Eighteen Emporia State University students received special recognition at the 21st Annual Teachers College Honors Banquet April 29. A total of 48 undergraduate students were also honored for achievement of a 3.75 grade point average or higher.

The following students received awards for excellence in their respective departments:

**Undergraduate Awards**

**Early Childhood Education** - Brasilie Marie Henning, Maryville, KS, was recognized for the high quality of her academic work and involvement on campus. She served as an ESE intern leader and participated in several student professional organizations. She looks forward to obtaining a teaching job working with children and plans to pursue a master's degree in early childhood and early childhood special education.

**Elementary Teacher Education** - Thomas Jean Holden, Tipton, KS, was cited for going beyond assigned work and thoroughly engaging in the instructional process, serving as a role model to other students. She was also recently selected for the Neighboring Outstanding Student for 2004-2005. To prepare to teach Spanish-speaking students, Thomas has traveled and studied extensively in Central and Latin America. Thomas will be working in the Wichita Public School system in the fall and hopes to pursue further opportunities for study in South America.

**Middle & Secondary Teacher Education** - Emily Marie Hamlin, Garden City, KS, was honored for her outstanding work in the secondary English education program. She was exceptional in the areas of scholarship, pedagogical skill and professionalism. Her desire to do her best was exemplified by her approach to coursework and in student teaching. Upon graduation, she plans to accept a teaching position in Northern Kansas where she will have the opportunity to coach volleyball and sponsor school organizations that promote community service.

**Health, Physical Education, and Recreation** - Tad M. Hatfield, Riverside, KS, was selected for embodying all of the finest qualities of the student-athlete. His dedication and scholarship was evidenced in his record-setting accomplishments at the starting quarterback of the ESU Horses football team and in his ability to maintain a 3.5 GPA during his academic career. Faculty members in the department describe him as extremely dedicated, pleasant and hardworking, and, despite his impressive list of achievements, very humble and modest — a gentleman, in every sense of the word. "I'd place him to teach K-12 physical education and hope to have opportunities to be involved with students in extracurricular activities.

**Psychology** - Bridge L. Sturl, Neosho, KS, was recognized for her rigorous exploration of psychological theories and participation in classroom discussions. She has received the Shepherd Scholarship and has presented her own research at a student conference. She has worked at the Student Advising Center, as a proponent for USD 255, a lifeguard, a teaching assistant, and a research assistant. Her plus following graduation is to continue her studies, pursuing an advanced degree in psychology.

**Special Education** - Julianna Marie Stamey, Coffeyville, KS, was honored for meeting and exceeding the required criteria to be considered an outstanding undergraduate special education student. She showed great academic strength and exhibited remarkable concern for both children and the community through her many service projects. This spring she has been working in a sixth grade inclusive room at Lathrop North Middle School in Emporia. Because of her outstanding work, she has been elected and has accepted a position with the Flint Hills Special Education Cooperative upon graduation.

**Rehabilitation Programs** - Floyd Willy Coke, Liberal, KS, was unanimously selected by his department in the outstanding undergraduate student: in the department. In addition to his academic work, he is a member of the Army National Guard and has maintained his commitment to academic excellence while independently supporting and financing his education. This spring, he completed an internship with the Fourth Judicial District in Ottawa, another step toward his professional goal of completing his master's degree in counseling and providing services to individuals experiencing the life consequences of substance abuse.

**Graduate Awards**

**Art Therapy** - Andrea Woolbright, Manvel, NE, was recognized at the outstanding art therapy student for the year by the Art Therapy Organization and providing support and guidance to many of the first-year art therapy students. In addition to her coursework, she was a graduate teaching assistant in the department of psychology.

continued on page 2
She demonstrated great initiative, a quality earning her a clinical internship in 2004 at the University of Nebraska in Omaha, where she has been invited to return. She plans a career as an art therapist working with clients who have developmental delay and disabilities.

Counselor Education - Carol Lee Snider, Yvonne Curtis, KS, was honored for being a model student in her counselor education program and becoming a model school counselor. Her extensive background and experience in special education, combined with a passion for learning and caring for others especially her students, has helped her make a positive difference in the lives of students, teachers and parents. She is currently working in a K-8 school counselor at Y Ave Center Elementary School.

Rehabilitation Counseling - Lindsey Marie Bues, Emporia, KS, was chosen for her outstanding dedication to her studies and to the field of rehabilitation. She has been working with persons with disabilities for over six years, during which time she also held a full-time job. She entered with Special Olympics and was actively involved in the student chapter of the Kansas Rehabilitation Association, serving in the role of the organization for two years. Her plans are to provide services to persons with disabilities in an administrative capacity through state or federal vocational rehabilitation services.

Early Childhood Education - Michelle McAllan, Wichita, KS, was honored for exemplifying the vision of The Teachers College... "to prepare quality professionals who can positively influence the education profession and improve the learning of PK-12 students." She consistently applies the knowledge she has gained from her courses to the children and families with whom she works. She is currently teaching kindergarten in Augusta, KS and wants to continue to work with young children and their families.

Curriculum and Instruction - Allison Lynn Mangold, Overland Park, KS, was recognized for her excellent class work, professional demeanor, and seeing herself as advancing fine arts programs in public schools. She brings substantial commercial experience into her teaching, giving her the opportunity to demonstrate how art can have practical applications in everyday life. At the end of his four-year-old son's kindergarten year, he plans to stay in the health careers field and pursue a master's degree in business administration.

Educational Administration - Chad Radlau, Olath, KS, was honored for serving as a model for the Lifeskills learners. He has previously taught basic skills and mastered degree, received National Board Certification, served as department chair and studied as a teacher and coach. Though he possesses a strong knowledge base regarding teaching, learning and leadership, he remains attentive and open to the ideas of professionals and fellow students. Chad is currently teaching at the high school. A program that allows students to take senior-level classes via the internet or computer lab, based at Olathe Northwest High School.

Instructional Design and Technology - two students were recognized for their work. Sheryl Hoover Brown, Salina, KS; James Todd Spaulding, Casey, WV; Sheryl Hoover Brown, Salina, KS, was recognized as an outstanding student for her work as a distance education student in the online program. In all of her courses, she exceeded the standard for content and quality of work. In addition, she has gone beyond normal expectations by presenting at Emporia State University’s annual research and creativity forum, and has attended and presented at several state instructional technology conferences. Sheryl plans to continue teaching and studying while seeking a placement where she can begin working on a dissertation in Instruction Design and Technology. James Todd Spaulding, Casey, WV, was honored for exemplary scholarship and professional achievement. His faculty was particularly impressed by his excellent mentor's project, which was based on the use of the TI-83 Plus calculator with Geometry's Sketchpad and a built-in spreadsheet. Upon completion of his degree, Jim will continue to teach mathematics at Kelly Walsh High School in Casper, Wyoming.

Psychology - John Maurice Egger, Hutchinson, KS, was recognized for his exemplary performance in the classroom, his passion and commitment to teaching excellence as graduate teaching assistant, and for pursuing an considerable determination to be the best he can be. He would like to work in industry in the area of human resources or personnel research for a time, with plans of returning to academia to earn his PhD and one day teach again.

Special Education - Linda K. Meyer Miller, Hiawatha, KS, was chosen as the outstanding graduate student in special education, and will receive her master's degree in gifted education this summer. As a year-long gifted facilitator in USD 651 Brown County, she has collaborated effectively with teachers and students to create an "atmosphere of possibility" for her gifted students. Because of her art education background, she was able to facilitate a dual credit class in art and art appreciation, a collaborative meeting in respect of students' work being exhibited at the Albright-Knox Museum of Art. Miller intends to become active in gifted education in the state of Kansas and plans to pursue a doctorate in the area of gifted education.

Master Teacher Outstanding Graduate Student Award - Melissa Read, Fredonia, KS, was honored for demonstrating exceptional qualities as a student and educator. A leader in her school and district, she mentors colleagues in using teaching and learning strategies, and her efforts have resulted in her district receiving an award for reading improvement. She presented her work at state and national conventions and has been encouraged to submit her coursework for publication. She currently teaches in Fredonia, KS, but plans to begin a doctoral program this fall and has a long-term goal of teaching reading at the university level. The following undergraduate students were also recognized for a cumulative grade point average of 3.75 or higher. These students are due to graduate or have graduated in December 2004, May 2005 or August 2005: Ashley C. Jeffer, Manhattan, KS; Nathan A. Jacobs, Manhattan, KS; Brian A. Johnson, Manhattan, KS; and Jamie J. Jones, Manhattan, KS.

Dean's List - Audrey C. Caudill, Manhattan, KS; Angela M. Fugate, Manhattan, KS; Jamie J. Jones, Manhattan, KS; and Ryan L. McGowan, Salina, KS.

Outstanding Student Teacher - Anthony C. Jones, Manhattan, KS; Jeremy R. Knott, Manhattan, KS; and Kevin L. Smith, Manhattan, KS.

Outstanding Intern - John D. Bowers, Manhattan, KS; and Anthony C. Jones, Manhattan, KS.

Outstanding Practicum - John D. Bowers, Manhattan, KS; and J. Greg Carter, Manhattan, KS.

Outstanding Resident Practicum - J. Greg Carter, Manhattan, KS.

Outstanding Practicum Teacher - Vonda L. Bybee, Manhattan, KS; and J. Greg Carter, Manhattan, KS.

Outstanding Practicum Coordinator - J. Greg Carter, Manhattan, KS; and J. Greg Carter, Manhattan, KS.
**Alumni Notes**

1956b

Junior S. (Candace) Stull (BS '59), River Lake, WI, died July 30, 2004. She and her husband, Jim, owned and operated JAJ car washes in River Lake, WI for the past 20 years. Jim was a member and treasurer of the Farmington Club, the RL Chamber of Commerce, Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority, the Junior's Nite in Newton, KS; Harland Car Wash Assoc.; and the Great Lakes Farmury Museum. She is survived by her husband, James; a daughter, Donna Cannon, of Wausau, WI; a son, Michael; of River Lake, two grandchildren; and three sisters. Patricia Strem of Carrolls, OK; Barbara Staf of Denver, CO; and Nancy Storey-Beauchan of Elkhorn, KS.

1960s

Diane M. (Suma) Fizer (BSE '69), Livonia, Michigan, retired June 30, 2004 after teaching 5th grade for 30 years at Livonia Manor Central School.

1970s

Paul R. Crawford (BSE '72, MSE '75), Tepeka, KS, was recently re-elected as a member of the Board of Directors of Kansas Association of Directors of Plant Facilities. He also serves as a translator for PADP and is a member of the board of directors for the Kansas Association of School Business Officials as well as the Midwest Energy Managers Organization. He has been Director of Maintenance in Stueman Public Schools for the past eleven years.

Karen M. (DiEan) Sullivan, and new Associate (BSE '74), Coffeyville, KS, works for USD 495 at Community Elementary School. She writes, "This is my 35th year of teaching in Coffeyville. They say that our new school is the largest in Kansas. My new job title is Title I Teacher. I teach Guided Reading [grades 2 and 3] at Community Elementary in the morning and then go to teaching Math [grades K - 6] at Holy Name School in the afternoon. I have 6 'great' children of my own. Two go to Community Elementary School, two set out on degree, and two are missed!"

Jeanne M. (Kipp) Cowell (BSE '76), Olathe, KS, is a math teacher at Attwood Middle School in Kansas City, KS. She completed her Master of Science Degree from Emporia State in May 2004.

Marie S. Niswonger (MS '79), Olathe, KS, passed away March 18, 2004. She taught for 49 years; for the last 29 of those she taught in Olathe.

Ronald E. Schmid (BS '76, MS '79), Pompano, WA, is the director of music, wellness, and recreation at St. Louis, WA. He received an award from the Army for overall coordination of an overnight visit by President George Bush to Ft. Lewis. He also received a Commander Award for this visit. He is currently employed as Director of the Graduation Process at Fort Lewis. He considers his most important accomplishment to be the development of a comprehensive program that teaches students how to be successful in their future endeavors. He believes that education is the key to a successful future, and that personal development is essential to achieving success. He is a strong believer in the power of education to transform lives and create a better future for all.

1980s

Nancy L. Buhl (BSE '83), Newton, KS, recently earned her doctorate at Wichita State University in Educational Administration and Supervision. Her dissertation topic was: "The School Improvement Process Does It Really Make a Difference in Student Learning?" Jule (of) (Lavell) Trenipoolroyt (BA '81, MLIS '93), Olpe, KS, is the librarian at Botballong Elementary School.

Leigh A. (Jenifer) Hunt (BS '83), Andover, KS, completed her occupational therapy degree from Oklahoma University Health Science Center in the Spring of 1994. She worked in Oklahoma City for about a year and a half and then a year at a hospital in Springfield, MO. She worked for seven years at Heartland Regional Medical Center in 2002, she became manager of the Occupational Therapy Department at the Anchorage, Hospital system with an edge - from three-year-olds through geriatrics. Christine Niemi (BS '82), Sierra Vista, AZ, is a Battalion Commander for the US Army Intelligence School at Ft. Huachuca, AZ.

Richard L. Matterson (BS '83, MS '86), McAllen, writes that he is currently in his second year of the Master of Divinity program at Newberry University, a full-time university founded in 1975. Lisa M. Robertson (BSE '83), Tepeka, KS, earned her master's degree from the University of Kansas in August 2005. Her degree is in MA in Education, Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL). She is an ELL teacher at Quapaw Elementary School.

Lisa A. (Galvano) Galano (BSE '81), Brentwood, MD, was just promoted from teacher to teacher trainer in her school district. She will be completing her master's degree in Educational Leadership in May 2005.

Mike A. Hole (BSE '81), Maple Hill, KS, is a special education teacher at St. Mary's in USD 421 for seven years. He is also the head wrestling coach and an assistant football coach at the high school.

---

**Help Us Stay in Touch**

Do you have information to share with us and/or your classmate? If so, please refer to the completed forms in The Teachers College Newsletter. Jones Institute for Educational Excellence, Campus Box 4306, Emporia State University, Emporia, KS 66801-5067 or fax to (620) 341-5785 Ann. JEE. You may also use the online form at www.emporia.edu/jones/newsletters/hsn-choose.htm

---

**Teachers College Fund For Excellence**

The Teachers College Fund for Excellence awards scholarships and grants to students to support their education. If you would like to make a charitable contribution, please make your check payable to Teachers College Fund for Excellence and mail to:

**Teach Clubs**

The Teachers College Fund for Excellence
800 N. Rose Street
1900 Highland Road
Emporia, KS 66801-5014

**$**

C) My employer will match my gift. Enclose a matching gift form.

1 I would like information regarding planned giving.

2 I would like information on endowments and named funds.

**Donor Recognition Club**

Annual gifts to ESE: the following matching gift donors will provide matching gift

$1,000 or above: 

President's Club

$500 

SEU's Club

$200 

Black and Gold Club

$100 

Century Club

Up to $500 

Endowment Club

---

*continued on page 4*
1996
Scott D. Brownrigg (B.S. ’88), Winkla, is currently a high school social science teacher for USD 365. He writes: "As of January 10th I will take office as the new Anderson County Sheriff. I will be leaving the teaching field, but I am looking forward to putting my law enforcement education to use." LaShaya D. (McCal) Childs (B.S. ’90, MS. ’94), Groton, MO, recently published a book of Christian poetry, Strait From My Unstained Heart. (To order call 888.280.7775 or visit www.lutherscope.com.) Rodney A. Cook (MS ’91), St. Louis, MO, is a specialist teacher for the Special School District of St. Louis County. He writes: he has kept in touch with fellow alumna Kelliah but would like to locate other alumni in student personnel program as well as other friends or acquaintances from ESU (email: rodecokiel@esu.com).
Shawna M. (Hutchinson) Taylor (B.S. ’92), Rock, KS, will be a first grade teacher for USD 316, Douglass, KS starting with the 2004-2005 school year. She gave birth to third child, Melissa Frances, on June 10, 2005.
Cheryl A. (Wagner) Wahl Edwards (B.S. ’92), Lakeland, FL, received a masters of Public health degree in Safety Management from the University of South Florida, December 2003. She was named the Fire and Life Safety Educator of the year in 2004 at the Florida Association of Fire and Life Safety Educators Annual Awards Banquet. Cheryl serves as an assistant instructor for Ridge Vocational Technical School, Florida State Fire College, and the National Fire Academy (Eustis, FL). She was an instructor in the development team for the Fire and Life Safety Educators course for the Florida State Fire College and the development team for the Changing America’s Family at Risk (education course) for the National Fire Academy. She is a public education officer for the Lakeshore Fire Department. She married Allen Edwards on September 20, 2003.
Troy D. (Mehl) Tolles (B.S. ’92, Dr. Sears, and husband, Dustin, wish to announce the birth of their son, Trevor Lynn Jacob, on February 1, 2005.
Toby J. Burris (B.S. ’93), Middletown, PA, is a foster parent recruiter for The Bar Foundation.
Tamara E. (Erkel) Brown (B.S. ’93), Hutchinson, KS, received a masters degree from Friends University in 2001. After teaching moderate and severely handicapped medium for 15 years, she took a 4th grade teaching position with the Haven School District. She coaches 6th-8th grade girls softball, basketball, and track as well as a Special Olympics team.
Dana L. (Fruit) Jenkins (B.S. ’94), Smith Center, KS, completed her masters of Art in Teaching from Friends University in May 2004. She is a teacher at the Smith Country Learning Center.
Jim E. Allen (B.S. ’95, MS. ’95), Salina, KS, was named Director of Admissions at Kansas Wesleyan University in January 2005.
Jason W. Purdue (B.S. ’97), Dodge City, KS, Worked for Emporia Recreation Commission at Sports Complex from 1998-2001. He moved to become the Sports Director in Dodge City, KS from 2001 to present. While in Dodge City, he became a sports broadcaster for city high school and college sports.
Troy L. Thornton (B.S. ’97), Rifle, CO, writes: "On November 2nd (election day), 2004, my wife and I were blessed by having a baby girl. Alexis Chatter Thornton is a very healthy and happy little girl. Troy is a health teacher at Rifle-Midfield School."
2000
Mike Barton (BS ’97) and Rachel (Frazer) Barton (B.S. ’00), North Newton, KS, had a baby boy, Andrew Michael Barton, on August 10, 2003. Amanda J. (Dunivant) Cunningham (BS ’99, MS ’05) and Rick Cunningham (BS ’01), Emporia, KS, are parents of a daughter, Brenna, born June 22, 2004. Amanda is a children’s therapist for the Mental Health Center of East Central Kansas. Rick is the Marketing Director for ESU Athletics.
Tajuma N. Lucas (B.S. ’00), Grind Prairie, TX, has been teaching in the Dallas-Fort Worth area for five years and is currently completing her masters degree in school counseling. She is engaged to Charles Hudson (BFA ’00).
Melissa (Eck) Reyes (B.S. ’01, Wentzville, KS, is a special education teacher for K-5 at Otsego Grade School. She was named the Kansas Horizon Award for exemplary achievement in her first year of teaching. The award included attending a conference of the Kansas exemplary Educators Network, of which she is now a member, attending a luncheon where Gov. Sebelius spoke, and receiving $250 to be used toward her classrooms.
Toni D. Richardson (B.S. ’01), El Dorado, KS, recently changed from teaching 6th grade special education to teaching 6th and 7th grade special education for the El Dorado School District. This is the second year she is coaching 6th grade volleyball, 7th grade boys basketball, and 8th grade girls basketball.
Jennifer M. (Anderson) Yaroom (B.S. ’01), Wichita, KS, was married July 10, 2004. She works for the Wichita Public Schools.
Jocelyn M. (Kleinpautz) Nelson (B.S. ’02, Salina, KS, is in the process of getting her masters in special education from ESU, she expects to be done in Spring 2006. Currently she is a special education teacher at Spring Hill High School in USD 220.
Troy S. Huggins (MS ’02), Battle Creek, MI, was selected Northern Michigan University 2004 Outstanding Young Alumni. The award was presented during NMU Homecoming Weekend October 14, 2004. Troy graduated with a BS from NMU in 1992 and an MS from ESU in 2002. He owns Troy Huggins Fitness Pros, a personal training/manage therapy business.
Education Faculty Awarded

Three education faculty members were honored for their achievements in instruction, service, and scholarly activity at a special ceremony January 10. Recipients were nominated by their respective academic departments and selected by a university-wide committee.

Excellence in Instruction - Brian Schrader, associate professor in psychology and special education. Besides being an engaged faculty member, Schrader's development of a course for graduate teaching assistants to familiarize them with university teaching is viewed as his most outstanding contribution. This exceptional program has garnered requests from faculty all over the nation who are interested in duplicating its success.

Excellence in Service - Connie Briggs, associate professor in the department of early childhood and elementary teacher education and director of ESU's Reading Recovery® Program, was recognized for her work for children's literacy. She received the award for her activities—from chairing a committee for an international professional organization, to working one-on-one with elementary school children, Briggs' service focuses on meeting the needs of Kansas educators, especially in teaching children to read.

Darrell E. Wood Service Award - Phil Bennett, Associate Dean of The Teachers College, was given the Darrell E. Wood Service Award. 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. The award is not limited to faculty or administration, but instead recognizes any staff member, classified or unclassified, who has served The Teachers College in an exemplary way. Bennett oversaw the recent re-accreditation of The Teachers College by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education. He also served as acting dean during the Fall 2004 semester.

The awards were presented by Tes Mehlberg, Dean of The Teachers College at ESU, and Dr. Ann Miller, associate professor in the department of psychology and special education and chair of The Teachers College Dance Advisory Council.

XI Phi announces Outstanding Faculty Award

Barbara Bloker, a professor in the department of Early Childhood and Elementary Teacher Education, has been selected as the recipient of the 2005 XI Phi Outstanding Faculty Award.

The XI Phi Outstanding Faculty award is the highest honor bestowed upon an ESU faculty member, because students nominate and select the recipient. The award is given to a faculty member who contributes to the welfare and further development of the students at ESU. XI Phi is an Honorary Literature Fraternity whose membership consists of ESU student teachers.

"I am honored and touched that some of my students nominated me for the XI Phi Outstanding Faculty Award," Bloker said. "It is my students who should be honored. They teach me daily!"

Bloker teaches language arts courses in the Early Childhood/Elementary Education Department and advises freshman elementary education majors in the Student Advising Center. She has been an ESU faculty member since 1987.

In 1997 she received a National Academic Advising Association Outstanding Advisor Award and in 2000 she was the first ESU Faculty member to receive the Golden Apple Award.

"I am honored when I am helping students," she said.

Bloker recently helped several ESU students write and publish a book entitled "What I Can Do at ESU."
A nationally known expert in teaching children to read will be in Emporia this summer.

Dr. Linda Davis, an expert in early childhood literacy, will hold an early literacy institute July 25-29, 2005. The week-long event is being coordinated by the John Bowerman for Educational Excellence (JEE) at Emporia State University.

Davis developed a literacy model currently being implemented by schools across the nation. The model includes schools providing highly trained reading teachers as needed for the first grade students and support for those in second grade.

"We are truly excited to be able to bring someone of Dr. Davis's expertise to Kansas," said Tony Roof, director of conferences and workshops for JEE. "Her balanced literacy approach to reading has literacy as a means for supporting and sustaining school-wide change."

Davis, interim professor and the director of the Early Literacy Center at the University of Arizona, has conducted numerous early literacy institutes and workshops for educators across the country. She works with schools in establishing professional teams that use literacy as a means for supporting and sustaining school-wide change. She is the author of Apprenticeship in Literacy, Scaffolding Young Writers, and Teaching for Deep Comprehension.

The literacy institute to be hosted in Emporia will focus on the reading, writing, and spelling processes. An emphasis will be placed on a balanced literacy curriculum. An additional focus will be on the features of a comprehensive literacy model, including peer coaching and school-based literacy teams. Sessions will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 3:30 p.m. each day.

More information about the event can be found at www.emporia.edu/jee or call JEE at 1-877-378-5433. People may also register for the Davis conference from www.emporia.edu/jees/preregistration-05davis.htm. Individuals attending the Early Literacy Institute featuring Linda Davis may choose to receive one or two hours of graduate credit for attending the institute. To receive credit, forms will be available for individuals to complete the first morning of the conference (July 25).