During the Fall 2008 semester, the Biological Sciences department implemented a service-learning practicum for their required capstone senior seminar course. Students worked in small teams to identify needs of the local, campus, or national community and worked to address those needs in a semester long project, often in conjunction with partnering organizations.

“Biology is inherently a service-related major,” said Dr. Anne Maglia, Associate Professor of Biological Sciences and co-instructor of the course. “Most of our graduates go on to careers in healthcare, the environment, or biomedical research. As a department, we felt it was important to engage all of our students in service activities to encourage them to be proactive leaders in society and difference makers in the community.”

The course also was added in response to suggestions by alumni and industry partners who identified teamwork and the ability to work successfully in groups as the most valuable skills graduating seniors could possess. Dr. Robert Aronstam, Chair of Biological Sciences and co-instructor of the course said, “A large aspect of service learning at Missouri S&T is the small work group structure. Our industrial partners tell us that the majority of their work is accomplished by small teams created to complete specific tasks, and they are interested in hiring employees with experience working in such an environment.”

The BioSci course follows the industry model closely and helps students develop their leadership and teamwork skills. Students plan and implement all aspects of a biology-related service project in small teams, from identifying needs, outlining a solution, setting landmark goals and deliverables, proposing and working within an allotted budget and timeframe, conducting periodic self, group, and impact assessments, and developing a strategy for sustainability.

One student in the class said, “I like learning to work better as a team while positively impacting the community. I felt like we all accomplished something with this course.”

The Fall 2008 class was comprised of 31 BioSci students who completed eight service projects. Partnering organizations included the Russell House, the Tri-County Animal Shelter, Mark Twain National Forest, and Rolla Middle School. The students volunteered over 1000 hours to the community, gave lectures and presentations to more than 200 people, and raised over $1100 for local organizations. This course will be taught each fall semester and it will give students the opportunity to engage in a rewarding experience.
**12 Missouri S&T Students Participate in the UM System Undergraduate Research Day at the Capitol Event on April 21**

The following Missouri S&T students served as student ambassadors to share their university research experiences with state lawmakers in Jefferson City during Undergraduate Research Day at the Capitol on April 21, 2009.

- **Lisa Battern and Bryan Glass**, *Smart Building Systems in Residential Solar Applications*, Research Advisor - Dr. Rob Stone, Interdisciplinary Engineering
- **Stuart Brune**, *Algae for Bio-diesel*, Research Advisors - Dr. David Westenberg, Biological Sciences and Dr. Dev Niyogi, Biological Sciences
- **Melissa Callan**, *Attitudes Toward Advergames: A Physiological and Attitudinal Testing of Game Players Toward Online Advertising*, Research Advisors - Dr. Morris Kalliny, Business
- **Brian Pink and Jacqueline Schneider**, *Construction of an Ethanol Sensor*, Research Advisor - Dr. David Westenberg and Dr. Katie Shannon Biological Sciences
- **Matthew Entrekin and Brian Goldman**, *Evolutionary Computation Library (EC-LIB)*, Research Advisor - Dr. Daniel Tauritz, Computer Science
- **Jill Hecht**, *Working Women of the West*, Research Advisor- Dr. Diana L. Ahmad, History & Political Science
- **Nicholas Jarnagin**, *The Problem with Space Trash*, Research Advisor - Dr. Joel Burken, Environmental Engineering
- **Phillip Ponzer and Michael Wyatt**, *A Hybrid Sensor Network for Hydrological Monitoring*, Research Advisor - Dr. Sahra Sedigh Sarvestani, Electrical & Computer Engineering

The purpose of this event is to demonstrate to lawmakers in Jefferson City the unique opportunities undergraduate students have to participate with faculty in research at the University of Missouri. This event underscores higher education’s role in developing educated citizens and preparing a work force with the necessary skills to further the economic growth of the state.

Selections were based on geographical distribution, relevance of the project to the State of Missouri, quality of the project, and distribution among the four campuses. Student ambassadors were nominated by their faculty research advisors. The Office of Undergraduate Studies wishes to thank those departments that submitted nominations.

For more information about this event, please contact Melissa Hutton in the Office of Undergraduate Studies at 573-341-7585.
5th Annual Missouri S&T Undergraduate Research Conference

The 5th Undergraduate Research Conference was held April 8, 2009 at the Havener Center. This year’s conference was our largest to date with 81 individual students participating in 61 different poster and oral presentations.

Students competed in five different research categories, including engineering, sciences, social sciences, arts and humanities and research proposals. Participants were judged by Missouri S&T faculty members on composition, achievement and presentation.

Two additional awards were made. Malcolm Townes, Business Development Specialist from The Office of Tech Transfer and Economic Development presented the Tech Transfer and Economic Development Undergraduate Research Award to Nathaniel Carter. Mr. Andy Stewart, Director of the Curtis Laws Wilson Library also gave out a Best Bibliography Award in each of the four oral categories. Those winners were: Lindsey Coale, Navarre Bartz, Adam Smith and Brandi Clark.

**Congratulations to our award winners!**

**Engineering Oral Session:**
1st Place - Justin Aholt, Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering  
2nd Place - Brandi Clark, Civil, Architectural & Environmental Engineering  
3rd Place – Yezad Anklesaria and Steven McDonald, Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering

**Sciences Oral Session:**
1st Place – Beth Groenke, Interdisciplinary Engineering  
2nd Place – Navarre Bartz, Chemistry  
3rd Place – Katherine Stockstill, Biological Sciences

**Social Sciences Oral Session:**
1st Place – Lindsey Coale, Psychology

**Arts and Humanities Oral Session:**
1st Place – Amanda Kamps, History & Political Science  
2nd Place – Adam Smith, History & Political Science

**Engineering Poster Session:**
1st Place – Christopher White, Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering  
2nd Place – Jonathan McKinney, Civil, Architectural & Environmental Engineering  
3rd Place – Brandon Doherty, Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering

**Sciences Poster Session:**
1st Place – Cassandra Browne, Geological Sciences & Engineering  
2nd Place - Jason Mast and Adam Farquhar, Physics  
3rd Place - Casey Growcock and Barbara Wheelden, Biological Sciences

**Social Sciences Poster Session:**
1st Place – Melissa Callan, Psychology  
2nd Place – Lindsay Roufa, Psychology  
3rd Place - Charissa Mathis, Jasmine Glaese and Janet Guntly, Computer Science

**Research Proposal Poster Session:**
1st Place – Angela Hundt, Psychology  
2nd Place – Kelly Walsh, Chemistry

**Students in the Sciences poster session discuss their research with Dr. Wilkerson**

**Dr. Wayne Huebner presenting the keynote address at the luncheon**

**Dr. David Henthorn and Dr. Ralph Alexander judging the Sciences poster session**
HALL Service Learning Projects

On Saturday, April 18, 2009, students from the Honors Academy Living and Learning (HALL) Residential College class hosted a bingo event for the residents of the Missouri Veterans Home in St. James.

HALL students funded this event by planning and preparing goodies for a bake sale that was held March 17th and 18th. At the bingo session, a favorite recreational activity of the residents according to Missouri Veterans Home employee Heather Covington, HALL students helped residents mark their bingo cards and handed out cash prizes.

HALL is a section of ENGR 101: “Seeds of Success” that is made up of honors-eligible students, most of whom are simultaneously participating in New Student Honors Seminar. It is one of several courses that provide a sense of academic community for students living in the Residential College at Missouri S&T.

Externship Program Launched over Spring Break

During Missouri S&T’s 2009 Spring Break, March 23-27, five students visited cooperating companies as part of the inaugural Externship Program. Student participants included Charles P. Sullivan, a Civil Engineering major, Michael Laurentius, a Mechanical Engineering major, Paul Parham, an Interdisciplinary Engineering major, Bryce Vandas, a Mechanical Engineering major, and Nathan Carter, a Chemical Engineering major.

The 2009 program theme was the Global Sullivan Principles (http://www.thesullivanfoundation.org/gsp/principles/gsp/default.asp). Externs participated in an orientation session on the Missouri S&T campus, during which they discussed the GSPs and their upcoming site visits. Over Spring Break, externs were hosted by KCP (Honeywell) of Kansas City, CH2M HILL of St. Louis, and Covidien of St. Louis. Site visits ranged from one to three days in length.

Upon their return, externs participated in a discussion session and submitted an essay reflecting on their experiences. “The best part was the opportunity to ask all sorts of random questions of the people I spoke with, as the meetings were all very interactive” said one participant. “I was very pleased that throughout the course of my externship there were numerous occasions when I was able to talk somewhat intelligently with someone about something that as of only a year or in some cases a couple of months ago I had never even heard of. It really gave me a sense that my education here at Missouri S&T was preparing me to enter the world of engineering.” The Office of Undergraduate Studies plans to begin recruiting participants during the upcoming fall semester for next year’s Externship Program, to be held during Spring Break 2010.
South Central Regional Professional Development Center is proud to announce the arrival of its new director, Mr. John Lewis, who began his work with the Center on February 9, 2009. Before coming to Rolla, Mr. Lewis served as Secondary Principal for Southern Reynolds County R-II school district in Ellington, Missouri, as well as Secondary Principal, Assistant Superintendent, and Superintendent for the West Plains R-VIII school district, acquiring nearly 30 years of experience in these positions. In addition to his profession as a public school administrator, Mr. Lewis has served as an adjunct graduate instructor for Masters and Specialist students in school administration. Mr. Lewis received his B.A. in biology from the University of Missouri-Columbia, and continued his education in the following years to receive Certification in secondary science and mathematics, M.S. in Education, and Specialist in Education. Members of the South Central RPDC staff are appreciative for the opportunity to add such an asset to their team and are pleased to continue the support of Missouri schools with Mr. Lewis on board.

Regional Professional Development Center

**May 5th** Web 2.0 Tools for Your Classroom
- **Presenter:** Diane Gremp, Technology Coordinator
- **Time:** 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
- **Location:** South Central RPDC, 800 University Drive

**May 15th** Establishing Tier 2 and Tier 3 Interventions: Response to Intervention (RTI)/Secondary Supports for Students “At Risk” of School Failure
- **Presenter:** Dr. Erica Lembke, Dept. of Special Education, University of Missouri-Columbia
- **Time:** 9:00 am - 3:30 pm
- **Location:** Rolla Administration Building, 500A Forum Drive

**June 9th** Classroom Management
- **Presenters:** Janet Terrill and Carey Drehle, STARR Teachers
- **Time:** 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
- **Location:** Havener Center, Missouri S&T

**June 12th** Differentiating in a Mixed-Ability Classroom: Layered Curriculum developed by Kathie F. Nunley, Ed.D.
- **Presenter:** Steve Ritter, Special Education Consultant
- **Time:** 9:00 am - 3:30 pm
- **Location:** Havener Center, Missouri S&T

**June 17th** SMART Board Training
- **Presenter:** Diane Gremp, Technology Coordinator
- **Time:** 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
- **Location:** South Central RPDC, 800 University Drive

Distinction in Performance Awards Banquet

South Central Regional Professional Development Center, Missouri University of Science and Technology, and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education hosted the annual Distinction in Performance Awards Banquet on Tuesday, March 31, 2009 in St. Pat’s Ballroom at Havener Center. Thirty-eight school districts in south-central Missouri who earned “Distinction in Performance” for the 2007-2008 school year were honored by state education officials. The Distinction in Performance award is one of the state’s most prestigious honors for local school districts. It is based on the academic performance criteria for the basis of the state’s accreditation system. In December, the state education department announced that 330 districts in Missouri had earned the award based on their outstanding academic performance and consistent progress. This banquet is one of nine regional celebrations held this spring to formally honor all of the award-winning school districts. John Lewis, director of the South Central Regional Professional Development Center, presided at the banquet. Sybil Slaughter, of Lebanon, a member of the State Board of Education, and Dr. Bert Schulte, Interim Director of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, presented the awards to the school districts.
Recycling at Missouri S&T by Julie Wilson, Green Campus Coordinator

By signing the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment (ACUPCC), President Forsee and the Chancellors of the University of Missouri system made it clear that the sustainability of our campuses is of utmost importance. In essence, the commitment recognizes the need for universities to exercise leadership by modeling ways to minimize global warming emissions and by providing the knowledge and educated graduates to achieve climate neutrality. This doesn’t mean we drastically change everything we’re doing by the end of the year. It means we begin to take the necessary steps to reduce our dependence on natural resources. It means we arm our students with knowledge and skills needed to address the critical challenges faced by the world today.

The Missouri S&T Green Campus Committee is developing the plan to meet the objectives set forth by the ACUPCC. Some of the initiatives are completing an inventory of greenhouse gas emissions and developing an institutional action plan for becoming climate neutral. This will involve making sustainability part of our curriculum and providing other educational experiences for all students. Missouri S&T has developed a baseline of our current waste stream through participation in RecycleMania, which is a friendly competition among colleges and universities across the nation. S&T is one of 10 Missouri institutions participating out of almost 500 national colleges and universities.

During the 10-week competition period, Eric Farrow, a junior majoring in Environmental Engineering, assisted the Green Campus Coordinator with the early morning tallies of trash and recyclables collected on campus and in residential buildings. The measurement involves recording the volume of trash in dumpsters, paper bins, and cardboard bins. The results of these efforts demonstrate Missouri S&T has room for improvement, but we are definitely on the right track. You can see our results compared to other schools at http://green.mst.edu/RecycleMania.html.

Remember, we don’t pay for recyclable items to be hauled away, but we certainly pay for the waste we put in the dumpsters. There’s a great potential savings if everyone attempts to reduce waste and properly dispose of trash and recyclable materials.

Through a grant, the Institute for Environmental Excellence was able to purchase 30 new X-stands to collect plastic bottles. There are now 21 buildings on campus equipped with these containers, and 19 different groups/departments participating in the Adopt-a-Bin program. This grant will also allow the Butler-Carlton Civil Engineering building to embark on a pilot office recycling program. Other pilot initiatives within the building include reducing electricity used in the CLCs, investigating which Green Seal certified cleaning products work the best, and standardizing electronic waste collection and disposal.

S&T is also working to improve the current recycling program in the residential halls and to initiate recycling programs in fraternities. Students are leading the way in the Residential College with “Go Green” activities. Among other things, they will be educating students on how to recycle, distributing energy efficient light bulbs, creating t-shirts to spread the Go Green month philosophy, and participating in a yard work service projects. The students of the Residential College hope to make it a long standing tradition.

If your office, department or building is in need of additional or improved recycling collection areas, please be sure to contact Julie Wilson, Green Campus Coordinator, at 341.4262 or wilsonjulie@mst.edu.

All questions, comments and suggestions will be gladly accepted!

For more information visit:  http://green.mst.edu/RecycleMania.html
Seven students accepted into the 2009-2010 OURE Fellows Program

Congratulations to the seven students selected to participate in the 2009-2010 OURE Fellows Program:

* **Andrew Heckman** – Dynamic Response Plasma Actuator Control System - Dr. Joshua Rovey/Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering, Research Advisor

* **Andrew Adams, Ben Brannon, Cory Brennan and Anna Osborne** – Photo-Dynamic Window System for Optimized Heat Control - Dr. Katie Grantham Lough/Interdisciplinary Engineering, Research Advisor


To be considered for the program, students must meet eligibility requirements and adhere to proposal guidelines. Their research must be conducted while enrolled at Missouri S&T under the supervision of a Missouri S&T faculty member.

The students presented their proposals before a panel of judges at the 5th Annual Undergraduate Research Conference which was held on April 8, 2009. Upon completion of their research, the students will be required to present their final research at the 6th Annual Undergraduate Research Conference in April of 2010. More information about the OURE Fellows Program can be found at: http://ugs.mst.edu/oure_fellows.html.

Rolla Earth Day 2009

The 8th annual Rolla Earth Day celebration was held April 22 at the Missouri S&T Havener Center.

The theme of this year’s event was “Let’s Go Green”. More than 1,200 area school kids participated in Rolla Earth Day 2009 activities. The celebration featured live entertainment from the Purple Gas Caps, Pauline’s Basement and Diezelfitters. A fashion show featuring clothing from recycled materials (plastic garments, purses made from recycled tire treads, etc.) was held and clothing was modeled by Missouri S&T faculty, staff, students and members of the Rolla community.

Missouri S&T’s hydrogen fueling station and Solar Village were open for tours throughout the day. Students from the Art 90 Residential College class and the Chancellor’s Leadership Academy led a variety of activities for visiting children, including recycled art projects, face painting, flower planting, recycling games, and a reading circle.

The general public had the opportunity to learn about the Earth and the environment through many informational exhibits and poster displays. Exhibitors included the City of Rolla Recycling Center, Missouri Department of Conservation, Phelps County Master Gardeners, Nature Girls, Missouri S&T Custodial and Landscape Services department, Biological Sciences department, S&T Solar Car Team, Chartwells, the City of Rolla Healthy Yards for Clear Streams program, and many more.

For more information about Rolla Earth Day 2009, which is sponsored by several area organizations, contact Julie Wilson at 573-341-4262.
S&T Students Helps the Community

Eighteen students enrolled in an Introduction to Project Management class at Missouri University of Science and Technology recently participated in a service learning project that resulted in the donation of 5,000 new diapers to The Community Partnership’s Young Parents Program.

The course, taught by Dr. Paul Hirtz, required students to develop and implement a management plan. The students decided to tackle a service learning project.

Prior to the holidays, the students conducted a three-day diaper drive at the Kroger grocery store in Rolla. Shoppers were asked to purchase diapers to support the project.

Hirtz says 90 percent of the individual donations came from shoppers at Kroger’s. The 5,000 new diapers will satisfy the needs of the Young Parents Program for two months.

“The learning aspects of the class centered on learning effective strategies for project management,” says Hirtz, “The students learned that the successful execution of a task depends on good planning.”

Tara Morrow, program director at The Community Partnership, said the donation will help young parents who are trying to do the right things for their children.

“The money we save by not buying diapers will allow us to better support other community programs,” Morrow said. "While working with the S&T students, I even learned things that will help me do my job better. I am so glad the university promotes service learning within the community.”

Check Out the Student Design Team Competitions at: http://design.mst.edu/index.html

Teacher Education Program News

Largest Number of Student Teachers
This semester the education office has the largest number of student teachers. There are ten student teachers placed in seven area schools for the first block of their student teaching. During the ninth week of the semester the students will go into seven different schools. This gives the students a diverse learning experience. In May, the students will be recommended for state certification.

Education Students participate in Math Contest
There are nine small schools in the area that make up the Frisco League. The Frisco League schools host a math contest every year. They have invited us to write, administer and assess the test again this year, making it our eighteenth year. Education students travel to one of the schools to administer the test.
Residential College Showcase

Missouri S&T students and faculty of the Residential College Learning communities hosted a showcase event at the Havener Center on Monday, April 27, 2009. More than 500 Residential College students presented their final projects during the showcase event. Featured projects included student artwork, visual presentations, and poster sessions.

Missouri S&T’s Residential College is a living/learning community. Students in the Residential College participate in and successfully complete one of ten different learning community classes each semester. Residential College courses share common assignments and feature collaborative student projects. This semester, classes include:

- Achieving a Life of Art
- Entrepreneurial Scholars
- Experiential Design
- Global Research
- Global Village
- Honor's Academic Living & Learning (HALL)
- Seeds of Success
- Women as Global Leaders

For more information about the Residential College, contact the Office of Undergraduate Studies at 341-7276.

Outstanding Academic Advising Awards

The Missouri S&T Outstanding Academic Advising Awards program was developed to recognize those who contribute to the continual improvement of our educational environment. The acknowledgement of outstanding academic advising encourages greater support of advising activities on campus, reinforces the importance of advising excellence, and provides incentives and motivation to improve the relationship between Missouri S&T students, faculty and staff.

The following advisors were recognized during the Missouri S&T Faculty Recognition Awards Ceremony held on April 29, 2009.

Congratulations to recipients of the 2008-09 Outstanding Academic Advising Awards!

- Dr. Stuart Baur
  Assistant Professor, Civil, Architectural and Environmental Engineering

- Vicki Gibbons
  Manager of Graduate Student Services, Office of Graduate Studies

- Dr. Morris Kalliny
  Assistant Professor, Business and Information Technology

- Dr. Ronaldo Luna
  Associate Professor, Civil, Architectural and Environmental Engineering

- Dr. Julie Patock
  Assistant Professor, Psychology
The Missouri S&T Student Design and Experiential Learning Center is out and running hot with many of our students demonstrating their education and know-how against other engineering and science schools from around the nation and around the world.

Here is just a glimpse of what has been accomplished in the past few weeks!

**The Advanced Aero Vehicle team** took 3rd place in the SAE Aero event in Marietta, GA the weekend of April 3-5, 2009. Teams from Poland and Brazil placed in front of the Miners placing Missouri S&T team first in the nation. The Advanced Aero Vehicle Team successfully launched their rocket entry in NASA’s University Student Launch Initiative event the weekend of April 15 – 18 in Huntsville, AL. Final results will not be known for some time as NASA analyses the flights of each rocket flown that weekend. We did receive awards for our rockets aesthetics and our team spirit. The team is very confident that they will end toward the top based on what they observed at the competition.

**Our Baja team** competed this year in Auburn, AL the weekend of April 16 – 19. The team met some stiff challenges as our young S&T team continues to get better each year they participate.

**The Concrete Canoe team** traveled to Carbondale, IL to compete in the annual Canoe competition the weekend of April 15 – 18. The team finished in 5th place overall with a very well constructed canoe this year.

**The Steel Bridge team** also competed in Carbondale, IL the weekend of April 15 – 18. The team received recognition for aesthetics and display. The competition was tough this year with many bridges struggling with vertical deflection. We came within 75 pounds out of 2,500 pounds of passing the test, better than many others.

**The Human Powered Vehicle team** traveled to Philadelphia, PA the weekend of April 17 – 19 to challenge Rose-Hulman for the east coast title who was able to secure that title from us last year for the first time since that event began. Rose proved to be a true challenge again this year just squeaking out a victory over the Miner team by just a few points. A very close race placing our team in 2nd overall. A very bright note was Whittney Metcalf set a new ASME record for Human Powered Vehicle racing in the country completing her sprint race with a top speed of 41.8 mph. Way to go Whittney!!

The team will be competing again the weekend of May 1 – 3 in Portland, OR seeking the title for the west coast HPVC.

“Well Metcalf set a new ASME record for Human Powered Vehicle racing in the country completing her sprint race with a top speed of 41.8 mph.”

*Missouri S&T Advanced Aero Vehicle Team*

*Missouri S&T Concrete canoe competition*

*Missouri S&T Human Powered Vehicle racing*
Our **Formula SAE Racing team** took top honors in their competition at the Virginia International Raceway the week of April 22 – 25. An exciting victory for the team placing 50 points ahead of University of Oklahoma. The team will be competing again in Detroit, MI the week of May 13 – 16 and again in Fontana, CA the week of June 17 – 20. We wish them ‘Miner’ speed!

The SDELC sponsored **Residential College Class** completed their yearlong academic service project the weekend of April 25 – 26 in Steelville, MO. The student team worked with Boys and Girls Town of Missouri to improve their camp by designing and building three new low ropes course challenges. Boys and Girls Town were impressed with the year-long effort and have indicated they want to partner again with Missouri S&T given our success.

Our students are working hard to learn beyond the classroom and to engage in experiences that are beyond their degree areas making our university stronger and more prominent in the State, Nation, and the World!

**Support our students by recognizing their efforts when you can and continue cheering them on as they represent all of us here at Missouri S&T!**
The mission of the Office of Undergraduate Studies is to improve the learning environment and enhance the learning outcomes of students by working with Missouri S&T students, faculty, staff and the public.

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Freshman Love Akin-Bohner’s Class

Freshmen engineering students nominated and voted for their favorite instructors in the annual “We Love Your Class” poll for the 2008-09 academic year. Dr. Elvan Akin-Bohner, assistant professor of math and statistics, received the most votes for her outstanding instruction in the freshmen calculus courses.

Other top choices were: Dr. Ron Bieniek, physics; Dr. Cynthia Bolon, chemistry; Dr. Harvest Collier, chemistry; Dr. Petra DeWitt, history; D.P. Leach, mathematics; Dr. Bryan Salmons, English; and Dr. Klaus Woelk, chemistry.