



## Congratulations to our Weekend College Graduates!

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|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Fitzsimmons, Angel | Johnson, Liselle      | Thiesse, Jacie      | Massey, Shawntell | Bogut, Lindsey          |
| Loendorf, Brenda   | Just, Kevin M.        | Tisdale, Roxanne    | Iver, Katherine   | Donat, Rebecca          |
| Shofner, Vicki     | Kortekaas, Erin       | Wendt, Elizabeth    | Wells, Julie      | Sylte, Tammi            |
| Bieniek, Keri      | Kroening, Jody        | Xu, Mingzhu         | Denison, Marcia   | Hakanson, Corinne       |
| Bruska, Lisa       | Larson, Lisa          | Herink, Stacy       | Lance, Renae      | Bengston, Connie        |
| Huber, Margaret    | Nowaczewski, Michelle | Jaimet-Figge, Debra | Lyons, Dawn       | Christiansen, Denise    |
| Jordan, Sarah      | O'Brien, Margaret     | Jeffery, Kelley     | McSorley, Anne    | Eifert, Jody            |
| Keyes, Deborah     | Oslund, Theresa       | Hackney, Janice     | Nohava, Erin      | Michalski, Rachel       |
| Anderson, Luke     | Pry, Angela           | Rooke, Pamela       | Greene, Jessica   | Smirnitskaya, Anzhelika |
| Brozovich, Jason   | Puglisi, Melissa      | Kuklok, Natalie     | Walt, Erin        | Reed, Kristina          |
| Engdahl, Andrea    | Ryan, Sarah           | Paulson, Christine  | Wray, Laurie      | Torres, Sarah           |
| Gerlach, Amy       | Schmitz, Kristen      | Ryan, Kelly         | Geisler, Candace  |                         |
| Johnson, Joshua    | Smith, Amy            | St. Cyr, Erin       | Sturms, Susan     |                         |



## Holiday Open House

Sponsored by CSC Bookstore and Weekend College Student Advisory Board

Monday, December 8th from 4:30pm-7pm

- Buy your books for Winter term!
- Book buyback will be available! (December 1st-December 8th)
- Sign up for fabulous door prizes!
- Enjoy hot cocoa and sweet treats while you shop and socialize!
- Did we mention you will receive 20% off clothing items?!

And last, but not least...Bring in this coupon and receive a free gift!!

Just for You

Redeemable for:

*A free gift from the  
CSC Bookstore*

This certificate is non-transferable and not redeemable for cash.  
Expires December 8th, 2008

## Affordable Twin Cities Fun!

One of the great things about living in the Twin Cities is that you don't have to spend a lot of money to have fun. Here's a short list of free or inexpensive things to do and resources for more ideas.

- Museum Passes from the Hennepin or Ramsey County Libraries. FREE admission to 20 museums, historic sites, zoos and more! Visit your local library or check: [www.hclib.org](http://www.hclib.org) or [www.ramsey.lib.mn.us](http://www.ramsey.lib.mn.us) and search the on-line catalog by subject under "museum passes."
- "Third Thursday" at the Minneapolis Institute of Art: On the third Thursday of every month from 6pm-9pm. Free admission, live music and cash bar. [www.artsmia.org](http://www.artsmia.org)
- *WinterSkate* outdoors by Rice Park in St Paul. Skating is FREE; skate rental is \$2. [www.capitalcitypartnership.com](http://www.capitalcitypartnership.com)
- If you have children, sign up for St Kate's Access & Success email newsletter and notification of FREE tickets to sporting events & family friendly entertainment.
- The Walker Art Center: free gallery admission from 5pm to 9 pm every Thursday night! [www.walkerart.org](http://www.walkerart.org)

Sites to check for additional entertainment options:

[www.twincities.com](http://www.twincities.com)  
[www.citypages.com](http://www.citypages.com)

[www.mspmag.com](http://www.mspmag.com)  
[www.startribune.com](http://www.startribune.com)

Know any other fun things to do that are easy on the budget? Email your suggestions to [ecboard@stkate.edu](mailto:ecboard@stkate.edu) and we'll include them in a future WEConnect!

Barbara is a Communications major with a minor in Marketing and Management. She expects to graduate with a BS in 2011.

*Considering St. Kate's mission is to educate women to lead and influence, what experience(s) at St. Kate's have helped you to become a more effective leader or more influential?* Barb came to St. Kate's in the fall of 2006. Her children were

grown and, as Barb explains, "It was time for me to develop the second half of my life. I had been a fearless leader as a mother, and now it was time for me to take the leadership qualities I gained as a mother and apply it to something greater than my children and myself."

At St. Kate's Barb states, "I have met many strong and talented women... (who have) helped me realize that I had the wisdom all along; I just needed to find my voice, my confidence and apply this wisdom to my life."

*In your free time, what are some of your hobbies, interests, or community involvement?* "I am involved with my Episcopal Church in Faribault, MN. I am a chapter member, and part of the leadership team for the elders. Some of my other hobbies are creative writing, watercolor painting, gardening and reflecting on my life. I LOVE theater, concerts and have recently sparked an interest in the Minnesota Twins."

*Why does the WEC format work well for you?*

In addition to the scheduling advantages of Weekend College, Barb appreciates, "the student body and teachers that I have met and worked closely with in my classes, (they) seem to resonate with me. They have a plethora of experiences to bring to the classroom. We can draw from these backgrounds and from each other to have a broader perspective and understanding of life."

*What is a homework assignment that you would love to get?* "Write and illustrate a book on "Greener Environmental Practices for Home Use" and ideas for families to do at home. It would be colorful and fun with ideas for recycling and leaving a smaller carbon footprint....I also would

### Exciting New WEC Biology Course!

Why are fisheries collapsing in the Gulf of Mexico? What is happening in our watershed? Are biofuels like ethanol good for the environment and good for Minnesota? What is the current state of the science on global warming and should we be worried? What are the best solutions?

Are you interested in exploring these topics? If so, then register for the Winter 2009 section of **Environmental Biology (BIOL 1110 W01, CRN 21431)**.

love to write a book of poems and illustrate them as well. It would be a toss up. I know that it would be watercolor artwork on natural papers that have been made from recycled clothing or paper. The poems would be about my experiences attending college as a non-traditional student."

*What motivates your best work?* "Believe it or not my best work has come out of the turbulent times and the

hard times in my life. It seems that when there are challenges in my life, I rise above them and perform by far at my best potential. My other theory is that by giving and helping others and finding a place outside myself to make a difference, this has helped me become a better person."

*What is your most unusual classroom moment?* "My most unusual classroom experience was in my Interpersonal Communications class with Professor Milt Thomas. This class opened my eyes to the realization that teaching styles that are non-conventional help students learn far beyond what they can ever imagine. Professor Thomas's class was brilliant and through interaction, conversation and dialogue, I learned a great deal about myself as well as how to apply theory within my place of employment and also

within my personal relationships. It was an amazing class."

*Final Thoughts:* "I am currently working on an internship with the Lutheran Coalition for Public Policy in St. Paul, and experiencing many unique areas of public policy within an ELCA Governed Group. This is an effective way for me to apply what I have learned in the classroom at St. Kate's and have a hands-on experience applying it into a context within the work place. It makes me proud to know that I am making a difference."

### Free Cake Anyone?!

Join the WEC Board in celebrating the new year and the new term on Saturday, January 3rd from 11:30am-1pm! Join us for the annual Cake Day in the Dining Room. Enjoy free cake and share your ideas about how we can enhance your WEC experience.

### Buy Your Books for Winter Term!

Special hours for the CSC Bookstore

Saturday, December 13th: 10:30am-1:30pm

Thursday, December 19th: 9am-7:30pm

Friday, December 19th: 9am-5pm

Monday, December 29th & Tuesday, December 30th:  
Noon-6pm