from the dean

Dean Michael Holen

Few professions so obviously impact the breadth and depth of life’s opportunities for America’s children as directly and dramatically as education. Teachers and other school personnel spend most of each ‘work day’ planning and striving to improve the skills and dispositions needed to assure the success of our nation’s students. Those days often extend well into the evening and across many weekends. Not surprisingly, our College is pleased to embrace K-State’s major fund raising effort, announced in October of 2005, titled the Changing Lives Campaign. Changing lives is one of our core values.

K-State’s professional education programs have provided this state, region, and nation an incredibly talented and dedicated corps of teachers throughout our history. Our pride in these individuals is demonstrated each year through our many award and recognition activities, some of which are detailed in this edition of Connections. It is important for our loyal alumni to recognize these successes are cumulative. Because you are so well regarded in your communities and classrooms, each year we are able to attract an ever more talented student body. Very importantly, many of you have also been generous in your contributions for scholarship support, allowing us to compete with other universities for students who show both academic promise and leadership potential.

Your College has grown significantly as a full participant in accomplishing the missions of one of the country’s premier land grant universities. We are recognized across the nation for our role in developing and modeling teacher preparation programs which feature the collaboration of the faculties of professional education, content disciplines, and public schools. Each semester we engage nearly 1000 practicing teachers in coursework providing them skills and knowledge to assist the education of the exploding numbers of limited English proficiency students in our state. We serve as the academic and inspirational home base for a university-wide initiative to develop leadership skills for over 1200 Leadership Studies minors. Our faculty members compete for and win over $8,000,000 annually in externally funded grants and contracts for school-based technical assistance, research, development, and service. We provide exemplary, field-based preparation for the advanced preparation and licensure of school administrators. Our faculty have developed and deliver a nationally acclaimed graduate program leading to graduate degrees in Adult Education for top quality military officers at the Command College at Fort Leavenworth.

At the same time, we never forget that the preparation of high quality teachers, counselors, administrators, and other school personnel is a fundamental expectation of us among the people of our state. We attempt to direct our resources toward the areas of greatest need for schools of Kansas, while balancing the availability of our resources and student demand. We know some districts in the state cannot attract enough mathematics, science, special education, family and consumer sciences, foreign language, and agriculture education teachers, among others. We try our best to meet these needs, but the same economic and social forces influencing young people in other disciplines apply to teaching. We are implementing programs to allow individuals to complete teacher licensure with as little time away from their communities as possible in an attempt to mitigate those teacher shortage instances.

In short, we believe we provide a significant array of accomplishments meriting your pride and your support as a graduate of the College of Education at K-State. We will continue to change lives every day; we know you expect no less of us. We hope we can count on you to tell our story, to exhibit pride in your academic heritage, and to help us pursue our continuously higher aspirations.

–Michael C. Holen
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**Correction**

On page 2 of the premier issue of Connections, the name of the 1946 head of the Department of Education and Psychology was incorrectly printed. His correct name is H. Leigh Baker. Connections regrets the error.
Victoria Luhrs, senior in secondary education with an emphasis in history and a minor in leadership studies is the recipient of a Harry S. Truman Scholarship, one of the nation’s highest academic honors. When announcing her selection, President Jon Wefald said, “Victoria’s selection is well deserved. She is an outstanding student and leader at K-State. Among her many accomplishments include being selected as both a Kassebaum and KSU Foundation Scholar and serving as president of K-State’s chapter of Mortar Board, national college honor society.”

Truman Scholars are selected on the basis of leadership potential and communications skills; intellectual strength and analytical ability; and likelihood of “making a difference” in public service. The scholarships are typically awarded to students interested in preparing for careers related to public policy. Luhrs is one of two 2005 national awardees preparing for a career in education. As a Truman Scholar, she will spend the summer of 2006 in Washington, DC with the Truman Foundation Summer Institute. She plans to teach 2-3 years before using the scholarship to work toward a master’s degree in education policy.

The 28th K-State student to win a Truman Scholarship, Luhrs has always wanted to be a teacher. She credits her desire to teach and serve as an advocate for at-risk middle school students to the opportunities she had as a K-State sophomore working with at-risk students through a leadership studies program, Tomorrow’s Leaders Today, and her experiences as a social studies student teacher at Northwest Middle School, Kansas City, KS. The senior in secondary education with a leadership minor said, “I woke up to the needs that exist in the world.” In a telephone interview during student teaching, she said, “It’s one of the reasons I enjoy what I do. A lot of students I work with haven’t found an advocate and I can be that for them.”
Luhrs found mentors in her own teachers, growing up in Kansas City and at K-State. She remembers her “phenomenal 8th grade social studies teacher who was interested in her development outside the classroom who inspired her to become a social studies teacher.” Here at K-State, Luhrs said she was blessed to work with Candi Hironaka, associate director, leadership studies and programs, and Jan Wissman, associate dean of education. In addition, history professors David Stone and Charles Sanders challenged the way she thought about history. These role models are who inspire her to be an advocate for students.

As a student, Victoria exemplifies the best in scholarship, leadership, and service. She was a Tomorrow’s Teacher Scholar, was on the honor roll every semester, and completed the College of Education Honors Program. In addition to serving as president of Mortar Board, she was president of Chimes, junior honor society, and vice-president of her sorority, Alpha Chi Omega. She was active in the K-State Student Alumni Board and represented undergraduate students on the College of Education Teacher Education Advisory Council. She was a member of Silver Key, K-State sophomore honor society, and Phi Kappa Phi national honor society. She served as youth director for her church, and was a 2005 intern in the Kansas Senate.

Victoria is a 2001 graduate of Blue Valley Northwest High School. She is the daughter of Barbara Luhrs, Overland Park, KS and Bob Luhrs, Carmel, IN. December 2005, she graduated summa cum laude, and represented her peers as the Fall College of Education commencement speaker.

By Amanda Mesirow
alumni fellow

Sylvia White Robinson, BS ’71
2005 College of Education Alumni Fellow

This year’s alumni fellow is a quiet woman who describes herself as shy. However, after meeting with Sylvia White Robinson, BS ’71, you have to wonder how anyone this dynamic and articulate can describe herself in this way. Robinson has seen education from all aspects—educator in the classroom, administrator, and policy maker. She has held positions in the classroom, on the Kansas Board of Regents, and the Kansas City USD 500 School District Board of Education; worked for the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation; and served as Director of Education Policy for Governor Kathleen Sebelius.

Robinson decided to become a teacher in part due to the home economics teachers she had in high school. During an opportunity to work with elementary special education students, she realized that this was her passion. She taught first and second grade for eight years before pursuing her master’s degree in special education. “There is a magic that occurs when working with young people; when you realize that they get it, you get a real sense of worth,” according to Robinson. This is what made teaching so special for her. “In the primary grades, students are so eager to learn.” After completing her master’s degree in special education, Robinson was encouraged to pursue her Ph.D. She said that her advisor kept pushing her toward the doctorate program. She explained that she took classes initially to please her advisor, but later really found that she enjoyed what she was doing. She completed her Ph.D. in educational psychology and research at the University of Kansas. Following this, her career path led her to “concentrate efforts on those who don't have a voice—the children.” Through her work for the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation (EMKF), she used her position to become an advocate for education. She was in charge of a group of associates researching such things as school readiness, family and community support and financing related to early childhood education.

As she was in the process of retiring from EMKF, she was contacted by then governor-elect Kathleen Sebelius. Her job was to head a task force to look at issues of education in the state of Kansas affecting the entire range—birth through college graduation. Robinson led a group of approximately 30 people from across the state to identify areas that should be a priority for the students in the state. After the preliminary recommendations were made, this task force went across the state holding town hall meetings, sharing the priorities of the committee and obtaining feedback from residents. According to Robinson, “Regardless of where you live in Kansas, parents have the same hopes and dreams for their children related to education.”

She spent two years with the governor advising on issues related to framing education priorities and setting policies.

Since leaving the governor’s office, Robinson has joined a new organization as vice president for the Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City. Her position will entail identifying funding priorities and assist in making decisions about grant awards. She is certain that at least some of the focus of this new organization will be related to education.

Robinson has been given many opportunities in her life. Her early leadership experiences were obtained at Kansas State University during the late 1960s and early 1970s, a time when things were very volatile on college campuses. Her advice to students: “Involve yourself in activities across campus. It is those activities that will open more opportunities to you.” What’s next for Robinson? “Who knows! I am excited to find out. It hasn’t worked out the way I thought it would but it has been a fascinating adventure. Prepare yourself for the next opportunity and you will be surprised where you end up.”

By Jean Kiekel

“There is a magic that occurs when working with young people; when you realize that they get it, you get a real sense of worth.”

– Sylvia White Robinson
On September 9, 2005 I began my first teaching job—seventh grade math at Dearborn Middle School. But unlike most K-State graduates, I found myself teaching deep in the heart of Boston. I was shocked the first time I walked into my room. It was very old, dirty, had no air-conditioning and it was empty. I spent several days tracking down resources like desks for the kids, a computer for me and an overhead projector. I did my best to cover up the stained and peeling walls with bright posters. I was finally ready for school to begin.

Well, at least my room was ready. I’m not so sure I was. There is no way to prepare yourself for your first day of teaching. When I told locals where I was teaching they loved to tell me how bad the school would be. I knew I was teaching all the seventh grade mainstreamed special education students, but I didn’t know that I would need to re-teach everyone multiplication and division. I knew the school was mostly minority students, but I didn’t realize I would be the only white person in the room.

I knew almost all of the students qualified for free and reduced lunch, but I didn’t realize some of them would be too proud to take it or that they would still show up to school dressed in expensive clothes. It didn’t look like I was teaching in one of the poorest neighborhoods in Boston. But I knew I was.

How naïve I was on that first day of school. I didn’t know the next week I would lose my voice from constantly talking and lecturing. Or that when I disciplined them, sometimes they would yell back. I didn’t realize that when I needed to call the students’ homes I would have to find someone to translate for me because I don’t speak Cape Verdian or Spanish.

Now the sound of cars passing by the front of the school with their basses pumped up or the sound of sirens whizzing by is common. And having to stand in front of the school for a half hour because someone lit a fire in the bathroom again doesn’t surprise me. I was not prepared for this foreign world, but I love it.

I am passionate about meeting the need for quality educators in Boston. Even though these kids may seem disadvantaged, I assure you they are not. They are just differently-advantaged from you and me. They can navigate across the entire city on public transportation. They speak several languages and use slang that I don’t understand. They are street savvy and have survived more than I ever have. And yet, despite everything they face at home and on the streets, they come into my classroom at 7:20 a.m., homework in hand (most of the time), ready to learn math. Their commitment constantly amazes and surprises me.
student news

Commencement:

Student Commencement Speakers
Fall 2004 – Kari Strelcheck
Spring 2005 – Wes Pike
Fall 2005 – Victoria Luhrs

Outstanding Students in Education Awards

The following undergraduate and graduate students were recognized by the College of Education at Fall 2004, Spring 2005, and Fall 2005 Commencement exercises.

Fall 2004–
Michelle Bahr
Chris Lowe
Kari Strelcheck
Jill Thompson
Lindsey VanNahmen

Spring 2005–
Lindsay Burger
Samantha Duncan
S. Gabrianna Hall
John Nguyen
Wes Pike
Tara Upson
Erica Voran

Fall 2005–
Lindi Larson
Elaine Cobb
Brandi Eisen
Meghan Luttrell
Victoria Luhrs
Alexa Passman

Outstanding Graduate Students in Education Awards

Fall 2004–
Jennifer Heeren
Sha-Li Zhang

Spring 2005–
Royce Ann Collins
Erin Jurand

Fall 2005–
Kathy Maxwell
Tonnie Martinez

Kappa Delta Pi

Molly Murphy, president; Jill Gurss, vice president, programs; Katie Peintner, vice president, membership; Teal Ludwick, secretary; Jayme Sauber, treasurer; Ashley Nunez, education council representative; Courtney Britson, social chair; Amy Johnston, rituals; Karla Love, correspondence secretary; Erin McCullough, publicity/scholarship; Lauren Bakian, community representative; Kristen Schnackenberg, cpr chair; Carrie Furman, membership chair; Rachel Collier, historian; Jami Kotapish, vice president, public relations; and Jenny Bay-Williams and Catherine Maderazo, faculty advisors.

2005-2006 Education Council

(left to right) Lydia Peele, student of the month; Erin Lewis; Ashley Nunez, open house; Gavin Couvelha, president; Katie McCauley; Darla Stone, faculty advisor; Jason Lingenfelser; David Allen, faculty advisor; Danielle Elder, secretary; Russell Swisher, speaker coordinator; Brian Batchelder; Erin Dickens, treasurer; and Chandra Frost, vice president. Not pictured: Erin Bodlak, chalkboard editor; Michelle Layne, publicity; and Erin Wood, elections.

new faculty

► **Christy Moran** comes to K-State as an assistant professor in counseling and educational psychology. Her most recent position was assistant dean of students at the University of Texas at El Paso. Moran received a BS degree from Bradley University, Peoria, IL and a PhD from the University of Arizona. The position at K-State interested Moran because she wanted a faculty position at a traditional, residential university in the Midwest. Her research interests fall in the areas of spirituality and religion in higher education as well as issues related to campus judicial affairs. In her leisure time, Moran enjoys playing golf, hiking, taking road trips, and spending time with friends and family.

► **Jeong–Hee Kim** joins the faculty in curriculum and instruction as an assistant professor in secondary education. She holds a PhD from Arizona State University. Her professional academic interests relate to curriculum theory, curriculum in alternative schools, and at-risk students and the educational inequalities they may experience in schools. In her leisure time, Kim plays tennis and the piano, and spends time with her husband and daughter.

► **Catherine Maderazo**, assistant professor in elementary education, holds a PhD from Arizona State University. She teaches undergraduate students and supervises student interns in reading. Special areas of interest include literacy learning and teacher education. She accepted the position at K-State because of the outstanding teacher education program and the opportunity to collaborate with intelligent and caring faculty. Maderazo is a new advisor for Kappa Delta Pi, undergraduate education honor society. She enjoys her time with her husband and two sons.

► **Kay Ann Taylor**, assistant professor in elementary education, holds a PhD from Iowa State University. Taylor came to K-State because of the opportunity to take a leadership position in the area of foundations of education. She cites the welcoming and supportive colleagues, faculty, staff and students, as well as “great, interesting, and challenging” work, as reasons she enjoys K-State. Her particular interest area is critical race theory and Black feminist thought. In her leisure time, Taylor works with her Borzoi dogs, watches movies, listens to music, reads, gardens, goes “antiquing” and visits family and friends.

► **Jim Teagarden**, BS ’84, MS ’86, EdD ’02, assistant professor in special education, is proud to have become a part of the K-State community. Teagarden’s areas of specialization are emotional/behavioral disorders including assessment issues, classroom-based interventions, character education, classroom management, and school climate factors as they relate to the support of the behavioral & emotional needs of students. In his leisure time, Teagarden is developing the concept of “weekend” after 21 years teaching in a special purpose classroom for children with emotional/behavioral disorders. He enjoys the activities at K-State and the surrounding community, and spending time with his four grandchildren.

► **Tom Vontz**, assistant professor in elementary education, holds BS and MST degrees from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and a PhD from Indiana University. He teaches social studies methods courses for undergraduate elementary education majors. His research area is civic education/education for democracy. He is a Madison Scholar. K-State is a fit for Vontz because he wants to work at a leading university in close proximity to his family and friends in Lincoln, NE. He likes to spend time with his family, watch movies, and participate in outdoor activities including hunting, fishing, golfing and gardening.
new professional appointments:

educational leadership

- **Royce Ann Collins,** PhD ’05, joins K-State as an assistant professor in adult education. She holds a BA degree from Northeastern Oklahoma State University, an MRE from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and an MA from University of Missouri-Kansas City. She is the recipient of the College of Education Spring 2005 Outstanding Graduate Student in Education Award. Collins enjoys spending time with her husband and dogs, working in the garden, and playing golf.

- **Grace Hwang,** BA ’78, joins the leadership studies and programs faculty as an assistant professor. After receiving her JD from Georgetown University, she practiced law in New York, NY for 10 years. Her areas of interest are in international leadership, human rights, and women in leadership. She has two children.

- **Irma O’Dell** serves as senior associate director/associate professor in leadership studies and programs. She previously worked as an evaluation specialist in the Office of Educational Innovation and Evaluation. Prior to her work at K-State, she was on the faculty at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. Her research interests include learning community, life satisfaction across the lifespan, and leadership development.

new instructors: english as a second language

- **Marisol Apodaca,** BS ’02, teaches ESL assessment courses. She is a former K-1 classroom teacher for non-English speaking students.

- **Judith Richards,** MS ’04, is an instructor/facilitator for the distance delivered ESL program. She teaches curriculum materials for dual language learners. A former high school teacher in Kansas City, KS, she has lived in Taiwan/Hong Kong/China, and speaks Mandarin Chinese.

- **Robert Scott** is an instructor/facilitator for the distance delivered ESL program. He is a former assistant professor of Special Education/ESOL at Fort Hays State University.

- **Stephanie Wessels** is an instructor/facilitator for the distance delivered ESL program, and funded project manager. Previously, she was an English Language Learner consultant for Loess Hills Area Education Agency in Iowa.

- **Rachel Whetstone** teaches methods courses in the distance delivered ESL program. She is a former math teacher at Dodge City, KS, Middle School.

promotions and new responsibilities

- **David S. Allen,** assistant professor of elementary education, was named Director of the K-State Honor System.

- **Sheryl Benton,** MS ’85, counseling and educational psychology, assistant director of University Counseling Services,

- **Sarah Jane Fishback,** MS ’91, PhD ’97, educational leadership, and **BeEtta Stoney,** secondary education, were all promoted to associate professor in 2005.

- **David L. Griffin, Sr.,** EdD ’94, associate professor of secondary education, was named assistant dean for diversity.

- **Cheryl Polson,** BS ‘76, MS ‘78, PhD ’83, professor in educational leadership and assistant dean of the Graduate School serves as the administrator overseeing all academic programs offered by K-State at the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth.
Changing Lives

K-State Capital Campaign

Thank you to all of our donors!

FOR MORE THAN 100 YEARS, K-State education graduates have been changing lives in varied education settings throughout the world, thus it is fitting that the College of Education is a proud partner in the Changing Lives capital campaign kicked-off on October 7, 2005.

The gifts of alumni and friends through Telefund contributions, endowed gifts, and bequests that support the attraction of outstanding students to the field of education is appreciated. There is much work ahead to meet the Changing Lives campaign goals of the college in the areas of student enhancement, faculty enhancement, and facilities. To learn more about ways you can contribute to the legacy of changing lives through the establishment of scholarships or gifts for students and programs in the College of Education, please contact Steven Robinson, Director of Development for the College of Education at stevenr@found.k-state.edu or phone 1-800-432-1578

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Mary Lynn and Warren Staley, Minneapolis, MN, have contributed the lead gift to establish and build the K-State Center for Leadership Studies. Michael Holen, dean of the College of Education said, “The unprecedented growth and vibrancy of Leadership Studies and Programs at K-State can be attributed to the value it adds to the fundamental goals of major fields across our entire university. A new building will help inspire future students to join us in our pursuit of excellence in leadership.”

MARY LYNN HAYMAKER STALEY, BS ’65, graduated from K-State with a degree in elementary education while WARREN STALEY, BS ’65, chairman and chief executive officer of Cargill Inc., graduated in electrical engineering. These former K-State student leaders are actively involved as leaders in a variety of local, state, and international civic related activities.

Telefund 2005 Tops $110,000

Two hundred volunteer student callers received $110,000 in pledges during the week of Telefund 2005. According to Jan Wissman, associate dean and college coordinator for Telefund, the College of Education was the only college to surpass the previous year’s pledge total. Student co-chairs were ALEXA PASSMAN, ASHLEY ARNDT, and SHAEELE BOWERSOX.

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Donors that do not wish to have their names published should contact Steven Robinson at stevenr@found.k-state.edu.
Beginning in Fall 2006, all undergraduate students in elementary and secondary education will be advised by full time advisors in the Office of Student and Professional Services. In the past, students were advised in this office prior to admission to Teacher Education then transferred to a faculty advisor in their respective departments. Advising consistency and enhanced student-advisor relationships are perceived outcomes of the new advising model. Faculty will continue to serve as professional mentors for education majors and advisors for education organizations.

Advising Staff
(l to r) Dale Shipps, BS ’60, MS ’65, Mechelle Martinez, Linda Rawdon, Sonia Vargas, Diane Murphy, MS ’86, Keith Powers, and Robert Wolfersberger. Seated in the center is advisor receptionist Jackie McCormick, BS ’72, MS ’79.

retirements

► Mary Evan Griffith, BS ’50, retired after 35 years. She holds an MS degree from Iowa State University and a PhD from The Ohio State University. While at K-State, Griffith taught and advised students in home economics education and in curriculum and instruction. She served on numerous graduate committees. Her retirement plans are to play bridge, travel in New York and Egypt, spend time with her family, and enjoy life. Dr. Griffith has sisters in Manhattan and Kansas City.

► Gerald Hanna was on the faculty for 35 years. Hanna received an MS degree from California State-Long Beach and an EdD from the University of Southern California. While at K-State, Dr. Hanna taught measurement and research methods classes. In addition to teaching, he considers his three years as a Peace Corps Volunteer one of his most rewarding experiences. His retirement plans include travel, spending time with his grand-children, genealogy, and gardening. Dr. Hanna and his wife Atina reside in Manhattan.

► Ann Jankovich, MS ’81, retired after teaching and advising business education students for 25 years. She received her BS degree from Indiana University. While at K-State, Jankovich helped charter and advise the K-State Chapter of Pi Omega Pi, Business Education Honor Society. She also served on the K-State Honor Council, and advised the K-State Chapter of Golden Key and the College of Education Student Council. Her retirement plans include spending time with family and travel. She and her husband Jack reside in Manhattan.

► G. Kent Stewart taught at K-State for 32 years. Stewart received his BS degree from Indiana State University, an MS degree from the University of Illinois, and a doctorate from Indiana University. While at K-State, Stewart advised 66 doctoral students, published 88 articles, and co-authored one book. He is well known for his work related to graduate student recruitment and school leadership placement. Stewart and his wife Barbara reside in Manhattan. He has four children, five grandchildren, and enjoys writing, hunting, fishing, and furniture making.
Todd Goodson, associate professor, secondary education, was awarded the 2005 Distinguished Achievement Award from the Association of Educational Publishers. He was recognized in the editorial category for his work, “Teaching in the Time of Dogs,” which was published in The Quarterly of the National Writing Project, 26(3).

David L. Griffin Sr., EdD ’94, assistant dean for diversity and associate professor of secondary education, received the 2005 Burt A. Mayberry Award, which recognizes the outstanding educator of the year, from the K-State Beta Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, Kansas City, MO.

Steve Harbstreit, associate professor, secondary education, received the 2005 Honorary American FFA Degree from the National FFA Organization at the National Meeting in Indianapolis, IN. Also, he was recognized for service on the National FFA Board of Directors and National FFA Foundation Board of Trustees.

Socorro Herrera, associate professor, elementary education, was selected as a recipient of the 2005 Outstanding Alumni Award from Eastern New Mexico State University, Portales, NM.

Michael C. Holen, professor and dean, was honored at the 29th Annual Conference of the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) in Las Vegas, NV, October 5-8, 2005. NACADA paid special tribute to Dean Holen and the Kansas State University College of Education for the past sixteen years of support provided to the association and to academic advising. NACADA acknowledged Dean Holen for his exceptional support of the association and academic advising by proclaiming October 6, 2005, as Dean Michael C. Holen Appreciation Day.

Ata Karim, former senior associate director and assistant professor, educational leadership, was awarded the Commerce Bank Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award in the College of Education at the Spring 2005 Commencement exercises. He began teaching at K-State in 2002 and served as teacher and coordinator of the Culture and Context in Leadership course required for students minoring in Leadership Studies.

Candice Hironaka Pitts, associate director, leadership studies, received the K-State 2004-2005 Commerce Bank Presidential Faculty/Staff Award for Distinguished Service to Minority Students at Kansas State University. The award is given for commitment to and advocacy for minority students at K-State. She serves as co-chair of Community Cultural Harmony Week, and is a member of the Tilford Group, a research and development group working to develop a multicultural curriculum model for K-State. Also, she is co-advisor to K-State’s Chapter of Mortar Board, National College Senior Honor Society.

Patricia Love Staver, assistant professor, secondary education, was recognized with the Kansas Modern Language Educator award at the Kansas World Language Association annual conference in Wichita in 2005.

Sally Yahnke, associate professor, secondary education, was awarded the Faculty Excellence in Service Award for the College of Education during the Spring 2005 commencement ceremonies. As a faculty member in the Department of Secondary Education, she teaches and advises undergraduate students in family and consumer sciences education and teaches the middle level education course. She is a principal investigator on a multi-million dollar teacher preparation project focused on examining and redesigning the under-graduate teacher preparation program at K-State. At the national level, she serves as Chair of the Education and Technology Division of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.
Jennifer Bay-Williams, associate professor, elementary education, co-authored with doctoral candidate, Sherri Martinie, Math and Literature: Grades 6-8 (Math Solutions, 2004). Bay-Williams’ article, “Poetry in Motion: Using Shel Silverstein’s works to engage students mathematically,” was recently published in Mathematics Teaching in the Middle School, 10(8), 386.

Sheryl A. Benton, MS ’85, associate professor, counseling and educational psychology, was elected president of the Association of Counseling Center Training Agencies (ACCTA). ACCTA is the largest constituency group of accredited psychology pre-doctoral internship programs in the country.

Mary Hammel, BFA ’80, MS ’85, associate director of the Catalyst Technology and Media Services Center, had a solo art exhibit at the Manhattan Arts Center during Spring 2005. Her exhibit, entitled, “Survival Stories,” told the experiences of four cancer survivors, herself included, in photographs, words, and graphics.


Jackie Spears, associate professor, secondary education, and Marjorie Hancock, professor, elementary education, were faculty facilitators for the curriculum development component in the US Department of Education’s Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Project, “Kansas-Czech Heritage: Renewing Connections,” Summer, 2005.

Longtime College of Education professor and administrator Richard G. Hause died December 18, 2005 at the age of 73 at his home in Estes Park, CO. After receiving his doctorate from the University of Colorado, he joined the College of Education faculty as an assistant professor in 1966, becoming full professor and chair of the Department of Secondary Education. He taught and advised students preparing for teaching careers in Secondary Language Arts. His specialty was a graduate course related to creativity in education. Upon his retirement in 1995, his family honored him by arranging for the placement of K-State’s original school bell outside Bluemont Hall, and former students recognized him by initiating plans for an endowed fund to support professional development in the area of creativity for current and future educators. He is survived by his wife Nancy, three daughters, one son, and five grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Richard Hause Creativity Fund in care of the Kansas State University Foundation, 2323 Anderson Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502.

Owen Kenneth O’Fallon, former faculty member passed away at his home in Eugene, OR, August 23, 2005. He was 90. Ken O’Fallon earned his doctorate from the University of Colorado. He served as a professor of education administration at K-State from 1950-71. He retired from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, in 1980. He is survived by his wife Dorothy, two sons, one daughter, six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent in care of Musgrove Family Mortuary, 1152 Olive Street, Eugene, OR 97401.
**1950’s**

**Richard Wegner, BS ’50, MS ’56,** Wilmington, DE, was involved with developing the first cooperative guidance and counseling program in the state of Kansas in the early 1950’s. He retired in 1989 from International Business Machines (IBM).

**Roy Cropp, BS ’51.** Lawrence, KS, set up the Kent W. Cropp Memorial Scholarship in 1996, in memory of his son, a business education major who died in 1993. Roy Cropp was an educator for 15 years in Burlingame, KS and Lawrence, KS and a counselor for 24 years at Lawrence High School.

**Barbara Hart Featherston, BS ’55,** Tulsa, OK; **Carol Knox Smith, BS ’55,** Shawnee Mission, KS; **Dorothy Erzen McDermed, BS ’55,** Effingham, KS; **Janet Larson Robinson, BS ’55,** Topeka, KS; **Janice Frey Smith, BS ’55,** Laguna Beach, CA; **Peggy Kelsey Coen, BS ’55,** Ottawa, KS; **Virginia Irvine Hurtig, BS ’55,** Delphos, KS; **Wesley R. McMillen, BS ’55,** Salina, KS; and **Jan Austin McMillen, BS ’56,** Salina, KS and their guests attended the College of Education luncheon during the K-State Class of 1955 Alumni Reunion in April 2005.

**1960’s**

**Alberta Kibby Hepler, BS ’63,** Jefferson City, MO, has been elected district superintendent of the Methodist Protestant Church for four years.

**Linda Fritz Poore, BS ’66,** South Pasadena, CA, received the Golden Bell award from the California State Board of Education for her development of hands-on science kits college of education alumni news

for elementary students. The program is used in 38 states and 90 districts in California. Poore received her MS degree in Science Education from California State University, Los Angeles.

**1970’s**

**Peggy A. House, MS ’70, PhD ’73,** Marquett, MO, was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award for Distinguished Service to Mathematics Education by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics in April 2005. In 2005, she was honored with Northern Michigan University’s Distinguished Faculty Award. House is a professor at Northern Michigan University, and the 1989 K-State College of Education Alumni Fellow.

**Kathleen Winteroth Hursh, BS ’72, MS ’82,** Hinesville, GA, was named the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences 2004 National Teacher of the Year at the annual meeting in San Diego, CA. Watkins won the award for her program “Dynamic Leadership and Character Education”.

**Robert Quinlan, MS ’73,** Cornwall, NY, teaches in the Certified Financial Planner (CFP) program at two local colleges.

**Terrell A. Young, BS ’75,** Rochester, NY, is currently teaching in the School of Education at SUNY Geneso, NY after 27 years of teaching and directing early childhood education programs. She is pursuing a PhD in teaching and curriculum at the Warner Graduate School of Education and Human Development at the University of Rochester.

**1980’s**

**Ken Garwick, BS ’76, MS ’79,** Manhattan, KS, was selected as a recipient of the 2005 Kansas Master Teacher Award. He is a sixth grade teacher at Marlatt Elementary School and has worked for USD 383 for 18 years.

**Barbara Floyd Stevanson, BS ’76,** Austin, TX, is employed as Regional Music Product Specialist with Scott Foresman/Silver Burdett Publishing Company. She earned her PhD in Education from Texas State University-San Marcos in 2005. She is certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

**Carolyn Farley Kelley, MS ’79,** Manhattan, KS, was inducted into the Kansas Teachers Hall of Fame located in Dodge City in June 2005.

**1990’s**

**Charles “Rusty” Dannison, PhD ’96,** Grand Rapids, MI, passed away September 6, 2005. He was an attorney specializing in elder law. Also, he served as an adjunct professor in the College of Education at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI. He is survived by his wife, Linda Dannison, PhD ’96, three children, and one grandchild.

**Stacey Wikle Woodside, BS ’98,** Gower, MO, received her MS degree in Educational Technology from Lesley University in December 2001. She and her husband, Kelly, have two children, Kaden and Kinzie.

**Nichole Stuck Gilman, BS ’99,** Blue Springs, MO, and her husband, Lucas, announce the birth of their daughter, Jenna Mae, on December 3, 2004.
Horizon Award Honorees

The Kansas Horizon Award program, sponsored by the Kansas Department of Education, identifies and recognizes exemplary first year teachers in the state. Three of the award winners recognized at the February 2005 Kansas Exemplary Education Network (KEEN) banquet in Topeka, KS are K-State graduates. The awardees include Heather Hagstrum Douthit, BS ‘02, and Rebecca Lentz, BS ‘03, both of Geary County USD #475, and Nikki Boden, BS ‘03, Salina USD #305.

Congratulations to NBPTS Certified Alumni

Sonda Copeland, MS ’03, Susan Hagedorn, BS ’92, Marian McHugh, MS ’92, Nancy Musselman, MS ’93, Frederick Nelson, BS ’97, MS ’03, Elizabeth Pope, BS ’98, and Lori Thompson, BS ’90, were recognized as Class of 2004 Kansas Teachers certified by the National Board for Professional Standards.

Tenth Annual Hause Creativity Program – October 2005

The tenth annual Hause Creativity program held in conjunction with the 2005 College of Education Symposium featured a panel of eight 2005 Kansas Teachers of the Year. On the anniversary occasion, Richard Hause, professor emeritus, Estes Park, CO, addressed the future teachers in Forum Hall of the K-State Union. Also in attendance were Bill Swinney, BS ’69, MS ’75, MS ’80, and Barbara Chamberlain, MS ’93, two former students who initiated the idea for an endowed fund to support creativity lectures to honor Hause, who taught graduate classes in creativity for educators.

James Madison Memorial Fellowship

The James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation offers approximately 50 awards nation-wide each year with the goal of improving teaching about the Constitution in grades 7-12. Madison Senior Fellowships are awarded to recent college graduates and experienced teachers for graduate studies on a full or part-time basis. Congratulations to College of Education graduate Kara Belew, BS ’94, a 2005 James Madison Fellow. She is a social studies teacher at Campus High School, Haysville, KS.

The fellowship pays tuition, fees, books, room and board for up to five years; a stipend of $24,000; and funds attendance at the Summer Institute on the Constitution in Washington, DC. All that is required in return is a commitment to teach one year of American History, American Government or Social Studies for each year of funding provided.

For more information, check out the website at www.jamesmadison.com. The application deadline is March 1, 2006.
Education Council’s Newsletter

*The Chalkboard*, a valuable resource for K-State students preparing for careers in education, is published three times a semester by the Education Council. The publication includes a calendar of events; a spotlight on faculty; articles focusing on education issues; information related to organizations and special events such as career fairs and the Education Symposium; and topics such as the Honors Program, advising, and professional hours.

During the anniversary year of the College of Education, Education Council is preparing a written history of *The Chalkboard*, creating a collection of past issues, and compiling a list of past editors. Alumni with memories or experiences related to writing for or reading *The Chalkboard*, are asked to contact Erin Bodlak at elbodlak@k-state.edu or the College of education at edcoll@k-state.edu. Following are the names of past editors on record:

- 2005-2006: Erin Bodlak
- 2004-2005: Gavin Couvelha; Wes Pike, BS ’05
- 2003-2004: Brandi Eisen, BS ’05; Jessica Tarman, BS ’04
- 2002-2003: Mindy Pauly, BS, ’04; Emily Golubski, BS ’03
- 2001-2002: Jessy Johnson, BS ’03; Megan Amyot, BS ’03; Shala Burtsfield, BS ’03

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**ATTENTION COLLEGE OF EDUCATION ALUMNI!**

Do you have letters of recommendation on file with Career and Employment Services (CES)? If your answer is “yes” then please take note that K-State’s credential service is updating to an online system. For many years CES has held “hard copy” credential files. In an effort to automate and streamline this process CES has partnered with Interfolio (www.interfolio.com). This new system will provide added convenience for candidates who submit their credentials when applying for teaching positions.

**All alumni with existing credential files housed at CES must determine what action they would like taken with their file by completing a “Disposition Form.”**

To begin the conversion process, you may go to [www.k-state.edu/ces](http://www.k-state.edu/ces) and click the “Alumni Credential Conversion” link. The Disposition Form can be printed from this page.

While self-management of credentials via Interfolio should benefit most people, there are four other options available:

- **Transfer the contents of your file to another institution**
- **Transfer “open” contents to yourself**
- **Close your file (CES will securely dispose of its contents)**
- **Retain your file at CES for a $30.00 yearly maintenance fee.**

You must notify CES of your choice by completing a disposition form and returning it to:

**Career and Employment Services**  
**Kansas State University**  
**100 Holtz Hall**  
**Manhattan KS 66506**

If CES does not receive your disposition form by **June 30, 2006** your credential file will be marked for destruction. For additional information, please contact Alison at (785) 532-6508 or by email at alison@k-state.edu.
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We are seeking nominations for the 2007 College of Education Alumni Fellow. The Kansas State University Alumni Fellows Program, sponsored by the Dean’s Council, the President’s Office, and the Alumni Association, recognizes alumni who have distinguished themselves in their careers.

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