

Influential FCS and Dietetic Presenters Speak at UWSP

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With funding from the UWSP Home Economics Centennial Fund, the Health Promotion and Human Development Department (HPHD) hosted two nationally renowned speakers, one with expertise in Family and Consumer Sciences and the other specializing in Dietetics. The Home Economics Centennial Fund was created in 2002 to celebrate 100 years of Home Economics on the UW-Stevens Point campus. This endowment provides financial support to bring intellectuals of national prominence to the UWSP campus who spend extended time with HPHD students.

FCS majors attend several events with FCS professional Jody Drew who has been teaching since 1983. A forward thinker, Drew founded a unique bilingual high school in New Mexico which focuses on human and environmental sustainability and has a wilderness program that sends the students on camping and rafting adventures. Gracing UWSP with her presence for nearly a whole week, Drew held one to two lecture sessions each day with titles such as “Why Teaching is the Best Job in the World!,” “Burnout is for Losers!,” “Lesson Plans



101,” and “A Passionate Classroom.” Her enthusiasm for adventure, sustainability, and sharing her knowledge with her students and ours makes Drew truly inspirational.



During a daylong conference, Registered Dietitian Amanda Archibald, a revolutionary in the field of food choice and food and nutrition education, presented her “Field to Plate” workshop to other professionals and Dietetic students. Archibald’s knack for igniting people’s passion stems from her inspiring ideas and creative approaches to food, flavor, and choice. Archibald’s vision, life goal, and career are

dedicated to creating meaningful food education experiences that make a difference – one bite at a time.



Dietetic students are offered hands-on learning with Archibald and lettuce at the “Field to Plate” Conference & Workshop.