

**ANNA HELEN FRANTZ**  
**FALL 2013 SIBBERSON AWARD FINALIST**

Anna graduated in August with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English with a creative writing emphasis and a minor in Psychology. She is working full-time at Washburn Rural High School supervising a Chinese distance-learning class, as secretary for the International Baccalaureate Program, and as a library clerk. She hopes to pursue a Master of Library Science degree in addition to her dream to be an author.

Anna was a member of the Catholic Campus Center and became a Lector for Sunday evening masses. She volunteered for service and fundraising projects, such as the H<sub>2</sub>O Project, where the center donates funds to help build wells in third world countries. She served as secretary for a year and was chairman of the *Giving Tree Project* where she recruited campus organizations to help with donations for children at the Topeka Rescue Mission, Let's Help and DoorStep. She served as editor for Alpha Lambda Delta and organized service projects to assist the Helping Hands Humane Society. These included making blankets for the animals and helping at their annual Tails on the Trail walk and fundraiser. She wrote an article about the experience that was published in the society's national magazine, *The Flame*. She served as both president and secretary of WU Buddy, an organization that pairs international students with local students helping them to feel more comfortable on campus and in the community.

Anna traveled to Belize in 2011 for her International Washburn Transformational Experience. Prior to the trip, she and other students raised money for school supplies to donate to orphanages. While in Belize, she tutored children at the orphanages and attended the Belizean International Symposium on Education. The impact from this trip led Anna to volunteer with Let's Help as a receptionist at their emergency services department.

For her Scholarly and Creative Washburn Transformational Experience, Anna participated in the National Undergraduate Literature Conference where she presented her short story "Ashes" and answered questions. She submitted a young adult novel *Crush* for her University Honors Program thesis, which she continues to work on and hopes to have published.

As a member of the University Honors Program, Anna was selected outstanding first year honors student and graduated with University Honors. She was also a member of Alpha Lambda Delta, Sigma Tau Delta (English), and Phi Kappa Phi honor societies.

Anna received the Culver Memorial, Presidential, Alumni Association, Day Honors, Givens WEA, J. Fern Black WEA, and Young English scholarships from Washburn. She also received the Women's Day and the Phi Kappa Phi scholarships.

Anna wrote in her application, "There was so much more to English than creative writing and publishing that I never considered a fit for me, and Washburn opened me up to accepting these options. Because of my heightened interest in these classes, I gained more out of them; I entered college hardly knowing how to write a thesis statement, and I left a talented writer who could compose countless pages in one night and review other students' papers for grammar and content errors."