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ESU teacher preparation program featured in national study

Emporia State University, nationally known for its teacher preparation program, was named one of four 'model' teacher preparation programs in the nation in a report "Educating School Teachers" written by Arthur Levine, president emeritus of Columbia University Teachers College.

Levine believes Emporia State University is the epitome of teacher education and plays a vital role in preparing teachers for the state of Kansas and the nation. "ESU is the Camelot for teacher education," Levine said during a visit to the campus. "Educators in Kansas and the nation use positive adjectives to describe teachers coming out of ESU. The teacher education program is very impressive."

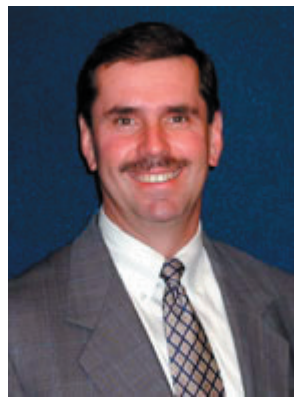
ESU was selected as a model, along with Stanford University, the University of Virginia and Alverno College in Milwaukee, Wisc.

"ESU is the only institution in Kansas with the primary responsibility of preparing quality teachers for one of the world's greatest professions. We strive hard to have excellence in our program. This report verifies those efforts," said Dr. Tes Mehring, Dean of The Teachers College. "We take our role seriously and only place the ESU stamp of approval on candidates that we know will be exemplary teachers, not just good teachers."

Graduates of the Teachers College are highly recruited by school districts

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Board of Regents Selects New Emporia State University President



Dr. Michael Lane

In September, the Kansas Board of Regents announced Dr. Michael R. Lane will be Emporia State University's 15th president. Lane began his presidency on November 1.

Lane was selected from a group of

65 applicants and was one of five candidates who were on campus for two-day interviews in early September. Cited for his experience, character, and the enthusiasm, the board of regents said it was confident Lane's leadership abilities will serve ESU, the Emporia community, and the state of Kansas well for many years to come.

Lane recently served as the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost at the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith. He previously served in the same role for Mansfield University in Pennsylvania, and was also the Dean of the School of Business at Berry College in Georgia.

Space Shuttle Astronaut Speaks at ESU

Dr. George "Pinky" Nelson, a space shuttle astronaut and nationally known advocate for science education reform, spoke at Emporia State University in October. Nelson, the Fall 2006 Jones Distinguished Lecturer, addressed a variety of audiences while in Emporia.

"Dr. Nelson spoke to higher education professionals at the Jones Distinguished lecture and luncheon, but we thought this was also a wonderful opportunity to have him share his experiences with as many people as possible. How many of us have had a chance to meet an astronaut?" said Lucie Eusey, coordinator of the event.

In addition to the luncheon, Nelson gave a speech open to the public about his experiences in space. The following day, Nelson addressed attendees of the Arkansas-Oklahoma-Kansas Section Meeting of the American Association of Physics Teachers being held at ESU.

"Nelson brings the general public appeal of a former astronaut, the credibility of someone with

an advanced degree in a technical discipline, and the humanistic qualities of someone who genuinely cares about science teaching and learning," said DeWayne Backhus, Chair of ESU's physical sciences departments.

Nelson flew on three shuttle missions in 1984, 1986, and 1988, and has logged 411 hours of space flight time. He was the first American to walk in space without a tether to a spacecraft. Notably, he was on the space shuttle crews immediately before and after the 1986 space shuttle Challenger disaster.

Nelson currently is Director of Science, Math and Technology Education at Western Washington University and teaches a wide array of courses, from elementary science methods to graduate-level stellar astrophysics

The Jones Distinguished Lecture is sponsored by The Teachers College and Jones Institute for Educational Excellence. For more information about Nelson's visit, contact Lucie Eusey at 620-341-5372 or 1-877-378-5433, leusey@emporia.edu.



Dr. George "Pinky" Nelson

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ESU announces Shepherd Scholars

Four Emporia State University juniors from The Teachers College were among 13 university-wide honored earlier this year with the Shepherd Scholarship.

The Shepherd Scholars program, established in 1994 by R. Hershel and Augusta Shepherd of Emporia, rewards up to 15 juniors each year with a \$1,200 scholarship for the students' senior years.

Students from The Teachers College named as 2006 Shepherd Scholars included: Brandy A. Jones, Perry, health and physical education; Gena D. Langley, Emporia, elementary education; Tiffany L. Shogren, Satanta, mathematics education, journalism education; Christine L. Yates, El Dorado, psychology, sociology (minor), biology (minor).

To be considered for a Shepherd Scholarship, the student must be an ESU junior who has completed at least 60 credit hours of coursework and has maintained a minimum 3.5 grade point average. Honorees receive a plaque commemorating their selection, a \$1,200 scholarship, and are designated ESU Shepherd Scholars during their senior year.

Emporia State honors outstanding recent graduate

A 2003 graduate of The Teachers College was one of three alumni named as Outstanding Recent Graduates earlier this year.

Bob Fitzpatrick, an elementary school physical education teacher, graduated from ESU in 2003 with a master's degree in physical education. He was named the Massachusetts Physical Education Teacher of the Year in 2006, coaches skiing at the Junior Olympic level, and earned the U.S. Ski Association Achievement Award.

The Outstanding Recent Graduate award recognizes an outstanding recent graduate from each of the undergraduate colleges and schools at Emporia State University. Selection for this award is based on criteria determined by each school/college and the stipulation that the recipient be no more than 10 years past graduation at Emporia State University.

Graduate students receive Academic Achievement Awards

Three students of The Teachers College were among 10 at Emporia State University selected to receive Academic Achievement Awards for the 2006-07 academic year. Recipients of the AAA award are required to pursue a worthwhile research project or perform a useful academic service under the direction of their major department. In addition to receiving a graduate assistantship in their major department, they will receive an additional stipend of approximately \$1560.

The Teachers College students receiving the awards were Julie Hammes, Psychology and Special Education; Cassandra King, Psychology and Special Education; and Sandy Valenti, Instructional Design and Technology.

Research poster winners announced

The Emporia State University Research and Grants Center announced the poster awards from the 2006 Research and Creativity Research Forum held in April.

Faculty award: Connie Phelps, assistant professor, Psychology and Special Education, for her poster "The Online Learning Curve." She will receive \$500 for professional travel.

Student awards: Angela Sauerwein, graduate student, Psychology and Special Education, for her poster "Problem Solving with Inventions." She will receive \$500 for professional travel.

Collaborative awards included: Bart Kuhlmann, graduate student, and Connie Phelps, assistant professor, Psychology and Special Education,

for their poster "Simulation City." Each collaborative participant will receive \$300 in professional travel.

ESU students receive scholarship

Megan Birzer, a junior from Ellinwood, Kan., and Christine Koerner, a junior from Ness City, Kan., were recently awarded the Baker-Karst Scholarship at Emporia State University for their academic excellence in the (under)graduate program for rehabilitation.

Both Birzer and Koerner are rehabilitation majors.

The Baker-Karst Scholarship Fund provides assistance to ESU students in the undergraduate rehabilitation services education program or the graduate rehabilitation counseling program who meet exemplary standards — a 3.0 GPA and 60 hours as an undergraduate, or a 3.5 GPA and 15 hours as a graduate student.

Teachers College Students Selected as 2006-07 Ambassadors

Thirteen students of The Teachers College have committed to serve the university as ambassadors in the 2006-07 academic year, donating many volunteer hours to act as official hosts Emporia State University. A total of 38 students will serve as ambassadors during the 2006-07 year.

The education majors serving as ambassadors include: Ashley Brooks, Emporia; Stephanie Clark, Paola; Nate Creed, Olathe; Monika Davis, Belleville; Christina Dickerson, Highland; Drew Donahoo, Overland Park; Ashley Evenson, El Dorado; David Muhammad, Overland Park; Sarah Oehlert, Paola; Corinne Samskey, Bonner Springs; Amy Schneider, Olathe; Megan Skeen, Blue Springs, Mo.; Jenny Storey, Shawnee.

ESU student prepares for teaching future during NEA student program conference

Todd Roberts, an Emporia State University senior studying elementary education from Ottawa, Kan., is looking forward to his teaching career and is gaining valuable education insight by attending the National Education Association Student Program (NEASP) Conference in Denver, Colo.

The "Fall Connections Conference," which was held November 10-12, complements college students' academic training by offering access to professional development seminars that address today's most critical and relevant classroom issues.

"Being involved with the NEA Student Program gives me an opportunity to be a leader and an advocate for great public schools," said Roberts, who is currently serving an appointed term on the NEA Student Program Advisory Committee of Student Members. "I enjoy the time I spend working to improve public schools."

Roberts is expected to complete his bachelor's degree in May 2008. He looks forward to becoming a teacher and possibly pursuing a master's degree once he has gained several years of teaching experience.

This year, Roberts is also serving as the president of the Kansas NEA Student Program. He also served as the Highland Community College Student Government Association president in 2004-05.

During the conference, about 300 attendees had the opportunity to meet with NEA President Reg Weaver, who delivered the opening address and discussed the importance of nurturing students who will be future leaders in education.

Leading authorities in the field of education and teacher preparation served as conference presenters facilitating discussions and activities designed to help students develop the skills they need for long-term success. Sessions included topics such as school safety and bullying, sexual health, developing cultural identity, campaigning 101, understanding diversity and connecting to the community.

Alumni Notes

1950s

L. Duane Anstine, BSE '56, Hutchinson, KS, is currently serving as state president of the Kansas Association of Retired School Personnel.

Marlow Ediger, BSE '58, MSE '60, North Newton, KS, has co-authored a university teacher education textbook "Successful School Education" published by Discovery Publishing House. His manuscript "Assisting Pupil Learning" was published in Education Magazine. A second manuscript, "Preparing English Teachers" was published in Edutracks. His biography will appear in the Dictionary of International Biography (2006).

1960s

Rodger H. Gaskill, BSE '63, MSE '67, McKinney, TX, retired from Richardson ISD after teaching 34 years. He is a member of the Richardson Retired Teachers Association and continues to substitute teach in the Richardson and McKinney school districts.

Dr. Chet H. Fischer, MS '64, Radford, VA, recently retired from Radford University. During his tenure at Radford University, he was a professor of psychology and served as director of the clinical psychology master's program.

Karen (Brown) Gaskill, BSE '64, McKinney, TX, retired from Richardson ISD after teaching 32 years. She is a member of Texas ADK and Richardson Retired Teachers Association.

Karen B. (McDaniel) Highbarger, BSE '66, Kalispell, MT, retired July 1, 2006. She taught two years in Kansas City, KS and 38 years in Kalispell, MT.

Esther M. (Miller) Kinsey, BSE '67, Cary, NC, retired on January 1, 2006 from the state of North Carolina where she worked as an analyst programmer.

1970s

Ed Bradley, MS '73, Lincoln Park, NJ, was named the Morris County School Counselor of the Year for 2005-06. He has been employed by the Hanover Park Regional High School for the past 27 years.

John D. Petrella, BSE '73, Grand Island, FL, retired from East Penn School District in Emmaus, PA where he taught fifth and sixth grad from 1973-2002. He moved to Florida with his wife, Dorothy, in August 2002. He became president of the Lake County Federation of Manufactured Homeowners Association in 2005.

E. Carol W. (Wait) Adam, MS '74, Kansas City, KS, writes her husband, Wilbur L. Adam, MS '73, died March 24, 2006. He was a retired principal of Oak Grove School in Turner, KS.

Orville David Scheib, MS '76, Paola, KS, retired ten years ago after being in education for 32 years. He moved back to Paola after living in Drexel, MO for eight years.

Martha L. (James) Wehrheim, BSE '79, Wichita, KS, teaches at the Mulvane Grade School. She was recognized for having taught in the Mulvane School District for 25 years in May 2006.

1980s

Lesha A. (Wood) Baker, BS '84, Longmont, CO, began working at Alpine Elementary in August 2005 as Media Technician. She runs the library and oversees the computer lab. She writes, "After 15 years as a part-time church secretary, I'm glad to be back in the education field!"

Lori J. (Nylen) Linville, BSE '89, MSE '98, Osage City, KS, married Charles Linville on July 4, 2006 in Las Vegas. Lori currently teaches fifth grade at Lowther South Intermediate School in Emporia.

1990s

Monica K. (Decker) Farthin, BSE '90, Burlington, KS, is a teacher and coach for Burlington Middle School. She married to Mark W. Farthing in June 2005 and received her MS in August 2005.

Mindi R. (Higgins) Kessler, BS '94, Topeka, KS, married Kyle Kessler, '94, in 1997. They have two children, Grace, 4, and Molly, 3. Mindi earned her Ph.D. in marriage and family therapy from KSU in 2002. She is currently in private practice in Topeka working with children, adolescents, and adults.

Dawn E. Graham, MS '95, Fayetteville, AR, has become an art teacher. She and husband Chris McGill continue to live in Fayetteville and both enjoy teaching.

Stephanie J. (Tustin) Orr, BSE '95, MS '98, Ottawa, KS, is currently staying home with her two daughters, Abigail Jean, 4, and Sara Jo, born 11-17-05. She and her family recently bought their first house and moved to Ottawa in October 2005. She writes, "My favorite classes were taught by Dr. Lawrence Lyman and Dr. Ron McCoy. Dr. Lyman taught Classroom Management (I think) and I always looked forward to coming to his classes. His class presentations were always interesting and thus very enjoyable to me. Without a doubt, he was my favorite prof. in the Teachers College! I also enjoyed Dr. McCoy's class Kansas History, because of the interesting stories he always had to tell about historical events of note."

Pamela (Knip) Parra, BS '95, Shawnee, KS, married David Parra September 26, 2005 in

Kauai, Hawaii. She has been working for a medical malpractice insurance company in the accounting department for six years.

Amanda A. (Ingalls) Walker, BSE '98, Iola, KS, is a seventh and eighth grade math teacher at Iola Middle School. Amanda and her husband, Jason, have a daughter, Emma Elizabeth, born on April 13, 2006.

2000s

Kristina (Magnusson) Scott, BSE '00, Goddard, KS, and husband, Andy, became parents to a daughter, Karaline Rhea, born March 26, 2006.

Kelly (Johnson) Marsh and Courtney Marsh, both BSE '02, Minneapolis, KS, will be moving to Puerto Rico to teach at Guamani Private School.

Toni (Meyer) Buttner, BSE '03, Wichita, KS, was married to Seth Buttner in Wichita on November 4, 2005. Toni is currently employed as an interrelated teacher in Wichita.

Heather M (Post) Sickel, Shawnee, KS, BSE '03, was married March 18, 2006 to Jason Sickel, BME '04. She is currently a special education teacher in the Desoto School District. She has been teaching in USD 232 since December of 2003.

Unknown Class Years

Susan J. Braverman, MA, Brooklyn, NY, is a certified mental health disaster counselor and runs a horticultural program called Urban Oasis at the Kingsboro Psychiatric Center (a NYS Mental Hospital). She also works with former inmates from Rikers Island through a grant. She is a member of the American Horticultural Association and supervises a weekly farmer's market.

Angela M. (Feuerborn) Larson, BA, Emporia, KS, is an early childhood special education teacher for the Emporia School District. She married Blake Larson in July 2004. In 2005-06, Angela received the Kansas Horizon Award and was included in the 2005-06 edition of Who's Who Among American Teachers.

Debora K. (Gregory) Sims, BS, Grand Prairie, TX, is an assistant principal at Seguin Elementary in the Grand Prairie ISD. She is working on her EdD at the University of North Texas and was recently inducted into Phi Kappa Phi.



Faculty Notes

ESU professor honored at national educators convention

Vicki Worrell, associate professor at Emporia State University, was honored in April at the annual convention of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD) in Salt Lake City, UT. Worrell received the Joy of Effort Award by the National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE).

A former assistant professor at Wichita State University, Worrell continues to support the Wichita Public Schools through meaningful inservice trainings and volunteer work to promote the national physical education standards. She serves as executive director of the Kansas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (KAHPERD), president of the Central District AAHPERD, and is a member of the AAHPERD Society of Association Management. Worrell is also the co-author of several books including Classroom Teachers as Movement Educators, The 3R's of Physical Activity: Rubrics, Right Activities and Results, Funny Bones and Happy Hearts and Jumping Rope for Fun and Fitness.

In addition Worrell has served as the Public Relations Coordinator and a member of the Board of Directors of the National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE). Among her many honors, she was awarded the AAHPERD Honor Award in 2001 and was named National Elementary School Physical Education Teacher of the Year in 1993.



Art therapy professor works with tsunami survivors

Dr. Gaelynn Wolf Bordonaro recently traveled with a team of American professionals to the east coast of India to work with tsunami survivors. Dr. Bordonaro, an art therapy professor at Emporia State University, has worked abroad in several countries including: Thailand, Australia, and Jamaica.

In India the American team worked on the Andaman and Nicobar Islands for two weeks. Professionals include pediatricians, physicians, occupational therapists, a clinical psychologist, a hearing aid specialist and an art therapist.

These remote islands were left with most of their services gone after the tsunami in December 2004. Sangha an organization founded by Hina Sharma hopes to bring these services back to the islands.

"To get this phone call to do what I like to do is tremendously rewarding," said Dr. Bordonaro.

Dr. Bordonaro is the only art therapist on the team and hopes to use the art to assess the drama associated with the tsunami in children. She says that art is a normal activity for a child which makes it easier for them to express their emotions.

For more information on Sangha please visit www.sanghaworld.org.

Internet searching earns money for ESU

As the saying goes, "If I had a nickel for every time..."

If Emporia State had a penny for every time the Internet is searched, think of the potential to enhance the university! That "if" is a reality. Through the GoodSearch website, the Emporia State University Foundation earns about one penny every time the search engine is used.

Check it out at www.goodsearch.com. Select "Emporia State University Foundation" and then search the Internet as usual. Powered by Yahoo!, search results are high-quality. Spread the word and search away. Soon enough we'll be harnessing the power of the Internet to generate support for ESU!

NEW FACULTY & STAFF

Center for Early Childhood Education - Keely Persinger, Director; Stephanie Vincent, Teacher

Counselor Education & Rehabilitation Programs - JoAnne Vieweg, Instructor

Early Childhood/Elementary Teacher Education - Joyce Clark, Instructor; Jean Morrow, Chair and Professor Emeritus; Tim Warner, Instructor

Dean's Office - Kristi Briggs, Senior Administrative Asst

East Central Kansas Child Care Resource & Referral Agency - Rebecca Erickson, Coordinator

Health, Physical Education & Recreation - Matt Howe, Instructor; Paul Luebbbers, Asst Professor; Amy Townsend, Instructor

Instructional Design & Technology - Janet Holland

Jones Institute for Educational Excellence - Roger Caswell; Dawn Moews

Psychology and Special Education - Bob Aman, Instructor

PROMOTION & TENURE

Paul Bland, Assoc Prof/Tenure, School Leadership

Connie Briggs, Professor, Jones Institute for Educational Excellence

James Costello, Tenure, Counselor Education

Eileen Hogan, Professor, Elementary Teacher Education

Diane Miller, Prof/Tenure, Psychology and Special Education

James Persinger, Assoc Prof/Tenure, Psychology and Special Education

Lauren Shapiro, Professor, Psychology and Special Education

National Teachers Hall of Fame changes announced

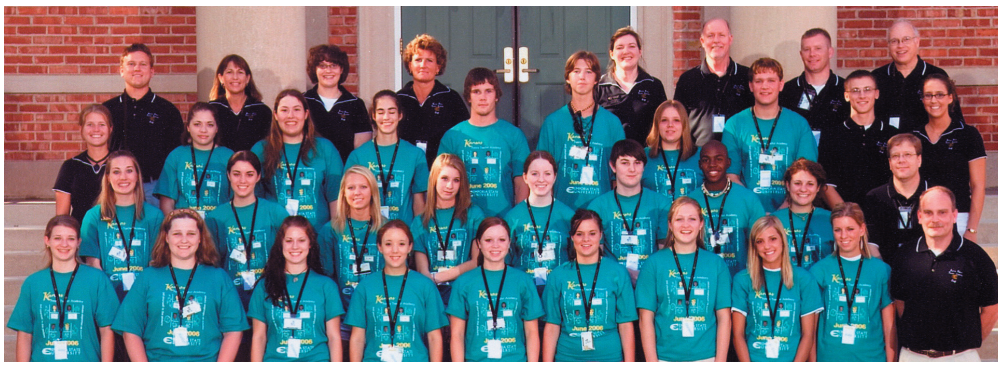
The National Teachers Hall of Fame, formerly located at 1320 C of E Drive, has temporarily relocated to the Emporia State University campus. A portion of the building where the Hall of Fame is housed was leased by Birch Telecom, which resulted in \$120,000 annual loss in revenue when Birch vacated the space.

"We decided to temporarily relocate to protect the financial stability of the Hall of Fame," said Boyce Baumgardner, chair of the NTHF Board of Directors.

The 30,000 square foot building is currently available for lease or sale.

In an effort to expand and gain more prominent exposure an additional NTHF office will be opening at the ESU Metro Learning Center in Overland Park, Kansas in the Kansas City metro area.

The National State Teacher of the Year (NSTOY) organization is providing a part-time employee for the NTHF. Carol Strickland, a retired teacher from Emporia High School and NSTOY member, will assist in strengthening the partnership between NSTOY and the NTHF. She will also help the NTHF gain more national exposure and help with fundraising.



Emporia State University's 2006 Kansas Future Teacher Academy participants, faculty, and staff

Kansas helps high school students explore education careers

Kansas high school students got to experience what it takes to be a teacher at the Kansas Future Teacher Academy in Emporia June 18-22. The academy consisted of 24 students and was held on the Emporia State University campus.

This year's academy is funded in part by the Kansas legislature. This is the 17th year for the Kansas Future Teacher Academy. The KFTA is coordinated by the Jones Institute for Educational Excellence at ESU.

"The goal of the academy is to expose high school students in Kansas to the rewards of the teaching profession," said Scott Waters, director of the ESU academy. "Having two locations allows students to benefit from this exciting opportunity without having to drive great distances."

Students are accepted into the academy based upon their academic standing, involvement in school and community activities, and interest in exploring a career in teaching.

For more information about the academy, contact Terri Weast at 620-341-5372 or Scott Waters at 620-341-5764.

2006 Kansas Future Teacher Academy Participants: High School - Student Name(s)

Andale - Bridget Vaughn

Beloit - Brenna Heidrick

Bonner Springs - Brianna VanSchoelandt

Council Grove - Allyson Montgomery

Derby - Amanda Knabe

DeSoto - Chrissie Davis

Ellsworth - Jessica Geide

Holcomb - Megan Kirkhart

Leavenworth - Sam Jones

Manhattan - Jon Rivers

Marion - Nikki Johnson

Mill Valley - Justin Eifert

Norwich - Levi Poindexter

Olathe South - Kaitlyn Tompkins

Scott Community - Josh Percival

Shawnee Mission North - Max Maier, Katy

Stithem, Kristin Wood

Shawnee Mission NW - Catherine Barrett

Shawnee Mission South - Meghan Minardi

Smith Center - Dairiane Schoen

St. Paul - Fawn Gahman

Wetmore - Amy Niehues

Wichita Heights - Brittney Hamilton

Advanced teacher training supported by State Farm

Over 40 teachers from across the state attended the Fall 2006 National Board Orientation Academy sponsored by State Farm Insurance. This is the eighth year the company has funded the academy.

State Farm contributed \$6,000 to support two orientation academies held at the beginning of the school year – one held at ESU and the other in Wichita due to the number of teachers interested in the program in the area. The program supporting national board candidates operates from the Great Plains Center for National Teacher Certification in ESU's Jones Institute for Educational Excellence.

Over 80% of educators mentored through a program at Emporia State University in the 2004-05 year achieved national board certifica-

tion highest honor of the teaching profession. With the new national board certified teachers, Kansas now has a total of 204 national board certified teachers in the state's schools. This 81% initial certification rate is 30-40 points above the national initial certification rate. Teachers who sought national board certification in 2005-06 will find out in November if they will receive certification.

Pete Euler, a State Farm agent in Emporia, played a major role in advancing the original ESU proposal to the State Farm Foundation Kansas-Oklahoma regional office in Tulsa.

For more information about the NBPTS program at ESU, visit the JIEE web site at www.emporia.edu/jones.

School Safety to be Addressed at Upcoming Workshop

When school shootings happened within a matter of days in Colorado and Pennsylvania earlier this fall, educators and law enforcement officials all over the country asked themselves, "What if it were to happen here?"

A local education organization and area law enforcement are teaming up to help Kansas schools consider a number of crisis scenarios. A nationally known speaker and author will help area educators and law enforcement officers consider how to prevent, prepare, and – if necessary – respond to crises.

Dr. John Dudley, an expert in crises preparation, will speak at a workshop called "Are You Ready? Addressing School Safety & Security" being offered at Emporia State University on Wednesday, January 10, 2007. The event is coordinated by the Jones Institute for Educational Excellence and the Lyon County Sheriff's Department.

Recognizing the need for collaborative training involving both education and law enforcement, Lyon County Sheriff Gary Eichorn agreed to use funds seized from drug dealers to insure this training will be available to and affordable for all of the school districts and law enforcement agencies in Kansas.

"The generous sponsorship from the sheriff's department is allowing us to offer the workshop to all law enforcement officials and educators at a minimal fee," said Toni Bowling, the workshop's coordinator.

Eichorn is also underwriting the cost of the conference fees for all of the school districts in Emporia and Lyon County and for the law enforcement officers responsible for those schools.

From assisting the Oklahoma City schools after the 1995 bombing of the federal building to helping communities directly impacted by the September 11, 2001 events, Dudley is an expert on training educators and law enforcement officers to successfully prepare and respond to crises.

He has trained thousands of people in ways to handle school crisis situations without creating additional crises. Working with educators and parents, Dudley helps develop the best local solutions while incorporating the latest practices in crisis mitigation.

Online registration for the conference is available from www.emporia.edu/jones. For more information about this workshop, contact Toni Bowling at 620-341-5372 or 1-877-378-5433, mbowling@emporia.edu.

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because of their depth of knowledge, thoroughness of training and experience they bring to the classroom. Each beginning teacher comes to the district with a guarantee. In the 18 years of the program, only five teachers have been referred for remediation. ESU graduates stay in the classroom. The retention rate for the teacher preparation program is excellent. Ninety-two percent of ESU teachers remain in the classroom for over three years – almost twice the national average.

“The success of our teacher preparation program is due to our dedicated faculty and staff. They devote their lives to preparing quality teachers in Kansas and throughout the nation,” Mehring said.

The hallmark of ESU’s program is its involvement with professional development schools – public schools that are modeled after teaching hospitals – where teacher education students do much of their learning in real world situations, working with faculty and public school teachers. Students complete 100 hours of supervised work with young people prior to entering the teacher education program and by the time they are seniors their program is 100 percent field-based.

“In addition to the dedicated faculty within the Teachers College, ESU teacher preparation programs also have the strong support and involve-

ment of faculty from all schools/colleges on campus, but especially within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Faculty from varied departments not only teach content methods courses, but also share in supervising student teachers,” Mehring said. “The active involvement of P-12 teachers and administrators - especially throughout varied pre-student teaching field experiences as well as ongoing guidance and support throughout the student teaching experience is another key ingredient of the strength of our programs. It takes the efforts of a cast of many to prepare a successful teacher at Emporia State University.”

“We are ecstatic that the teacher preparation program at ESU was cited as one of four model programs in the United States. ESU faculty and the districts who hire our teachers continually comment about the quality of the candidates we prepare,” Mehring said. “It’s an honor to be recognized at the national level for the quality of our programs in elementary and secondary education.”

The report, “Educating School Teachers,” is the first of its kind released by the Education Schools Project, an effort to assess how the nation’s nearly 1,200 schools of education prepare teachers, school administrators and education researchers.

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