

**ABBHEY ELIZABETH DEITER**  
**FALL 2013 SIBBERSON AWARD FINALIST**

Abbey is graduating with a Bachelor of Education degree in Elementary Education with an early childhood unified emphasis. She plans to work as an elementary teacher and after a couple of years' experience, pursue a master's degree in library science or English for speakers of other languages while continuing to teach.

Abbey was a member and served as co-president of the Washburn Early Childhood Education Organization (WU-OMEP), a world organization. The group consists of students majoring in elementary education who work with early childhood professionals by volunteering and helping in the community. She organized service projects, participated in community events, and invited speakers to campus. She was the membership coordinator of the Washburn Education Association (WEA), which teams with the Kansas Education Association (KNEA) and the National Education Association (NEA). Through this group, she participated in WU-Fest and the Washburn Majors and Activities Fair, as well as attending KNEA conferences. As a member of the Washburn Spanish Club, she served as secretary and participated in 9/11 "*WU in the Community*" volunteering cleaning, landscaping and gardening services at a local church.

For two years, Abbey was a para educator through Keystone Learning Services, working at Jefferson West Elementary School. She worked with and helped children with learning disorders, autism, and spina bifida.

Abbey is a Student Teacher of the Year Award nominee. She was chosen by the Education Department faculty in 2011 to be on the student team that met with the NCATE accreditation team. She is a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. She received the Education Fensch, Leslie & Wilma Foster WEA, Dodson, Givens WEA, and Alumni Association scholarships from Washburn as well as the Valedictorian, Folds of Honor, and Frank and Mabel Koenitzer-Sayles Memorial Scholarships.

Abbey wrote in her application, "The Washburn faculty and courses have allowed me to learn about the importance of diversity, cooperative learning, classroom management, instructional strategies, the importance of assessment, and many other things. Without my time at Washburn, I would not be confident in my abilities to be a teacher."