

**New Student Orientation:**

Saturday, August 29th. 8:30 am to noon. **Don't miss out on a continental breakfast and free Webster goodies!** RSVP today. Call Irina Leslie, 816-926-4282 or email [irinak@webster.edu](mailto:irinak@webster.edu).

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Monday thru Thursday  
9:00 a.m.- 9:30 p.m.  
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**Welcome Dr. Lewis L. Jones,  
Academic Director**

The Kansas City campus is pleased to welcome Dr. Lewis L. Jones as our new Academic Director. Dr. Jones is a native Virginian who earned his BS in Social Science from Saint Paul's College; MA in American History from North Carolina Central University; and his Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration and Policy Studies from

the University of Iowa. He began his teaching career at



the University of Cincinnati. Dr. Jones has several years of teaching experience as well as academic administration ex-

perience in higher education. He has numerous publications and has been active in the Collegiate Association of Colleges, Phi Delta Kappa and Urban Affairs Association. He is a board member of the International Academy of Business and Economics. He has lived in Ghana and Mexico. Dr. Jones will join us on August 24th.

**Sign-up for Free Writing and Microsoft Office Workshops**

Sign-up now for free writing workshops on September 12th, 19th, 26th and October 3rd. Enjoy a relaxed atmosphere as you discover our online Library, refine your writing skills, learn the ins-and-outs of APA writing style, and more!

All workshops are on Saturday mornings from 9:00am until 11:00am in computer lab #218. Students must sign-up

since space is limited.

Contact Tina Wright, 816-926-4280 or [twright@webster.edu](mailto:twright@webster.edu).

Need help with Microsoft Office? Sign-up for a free workshop on Friday, September 18th from 10 am to noon to learn basic concepts for Microsoft Office Word 2007, Microsoft Office PowerPoint 2007, or Micro-

soft Excel 2007.

Please contact our IT coordinator, Sima Tarokh at 816-916-4275 or

[tarokh@webster.edu](mailto:tarokh@webster.edu) to sign-up and indicate which Microsoft Office program you prefer.

The first workshop will be based on the most popular request! Additional workshops will be scheduled as needed.

**Webster-KC Joins Yellow Ribbon Program for Veterans**

Starting August 1, 2009, veterans can begin using the Post-9/11 GI Bill for higher education as well as vocational training. It is the most comprehensive education benefit package since the original GI Bill was signed into law in 1944.

The Yellow Ribbon GI Education Enhancement Program (Yellow Ribbon Program) is a provision of the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance

Act of 2008. This program allows institutions of higher learning (degree granting institutions) in the United States to voluntarily enter into an agreement with the VA to fund tuition expenses that exceed the highest public in-state undergraduate tuition rate. The institution can contribute up to 50% of those expenses and VA will match the same amount as the institution.

More information can be found at the VA's Yellow Ribbon Web site, <http://www.gibill.va.gov>.



**Calendar**

**August 15**—Fall 1 begins—MA/MBA/MS/MHA  
**August 17**—Fall 1 begins—MAT  
**August 22**—Fall 1 begins—BA/BSN/MSN  
**August 29**—New Student Orientation  
**September 5-7**—Labor Day holiday—Office and school closed  
**October 8**—Fall 1 ends—MAT  
**October 16**—Fall 1 ends—BA/BSN/MSN/MA/MBA/MS/MHA  
**October 17**—Fall 2 begins—MA/MBA/MS/MHA  
**October 19**—Fall 2 begins—

MAT  
**October 24**—Fall 2 begins—BA/BSN/MSN  
**November 26-28**—Thanksgiving holiday—Office and school closed  
**December 10**—Fall 2 ends—MAT  
**December 18**—Fall 2 ends—BA/BSN/MSN/MA/MBA/MS/MHA  
**December 24-January 1, 2010**—Office and school closed  
**January 2, 2010**—Spring 1 begins—MA/MBA/MS/MHA  
**January 9, 2010**—Spring 1 begins—MAT/MSN/BA/BSN

**Webster University Welcomes New President**

Webster University faculty and staff members at the St. Louis home campus officially welcomed our new president, **Dr. Elizabeth Stroble**, July 1 at a meet-and-greet breakfast buffet in the Sunnen Lounge.

With a smile as bright as her gold lapel flower, Stroble shook hands and chatted with a steady stream of faculty and staff for nearly two hours. She was then off for campus tours and press interviews before a lunch with 14 students, faculty and staff.



Dr. Elizabeth Stroble

Stroble's high energy was on display throughout a day that included moment-by-moment "tweeting" and concluded with a reception and dinner with David Greenhaw, president of Eden Seminary.

## Opportunities for Graduate Students to Study Abroad

Webster University's international campuses provide a variety of study abroad options for graduate students.

To be eligible, graduate students must have completed 9 credit hours, be in good academic and financial standing, and submit their application by the program deadline.

Study abroad program deadlines are as follows for 8-week terms: Summer—February 15, Fall—March 15, Spring—September 15.

Before applying, students must review projected schedules at Webster's Study Abroad Web site

<http://www.webster.edu/studyabroad/> visit "course offerings" at each campus

link—and discuss their options with their academic advisor.

Courses are often not finalized until one month prior to departure. For more information, check out the following links: <http://www.webster.edu/studyabroad/apply.shtml> <http://www.webster.edu/studyabroad/short/index.shtml>

Other global graduate study options: Global MBA

<http://admissions.webster.edu/globalmba/index.html>



## Alumni News

Webster University has created the Professional Enrichment Scholarship for Alumni (PESA) in response to the current economic situation. The University is offering scholarships to alumni to help lower the initial cost of graduate degree programs at U.S. metropolitan and military campuses and at the Geneva, Leiden, and Vienna campuses in the Summer, Fall I and Fall II, 2009 terms. The actual scholarship award will vary depending on number of courses, hours, and campus of attendance.

Alumni who are currently enrolled, or have been enrolled at Webster during the

previous academic year (since Summer 2008) are not eligible for this scholarship program. In addition, MAT, MFA, Nurse Anesthesia, graduate cohort programs and DMgt, and all online courses are excluded.

If awarded, the scholarship may impact any other financial aid award received. If a student is a graduate from Webster University's undergraduate degree program, they must complete a graduate application to be admitted as a graduate student.

For more information please visit <http://www.webster.edu/pesa/index.shtml>

## Webster Shots

### Faculty at Graduation Ceremonies



### MSN Presentations



MSN candidates presented NURN 600 final projects on April 29 and 30th. From left (standing) Thongsamay Diduangleuth, Megan Wehner, Angela Wadleigh, Linda Smith, Jonnie Overcash, Yollie Endaya, Eileen Derks (seated) Diane Banks, Angela Hale

Donate to the Harvesters barrel in the front lobby!

## From the Corner Office

### Notes from Dr. Carolyn Cottrell, Regional Director

#### "Welcome Back!"

My daughter, a fan of the sixties and seventies, recently rented a couple seasons of the popular seventies show, "Welcome Back, Kotter." I used to be a schoolteacher in those days, and as I looked at a couple of those old episodes, I couldn't help but notice some amazing changes.

First of all, how young and thin John Travolta was! (Well, we all were young and thin in our twenties, right?) But more to the point, how much education has changed. The three R's, chalk, blackboards, typewriters, and lecturing prevailed. "Learn this; it will be on the test." Ah, homework, the final barrier between you and the TV.

Whether you were in high school or college, education was more about accumulation of knowledge than it was practical applications. (People studied practical subjects in what were called "vocational-technical" training schools.) In those days, knowing a lot about a subject, or even many subjects, was possible, and knowledge was one of the main points of an education – that, and to be able to think critically.

In the last 30 years, knowledge has exploded. Topics that used to get ten million hits on Google now get 100 million. Information on the internet doubles every few months. We all are staggering under infor-

mation overload. As much as we know, we know we can't know everything, even about a small slice of a subject. Keeping up is almost impossible. It is why search engines are so popular, and encyclopedic sites that explain the basics of a subject thrive. The three R's seem sort of quaint, actually, perhaps even passé.

Recently, the "Six A's" came to my attention, the **new basic skills** for information fluency.

**Awareness** is simply familiarity with information, being 'tuned in' to it, knowing that it is on your 'radar screen,' so to speak.

**Asking** (the right kinds of questions) means having a way of making queries. For example, "What is it?" "What is its significance [to me, to this job, to the company]?" and "What can or should be done with this information?" I call this What? So What? Now What? Or, another method of asking about a topic or problem is to ask "Why?" five times. Or the classic, "Who, what, when, where, why and how?"

**Accessing** information is easy if your best friend is a reference librarian, or if you can navigate the library search engines to find books and articles. Forget card catalogs or the Dewey Decimal system. (I miss them both!)

**Analyzing** information requires you to

decide if it can be trusted. About half of all information on the internet is put there by people who have an ax to grind, a political stance, or a position to persuade you to take. Some of it is weird, wacky, or just plain wrong. Be selective.

**Application**, that is, the use of the information in the real world is the key to your success. One goal of your education at Webster University is to put more tools in your toolkit, so that when a particular challenge comes along, you will be able to work on it effectively and efficiently. Hammers don't remove screws very well. Pliers aren't very useful when cutting wood. The right tool at the right time can make all the difference.

**Assessment** of your own work. How will you know when you have done a good job? What kind of yardsticks should be used to measure success?

These are the 21<sup>st</sup> century tools to handle information, and ones you will learn in your classes here at Webster. You will learn the What, but more important, the Why, and even the How. Make time in your busy schedule to study eight+ hours per week. Get a "study buddy," someone with whom you can discuss assignments and points you didn't understand clearly in the text or presentation. Do your homework (some things don't change!).

Good luck and welcome back. "Welcome back, welcome back, welcome ba-a-ack."

