

# *Chalkboard*

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*Good luck on Finals!*

*Have a great summer!*

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# Kansas State College of Education

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# Balloon, Balloons and More Balloons!



## From Danielle Spellmeier, Co-Chair Open House 2010:

First off, I would like to thank everyone for helping out at Open House on April 24. We had a great group of students helping set up, clean up, and just do whatever needed to be done on that day. The Open House Co-Chairs couldn't have done it without all of your help. Dean Holen was impressed by the number of prospective students that were able to come through the College of Education to get information from the advisors, see the wax museum that was put on by Dr. Burenheide, have a balloon animal made by Chuck Fischer and Joel Hardy along with all of the lovely ladies that were able to help them. Without everyone helping out it wouldn't have happened. A big thanks needs to go to Darla Stone for advising the co-chairs on what all needed to be done and being such great support when times got tough. Hopefully, next year Open House will be a success just like it was this year. I'm sure that we'll have a great group of Open House chairs to make it another great year.

A little finger painting and puppet making held this visitor's interest. ↓



↑  
Blowing bubbles can be challenging.

Willie hanging out with the kids! →



Blowing Bubbles ↙

KSU President Kirk Schulz checks it out! ↙

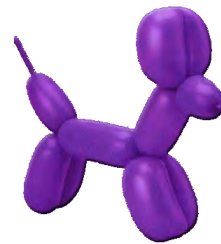




Pop! There goes another balloon. During the Kansas State Open House Chuck was the master of balloon art. I stepped in for a while and let me tell you, balloon art is not an easy job. The balloons pop constantly from the twisting and your fingers are tender by the end of it because of the tying of the balloons. However, it was all worth it. Seeing the reactions of the children when we made a bow and arrow or giraffe. Most of the kids thought the balloon art was so neat. You can see in the picture below the amazement of the two little boys as Chuck sculpts together a sword. Not only were the reactions priceless, but the comments that some of the children made were hilarious. Some that I recall were “this doesn’t look like a dog!” or “these people making the balloons aren’t really professionals.” Or as soon as you begin to blow up the balloon they will tell you “that doesn’t look like a sword.” Well, of course because it is only a straight balloon.

The dry hands and sore fingers were totally worth a day of making balloon art at Open House for the kids! Not only did we get to see how much the kids enjoyed it, but we learned how to make balloon art, which will last forever.

– Katie Hanrahan





## **A Message from our Adviser:**

The 2010 All University Open House has come and gone. It was a success!! We had the largest number of people attending that I have ever seen.

While all Education Council members are responsible for Open House, the planning and carrying out of Open House for the College of Education falls to the three co-chairs who lead us through this event. They are Danielle Spellmeier, Amanda Hassman and Kathy Sexton. Great job!! These ladies did an outstanding job of planning all aspects of this event, of organizing all the tasks and events, and of scheduling workers. It is mind boggling to see how much work goes into Open House and how many people are needed to successfully carry it out. I am going to try to recognize the people who helped make this happen, even though I know I will miss some people. Please forgive me if I do.

We start with our custodians. Trudy and Kathy worked hard ahead of time to make sure that rooms, halls and the foyer on first floor were super clean and shined for Open House; Kathy, Charlotte and Bob spent the day of Open House making sure things went smoothly. We are mindful that we only get one chance to make a good first impression and this is important for this big day. Thank you!

Of course, we couldn't have things runs smoothly without The Catalyst. We count on Val McKain to schedule the equipment we need. She makes it look so easy, then she does the impossible when she anticipates what we will need that we didn't even know we needed—try running some of that equipment without an extension cord! With Val's efforts, things went smoothly. Val came in early on Saturday to make sure we had what we needed and Kelsha Donnell came in at the end of the day to check equipment in.

We are dependent on Education student groups to attract visitors to Bluemont Hall. We thank these groups:

1. The Ambassadors were out on the lawn drawing the crowds with music and games.
2. Art Education helped our young visitors make and decorate a puppet to take home and guided them through finger painting.
3. Business Education and Pi Omega Pi invited people of all ages to try keyboarding games or play business games on the computer.
4. Council for Exceptional Children started off the day working with adult developmentally disabled individuals with the EXCELL program and then moved to the lawn to teach visitors how to play Boccia. CEC also arranged to have Willie the Wildcat and KSU President Kirk Schulz spend some time with us welcoming visitors.
5. Family and Consumer Sciences handed out information and answered questions.

6. Kappa Delta Pi had games for young visitors, helped them make their own board game, had drawing/coloring pages, had them make a bracelet out of fruity Cheerios, and did face painting.
7. Social Studies Club had a wax museum where members dressed as historical figures and gave information in the voice of the famous person.

We can't leave out all the work that went into the balloon art. Joel Hardy started training Education Council members a year ago last fall and then again last fall in the art of making balloon animals, flowers, swords, etc. Joel made a lot of balloon animals before he was needed to work in another area. Chuck Fischer with the help of Danielle Spellmeier, Ashley Heptig, Ashley Sandmann, Katherine Hanrahan, and Allie Dorsey made balloon animals all day long for young visitors. We did disappoint one young visitor who wanted a balloon monkey and no one knew how to make it.

Our advisers from Student Services in Bluemont 013 were there to greet and talk to visitors who were interested in an Education major. This was such a big help because they could answer questions and give guidance on specific majors within the College of Education.

Education Council members and volunteers who helped set up on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning, spent time on Saturday to keep things going, or helped with clean up at the end of the day are:

Danielle Spellmeier	Amanda Hassman	Kathy Sexton
Charles Fischer	Joel Hardy	Shelbi Sasse
Kassandra DeHoff	Jessica Otradovec	Chloe Nelms
Megan Schmidt	Shannon Lindstrom	Loren Hewitt
Ryan Pfeifer	Melissa Biogioli	Ben Dugan
Benjamin Motley	Allie Dorsey	Katelyn Koerber
Carolyn Harris	Ashley Atwell	Lauren Aiello
Ashley Heptig	Katie Hanrahan	Danielle Frakes
Ashley Sandmann	Ashlyn Lehwald	Brittany Lykins
Jenna Karr		

A great big THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the College of Education Open House 2010 a success. Each and every one of you played a big part in this day. Once again, I want to recognize and give special thanks to our co-chairs Danielle Spellmeier, Amanda Hassman and Kathy Sexton. Ladies you are awesome!

Darla Stone, Education Council Adviser

**Joel Hardy**  
**2009-2010 President**



Wow, the year is over already. It seems like only yesterday I was standing in shock as I found out that I had been elected President of the Education Student Council. I had just served for a year as Open House chair for the Council, so I had a pretty good idea about how things worked. Still though, here I was suddenly in charge of the whole darn thing! My first thought was that I really, really hoped that I did not mess this up! Thankfully, things turned out just fine. Lucky for me, I had an amazing Council working with me, backing me up, supporting me, and yes, when I needed it, kept me in line. I really could not have done anything without these amazing people. The Council has grown so much in the past year. One of my goals upon getting elected was to make the Council more visible around campus. This goal was accomplished this past January when we had the honor and the privilege of having new K-State president Dr. Kirk Schulz attend our first meeting of the semester. He took time out of his busy schedule to speak with us for a few moments. For those few moments, the College of Education was in the spotlight of K-State, and I could not have been more proud.

We also shined at Open house. Co-Chairs Danielle Spellmeir, Kathy Sexton, and Amanda Hassman worked tirelessly all year to coordinate a spectacular event that had a lot of people talking about the College. It made all those dry hands from twisting balloon animals worth it.

So now, as I hand over presidential duties to Danielle, I am saddened, yes, for my time is over, but I am also happy and excited for the good things that are sure to come from the Council. Thank you everyone involved for an outstanding year, you have all changed my life for the better, and I thank you for it.

## More Scenes from Open House 2010



Our traditional balloon arch is floating in front of Bluemont Hall. FACS, Willie helping out front, Business Education and Kappa Delta Pi working to show visitors what Education is all about.



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