



The Teachers College



ESU to host Student Psychology Convention

The 2008 Great Plains Students' Psychology Convention will be held at Emporia State University next spring.

The department of psychology and special education will host the 28th annual Great Plains Students' Psychology Convention March 14-15, 2008.

The convention was started in 1981 at ESU and rotates each year among college and university campuses in Kansas, Nebraska, and Missouri. The convention is being planned solely by ESU students with faculty acting as advisors. The department expects 400 students and faculty from throughout the region.

Dr. David B. Baker, Director of the Archives of the History of American Psychology and Professor of Psychology at the University of Akron, will be the keynote speaker. His area of research is on the rise of professional psychology in America during the 20th century.

Presentation proposals must be postmarked by February 15, 2008. Registrations must be received by noon on March 1, 2008. For more information, visit www.emporia.edu/psyspe/gpspc/GPSPC.htm.



Alumna's Organization Visited by President Bush

Janice E. (Gary) Davis (BSE '63) had a special guest visit her at work as the Chief Professional Officer of the Boys and Girls Clubs of South Central Kansas, Wichita this summer.

"On June 15, President Bush paid an unofficial visit the Boys and Girls Clubs and I had the honor and privilege of touring him through our new facility." The organization is moving from a former 9,000 sq ft grocery store into a state-of-the-art 42,000 sq ft facility - the result of a

\$9 million campaign by the Wichita community and area foundations.

"I like the idea of mentors reaching out to children to set good examples and to encourage them to achieve big goals in life," said President Bush. "And that's what happens here in this Boys and Girls Club in Wichita. This is a place where dreams are fostered, skills are given so that people can realize their dreams."

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President George W. Bush listens as children at the Boys and Girls Club of South Central Kansas-21st Street Club play "Hail to the Chief" during his visit Friday, June 15, 2007, to Wichita. (White House photo by Eric Draper)

ESU Receives Teacher Education Grant

Emporia State University is to receive over \$115,000 for a program seeking to improve good teachers in hard-to-fill disciplines thanks to Governor Sebilius and the Kansas Legislature.

In early October the Kansas Board of Regents announced ESU, along with Pittsburg State University and Wichita State University are the recipients of funding awards, totaling \$393,168, through the newly-created Teacher Education Competitive Grant program.

The program is intended to expand teacher education programs and increase the number of highly-qualified teachers in disciplines suffering teacher shortages - mathematics, science, foreign languages, music, and special education - and under-served

geographic areas in Kansas such as western Kansas and public schools in Kansas City, Topeka, and Wichita.

ESU will receive \$117,733 for expanding the existing adaptive special education program to award an additional 180 endorsements over the next three years. The project incorporates lead teachers in school districts who will facilitate continual interactions with Emporia State University and thereby enhance the retention of teachers. The total cost of the first year of the project is \$176,600, of which \$117,733 will be provided by state funds.

PSU will receive \$175,383 and WSU will receive \$100,052.

ESU Student Named to NEA Board

For the past four years, Todd Roberts, senior elementary education major, has been actively involved with the National Education Association Student Program (NEA SP). On June 27, he was elected to the NEA SP Board of Directors (NEA SP BOD).

Roberts attended the Summer Leadership Conference for NEA in Philadelphia and was elected while at the conference.

As the Kansas NEA SP State President this past school year, Roberts wanted to be on the BOD because he felt it was the next step.

“I wanted to be more involved and have more of an impact on NEA,” he said. “Being on the BOD is just a natural progression for me; it is the next level for me.”

In order to get elected to the BOD by nearly 300 students at the conference, Roberts had to campaign for four months. He raised around \$2,200 in donations from his supporters and with that money he was able to purchase items to hand out - such as stress relievers, fortune cookies, pens and post-its - with his Wizard of Oz inspired slogan, “Todd Roberts for NEA Board of Directors with Courage, Brains, and Heart,” printed on them.

Being on the BOD, Roberts, along with two other students, will represent over 60,000 students across the nation. He will travel to Washington D.C. five times in the next year in order to fulfill his duties. His position includes lobbying legislators on education issues such as No Child Left Behind, college affordability and school funding.

“The opportunity to meet with congressional people and to impact education in such a huge way is something I’m really looking forward to,” Roberts said.

Roberts is also currently the president of ESU’s KNEA SP and is excited to make a difference in that role throughout the year.

“I hope to get the organization more involved in the community and on campus,” he said. “I want to do more professional development through having speakers come in to discuss interviewing, resumes and even a first year teacher panel.”

ESU Ranks on Best Value College List

Paying for college is a formidable challenge for many students and their families. Fortunately, there are schools across the nation combining academic excellence, reasonable tuition, and generous financial aid packages.

The Princeton Review’s America’s Best Value Colleges profiles Emporia State University as one of 161 colleges named a Best Midwestern College. ESU also shows up on the list of America’s Best Value Colleges as compiled by The Princeton Review.

“We believe our choices offer applicants and their parents in these regions a wide range of fine schools to consider applying to,” said Robert Franek, The Princeton Review’s publisher and editorial director.

Complete information is available at: www.princetonreview.com



Todd Roberts, senior elementary education major, was recently elected to the National Education Association Board of Directors.

Jones Foundation Campaign Encourages Enrollment

Students from three Kansas counties will soon have an extra incentive to attend college close to home. Trustees of the Walter S. and Evan C. Jones Foundation are extending an offer to high school graduates and GED recipients in Coffey, Lyon and Osage counties: Attend either Emporia State University or Flint Hills Technical College in Emporia, and the Jones Foundation will provide you with \$1,000 to help pay for college.

The Jones Foundation expects the program will benefit approximately 350 to 450 students next year. Participants will redeem a certificate awarded by the Jones Foundation for \$500 each semester, for a total of \$1,000. The grant is made during the student’s freshman year only, but may be added to any other scholarship or financial aid the student receives.

The Jones Foundation’s Tuition Voucher Program offer is for current residents of Coffey, Lyon or Osage counties. Recipients must be either a high school senior graduating in the current school year, or a student who has received a GED in the past two school years. The graduate must be accepted for admission and eligible to attend ESU or FHTC as a freshman.

“In launching this Tuition Voucher Program, the Jones Foundation is furthering its commitment to helping students shape the future of this area by continuing their education,” said Dr. Michael R. Lane, ESU president. Lane noted that approximately 43 percent of ESU’s freshman class comes from the Coffey-Lyon-Osage County region.

For more information on the Tuition Voucher Program or any other services provided by the Jones Foundation, contact the Walter S. and Evan C. Jones Foundation at 620-342-1714.

Three New Scholarships at ESU Honor Teaching Profession

A leader of a long-time Emporia business and two families with careers in education recently created scholarships to support students of ESU’s Teachers College, a college labeled as one of the nation’s top four teacher preparation programs in a study by a former Columbia University dean and education expert.

The spirit behind the Kenneth B. Thomas Sr. Family Scholarship was first born when Thomas returned from WWII with a heart of gratitude, giving him the willingness to help others. Thomas was inspired to give by **Ret. Brig. Gen. Art Bloomer** (BS '55), who worked at Emporia-based Thomas Transfer and Storage while studying at ESU. The scholarship itself will benefit secondary education students, with a focus on students preparing to teach math and science. Six of Thomas’s family members attended ESU, and five hold degrees. With his gift, Thomas hopes to inspire others to give back to the community.

The Francis and Phyllis Sanders Teaching Scholarship was created by the Sanders to honor public education and the teaching profession. The scholarship is reserved for education majors who are student teaching. Francis and Phyllis earned their ESU education degrees in 1966. Phyllis earned her ESU masters in 1972, while Francis earned his from K-State in 1972. They taught for 33 years each, and both were selected as Master Teachers for Geary County by the Junction City Education Association. With their gift, the Junction City residents hope to assist tomorrow’s educators as they earn degrees.

The Twila J. Stone Teaching Scholarship honors Twila Stone, who earned her education degree at ESU in 1955, while supporting Teachers College students from Lyon County and Kansas high schools. Stone, an Emporia resident who taught in Kansas schools for seven years before starting a family, hopes the scholarship will encourage bright young people to enter the teaching field. Her husband, two sons and three sisters all hold ESU degrees.

1950s

Donald C. Cushenbery (MSE '54), Omaha, Nebr., is currently a Regents Professor Emeritus of Teacher Education at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. He taught at UNO from 1964-1989. Previously he was a teacher or principal at Sharon, Argonia, Plains and Anthony, KS. He served as an assistant professor of education at Pittsburg State University from 1955-1964. He has authored 17 books, including *Coping With Life After Your Mate Dies* (Baker Book House, 1991; 1997).

Marlow Ediger (BSE '58, MSE '60), North Newton, Professor Emeritus, received notification that his article "Role of the School Administrator" was published in *Experiments in Education* and his manuscript "Purposeful Reading and the Student," was published in *Edutracks*. He co-authored Curriculum of School Subjects, a teacher education textbook, to be used in university schools of education in India. "Balance in the Curriculum," was published in the *College Student Journal*. He was awarded the International Educator of the Year award by the International Biography Center. The Edigers celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their three children, six grandchildren, friends, and relatives at their home on June 23, 2007.

Judy (Weigand) Day (BSE '59, MSE '76, EdS '84), Arkansas City, was elected as President of KNEA-Retired recently. She retired in 2000 from USD 470, Arkansas City, where she taught in elementary schools her entire career. As a certified Kansas reading specialist trained in Reading Recovery, she offers private tutoring and enjoys time with her seven grandchildren.

1960s

Janice E. (Gary) Davis (BSE '63), Wichita, retired from the Wichita Public Schools in 1996. Since then she has come out of retirement four times. Most recently she accepted the position as Chief Professional Officer of the Boys and Girls Clubs of South Central Kansas, visited by President Bush in June (*see front page*).

Rose Rooth (MSE '65) Patagonia, Ariz., is the new superintendent of Patagonia Public Schools. Prior to her recent role as superintendent in Springfield, Vt., she was superintendent of schools for the Cedar Unified District in Keams Canyon, Ariz. She also served as principal at three elementary and as Chapter One Coordinator in Nogales, Ariz.

Bernice E. (Conner) Bergman (BSE '66), Mankato, is retired after teaching for 12 years. She now lives on a farm and is self-employed.

Jane E. Gregg (BSE '66, MSE '73), Dodge City, retired in 2007 after 41 years of teach-

ing in Kansas, 38 years at Dodge City High School. She taught physical education and coached for 25 years and was in counseling the remaining 16 years. She writes her favorite class at ESU was a graduate course, Equipment and Facilities, with Dr. George Milton.

Barbara J. (Koontz) Kollhoff (MA '68), Salina, is retired. She recalls her favorite class was "led by a professor whose given name is Lloyd...He made the class very interesting."

1970s

Betty (Betsy) (Bowers) Bunnell (BS '79, MS '92), Welda, completed training in 2005-06 at ESU to be a certified Reading Recovery Teacher Leader. She is now the Reading Recovery Teacher Leader for USD 365 in Garnett.

Barry J. Rossheim (BS '79), Venice, Fla., was recognized as the Sarasota County Environmental Educator of the year in April 2007 for his work in conservation education. He is the director of the life science community at Venice High School in Venice, Fla. He teaches zoology and ecology, and sponsors the zoology club. His students were recognized by the US Department of the Interior's "Take Pride In America" program for their work at Oscar Scherer State Park to help save the Florida Scrub-Jay. Barry is also the lead teacher in the school's Costa Rica Global Classroom Project, a multidisciplinary conservation education program culminating in a spring break learning experience in Costa Rica.

He writes, "I loved all my teachers & classes at ESU. My favorite non-science classes were in my least favorite subjects. I had an English class based on science-fiction reading and a history class all about Hitler. Both of these classes had a narrow focus with an opportunity for in-depth study. Both instructors had a passion for what they were teaching.

"My favorite science classes were Ecology, Ornithology, Ichthyology, and Herpetology. All three of these classes were taught with a passion by the professors teaching their area of expertise. Each one went the extra mile to make their class special. Drs. Prophet, Tubbs, Bowles and Clark were all great role models for me. I try to be like them when I teach science."

Shala A. (Woolery) Rossheim (BS '79), Venice, Fla., recently accepted a position teaching elementary school science in the "SMILE Lab" at Laurel Nokomis School in Nokomis, Fla. Previously she taught fourth grade at that school.

Mindy Salmans (BSE '79), joined the Fort Hays State University staff recently as an instructor for the department of educational administration and counseling. Salmans has

experience working with public schools as a teacher, librarian, physical education instructor, music instructor, principal, transportation director, athletic director, assistant superintendent, curriculum director and activities and athletic director.

1980s

Marlin Berry (MSE '82), was recently named the new assistant superintendent of the Olathe School District. Previously he served as superintendent of the Abilene School District for seven years and superintendent for Lindsborg for nine years. He has also served as assistant superintendent, high school principal, and English and journalism teacher.

Richard F. Ehinger (MS '82), Miami, Fla., was recently appointed head girls varsity basketball coach at Gulliver Prep High School. He also teaches math at Gulliver Middle School. He writes his favorite class was Psychology of Coaching. "Any class Dr. Slaymaker taught was interesting and enjoyable."

Lisa G. (Young) Dasenbrock (BS '86), Lakin, received a second bachelor's in deaf education and began her deaf ed. teaching career as an itinerant teacher of the deaf/hard of hearing with High Plains Educational Cooperative in Ulysses in 1990. In 2000 she took a position as a TOD in Garden City where she still teaches. Lisa and husband, Larry, have two children, Kyle, 17, and Kevin, 12.

Lori A. (Smith) Schneider (BSE '86), Friendswood, Tex., was named 2007 Teacher of the Year at Alvin Junior High where she has taught for the past 17 years. She is the P.E. department head and the girls coordinator of athletics and coaches volleyball, basketball, and track.

Gary S. Frothingham (BS '87), Pickerington, Ohio, earned his master's in information systems management in April 2007. He is an instructor at Technology Education College in Columbus, Ohio.

Michele M. (Bina) Regnier (BSE '89), Marion, and husband Doug welcomed a daughter, Erin Noel, into their family December 6, 2006. She joins her five siblings: Adam, Randy, Eric, Devin, and Michaela.

1990s

Terri L. Hodge (BSE '93), Topeka, was nominated in May 2007 as a Kansas Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year in Topeka.

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Kim M. (Miller) Link (BSE '93), Williamsburg, gave birth to triplet boys on July 7, 2007. Kale David, 3, enjoys his new brothers: Abe Joseph, Bryce Samuel, and Coy Miller. Link resigned from her Title I position at Appanoose Elementary in the West Franklin school district to be a stay-at-home mom.

Heather (Langford) Hollis (BSE '94), Derby, and husband, Chris, became parents to a son, Evan Christopher, born May 23, 2007.

Kevin R. Hansen (BS '95), Mulvane, and wife, Angela, are expecting their first child in spring 2008. He is in his sixth year with the Kansas Air National Guard, Wichita as a network IT technician.

Linda A. (Edmundson) Rinehart (BSE '95), Humboldt, completed her master's in reading and literacy in May 2006. She currently teaches language arts/writing to fourth and fifth graders and guided reading to third graders at Humboldt Elementary School where she has taught for 11 years.

Of her memories of ESU, she writes, "Each

professor was so unique and compassionate in their subject area, they quickly became a favorite. Their genuine caring attitude in my academic career, as well as other students, help me to set high standards and goals and achieve them. Dr. Azwell taught me how to excite students about books, reading and writing. Dr. Mehring helped me realize the completion of my dreams and goals. Dr. Lyman's classes were interesting and sooo helpful when I entered my first teaching assignment. A heartfelt thank you to all of the staff at The Teachers College. It is with great pride when I tell people I received my teaching degree from Emporia State University."

Chad Brecheisen (BS '96, MS '00), Olathe, changed jobs in 2006 and is currently the ninth and 11th grade counselor at De Soto High School and serves as the assistant cross country coach and head boys golf coach. The De Soto H.S. girls Cross Country team won the state championship in 2006. He and his wife live with their daughter, Lily, 2.

Genia E. (Rohrer) Deets (BS '98, MS '02), Overland Park, married Luke Deets in July 2006, and is expecting a baby in February 2008. She has taught first grade in Olathe for the past nine years.

Angela L. (Pack) Krug (BSE '99), Olathe, married Christopher Krug on July 21, 2007.

2000s

Melanie (Ervin) (BSE '01, MS '04) and **Tyler Curtis** (BSE '01, MS '04), Topeka, became parents to a daughter, Allison Brenleigh, on July 7, 2007.

Kandi Krebs (BS '01) was recently named an assistant softball coach at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Previously she worked for a year at UNC-Pembroke and as a pitching coach at Mississippi Valley State.

Mike Wiley (BS '02), Olathe, was recently named associate principal at Turner High School in Kansas City, Kan.

Kelley Wallace (BSE '07) is a first year teacher Osawatamie where she teaches second grade.

ESU Graduates Featured on NCATE Website

Two Emporia State University graduates are featured on the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) website. ESU graduates Sara Turner and Matthew Lafko provided testimonials about ESU's nationally recognized teacher preparation program and how it prepared them to be successful classroom teachers.

Turner, currently a middle school math teacher at Garland Independent School District in Texas, said in her testimonial, "I am really fortunate, with the shortage of teachers here, out of 18 new teachers, I am the only one with a degree in education. ESU really prepares you for situations like these, where the alternative plans do not. While the [teachers from alternative plans] talked about the terrible day they had, I talked about how wonderful my classes are."

Lafko, assistant principal at Northwest Elementary School in Lexington, NC, said in his testimonial, "Each day I am presented with a situ-

ation as an assistant principal, I draw on my knowledge gained through the school leadership program at Emporia. However, the most outstanding feature of the program at ESU was the faculty and staff willingness and ability to see me as a true adult distant learner."

The teacher education program at ESU was selected as one of four "model" teacher preparation programs in the nation by Dr. Art Levine, former President of Columbia University's Teachers College and Professor of Education College. Over 92 percent of graduates from the ESU Teachers College remain in the profession after five years. Nationally, 30 to 50 percent leave the profession before completing three years in the classroom.

To view the finished testimonials on the homepage of NCATE's website, visit www.ncate.org.

ESU Graduate Receives National Award

Tristen Wendland, 2000 Emporia State University graduate from the mental health counseling program, is this year's National Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor of the year for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Born and raised in Olpe, she earned undergraduate and graduate degrees at ESU. After graduation, Wendland and her husband, who was on active duty in the US Army, moved to Germany.

During their three years in Germany she worked as a drug and alcohol counselor. Wendland and her husband have returned to the United States and are now stationed at Fort Carson, Colo.

In 2004, she began working for the Department of Veterans Affairs as a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor. In May of last year

she was asked to coordinate a new program called Coming Home to Work. This program was designed to help injured service members who are still on active duty find a job and the employment training needed before returning home.



*Tristen Wendland,
National Vocational Rehabilitation
Counselor of the Year*

"This program was started at Walter Reed in Washington shortly after the first wave of severely injured service members returned from Iraq and Afghanistan," Wendland said. "It was started to

provide transferable skills, employment training and possible job placement while they are being medically boarded out of the military."

After seeing the success of the program at Walter Reed, the VA began to look nationwide at the military treatment facilities where the largest groups of injured service members were returning to. Fort Carson was one of nine additional sites chosen to host the Coming Home to Work program.

Wendland finds the work she does with the program to be very rewarding not only professionally, but personally as well.

"During the initial process, my husband, a West Point [graduate], was deployed for his second tour of duty to Iraq," she said. "Consequently he is still there. This made the job that much more important to me. To feel that I was in some way able to help the service members

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Faculty Awards/Recognition

Joan Brewer – HPER Hall of Honor Inductee
Marc Childress – ESU Teachers College Award for Excellence in Scholarly Activity
Beth Schmar-Dobler – Kansas Reading Association Published Research Award 2007
Harvey Foyle – First Vice-President ESU Faculty Senate
Marvin Kuehn – Executive Director Council on Rehabilitation Accreditation
Damon Leiss – Football Coach of the Year
Lori Mann – Kansas Reading Association Unpublished Research Award 2007
Joella Mehrhof – CDAAPERD District Scholar Award
Tes Mehring – Kansas Master Teacher
Diane Miller – President ESU Faculty Senate; ESU Teachers College Award for Excellence in Service
Norma Hajek-Nichols – Posthumous Phi Delta Kappa International Service Key
Monte Selby – ESU Teachers College Award for Excellence in Teaching
Mark Stanbrough – Emporia High School Coach of the Year
Ken Weaver – Psi Chi Florence L. Denmark National Faculty Advisor Award; Administra-

tor Award of Excellence - Kansas Association for the Gifted, Talented, and Creative

Judy Wild – ESU Teachers College Darrell E. Wood Service Award

Gaelynn Wolf-Bordonero – selected as the only Art Therapist to serve on the American Team that traveled to the east coast of India to work with tsunami survivors

Vicki Worrell – Executive Director Kansas Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance

Promotions & Tenure

Phil Bennett, Tenure, Dean's Office
Joan Brewer, Associate Professor, Health, Physical Education & Recreation
Marc Childress, Professor, Instructional Design & Technology
Michael Leftwich, Assoc Prof/Tenure, Psychology & Special Education
Gary Rice, Tenure, Elementary Teacher Education
Beth Schmar-Dobler, Assoc Prof/Tenure, Elementary Teacher Education
Cynthia Seguin, Professor, School Leadership and Middle/Secondary Education

New Faculty & Staff

Early Childhood/Elementary Teacher Education – **Emily Eicke**, Assistant Professor
 Counselor Education & Rehabilitation Programs – **Katrina Miller**, Associate Professor; **Ann Miller**, Instructor
 Health, Physical Education & Recreation – **Matt Howe**, Instructor; **Ali Sprague**, Instructor
 Instructional Design & Technology – **Zeni Colorado**, Assistant Professor
 Jones Institute for Educational Excellence – **Larry Dixon**, Jones Distinguished Professor; **Christine Zlab**, Administrative Assistant
 Psychology & Special Education – **Jerry Liss**, Assistant Professor; **Judy Ball**, Instructor
 School Leadership/Middle and Secondary Teacher Education – **Clem Clayburn**, Associate Professor; **Kirsten Limpert**, Instructor
 Center for Early Childhood Education – **Mary Delgado**, Teacher; **Melissa Ranson**, Teacher
 Word Processing – **Cheryl Repp**, Administrative Assistant

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Moran Announces NTHF Funding Effort

The nation's only museum dedicated to recognizing career teachers is in line to receive federal aid to promote its mission. Rep. Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) announced \$150,000 funding for the National Teachers Hall of Fame in August at the NTHF's museum in Visser Hall on the campus of Emporia State University.

The funding will be used for program activities to further the mission and vision of the Hall of Fame, including reaching out to early career teachers and hosting teaching academies for future teachers.

"There is no more noble profession," said Moran. "The federal government ought to be supporting any effort to recognize outstanding teachers."

The NTHF was founded in 1989 by ESU, the ESU Alumni Association, the City of Emporia, USD 253, and the Emporia Chamber of Commerce as a tribute to the teaching profession. To date, 80 individuals have been inducted into

the Hall of Fame, including three teachers who earned their degrees from ESU.

Also at the news conference, Glen Strickland, NTHF public relations director, unveiled the organization's "One in a Million—Teachers Who Make a Difference" campaign. The nationwide initiative seeks to collect the names of one million teachers and donations of at least one dollar for each of those teachers in order to further the NTHF's service to education.



Carol Strickland, 2003 National Teachers Hall of Fame inductee, explains the contents of a display in the NTHF museum to Rep. Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) during the congressman's visit to the Emporia State University campus in August.

ESU Jones Distinguished University Professor Named

Dr. Larry Dixon, former associate superintendent for Geary County Public Schools, is serving as the 2007-08 Jones Distinguished University Professor at ESU.

Starting as an assistant principal in USD 475, Dixon has worked nearly 30 years for the Geary County school district. In November 2006 he became the namesake for the district's Larry Dixon Center for Innovative Studies.

As the Jones Distinguished Professor, Dixon will combine his work as a consultant for the Geary County schools in studying the achievement gap between black students and all other students.

Dixon says studies show that no matter the population density, geographic area, socioeconomic levels, the one constant is the academic achievement of black students, overall, is always the lowest.

"There is no question that No Child Left Behind has brought attention to the areas of education that will be – and are – very challenging for our society," Dixon said.

"Remember, our children are a reflection of our society," Dixon said. "Challenges being brought up by No Child Left Behind are also facing our society, and educators will not resolve all the issues revealed by No Child Left Behind without society resolving the same issues."

High School Students Explore Teaching Careers

Kansas high school students got to experience what it takes to be a teacher at the Kansas Future Teacher Academy in Emporia June 24-28. The academy consisted of 39 students and was held on the Emporia State University campus.

This year's academy is funded in part by the Kansas legislature. This was the 18th year for the academy. The KFTA is coordinated by the Jones Institute for Educational Excellence at ESU. Another academy was held at Dodge City Community College July 7-14.

"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."



Emporia State University's 2007 Kansas Future Teacher Academy participants, faculty and staff

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.

2007 Kansas Future Teacher Academy Participants (High School-Student Names): Andover Central-Christina Theisen; Arkansas City-Jayne DeHoux; Bishop Carroll Catholic-Christine Cantrell; Buhler-Matt Trowbridge; Clifton-Clyde-Molly Potuzak; Emporia-

Anita Harris, Jessica Sichel; Hartford-Carmen Clark; Hiawatha-Corbin Gray; Junction City-Brittney Orr; Kingman-Samantha Thieme; Lansing-Delia Clifford, Samantha Pendleton, Alex Twitchel; Marion-Katie Maag; Marysville Sr-Gayle Skalla; Mill Valley-Derek Maybell, Brent McCoy; Mission Valley-Kate-Lin Zeller; Neodesha-Clifford Lee; Olathe South-Nathan Hawley, Kaitlyn Lepping, Sara Sanders, Kristin Smith; Salina South-Brian Blake, Allison Gordon, Nora Rindt, Brelynn Schloo; Scott Community-Santanna McBride, Haley Wilcoxson; Shawnee Heights-Victoria Berroth, Victoria Crocker, Zachary McCall, Ashley Ogden; Shawnee Mission North-Jessica Brown; Smoky Valley-Sarah Kellogg; Sumner Academy-Frances Salazar-Zuniga; Thomas More Prep-Sarah Zerr; Turner-Kayla Daniels.

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APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Kathy Ermiler, professor and chair, Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, was recently appointed head of public relations for the National Association of Sport and Physical Education Board of Directors.

Dr. Vicki Worrell, associate professor, Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, is currently serving as the President of the Central District Association of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance.

AWARDS

Dr. Elizabeth Schmar-Dobler, assistant professor, Early Childhood/Elementary Teacher Education, received the 2007 Published Research Award at the Kansas Reading Association annual state conference. The study, entitled, "Exploring the Online Reading Comprehension Strategies Used by Sixth-Grade Skilled Readers to Search for and Locate Information on the Internet," was co-authored with Julie Coiro, University of Connecticut, and published in the April/May, 2007 edition of *Reading Research Quarterly*.

Dr. Lori Mann, instructor, Early Childhood/Elementary Teacher Education, was given the Award for Unpublished Research by the Kansas Reading Association for her dissertation, "Teaching Reading to Adults with a Brain Injury: A Holistic Framework for Individualized Reading Instruction." This award was presented at the KRA State Conference on April 13, 2007 in Wichita.

Dr. Joella Mehrhof, professor, Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, was recently named the Central District AAHPERD Scholar. Mehrhof received her award at the annual Central District convention where she was a keynote speaker. Mehrhof is the current creator of the National Association for Sport and Physical Education's Teacher Toolbox.

PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Marcus Childress, associate professor and chair, Instructional Design & Technology, Jean Gardner, Topeka-Shawnee County Public Library, David Antonacci, KU Medical Center, and Randy Stout, Kan-Ed presented, "Second Life for Young Adults" at the 2007 KAECT, KLA, KASL Tri-Conference, Topeka, in April 2007.

Dr. Marcus Childress, associate professor and chair, and **Howard West**, graduate assistant, Instructional Design & Technology presented, "Teaching and Learning in Second Life" at the Mid-America Computers in Education Conference, Manhattan, Kan. in March, 2007.

Dr. Harvey Foyle, professor, and **Dr. Marcus Childress**, associate professor and chair, Instructional Design & Technology gave a presentation in April entitled, "Podcasting and Blogging for Professors." This national paper was presented at the Technology Conference of the National Social Science Association in Las Vegas, Nev.

Dr. Janet Holland, assistant professor, and **Dr. Marcus Childress**, associate professor

and chair, Instructional Design & Technology gave a presentation in April entitled, "Podcasting Syndicated E-Portfolios for Teaching and Learning" at the National Technology Conference of the National Social Science Association in Las Vegas, Nev.

Dr. Janet Holland, assistant professor, and **Dr. Marcus Childress**, associate professor and chair, Instructional Design & Technology presented, "Podcasting Syndicated E-Broadcasts for Teaching & Learning" at the Mid-America Association for Computers in Education Conference, Manhattan, Kan. in March, 2007.

Dr. Janet Holland, assistant professor, **Dr. Marcus Childress**, associate professor and chair, and **Howard West**, graduate assistant, Instructional Design & Technology presented, "How to Create a Podcast." The paper was presented at the National Technology Conference of the National Social Science Association in Las Vegas, Nev. in April, 2007.

Dr. Janet Holland, assistant professor, Instructional Design & Technology and **Dr. Connie Phelps**, Director of Gifted Education, presented, "Embracing the Millennial Generation" at the Phi Delta Kappa International Conference at Denver, Colo., in March, 2007.

Dr. Mingchu Luo, senior institutional researcher, and **Dr. Marcus Childress**, associate professor and chair, Instructional Design & Technology, presented a paper in April entitled, "Developing Structural Equation Models to Determine Factors of Principals' Information

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that in some cases have been out there with my spouse has been an amazing opportunity. It puts things in perspective and motivates me to want to help all that much more."

In August, Wendland traveled to San Diego to receive the National Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor of the Year Award. She feels that the award is not only a personal achievement, but a great tribute to the team effort that she and her colleagues put into the program.

"It really takes teamwork to make the entire process successful," Wendland said. "What this award means for me personally is that what I do does make a difference. When an injured service member comes into my office, I think, 'that is someone's spouse, father, mother, brother, sister, son, or daughter.'"

Had she not received the quality education that she received at ESU, Wendland said she would not have been able to achieve what she has achieved in the short time since she has graduated.

"Without my degree and training that I received at ESU, I would not have been able to get the job with the VA," she said. "The education I received in both my undergraduate and graduate degree program have been instrumental in setting me up for success."

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Use Environments Influencing Data-Driven Decision-Making" at the Annual Conference of the American Educational Research Association in Chicago.

Dr. Darla Mallein, assistant professor, Social Science, presented "Using the B.E.M. Principle to Help All Students Learn" at the Association of Teacher Educators annual conference in San Diego in February.

Dr. Lauren Shapiro, professor, and **Amanda Brown**, graduate student, Psychology and Special Education, presented, "The role of criminal stereotypes on interpretation and recall of juvenile crime." in April at the Research and Creativity Forum hosted by ESU.

Dr. Lauren Shapiro, professor, and **Amanda Brown**, graduate student, Psychology and Special Education, **Rebecca S. Bigler**, University of Texas at Austin and **Lynn S. Liben**, Penn-

sylvania State University, presented "Familial influences on children's gender attitudes" to the Society for Research in Child Development in Boston, Mass. in March.

Dr. Lauren Shapiro, professor, **Amanda Brown**, graduate student, and **Kortney Poire**, undergraduate student, Psychology and Special Education, presented, "Effects of criminal stereotypes on interpretation and recall" at the Great Plains Student Conference at Friends University in Wichita.

PUBLICATIONS

Dr. Kathy Ermler, **Dr. Joella Mehrhof**, **Dr. Vicki Worrell**, and **Joan Brewer**, Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, co-authored, "Road Blocks to Quality Physical Education," published in February by AAHPERD Publications.

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