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Helping Students Succeed

Friends of the College of Education, our development office has initiated a campaign here on campus to support students and faculty through gift giving. Supporting students and faculty in the College is a laudable goal for all of us. Do you remember one faculty member that helped you reach your goals? Did you benefit from a scholarship that helped you pay your expenses? If so,

you might consider "paying it forward." We use gifts to send students to state and national professional meetings and other activities that can't be supported with state funds. We hope to continue to do so through your generosity. The College has several dedicated scholarships in the names of special friends of the College. Adding to these memorials would also enable

larger scholarships to be given to students. If you wish to "pay it forward," you can contact the ASU Development Office and make a gift in the name of the College, a memorial fund, or your favorite professor. The Development Office can be contacted at 325-942-2116.

Dr. J. Miazga, Dean
College of Education

Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year

Brett Dawson was the College of Education Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year. Brett is currently in the Education Administration Program working towards Principal Certification and is a 2004 graduate of ASU with concentrations on Kinesiology and Mathematics. In his nomination documents, it was said that "Brett is competent enough to already have been named the principal in his district, even before he has completed his graduate coursework and certification requirements. That his school

board did this is a tribute to Brett's leadership capabilities and to his standing with students, teachers and the com-

munity." Brett is the PK-12 principal for Strawn ISD. Brett is pictured below with Drs. Hightower and Bain.



Students in the news...

Outstanding Graduate Student Nominees

The following students were nominated for Graduate Student of the Year for the College of Education.

Jazmin Hernandez

Jazmin is a student in the Student Development & Leadership in Higher Education program and will graduate this May. She is a 2011 ASU graduate with a degree in Communications. Jazmin currently works as a graduate assistant in the Department of Curriculum & Instruction.

Heather Conner

Heather is a graduate student in the Curriculum & Instruction, Initial Teacher Certification program. She successfully juggles the demands of children, family, and a full-time teaching job. Her status as a graduate student has significant implications beyond her own educational goals, as she works in a school district and on a campus where attending college is not necessarily the norm or within the mindset of the students.

Kimberly Hope Bearden

Hope is a non-traditional student in the Guidance and Counseling Program. She has taught middle school for some 12 years and received several awards for her teaching excellence. Hope has a heart for students. She understands the value of diversity and acknowledges the merit and worth of all students in her school. In addition, she has worked in her community as a volunteer for several organizations.

Distinguished Student Award Recipient



A San Angelo native, Jill Cummings is an interdisciplinary studies major with teacher certification in early childhood through grade 6. She was nominated by the Department of Teacher Education. She earned induction into the Kappa Delta Pi international education honor society, for which she served as president, and selection to *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. She is a member of Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship, participated in intramural sports, and tutored math through the STAAR program. She volunteers for a variety of children's causes in the San Angelo community and plans to pursue a teaching career at the elementary school level.

Hayley Roberts—Undergraduate Researcher

Hayley, a senior in the Department of Teacher Education, made a poster presentation at the Undergraduate Research Symposium at Angelo State University on April 19, 2013. Ms. Roberts joined 21 other student researchers to present their research. The symposium was sponsored by the ASU's Center for Innovation in Teaching and Research (CITR) and directed by Dr. John Wegner. Nineteen entries were from the sciences and two, including Hayley's, were from social science. Hayley's research centered on three questions related to Community Engaged Learning in which ASU volunteers read to prekindergarten students at Alta Loma Elementary School in San Angelo Independent School District. She designed the volunteer process, selected the literature that would be used, and monitored and evaluated the process. Hayley and her mentor, Dr. Sandra Maxedon, planned for approximately a year before implementing the pilot program at Alta Loma.



Kimberley Jones—Quest for Quality Award for Exceptional Teacher Candidate

Kimberley was nominated by the Department of Teacher Education and received the Quest for Quality Exceptional Teacher Candidate in Fall 2012. Her cooperating teacher during student teaching said of her, “Kimberly enters the classroom each day with a sense of purpose and has an uncanny ability to keep the students focused on what she teaches. Her knowledge of the subject area was even noticed by many faculty members as well as the principal in our school.” Her university supervisor added, “Kimberly is a positive role model for her kindergarten students. She teaches the students the academic content as well as working toward developing their character. She strives to have her students share her strong work ethic in their daily lessons. Every day she has worked with the students she has made a difference in their lives.”



Quest for Quality

The Quest for Quality initiative, based in The Woodlands, is designed to highlight exceptional quality in university-based teacher preparation in Texas. The Center for Research, Evaluation and Advancement of Teacher Education (CREATE) and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board collaborate on the program that is funded through a grant from the Sid W. Richardson Foundation to the College for All Texans Foundation.

The following students and faculty have been nominated for the spring 2013 Quest for Quality Awards.

Exceptional Teacher Candidates: Lauren Couch and Michelle Hamilton

Exemplary Faculty Practices: Dr. Deborah Banker

Exemplary Field Based Practices: Dr. Sandra Maxedon

Exemplary School Partnerships: Dr. Christine Purkiss

Wonderful Women of ASU



Maggie Blair, (pictured at left) Administrative Assistant to the Dean, and Dr. Mary McGlamery, were winners of the Wonderful Women of ASU Star Award this spring. Held in conjunction with the celebration of Women's History Month, the third annual Wonderful Women of ASU Awards Ceremony recognizes women in the Angelo State University community who routinely go out of their way to support and uplift others through their dedicated service. This award is sponsored by the ASU Multicultural Center. Nominees from the College of Education included the following ladies:

Lesley Casarez	Kim Livengood
Amy Williamson	Jazmin Hernandez (graduate student)
Christine Pruitt	Ann Mears
Marta Jones	Charlene Bustos
Meagan Word	Christine Purkiss
Erin Ruiz (graduate student)	Wendy Storms
Tia Agan	Meghan Seibert
Deborah Banker	Donna Gee
Judith Hakes	Linda Lucksinger
Marilyn Eisenwine	Marva Solomon
Pat Bain	Sandra Maxedon

Congratulations to all those nominated.

Spring 2013 Scholarships

This spring, the members of the Scholarship Committee completed the tasks necessary to recommend awards for Spring, 2013. The members of the scholarship committee are Dr. Judith Hakes, Dr. Ann Bullion-Mears, Dr. Donna Gee, Mrs. Tia Agan, Dr. Blake Hightower, and Dr. Sandra Maxedon. Nine funded scholarships resulted in 13 awards. In all instances the recipients exceeded the scholarship requirements, in addition to meeting the College of Education dispositions to teach. The threshold for grade point average was above 3.5 for all recipients. The scholarships and their recipients are:

Dr. Verna Mae Crutchfield Special Education Scholarship awarded to Aracely Zapata

Amy E. Pettit Special Education Scholarship awarded to Aaron Acker, Leonela Amara, and Bridgette Mitchell.

Spencer Special Education Scholarship awarded to Jerrika Matthews and Whitney Foley

San Angelo Retired Teachers Association Scholarship awarded to Liliana McDaniel and Emily Booth.

John L. Bishop Memorial Scholarship awarded to Jennifer Leleux.

Pat Baker Memorial Scholarship awarded to Ryan Pabor.

Dr. Raymond M. & Maurine Cavness Memorial Scholarship awarded to Jennifer Jackson.

Sandra Deal Memorial Scholarship awarded to Nelson Thomas.

Olson-Buttery Scholarship awarded to Jordan Jernigan

Student Organization News



Kappa Delta Pi

KDP initiated 25 new members into the honor society this spring. This spring they also held their first online initiation ceremony for those students who are at a distance from ASU and cannot attend the face to face ceremony. Fifteen additional members were initiated online in May. The first KDP Alumni



Award was given to Mrs. Lori Barton, Principal at Ft. Concho Elementary School, SAISD for her dedication to education and support of up and coming teachers.

EPI Center in the news

President's Award for Commitment to Excellence 2012 Nominee:

Wendy Storms

President's Award for Excellence in Customer Service 2012 Nominees:

Meagan Word

Christine Pruitt

Lesley Casarez

Chancellor's Colonel Rowen Award 2012 Nominee:

Wendy Storms

Trainings/Conferences:

The National Academic Advising Association's (NACADA) Region 7 Conference

Texas Association of Teacher Educators (TxATE)/Texas Coordinators for Teacher Certification Testing (TCTCT) Conference

Texas Association of Certification Officer (TACO) Conference

Texas Directors of Field Experience (TDFE) Brownbag Conference

Advising:

Candidates that attended Group Advising Sessions: 123

Candidates one-on-one advising: 97

Spring Field Placements:

Field Experience Candidates: 233

Fall Student Teachers: 106

Some Tidbits of Information:

Starting Fall 2013 secondary certifications that were 8-12 will now become 7-12.

Starting 2014 it will be required that the candidates taking the EC-6 Generalist TExES exam must pass all three domains of the revised test. The domains are: 1) ELAR, 2) Mathematics, and 3) Social Studies, Science, Fine Arts, Health and Physical Education.

Starting 2014 it will be required that the candidates taking the 4-8 Generalist TExES exam will have to pass all four domains of the test. The domains are: 1) ELAR, 2) Mathematics, 3) Social Studies, and 4) Science.

Faculty Doings.....

Dr. Williamson—Flipping the Script: Using You Tube Videos to Assess 21st Century Learners. Presented as a session at the International Organization of Social Sciences and Behavioral Research Conference. Atlantic City, NJ.

Dr. Williamson— The Effect of Bio Poems on Classroom Connectivity. Presented as a workshop for the 9th International Literacy Conference. Guatemala City, Guatemala.

Dr. Purkiss – NSTA Elementary Extravaganza – “Truffula Tree Problems” Activity on renewable and nonrenewable resources. San Antonio, April 2013

Dr. Purkiss - National Technology and Social Science Conference 2013. “There’s an APP for That: Integrating technology, Apps and social media in undergraduate teacher education. “

Dr. Banker- March 2013, Society for Information Technology for Educators (SITE) Presented and published in proceedings : “Not your mother’s teacher ed course”

Chris McGilvery – Article published “Promoting Active OnLine Learners. Tech Edge February 2013.

Dr. Gee - iSolve with iPad. Paper presented at the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Conference, Denver, CO. April 2013

Dr. Gee published—Situated identities, competing cultural models: Discourse analysis of policymakers' views on teaching. Journal of Educational Research and Practice. 3 (1), 50-64.

Dr. Judith Hakes was awarded Faculty of the Year for the ASU Greek Life Awards. She was nominated by Delta Zeta .

More Student Organizations.....



CEC

CEC participated in the Autism Speaks Walk on April 6, 2013. Some of the CEC members joined a team called Journey for Jared to support a local San Angelo boy with Autism. CEC looks forward to participating again next year! Pictured below are members of CEC at the Autism Walk. Submitted by Marie Parker.

TSTA

This year TSTA has spent most of our year working to increase our membership. TSTA recently had a very successful t-shirt sale that provided information about the organization to many people. Marissa Mendoza was nominated as the incoming president, and Jamie Kennedy as treasurer. They will both bring lots of new and interesting ideas to TSTA. Submitted by Stephanie Smith.

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