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A NEWSLETTER FOR THE CAPITAL SCHOLARS HONORS PROGRAM

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CAP Office Profile - Eric Woods

Eric Woods joined the Capital Scholars Honors Program in October 2009 as the office manager. He holds a bachelor’s degree in English from UIS and is currently working on his master’s in communication.

On top of his job with the CAP program, Eric is also a coach for the UIS Forensics Team that reformed in 2011. The team had a very successful first year back, and Eric is looking forward to coaching again next season as well.

Along with his work at UIS, Eric has been a freelance writer for the Springfield Business Journal since 2005 where he specializes in personality profiles. Prior to coming to work at UIS, he worked in the Human Resources industry for seven years where his responsibilities included everything from recruiting to assisting with and facilitating various training and development courses.

Outside of work and school, Eric stays busy with two children, Hunter and Peyton. He has also been involved in local theatre for a number of years, having appeared in shows for the Springfield Theatre Centre as well as New Salem’s Theatre in the Park. During his undergraduate years, he wrote, directed, and performed shows on stage for the UIS Student Repertory Theatre.

**Eric Woods**

**Peer Mentoring News**

This month, the Mentoring Program reassigned some pairs of mentors and mentees. Reassignments were made based on the responses by the freshmen to the mentoring survey, mentor’s feedback, and making sure each mentee had the best match possible. Freshmen, please take advantage of this new semester with your mentors. Connect with your mentor, let them know what you are looking for in the mentoring relationship, and do not be afraid to speak up. The Mentoring Program is all about you!

Further, we also held our Study Abroad and Internship Expo a few weeks ago. In addition to representatives from the AST office and the Office of International Programs, we had students and professors share their experiences about studying in England, Peru, and Cuba. We also had a few mission trips represented; sophomore Lyssa Barth came and spoke about traveling to Kenya, and Professor Eric Hadley-Ives shared his travel plans for a summer 2013 mission trip to Ethiopia and Uganda. We hope everyone enjoyed the event as much as we did! Mark your calendars for the next Peer Mentoring event on March 29th!

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

3 Rachael Harlow
   Ari Kirkwood
4 Dan Garcia
6 Sam Zielke
7 Celia Figueuroa
8 Carin Fearing
   Paige Heiser
10 Zach Kempel
11 Alex Johnson
   Ben Johnson
12 Andrew Rice
   Emily Weber
13 Jillian Hawkins
   Jasmine McAllister
15 Lisa Gary
16 Matt Dixon
18 Ashley Bokamp
   Kathryn Woodford
19 Ben Taliana
20 Breanna Ligaya
21 DiVinci Smith
22 Vittorio Cascio
23 Brian Evans
27 Hannah Fyfe
28 Kaitlyn Logan

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Kirkendall’s Korner

Freshmen, it is time to begin thinking about your Fall, 2012 schedule as Fall and Summer registration will begin on April 4th. Time tickets are now available and you can access your ticket at http://www.uis.edu/registration/eligibility.html. You should have received a copy of the freshman advising form in a previous e-mail that you need to complete and submit to the CAP advisor at the time of your final approval advising appointment. CAP Honors staff are taking appointments for the final approval of your fall schedule right now. If you have not done so already, you should contact the CAP Honors Program Office as soon as possible to make this appointment. You should try to set up your appointment for a day prior to March 30th to ensure that you receive seats in the courses that you need. Remember, many programs (including CAP Honors) require permission of the instructor or program for their courses. You may obtain approvals as soon as you receive final approval from our office. Also, CAP Honors students must maintain a minimum of 12 hours to fulfill your requirements for being in the Honors program and retaining your Honors scholarship. You should contact Eric Woods, the CAP Honors office manager, at capitalscholars@uis.edu or 206-7246 to make an advising appointment. Appointments are on a first come first serve basis, so it is in your best interest to make yours as soon as possible.

UIS Forensics Goes National

The UIS Forensics Team recently returned from a trip to LaFayette College in Easton, Pa. where they competed in the 30th annual Novice Nationals tournament. The team brought home a total of six awards. CAP sophomore Bryan Vayr took national runner-up for After Dinner Speaking with his speech on political partisanship. Sophomore Matt Dobill placed fourth overall in Informative Speaking, sixth in Poetry Interpretation, and was also a semi-finalist in both Impromptu Speaking and Impromptu Sales. The team finishes its first year back with a total of 27 awards over the course of the 2011/2012 academic year. The team will end its season with a special Showcase for the entire UIS community on Saturday, March 31 at 7:00 p.m. in the Great Room of Lincoln Residence Hall. Mark your calendars!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1 Josh Eastby
4 Katelyn Fanning
6 Brittney Hanson
8 Camryn Gann
11 Kristopher Ford
13 Marshall Escue
14 Kileen Gerdes
15 Andrea Carlson
16 Robert VonNordheim
18 Ben Main
22 Kaila Newsome
23 Sarah Snowden
24 Ryan Chipman
25 Jamee Herriman
29 Alison Svoboda
24 Mark Frakes
29 Hilary Rikli

Members of the UIS Forensics Team at Novice Nationals in Easton, Pennsylvania
**Announcements**

Writing Studios
Every Tuesday from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. in the LRH Great Room and Friday from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the LRH Conference Room.

Monique Johnson was accepted into the Master’s in Social Work (MSW) program at Washington University! Way to go, Monique!

Congratulations to Clair Casper for being accepted into the school of social welfare at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for next fall! Way to go, Clair!

Be sure to submit nominations for your fellow students and for faculty of the year: [https://illinois.edu/fb/sec/9350143](https://illinois.edu/fb/sec/9350143). You have through Tuesday, April 3rd, to submit nominations. Winners will be announced at the CAP Banquet.

**Upcoming Events**

Mentoring Programs
March 29th: Presentation Preparations
May 3rd: Spring Fever BBQ
CAP Scholars Banquet
April 5th
Senior Symposium
April 20th
Freshman Symposium
April 25th
Graduation Day!
May 12th

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