulletin is not yet completely finalized, we have mostly scheduled classes for the two sessions that will comprise next summer's offerings. We hope to have the final schedule up on our website in the next several weeks.

#### **Classes being offered next summer include:**

Art 216, Digital Imaging

English offering: while not finalized yet, most likely an Irish literature course.

Communication & Theatre Arts 103, Intro to Public Speaking

Geology 251, Soil & Water Resources

Biology 251, Microbiology

History offering: while not finalized, this may be a Wisconsin history course.

\*Math 105, Introduction to College Algebra

\*Math 105 is a part of our new "UWR Your Way" program, an accelerated program option, primarily intended for returning adult students. Through the accelerated hybrid course offerings, students will be able to complete courses/credits at a much faster pace.

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***Spring Campus Preview: Wed., April 25 / “Taste of UW-Richland”  
Student-Parent Preview, 3:00-5:00 p.m.***

*In addition, we continue to offer Personal Previews which allow students to schedule their own campus visit. This year we’ve tabbed Mondays & Wednesdays as campus visit days. And, a Personal Preview visit means a free t-shirt for the student (while supplies last)!*

***Reminder: Don’t forget we have a website just for you! The High School Counselors’ website may be found at:***

***[http://richland.uwc.edu/resources/hs\\_counselors.asp](http://richland.uwc.edu/resources/hs_counselors.asp)***

