

College of Education | Achievements and Highlights

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National Award

The College of Education was notified it will be presented in July with the Military Child Education Coalition's Pete Taylor Partnership of Excellence Award for higher education. Only one higher education teacher preparation program and one K-12 program is selected for the award each year. The higher education award highlights an outstanding teacher preparation program that includes critical information and experience focusing on military-connected children. The application was written by Linda P. Thurston, associate dean for research and external funding, Jane Fishback, associate professor, and Sandy Risberg, instructor.

Highlights

Dean Debbie Mercer was named chair of the Kansas State Department of Education, or KSDE, Professional Standards Board, the highest-level committee for higher education.

Linda P. Thurston reviewed a proposal for the National Science Foundation and collaborated with Steve Dandaneau, vice provost for undergraduate studies, on a large grant proposal to the U.S. Department of Education.

Jeff Zacharakis, associate professor, assumed a three-year term of co-editorship of the "Adult Education Quarterly," a journal of the American Association of Adult and Continuing Education, which is published by Sage.

The Department of Special Education, Counseling and Student Affairs, or SECSA, hosted "A Camp to Enhance School Counseling in Kansas: An Adventure in the Little Apple" on June 5-6 at the Hilton Garden Inn. Ken Hughey, professor and SECSA department chair, and Judy Hughey, associate professor, co-chaired the conference. The conference had 220 participants and was co-hosted by KSDE, and the Kansas School Counselor Association. The event was funded by "A Safe and Supportive Schools" grant from KSDE.

The college's latest documentary in its "A Walk in My Shoes" video series will feature compelling stories of first-generation students and alumni. The film is in the editing stage and will be released in the fall. Tentative plans include video premieres on main campus, K-State Salina, and at the schools in the video participants' hometowns of Dodge City, Garden City, Kansas City, Shawnee, Effingham, and Lyndon. Steve Dandaneau is providing university-level exposure for this project.

Publications

- Fees, B., **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 Perspective*. doi:10.1093/mtp/miu007
- Katsiyannis, A., **Losinski, M.**, **Lane, J.**, & Ennis, R. P. (2014). Private-placement and reimbursement: Jefferson County School District R-1 v. Elizabeth E. by Roxanne B. and David E. *Beyond Behavior*, 23(2), 1-3.
- Kim, J. H. & So, K. S. (2014). Arts-based narrative inquiry for research on education: Possibility and significance. *The Journal of Curriculum Studies*, 32 (2). pp. 21-40.
- Losinski, M.**, Maag, J. W., Katsiyannis, A., & Ennis, R. P. (2014). Examining the quality and effects of interventions based on the assessment of contextual variables: A meta-analysis. *Exceptional Children*, 80, 407-422.
- Zabel, R., **Kaff, M.**, & **Teagarden, J.** (2014). The Janus Project: A conversation with Nicholas J. Long. *CCBD Newsletter*, 28(3).

Presentations

- Fishback, S. J.**, Shea, K. P., & Clark, M. L. (2014, June). *Impact of combat on veteran students in adult learning environment: Two perspectives*. Paper presented at the National Adult Education Research Conference, Harrisburg, PA.

- Hughey, J.**, Downing, H., & Hernandez, J. (2014, June). *Counseling strategies to enhance academic, social, and career capacity of military-connected students*. Session presented at A Camp to Enhance School Counseling in Kansas, Manhattan, KS. (Haley Downing and Jeff Hernandez are master's students in school counseling.)
- Kang, H. J. (2014, June). *When culture meets technology: Understanding online learning behaviors across culture*. Paper presented at the 7th Asian Diaspora Pre-Conference for the Adult Education Research Conference, Harrisburg, PA.
- Kircher, B., Collins, M., Wright, K., & **Hughey, J.** (2014, June). *Recognition for your school counseling program*. Session presented at A Camp to Enhance School Counseling in Kansas, Manhattan, KS.
- Lane, J. (2014, June). *Using technology to enhance your counseling*. Session presented at A Camp to Enhance School Counseling in Kansas, Manhattan, KS.
- Lavis, C. C., & Fishback, S. J. (2014, June). *Critical thinking assessment scoring workshop for faculty development*, Co-Facilitator. Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS.
- Swan, K. (2014, June). *The power of expressive arts in group counseling*. Session presented at A Camp to Enhance School Counseling in Kansas, Manhattan, KS.
- Wilcox, D. (2014, June). *Positive psychology and counseling*. Session presented at A Camp to Enhance School Counseling in Kansas, Manhattan, KS.