

College of Education | Achievements and Highlights

Prepared for
President Kirk Schulz and Provost April Mason

There is a 61-member cohort with the Go Teacher program on campus this fall, and approximately 100 teachers will join them in January.

Since assuming the leadership position as assistant dean and director of the Center for Student Professional Services, Dean David Griffin has implemented structured staff meetings in the center where his team discusses strategies to implement his vision. As a result, some initial changes include personnel trading offices to promote teamwork and to foster a more effective and cohesive work environment. In addition, the reception area was reorganized and freshened with paint including a six-inch wide K-State purple chair-border to reflect a warm and inviting atmosphere for students and parents.

Approximately 15 leaders from Southwest Kansas school districts began pursuing doctoral degrees this fall through the Department of Educational Leadership. The program, which took into account the vast physical distance between the western and eastern halves of the state, is innovatively delivered through a mix of critical face-to-face meetings based at K-State Salina, current e-delivery technologies, and independent student and field-based clinical experiences.

Dr. David Thompson

- Completed faculty hiring for the K-State Olathe adult education program, including a new term assistant professor who brings a background of strong recruiting success as an assistant dean in an entrepreneurial private university in Kansas.
- Secured agreement from highly qualified adjuncts to begin providing selected master's and doctoral degree research courses at K-State Olathe, making possible the claim that on-ground adult education programs can be most/fully earned at that location.
- Completed negotiations with the graduate school to accept post-master's degree credits from Pittsburg State University (a non-doctoral degree institution) in educational leadership Ed.D. programs.
- Secured support from the graduate school to initiate a proposal to create a collaborative Ed.D. in Educational Leadership between K-State and Fort Hays State University.

Frank Spikes

- Expert Witness, Higher Education Policy, United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois; Bernabei & Wachtel, PLLC, Washington, D.C.

Donna Augustine-Shaw was selected as a Kansas Learning Network leader. She was one of 26 chosen from an applicant pool of 110.

Marilyn Kaff and COE videographer Rusty Earl took six preservice teachers to Tanzania to work with autistic children from July 26 - Aug. 9. They took 50 copies of a book they created in Swahili detailing the Tanzanian story "Centipede and the Frog" explaining why frogs are so ugly.

Melissa Hancock's common core flip books were featured on the Math Forum Internet News at http://katn.org/wp/?page_id=91.

Mary Hammel's photo "June in Yellowstone" was selected for the annual juried Manhattan Area Photographers Exhibit, Manhattan Arts Center, July 20- Aug. 18, 2012.

Grants

Gail Shroyer, PI, Jackie Spears and David Allen just received funding for the second year of the "Supporting

Transitions” grant funded by the KBOR Teacher Education State Grant for \$108,874. Teresa Woods, project director, co-authored the report with Shroyer that lead to funding for the second year.

Jackie Spears

- As PI, submitted a preliminary proposal titled "Full Scale Development: Engaging a Rural Population in Climate Change Education" to NSF "Advancing Informal STEM Learning."
- As a co-principal investigator, Spears contributed to a preliminary proposal titled "Full Scale Development: Transformative Learning about Renewable Energy through 4-H Youth Development" to NSF Advancing Informal STEM Learning. The PI is John Schlup, professor of chemical engineering.

Awards

Sally Yahnke received the Carl Perkins Outstanding Service Award by the Kansas Association of Teachers of Family and Consumer Science. The award was presented to Yahnke at the Kansas Association of Career and Technical Education annual meeting in Wichita on Aug. 1. Individuals selected for this award have made outstanding meritorious contributions of state or national significance to career and technical education.

Publications

Cox, K. S. & Salsberry, T. A. (2012). Motivational factors influencing women's decision to pursue upper-level administrative positions at land grant institutions. *Advancing Women in Leadership Journal*, 32, Article 7. Retrieved August 10, 2012, from http://advancingwomen.com/awl/awl_wordpress/

Shroyer, M.G. & Yahnke, S (2012). Kansas State University School Partnership: Improvement for All. *School-University Partnerships*, 5 (1), 13-16.

Presentations

Charles Rankin served as an organizer and presenter at the 3rd Annual Pathways to Respecting American Indian Civil Rights at The King Center at the Auraria Campus in Denver, Colo. Aug 8-9.

Jackie Spears presented "K-12 Outreach" at the Biofuels, Climate Change and Mitigation: Annual Research Symposium held at the University of Kansas Aug.15-16. This is a conference held in conjunction with the NSF Kansas EPSCoR Project.

Cyndi Danner-Kuhn was invited to be the keynote speaker at the iPad Mini Conference on Aug. 3 for the Advanced Learning Technologies, or ALTECH, project at KU. She also provided two breakout sessions titled "So I have an iPad, NOW WHAT?" and "iPads in the Secondary Classroom."

Royce Ann Collins made four presentations at the 11th National Conference for Accelerated Programs in Higher Education in Denver, Colo., Aug. 2-4. They were:

- "Quality Standards for Accelerated Programs: Research & Model for Good Practice"
- "New Trends Affecting Accelerated Programs"
- "Integrating Technology into Accelerated Courses"
- "Accelerated Programs 101"

Graduate Student Accomplishment

Jacqui Gatson, EDLEA doctoral candidate, won a research stipend to serve as researcher on a foundation grant for California Community Colleges. The award resulted from her representing the COE at the Carnegie Project on the Education Doctorate (CPED) this summer when she attended as a proxy for David Thompson, KSU's PI to CPED. The stipend will be used to collect and analyze data for the grant for the California system. Gaston's own dissertation will employ those same data and will contribute to the foundation's final product.