

# College of Education | Achievements and Highlights

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## Award

CIMA's High School Equivalency Program, or HEP, and its satellite sites in Pueblo West, Colo., and Colorado Springs, Colo., were celebrated as the top performing HEP in the nation by the Office of Migrant Education. The announcement was made at the HEP and College Assistance Migrant Program, or CAMP, annual directors' meeting this summer in Arlington, Va. K-State's program had the highest percentage of graduates (98%), the highest percentage of placements following graduation (100%) and was recognized as one of the top fiscally responsible HEP models in the nation (\$4,600 per student.)

## Highlights

Linda Thurston, professor and associate dean for research:

- Served on a review panel for the National Science Foundation;
- Collaborated with the American Association of University Women, or AAUW, on an NSF proposal related to gender and STEM;
- Served as a reviewer for the American Educational Research Association, or AERA, distinguished research paper award for mentoring special interest groups.

David Thompson, professor and chair of the department of educational leadership, was interviewed by Marketplace.org about the construction of a \$147 million school in Georgia. Click on the attached link to listen to the two-minute radio interview. <http://www.marketplace.org/topics/business/education/simple-math-adds-147-million-school>

Tom Vontz, professor of curriculum and instruction:

- Served as executive associate editor of the Encyclopedia of American Governance, a five-volume, 1.25 million word encyclopedia for Macmillian/Cengage. They completed Phase I, which includes the table of contents, scope statements and author selections.
- Created Freedom Week materials that support the "We the People" film with a \$10,000 grant from the KSU Center for Engagement.

Lori Goodson, instructor of curriculum and instruction:

- Selected to assist in the NBC Education Nation's Parent Tool Kit Project grant. She will review documents in which Common Core State Standards, or CCSS, are being synthesized and put into language for parents;
- Selected by the executive director of the National Council of Teachers of English to join a group of approximately 20 professionals to provide suggested young adult literature titles for First Book, a national nonprofit social enterprise. The organization provides access to new books and educational resources for classrooms and programs serving children in need. Panel members selected books and built teaching approaches to give students in low-income households access to books while also building communication skills needed to reach and exceed CCSS.

Donna Augustine-Shaw, assistant professor of educational leadership:

- Co-facilitated the KELI superintendent mentor meeting on Aug. 28;
- Served on the planning team for KELI principal mentoring & induction pilot program in July and August.

Sandy Risberg, instructor of curriculum and instruction, presented "Resiliency and Working with Military Kids" training for 30 Americorp volunteers embedded in Waynesville, Mo., middle and high schools. The school district serves Fort Leonard Wood. This was an excellent K-State Educate the Educators service opportunity.

Haijun Kang, assistant professor of educational leadership, served as a subject matter expert on *Quality Matters* national course review team.

Jane Fishback, associate professor of educational leadership, represented K-State as part of a cultural exchange to Turkey sponsored by the Institute of Interfaith Dialog.

## Publications

Yell, M.L., Katsiyannis, A., Ennis, R.P., **Losinski, M.** (2013). Avoiding procedural errors in IEP development. *TEACHING Exceptional Children*,46(1), 56-64.

Ryan, J.B., Katsiyannis, A., **Losinski, M.**, Reid, R., & Ellis, C. (2013). Review of state medication policies/guidelines regarding psychotropic medications in public schools. *Journal of Child and Family Studies*,DOI 10.1007/s10826-013-9805-

## Presentations

Curtis, L. (August, 2013). *Supporting military-connected students: Serving those who serve*. Association of Teacher Educators (ATE) Annual Summer Conference. Washington D.C.,

Talab, R. (August, 2013). *Faculty intellectual property in the age of MOOCs*. Summer Institute on Distance Learning and Instructional Technology, Kansas City, KS.

Collins, R.A. (August, 2013). "*How do we compare? Research conducted on quality standards for accelerated programs.*" 12th National Conference for Accelerated Programs in Higher Education, Denver, CO.

## Student accomplishments

- Lt. Col. Bradley C. Hilton was selected as a research fellow at the National Defense University. His major professor is Jane Fishback.
- Pamela Barnes, a recent graduate, was hired as the associate dean of student affairs for the School of Nursing at the University of Kansas Medical Center. Her major professor was Jane Fishback.
- Lt. Col. Paul Berg received the Command General Staff College Bronze Pen Award (1st award) for a book review he wrote for "Military Review" and an article for "Army Aviation" magazine. Also, he was selected as the Instructor of the Year (IOY) for the Department of Command and Leadership and is currently competing for CGSC Instructor of the Year.