Working Towards “Next Year”

Summer is here...grilling burgers on the patio, swimming at the local pool, boating, camping, gardening. Students are on vacation and teachers are taking a much needed breather. Very few people are thinking about school, right? Well, at Sterling College, we have a group of very dedicated employees who rarely stop thinking about school.

This month I tip my alumni hat to the Sterling College Admissions team under the leadership of Dennis Dutton. Dennis and his entire crew rarely have down time. They are always thinking towards “next year.” As the Admissions team diligently works to achieve enrollment projections for this fall, would you please pray for them? They need with energy, health, wisdom and safety as they travel. Pray also that they will have positive interaction with prospective students and their families, and that the Lord with bless them with a great joy as they do this very important work. Secondly, if you know of any high school students looking for a college or college students who seek change with their higher education experience, would you please tell them about Sterling College? You could have a significant impact on the life of a student and on the future of SC by directing students our way. I know Dennis and his crew would be very grateful!

Enjoy the month of June and, even though school is out, keep thinking about and praying for Sterling College! - David Earle ’88

Outstanding Male and Female Graduates Named at Commencement

Sterling College awarded the outstanding graduating student awards to David Fuller and Melissa Yarrow during the commencement exercises on Saturday, April 25, at Smisor Stadium.

Both Fuller and Yarrow were cited for their service in student government, their leadership on mission trips, and their participation and excellence in their respective fields of study. The outstanding graduating student awards are presented to one male and one female who exemplify outstanding academic achievement, leadership skills and involvement, and an enthusiastic Christian faith. Generally, these are students who reflect and portray the ideal Sterling College graduate.

Fuller and Yarrow were also the recipients of the Professor Fran Jabara Leadership Award. This award, established in 2002 by Professor Fran Jabara, former Dean of the Wichita State University College of Business Administration, recognizes graduating seniors from four-year, private Kansas colleges who display exemplary leadership skills.

Fuller graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree with a double major in religious and philosophical studies and Christian ministries with an emphasis in missions. He is the son of Ken and Janet Fuller of Miltonvale, Kan.

Yarrow graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree with a double major in Christian ministries with an emphasis in missions and communications and theatre arts with a communications emphasis. She is the daughter of Lee and Karen Yarrow of Morganville, Kan.
Sterling College Students Travel to Peru on Mission Trip

Six Sterling College students and four SC employees will be traveling to Peru this summer on a short term mission trip. The team will be leaving on June 16 and staying for two weeks.

The team will be heading to the small town of Reque, near the mountainous city of Chiclayo in northern Peru. They will be working with the Latin American Children’s Fund where SC Alumni Terrance Volden ‘08 is working as a missions coordinator. The team will spend most of their time constructing the science wing of an area school. The team will be taking clothing and construction supplies with them.

“I am excited to see changes take place in the students who have never been outside the country before and to see their worldviews become enhanced because of the encounter with a new culture,” Ben Swihart, team leader, said.

The team Peru members include Jean Bosch of Wichita, Kan.; Kami Hodson of Hutchinson, Kan.; Mike Jaderston of Sterling, Kan.; Katie Sparks of Winterset, Iowa; Jordan Stineman of Salina, Kan.; Mackenzie Stramel of Hutchinson, Kan.; Zack Yarborough of Apple Valley, Minn.; and Travis Tesone of Sterling, Kan. Cross Country Coach Ashley Tesone will be serving as the assistant team leader. Sterling’s Mission Director, Dr. Henry Lederle, will also be going on this trip.

In preparation for the trip the team raised funds through fundraising letters and various work projects. They also met once a week as a team to prepare to enter a new culture and to pray for the people in Peru.

To read more about Team Peru’s adventures, go to http://purinperu.blogspot.com.

Felicia Squires Recognized for Sterling College’s McCreery Teaching Award

Felicia Squires, associate professor of Language and Literature at Sterling College, was awarded the 2008-2009 McCreery Teaching Award during recent Commencement Exercises at Smisor Stadium.

The McCreery Teaching Award recognizes and encourages excellence in teaching and is presented to a faculty member whose efforts have provided noteworthy and innovative instruction to Sterling College students during the academic year. The award was established in honor of Sterling College’s fourth president, William M. McCreery, and has been awarded to one outstanding faculty member each year since 1977.

Because Squires modeled continuous knowledge and growth in the field of Language and Literature for her students, her students and fellow faculty nominated her for the award. Her students said of her, “Her effective communication skills changed the way I interpret literature. Her passion for students to learn and understand literature surpasses that of any other literature professor I’ve ever had. She is always willing to provide extra one-on-one help to any student in and out of the classroom. Above all, her passion and love for Christ, her flexibility in the classroom, and her effective communication skills make her an exemplary professor.”

Squires has taught at Sterling since 1998. In 2007 she became the associate dean in the school of arts and sciences.

WAA Annual Golf Tournament Coming Soon

The 14th Annual Warrior Wood & Wedge Golf Tournament will take place on Monday, June 22, at the beautiful Highlands Golf and Supper Club in Hutchinson. This event raises support for the Warrior Athletics Association and is open to golfers of all levels. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m., with warm-up on the practice greens and driving range available. The shotgun start will begin at 9:00 a.m. A buffet luncheon in the clubhouse will follow the tournament, complete with prizes and a brief update on the progress of the Warrior Athletics Association. For more information contact WAA Director Dean Jaderston at 620-278-4277 or at djaderston@sterling.edu or print off the registration form posted on our Website.
**Athletic Celebration at Homecoming 2009**

How many years have passed since you last visited Sterling College and took in a Warrior football game? Have you toured the renovated Smisor Stadium? When did you last see teammates from your playing days at SC?

The Warrior Athletic Celebration taking place on October 24 during Homecoming 2009 is the opportunity to relive your college memories and to stay connected with friends you made at Sterling. The feature event for athletics will take place in Gleason Gymnasium immediately following the football game and will include food and beverage, and a display table for each SC sport. There may also be chances to view some old game footage. The event is a chance to gather, celebrate and reconnect. Maybe you will meet up with old friends and spend the evening with them as well.

Whether you venture to Sterling alone or with your family, there will be plenty of activities to make the day one to remember. Tours of Cooper Hall will be provided; the men’s and women’s soccer teams play in the morning; and on the tennis courts, the “Homecoming Hangout” - which is quickly becoming a homecoming highlight - will include a petting zoo, inflatable bounce houses and jumpers for the kids to play on, and a variety of food choices.

We encourage you to visit Sterling on Homecoming Weekend and enjoy the fun. Watch the next e-News for more information on Homecoming 2009. To sign up for the Athletic Celebration, click here.

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**Keep Us Informed**

Just as we share life at Sterling College with you, we want you to share your life as well. Please let us know your recent life events so we can rejoice with you, pray with you, and share your updates with other alumni who want to do the same. Here are some specific kinds of information that will help us stay up-to-date:

- New phone number, address, or email
- Birth or marital/family changes
- Illness, injury or death
- Change in careers
- Accomplishments
- Prayer Requests

At your request, we will publish any updates in the Alumni News and Classnotes section of the *Sterling* magazine to keep your college friends updated as well. Email David Earle at dearle@sterling.edu with your latest news today or call him at 620-278-4228.

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