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PETE Newsletter

Greetings DKH PETE Alumni,

As I write this newsletter, the teaching hiring process keeps things lively. It seems that over the past few weeks my days have been filled with not only my normal teaching and academic duties, but also with tasks focused on getting our wonderful grads into physical and health teaching positions. Rarely a day goes by that I am not completing on line references, writing letters of recommendation, talking to principals on the phone, or receiving emails from a PETE alum telling me about yet another opening in their school. As soon as I hear of an open position, I get word out to you on this list serve. It's all very exciting. After the previous couple of years with extremely limited PE teaching position openings in Wyoming, it's heartening to know that the professional job prospects for our grads may be turning a corner. Be sure to read all about new job placements later in this newsletter.

At the UW graduation ceremonies Saturday, May 12 we celebrated 14 PETE undergraduates (see list below) completing the B.S. degree and one PETE graduate student (Michelle Clark) completing the M.S. degree. UW has altered the format of graduation ceremonies and DKH has added a graduation reception. DKH first year graduate students hosted a wonderful reception the early evening of Friday, May 11 in the Corbett Building lobby. All DKH undergraduate and graduate students were honored. It was fun, beautifully decorated, well attended, and we had great food. Hopefully, this will be a new DKH tradition.

Have a wonderful end to the school year and a terrific summer.

Sincerely,
Jayne Jenkins, Ph.D.

News from Corbett

Undergraduates

Completing student teaching and graduating in PETE this spring were 14 undergraduates: Brianna Hartbank, Brittany Belt, Chris Chestnutt, Dana Bjorhus, Darren Ballard, Jenna Tennant, Johnathan Brady, Carter Haefner, Jordan Hardsocg, Logan Burningham, Madison Farr, Martin Vasquez, Matt Myrick, and Trent Graff.

Fifteen (15) undergraduates have applied to the PETE program in hopes of beginning Teaching Laboratory 1 fall semester 2018.

Graduate Students:

Updates on our graduate students:

- **Brooks Fry** (Class of 2008) completed his third year of study in DKH PETE distance program. Dr. Jayne Jenkins is his mentor.
- **Michelle Clark** (Class of 2016) defended her thesis titled “Student Teacher Knowledge Development of Environmental Context” in February 2018. Work is commencing on writing and submitting a manuscript revealing her findings. Michelle graduated with the M.S. May 2018. Dr. Jayne Jenkins was her mentor
- **Christa Munari** (Class of 2015) completed her second year of course work. Dr. Tristan Wallhead is her mentor.
- **Molly Varney Zeller** (Class of 2014) continues her course work via distance education. Dr. Jayne Jenkins is her mentor.
- **Jennifer Bockman Wilkinson** (Class of 2012) was accepted into the graduate program spring 2018 after completing several graduate level courses. Dr. Jayne Jenkins is her mentor
- **Jenna Tennant** (class of 2018) will begin her course work fall 2018. She has also accepted a Graduate Teaching Assistantship, which means she will help supervise in Labs 1, 2, & 3. Dr. Jayne Jenkins is her mentor.
- **Johnathan Brady** (class of 2018) will begin his course work fall 2018. He has also accepted a Graduate Teaching Assistantship, which means he will help supervise in Labs 1, 2, & 3. Dr. Mark Byra is his mentor.
- **Martin Vasquez** (class of 2018) will begin his course work fall 2018. He has also accepted a Graduate Teaching Assistantship, which means he will help supervise in Labs 1, 2, & 3. Dr. Tristan Wallhead is his mentor.

Alumni News

It's always great fun to hear from you. Please keep me posted on what is happening in your personal and professional lives. That's the only way I can keep these newsletters informative for your peers. Some of you have agreed to let me copy and paste your updated news directly into the newsletter. Your classmates enjoy reading the blurbs as much as I enjoy receiving them. Also, check the directory (when I send it) to assure that your contact information is up to date. And if you know of a classmate's contact information that I don't have or my info is outdated, please let me know about that as well.

Professional & Personal Update

The personal and professional news is merging together; consequently, all news is presented here. Some folks just sent news. What fun! Often I simply copied the info from their messages. Lots of new jobs, new marriages, and new babies. Congratulations all.

Class of 2018	
Jordan Hardsocg	Accepted a physical and health education teaching position at Pahrump Valley High School in Nye County, Pahrump, New Mexico
Dakota Anderson	Accepted a teaching position at Desert Mirage Elementary K-8 School in Glendale AZ
Carter Haefner	Accepted the APE teaching position in Green River, WY
Logan Burningham	Will begin teaching middle school physical education in Greybull, WY fall 2018
Class of 2017	
Russ Whitaker	As the Director of Swimming Operations at Washington State University Athletics, Russ also was accepted in to the Athletic Administration graduate program at Ohio University.
Kahler Dawson	Will begin teaching physical education at Washington Elementary School in Green River, WY fall 2018
Casey Alexander	Will move from teaching PE in Hanna, WY to begin teaching physical education at Rock River K-12 School in Rock River, WY fall 2018
Taylor Wells	I've changed jobs to move closer to family. I'll be teaching in Cottonwood Arizona for the Cottonwood-Oak Creek Elementary school district.
Eli Moody	Will move from teaching PHE at Rock Springs to begin teaching elementary PE at Greybull, WY. He will also coach football and wrestling.
Class of 2016	
Theresa Allgaier	Received the 2018 SHAPE America Research Council Graduate Student Research Award. Of the 97 papers submitted only 3 were selected.

	<p>In addition, Theresa received the KNR Outstanding Graduate Assistant Teaching Award for the School of Kinesiology & Recreation at Illinois State University.</p> <p>She graduated with the M.S. degree May 2018. She has accepted a teaching position in Danville, IL at South View Upper (grades 5-6) Elementary School</p>
Kyle Sullivan	<p>Kyle and McKenzie are enjoying their first year of marriage (and McKenzie's first year of teaching science in Big Piney) in Pinedale, WY. Kyle spent the winter learning to downhill ski and is looking forward to putting their new mountain bikes to good use</p>
Jordan Sibrel	<p>In her 2nd year in Casper Jordan taught at the new school, Journey Elementary. She coached sophomore girl's basketball at Kelly Walsh High School – her parents alma mater</p>
Kelsey Morrow Hutchinson	<p>Kelsey has been Teacher Assistant (ESP) at Fort Caspar Academy in Casper, WY. This is the school where she student taught. Parker will be 4 years old in July...goodness how did that happen?</p>
Sullivan Teichert	<p>Will leave Kemmerer schools to return to his home town of Cokeville to teach physical and health education and science at the Jr. High School fall 2018. Good things come to those who wait! This was his dream job upon graduating 2 years ago.</p>
Class of 2015	
Jeff Wordeman	<p>Has been elected to the WAHPERD Leadership Council. He was appointed to the Wyoming Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. And his son has been accepted to UW and will begin studies fall 2018</p>
Chris Mellor	<p>Will begin the PhD program at University of Alabama fall 2018</p>
Cassie Swallow	<p>Will begin teaching physical and health education at Cheyenne South High School in Cheyenne. Welcome home, Cassie.</p>
Class of 2014	
Kelly Simonton	<p>Received the Ruth Abernathy Scholarship Award at SHAPE America March 2018.</p>
Adam Cordell	<p>Completed the Boston Marathon in under 3 hours (his target goal) in the terrible rain and cold conditions.</p>
Angela Chambers Simonton	<p>I wasn't sure if we [Angela & Kelly Simonton] had updated you on some of the things we are doing in Baton Rouge and around the state of Louisiana.</p> <p>I am an elementary teacher at Magnolia Woods Elementary now. Kelly is still a graduate assistant at LSU and is helping run the PETE program. He will be in the last year of his doctoral work this coming August.</p> <p>This last year we were both on the committee to revise the Louisiana State Physical Education Standards. In addition we helped develop a professional development to help educate more than 1200 Physical Education teachers around the state on how to implement the standards. We are currently working with the state to develop an assessment professional development to help support our previous standards training. Our goal is to reach the same number of teachers if not more with our assessment PD this next year.</p>

	<p>Lots and lots of things are starting to move down here! Let's hope it keeps/gains some momentum!</p> <p>We miss all of you wonderful people back in Laramie! Tell everyone hello!</p>
Class of 2013	
Eric Urlacher	Married Andrea, a kindergarten teacher, in August 2017, after they hiked the 211 mile "Camino de Santiago" or "Way of St. James" in Spain in July. They are expecting their first child.
Jeremy Brandl	Moved from teaching elementary PE in Greybull, WY to teaching elementary PE in SCSD#1 Tongue River Schools, Ranchester, WY
Class of 2012	
John Kirlin	<p>I have changed positions in Sheridan. I am no longer working at Black Tooth Brewing Company. I started a new position as the full-time Executive Director/Ski-e-o of the Antelope Butte Foundation in November. It's been a super fun position so far. We are working towards completing renovations to the old Antelope Butte Ski Area in hopes of opening next year. I've begun some programming and events for this winter.</p> <p>www.antelopebuttefoundation.org</p> <p>I also started a small business, The Dead Swede Hundo, LLC, which is a gravel cycling event we held in June. It's [a] 100 mile gravel road bike race that starts and finishes at Black Tooth Brewing, heads up Red Grade Rd into the mountains, then out to Dayton and back. We also offered a 40 mile option that went out to Dayton via Beckton then back in on the Keystone/Soldier Creek Rd. We had 165 riders for our first year and finished the night off with a street party with Jalan Crossland! It was a blast and great success. We are looking for 300 riders this year, adding a 20 mile family option.</p> <p>www.thedeadswede.com</p> <p>From Jayne - BTW –check out the home page of The Dead Swede. My eyes are old, but it looks to me like on the home page photo that is John Hennings (Class of 2006) front and center!</p>
Chris Wagner	Chris and Karen are expecting their first baby June 2018....it's a girl!
Celina McGraw Felton	Celina's family welcomed their third child on March 3 rd . Johnah William joined Isla and James.
Calvin Brown	Continues to teach physical & health education at Riverside Middle & High School. He is also AD and coaches boys BB. Home is lively with two kids – Lily 3.5 years and Willett 16 months
Scott Weiliever	Will keep us informed of his next transition in life moving from teaching PE in Pavillion to other opportunities. He and Sarah have 4 children

Logan Wright	Logan will leave Laramie Schools (Rock River and Beitel) to begin teaching PE at Saratoga Middle/High School. This move brings his family, importantly their daughter Madison, closer to grandma and grandpa
Class of 2011	
Brianna Gardner Fuller	Brianna and Paul had boy #3 May 13, 2018. Brycen James Fuller weighs in at a hearty 7 lbs 4 oz and 20 inches long. He joins older brothers Asher (5) and Micah (2). The days of Brianna and Paul playing man-to-man defense are gone. With 3 children the best they can do is play a zone defense!
Jamie Huston Simmons	Jamie was hired at Laramie Middle School after the Christmas holiday break to finish teaching PE for the spring semester 2018. The position re-opened for the 2018-29 academic year and they wisely re-hired Jamie. Her family will move from Buffalo to Laramie ASAP.
Class of 2010	
Frank Arce	<p>Dawn and I welcomed our second son on October 6. He wasn't supposed to be born until November 21. What made matters worse is that Dawn's water broke on August 14 and we were immediately flown to Denver for care. By none other than a miracle from God, baby Landyn stayed inside of mom for 2 months while in Denver until he was delivered by emergency C-section.</p> <p>At birth, he wasn't strong enough to breathe on his own because his lungs were unable to practice breathing sufficiently with the lack of amniotic fluid in the womb. For this reason he was unresponsive for the first minute of his life. Once a breathing tube was inserted, his condition began improving. He remained on a ventilator for the first 10 days of his life and then moved onto a C-Pap machine then finally onto oxygen which he is still on.</p> <p>He has already been through a double inguinal hernia surgery and needs one more surgery in about five months to correct another reproductive issue. After 46 days in the NICU, we were finally able to bring him home in time to celebrate Thanksgiving. He is one hell of a fighter and we wouldn't want it any other way!</p> <p>...when our first son was born, Jayden was a tough 27 hour birth. Well, the night before we boarded our flight to Denver, Dawn and I were joking around how we sure hoped our new little boy wouldn't be a long 27 hour birth... it sure wasn't short by any means.</p> <p>May 7 update – Frank reported that baby boy Landyn Arce is a fighter! You go, Lanyden.</p>
Class of 2009	
Class of 2008	

Brooks Fry	Although Brooks doesn't have any news from the year, his daughter Abi does. She is state champ in Seal Hop this year with a distance of 133'7". The state record is 160'. Her goal next year is to beat the record. The event is part of the annual Native Youth Olympic Games. Katie sent a video – imagine holding a straight armed plank and then popping your feet at the ankles and arms at the shoulders with just a tiny bend at the core to propel yourself forward. I (Jayne) was exhausted just watching it.
Class of 2007	
Class of 2006	
Megan Stith	Megan and her partner, Sam, bought a house in Kent, WA....not far from where she lived previously. See the directory for her new address.
Ben Brubaker	Moved from working for Fed Ex to I.T. Support for the Natrona County Sheriff's Office.
Jed Moore	Not too much new to add or change, I am still the Head Rodeo Coach at CNCC as well as Strength & Conditioning coach for the National Park Service Ranger Academy, entering my 8 th season. Caitlan and I are happy in our tiny town raising Liam & Rhys (5 & 3 now!).
Class of 2005	
Class of 2004	
Josh Bott	After much more than a decade of teaching PE & swim and coaching swim in Gillette, WY, Josh is coming home to Cheyenne. He will be teaching PE at Hobbs Elementary School filling the very big shoes of Charl Sanchez who is retiring.
Class of 2003	
Class of 2002	
Patience Jenkins	Will begin teaching health at Star Valley High School fall 2018.
Class of 2001	
Sara Dose Dunkin	Currently working with Thompson School District in Loveland CO. Elementary PE (I'm at 3 different schools next year). I took a few years off teaching and this year was my first year back at it. I live in Fort Collins, (actually Timnath), but work in Loveland.
Class of 2000	