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PETE Newsletter

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Greetings DKH PETE Alumni,

We live in interesting times with COVID-19. All of our lives have been impacted in some way. Teachers have learned how to deliver PHE content fully on line. Parents are home schooling. Professionals and workers are required to engage in their work in interesting ways. Along with the rest of the world the UW PETE program was impacted. Teaching Laboratory II came to a screeching halt mid-March. Those pre-service teachers were unable to deliver net/wall games and gymnastics units of instruction in the public schools. The student teachers shifted from working with their secondary cooperating teachers in the schools to working with the CTs delivering PHE content on line. Although it was not what we all had hoped, the STs learned a great deal about delivering content on line and about their own grit and perseverance.

The UW graduation ceremonies Saturday, May 16 provided the UW students a unique experience. UW graduates received a packet including tassel, tam, diploma holder etc. The actual 'celebration' occurred via video. Coach Craig Bohl was the commencement speaker and he left us with wonderful words of wisdom and encouragement.

Graduates from PETE included 14 undergraduates completing the B.S. degree and 4 graduates completing the M.S. degree (see list below). Although the undergraduates could not be on campus Friday, May 15 to present their final Teacher Work Sample Projects, we gathered on Zoom for the presentations and a bit of celebration. Six of the M.S. and B.S. grads have attained teaching positions for the 2020-2021 academic year.

It's always good to hear how you are doing. Sometimes I hear about y'all in interesting ways. For example, my sister who lives in Sheridan keeps me informed as to the great work Jon Kirlen is doing building the ski program at Antelope Butte Ski Area. He is instrumental in assisting the community group to move Antelope Butte forward and building a clientele by bringing skiing to the elementary schools. Well done, Jon.

We meet in the most interesting spots. During the holidays, Brianna Hartbank waited on us at Bagel Makers. She had finished teaching English to children in Schenzen, China and awaits placement to teach English in South Korea.

We experienced a first very sad occurrence for our little PETE alumni group. In February 2020 Andrea Lassota Williams passed on information that a colleague died. Lindsay Labaree (Class of 2002) passed away January 7, 2020 due to complications from surgery for a Cavernous Angioma. Lindsay was taken from her two sons (Jackson age 10 and Blair age 12), her family, and us entirely too soon. This link will take you to further information.

<https://www.steamboatpilot.com/milestones/obituaries/obituary-lindsay-labaree/>

Finally, the PETE program is experiencing a massive shift. Dr. Mark Byra retires May 2020. He has contributed so much to the PETE program, the PETE profession internationally, and the University of Wyoming in his 31 years at UW. For a look at all of Mark's accomplishments, check out his DKH web page at:

<http://www.uwyo.edu/kandh/departments/faculty/mark-byra.html>

In honor of his outstanding career at UW, Dr. Byra was named one of the four Honorary Marshalls at the 2020 graduation ceremony. I think I speak for all of us when I say, 'thank you Dr. Byra, for all you have done for the profession.' If you wish to send him a personal message, you can contact him at byra@uwyo.edu.

Mark will not be eating bon bons and watching the sun set in his retirement. He has accepted the position of administering The Spectrum Institute for Teaching and Learning. This is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving education. You all recall learning about the Spectrum of Teaching Styles during your course work at UW.

As we wish Dr. Byra the best in this new phase of his career, we also welcome Dr. Ben Kern, Ph.D. to our UW DKH community. Dr. Kern was hired to move into Dr. Byra's line. Ben has already been interacting with the DKH faculty and will be on board

teaching classes and conducting his research beginning fall 2020. He will hit the ground running by teaching a graduate level class fall 2020. KIN 5586-80 Teacher Socialization in PE would be of interest to many of you, and specifically to those of you in PHE teaching positions. Consider enrolling for this outreach course that meets Mondays 6-9 p.m. on line. Welcome to the UW PETE program, Dr. Kern.

I hope you enjoy this little newsletter. Keep sending me your updated information. Have a wonderful end to the school year and a terrific summer. But most importantly - stay safe.

Sincerely,
Jayne Jenkins, Ph.D.

News from Corbett

Undergraduates

Completing student teaching in PETE this spring were 14 undergraduates. Of the 27 cooperating teachers, 22 were alumni of the UW PETE program.

Twenty (20) undergraduates have applied to the PETE program in hopes of beginning Teaching Laboratory 1 fall semester 2020. Spring 2020 a total of 13 undergrads completing Teaching Lab 2 and will move on to Teaching Lab 3 fall semester. They will student teach spring 2021 in Rock Springs, Rawlins, and Casper.

Graduate Students:

Updates on our graduate students:

- **Brooks Fry** (Class of 2008) He completed his degree spring 2020. Dr. Jayne Jenkins was his mentor. His final project was “Physical Education K-12 Curricular Program Assessment.”
- **Molly Varney Zeller** (Class of 2014) Completed her degree summer 2019. Dr. Jayne Jenkins was her mentor. Her project was “First Year Reflections: Perceptions of Support First Year Physical Education Teachers Receive.”
- **Jennifer Bockman Wilkinson** (Class of 2012) Completed her degree spring 2020. Dr. Jayne Jenkins was her mentor. Her final project was “Value of Physical Education: High School Student View of Physical Education.”
- **Martin Vasquez** (class of 2018) Graduated May 2020. Dr. Tristan Wallhead was his mentor. His thesis investigated UW PETE alums use of sport education in their current PE programs.

- **Johnathan Brady** (class of 2018) Dr. Mark Byra is his mentor. He is targeting completion summer 2020.
- **Charli Youngberg Fluty** (Class of 2009) started graduate program coursework spring 2019 through outreach. Dr. Jayne Jenkins is her mentor.
- **Brian Powell** (Class of 2009) started graduate coursework fall 2018. Dr. Mark Byra is his mentor.
- **Christa Munari** (Class of 2015) took a break from course work. Dr. Tristan Wallhead is her mentor.
- **Kahler Dawson** (Class of 2017) will return to course work after a short hiatus. Dr. Tristan Wallhead is his mentor.
- **Dewey Krueger** (Class of 2020) will begin coursework fall 2020. He will be full time on campus student working as a GA. Dr. Jayne Jenkins 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. 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) 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

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

Class of 2020	
Shawn Mollett	Shawn was our first class of 2020 graduate to attain a teaching position. It's the elementary PHE traveling job in Rock Springs that was previously held by Eric Urlacher & Shauri Lyon. Shawn will marry Jaylen Fornstrom June 20, 2020. Jaylen also has a teaching position in Rock Springs schools.
Kyle Jeffres	Kyle accepted the second position open. Little Snake River K-12. He will be working for Principal Joel Thomas (Class of 2000)
Jared Flores	Will teach PHE at Lincoln Middle School in Green River, WY (Jared's home town)
John Penshorn	Will return to Texas to teach elementary PE (2-5) at Western Hills Elementary School in Fort Worth, Texas
Jess Underberg	Will teach elementary PE in Pahrumph, Nevada

Dewey Krueger	Will be a Graduate Assistant for DKH PETE program fall 2020. Dewey will study for the M.S. Degree full time
Class of 2019	
Class of 2018	
Johnathan Brady	Plans to complete his thesis summer 2020. He will begin teaching PE grades 5-8 at Bella Romero Academy of Applied Technology Middle School in Greeley, Colorado
Brianna Hartbank	Finished teaching English Language in Schenzen, China and is waiting to be placed in Daegu, South Korea to teach English
Martin Vasquez	Graduated May 2020 from UW with the M.S. Degree in Kinesiology. He will begin Ph.D. work at the University of New Mexico studying with Dr. Karen Gaudreault
Class of 2017	
Taylor Wells	Will complete the M.S. degree in Sports and Athletic Management through Northcentral University – Scottsdale AZ campus in November 2020
Brandon Wolfe	Will move from teaching PHE at Johnson Jr. High School in Cheyenne to teaching PHE at Cheyenne South High School. He will coach track at Johnson Jr. High School
Class of 2016	
Michelle Clark	Will move from teaching PHE at Cheyenne South High School in Cheyenne, WY to teaching PE at Anderson & Miller Elementary Schools in Cheyenne
Class of 2015	
Shauri Lyon	June 13, Shauri will marry Clinton Landon.
Molly Varney Zeller	Completed the M.S. degree through UW DKH August 2019. Congratulations
Cassie Swallow Hoover	Cassie is not only celebrating her first year of marriage July 2020, they are expecting baby number one July 29 – a girl named Presley. And the Hoovers moved into their new house in February. Big changes! Big excitement!
Class of 2014	
Matt Gardner	Matt and wife Samantha welcomed baby number one this spring. His name is Finn William Harrison Gardner. There sure are a lot of boys in the Gardner/Fuller cousins!
Class of 2013	
Class of 2012	
Celina McGraw Felton	The family welcomed baby #4 Thursday February 20. Zalie Rae has big sis Isla to look after her. The Felton clan continues to grow.
Jennifer Wilkinson Bockman	Completed the M.S. degree through UW DKH May 2020. Congratulations
Class of 2011	
Brianna Gardner Fuller	Finally it's a girl! Braxlynne Vi Fern Fuller was born on April 14 th at 10:26. Braxlynne weighed in at 7 lbs 1 oz and was 19 ¾ inches long. She joins

	brothers Asher 7, Micah 4, and Brycen 2. (Things must be very lively at the Fuller house!)
Class of 2010	
Lee Toldsen	Lee finally called me this spring. After years of ignoring me, I was pleased to find out where he was located. He is teaching PE at Thunder Ridge HS in Idaho Falls. He is also basketball coach
Class of 2009	
Class of 2008	
Brooks Fry	Completed the M.S. degree through UW DKH to graduate May 2020. Brooks will move his family from Nunamiut School in Anaktuvuk Pass Alaska, where he has taught the past few years, to Nome, Alaska. Brooks will join two other PE teachers in the Nome schools. He will teach PHE at the middle and high school.
Class of 2007	
Heidi Logan Allen	Heici sent this message. As I've only been substitute teaching this year (my littlest is in kindergarten), I'm now trying on the homeschooling hat. New adventures all around, but I'm truly enjoying teaching my girls all the things they otherwise miss out on: chore, sewing, biking, hiking, rock climbing, we throw in a little math and reading once in a while too 😊
Class of 2006	
Class of 2005	
Class of 2004	
Leeanna Anderson Horn	Leeanna sent this message. We are moving to Glenrock, good thing but sad at the time. I love Dubois but good things will happen in Glenrock too. I do not however have a job there yet, going because my husband got a job
Josh Bott	Moves from teaching PE at Hobbs Elementary School in Cheyenne to teaching PE at Triumph High School in Cheyenne, WY. He will be head boys and girl's swimming and diving coach at Cheyenne Central High School
Class of 2003	
Class of 2002	
Lindsay Labaree	Passed away January 7, 2020 due to complications from surgery for a Cavernous Angioma
Class of 2001	
Class of 2000	
Andrea Lasotta Williams	Andrea sent this message. My husband David and I now have 2 sons. Cameron, 5 and Nolan, 3.

	<p>This year, after 13 years at high school as a PE teacher and Head Coach, I went back to K-8th PE. I'm at Phoenix Advantage Charter School. Both my principal and asst. principal were PE teachers. It's awesome!</p> <p>I'm still a high school coach as an assistant cross country and track coach at Xavier College Prep in Phoenix.</p>
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