



Vocabulary focus helps young readers

There's an old saying in education that first you learn to read, then you read to learn. Diane Nielsen, associate professor of curriculum and teaching, has authored a study highlighting the importance of focusing instruction early in a child's life on vocabulary and understanding what is read, not only on aspects of word recognition, which are the hallmarks of "learning to read."

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KPR to broadcast State of the State

Kansas Public Radio will bring live coverage of Gov. Sam Brownback's State of the State address, starting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15. The speech will last approximately 30 minutes and will be followed by the Democratic Party response.

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Engineering professor honored

G. Paul Willhite, the Ross H. Forney Distinguished Professor of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering, was awarded an honorary membership at the 2012 Society of Petroleum Engineers annual conference.

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KUDOS



NFLPA Collegiate Bowl selection

Kansas football seniors Dayne Crist, Trevor Marrongelli, Toben Oporum, Josh Williams and Duane Zlatnik have accepted invitations to play in the 2013 NFLPA Collegiate Bowl on Saturday, Jan. 19, at The Home Depot Center in Carson, Calif.

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Brown bag lunch with local legislators

Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2013

Noon-1 p.m.

Kansas Union

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