Professor Uline Receives 2010 Litarati Network Award for Excellence

Every year Emerald Literati Network invites each journal’s Editorial Team to nominate what they believe has been that title’s Outstanding Special Issue and also Highly Commended Special Issues from the previous 12 months. The Editorial Team found Dr. Uline’s work entitled, Building high quality schools for learners and communities, to be of extremely high quality. The work was published in the Journal of Educational Administration and was chosen for a Highly Commended Special Issue Award at the Literati Network Awards for Excellence 2010. The issue was selected for being one of the most impressive pieces of work the team had seen throughout 2009.

Congratulations Dr. Uline!
To read more, visit our website: http://coe.sdsu.edu/news/

Dr. Cynthia Park Awarded COE’s Highest Award

Dr. Cynthia Park has been selected to be a recipient of the Walter O. Mason, Jr. Award from the Council of Opportunity in Education (COE)! This is the highest award granted by the COE and it acknowledges the recipients’ lifetime achievements on behalf of TRIO students and their families.

The Council of Opportunity in Education established the Walter O. Mason, Jr. Award in 1988 to honor outstanding educational opportunity professionals who exemplify Mason’s sense of leadership and ideals. It was largely through his vision and drive that administrators, counselors, and teachers in TRIO Programs came together to form regional associations. His life was marked by wisdom, compassion, and love for all things good and just—all qualities as rare as they are precious.

Dr. Park will receive this award at the upcoming National COE Annual Conference banquet, to be held here in San Diego, September 2, 2010 at the Grand Hyatt.
Congratulations Dr. Park!

Escobar Elected CASC Representative

Second year graduate student, Ruben Escobar, in the middle school counseling & PPS credential program will serve as the Graduate Student Representative for the California Association of School Counselors (CASC). “I am very honored to have this opportunity and will serve in my position to the best of my ability,” Escobar said.

Escobar will represent graduate students and school counselors at the state level and will work with state leaders in the professions of School Counselors, Counselor Educators, Administrators, and other professionals in the field of Education.

Escobar will serve as a mentor and resource for students. His responsibilities will include informing graduate students about resources that CASC offers.
Alumnus Named Interim Dean at Sonoma State

Former student, Carlos Ayala, of the Educational Leadership Department, has been named interim Dean of the School of Education at Sonoma State University, effective August 1, 2010. Dr. Ayala’s work focuses on preparing a more diverse group of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) teachers; effectively and accurately assessing student learning; and employing assessment data in the continuous improvement of academic programs.

"Coupled with the high regard educators throughout our community have for Dr. Ayala, he is distinctly suited to lead the School of Education," said SSU President Ruben Arminana.

Ayala has been with Sonoma State University since 2002. He was associate professor of Curriculum Studies and Secondary Education as well as Director of Assessment and Accreditation, overseeing preparations for the School of Education's accreditation in 2012.

Ayala earned his M.A. in Educational Leadership and California Administrative Services Credential here at San Diego State University and went on to earn his Ph.D. in Curriculum and Teacher Education at Stanford. He received his Multiple Subject Bilingual Teaching Credential and Single Subject Bilingual Teaching Credential--Physical Science & Chemistry--at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

Ed Leadership Hosts First Chinese and American Leadership Institute

The College of Education, Department of Educational Leadership hosted its first Chinese and American Educational Leadership Institute from June 21 –June 25, 2010. School administrators and university faculty from Chongqing, Beijing and Zhejiang China joined a cohort of doctoral students and participants from local school districts for this experience.

Throughout the week, the participants visited local schools and the San Diego County Office of Education to observe and experience first language immersion programs, special education programs, small high schools, and the use of technology in schools and districts across San Diego. During the week, doctoral students from the Department of Educational Leadership facilitated round table discussions on these same topics. During the evenings, doctoral students and Chinese delegates toured San Diego and had dinner together, giving them more opportunities to learn about each other, their schools, and cultures. The culminating dinner was sponsored by and held at the Barona Casino and Resorts Golfing Events Center and was a huge success. Doctoral students and Chinese delegates formed lasting relationships that will continue for years into the future. Assistant Professor, Cheryl James-Ward coordinated the institute.

(Story continues in next column)

The San Diego State University Confucius Institute, the San Diego County Office of Education, Sister Schools of San Diego, and Lakeside Union School district were collaborative partners for this phenomenal event.

COE Welcomes Troops to Teachers

The COE is proud to announce our partnership with the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Educational Support (DANTES). We welcome two talented recruiters, Bill Leitheiser and Kawanda McLendon, who will focus on a program called, Troops to Teachers.

Troops to Teachers provides Counseling and Referral services to military personnel interested in beginning a second career in public education as a teacher. The DANTES Troops to Teachers office will help applicants identify teacher certification requirements, programs leading to certification and employment opportunities. The recruiters can be found in the Office of Student Services, EBA 259.

To learn more about Troops to Teachers, go to www.proudtoserveagain.com.

Story Submissions

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Rossett Participates in Oxford E-Learning Debate

The Motion: This House Believes that Technology Based Informal Learning is More Style than Substance........ (Click here OR Title To Read More)

E-Learning Debate, 2010 Highlights

THE E-LEARNING DEBATE at the Oxford Union 2010

Tags: Faculty; Civic Engagement; Culture of Inquiry; 21st Century Skills

SDSU considered a national leader in autism work

School has become national leader in training teachers to assist youth with increasingly common disorder

By Pat Flynn, of The Union Tribune

Alberto Castro has limited ability to communicate, at least verbally. But, there he was last week, in Shayla Green's classroom at El Cajon Valley High School, answering simple questions, either by pointing to pictures or pressing yes or no on an "augmentative
Nationwide Attention for 21st Century Initiative

Nancy Farnan, Director of the School of Teacher Education, and alumna Erin Preston (Single-subject credential '09) presented at a Capitol Hill briefing in Washington, D.C. regarding Linked Learning, an initiative that enables teachers to better prepare students for the 21st century.

Tags: Faculty; Alumni; 21st Century Skills

Sweet Caroline Retires

After 13-years working in the College of Education, Caroline Balzer, office manager for the COE Student Services, will be retiring and moving to Bellingham, Washington. Since joining the COE, she has dedicated her time to several programs and faculty.

Tag: Staff

Graduate Student Selected for Best & Brightest Program

Post-Secondary Education. These highly competitive grants focus on the following areas: Long term training in Rehabilitation Counseling; Long term training in Rehabilitation Psychiatry.

Tags: Students; faculty

$4.8 Million to Special Education and Counseling and School Psychology

The U.S. Department of Education Office of Special Education Programs awarded SDSU's Special Education and Counseling and School Psychology programs four grants, making SDSU the only school in the nation to receive four grants.
Deniece Chideme, second year graduate student in CSP's School Counseling program, has been selected as one of the distinguished participants for the Millennium Momentum Foundation, Inc. Best & Brightest Scholarship Program for the 2010-2011 academic school year. Chideme was selected from a pool of over 200 applicants. . .(Click here OR Title To Read More)

Tags: Students; Diversity Cultural Awareness; Civic Engagement; Culture of Inquiry

Math for America Fellows

SDSU hosted a dinner at Scripps Cottage in honor of the ten new fellows who were selected, after a rigorous selection process, into Math for America—a program designed to attract and support promising students to become high quality, accomplished mathematics teachers in San Diego County. . . . . . . (Click here OR Title To Read More)

Tags: Students; Alumni; Achievement Gap; Civic Engagement; 21st Century Skills

Cadiero-Kaplan's Follow-up Symposium

Dr. Karen Cadiero-Kaplan, was one of eight higher education professors to be invited from the U.S. to participate in a follow-up workshop of the Kettering Foundation's higher education symposium . . . . . (Click here OR Title To Read More)

Tags: Faculty; Culture of Inquiry

Three SDSU COE Alumni sat on the Distinguished Alumni Panel at the US Coast Guard Academy.
Pictured from Left to Right in Rank, Name, Graduation Year from SDSU

Lieutenant Commander Erica Mohr ('02), Commander Ed Beale ('07), Commander Cathy (Tobias) Kang, retired ('98).
January 2011

A Global Experience for College of Education Doctoral Students, Faculty and the Dean

In December of 2010, Dean Hovda, Dr. Kathy Cohn and Dr. Peg Basom from the Department of Educational Leadership and 6 COE Educational Leadership doctoral students participated in the 2010 Winter Chinese Bridge Delegation Taking the Next Step through the Confucius Institute here at SDSU. The Chinese Bridge Program for k-12 school administrators is a weeklong educational experience in China that is offered twice a year, and is sponsored by Hanban. The program includes . . . (Click here OR Title To Read More)

Alumni in Public Service

The attempted assassination of U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords by Jared Loughner, the 22-year-old suspect accused of the shooting rampage that killed six people and wounded 13 other civically engaged individuals, highlights the need for the College of Education's commitment to developing leaders and professionals who understand and practice healthy democratic processes and civic engagement. It also highlights the importance of mental health and the development of a culture/climate of understanding and respect that make violence intolerable. One COE program that was founded on these premises and has remained committed to implementing them since its founding is the

also this month

Spring Commencement Information

Gradfest will be April 12-14, 2011 in the tents adjacent to the SDSU Bookstore. The College of Education/Division of Undergraduate Studies 2011 Commencement will be Sunday, May 22, 2011 at 8:00 am in Viejas Arena. Further details can be found by clicking here.

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Community-Based Block (CBB) Program. For over 37 years, CBB has successfully used deliberative democratic processes, multiculturalism and social justice advocacy to prepare professional counselor/educators to serve individuals and communities. . . (Click here OR Title To Read More)
Top Research Honors for Dr. Charles Degeneffe

On March 25, 2011 San Diego State’s Dr. Charles Degeneffe was the recipient of a 2011 American Rehabilitation Counseling Association (ARCA) Research Award. Dr. Degeneffe, a faculty member in the Administration, Rehabilitation & Postsecondary Education department, was recognized during the annual ARCA conference held in New Orleans.

Outstanding Awards: Dr. Patricia Lozada-Santone and SDSU SCTA

Congratulations to San Diego State University Student California Teacher Association (SCTA) and its advisor Dr. Patricia Lozada-Santone, recognized as SCTA’s outstanding chapter and outstanding advisor for the 2010-2011 academic year.

Award-winners: Dr. Douglas Fisher and Dr. Nancy Frey

There is no such thing as summer vacation for College of Education faculty members Douglas Fisher and Nancy Frey.
Nancy Frey! Since the end of the spring semester Dr. Fisher and Dr. Frey have been awarded two awards for their research and writing. . . Read More

New York Times Quotes Dr. Frank Harris

Dr. Frank Harris, Assistant Professor of Postsecondary Educational Leadership and Student Affairs, was recently quoted in an article by the New York Times regarding equality in community college athletics. . . Read More

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Welcome New Faculty and Staff

The College of Education welcomes six new faculty members and six new staff members this fall. As we begin a new academic year, these exceptional new people remind us of the opportunities each represents to enrich us all with fresh perspectives and new energy.

The new faculty and staff members are joining a College rich in a tradition of excellence in learning, discovery, and engagement with the communities we serve. They join us in our continuous quest to provide our students and stakeholders with the highest level of professional service, scholarship and teaching.

It is with great pride we introduce these six new members of the faculty and six new staff members. Please join me in welcoming them to the SDSU College of Education!

~ Ric A. Hovda, Dean

New Faculty for the College of Education

Six faculty members embark on their first full academic year with the college. Read Faculty Bios

Dr. J. Luke Wood
Assistant Professor
Administration, Rehabilitation, and Postsecondary Education Dept.
New Staff for the College of Education

Six new staff members join the college for 2011-12.

Wendy Bracken
Administrative Coordinator
Administrative, Rehabilitation and Postsecondary Education

Lisa Paulino
Program Coordinator
MSTI

Karen Bobczynski
Administrative Coordinator
Child & Family Development Dept.

Ezequiel Noyola
Administrative Support Coordinator
Dean's Office
In December 2009, the College of Education and SDSU approved The Center for Teaching Critical Thinking and Creativity (CTCTC) to help address growing concerns voiced by CEOs and recruiters about the difficulty of finding potential employees who exhibit critical thinking skills. The mission of the CTCTC is to enhance critical thinking, creative productivity, and academic performance in diverse P-12 schools. The Center addresses this mission through professional development and collaborative activities between university faculty and practicing teachers, applying evidence-based strategies, employing appropriate technologies, and evaluating outcomes.

Critical Thinking in the Content Areas

In January 2010 and May 2011, the Center co-sponsored with San Diego Unified’s Advanced Studies Program multi-day workshops for 163 elementary and secondary teachers and 7 Center faculty members to address critical thinking in language arts, social studies, and mathematics using evidence-based strategies developed at the College of William and Mary.
**Critical Thinking in Reading**

The Center collaborated with Southwestern College to provide training to San Diego Unified teachers and COE Special Education pre-service teachers in Spring 2011. Joel Levine, Dean of Language and Literature, and Sylvia Garcia-Navarette, a SWC faculty member and Community College Ed.D. student, presented their soon-to-be-published Our Reading Toolbox. [Read More](#)

**Smart Thinking with Smart Phones**

During Spring 2011, the Center partnered with Educational Technology’s Qualcomm project to support Bernie Dodge and middle school student teachers in developing applications for critical and creative thinking using mobile technologies. Marcie Bober (Chair, Educational Technology) is evaluating the Qualcomm project’s outcomes. [Read More](#)

**Engaging the College**

A March 2011 Cracker Barrel enabled the College and greater community to interact with 8 COE faculty members who shared their current projects on critical or creative thinking: Chris Alger, Bernie Dodge, Sandy Kay, Carla Mathison, Alan McCormack, Carol Robinson-Zañartu, Alberto Rodriguez, and Fernando Rodriguez-Valls and his students. [Read More](#)

**Fellows Program**

To encourage partnerships and further our mission, Center faculty proposed a program to provide resources

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**CTCTC Volunteers**

Center activities receive support from community volunteers committed to its mission. Karen Moffitt, Katie Pedersen, and Ann MacDonald are retired San Diego Unified educators who continue to teach, consult, and work with pre-service and in-service teachers. [Read More](#)

**Contact the CTCTC**

The Center welcomes ideas and comments as well as new members who have interest in enhancing critical thinking and creativity in schools. Contact Margie Kitano, Center Director, at kitano@mail.sdsu.edu.

**More COE News**

**New COE RSS News Feed!**

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to teachers committed to enhancing critical and creative thinking in their classrooms. Center faculty vetted proposals and identified 9 teachers to become the first group of Fellows. The Fellows teach in San Diego, El Centro, Chula Vista, El Cajon, and San Marcos. Each received $1000 to support a project and has a mentor from among Center faculty. Read More

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The College of Education loses a friend and colleague

Dr. Valerie Cook-Morales, passed away after a brief illness. Dr. Cook-Morales, chair of the Department of Counseling and School Psychology (CSP), was a respected teacher and scholar, social justice advocate, and leader in her field. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her, as well as the thousands who have been touched by her work and passion. Dr. Nola Butler-Byrd, Associate Professor, has agreed to provide leadership as acting chair for the CSP department. Read More

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Dr. J. Luke Wood’s busy first year with the COE

Dr. J. Luke Wood, Assistant Professor in the Department of Administration, Rehabilitation, and Postsecondary Education (ARPE) has been busy. Not only has he recently been named co-editor of the Journal of African American Males in Education, his recent research on factors influencing student perspectives on the effect of employment on academic success among African American males has been published in National Association of Student Affairs Professional Journal. Read More

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Neal Fogelhut's New Title: Retiree

Upcoming Events

Explore SDSU: March 17

Come out and join us on Saturday, March 17th for Explore SDSU, our annual open house for admitted and prospective students, alumni, families and community. Explore SDSU promises to be a day of fun and activity for all who attend. Read More.

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California Forums for Diversity in Graduate
Many of us were sorry to see College technical support engineer Neal Fogelhut retire after nearly 30 years of service, initially to the EDTEC department and, more recently, to the entire College maintaining our Smart Classrooms and overseeing the Faculty/Staff Help Desk. Neal, we're very grateful for your many years of faithful service to the faculty and staff and students in EDTEC and in the COE. We wish you a long, happy, healthy new life ahead! Read More

Dr. Jason Naranjo helps San Diego Unified

Dr. Jason Naranjo helps San Diego Unified identify areas of needed improvement in helping teens with disabilities after high school. On November 10, 2011 COE Special Education Faculty member Dr. Jason Naranjo presented at the Community Advisory Committee for Special Education for the San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD). Read More

Dr. Douglas Fisher Elected to Board of Directors for International Reading Assoc.

Dr. Douglas Fisher, College of Education Faculty Member, was elected to the board of directors for the International Reading Association for a three-year term, 2012-2015. Since 1956, IRA has been a nonprofit, global network of individuals and institutions committed to worldwide literacy. More than 70,000 members strong, the Association supports literacy professionals through a wide range of resources, advocacy efforts, volunteerism, and professional development activities. Read More

Faculty Meet with Dr. Jill Biden

Dr. Joey Nuñez Estrada Jr., Dr. Colette Ingraham, and Dr. Trish Hatch met with Dr. Jill Biden, wife of Vice President Joseph R. Biden Jr. to discuss the positive

Education

This year SDSU is the host campus for the California Forums for Diversity in Graduate Education spring forum. The forum has been designed particularly to meet the needs of advanced undergraduates and master's candidates who belong to groups that are currently underrepresented in doctoral-level programs. The spring forum will bring together approximately 1,000 pre-selected, high-achieving undergraduate and master's students. The students will explore graduate opportunities and resources by participating in numerous workshops conducted throughout the day. This year’s spring forum will be held on Saturday, April 14th. Read More.

COE Commencement Time Announced

Sleep in and still join us for Commencement. This year our College of Education & Division of Undergraduate Studies commencement ceremony will be at 1:00 pm! Latest news and updates regarding our ceremony.

More COE News

New COE RSS News Feed!

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impact of the Building Capacity in Military-Connected Schools project. This partnership between eight military-connected school districts and the USC School of Social Work, is a four-year $7.5 million project funded by the Department of Defense Education Activity. Dr. Estrada, assistant professor in the School Counseling Program, brought this opportunity for specialized training and supervision for our CSP students to San Diego State University. Read More

**Department of Policy Studies & Cross-Cultural Education (PLC) Chair appointed to California Department of Education position!**

Dr. Karen Cadiero-Kaplan has been chosen by California Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson to head the Department of Education’s English Learner Support Division. Filling in for her as Interim Department Chair in PLC is Dr. Alberto Rodriguez. Read More

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Dr. Nancy Farnan to Serve on Teacher Preparation Advisory Board

Congratulations to Dr. Nancy Farnan, Interim Associate Dean in the College of Education. Dr. Farnan has been invited by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing to serve on the 2012 Teacher Preparation Advisory Panel. Twenty-nine individuals, who represent key education stakeholder groups from across the state, have been appointed to the panel. Read More

Counseling Students Recognized for Research on Voice

Miriam Pacheco, Fiona Ho, Irene Chung and Cynthia Arocha, second year school counseling graduate students, are to be congratulated for winning the Dean’s Award at San Diego State’s Student Research Symposium. According to Dr. Carol Robinson-Zañartu, who mentored the students, their work resulted in an extremely clear and professional model of research and presentation delivery. For more information, please visit the Student Research Symposium website.

Future Teacher Shines at SDSU: Lindsay Goulet, B.A. 2012

Emeriti Faculty: Dr. Christianna Alger & Dr. Thomas Roberts
Recognition of 25 Years of Service: Dr. Carla Mathison & Dr. Nadine Bezuk
COE Alumni Association Award for Outstanding Faculty Contributions: Dr. Cynthia Park
Phil Halfaker Awards: Whitney Russell, Imanda Marcus, Amy Rundle, Melanie Culimlim

Honors & Awards

Congratulations to all of the COE 2011-2012 Honors and Awards Recipients
For Lindsay Goulet, graduating in May 2012 (Summa Cum Laude) with a degree in social science and entering the College of Education Teacher Credential Program in August 2012 are just the next touchstones in her learning adventure. The Sweetwater High School graduate entered San Diego State through the Compact for Success, a partnership between SDSU and the Sweetwater Union High School District, and credits the efforts of her own middle and high school teachers for inspiration to become a teacher. Read More

COE Student Makes a Difference: Malia A. Green, Class of 2012

by Mary L. Lawlor, Ph. D.

After researching many universities, Malia A. Green chose to attend San Diego State University for two very important reasons – “diversity and community engagement.” The former Marine Staff Sergeant, who joined the military at age 17, left after seven years to focus on family and education. Her then two-year-old son began attending preschool, coming home every day excited by what he was learning. So Malia decided to take an introductory child development course at a community college and “fell in love.” Read More

SDSU Lands Collection of Old Textbooks

by John Wilkens

(From the San Diego Union-Tribune)

See Dick run. See Jane run. See Dick and Jane run to the library at San Diego State University.

About 400 old California textbooks, some dating to the mid-1800s, have been donated by a University Heights
collector to the college, where scholars and students will use them to better understand how and what earlier generations were taught. Read more

**Two M.A. Candidates in SPED/Autism Selected "Teacher of the Year" By Their Districts**

Two local teachers, who are also current SDSU graduate students, have been nominated by their districts as Teacher of the Year.

Preschool teacher Estella Vasquez Peña of Willow Elementary was nominated by San Ysidro School District, and Garth Hebbler of Rolando Park Elementary is runner-up for elementary school teacher of the year for San Diego Unified School District. They will enter the competition for the title of San Diego County Teacher of the Year. Read more

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