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PETE Newsletter

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Greetings DKH PETE Alumni,

It may not be the biggest news in your life, but it's the biggest news in my life right now. You all know that this is all about me....always has been, always will be. This is my final newsletter as a UW DKH PETE faculty member, because I officially retired from education and academia. 50 years of professional dedication seems to be long enough. We all know this year has been more than challenging; however, I reflect on my time at UW (and in the physical education profession) with joy. The memories are abundant. Last week Jamie Huston Simmons (class of 2011) and Anne Moore (Class of 2010) stopped by my office to present me with the most marvelous gift from all of you - a book of memories that you were kind enough to contribute to - and Jamie was kind enough to construct. I absolutely love reading through the book and smiling or laughing aloud at your memories. You wonderful alums are absolutely THE BEST. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Now let me introduce you to the new DKH PETE faculty members who will be fresh faces in the PETE program starting fall 2021 - but not new to UW, DKH, PETE, or Wyoming. Dr. Kelly Simonton and Angela Simonton, M.S. (Class of 2014) will be returning to UW - this time as faculty members. Kelly will assume my tenure track line and Angela will assume an instructor position. They have volunteered to not only assume responsibilities for keeping the directory updated, but also continue with this little newsletter. In between those tasks they will do some teaching, research, and service for the University of Wyoming PETE program. We at DKH are so excited to have them on the team. We know the PETE program will continue in an upward trajectory with these two high quality professionals on board. Welcome home, Kelly and Angela. They will contact you soon about continuing your contributions to the newsletter and directory.

On a current note, May 2021 graduates from PETE included 12 undergraduates completing the B.S. degree (see list below). Friday, May 14 they returned to campus to present their final Teacher Work Sample Projects, engage in a bit of celebration, and attend the graduation ceremony Friday afternoon at 5:30 p.m. Three of the B.S. grads have attained teaching positions for the 2021-2022 academic year.

Great cause for celebration. We have our first Superintendent of Schools alum. Gene Russel (Class of 2010) has moved up the educational ladder from PE teacher to Assistant Principal to Principal and now he has accepted the position of Superintendent of Schools in Ogallala, Nebraska. Well done, Gene. Like all of our grads, you make us proud.

As I ride into the PETE sunset (which direction would that be?), I will make a plug for a good cause. If at some future time you desire to give back financially to our profession, consider a contribution to the "Donna Marburger, Jayne Jenkins, Ruth Campbell, Louise Thouin Physical Education Scholarship." Donna Marburger, a DKH PETE professor prior to my employment at UW in 1999, retired in 1996. Dr. Marburger is my mentor and role model both professionally and personally. She established this scholarship to honor her UW PETE faculty member mentors - Ruth Campbell and Louise Thouin. I endowed (added to) the scholarship in 2016. For more information on the scholarship, follow this link.

<https://www.uwyo.edu/kandh/scholarships/CampbellThouinMarburger%20PE%20Schol.html>

Here is a bit of information about the scholarship requirements:

Distributions from the fund shall be used to make scholarship grants to students enrolled in the Physical Education Teacher Program within the Division of Kinesiology and Health at the University of Wyoming. To be eligible for this scholarship award an applicant must be a full-time student, have financial need as defined by FAFSA, and have a cumulative university GPA of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) or greater. Preference shall be given to a student who is a Wyoming resident.

I hope you enjoy this little newsletter. Keep sending your updated information to Kelly and Angela. As always the newsletter is linked to my DKH webpage. Have a wonderful end to the school year and a terrific summer. You all deserve a good rest, relaxation, and fun summer even more than usual.

Sincerely,
Jayne Jenkins, Ph.D.

News from Corbett

Undergraduates

Completing student teaching in PETE this spring were 12 undergraduates. Of the 23 cooperating teachers, 19 were alumni of the UW PETE program.

Thirteen (13) undergraduates have applied to the PETE program in hopes of beginning Teaching Laboratory 1 fall semester 2021. Spring 2021 a total of 17 undergrads completed Teaching Lab II and will move on to Teaching Lab III fall semester. They will student teach spring 2022. Placement options may include Powell, Sheridan, and Cheyenne.

Graduate Students:

Updates on our UW PETE alum graduate students:

- **Charli Youngberg Fluty** (Class of 2009) started graduate program coursework spring 2019 through outreach. Dr. Jayne Jenkins is her mentor. Charli will propose her thesis summer 2021.
- **Brian Powell** (Class of 2009) started graduate coursework fall 2018. Dr. Ben Kern is now his mentor (having inherited Brian from Dr. Mark Byra upon his retirement last year).
- **Christa Munari** (Class of 2015) proposed her thesis project May 7. The title is “Examining The Impact Of Peer Group Support On Physical Educators’ Perceptions Of Mattering And Motivation To Provide Student-Centered Instruction: A Multi-Theory Investigation ”

Alumni News

It is always great fun to hear from you. Please keep Kelly and Angela posted on your personal and professional life celebrations. That is the only way they can keep these newsletters informative for your peers. Sometime I 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 in a few weeks) 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. I will share the directory with PETE faculty (Drs. Wallhead, Kern, Simonton) as well as the UW Alumni Association and UW Foundation. If you want your contact information 'scrubbed' for any or all of these entities, let me know and that will be done.

Professional & Personal Update

Lots of new jobs, new marriages, and new babies. Congratulations all.

Class of 2021	
Aubrey Jennings	Aubrey will be teaching special education at Worland, WY grade 6. She will enter the UW Special Education M.S. program fall 2021. Will marry Ryan Roybal July 31, 2021
David Jones	Will begin teaching grades 7-12 PE at Hanna, WY fall 2021.
Kolbey Wells	My plan as of right now for next year is to substitute teach and stay in Casper with my girlfriend Maci. I have lots of coaching opportunities coming available to me after I get my endorsement this summer. My immediate plans are to continue to umpire baseball games for the Casper Youth Baseball program as well as the Casper Crush baseball program and substitute during the day. I have a long-term substitute position starting the 17th of May that will take me to the end of the school year.
Dylan Sandstedt	Dylan and Sydni Schuldies will get married June 26, 2021
Rachel Schneider	Will begin graduate studies at the University of Memphis and will assume a graduate assistant position beginning fall 2021
Ashton Horsley	Will begin teaching physical and health education at Johnson Jr. High School in Cheyenne. Interestingly, Johnson Jr. High is where Ashton's father, Rusty Horsley (class of about 1993 or so), started his teaching career in Cheyenne.
Taylor Bever	Will begin military duties with the Wyoming Air National Guard June 2021.

Class of 2020	
Adan Sigala	I accepted my first position at Fairview Elementary school in Carthage Missouri!
Emily Smith	Accepted a PHE teaching position at Lincoln Middle School in Green River, WY. She will be working with class mate Jared Flores.
Jessie Underberg	I wanted to reach out and let you know that I will be returning to Wyoming this coming school year!!!! I accepted the rural school P.E/STEAM position in Douglas. Yes it is full time. I will travel to 5 different rural schools around outside of Douglas. I do not know class sizes yet but grade level is K-5th. STEAM is science, technology, engineering, art, and math. I do not have many more details than that at this point in time. I just know I am super excited to be back in Wyoming soon!
Shawn Mollett	Will move across the state - I accepted a position at Cole Elementary in Cheyenne, and with that I'll also be at Gilchrist Elementary in Cheyenne. My wife and I decided to move closer to her family and I was thrilled to be offered and accept the position.
Class of 2019	
Jeffrey Hayes Stone	Hayes will move from teaching elementary PHE in Rock Springs, WY to teaching PE at Alta Vista Elementary School in Cheyenne, WY
Class of 2018	

Johnathan Brady	For the next school year, I will not be teaching anymore and will start my training to become an airline pilot. I will be attending ATP flight school in Long Beach, CA.
Trent Graff	I am currently still in Kingman AZ but I switched schools. I work at Kingman High school I teach resource Math, Adaptive PE and weigh. I am the defensive coordinator for football, and I was just offered the head coach job for track and field. I am finishing up my masters of Sped this summer.
Madison Farr Moody	We have a new addition to the family. Baylor was born March 7....She came at 4.01lbs and we had to stay in the Billings Clinic for around a week. She is doing great and is up to 8lbs.
Class of 2017	
Dakota Anderson	Completed the Sport Administration degree from Ohio and accepted a position as AD at American Leadership academy in Waddell (Greater Phoenix area), AZ. It's a brand new school (ALA West Foothills); consequently, Dakota will hire a whole gambit of coaches 7-12 and supervise physical education teachers. Kammi and I are also having our first baby next week (assuming all goes well). His name will be Nolan Thomas Anderson. And we'll move 3 weeks after that, obviously, down to AZ.
Brandon Wolfe	I will be returning to South High School for my fourth year in the field! Crazy how time flies! I still coach basketball, football, and track! Basketball at the South High School. Football and track at the junior high that gave me my first job! I'm getting married at the end of July to my beautiful fiancée who works in the school district in Cheyenne and is working on finishing up a elementary teacher degree. We have two little dogs that keep us on our toes and busy!
Eli Moody	We have a new addition to the family. Baylor was born March 7 (two days before my birthday). She came at 4.01lbs and we had to stay in the Billings Clinic for around a week. She is doing great and is up to 8lbs.
Taylor Wells	I've completed my masters in sports and athletic management and will be taking on some AD responsibility at the school next year. I am still at a K-8 elementary school in Cottonwood AZ and have been for three years!
Class of 2016	
Class of 2015	
Shauri Lyon Landon	I will be starting my 7th year of teaching in SWCSD #1. Lots of change happening in our district....I will be moving from Sage Elementary to Stagecoach Elementary with some big shoes to fill. I have been checking off my bucket list this year. Went to Vegas for the first time and will be going to Hawaii for the first time this summer - so pretty excited for that. I am also still coaching girl's basketball alongside of Ramiro Candelaria at the high school as well. Been fun. Being able to work with so many great people that graduated from our amazing program.
Chris Mellor	Successfully defended his PhD dissertation at University of New Mexico May 4, 2021. Dr. Karen Gaudreault served as Chris' graduate mentor. Chris

	will begin his professional academic career as Assistant Professor in Aldelphi University in Garden City, New York
Christa Munari	May 7 successfully proposed her thesis in DKH at University of Wyoming
Class of 2014	
Angela Chambers Simonton	Angela accepted a position as instructor for DKH at the University of Wyoming. She will assume teaching responsibilities for courses such as movement core classes, teaching lab 1, and health classes and she will assist with advising duties.
Kelly Simonton	Kelly accepted the position of Assistant Professor tenure track in DKH at the University of Wyoming. His job will consist of teaching, research, service, and advising. He will assume teaching responsibilities for courses such as movement core and methods classes, teaching lab 2, and graduate classes.
Adam Cordell	Adam will marry Raegan June 19 2021
Class of 2013	
Jon Anderson	Jon is now teaching half time at Carey Jr. High School and half time at Central High School in Cheyenne. He is head swim coach of the East High School team. He and his wife have two daughters age 1 and 3 years.
Jeremy Brandl	News from Sheridan County! February 2nd at 8:10am my wife, Cassie, and I welcomed our son Madden Jackson Brandl. He was 8lbs 2oz and beautiful! Other than that, I am in grad school with Chris Wagner and between grad school, teaching, coaching, and being a family man, my life is pretty damn busy but I love it.
Eric Urlacher	On the verge of new voyages! I'll be leaving my beloved Stagecoach Elementary home after 7 years at that level, headed to full-time PE/Health at Black Butte alternative high school! It was a very hard decision to leave my baby (Stagecoach) – but the district needed a volunteer and I feel thrilled to work with our at-risk youth! In addition, I'll be pursuing adjunct instructor positions at Western Wyoming Community College in outdoor education (orienteering) as well as health and wellness. Andrea and I are expecting our second next December! See you all at WAHPERD and in the hills!
Class of 2012	
Class of 2011	
Dylan Bear	Ball 2021 Dylan will leave Rock Springs schools to teach high school physical education in Pinedale, WY with Jen Bockman Wilkinson.
Class of 2010	
Gene Russell	I have accepted the position as Superintendent in Ogallala, NE. My wife and three children are all healthy and happy! Yea Gene – our first alum as Superintendent of Schools!
Jarred Curry	Jarred, Inga, and big brother Arminas (Armi) welcomed little brother Adonis to the family June 2020.
Mike Brisson	Teaches at Buffalo Ridge Elementary School in Gillette. He finished his 9 th year. He and his wife have two sons – 3 years old and 1 year old

Zac Fisher	Engaged in the school administration internship spring 2021. He completed the school administration degree through Chadron College, NE spring 2021.
Class of 2009	
Jamie Scarcliff	I finished my second master's in educational leadership. Looking to become an athletic director one day. My boyfriend and I have been building a new house starting last August and hope to move in sometime in September. Back in January we got engaged and now just found out that I am expecting. Lots of changes going in and lots to look forward to.
Colton St. Peter	<p>The two new additions to our family:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Griffith Thomas St. Peter - Born Monday @ 10:08am, 4lbs 4oz, and 18.5" long. • Heath Edward St. Peter - Born Monday @ 10:09 am, 4lbs 4oz, and 18" long. <p>We're expecting them to be in the NICU for the better part of May, maybe the start of June and then be able to come home.</p>
Derik Chandler	In April the family welcomed baby Bodie a little bit earlier than he was supposed to arrive. But there's good news. "Little Baby Bodie is doing great, He is back up to his birth weight of 5lb. 10oz. and has grown a half inch in two weeks! The most exciting news is that we were able to take him off of his supplemental oxygen! He is getting stronger by the day."
Class of 2008	
Shaylee Babbitt Mortimore	The only thing that has changed for me is, I am primarily a weightlifting teacher now. I still teach Life Sports, but majority weights classes. [Torrington, WY]
Class of 2007	
Class of 2006	
LeAnn Smith	Is finishing her 14 th year of teaching in Arizona
Class of 2005	
Class of 2004	
Jodi Degabain Bryant	Engaged in the school administration internship spring 2021. She is attaining the administration degree through UW College of Education and will graduate May 2021.
Leeanna Anderson Horn	Not sure what I told you last. Married-Jason--2 kids-Koi is 12, Kaige is 9, Live in Glenrock, WY. Coach basketball (HS girls Assistant) and track (Head MS). Hopefully volleyball next year at the MS. Just subbing right now which keeps me very busy. That is about as exciting as it gets.
Class of 2003	
Class of 2002	
Patience Jenkins	I am teaching full time. I am at SVHS teaching PE and Health and I also teach elementary PE. I feel like I have the best of both worlds and am enjoying it.

	Addison will be graduating. It is crazy how fast time goes by. Karter is a freshman. I am currently teaching him, which has been fun. Kash is a 6th grader.
Class of 2001	
Ryan Cameron	Fall 2021 Ryan will move from teaching PE at Bain Elementary School in Cheyenne, to teaching APE at secondary schools in Cheyenne. Congratulations on the change after two decades of teaching elementary PE.
Andrea Williams	K-8th PE Teacher Phoenix Advantage charter High school XC/Track Xavier College Prep My new business: www.VirtualRunnerCoach.com
Class of 2000	
Shane Schaffner	Moved from Principal in the basin to Principal at West Elementary School in Wheatland, WY Platte Co. #1