

# Staff on the front lines in Emmetsburg



Pictured on left: Elaine Sidles and on right Nancy Rieke

**Stacy Bohl** is the Assistant to the Executive Dean. Bohl has worked at the Emmetsburg campus for almost ten years. In Bohl's free time she enjoys riding her Harley, hunting, and spending time with her family and friends. Bohl's family includes her husband Matt Bohl who also works at the Emmetsburg Campus as the Motorcycle Technology Instructor. Bohl has three dogs Bo, Daisy, and Brandy. Her favorite part about working for the Emmetsburg Campus is working with the students, faculty, and staff.

**Peg Japenga** is the Cashier and Accounts Clerk for the students. Japenga has worked in the office for five and a half years. Japenga likes to spend her free time reading, camping, and being with her family and friends. Japenga has been married for 18 years. She has

two children: Jordan who is ten, and Olivia who is seven. Japenga's favorite part of working at Iowa Lakes is getting to know the students and helping them achieve their goals.

**Kathy Heng** is the Receptionist. Heng has worked at the campus for 27 years. In Heng's free time she enjoys crafts, working on the computers, watching T.V., reading, studying hypnosis, working out, and writing a weekly column for the Emmetsburg newspaper. Heng is married and her husband builds bins for ASI in Emmetsburg. She has one son and a daughter-in-law. Heng's son is going to Iowa Lakes in the Casino Management Program. Her daughter-in-law also works for Iowa Lakes. Heng's favorite part about working here is all the friendships that have developed over the years.



Front row from left: Lisa Washington, Janet Poe.  
Back row: Stacy Bohl, Peg Japenga, and Kathy Heng.

**Lisa Washington** works for the Secondary programs. Washington has worked at the campus for seven years. In Washington's free time she enjoys photography, playing ball with her son and spending time with her friends. Washington has one son who is 15 years old. Washington's favorite part about working at Iowa Lakes is enjoying working with the Career Academy students from area district high schools.

**Janet Poe** is the Farm Ag/Business Office Associate. She takes care of the farm records. Poe has worked at the campus for 19 years. In Poe's free time she likes to spend time with her grandkids, hunt, and fish.

Poe has three daughters, one grandson, one granddaughter, and two more on the way. Poe's favorite part about working at the campus is working with the Agriculture people in the community/ state and enjoys the students.

**Laura Haburn** is the Financial Aid Associate. Haburn has worked on campus for three years. Haburn enjoys reading, boating, bowling, volleyball, watching hockey and Iowa Hawkeye football. She is married to Craig Haburn. Haburn's favorite part of working is the opportunity to meet new people and working with students.

**Dianne Hough** is also a Financial Aid Associate. She

has been working since Dec. 1st 2003. In Hough's free time she enjoys golfing, reading, and spending time with her family. Her family consists of her husband Randy Hough, her children: Emily Bredehoeft and David Bredehoeft and Fiancé Killi Selk and her stepchildren: Jason and Josie Hough and three grandkids: Chase, Drew, Reese. Kelly and Tim Swanson and their three kids Clayton, Raegen, and Gavin. Mike Hough and fiancé Abby Olson. Hough's favorite part of working on the campus is meeting new people and assisting students with financial aid.

**Jeanie Reinders** is last but not least. She is also a Financial Aid Specialist. Reinders has

been working on campus for 26 years. Reinders likes to enjoy her free time with her family, reading, flowering in the garden, playing with and walking with her grand-dog Molly. Reinders' family consists of her husband Dan Reinders, and her three children: Jason, Jennifer, and Jeff. She has no grandchildren yet but she has two grand-dogs. Reinders favorite part of working on the campus is because she gets to know the students and gets to keep up with them over the years and the satisfaction of being a part of their success!

**Elaine Sidles** is a Records Specialist. Sidles has been working on campus for 18 years. She enjoys her free time reading, walking, shopping and being with friends. Her family

consists of her husband Dave Sidles, four brothers, one step brother, her mother, and step dad, five nephews and one niece. Sidles favorite part about working on campus is working with all the students and their needs.

**Nancy Rieke** is a Records/Transcripts Secretary. She has been working on campus for four months. In Rieke's free time she enjoys camping and motorcycling. In her family is her husband Todd Rieke and six adult kids. Three of them are married and Rieke has three grandsons. Rieke's favorite part about working on campus is the people and co-workers and students are all so nice!

## Tickets available for Italian Buffet

Tickets are now available for the all-you-can-eat Italian Buffet planned at Iowa Lakes Community College later this month. The Emmetsburg Student Senate is coordinating the buffet in cooperation with the following groups: Business Professionals of America, DECA/Delta Epsilon Chi, Hotel-Restaurant Management are selling the tickets for the Oct. 22, event. Tickets are also available at the Emmetsburg Business Office of Iowa Lakes, the Smith Wellness Center and the Estherville Campus Business Office. Proceeds from the event go back to the clubs participating in the buffet.

Diners may feast on a variety of Italian dishes including lasagna, cavatina and spaghetti which can be enhanced with any of three sauces – meat marinara, Alfredo or vegetarian. There will also be a large salad bar, bread and cheesecake for dessert. Beverages will also be included in the price of the meal.

Again this year, the event will be held in the Smith Wellness Center gymnasium at the college. Serving begins at 4:30 p.m. and runs to 6:30 p.m. For those who are unable to stay and dine at the Wellness Center, take-outs will be available.

Advanced tickets are available at a reduced price. Adult tickets are \$6.50 in advance and \$7 at the door. Prices for children ages 6-13 are \$3.50 and children age 5 and under are free with a paid adult.

Individuals with questions may call Bill Lapczenski, director of auxiliary services, at (712) 852-5207.

## Tasida Fisher completes research experience

An Iowa Lakes Community College student recently completed a Research Experience for Undergraduates internship at Iowa State University. Tasida Fisher, Spirit Lake, was selected as one of only 12 students in the nation to participate in this select summer internship experience at Iowa State.

Students worked directly with a 'majors' professor for eight weeks on a research experience in Molecular Biotechnology and Genomics.

Fisher received \$4,500 from the National Science Foundation through a paid internship to work on a project which was a study of the role of Asp181 in Itk Kinase Autophosphorylation through Mutation.

This was a partnership activity between Iowa State's NSF project and the NSF biotechnology project at Iowa Lakes.

Fisher was thankful for the guidance and knowledge her summer professors gave throughout the project. She also was pleased with the encouragement she received to apply and participate in the project that she received from Iowa Lakes.

"I would also like to thank the faculty and staff at Iowa Lakes that made my internship here possible: Matt Abbott, Gary Phillips, Jolene Rogers and Dr. Robert Klepper," said Fisher.

And thanks went out to family members.

"The love, encouragement and blessing of my husband and best friend, Bryan Fisher, and to my son, Levi Fisher, who have greatly contributed to my success at Iowa Lakes and the opportunity to participate in the REU-NSF summer internship program," Fisher said.

Opportunities like this will be available in future years and students at Iowa Lakes will be encouraged to apply next year.

Fisher's compilation of her findings have been on display as a poster at the Estherville campus.

## Laker Women's Basketball Program 'tops' in the nation



The 2006-2007 Women's Basketball team.

Front row from left: Brittney Chambers, Brittney Wilson, Sam Widmer, Karissa Kramer, and Kristin Patterson  
Back row from left: Nicole Van Pelt, assistant coach; Brian Radtke, coach; Kate Milbrandt; Kym Zitzner; Allie Renberg; Danni Whiley; Shanda Novak; Carolyn Walz, team mom.

Iowa Lakes Community College appears for the first time in the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) Academic Top 25 Team Honor Roll and the appearance is at the top of the list.

The Laker women were honored for their excellence in the classroom during the 2006-2007 season where they boasted an average 3.59 GPA on top of an outstanding season record of 27-4. As well as having the highest GPA among Community College teams the Laker women have the ninth highest GPA in the country among all academic institutions that house women's

basketball. The Iowa Lakes team is ranked ninth out of 1,683 teams in divisions which include: NCAA I, NCAA II, NCAAIII, NAIA I, NAIA II, NJCAA I, NJCAA II and NJCAA III.

"I definitely feel that it is a great honor to even be able to work with these types of student-athletes," said Head Women's Basketball Coach Brian Radtke. "We finished 27-4 on the year and to be academically successful is also just a great honor. I know once they hear about this they will be ecstatic about it. They worked very hard in the classroom and on the court." The members of the women's

basketball team receiving the honor are: Brittney Wilson, Cedar Rapids; Brittany Chambers, Spirit Lake; Kristin Patterson, New Ulm, Minn; Samantha Widmer, Sleepy Eye, Minn; Karissa Kramer, Sleepy Eye, Minn; Kym Zitzner, LaCrosse, Wis; Kate Milbrandt, Elmore, Minn; Shanda Novak, Oxford, IA; Danni Whiley, Iowa Falls and Allie Renberg, Sleepy Eye, Minn.

"Iowa Lakes is extremely proud and excited about the academic honors bestowed upon our women's basketball team," Athletics Director Troy Larson said of the achievement. "The young women worked

extremely hard and obviously take academics seriously. Coach Radtke has done an outstanding job of placing a high emphasis on recruiting quality students and stressing the importance of

academics."

Dr. Harold Prior, the president of Iowa Lakes was pleased with the team's outstanding achievement as well.

"I believe this is the epitome of what college athletics is all about," said President Prior. "Students who are college athletes have tremendous demands placed on their time for the athletic part of their career as well as carrying a full load of academic courses. This level of achievement shows tremendous motivation, desire and hard work on the part of our student-athletes and we're extremely proud of their contribution to the traditions of Iowa Lakes Community College."

Founded in 1981, the WBCA promotes women's basketball by unifying coaches at all levels to develop a reputable identity for the sport and to foster and promote the development of the game in all of its aspects as a sport for women and girls. The GPAs are calculated by dividing the total number of quality points earned by each student-athlete on an institution's roster in the given academic terms by the total number of hours earned by the team. The GPAs are rounded to the nearest thousandth of a point.

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