

College of Education | Achievements and Highlights

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President Kirk Schulz and Provost April Mason

Awards

The BESITOS program was recognized nationally at *Celebracio de Excelencia* on Oct. 2 in Washington, D.C., for its contributions helping Hispanic students attain college educations. Socorro Herrera, professor, represented BESITOS at the event.

The Mortar Board Senior Honorary recognized Tonnie Martinez, assistant professor, as Outstanding Faculty Member for the College of Education.

Trudy Salsberry, professor, was recognized by the Kansas AdvancED organization for dedication and service to the Kansas State Council spanning 1998-2012.

Highlights

Dean Mercer and Development Director Marty Kramer organized and attended a meet-and-greet event with 21 people at K-Stater's home in Wichita.

Dean Mercer was quoted in the Oct. 3 issue of "The Washington Post" about the Educate the Educator, an initiative focused on military children.

Dean Mercer attended the NACADA conference on Nov. 4-7 in Nashville, TN, where she and Mike Holen, professor, were both acknowledged for their continuing support for NACADA.

Dean Mercer was in Finland Oct. 21-31 examining the education system, teacher prep programs and visiting with members of the National Board of Education.

Dean Mercer attended the Council of Academic Deans from Research Education Institutions, or CADREI, in Santa Barbara, Calif., Oct. 8-10.

About 20 faculty participated in each of Associate Dean Linda Thurston's three external funding workshops titled "Friday Focus on Funding."

Videographer Rusty Earl was invited to submit the documentary about Marilyn Kaff's work in Tanzania, "Humanity Looks Good on Everyone," to Kansas Public Television in Bunker Hill, Kan. (The premier on campus is Nov. 29 at 1 p.m. in the Little Theater.)

The College hosted its annual Education Symposium on Oct. 11 at the Union. Approximately 500 students attended the event organized by students under graduate student Teara Flagg's leadership.

Charles Rankin, professor, attended the first Education Commissioner's Task Force on Closing the Achievement Gap in Topeka on Oct. 24.

The College initiated a 150th project where graduate students are capturing teacher stories for a website dedicated to the College's history.

A recruitment video created for the Center for Student and Professional Services debuted in Wichita. COE Ambassadors shared pieces of advice with prospective students on a range of topics.

David Thompson, professor and chair, served as continuing Principal Investigator to the Carnegie Project on the Education Doctorate (CPED) and led a contingent to CPED's semi-annual convening at the College of William and Mary on Oct.2-5.

Robert Hachiya, assistant professor, entered into discussions with selected school districts about program evaluation of administrative use of iPADs in walkthrough teacher observations.

Mary Devin, associate professor and Kansas Educational Leadership Institute (KELI) executive director, hosted KELI's quarterly meeting of mentors who are supporting 22 first-year school district superintendents. The focus was on honing coaching skills.

Jeff Zacharakis, associate professor, served as an outside advisor to Pennsylvania State University on the National Science Foundation "Marcellus Matters" project, a community education and development project designed to increase citizen awareness in areas impacted by Marcellus Gas Shale production.

Dr. Frank Spikes, professor:

- Represented K-State at the quarterly meeting of the Kansas Supreme Court Commission on Continuing Legal Education
- Consulted with Texas State University to assist organizational development initiatives as TSU transitions from a regional teaching-focused university to a research-related mission

Royce Ann Collins, associate professor:

- Held an informational meeting with Judy Favor, assistant professor, on Oct. 15 at K-State Olathe for those interested in Adult Education graduate (master's and doctoral) programs
- Attended the alumni event at K-State Olathe Oct. 12 with Judy Favor and Matt Maciel, K-State Olathe adult education recruiter. The event resulted in meeting with several alumni about advertising and growing the program.
- Hosted (with Favor and Maciel) an open house at K-State Olathe for alumni from the Adult Education degree program. The event was used to discuss networking opportunities for alumni and marketing opportunities for the degree program.

Publications

Burden, Paul R. (2013). *Classroom management: Creating a successful K-12 learning community* (5th ed.). New York: John Wiley & Sons.

Wright Carroll, D. (2013). A Model of Cultural Competence in Open Source Systems. Chapter 1. In Shalin Hai-Jew (Ed). *Open-Source Technologies for Maximizing the Creation, Deployment, and Use of Digital Resources and Information*. Hershey, PA: IGI-Global. [released in October, 2012.]

Holmes, S., & Carroll, D. (2012). Enhancing the social and cultural capital of HBCUs. Implications for graduate students in the 21st Century. In R. T. Palmer, A.A. Hilton, & P.T. Fontaine (Eds.), *Inside Black graduate education in HBCUs. Trends, experiences, and outcomes*. New York/London: Information Age Press.

Favor, J. (2012). "Students' Perceptions of Long-Functioning Cooperative Teams in Accelerated Adult Degree Programs." *Journal of Continuing Higher Education* 60 (3).

Presentations

Kay Ann Taylor, associate professor, presented at the statewide Michael Tilford Conference on Multiculturalism & Diversity held on the K-State campus on Oct. 30. The title of her workshop was "Lifting as We Climb*: The Role of White Colleagues in Creating the Culturally Competent Campus." **Motto of the National Association of Colored Women's Club, Inc. (NACWC)

David Griffin, assistant dean, presented at the Midwest Symposium for Leadership in Behavior Disorders on Oct. 4 in Overland Park. The title of his presentation was "Our Students...A Fun Way of Taking an Important 'Second Look'...That Look Will Surprise You."

Cyndi Danner-Kuhn, instructor, presented at an all-day inservice for Dodge City School administrators on Oct. 2 about going 1:1 with iPads. The title of her presentation was "How We Embed the iPad into the Curriculum."

Karrie Swan, assistant professor, and Jessica Lane, instructor, presented at the North Central Association for Counselor Education and Supervision conference on Oct. 19 in Kansas City. The titles of their joint presentations were: "Transforming Supervision through Mindfulness-Based Relationships" and "Social Class and Classism: Expanding Multicultural Awareness."

Associate Dean Linda Thurston presented two papers at the American Evaluation Association (AEA) annual conference Oct. 24-27 in Minneapolis, MN. Her first presentation was "Disabilities Issues in Evaluation: Not a Simple Matter." Her second presentation was "The Evolution of a Framework for Evaluating Post-secondary STEM Alliances." In addition, she led a brown-bag discussion on "Designing Evaluations for Vulnerable and Hard-to-Reach Populations." She was selected as incoming Topical Interest Group (TIG) chair of the Disabilities and Other Vulnerable Populations TIG. AEA has over 8,000 members world-wide and about 3,000 attended the conference.

The following faculty presented at the NACADA conference in Nashville:

- Ken Hughey, professor and chair, and Judy Hughey, associate professor, "Enhancing Career Adaptability and Decision Making to Prepare Students for the Future"
- Doris Carroll, associate professor, "The Multicultural Advising Portfolio: An Assessment Tool for Faculty and Advisors"
- Dan Wilcox, assistant professor, "Empowering Student Career Stories in Times of Change and Challenge."

Student highlights

Jacqueline M. Gatson, Ed.D. doctoral candidate in Educational Leadership (major professor Dr. David Thompson), Gatson was offered a position as a National Science Foundation/Advanced Technological Education (ATE) Targeted Research Assistant as a result of her involvement with CPED. She was also involved in a site visit to the St. Louis Community College, *Bridge to Biotech Program*, and in the ATE National Principal Investigators Conference in Washington, D.C.

Teara Flagg, Ed.D. doctoral candidate in Educational Leadership (major professor Dr. Trudy Salsberry), represented K-State at CPED convenings. As a result of her involvement, she has taken on formal leadership roles resulting in creation of a CPED Twitter account, a LinkedIn page, and an expanded Facebook account for graduate students across all CPED member universities. Flagg was also instrumental in the creation of a series of videos featuring students describing why they chose an Ed.D. and how they plan to use it in their career fields.