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AND THE WINNERS ARE:

Kathryn Wallert, 2005 graduate, was selected by the National Psi Chi selection committee to receive the Kay Wilson Leadership Award. Along with

an all expense paid trip to the 2005 APA convention in Washington, D.C., Kathy received a plaque recognizing this achievement.

The FHSU Chapter of Psi Chi was also recognized as a Psi Chi Model Chapter at the APA convention.

Winners of Reed and Ryabik Scholarships

Winners of the Reed and Ryabik scholarships for AY 2005-2006 were announced at the Psi Chi banquet on April 19, 2005. Those presented with the Reed (undergraduate) scholarships were: Marleah Augustine, Melissa Barb, Donna Fay, Kris Fox, John McCain, Laura Shaw and Jill Smith.

Those being awarded the Ryabik (graduate) Scholarships were: Stephanie Crist, Jennifer Jordan, Benton St. Cyr, and Michael Vernale.

1st Year Graduate Students

Kathy Wallert was recognized as Outstanding Senior and Marleah Augustine was recognized as Outstanding Junior.

Also recognized at the Psi Chi banquet were the new inductees into Psi Chi. Those include:
Melissa R. Barb, Jacquelyn G. Beal, Darin J. Challacombe, Brandi J. Day, Derek J. Eccles, Kris S. Fox, Carmen J. Gnizak, Amy L. Harbin, Ashley M. Hawk, Krystal L. Holmes, Stacie R. Homeier, Meghan M. Leiker, Mandy M. Linn, Brittany R. Lyon, Yuka Matsunami, John R. McCain, Molly M. Meska, Allison B. Patrick, Vivian J. Pfister, Manpreet K. Rai, Julie C. Ruggiero, Jessica M. Shields, Tara B. Schultz, Jill R. Smith, Michael A. Vernale, Robert D. Yates III, and Morgan E. Whitaker.

Rather than have a "typical" speaker for the banquet, Psi Chi presented a slide show presentation showcasing pictures of activities and conferences attended by Psychology Department students during the past year. Pictures of Hawaii were many and varied as that was the highlight of conferences attended in 2004.

John Booze

John was born in Wichita, Kansas,

although he calls Ness City, his home. His father co-owns an oil field pump and supply business in Ness City, and his mother works at an assisted living home here in Hays.

John completed his undergraduate work at Fort Hays State University. Because he was so impressed with FHSU's outstanding psychology department (sound kind of fishy to me), he decided to work on his graduate degree at FHSU also. When he finishes his graduate work he aspires to become a school psychologist.

Jamey Brannon

Jamey is originally from the Kansas City area. She completed her undergraduate work at the University of Kansas. She is a self-proclaimed computer geek (she works on the hardware and does programming – she is also the one that everyone usually runs to when something doesn't work). She has 3 cats, 3 aquatic turtles and a chinchilla which she claims are all spoiled babies. She loves to be creative and build things. Once she completes her degree she wants to be where the "crazy people are."

Jeffrey Dohm

Jeff is originally from Salina. He went to Kansas State University (Go Cats!!!) to get his BS in Psychology. While there he worked on a lot of interesting research dealing with personality that nobody would be interested in talking to him about. He also completed a field placement at Larned State Hospital. They must have liked him a lot because they refused to

Jessica Quinn

Jessica comes to us from Kingman, Kansas. She obtained her BS from FHSU and never left. When she is not reading, writing or cramming, she can usually be found hanging out with her

let him leave. Something about being a danger to himself and others. He's still trying to figure out what they meant by that.

He decided to come to FHSU because they offered him the most money of any place he applied. He also had two roommates from last year who came to Hays for their masters as well. He decided it was quite nice to bring a social network with him.

When he is done with his masters degree, he would like to work in a community mental health center here in Kansas or possibly Alaska. Either way it will still be cold during the winter. Another option he is considering is going on for a PhD when he is completed at Hays. We'll see how he feels after two years of grad school.

Alison Medley

Alison is originally from Grainfield, KS. She moved to Hays in the fall of 2000 to earn a bachelor's degree in Political Science and then go on to law school. Her path has obviously changed as she ended up earning a bachelor's degrees in Communication Studies and Psychology instead.

She then decided to give up her social life (well kind of – but that's another story) and go to grad school in the school psych program. Although many of her friends and family are convinced that she has decided on being a student as a profession, that is not the case, and she is very excited to get out in the field and start practicing as a school psychologist.

friends, family or boyfriend, working out (which has become a crucial part of her "stay sane" tactic), or working at one of her three jobs. Once she completes her degree she will seek a position as a school psychologist.

Stacey Robb

Stacey is Ellis, KS. Her and her family just moved back to Ellis in December 2004, from Wichita, KS. She received a BA in Criminal Justice at Friends University in 2002 and an MA in Educational Psychology from Wichita State University in December, 2004.

Stacey is currently working towards an EdS degree and hopes to be employed in the surrounding area as a school psychologist within the next couple of years. Her family, which includes a husband and 3 children moved back to Ellis because her family was there and she thinks it is a wonderful place to raise a family!

Graciela Santiago

Although Graciela was raised in Garden City, Kansas, she was born in Mexico City, Mexico. She received an associates degree from Garden City Community College and her BS in Psychology from Fort Hays State University. She elected to continue at FHSU to obtain her Master's degree because it was close to her family in Kansas.

When Graciela completes her degree, she would like to be like her professors at FHSU - smart, allowed to be sick, and with the power to make students suffer.

Aaron would like to work with children with disabilities as he feels this would be a good opportunity for him to return something to the community. A school psychology degree would allow him to be active in public schools across Kansas. He hopes to become a university professor. (Dr. Scott –has a nice ring to it, don't you think?)

Tawney Voyles

Tawney is originally from Norton, Kansas, coming from a family who raises quarterhorses. Tawney was not a psychology major at FHSU, electing

Tanya Schwarz

Tanya is a native of Oakley, Kansas. She obtained her undergraduate at FHSU with a BS in Psychology, Tanya chose FHSU because of its location from Rexford, KS where she resides with her husband and 3 children, and because she enjoys the people in the psychology department.

Tanya wants to be a school psychologist in the northwest Kansas area when she grows up.

Aaron Scott

Aaron comes to us from Ness City, Kansas where he lived all his life until he came to Hays. Now I'm not saying it was a small school, but he was one of 28 graduates in his class. His first 4 ½ years of college were spent staying up too late, making lots and friends and not too many enemies, and trying to drink Ellis County dry. He tells me that academically he actually obtained a dual degree in Health and Human Performance and Secondary Education.

He has a teaching certificate in Physical Education with an endorsement in Adapted PE. He joined our graduate students in January and is working towards his School Psychology degree.

to obtain a communications degree. Her and her husband are both pursuing careers from FHSU.

Tawney claims to be dangerously obsessed with her wiener dog (sorry no name for the dog) and her main area of interest is self-injuring disorders.

After (assuming she does) she graduates, she plans to move far, far, far away from Kansas, hopefully to the desert

Kathy Wallert

Kathy is from Russell, Kansas. She has been an active part of the psychology department at FHSU all during her college career. She served as a VIP ambassador, President of Psychology Club/Psi Chi and numerous other activities for three years. There are not many people on campus that do not recognize Kathy as they walk across campus. I believe at one time I overheard some type of remark about coming from a dysfunctional family, she wants to help dysfunctional families. After receiving her degree in clinical psychology, Kathy wants to start a private practice in Russell.

Jenny Wilkerson

Jenny is a native of Hays, Kansas. She completed her undergraduate degree from FHSU and started on her master's degree early. She likes to listen to country music, and has found herself a hot cowboy to call her boyfriend. She is a blonde and claims to love it! She enjoys playing softball and volleyball and tries to get at least a couple games in every year (who has time with grad school). She cannot wait to finish school so she can be a psychologist and enjoy the work that she believes she will love to do.

Faculty Research

Where are you now?

We would like to hear from alumni – letting us know where you are and what you are doing since leaving Fort Hays State University. Please send information to cwerth@fhsu.edu, or by mail to the Psychology Department, 600

NEW FACULTY

Janett Naylor

Janett Naylor was born to humble hippie-like parents from Central Pennsylvania. After her family education, she attended The Pennsylvania State University and earned her B.A. in Psychology in 1998. Looking for a change of scenery, she came to Fort Hays State University to study General/ Experimental Psychology. In 2000, she received her M.S. and moved on to finish her studies at the University of Oklahoma.

Janett studies social relationships across the lifespan. She is particularly interested in friendships and the use of emotions during social interactions. Janett teaches courses in developmental psychology, social psychology, statistics, and general psychology.

Her husband also a new faculty member is in the History Department at FHSU. They have two wonderfully rowdy cats, Bonnie and Hannah. When not working, her hobbies include reading, photography, and napping.

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Tiger Call 2004

Members of the Psychology Department, along with graduate students and undergraduate students, have completed the Tiger Call for this year. We want to thank everyone who contributed. Preliminary estimates are that the Psychology Department generated more than \$9,826 in pledges.

Although some of these pledges will most likely end up in the general University Endowment account, the levels of the funding for the Reed and Ryabik scholarships should remain at the level comparable to last year.

If we were unable to reach you by phone and you would like to donate, please contact the Endowment Association to make your pledge and designate your wishes.