



Partnerships Proving Fruitful

UW-Whitewater has taken the lead in offering dual credit opportunities for high school students in Southeastern Wisconsin. The program, called Partners in Education (PIE), has been in development for the last several years and is completing its first full semester this month. PIE is a concurrent education program in which qualified high school students earn college credit while still fully engaged in their high school classes and activities.

In the 2012-2013 academic year, over 80 high school students in three area schools, mentored by five UW-W faculty members, participated in the PIE program. Next year, the numbers of participating schools, departments and faculty will increase fivefold, and Jodi Galvan (Communication), PIE coordinator, expects the demand to continue.

The benefits of earning college credit that can be used toward a college degree at nearly any college or university are obvious. But there are perks for the faculty liaisons and academic departments at UW-Whitewater as well. By collaborating with teachers in high schools, faculty members are often exposed to new ideas for classroom activities and assignments, and experience a fresh pedagogical approach. "I got a new idea for peer reviews from a high school teacher I worked with," notes Galvan. Ultimately, the PIE program prepares high school students for college, which is mutually beneficial for students, school districts, and universities.

To become a faculty liaison or sponsoring department, or for more information, see the PIE [website](#) or contact Jodi Galvan at pie@uww.edu.



Upcoming Events

[Creating New Opportunities for Learning, February 7](#)

[Spirituality, Science, and Healing Workshop, February 8](#)

[2nd Annual Grandchildren's University, June 28-29](#)

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Participating Schools 2012 – 2013	Schools Scheduled to Participate 2013 - 2014
New Glarus High School	Cedarburg High School
Whitewater High School	Elkhorn High School
Wilmot Union High School	Homestead High School (Mequon)
	Kettle Moraine High School
	Mukwonago High School
	Portage High School
	Stoughton High School
	Verona Area High School
	Waterford High School
	Whitnall High School

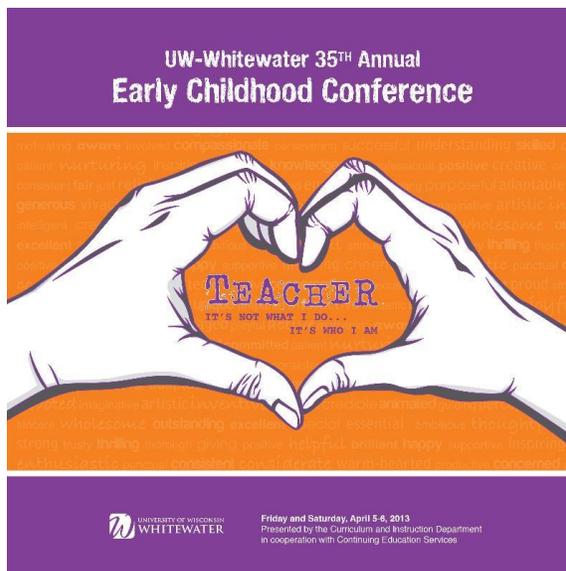
Early Childhood Conference to Celebrate 35th Year

Ask any teacher what they do for a living, and most will say "I am a teacher. It's not what I do, it is who I am." For its 35th annual Early Childhood Conference, the Department of Curriculum and Instruction in cooperation with Continuing Education Services will offer workshops, presentations by experts in the field, and the popular "Unconference" to educators from around the Midwest. The Conference is the largest of its type in the state, welcoming about 1,000 educators to the UW-Whitewater campus on April 5-6, 2013.

This year, workshops will focus on a wide variety of topics such as diversity and anti-bullying, facilitating mathematical thinking in young children, brain development through music and movement, and earning a bachelor's degree in early childhood education. Participants will have the opportunity to attend performances by [Laurie Berkner](#) and [Gemini](#).

Conference Coordinator Robin Fox (Curriculum and Instruction) extends her personal invitation and appreciation to educators. Fox writes, "I hope that you will make the choice to come to Whitewater so that I can thank you in person for the essential care you give young children but if you are unable to make it, please know the work you do is appreciated."

Registration is now open for this year's conference. To view the complete brochure or to register, click [here](#).





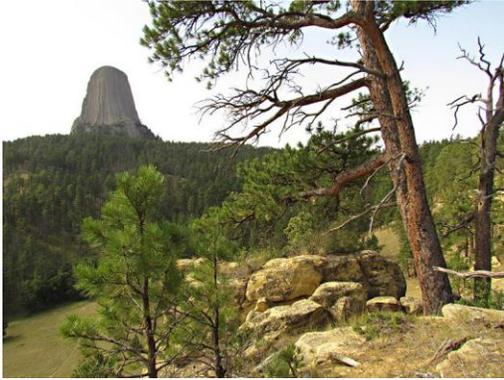
Artistic Reflections of Yellowstone Travel Study



This February, the [Roberta's Art Gallery](#) in the University Center will be taken over by fossils, castings, and stunning visuals of geysers, mountains, and wildlife. The multimedia display will include photos, videos, and specimens collected by student and faculty participants in recent travel study programs to Yellowstone National Park.



The idea for the exhibit, titled "A Yellowstone Experience: Fire, Ice and Buffalo Chips," came out of discussions between the faculty leader of the travel study, George Clokey (Biological Sciences), gallery director Kim Adams, and Samantha Decker, a Speech major and travel study participant. The exhibit will include photography and posters explaining topics such as volcanic activity in Yellowstone, the reintroduction of wolves into the Park, and the threat of invasive species and encroachment of development. Wolf and cougar tracking experiences will be shared, and visitors will have an opportunity to make their own track casting. The exhibit will also highlight the challenges of mobility at Yellowstone through posters and videos.



This unique exhibit promises to be both informative and artistic. Clokey's goal is to share his enthusiasm about Yellowstone National Park through this interactive and hands-on show.

The free exhibit runs from February 20 through March 13, with an opening reception on February 27 at 3:30pm. The Yellowstone Travel Study program is offered in January, July, and August and sponsored by the Biological Sciences and Geology/Geography Departments in cooperation with the [Continuing Education Travel Study Office](#).



Tasty Lineup for Spring Lecture Series

This spring, the Office of Continuing Education will present "Food for Thought," a series of lectures exploring food. Talks in the Spring Fairhaven Lecture Series will inspire thoughtful discussions on food in literature, history, and cultural traditions, as well as offer insightful information on food safety, production, and marketing. Presenters this semester will represent departments from across campus, including History, Chemistry, Occupational and Environmental Safety and Health, and Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Coaching. We will also welcome a community member, Ms. Christine Mason, the farm manager at Standard Process, to enlighten us on organic farming. Lectures are free and open to the public and are held on Mondays at 3:00pm at the [Fairhaven Retirement Community](#). A complete listing of titles and presenters can be found at the Fairhaven Lecture Series [website](#). Please join us for these delicious discussions on food!

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