

College of Education

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Message From the Dean



Dean Michael Holen

Nearly all teacher education colleges in the country focus on preparing high quality teachers for our nation's schools. However, closer inspection reveals that beyond this prime imperative we are often quite different from each other in mission and emphasis. Some of us concentrate on the continuing and advanced professional development of teachers. Some focus on the preparation of non-instructional personnel such as counselors and administrators. Some highlight research; others promote professional service. Some emphasize technical assistance to schools while others specialize in the development of new educational programs and materials.

As this edition of the K-State College of Education Alumni Newsletter reveals, we attempt to strike a dynamic balance among these competing priorities. Almost certainly, that is why we recently were selected by the North East Ohio Council on Higher Education and the American Productivity and Quality Center as one of six professional education units in the entire nation to model the attributes associated with exemplary practice in teacher preparation. When you read the following articles on the wide-ranging activities and accomplishments of our students, faculty, and alumni you will understand why we were chosen for this honor.

As always our first consideration is our students and alumni. We are pleased to report the opportunities some of our students have been afforded to broaden their perspectives through international experiences. A generous contribution by Marilyn and Bill Taylor of Kansas City has supported 4 students in our dual language programs to study in France and Spain this year. We also have students pursuing academic work in England and even on a ship at sea! I hope you also enjoy the photos of Aranda Jones and Emily Bell, two quality young women who represented our graduates during the two most recent graduation ceremonies.

Each version of the alumni newsletter has highlighted several exciting college initiatives. This one features a new web-based, graduate level academic advising certificate program which grew out of our strong partnership with the National Academic Advising Association and an incredibly successful, long running, field based program to prepare school leaders.

You will also find a report on the activities of our alumni. We are exceptionally proud that our graduates have contributed so widely to the profession and to the communities in which they live. News of faculty promotions, retirements, and activities is meant to keep you in touch with individuals who may have played a role in your academic and professional lives.

We are also pleased to introduce you to some new faces in our college; Dr. Teresa Miller, a highly respected elementary and secondary principal who has joined us to prepare school administrators; Steve Robinson, a K-State graduate returning after 20 years of service with agencies ranging from the Heart Association to the Diabetes Foundation to become our Director of Development; and even the latest results of our 'grow your own' program featuring three new babies of our college faculty!

In short, we are happy to share with you the elements of another exciting and productive year in your college. We hope you take pride in our successes as we are proud to share in yours.

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Back to School:

KSU's College of Education faculty and staff are working together with public school personnel to find better ways to prepare educators to deal with the often overwhelming challenges of today's schooling. In September 2003, the Department of Educational Administration and Leadership began its eighth Leadership Academy, a cooperative university/public school effort to prepare school leaders. The academies are unique programs, in that leaders from both organizations work together to design mutually beneficial educational programs for teachers and administrators.

This fall, a cohort group of twenty selected teachers from the Geary County School District are participating in Phase I of the newest academy, Academy VIII. One of the students, Melisa Burgess, a classroom teacher at Milford Elementary School and graduate of Geary County Schools, is excited to have the opportunity to take classes with those who taught her. Through this program, she will complete work for a Master's degree in two years. Lynn Inkman, teacher at Eisenhower Elementary School, sees the Academy as an opportunity to integrate coursework with her job in the district. Inkman, who has been teaching 23 years, said, "This type of class makes the process as meaningful as possible." Jennifer Blair, of the district's Education Support Center, reports that she saw the Academy as an opportunity to work with her superintendent, Mary Devin, and

learn more about her leadership style. Felix Grimmett, a teacher at Junction City High School said, "Learning should always be a life-long experience. I can already sense the growth I'll make through this experience."

Academy VIII is focused primarily on teacher leadership. Internship experiences are identified within each participant's area of interest and district needs. Meeting the new mandates required by the federal *No Child Left Behind* legislation provides multiple opportunities for participants to assist their district in the improvement of student achievement.

During Phase I of the Academy, participants earn 15 graduate credit hours. The second and third phases of the Academy lead to Master's degrees and/or leadership licensure in the state of Kansas. Weekly class meetings held at the Geary County Education Support Center are taught by Geary County school district leaders and K-State faculty from the Department of Educational Administration and Leadership.

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– Felix Grimmett, Junction City High School and Academy VIII participant



Teacher Leaders Develop Leadership Skills Through Leadership Academy VIII

Academy VIII coordinators are Mary Devin, superintendent of Geary County School District and Teresa Miller, associate professor, Department of Educational Administration and Leadership. Academy participants come from district office support staff, and elementary, middle and high school classroom teachers in the Geary County school district.

University/public school partnerships that blend theory and practice are thriving and help supplement the Professional Development School concept, a hallmark of the K-State teacher education preparation program. A benefit attributed to previous academies is the development of high-performance teams working together, sharing responsibilities for staff development, and implementing strategies for meeting annual yearly progress (AYP). According to Marysville superintendent, Randal Bagby, PhD '98, "We see nearly every endeavor approached from a teaming aspect, and this is a direct result of the academy." Looking to the future, K-State plans additional academies with school districts, as both the university and public school leaders recognize the benefits of active, authentic collaboration.

– written by Teresa Miller

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– Randal Bagby, Marysville, KS superintendent

***Leadership Academy VIII
participants and instructors***



Online Graduate Certificate Program in Academic Advising



The Counseling and Educational Psychology Department announced a new graduate certificate program in academic advising, July 2003. According to Steve Benton, chair of the Department of Counseling and Educational Psychology, "This program is offered in partnership with the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA)*, an international professional advising organization located on the K-State campus. Graduate certificates, post-baccalaureate credential programs used primarily for professional advancement, show expertise in a specific field of study. Although the graduate advising certificate program is targeted to post-secondary education advisors it is relevant for high school counselors.

This graduate certificate program, the only program of its kind in the country, is totally self-paced and completely online. Students are not required to take courses on the K-State campus. Five courses, for a total of 14 graduate credit hours, make up the program. These five courses are: Foundations of Academic Advising, Multicultural Counseling and Advising, Trends in Career Development, Learning Principles, and the College Student and the College Environment.

Anyone interested in this program must complete the K-State Graduate School application process. According to Bobbie Flaherty, executive director, NACADA, "The people handling the applications have been impressed by both the academic records and diversity of location of the applicants." To date, applications have been received from across the United States and Canada.

Inquiries regarding this program should be directed to Steve Benton, professor and chair of Counseling and Educational Psychology, or under services on the NACADA web site at www.nacada.ksu.edu.

Two other graduate certificate programs offered through the College of Education are Classroom Technology and the recently approved Autistic Spectrum Disorders. Information about either of these programs can be obtained by contacting the College of Education Graduate Studies office at 785-532-5595.

Courses in the Academic Advising Graduate Certificate Program:

- Foundations of Academic Advising
- Multicultural Counseling and Advising
- Trends in Career Development
- Learning Principles
- The College Student and the College Environment



**NACADA membership is open to anyone having an interest in the field of academic advising. Membership benefits include subscriptions to the NACADA Journal, quarterly newsletters, and a monthly electronic newsletter. NACADA offers professional development opportunities for advisors through instruction, training videos, regional and national conferences, and summer institutes.*

Undergrads Get Head Start on Professional Development



College of Education graduates report that involvement in organizations such as KNEA-SP, Education Symposium, Telefund, Kappa Delta Pi education honor society and specific major field clubs enhances their K-State experiences and add value to their education degrees. The following students reflect upon some of their professional development experiences.

Cynthia Corn, senior in secondary education, has had the opportunity to meet educators from across the state while serving as president and treasurer of K-State's chapter of KNEA-SP. Representing students at state-wide KNEA assemblies has given Corn an idea of how NEA strives to make life better for teachers through policymaking and lobbying efforts. She served two years as co-chair of the student-initiated annual



Cynthia Corn reacts to receiving the \$1000 DeBruyn Family Scholarship during Open House 2003

Education Symposium, and volunteered her time calling College of Education alumni for Telefund 2003. She was rewarded for her volunteer efforts when her name was drawn for one of the four K-State Telefund grand prizes, the \$1000 DeBruyn Family Scholarship. Leadership and volunteer experiences have helped cement Corn's resolve to be a teacher, and have contributed to the professional demeanor admired by both professors and other students.

Corn concludes, "I know I will be more professional when I get out there to be a teacher. I have experiences which will keep me more realistic."

Cory Wurtz, senior in secondary education, served as co-chair of the 2003 Education Symposium with Corn. He states that one of the greatest benefits of being involved is the opportunity to meet teachers and educators from across the state. "That's the best part of this experience," he says, "the relationships you build with others. I've made valuable contacts with people who know I'll work hard for them." Hard work is nothing new to Wurtz. After serving as office assistant in the Center for Science Education for two years, he now works in the dean's office. Since arriving at K-State, Wurtz has been involved in K-State's annual spring Open House where he enjoys working on activities that involve children in science projects. These projects

contribute to the competence and self-confidence Wurtz displays in class, meetings, and at work.

Gena Stratham, senior in elementary education, was looking for a more meaningful experience at K-State when she joined KNEA-SP in Fall 2002. It wasn't long before she found her niche – children and reading. Stratham headed the first-ever KSU Reads Day in March 2003, an activity that she hopes will become an annual event. Affiliated with KNEA, KSU Reads Day brought more than 200 K-3 students from Ogden and Junction City to the campus. Twenty-five volunteers read books with the students and engaged them in activities designed to encourage a love of reading. The highlight of the day was when the Cat in the Hat showed up to read a Dr. Seuss story. In April 2003, Stratham coordinated the campus "Reading is Fun Week," a program sponsored by Kappa Delta Pi education honor society. As a result of chairing these two events, Stratham says, "I've learned that there are a lot of resources and people available to help you put on events like these."

These students agree that being involved in a meaningful way has helped them grow professionally. Other K-State students who become involved discover that, in addition to giving, they receive. The valuable professional development experiences are shaping them into teachers of tomorrow, creating educators in the mold of excellence for which K-State strives.



Cory Wurtz, 2002 and 2003 Education Symposium Co-Chair



The Cat in the Hat reads to local students at KSU Reads Day, sponsored by KNEA-SP

RECENT K-STATE GRADUATE DEDICATES SELF TO MINORITY YOUTH EDUCATION

For her work dedicated to minority youth education through research, volunteering and community service, **Aranda Jones**, a December 2002 graduate in elementary education, received the 2002 K-State Commerce Bank Presidential Student Award for Distinguished Service to Minority Students.



Aranda Jones with Associate Dean Janice Wissman at the December, 2002 Commencement

Jones, from Salina, KS, wasted no time grabbing the attention of administrators, faculty and other students as a K-State freshman. “I first noticed Aranda during her first week as a freshman. She stood up and contributed commentary to a speaker in a large class that I was involved with,” said Anita Cortez, director of K-State’s PILOTS program and administrative director of the Developing Scholars Program. “That was so unusual because students don’t usually contribute to large-class discussions as freshmen. I knew then that she was someone to watch.”

As a sophomore, Jones pioneered what became the Developing Scholars Program. Doing a research project under the direction of Marjorie Hancock, associate professor of elementary education, she studied African American children’s literature through reading multicultural books and journal articles. The project concluded with a presentation to faculty and administrators.

Jones completed student teaching at Ogden Elementary School where approximately 26 percent of the students are minorities. “It’s great for children of color to see a minority woman in a professional position,” she said. “I really enjoyed watching the kindergartners grow academically. At the beginning of the semester some didn’t know how to write their names and now they are writing, sounding out words and starting to read.”

Jones was selected to speak at the College of Education’s commencement ceremony Dec 14, 2002. “She was a wonderful choice for many reasons,” Hancock said. “She’s a multidimensional young woman who has contributed to minorities, consummated professionalism in the classroom and maintained an impressive GPA throughout her career at K-State. She was a very articulate speaker.”

While an undergraduate student at K-State, Jones was the recipient of many scholarships and awards. Examples include the Martin Luther King Memorial Scholarship, Emerging Leader Scholarship, the Stacey Hall Award and a scholarship to attend the 2002 National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in New Orleans, LA. Jones was involved with the McNair Scholars Program, Black Student Union, Multicultural Student Honor Society, American Ethnic Studies Student Association, and United Black Voices, a gospel choir.

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– Dr. Marjorie Hancock, elementary education

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– Aranda Jones, BS ‘02, elementary education

Student News

Students Recognized by the Kansas State Department of Education

Four College of Education seniors were recognized by the Kansas State Department of Education as Teachers of Promise during the 2002-2003 academic year. **Heather Douthit**, elementary education from Manhattan, KS, and **Brian Rottinghaus**, secondary education from Baileyville, KS, were introduced with other Teachers of Promise at the Kansas Teacher of the Year banquet in Wichita, KS, in November, 2002. **Courtney Everett**, elementary education from Clay Center, KS, and **Nikki Boden**, secondary education from Seneca, KS, were recognized at the Exemplary Educator's Network State Education Conference in Topeka, KS, in February, 2003.

Students Recognized at Commencement

Outstanding Future Teacher Awards

Fall 2002

Elementary - Shawna Kincaid
Secondary - Amanda Behnke

Spring 2003

Elementary - Shala Burtsfield
Secondary - Amanda Inchaustegui

Outstanding Graduate Student Awards

Fall 2002

David Pownell
Elizabeth Schmar

Spring 2003

Mark James
Jason Tomlison

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Awards

Fall 2002

Amanda Behnke
April Kuhlmann
October Lauffer
Kristy Rue
Jana Wehrman

Spring 2003

Emily Bell
Nikki Boden
Jayne Christen
Courtney Everett
David Schooler

Student Leaders in the College of Education

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Scholarship Recipients

Three Master of Science graduate students earned \$1500 scholarships from the Midwest Symposium for Leadership in Behavior Disorders for the 2003-2004 academic year. **Meagan Anderson, BS '03**, in elementary education from Manhattan, KS, **Stephanie Hall, BS '02**, in elementary education from Overland Park, KS, and **Julie McCaffrey**, from Manhattan, KS.



Elaine Cobb competing in Springfield, MO

COE Athletes

Elaine Cobb, junior in secondary education from Lenexa, KS, became K-State's second all-time individual to be named National Champion in intermediate horsemanship by the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA). Additional College of Education equestrians include **Natalie Bennett**, **Amanda Gilbert**, and **Sara Zurliene**. Other education majors on NCAA teams are: **Women's Basketball- Nicole Ohlde** and **Laurie Koehn**; **Football- Jonathan Dansel**; **Baseball- Daniel Wilson**; and **Crew- Julie Tharp, Kathryn Baxter, Linzi Hauldren, Jennifer Riekenberg, Carissa Land, and Elane Walker**. Another 21 pre-professional education majors participate in NCAA sports at K-State.



Student News- International

Taylor-Made Teachers' Aid: Study Abroad Opportunities for ESL Students

Bill and Marilyn Taylor, of Overland Park, KS, have teamed up with the College of Education at K-State to help a special group of students enrich their cultural awareness and become better future teachers through a study abroad scholarship program. In doing this, the Taylors have also expanded the legacy for their daughter, Megan, who died in a bicycle accident in 1992 while touring Germany on an exchange program with her high school band. In the same summer, Megan planned to volunteer for six weeks in a remote village in Mexico.

Marilyn graduated from K-State in 1966 with a bachelor's degree in modern languages and a teaching certificate. After teaching Spanish to elementary students in North Kansas City, she later worked in information systems for AT&T and Reuters. She never lost her interest in languages and teaching. Bill earned a bachelor's degree in 1967 and a master's in 1969 in accounting and business at K-State. After Megan's accident, the Taylors commemorated their daughter by establishing modern languages scholarships at K-State, with preference for students majoring or minoring in Spanish.

Last year the Taylors discovered the BESITOS (Bilingual Education Students Interacting to Obtain Success) program in the College of Education at K-State. Many BESITOS students are first generation immigrants who might not otherwise have attended college. Their backgrounds, multilinguism and experiences at K-State uniquely qualify them for bilingual and ESL teaching and leadership roles. BESITOS students are encouraged to work in Kansas school districts, especially those needing bilingual teachers.

The Megan E. Taylor Memorial Scholarship for Study Abroad for the BESITOS program was funded with a \$200,000 gift made through a combination expendable and endowed gift. This scholarship enables the College of Education to quickly utilize the money.

The first group of BESITOS students to participate in the Taylor-sponsored programs include Anna Alcanara, Irlanda Gutierrez, and Daxeli Monterroza who are studying in France, and Judy Vang, who is studying in Spain.

"BESITOS was a perfect fit for our interests," Marilyn says. "This was the kind of thing we know Megan would have leapt at. Her whole life would have been spent helping other people. We had to find a way to keep that spirit going."

From Joe Montgomery, Ovation, Winter-Spring 2003



Bill and Marilyn Taylor with BESITOS students



Rayanna Ezell (left), with a new friend

A Semester at Sea

Rayanna Ezell, junior in elementary education from Galena, KS, is spending the fall 2003 semester at sea. On August 27, she reported to the SS Universe Explorer, a floating university, in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. In November, 2003, she reported having visited fascinating ports of call in Japan, People's Republic of China, Singapore, Tanzania, India, Kenya, South Africa, Brazil and Cuba. She is scheduled to debark in Florida on December 5, 2003.

Student News- International



College of Education students are encouraged to seek international study or community service experiences early in their undergraduate academic programs. These experiences add value to degree programs and in some cases, study abroad courses can be applied toward degree requirements. Students who desire to student teach abroad must first successfully complete all early field experiences and one half (8 weeks) of student teaching in an assigned school in the state of Kansas. The following is a reflection on student teaching in the United Kingdom by Jancy Davis ('03).

Student Teaching in the United Kingdom



I always thought of student teaching as a semester of teaching in the Manhattan area. When I attended the Spring 2002 student teaching meeting, Dr. Michael Perl, Director of College of Education Field Experiences, mentioned the

possibility of student teaching abroad. At the conclusion of the meeting, I talked with him about this opportunity. He explained that in order to make this experience happen, we would have to find a college or university with an overseas program that would accept student teachers from K-State.

I spent the next couple of months meeting with Dr. Perl and searching to find a university program that would accept me. Soon after submitting an application to the University of Minnesota-Morris, I was accepted and assigned to a school in Oxted, England.

I began getting ready for my travel overseas with a series of shots, a passport, international health insurance, international student identification card, and plane tickets. I had to find a place to stay and make contacts with the host school and university coordinators in the U.K. as well. In my contact with the host school I asked for assistance in finding a place to stay. To my surprise they had a large response of parents who were happy to host an American teacher. I chose a family from the list and made contact with them.

Even with all my preparation, I was still not sure what to expect. After successfully completing eight weeks of student teaching at Ogden Elementary School in Ogden, KS, I left for England, arriving on Friday, October 18, 2002. This is where the real adventure began.

Upon arrival in any foreign country, one must pass through customs. Following several hours of delays due to incorrect paperwork, I finally made it to baggage claim, then to the pickup area to meet my host family who were a bit worried since my flight had actually arrived four hours prior. There was little time to get settled as my classroom observations began Monday, October 21, with teaching beginning the next week.

I never imagined that two countries speaking the same language could be so different. Differences in spelling were just the beginning. It was very interesting to learn how another country teaches history. I found the student's skill levels to be more advanced than students at the same grade level in the U.S. Another fascinating point relates to special needs students. While I believe we often overdo the variety of labels we give to special needs students in the U.S., it was just the opposite in England. No tests to identify students, no IEPs, nothing. If parents recognize a learning disability in their child, the parents are responsible for seeking assistance outside of school. In addition to all this, I had to become familiar with the English monetary system.

Overall, I think that student teaching overseas added a great deal of stress to my life. However, it was an experience that I will remember forever. I learned more than can ever be taught in the classroom. By experiencing another culture, I am able to see the world through different eyes.

Jancy Davis graduated with a degree in Elementary Education with honors in May, 2003. Currently she is a graduate student in education at Indiana University, Bloomington, IN.



Jancy Davis and her students in Oxted, England

Faculty News



Teresa Northern Miller

New Faculty

Teresa Northern Miller has joined the Educational Administration and Leadership Department as an associate professor. She has previous administrative experience as principal at several Manhattan schools – Eugene Field, Strong, and Amanda Arnold Elementary Schools, and Manhattan High School. As a result of having both elementary and secondary experience in the same district, she had the unique pleasure of handing out high school diplomas to 2 groups of her kindergartners. A graduate of K-State, MS '86, EdD '91, she feels privileged to work with many of her former professors. She will be teaching the Principalship and Personnel classes and co-direct Leadership Academy VIII. She and her husband, Randy, enjoy family visits to their three children.

Retirement



Al Wilson

Don't try catching **Al Wilson** at home now that he has retired, because he probably won't be there. Since retirement, March 29, 2003, Wilson has been active in his new hobby, field training labradors. Prior to K-State, Wilson was on the faculty of New Mexico State University. He came to K-State as head of the Department of Educational Administration and Leadership in 1972. After four years, he moved to a regular faculty position. "I came to K-State with the plan to stay for three years and spent most of my career here," says Wilson. During his more than 30 years at K-State, Wilson taught courses in Curriculum Administration and Leadership and Personnel Administration, and advised graduate students preparing for careers in educational administration. Wilson and his wife, Susan, who recently retired from teaching in the Manhattan/Ogden USD 383 school district, enjoy traveling to visit their four children and their grandchildren.

A scholarship has been established in Wilson's name. For contribution information, contact Dr. David Thompson, chair, Educational Administration and Leadership.

2003 Faculty Promotions

Jennifer Bay-Williams to associate professor in elementary education

Gail Shroyer to professor in elementary education

Bluemont Hall Babies

College of Education faculty with 2003 babies.

Left to right: **Jennifer Bay-Williams**, associate professor, elementary education with **MacKenna Jennet Williams**; **Adrienne Leslie-Toogood**, assistant professor, counseling and education psychology with **Manhattan Shirley Leslie-Toogood**; **Socorro Herrera**, associate professor, elementary education with **Jesse Davila**. As we were going to press, **Marilyn Kaff**, assistant professor, special education gave birth to a son, **Samuel Royer Kaff**.



Faculty News

Activities, Awards, Grants and Projects

David Allen, associate professor, secondary education, used an Eisenhower Grant to help teachers at Ogden, KS, Elementary School examine their teaching practices related to education theories, student outcomes, and performance assessment. As a result, problem solving scores increased across all grade levels, most significantly at the fourth grade level with the school achieving the State Standard of Academic Excellence for the first time. Allen was assisted in this study by graduate students Emily Finney, Katie Johnson and Angela Miller; teacher in residence Melisa Hancock; and colleague Jennifer Bay-Williams.

Jennifer Bay-Williams, associate professor, elementary education, was awarded the Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award for the College of Education in May 2003.

David Griffin, Sr., associate professor, secondary education, was appointed to the provost search committee by K-State president Jon Wefald.

Marjorie Hancock, associate professor, elementary education, published the second edition of *A Celebration of Literature and Response: Children, Books, and Teachers in K-8 Classrooms* for London:Prentice Hall/Merrill. The book will have a companion web site that includes material for an online course.

Steve Harbstreet, associate professor, secondary education, has been appointed to serve as a member of the National FFA Organization Board of Directors.

Charles Oaklief, professor, foundations and adult education, published "Improving Training and Development Through Mentoring" in R. Gerber, G. Castleton and H. Pillay (Eds.) *Improving Workplace Learning*, London: Routledge.

Trudy Salsberry, associate professor, educational administration and leadership, has been appointed to the editorial board of *The Journal of Women in Educational Leadership*.

Robert Shoop, professor, educational administration and leadership, recently published his fourteenth book *Sexual Exploitation in Schools: How to Spot It and Stop It*, London:Corwin Press. This book prepares educators to manage one of the most difficult and troubling issues in public and private schools. Shoop spoke on the subject of Educator Sexual Abuse of Students at a conference sponsored by the Nevada Coalition Against Sexual Violence, March 27, 2003.

Kimberly Staples, assistant professor, elementary education, received a Kansas Board of Regents "No Child Left Behind" Improving Teacher Quality Grant for Science Educators, a collaborative effort between Kansas State University and Sheridan Elementary School, Junction City, KS.

John Staver, professor and director of the Center for Science Education, was elected to a three-year term as president of the National Association of Research in Science Teaching.

Darla Stone, instructor, secondary education, received the 2003 College of Education's Faculty Excellence in Service Award for providing outstanding service to the college and its students. She is advisor for the College of Education's Education Council and serves on numerous committees.

David Thompson, professor and chair, educational administration and leadership, received the 2003 College of Education's Research/Creative Activities Award, an award given in recognition of his work related to K-12 public school finance. He co-edited *Saving America's School Infrastructure* with Faith E. Crampton. The forward to the book is written by Senator Edward M. Kennedy.

Linda Thurston, professor and assistant dean, co-authored "Rural, Poverty-Level Mothers: A Comparative Study of Those With and Without Children Who Have Special Needs," an article appearing in the *ASEQ Rural Special Education Quarterly*, 2003.

Emmett Wright, professor, foundations and adult education, has been assigned to the National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA, under the Intergovernmental Personnel Act, to work with the Division of Elementary, Secondary and Informal Education, through September, 2004. Wright has been appointed co-editor of the new *Research in Science Education Series*, published by Inforgare Press.

Sally Yahnke, associate professor, secondary education, was installed as national chair of the Education and Technology Division, the largest division of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, at the 2003 annual meeting in Washington, D.C.

Excellence in Teaching- Engaging the Learner



Excellence in Teaching DVD cover

Jana Fallin, professor and division chair for music education, and 2002-2003 K-State University Chair for Distinguished Teaching Scholars has completed a DVD entitled "Engaging the Learner." This project captures examples of effective teaching strategies across campus. Among the 33 K-State faculty featured are College of Education faculty **Patricia Love Staver**, assistant professor, secondary education; **Marjorie Hancock**, associate professor, elementary education; and **Joe Shively**, assistant professor, music education. The DVD is a tool, especially designed for professors who come to the university with lots of expertise in their subject, but with limited teaching experience. Each segment of the DVD focuses on one of four areas of teaching: teaching techniques, assessment, technology and the learning environment.

ECHO 2002: Paraguay

Several K-State faculty members, including **W. Franklin Spikes**, professor of foundations and adult education, and College of Education alumni **Cindy Garwick, BS '76, MS '82** and **Ken Garwick, BS '76, MS '79**, joined educators from Oregon, Idaho and Pennsylvania in August 2002 to participate in ECHO 2002 (Environmental, Cultural and Historical Outlooks of Paraguay), a five-week Fulbright funded project. Participants used their experience to develop an internet-based curriculum and web guide built around the environmental, historical and/or cultural themes they encountered.



Left to right: Elfrieda Nafzinger, Ken Garwick, Cindy Garwick, Mary Molt, and W. Franklin Spikes

Teacher Education Advisory Council

The Teacher Education Advisory Council (TEAC) is one of many advisory groups that provide program-related directions for the College of Education. We appreciate the commitment of the following educators who serve on the 2003-2004 TEAC:

Co-Chairs

Randy Watson, assistant superintendent, McPherson, KS and 2002 Alumni Fellow
Jan Wissman, associate dean

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College of Education Alumni Fellow 2003

Kathleen Rager PhD 2000

“My core is a passionate love of learning and appreciation for the potential it has for changing lives—including mine,” says Kathleen Rager, assistant professor of education leadership and policy studies at the University of Oklahoma. She was honored as the 2003 College of Education Alumni Fellow.

Originally from Rye, NY, Rager received a BS in English from Mt. St. Vincent in Riverdale, NY, and a MS in Education from SUNY at New Paltz, NY. While working on a doctoral program in adult education at K-State, she served as Director of the Wichita State University Downtown Center and Contract Training Services in Wichita, KS.

At the University of Oklahoma, Rager teaches courses related to the adult learner, self-directed learning, and management and administration of training programs. In addition to teaching on the OU campus, her university assignments have included teaching on European military bases in Italy and Germany. She was recognized by her department with the 2002 Most Promising New Faculty Award and the 2003 Most Valued Colleague Award. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Oklahoma Affiliate and Central Oklahoma American Society for Training and Development.



*Dean Michael Holen with
2003 Alumni Fellow Kathleen Rager
in front of Bluemont Hall*

Congratulations to NBPTS Certified Alumni

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) is dedicated to providing improved schools and student learning through strengthening teaching. Among the 38 Kansas teachers earning the honor of NBPTS certification in the past year are five K-State graduates who participated in the KSU Partnership Project: **Kent Dick, BS '84, BS '86, BS '88; Cynthia Garwick, BS '76, MS '82; Lou Ann Getz, BS '78, MS '81; Leslie Rader, MS '79; Ange Sullivan, BS '97, MS '03.** Two other K-State graduates, **Leann Hillbrant Buethner, BS '90,** from Augusta, KS, and **Mike Orr, BS '97,** from Bonner Springs, KS, also reported National Board Certification during the past year.

Achieving this honor demonstrates that teachers have a strong commitment to the teaching profession and are interested in improving their own skills and knowledge of the subject they teach. The KSU Partnership Project is currently working with other teachers aspiring NBPTS certification in K-State partner schools.

More information regarding the NBPTS certification process is available at www.nbpts.org. Kansas teachers interested in preparing for NBPTS certification should contact Ms. Susan Helbert, at shelbert@ksde.org. Alumni are encouraged to report NBPTS certification on the alumni information form in this publication.

Alumni News

1950's

Phyllis Loseke Barton, BS '57, taught human ecology for 26 years before retiring in 1984 and moving to Lake Havasu City, AZ, where she is involved in quilting and hosts a local television show about quilting techniques.

Karen Milner Graves, BS '57, St. Joseph, MO, was presented the 2003 K-State Alumni Medallion during the spring 2003 College of Education commencement ceremony in Bramlage Coliseum. Given by the K-State Alumni Association, the award recognizes outstanding achievements of K-State alumni. Graves was recognized for meritorious public and community service in Salina, KS, and St. Joseph, MO. She founded two cultural festivals, the Smoky Hill River Festival in Salina and the Trails West! Festival in St. Joseph. These festivals, organized to teach people about the unique cultural heritage in two respective geographic areas, have received recognition from state and national arts and events organizations. Graves is a former classroom teacher and former mayor of Salina.

1960's

Chuck Boles, BA '67, MA '68, Alexandria, VA, is owner of a real estate and auctioneering company.

Patricia Hatch McClurg, BS '68, Laramie, WY, was named Dean of the College of Education at the University of Wyoming.

1970's

Suzanne Eubank, BS '72, MS '74, has returned to teaching in Colorado Springs, CO. She is a Family and Consumer Sciences teacher.

Brenda Duncan Dietrich, BS '75, Auburn, KS, is superintendent of the Auburn-Washburn School District.

Charles Lang, PhD '75, Uehling, NE, published a CD-ROM on the Culture and Science of the Bicycle with K-State physics professor, Dean Zollman.

Donald Edwin Wiest, MS '75, Superior, NE, is president of the Mankato Association of Professional Educators.

Ronnie Whalen, BS '76, MS '85, Manhattan, KS, was named Outstanding Special Educator of the Year by the Kansas Federation Council for Exceptional Children. Ronnie is a sixth grade special education teacher at Fort Riley Middle School.

Shou Shan Chang, PhD '77, Cerritos, CA, retired from the positions of professor and president of National Kaohsiung Normal University of Taiwan in 1997.

Kathryn Winter Kruse, MS '77, Hooper, NE, is back in the classroom after having bilateral cochlear implant surgery. She teaches at a rural Lutheran School.

Susan Martinez Riphahn, BS '78, Montezuma, KS, published "Grandma's Tortillas" a book intended to encourage students to read and understand a different culture.

Brenda Brown McDaniel, MS '78, was chosen as Salina, KS, School District's Master Teacher of the Year for 2002-2003.

Nancy Reed McRoberts, BS '78, MS '81, Olathe, KS, is Family and Consumer Sciences Department Chair for the new Olathe Northwest High School. She is a 1997 Milken Award winner and 2000 K-State Alumni Fellow for the College of Human Ecology.

Lynette Bradrick Balch, BS '79, Woodward, OK, was named 2002 Teacher of the Year, and was one of 12 finalists for the 2003 Oklahoma Teacher of the Year. She is also serving a five-year term on the State Superintendent of Education's Advisory Committee.

Sheryl Santos, PhD '79, Lubbock, TX, was named Dean, College of Education at Texas Tech University July 1, 2003.

1980's

Lisa Zahn Crooks, BS '80, Prairie Village, KS, was a 2002 inductee in the National Teacher Hall of Fame at Emporia State University. She is a 2001 Christa McAuliffe Fellow and a 1994 recipient of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching.

James Scales, PhD '81, Carbondale, IL, is director of Career Services at Southern Illinois University. He has also served as chair for the Jackson County, IL, Mental Health Board and Illinois State Advisory Board to the U. S. Commission for Civil Rights.

Ryan Dean Hobson, BS '84, MS '85, PhD '95, Chatham, IL, was promoted to regional director of the University of Illinois Extension in May 2003. He has two sons, Joshua and Brandon.

Jo Ann C. McDowell, PhD '84, Valdez, AK, was presented the 2003 Governor's Distinguished Cultural Service Award for her work in creating the Last Frontier Theater Conference held in Valdez.

Kathryn Morris Stitt, BS '86, Manhattan, KS, received the 2003 Distinguished Cooperating Teacher Award sponsored by the KSU College of Education Student Affairs Committee, Education Council and Kappa Delta Pi during the 2003 Education Symposium.

Alumni News

Leona Lust Beezley, MS '80, Harrison, AR, teaches nursing at North Arkansas College.

Carla Bouska Lee, PhD '88, Wichita, KS, is a professor at Holy Names College in Oakland, CA, commuting for 3 years from Kansas. She also received the state research award from the Kansas Association of Continuing Nursing Education in 2002. She presented an exhibit at the International Biographical Centre in 2003 in Vancouver, BC, Canada, and was the recipient of the Outstanding Speaker of the 21st Century Award.

Ron Fielder, PhD '89, Cedar Rapids, IA, received the Justus A. Prentice Award from the Association of Educational Service Agencies in Arlington, VA. He is the chief administrator at the Grant Wood Area Education Agency.

1990's

Carolyn Baier Devane, BS '90, Shawnee, KS, is director of counseling at Mill Valley High School in the DeSoto School District. She has two daughters Hannah and Emma, and a son, Collin.

Dwight Jones, MS '90, and **Jenifer Miller Jones, BS '84**, Colorado Springs, CO, announce the birth of a son, Landry David.

Gina Boulanger Dickinson, BS '91, Wichita, KS, earned a master's degree in Curriculum. She teaches in Maize, KS.

Dale Bushyhead, BS '91, Tulsa, OK, teaches Cisco Networking at the Tulsa Technology Center. He recently passed the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation (OCTP) test to obtain secondary certification in intermediate math.

Kelley Hamner Adams, BS '93, Lenexa, KS, teaches kindergarten at Woodsonia Kindergarten Center in the DeSoto, KS, School District. She has a daughter Reagan Abigail.

Erika Spillman Conard, BS '93, Murphy, TX, has three children, Mackinzie, Madison and Max.

Roxanne Biffinger Hug, BS '93, Iola, KS, has two sons, Alex and John William.

Brenda Sharpe, MS '93, was recognized by Ingram's as one of 40 outstanding young leaders in the Kansas City area. She is president and CEO of Sunflower House, a child-advocacy center that serves Johnson and Wyandotte counties. The purpose of Sunflower House is to prevent child abuse. Sharpe successfully launched a fund-raising campaign that brought in \$4.2 million.

Janet Powell, PhD '94, Fayetteville, NC, is coordinator of the Elementary Education Program at Campbell University in Buies Creek, NC.

Jennifer J. Gordon, MS '96, PhD '00, Topeka, KS, is principal of Scott Computer Technology Elementary Magnet School in Topeka, KS.

Janella Romine Newton, BS '96, Waverly, KS, teaches elementary and freshman physical education at Central Heights High School. She has two sons, Shane and Jake.

Madawn Miller Traxel, MS '97, Poplar Bluff, MO, teaches Children's Literature and Classroom Development and Management at Three Rivers Community College. She has two sons, Samuel and Henry.

Joanna Willits O'Malley, BS '97, Roeland Park, KS, teaches second grade at Barstow School in Kansas City, MO. She also teaches college level special education courses in the Kansas City area.

Courtney R. Ukens, BS '97, Rochester, MN, has a son, Carter William born April 24, 2003.

Damon Osipik, BS '99, Overland Park, KS, is a systems integrator with Sprint PCS.

2000's

Richelle Risley Ray, BS '00, Topeka, KS, is an at-risk/seventh and eighth grade study skills teacher at Royal Valley Middle School. She also sponsors the student council.

Anne Snyder, BS '00, Elmdale, KS, is program director at Camp Wood YMCA near Emporia, KS.

Mary Cart Gardner, MS '01, McPherson, KS, is a 2002 Kansas State Department of Education Horizon Award winner. This award is given to novice teachers who demonstrate excellence in their first year of teaching.

*Emily Bell,
who recently
spoke at the
Spring 2003
College of
Education
Commence-
ment*



Emily Bell, BS '03, launched her teaching career as a math educator in a Christian school in the Dominican Republic. She reports that she has had to make necessary cultural adaptations and has learned to ride a motorcycle and eat new food. In October, she reported missing K-State football.

Calendar of Events

College of Education Telefund

February 15–19, 2004

Spring Break

March 22–26, 2004

All University Open House

April 3, 2004

Spring 2004 Commencement

May 21–22, 2004

Nominations for 2005 Alumni Fellow Deadline

September 1, 2004

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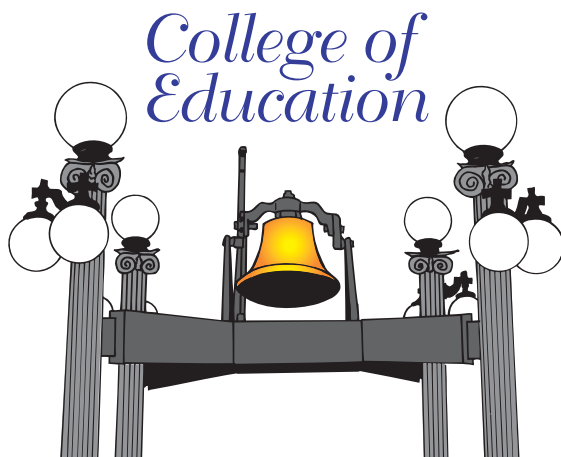
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K-State's Teacher Education Program Recognized

Kansas State University's teacher education program was selected as one of six programs nationwide to participate in a 2003 consortium benchmarking study conducted by the American Productivity Quality Center (APQC) and the Northeast Ohio Council on Higher Education. PDS coordinators Gail Shroyer and Sally Yahnke, clinical instructor Melisa Hancock, and mathematics professor Andy Bennett participated in a knowledge transfer conference in Cleveland, Ohio, September 17–18, 2003 where Kansas State University was recognized for innovative performance in the area of improving teacher education and preparation.

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Steven Robinson Named Director of Development

Steven Robinson was named director of development for the College of Education in September, 2003. Previously, Robinson was executive director for the American Diabetes Association of Iowa. He has 20 years of nonprofit fundraising and administrative experience with several nonprofits throughout the United States. Robinson is a 1983 graduate of K-State, with a bachelor's degree in Recreation.

Robinson's role is to reach out to alumni, friends of the university, staff, faculty, and senior students in fundraising efforts to support the College of Education. "We will continue to strengthen our commitment to excellence in education and enhance the quality of the profession through strong fundraising efforts," Robinson said. "Not only will the alumni be asked to participate in this most important challenge, but we will also include the faculty, staff and graduating seniors."

To learn more about supporting the College of Education or establishing a scholarship, please contact Steven Robinson at stevenr@found.ksu.edu or phone 1-800-432-1578. Your generous gifts are greatly appreciated by the College of Education faculty, staff and the students we serve.



Steven Robinson

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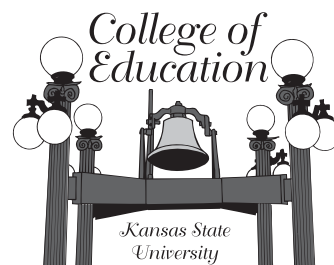
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In February, student callers received 2,332 pledges from College of Education alumni donors during the 2003 Telefund. Coordinated by the KSU Foundation, K-State's Telefund is the world's largest all-volunteer telephone campaign for higher education. "Telefund helps our students gain a better understanding of the value of alumni support," according to Dean Michael Holen.

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