

WITC COLLEGE NEWS

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New Faces and Spaces at WITC

NEW RICHMOND, WI – Sept 1, 2011 – A lot of new comes to Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College this fall as the campus welcomes new faces in response to growth and attrition.

The campus also welcomes a new program and “new” space, with the addition of the Human Services Associate two-year degree, and the college’s expansion into space at the city’s former middle school, now called New Richmond Community Commons.

In alphabetical order, meet WITC new staff and faculty:

Dan Arneson, staff, media technician. As the latest addition to the campus Learning Resource Center, Arneson is a graduate of the UW-Whitewater with a bachelor’s degree in Digital Multimedia Arts. He has experience in technical support, graphic troubleshooting, live sound mixing, light and video setup, and is proficient with Adobe CS3 and 4 in Flash, Dreamweaver, After Effects, Photoshop, Sound Booth and Illustrator. Arneson lives in Ellsworth.

René Bylander, instructor, Web Analyst/Programmer program. New to the WITC faculty, Bylander has a bachelor’s degree in Computer Systems from UW-River Falls, and is finishing her master’s degree as an online student with Western Governors University. She comes to the college from American Government Services and BioDiagnostics, Inc. She and her family live in River Falls.

Rose Cibulka, instructor, Industrial Automation, Controls, and Networking program. Bringing her bachelor’s degree in Electrical Engineering from UW-Platteville

and a Wisconsin Professional Engineer's license to WITC, Cibulka worked at Viking Engineering and Development, Inc., and was a software specialist for Factory Systems Engineering, Inc. both in Minnesota. She is from Hudson.

Carla Cornwall, instructor, Basic Education. Already familiar with WITC as a part-time instructor since 2008, Cornwall joins WITC in a full-time capacity this fall. She has a bachelor's degree in Education from UW-River Falls and a master's degree from UW-Stout. She is also certified in the STAR reading program. Cornwall is an Amery resident.

Stephanie Douglas, staff, counselor. Douglas holds a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Journalism/Education from UW-Whitewater, and comes to WITC by way of Mohave Community College in Kingman, Ariz., where she was a counselor. She was also a counselor at Blackhawk Technical College and a crisis intervention worker in Janesville, Wis. Douglas currently resides in New Richmond.

Joel Gibson, instructor, Human Services Associate degree. Heading up WITC's newest degree program, Gibson has a bachelor's degree in Sociology from St. Cloud State University (Minn) and a master's degree in Social Work from the University of Minnesota. He is a licensed clinical social worker and joins WITC from the St. Croix County Department of Health and Human Services. He has experience as a Therapeutic Support Worker in St. Paul, Minn., a Case Management Specialist in Milwaukee, and worked with youth in San Diego, Calif. Gibson and his family live in Osceola.

Janel Krolkowski, instructor, Medical Assistant program. Returning to one of her alma maters, Krolkowski is a WITC-New Richmond graduate who has been teaching part-time at WITC-Rice Lake. She is pursuing her bachelor's degree at UW-Stout, is a member of WITC's Medical Assistant program advisory board, and worked as a certified medical assistant at Marshfield Clinic in Rice Lake. She holds certification with the American Association of Medical Assistants. Currently, Krolkowski commutes from Tony, Wis.

Catherine Martinson, instructor, Associate Degree-Nursing program. Martinson joins WITC with a bachelor's degree in Chemistry from UW-Parkside, a bachelor's degree in Nursing from UW-Milwaukee, and is working on her master's degree in Nursing online with Western Governors University. Her recent work experience was at High Pointe Surgery Center, Lake Elmo, Minn., as a registered nurse. Her background includes RN positions at the River Falls hospital, Hudson's hospital, and Kenosha's hospital and medical clinic. She's certified in ACLS, BLS and PALS. Martinson is a Hudson resident.

Lisa Shields, instructor, Associate Degree-Nursing program. Shields holds a bachelor's degree in Nursing from the University of Minnesota, and a master's degree in Nursing as a Nurse Practitioner from the College of St. Catherine, St. Paul. She is currently completing her doctorate of Nursing Practice at St. Catherine's, and is certified as a nurse nutritional consultant. Shields comes to WITC from Matrix Medical Network, where she worked with communities and skilled nursing facilities. She also worked with Community Health Partnership of WI. She lives in Hammond.

Cayla Wencil, staff, student activities advisor. Wencil joins WITC with a bachelor's degree in Professional & Organizational Communication, a bachelor's degree in Marketing Communication, both from UW-River Falls, and a master's degree in Education, Student Affairs Administration in Higher Education from UW-La Crosse. Previously, Wencil worked at Western Technical College in La Crosse as a campus activities and student government advisor. Wencil now calls New Richmond home.

Sara Yaron, staff, college health nurse. WITC's new on-staff registered nurse, Yaron, has a bachelor's degree in Nursing from UW-Eau Claire, and is completing her doctorate in Nursing Practice with the University of Minnesota. She holds dual-state licensure in both Wisconsin and Minnesota, is certified as a public health nurse, a nursing assistant and holds FEMA certifications. Most recently, Yaron's RN experience was at St. Claire's Hospital in Weston, Wis. She lives in New Richmond.

Those who retired or decided to pursue other interests include **Bonnie Howe** (nursing instructor), **Jean Roedi** (nursing instructor), **Mark Kearns** (basic education instructor), **Diane Whipple** (college health nurse), **Steve Hintz** (industrial automation instructor), **Andy Bangsberg** (information technology/Web instructor), **Lynette Oakley** (medical assistant instructor), **Edna Grotjahn Early** (student activities advisor), **Dennis Early** (general education instructor), **Al Filipa** (general education instructor), **Connie Fisk** (GED instructor), and **Jean Baker** (GED instructor).

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