

College of Education | Achievements and Highlights

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President Kirk Schulz and Provost April Mason

Highlights:

Dean Mercer established Twitter account, @ksucoedean.

The Office of Education Innovation and Evaluation, or OEIE, received \$195,000 for the evaluation of a three-year, \$2 million grant for the Geary County Schools program "Steam into STEM." The Department of Defense Education Activity - Military-Connected Academic and Support Programs funded the grant.

Adult Education classes began at the K-State-Olathe campus on June 13th with Royce Ann Collins teaching of EDACE 820: Principles of Teaching Adults. Enrollment exceeded expectations with 19 students. Matt Maciel, adult education program coordinator, joined the team in mid-April, and the department is conducting a search for a faculty position devoted almost exclusively to K-State Olathe.

COE faculty members including Tim Frey, Judy Hughey and Ann Knackendoffel submitted proposals to the NSF. Linda Thurston and Noel Schulz submitted a proposal through the College of Engineering.

Drs. Devin, Thompson, and Mercer were notified of a second year continuation of a Division of Continuing Education competitive funding award for the nascent Kansas Educational Leadership Institute, or KELI, bringing the award total to nearly \$70,000.

Dean Debbie Mercer applied for a \$1.2 million grant with the U.S. Department of Education.

Charles Rankin applied for a \$400,000 grant with the U.S. Department of Justice.

In June, 26 first-time Kansas superintendents completed a year of mentoring and induction provided by KELI. Collectively, the superintendents received more than 600 hours of one-on-one mentoring/coaching.

Mary Devin and Donna Augustine-Shaw presented an overview of KELI at the Kansas Association of Secondary School Principals Summer Conference in Salina on June 5. They also introduced KELI to first-year superintendents in the coming year at the Kansas School Administrators Association New Superintendent Workshop in McPherson on June 13.

Sherri Martini and Kimberly Staples attended the Science and Mathematics Teacher Imperative in Washington, D.C., June 6-8.

On June 1, Mary Devin attended the first meeting of the KSDE Standard's Committee working on revising state standards for leadership that will guide the state process for licensing building and district leaders. Dean Mercer is chairing the committee.

The summer STEM Institute, covered by WIBW on its June 26th newscast, was held on campus from June 4-28. It is a partnership between Manhattan-Ogden USD383 and the College of Education with about 194 students, representing a 20% increase compared to last year's enrollment. This is the second of the three-year program.

"Educational Considerations," a journal published at Kansas State University's College of Education, is named Affiliate Journal of the National Education Finance Conference.

Cyndi Danner-Kuhn provided iPad training for military wives at the Fort Riley Commanding General's home.

Haijun Kang is working as a Quality Matters (QM) Certified Course Reviewer in June-July. He is reviewing an online course developed by Ashford University to assure it meets QM's standards. (www.qmprogram.org)

David Thompson delivered the general session address at the National Education Finance Conference in San Antonio, TX.

David Thompson and Mary Devin served as national consultants to Educational Testing Service, or ETS, to establish national license cut scores for school superintendents in Princeton, NJ.

The Center for Intercultural Multilingual Advocacy, or CIMA, is hosting 87 teachers from Ecuador who are spending their summer at K-State as part of their country's Go Teacher program. Ecuadorian president, Rafael Herrera, whose goal is to prepare 3,000 educators to be highly qualified teachers of English to students who are learning English as a second language, heralds the program. Plans are moving forward with K-State serving as the lead university to train all of these teachers and will work with cohorts that follow. KSU would partner with other institutions to assure that all Go Teacher participants receive high quality pedagogical preparation as well as support for their own English language development. Another benefit: Many teachers in this first wave of cohorts plan to pursue their master's degree through K-State Online.

Presentations:

Linda P. Thurston recently made several presentations and conducted a workshop for the National Science Foundation's Joint Annual Meeting (JAM) the week of June 11 in Washington, D.C. Thurston presented to principal investigators, project staff and NSF staff on issues related to evaluation. The meeting, "Broadening Participation Research", is held annually in Washington, D.C. for project leaders and staff of awards within the Division of Human Resource Development. The Division includes ADVANCE, Research in Disabilities Education, Research on Gender in Science and Engineering, HBCU-UP, LSAMP, and Tribal Colleges and Universities Program (TCUP). Thurston worked with the group on evaluation of NSF awards.

Thurston's presentations:

"New NSF PI Orientation: What every PI should know about evaluation."

"Professional Development Sessions (2): Evaluation 101 for NSF Principal Investigators"

Workshop for HBCU-UP and TCUP PIs and staff: "Evaluation basics /Getting the most from your project evaluation."

Tim Frey presented at the International Society for Technology in Education, or ISTE, conference June 24-27 in San Diego, CA. The title of his presentation was "Technology-Enhanced Collaboration: Schools and Teachers Engaged in Technology Professional Development."

Alumni/Student Accomplishments:

Angie Miller, BS '94 and MS '03 Elementary Ed, was one of two Kansas recipients of the prestigious Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Only 97 educators across the country received this honor from President Barack Obama, and Miller received a \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation.

Nancy Kiltz, BS '92 and Ed.D. '99, was presented with the national Excellence in Educational Leadership Award at the Salina USD 305 school board meeting on June 12 by David Thompson and Teresa Miller.

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