

The Political Science Department is working closely with the WSU Career Development Center to help our students regain valuable job skills through an internship experience, recognizing that such experience is increasingly important to secure a good job after graduation. WSU now has a new career database called Handshake that allows employers in the community to post and

FACULTY

SPOTLIGHT ON DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

The Political Science Department is grateful to those alumni of the department who have endowed scholarships and contribute to the Annual Fund that provides additional scholarship funding. Below, we want to share the background on several of our endowed scholarships.

ROBERT N. AND PRISCILLA PARTRIDGE SCHOLARSHIP

As a child, Robert Partridge loved to attend court proceedings after school. "I'd get to listen to trials and be inspired by what the lawyer was doing and saying," said Mr. Partridge. "There was never a time in which I did not want to be a lawyer." Mr. Partridge joined the Army at the beginning of World War II and later saw action in the European Theatre. Serving in the 104th Infantry's Timber Division, Mr. Partridge fought back the Wehrmacht offensive during the Battle of the Bulge. For his efforts, he received the Bronze Star and Croix de Guerre.

Following the war, Mr. Partridge obtained a Bachelor of Arts in political science from the University of Wichita. After graduating from Washburn Law School, he married Priscilla Barron. Mr. Partridge partnered with Johnston-Siefkin and performed numerous community functions while living in Wichita. In addition to other public involvement, the past president of the Wichita Bar Association served for a decade as director, president or member of the advisory board for the Wichita Area Good Schools where he was recipient of the highest volunteer award, the Ruth Robertson Award. In addition to serving their community, Mr. and Mrs. Partridge strongly about education.

The 2015-2016 recipient of the Partridge Scholarship is Emily Matta (above left).

Emily is a Senior with a double major in Political Science and History.

SARA HYDE CORBIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Sara Grace "Sally" Hyde grew up in the Billerica area of Wichita. While at Stanford, she met and married Harry Corbin Jr., a graduate of WU in 1940 with a degree in political science. After obtaining a degree in Spanish, the two returned to Wichita. In 1949, Dr. Harry Corbin became president of the youngest university in the nation at the time. While Dr. Corbin was known for leading the fight to bring the university into the state system of higher education, Mrs. Corbin was greatly admired for her gracious and unwavering support of President Corbin. A well read and cultured woman of strong principles, she was known for her conversational and organizational skills. In 1969, six years after the resignation of Dr. Corbin, she was diagnosed with myotonic muscular dystrophy. During her illness, she was accredited as a stenographer, never complaining of her situation. After her death in 1985, Dr. Corbin established the Sara Hyde Corbin Memorial Scholarship in Political Science.

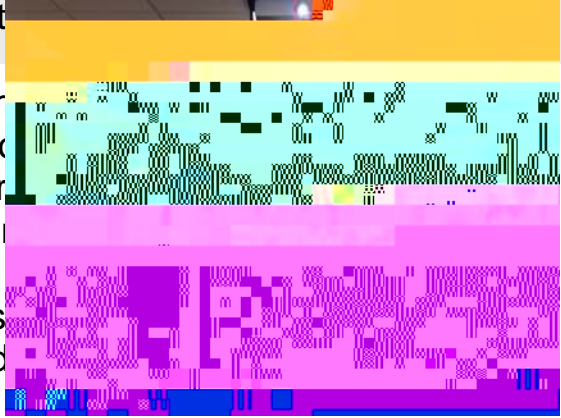
The 2015-2016 recipient of the Corbin Scholarship is Catherine Prather (right).

Catherine is a Senior majoring in Political Science with minors in Criminal Justice and Psychology.

Additional Scholarship Recipients include Eryn Ebach - Dr. John E. Stanga Scholarship; Donald Gering Jr. - Thorpe P. & Ella N. Wolf Scholarship; Erendira Jimenez Gonzalez - R. Edmiston Scholarship; Rubén Lebron - Donna L. Shank Scholarship; Kelvin Lopez-Garcia and Helen Kamen Scholarship; Tiffany M. Wesley McCarty Scholarship;

HIGH SCHOOL MODEL UN

All of the WSU Model UN students had the opportunity to serve as dais staff in January 2015 as we hosted our annual Wichita Area Model UN for local high school students. We had participants from 14 high schools in Kansas, with students representing 24 different countries. Outstanding delegate awards went to students from Wichita East, Wichita Kapaun, Great Bend, Jefferson West, and Haverhill schools, with best position papers going to Wichita East, Macksville, and Kapaun high schools. www.wichita.edu/wamun



MILLETT-YOUNG MENTOR / SCHOLAR AWARD



Dr. John Millett

Congratulations to Tiffany Masse for receiving the Millett-Young Mentor/Scholar award this year. Tiffany wrote a political theory paper on “Imagining New Rules: The Political and Socioeconomic Elements of the Nation of Puyallup” under the guidance of Professor Melvin Kahn. This award is sponsored by Dr. Reverend John Young and is given to recognize an outstanding paper in the department each year.

ACCOLADES AND CONGRATULATIONS

Eryn Ebach's co-authored book chapter with PAllen has been accepted in a book titled "Selling the Donkey" that is under review with Palgrave publishing.

DJ Gering was accepted for an internship through the Project where he is writing educational essays to help raise support for development projects abroad.

Blake Carpenter, one of our students, is the youngest member elected to the Kansas House

Holly Eckert - '12 - Successfully completed Officer Training in the US Marine Corps in Quantico, VA.

Michael Meacham - '74 - Published From Backpack to Briefcase: Professional Development in Healthcare Administration (2014).

Matt '10 & Brandi Agnew got married in Summer 2014.

Jon Abrahamsen '13 and Shelby Hugg got married Spring 2015.

Professor Ken Ciboski started providing commentaries for KMUW in 2015.

Professor Carolyn Shaw was selected to participate in WSU's Leadership Academy 2015.



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