



Department of Kinesiology
College of Integrated Science and Technology



Update

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Dr. Bredemeier Delivers 2007 Harris Lecture

The Harris Lecture was established in 1991, in honor of Dr. Dorothy Harris, former JMU faculty member. This is an endowed lecture.

This year Dr. Brenda Light Bredemeier, Director of the Center for Character and Citizenship at the University of Missouri, St. Louis, was invited to deliver the Harris Lecture. The lecture was presented on Tuesday, April 10, in JMU's Festival Ballroom. There was an overflow crowd of about 250 students and faculty members in attendance.



Dr. Brenda Bredemeier

Dr. Bredemeier's lecture entitled MORAL CHARACTER AND PERFORMANCE CHARACTER IN SPORTS: HOW SPORTS CAN PROMOTE CHARACTER AND CITIZENSHIP provided an in-depth understanding of the potential of sport participation for promoting moral and character development in young women and men. She argued persuasively that character development should be the primary purpose and desired outcome of those participating in youth sport. She explained how these young women and men could change the world based on the values learned through participation in sport and recreation activities.

Dr. Bredemeier is certified as a sport psychologist. She was elected a Fellow of the distinguished American Academy of Kinesiology and Physical Education. Dr Bredemeier also was named a fellow by the Research Consortium of AAHPERD, by the AAASP, and was named a Sports Ethics Fellow by the Institute for International Sport. She received the Distinguished Achievement Award from the National Association for Sport and Physical Education. Currently Dr. Bredemeier is on the editorial board of the International Journal of Sport and Exercise Psychology. She serves on the Panel of Experts for the Center for Sports Parenting, and is on the national advisory board of the Positive Coaching Alliance.

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KIN Honors Dinner Recognizes Outstanding Students and Professionals for 2007

Immediately following the Harris Lecture the Department of Kinesiology held its annual Honors Dinner. This dinner was initiated fifteen years ago to recognize the department's outstanding students, graduates and professionals.

The Johnston Award is the department's highest undergraduate recognition. It was named in honor of Althea Loose Johnston who was among the founding eight faculty members when what is now JMU opened its doors in 1909. Carolyn Schubert received the Johnston Award for 2007.



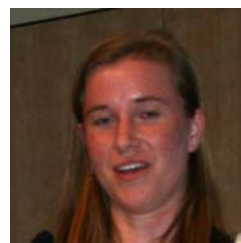
Shannon Vissman



Jill Vissman



Brad Babcock



Carolyn Schubert

Shannon and Jill Vissman, husband and wife, were both recognized as KIN's Outstanding Graduates for 2007. Together they run Vissman Therapeutics in Pittsburgh. Brad Babcock, adjunct instructor and emeritus Associate Athletic Director, was selected the Outstanding Professional for 2007.

Kinesiology Scholars are the students with the highest grade point averages in their KIN concentrations. The KIN scholars were Carolyn Schubert (Exercise Science), Bradley Connors (Physical and Health Education), and Lisa Taff (Sport and Recreation Management). The Outstanding Majors were Whitney Robinson (Exercise Leadership), Carolyn Schubert (Exercise Science), Samantha Winters (Physical and Health Education), and Allyn Trueblood (Sport and Recreation Management).

In addition, Lisa Taff received the Thomas W. Bilello Scholarship, Amanda Howard the Marilyn Crawford Scholarship, John Weeks the NASPE award & Sinclair Scholarship, and Jess Hines the KIN Service Award.

Laura Boyer, Asha Fleming, Kristen Kight and John Weeks were inducted into the Odyssey Society. The Odyssey Society includes all KIN majors graduating with a 3.5 GPA or better.

The Bruce Crawford Morrison Rummel Scholarships were awarded to Austin Beazley and Jamie Whitbeck. These scholarships are presented by the JMU Faculty Womens Caucus in recognition of the contributions of Drs. Pat Bruce, Marilyn Crawford, Lee Morrison, and Rosemary Rummel.

Honored as retiring teaching assistants were Christine Filak, Alicia Powell, Casey Pratt, Ernest Toney, Rebecca Tweel, Samantha Winters and Danielle Taylor.

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Let's Play Sports Presentation

Larry Ham and Ben Carr presented for the Let's Play Sports conference for the Virginia Recreation and Parks Society in Charlottesville, VA. The presentation on Sportsmanship was for coaches and athletic coordinators from across VA.

Provost Award for Excellence in Freshmen Advising to Paula McMahan

Paula McMahan, M.Ed, Academic Advisor & Instructor in the Department of Kinesiology, has received the "Provost Award for Excellence in Freshmen Advising". This is the first year for this award and recognizes outstanding contributions for the enrichment of first-year students at JMU. Ms. McMahan will be recognized by the Provost at the Opening Faculty Meeting in August 2007 and also will be nominated by JMU for the national advising award presented by the National Academic Advising Association.

Are you interested in donating to JMU? Would you like to see your funds go to a specific purpose? The Kinesiology department has a number of different accounts available. Checks should be made payable to the JMU Foundation with a note designating the fund name and number.

- Kinesiology Department - 14682
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- Crawford Kinesiology Graduate Scholarship (Endowment Fund) - 25313
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- Caroline Sinclair Scholarship - 25787
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