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Spring Semester Student Teachers



Ben Cook is a student teacher in Ms. Milner's room. He is an Abilene graduate and turned down football offers so he could attend the best college in the state, Kansas State University. After changing majors and trying out Fort Hays State, he came back to KSU to finish his degree. Mr. Cook enjoys building furniture and working on cars. He rebuilt a van to take to games as a serious tailgater. He spent some time in New York last summer, finding the city fascinating and the people great. Ms. Milner's advice is "don't plan too far ahead because you never know what kind of mood your kids will be in that day."



Keith Kerschen, a Garden Plain High School graduate, is student teaching this semester in math with Desirae Reitz. The most valuable advice he has received from Mrs. Reitz is to always be reflective and constantly look for ways to improve your lessons. His hobbies and interests involve watching volleyball and tennis, as well as gardening and hanging out with friends. Mr. Kerschen is a member of FarmHouse Fraternity and his favorite memories include trips to the Texas Bowl, Oklahoma City Thunder basketball game, FarmHouse Conclave, and AVCA Volleyball Showcase.



Allison Mense a student teacher for Chris Schmitz and Mike Zabel this spring semester. She graduated from Hoxie High School in 2005 and will graduate from K-State this year with a degree in Secondary Education and a minor in Leadership Studies. Her interests involve sports and traveling. Her favorite college memory is the 2008 K-State versus KU basketball game when her Cats pulled off a big win. Ms. Mense wants to be a teacher and be a positive influence in the lives of students. She likes working with students and challenging them to reach their full potential. She wants to follow in the footsteps of both of her cooperating teachers who have good relationships with students.



Allison Morton is a student teacher in two classrooms at Rock Creek. She is teaching English for Jessica Augustine and Cherrie Lindsey. A graduate of Wamego High School, she will graduate from K-State with a B.S. in Secondary Education--English and from Manhattan Christian College with a B.S. in Bible this May. A favorite college memory was serving as the College of Education Ambassador President. Ms. Morton enjoys running early in the morning, reading, and spending time with her family. Her supervising teachers have taught her to be flexible.



Bryan Shamburg is student teaching with Michael Rottinghaus this semester. Mr. Shamburg combined his love of kids and love for science to become a science teacher. He went to Bennington High School and then to Southwestern College for three semesters before transferring to Kansas State and majoring in Secondary Education. His hobbies and interests include hunting, fishing, riding horses, and hanging out with friends. His favorite college memory is when K-State beat KU in basketball and he rushed the court. Mr. Rottinghaus has helped him learn to manage the classroom.

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Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Time
2/24	HS MEL Music FFA Selection/Spring Area Meeting @ Holton	TBD 9:00 a.m.
2/25	KMEA @ Wichita JHBB MEL Tournament @ St. Marys HSBB Rossville	TBD TBD 4:45 p.m.
2/26	KMEA @ Wichita HSWR State @ Hays	TBD TBD
2/27	KMEA @ Wichita HSWR State @ Hays	TBD TBD
3/01	Spring Practices Begin HS Boys Basketball Sub-State	3:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
3/02	HS Girls Basketball Sub-State	7:00 p.m.
3/03	JH Band Festival @ Lawrence Central Middle School	1:30 p.m.
3/04	HS Boys Basketball Sub-State	TBD
3/05	HS Girls Basketball Sub-State	TBD
3/06	HSBB Sub-State Girls/Boys	TBD
3/08	FFA Northeast Interview Day RC/KSU Band Concert	6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
3/09	7-12 Parent Teacher Conferences HS Band/Choir Concert	4:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
3/10	HSBB State Boys Board of Education Meeting	TBD 7:00 p.m.
3/11	HSBB State Girls	TBD
3/12	No School PK-11 Senior Exit Project Presentations HSBB State Girls/Boys FFA Meats	TBD 8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.
3/13	HSBB State Girls/Boys	TBD
3/13-3/21	Spring Break	
3/22	Junior High & High School Cheer Clinic	6:00 p.m.
3/23	High School Vocal Recital	7:00 p.m.
3/24	Junior High & High School Cheer Clinic	6:00 p.m.
3/26	Junior High & High School Cheer Tryouts	6:00 p.m.
3/29	HSTR @ Silver Lake	3:00 p.m.
3/30	Junior High Band/Choir Concert	7:30 p.m.

Student Teachers Continued

Jenny Stewart (below, left) has three sons, Mason, 16, Dane, 13, and Spencer, 10. She is married to Bart Stewart and their family lives in Wamego. She graduated from KU in 1986 with a degree in computer science. When they moved to Wamego she worked part time in their funeral home business and raised her three sons. She then returned to K-State a few years ago to pursue a degree in Secondary Education--Mathematics. Being a teacher fits her personality as she is outgoing, organized, and gets great pleasure from seeing students "get it." She is now student teaching with Shirley Vandahl who has advised her to have high standards, because students will reach for them. Mrs. Stewart enjoys watching her kids play sports, boating and skiing with her family, reading, and gardening.

Rebecca Zirger (below, right) is the student teacher for Mrs. Siderewicz in FACS classes. She graduated from Frankfort in 2006 as a salutatorian and will soon graduate as the fourth generation of her family to teach. She feels learning is an essential part of life and wants to make an impact by encouraging others to learn something new. Her hobbies include traveling, reading, being with friends and family and cruising around in her restored 1974 Chevy Nova. Rock Creek has exceeded her expectations with its laid back but successful learning atmosphere. She felt comfortable here, even on the first day. Her best advice came on a day she was teaching first hour and the flash drive with her entire lesson crashed. Mrs. Siderewicz advised her to remain calm and told her "everything will work out just fine."



Family, Career and Community Leaders of America News

On February 6, 2010, members of the Rock Creek senior high FCCLA chapter participated in the District D STAR Events (Students Taking Action with Recognition) at Frankfort High School. Twenty area schools competed to advance to the state level of competition. Competing this year in the senior division (grades 9-12) of Illustrated Talk were *Chelsea Ebert*, *Jackie Gonzalez*, and *Chelsea Renner*. The Illustrated Talk is an individual or team event, which recognizes participants who make an oral presentation concerning a family issue. Their subject was planning a family vacation using the FCCLA Planning Process. They received a 1st Place Gold and will advance to state competition on April 12, 2010, in Wichita. *Anna Jilka* participated in the junior division (grades 7-9) of Career Investigation. It is an individual event that recognizes participants for their ability to perform self-assessments, research and explore a career, set career goals, create a plan for achieving goals, and describe the relationship of Family and Consumer Sciences coursework to the selected career. *Anna* received 2nd Place Silver in her event. Junior high member *Larissa Eshelman* and student teacher, Becky Zirger, served as judges for the Focus on Children event and *Sarah Marek* was a timer for the event.

On February 10, 2010, senior high members *Lane Frazier* and *Anna Jilka* and junior high member *Sarah Marek* ran for a district officer position. To compete they had to give a three-minute prepared talk on a subject that related to FCCLA, answer a fact question relating to the organization and give a short response to an impromptu fun question. *Anna* and *Sarah* were elected to serve as Co-Vice Presidents of STAR Events for the 2010-2011 school year. They will be installed into their office at the 64th annual State Leadership Conference on April 13, 2010, in Wichita. Voting delegates that attended district elections were senior high members *Chelsea Ebert* and *Jackie Gonzalez* and junior high members *Larissa Eshelman* and *Sami Johnson*.

Counselor's Notes

Deadline:	Description:
	Students planning to complete the ACT exam next semester may register for ACT Exam Prep classes at Manhattan High School. The coordinator is Carolyn Devane at 586-2110 or e-mail CAROLYND@manhattan.k12.ks.us.
	Seniors may apply for various 2010 State American Legion Scholarships . Numerous award categories and stipulations. Scholarship values are from \$250 - \$1,500.
	Seniors pursuing art, dance, music, or theatre studies at Kansas State University may apply for the 2010 Fine Arts Scholarships . See Mr. Sullivan for details and an application.
	Grade 9-12 students planning to pursue careers as physicians may attend the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine . The 10-day summer sessions, which will be conducted in cities across the U.S., are dedicated to the early recognition and preparation of the nation's most promising future physicians. See Mr. Sullivan for more information and registration details.
	Girls in grades 9-12 who are considering engineering careers may want to participate in the annual SWE Weekend of Engineering Program at the University of Kansas (March 6-7) . See Mr. Sullivan for details and registration forms.
	Juniors interested in University of Kansas may participate in KU Junior Day . Visit admissions.ku.edu/junior days or see Mr. Sullivan.
	Grade 7-12 students are eligible to participate in the annual Images of Aging photo contest sponsored by the University of Kansas Medical Center. Awards range in value from \$100 - \$300. See Mr. Sullivan for contest rules/more information or visit www2.kumc.edu/coa .
	Grade 10-12 students may attend a Summer Leadership Academy at Dodge City Community College. Career academies include business, fire/rescue, nursing, teaching, law enforcement, and music. College credit is available. See Mr. Sullivan or visit 222.dc3.edu/li .
	Seniors may qualify for free college tuition scholarships and monthly \$1,000 awards by registering at nextSTEPmag.com .
	Seniors currently or formerly involved in athletics may be interested in applying for the Big Sun Scholarship (\$500). Visit www.bigsunathletics.com for application details.
	Students in grades 9-12 may be interested in the full year or summer International Student Exchange Program for 2010-11 school term. See Mr. Sullivan for information/application details.
	Any junior boys interested in participating in the 2010 American Legion Boys State Program should see Mr. Sullivan. The annual session will be conducted on the KSU campus from June 6-12, 2010. More information and applications are available.
	Students in grade 10-12 who are interested in teaching careers may attend the annual Summer Kansas Future Teacher Academy at either Emporia State University or Dodge City Community College. The week-long sessions allow participants to live in residence halls, attend leadership/self-improvement workshops, interact with Kansas Master Teachers, Kansas State Teachers of the Year, and National Board Certified Teachers, as well as learn more about college life, in general. See Mr. Sullivan for applications or visit www.emporia.edu/jones/kfta .
3/1/10	Seniors whose families subscribe to Blue Valley Tele-Communications telephone service may apply for the 2010 national FRS Scholarships . National awards total \$2,500; see Mr. Sullivan for applications or visit http://www/frs.org .
3/5/10	Seniors are eligible to apply for 2010 "Scholar Athlete Milk Mustache of the Year" Scholarships , 25/\$7,500 awards available. Visit bodybymilk.com for complete rules, information and applications.
3/9/10	Seniors planning to pursue accounting studies in college may be interested in applying for the 2010 KSCPA Scholarships . Awards range in value from \$500 - \$1,300; visit www.kscpa.org/scholarship.cfm for application information.
3/10/10	Females grade 9-12, who are interested in <u>agricultural</u> careers, may want to attend an upcoming " CATS " Conference at Kansas State University on Wednesday, March 31, 2010. See Mr. Sullivan for registration forms/more information.
3/12/10	KACRAO Scholarships require minimum 3.25 cumulative, 22 ACT score, and record of leadership (4/\$500 awards), see Mr. Sullivan or visit www.kacrao.org .
3/12/10	Seniors planning to pursue agronomy, crop science, agricultural engineering, or related fields of study may be interested in applying for the 2010 KARA Scholarships (\$500 - \$1,000 value). See Mr. Sullivan or visit www.KansasAg.org/KARA .
3/12/10	Seniors may be interested in applying for the 2010 KGFA Scholarships (\$500 - \$1,000 value). Academic achievement and community service considered. See Mr. Sullivan or visit www.KansasAg.org/KGFA .
3/12/10	Seniors may apply for the 2010 Primo Scholarships ; preference extended to marketing, public relations, or telecommunications studies. Three \$500 awards provided. Visit www.primomkt.com or see Mr. Sullivan.
3/12/10	Seniors planning to pursue studies in health care or culinary arts may be interested in applying for the 2010 Wamego City Hospital Scholarship (one/\$500 award) and/or Gus Hildebrand Memorial Scholarship (one/\$250 award). See Mr. Sullivan for more information, apply online at www.thekrcf.org/rockcreek-app.htm .
3/26/10	Seniors whose families subscribe to Blue Valley Tele-Communications telephone service may apply for the 2010 local BVTC Scholarships . Local awards range in value from \$250 - \$500. See Mr. Sullivan for applications or visit www.bluevalley.net .
4/2/10	Seniors pursuing journalism, political science, or communications studies are encouraged to apply for the 2010 News Election Service Scholarships . \$500 awards available. See Mr. Sullivan.
4/15/10	Local Rock Creek Scholarships are due. See the Rock Creek Website or go to the I Drive, Shared, for the Local Scholarship Application.

The Rock Spotlight



KMAN Players of the Week

Pake Ebert
Becky Lightfoot

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

MEL Wrestling
Rock Creek, 4th Place

State Wrestling Qualifier
Shane Schaake

MEL Scholar's Bowl
Rock Creek
2nd Place

Regional Scholar's Bowl
Rock Creek
4th Place

COUNCIL GROVE FORENSICS

Eric Willard, 1st Place, Poetry

Hanna Ruder, 2nd Place, Poetry
5th Place, Humorous Solo Acting

ROYAL VALLEY FORENSICS

Rock Creek, 1st Place

HANOVER FORENSICS

Brenda Stevenson, 5th Place, DI
Samantha Stephens, 5th Place, Oration

BASKETBALL

Hiawatha Invitational
Rock Creek Girls
1st Place

Taylor Ebert, Lizz Herrs, Becky Lightfoot
All Tournament Team

Royal Valley JV Tournament
Rock Creek JV Boys
1st Place

FCCLA STAR EVENTS

1st Place Gold, Illustrated Talk
Chelsea Ebert, Jackie Gonzalez, Chelsea Renner
2nd Place Silver, Career Investigations
Anna Jilka

FCCLA DISTRICT ELECTIONS

Co-Vice-Presidents of STAR Events
Anna Jilka, Sarah Marek

State Scholastic Art Competition

Junior High General Category

Amanda Gross, "Pencil Whimsy"
Katherine Culbertson, "Mythological Castle in Ink"

Junior High Gold Key Winner

Larissa Eshelman, "Inked Plumes"
Larissa Eshelman, "Lizard on a Thumb in Pencil Dreams"

High School Honorable Mention

Angie Patrick, Mixed Media, "Everyday Music"
Thomas Sheffield, Silversmithing "Unlock Love"

High School Silver Key

Anthony Dultmeier, Pencil, "Fantasy in Graphite"

Gold Medal

Paige Nickell, Tempra Painting, "Pink Dreams"