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## Education faculty honored

Four education faculty members at Emporia State University were honored for their achievements in instruction, service, and scholarly activity at a special ceremony Jan. 8.

**Excellence in instruction - Monte Selby, associate professor in school leadership**, received the award for his ability to engage students, draw on his and his students' knowledge to solve problems, and continually evaluating his instruction methods. His philosophy is focused on using models and content that works, and if a method has not shown to impact student learning, then it has no purpose.

**Excellence in scholarly activity - Marc Childress, associate professor and chair of instructional design and technology**, was honored for his level of productivity and progressive nature of his work. A brief overview of his recent accomplishments include: co-authoring three articles for national, refereed journals; one book; and chapters in three books. He encourages the scholarly writing of faculty and colleagues by joining them for co-authorship of journals, articles, books and book chapters and frequently invites others to co-present with him at national, regional and state conferences.

**Excellence in service - Diane Miller, professor in psychology and special education**, was recognized for her roles as a committed representative and a consistent advocate for her academic field, her department and her university at the local, state and national levels. Her service includes consulting activities with local schools, and university involvement as a member and officer of numerous committees, including the ESU Foundation Board of Trustees and the University Strategic Planning Committee. At the national level, she has served on numerous boards, committees and review teams, including work as a trained monitor for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. In addition to her other responsibilities, she is currently serving as President of the ESU Faculty Senate.

**Darrell E. Wood Service Award - Judy Wild, former education licensing administrator in the Office of Professional Education Services.** For 14 years, Wild has served as the "certification officer" in The Teachers College and has defined the responsibilities and scope of this position. As such she has kept pace with the frequent changes of state regulations relating to certification and licensure and explained them to students. She was cited for giving advice and assistance because she wanted to help students – not just because it was a part of her job description. Wild retired on December 15, 2006.

Each year The Teachers College presents the Darrell E. Wood Service Award to an individual who has supported the mission of the college in a unique or outstanding manner.

Recipients were nominated by their respective academic departments and selected by a university-wide committee. The awards were presented by Dr. Larry Clark, interim executive director of the Jones Institute for Educational Excellence, and Karen Tinker, chair of The Teachers College Dean's Advisory Council.

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