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Tiffany Deater

A scientist who is also an artist is one of five new faculty members at Southwestern College. Tiffany Deater is from Oswego, N.Y., a small college town similar to Winfield.

She grew up in Utica, N.Y. and earned her bachelor degree from the State University of New York College in Environmental Science and Forestry. She also has an M.F.A in Art Video. Now, Deater is working on her PHD in Environmental Interpretation.

"I wanted to find a way that I could still be a scientist but I can also make art and I felt the way to do that was through video" said Deater.

Before Deater came to Southwestern College she was doing freelance video work and teaching film and video for about six years.

"I love students because they're young, they're energetic, most of them haven't given up on their dreams. They're positive and they're excited," said Deater.

Deater thinks student should learn how to exposition themselves and not forget that all of them are coming from different backgrounds.

Success to Deater is to do the thing that you love to do in the very best way possible.

About Deater personal life she engaged to Jarrod Hagadorn. They have two dogs and two cats. She also likes to play video games, hike, take care of her dogs and swim.

Deater is excited to live here in Winfield and teach at Southwestern College. She can't wait to meet and get to know everyone.

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Mary Sites

Mary Sites is one of the many new faculty members who can be found on the Southwestern College campus this fall semester.

Sites is an advisor, tasked with the job of helping to guide freshmen and undeclared majors along the path of success throughout their college careers.

Originally from Lawrence, Sites attended Wichita State with a bowling scholarship. She had always known she wanted to be an educator. Since completing her own schooling, Sites has been no stranger to the vocation of guiding students, as she has since been working in education for the last 30 years. For 25 of those years she worked as a principal for Derby Elementary and Tanglewood Elementary, aiding to the needs of around 450 students a year.

When asked how Sites's experience at Southwestern College has been so far, she was quick to share how greatly she has enjoyed the experience of working with her two coworkers, Dawn Pleas-Bailey and Steve Kramer. She described the two as wonderful and incredibly helpful people—real mentors to her since her arrival. She has also enjoyed getting to know her new students, and looks forward to the many more students whom she will meet as well as the opportunity to learn new things in this position.

Her first impression of the school involved an interview including Pleas, and Sites also shared how beautiful she found the campus on her first visit, and that.

And finally, it would be impossible to talk about Sites without mentioning her love for her family. She greatly appreciates having a family so supportive of her and her decision to make this next step in her career.

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Tim Testa

Coach Tim Testa's office is filled with plaques and medals. He sits in his office smiling. Just by looking at Coach Testa anyone could automatically tell that he was a runner back in the day.

Coach Testa was brought to Winfield due to his desire to be a college coach. When the job opened it up it was perfect timing for his family and everything fell into place. "My parents were both teachers and I knew that's what I wanted to do from a young age," Coach Testa explains.

"Coaching and teaching always seemed to go hand and hand, and because I loved running since a young age everything just came together."

Testa's goals for the future is to grow the program and get to nationals.

Testa said he believes the most important lesson for the cross country team is persistence. There is going to be good and bad days and there is going to be terrible days, but you have to make something out of every day. It might feel like crap today, but at the conference meet they are going to be happy they finished that work out. I also want them to know they are not alone, and to keep working Together.

Together, the very word you can see on the bracelets that the cross country team members wear proudly walking through the hallways. And the very word that Coach Testa believes is most important when it comes to sports.

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Nathan Morrison

As the new school year rolls around sophomores, juniors, and seniors aren't the only people returning back for another fulfilled year on campus. An abundance of Alumni are returning to their alma mater, dedicated to following their dreams.

Nathan Morrison, a returning SC graduate, is now working as an Athletic Trainer in our Athletic department.

He said, "I loved the atmosphere here and the family based community and how everyone had school pride."

Nathan graduated in 2010 and went on to become a graduate assistant in Bartlesville, Ok. at Oklahoma Wesleyan University. He also got a stint during 2014 in Baltimore, MD working as an Outreach Athletic Trainer for ATI Physical Therapy at a local high school. Then he got a big break at Loyola University in Maryland as an Assistant Athletic Trainer before coming home to Stuart Field House in Winfield, KS.

He knew health and sports were two things he wanted to work in since his senior of high school. He knew from the start that the campus beauty of Southwestern College was where he always wanted to be.

Now, with the knowledge he's learned, and the success he has experienced, it will lead to a great year of health for all sports teams at Southwestern College.

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