

College of Education | Achievements and Highlights

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President Kirk Schulz and Provost April Mason

Highlights

The College of Education was one of five sponsors of the inaugural Day of Ecuador held on campus Aug. 6. The program provided a forum for researchers, educators and students to exchange and discuss ideas, approaches and research findings about the role of education in generating human development in a global era. Ten Ecuadorian master's students in the college presented research-based action plans highlighted with remarkable goals for impacting education in their country.

Dean Debbie Mercer filmed a brief [video](#) about the college's recent successes for its annual Welcome Back coffee on Aug. 26.

Linda P. Thurston, associate dean for research and external funding, and David C. Thompson, professor and department chair, were named Skeen professors. Thurston holds the Lydia E. Skeen professorship, and Thompson holds the Elvon G. Skeen professorship.

The college launched an e-Newsletter, "[Before the Bell: Supporting New Educators](#)" designed for alumni who are first-year teachers. Content offers practical tips for new educators to ensure their success. Lori Goodson, assistant professor of curriculum and instruction, serves as editor.

The staff in the Catalyst center completed a host of technological upgrades throughout Bluemont Hall.

Marketing efforts for the documentary "A Walk in My Shoes: First Generation Students" began this month. It included Tweets to generate interest and create awareness.

Dean Mercer and Marty Kramer, development director, met with multiple donors before she was the featured speaker at a K-State Alumni Association club event in Ottawa.

The college is offering a new graduate course "Teaching Military-Connected Students" by Lori Goodson, assistant professor, and Sandy Risberg, instructor.

The college's food pantry celebrated a milestone when the 1,500th item was distributed. The pantry is open to College of Education students.

Publications

Kim, J.H. & So, K. H. (2014). Arts-based narrative inquiry for research on education. *The Journal of Curriculum Studies*, 32(2), 21-40.

Rumsey, C. (2014). Communication and argumentation: A rich connection between language arts and mathematics. *Kansas Journal of Reading*, 30, 19-24.

Shroyer, G., Riggs, I., & Enochs, L. (2014). Measurement of science teachers' efficacy beliefs: The role of science teaching efficacy belief instrument. In C. Czerniak, R. Evans, J. Luft, & C. Pea (Eds.), *The role of science teachers' beliefs in international classrooms: From teacher actions to student learning* (pp. 103-118). The Netherlands: Sense Publisher.

Teagarden, J., Kaff, M., & Zabel, R. (2014). The Janus Project: A conversation with Mary Margaret Wood. *CCBD Newsletter*, 28(4). Retrieved from <http://www.ccbd.net/publications/newsletter/new-item5/new-item3>

Presentations

Wilcox, D. (2014, August). *Understanding personality type and leadership effectiveness using the Myers-Briggs type indicator*. Workshop conducted at the 2014 James R. Coffman Leadership Institute, Junction City, KS.

Graduate student accomplishments

Paul E. Berg, graduate student, was presented with the Fort Leavenworth Silver Pen award for an article he wrote:

Berg, P. E. (2014, Sep-Oct.). The importance of teaching followership in professional military education. *Military Review*, 65-71.

Berg and fellow graduate student Forrest Woolley were selected as assistant professors at the Command and General Staff College.

Jill Gonzalez-Bravo, doctoral candidate and director of clinical and field based experiences at MidAmerica Nazarene University in Olathe, received a \$5,000 grant from Phi Delta Kappa International to purchase iPads, software and training for nine mentor teachers and cover their travel costs to Washington, D.C, to present at a PDK conference.