

College of Education | Achievements and Highlights

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National awards

A College of Education faculty member and two programs received national awards from the Association for Continuing Higher Education, or ACHE, during its annual conference Oct. 27-29 in Las Vegas, NV:

- Jeff Zacharkis, associate professor of educational leadership, received the association's 2014 leadership award;
- The department of special education, counseling and student affairs received the credit program award for its 15-credit-hour academic advising graduate certificate and 30-credit-hour master's degree; and
- The Center for Intercultural and Multicultural Advocacy's Go Teacher program received the outstanding services to underserved populations award.

Highlights

NACADA: The Global Community for Academic Advising held its 38th annual conference entitled "Adventures in Advising: Explore, Discover, Collaborate, Transform" Oct. 8-11 in Minneapolis, MN, attended by 3,120 participants from 13 countries. Twenty-two K-State faculty and staff members attended, presented and/or exhibited at the conference, including Debbie Mercer, Michael Holen, Ken Hughey, Doris Wright Carroll, Dan Wilcox, Ann Knackendoffel and Rosemary Boggs.

The college's annual Education Symposium was held Oct. 9 in the K-State Student Union. Topics included ESL, military-connected students, school safety and more. Approximately 500 education students attended.

Planning and promotional efforts intensified for the premiere of "A Walk in My Shoes: First-Generation College Students." A news release was distributed and it ran on the front page of "The Manhattan Mercury." The release was picked up by the Associated Press, and more than 20 media outlets ran it representing more than 8.6 million households from Seattle, Washington, to Miami, Florida. Two TV stations in Topeka, KTKA and KSNT, also aired the release. Internal groups involved with promotion and planning include the college's Center for Student and Professional Services and the communications professionals in the Catalyst center, the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies, and the division of communications and marketing.

Mary Devin, associate professor:

- Co-hosted a session in Wichita of 45 principals from across the state at the first KSDE/KELI partnership Principal Learning session this year.
- Accompanied incoming KELI director Dan Yunk to Topeka to introduce the incoming KELI Executive Director to the KSDE partner representative.

Trina Harlow, art education instructor, organized a service learning project for the Education Council, "The Purple Power Trunker Theater." It was held Oct. 31 at Bergman Elementary School for the BLAST after school program. More than 100 College of Education students volunteered.

Cyndi Danner Kuhn, instructor of curriculum and instruction, launched a professional development initiative titled "Learn an App in 15 Minutes" for COE faculty.

Publications

Andersen, L., & Cross, T. L. (2014). Are students who have high ability in math more motivated in math and science? *Roeper Review*, 36, 221-234. doi:10.1080/02783193.2014.945221

Fees, B. S., Kaff, M., Holmberg, T., Teagarden, J., & Delreal, D. (2014). Children's responses to a social story song in three inclusive preschool classrooms: A pilot study. *Music Therapy Perspectives*, 32(1), 71-77.

- Teagarden, J., Zabel, R., & Kaff, M.** (2014). The Janus Project: A conversation with Richard Whelan. *Behavior Today*, 29(1).
- Yahnke, S., Shroyer, M.G., & Morales, A. (2014). Assessing teacher quality and teacher effectiveness through professional development school partnerships. In J. Ferrara, J.L. Nath, & I.R. Guadarrama (Vol. Ed.), *Professional Development School Research: Vol.5. Creating Visions of University-School Partnerships* (5th ed., pp. 73-86). Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing, Inc.
- Zabel, R., **Kaff, M., & Teagarden, J.** (2014). A good time: A conversation with C. Michael Nelson. *Intervention in School and Clinic*, published online 11 October 2014, DOI: 10.1177/1053451214546403

Presentations

- Andersen, L. (2014, October). *Top ten issues for STEAM talent development*. Keynote for the Kansas Association for Gifted, Talented, and Creative State Conference, Overland Park, KS.
- Andersen, L. (2014, October). *Nanosilver: Miracle or menace? A science curriculum unit for high ability middle school students*. Paper presented at the Kansas Association for Gifted, Talented, and Creative State Conference, Overland Park, KS.
- Andersen, L. (2014, October). *Are students with high ability in math more motivated than other students in math and science?* Paper presented at the Kansas Association for Gifted, Talented, and Creative State Conference, Overland Park, KS.
- Augustine-Shaw, D. (2014, October). *Mentoring and induction for new leaders: It matters!* Paper presented at the Kansas State Department of Education Fall Conference, Wichita, KS.
- Collins, R.A. (2014, October). *JCHE: Writing best practices and research for publication*. Paper presented at the 76th Annual Conference for Association for Continuing Higher Education, Las Vegas, NV.
- Curtis, L. (2014, Oct.). *The art and science of teaching: Brain-based instructional practices*. Paper presented at the annual conference of Kansas Reading Association, Emporia, KS.
- Curtis, L. (2014, Oct.). *KLFA: Advocacy for Kansas education*. Paper presented at the annual conference of Kansas Reading Association, Emporia, KS.
- Favor, J., & Harris, L.** (October, 2014). *Team dynamics and personality: Pathways to improved performance*. Paper presented at the Association for Talent Development- Kansas City Annual Conference, Overland Park, KS.
- Lane, J.J. (2014, October). *Understanding an overlooked demographic: Preparing counselor educators to work with military connected clients*. Paper presented at North Central Association for Counselor Education and Supervision, St. Louis, MO.
- Rumsey, C. (2014, October). *Communication and argumentation: Rich connections between mathematics and language arts*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Kansas Association of Teachers of Mathematics, Hays, KS.
- Schreiner, S., & **Rumsey, C.** (2014, October). *Strategies and questions to encourage fluency*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Kansas Association of Teachers of Mathematics, Hays, KS.
- Spears, J. (2014, October). *Unpacking the next generation science standards*. Paper presented at the Midwest Regional Noyce Conference, Omaha, NE.
- Taylor, K.A. (2014). *A new perspective: Proposing critical Muslim theory*. Paper presented at the American Educational Studies Association Annual Conference, Toronto, Canada. Held in concert with the International Association for Intercultural Education.
- Teagarden, J.M., & Kaff, M. (2014, October). *The Janus project: Looking back to move the field forward*. Teacher Educators for Children with Behavioral Disorders, Tempe, AZ.
- Teagarden, J.M., Kaff, M., Ballach, F., White, N., & Maupin, N.** (2014, October). *Hocus Focus and the impact on executive function*. Teacher Educators for Children with Behavioral Disorders, Tempe, AZ.
- Thurston, L.P., Middendorf, J., Goodyear, L, & Moriarty, M.** (2014, October). *Evaluating equity-focused post-secondary education partnerships*. Panel presented at the meeting of the European Evaluation Society, Dublin, Ireland.
- Wilcox, D., Hughey, K., & Carlstrom, A.** (October, 2014). *Exploring career readiness to transform your career advising*. A preconference workshop presented at the 2014 NACADA Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN.
- Foy, J. (2014, October). *Understanding sexual prejudice among Midwestern teachers*. Paper presented at the 4th Annual LLGBT Leadership Conference at Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS.