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On the Cover
K-State College of Education elementary education majors
in front of Bluemont Hall:
(back, left to right) Spencer Anduss, Brandon Hutchison,
(middle, left to right) Sarah Satterlee, Courtney Minnich,
Courtney Tracy, (front) Stephanie Larson.

For details on the elementary education program’s national
award, see page 3.
Greetings to our alumni and friends!

This edition of Connections once again highlights the many achievements of our faculty, students and graduates. We are especially proud of the national recognitions and rankings accorded our programs, including state and national accreditation. Our university has joined other leading institutions in the Science and Mathematics Teacher Imperative, an initiative of the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities. In response, our faculty members have implemented new, streamlined approaches to recruiting and preparing badly needed, high-quality mathematics and science teachers, securing nationally competitive grants to help provide them financial assistance.

If you have been involved with our College any time within the past 40 years, you likely know Jan Wissman, our associate dean for nearly two decades. She has moved to phased retirement and will now serve in a part-time faculty role. Dr. Wissman originated and has always overseen the production of Connections. She has advocated for students and for quality programming throughout her career. Our entire College thanks Dr. Wissman for her excellent and ongoing service.

Michael C. Holen
Skeen Professor and Dean
There’s almost nothing Gary Wesche won’t do to get his students excited about science. Case in point: In November 2009, Wesche, BS ’85 elementary education, set off on a nearly eight-week adventure to show his students back home just how far science can take them. His destination? Antarctica.

For Wesche, it was the trip of a lifetime. More importantly, though, he knows his experience will make an impression that students simply won’t get from books and lectures.

“If you don’t get them interested by middle school, they get so distracted by other things that they’ll never return to science,” said Wesche, who teaches middle school science at St. John Francis Regis Catholic School in Kansas City, Mo.

“They don’t necessarily need to remember the facts and details that I teach them, but they do need to remember the fun and excitement of that time period.”

The PolarTREC (Teachers and Researchers Exploring and Collaborating in the Arctic and Antarctic) program aims to improve science education by sending K-12 teachers on polar research expeditions alongside scientists. Funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF), the program covers all expenses for chosen teachers, including the substitutes to cover their classes while they’re gone.

Only six teachers were selected nationwide for the fall and winter 2009/2010 expeditions to Antarctica. Wesche was one of the lucky few.

“You have a better chance of being an NBA basketball player than you have to actually go to Antarctica,” he said of the opportunity.

Working with the Center for Remote Sensing of Ice Sheets, or CReSIS, out of Lawrence, Kan., Wesche joined two KU electrical engineering professors, two KU graduate students, and two computer support professionals from Indiana University.

The team spent the first half of their trip at McMurdo...
Station, prepping a Twin Otter airplane with radar to measure glaciers from above. The data will allow them to create 3-D models of the ice sheets, so scientists can determine how these glaciers might affect sea level and climate change long-term.

For once, Wesche was the one receiving the science lesson.

“I would say, ‘Okay, how do I explain that to a 12-year-old?’ So the scientists got pretty good at, ‘How do I explain this to kids?’ It was about helping them remember what it was like to be in school.”

The second half of the trip, Wesche and company moved to Byrd Surface Camp on the West Antarctic Ice Sheet.

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The team spent nearly four weeks conducting research while camping on the ice — and the conditions were not for the faint of heart.

“The coldest it got was negative 26 degrees Celsius (or roughly negative 15 degrees Fahrenheit). I don’t think we ever got above the single digits,” he said.

“Anything that you want to put on in the morning, you put in the sleeping bag with you at night. And when you go to bed, you fill your water bottles with boiling water, and you put them where your feet are.”

Throughout the journey, Wesche did everything from conducting video interviews with team members to digging snow ditches. His main role, though, was to communicate with students. Through webinars, conference calls, and his online journal on the PolarTREC website (www.polartrec.com), Wesche shared the thrill of his voyage with students all over the country.

“My job was the communication part — and not just back to my 120 students. I had 35 flags from classes all over the nation that students made, and I took pictures with them. There were over 200 people on every webinar,” he said.

Thanks to less-than-stellar technological connections (it is Antarctica, after all), reception on the satellite phone was sketchy, and the Internet was seriously slow. Wesche often had to e-mail his journals in the middle of the night.

Still, he documented every experience he could.

One of his 44 journal entries described the white-out conditions the team sometimes faced, making the situation relatable to students back home:

“If you ever watched the movie ‘Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory,’ think of the scene when Mike shrinks himself into the TV. Remember what it looked like with him in the white TV. That is what my world here at Byrd looks like much of the time.”

Since returning in January 2010, Wesche is still eagerly sharing his story with his students, other classes in the Kansas City area, and even his own kids — ages 12, 13, 15, 17, 18 and 21. No matter the audience, the goal remains the same: passing along his love of science.

“It gives me concrete examples of science in the field. We get into force and motion, and I’ll ask, ‘Why is the runway at McMurdo Station a mile and a half long?’ They already know: because you can’t put on the brakes because you’re on skis,” he said. “It gives you that valid background: ‘In the field you do this, and this is why.’”

Wesche also hopes to inspire other teachers to get out in the field.

“I hope that more and more teachers realize that there are these types of opportunities available through NSF and other organizations. It’s just a matter of looking for them.”

Wesche atop Observation Hill, overlooking McMurdo Station
KANSAS HORIZON AWARD WINNERS

The Kansas Horizon Award program, sponsored by the Kansas State Department of Education, identifies and recognizes exemplary first-year teachers in the state. Four of the 31 award winners recognized at the February 2010 Kansas Exemplary Educators Network (KEEN) banquet in Topeka, Kan., are K-State graduates.

Ashley Beason, BS ’08, Auburn-Washburn USD 437
Benjamin George, BS ’06, Manhattan-Ogden USD 383
Lindsey Frazier, BS ’07, Shawnee Mission USD 512
Eryn Wood Elder, BS ’08, Wichita USD 259

ALUMNI SPEAK AT COLLEGE OF EDUCATION COMMENCEMENT

Tom Hawk, BS ’68, MS ’70, PhD ’83, was the fall 2009 commencement speaker. Hawk represents District 67 in the Kansas House of Representatives.

Diane DeBacker, EdD ’02, was the spring 2010 commencement speaker. She serves as interim Kansas commissioner of education.

1940s
Mary Jane Melli Day, BS ’48, Lincoln, Kan., reports that she still misses teaching even though she has been retired for 21 years.

1960s
Kathryne Gaynier Martin, BS ’67, MS ’84, Clay Center, Kan., was elected to a second term on the Kansas State Board of Education. In conjunction with this role, she serves on the Kansas Volunteer Commission, the Professional Standards Board, and the Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom Board.

1970s
Norman L. Cooper, BS ’74, MS ’80, St. John, Kan., retired in 2006 after teaching 30 years for Ft. Larned USD 495. Since 2008, he has been teaching fifth and sixth grade science and fifth grade social studies for St. John USD 350.

Robert Clark Ziegler, MS ’76, retired in May 2009 after 17 years of teaching reading at Palo Alto College in San Antonio, Texas.

Alan Leftridge, PhD ’77, Swan Valley, Mont., writer, editor, and retired professor at Humboldt State University in California, was the recipient of the 2009 National Association for Interpretation (NAI) Fellow Award. The award recognizes exemplary career achievements of members who interpret the natural, historical and cultural environment to the public.

Lou Ann Lauer Getz, BS ’78, MS ’81, Manhattan, Kan., was honored as one of six 2010 Kansas Master Teachers in March at the Kansas Master Teacher Recognition Day in Emporia, Kan.

1980s
Alan Cunningham, BS ’83, MS ’93, Topeka, Kan., teaches math and coaches at Silver Lake High School USD 372. His basketball team won back-to-back 3A State Championship titles in 2008 and 2009.

1990s
Carol Harder Budde, BS ’99, Newton, Kan., is a fifth-grade teacher at Walton 21st Century Rural Life Center charter school. She was named the 2010 Janet Sims Memorial Teacher of the Year by the Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom. The award recognizes teachers who instill in their students a passion for learning about agriculture.

2000s
Cyndi Hermocillo-Legg, MS ’00, Topeka, Kan., was selected as one of the American Chamber of Commerce Executives’ 40 Under 40 Rising Stars of the Chamber World. She serves as the director for entrepreneurial and DBE development for the Greater Topeka Chamber of Commerce/GO Topeka.

Kristy Rue Lathrop, BS ’02, Castle Rock, Colo., is an eighth-grade physical science teacher and science department chair at Mesa Middle School. The Douglas County Educational Foundation awarded her with the fifth annual Apple Award in March 2010 for her dedication to teaching excellence.
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students. He always knew what places to eat in every town. So no matter where a student was from, he could tell you the best place to eat in that town. That was always amazing to me,” she laughed.

That particular talent is the product of Stewart’s four and a half decades of experience in school facilities planning. His first job in the field was in 1964, helping integrate and consolidate Delaware schools in response to the historic Brown v. Board of Education ruling. After two years in that tumultuous, emotional position, he spent seven years in a Maryland school district before coming to K-State to teach and consult with school boards statewide. It’s work that he still continues today all across the state.

“I determine whether we ought to build, modernize, expand or — unfortunately and hopefully not — close,” he said. “My work is generally to collect information, and present it in a way that people may or may not agree with, but they understand it as being fact. When people are on board, the rest comes fairly easily.”

Even in retirement, Stewart keeps tabs on his former students, helping them achieve more whenever he can. He tracks their reputations, and takes pride in their accomplishments. Cindy and Monte Couchman are no exception.

“Both of them have made good success of their work. Monte’s a very successful, respected principal at Southeast of Saline,” Stewart said. “Cindy is at Buhler, and she is especially highly regarded as a classroom teacher. She’s bright and enthusiastic. She’s a good example for teachers.”

Following Stewart’s lead, Couchman has found ways to pass along her knowledge and experience to make the people around her better — students and teachers alike.

“Buhler is a school system that really believes in developing teacher-leaders, and that’s a good fit for me, because I see my role as being a bit of a leader in the building,” Couchman said. “Because of my administrative degree, I had this desire to have some leadership opportunities. Buhler has allowed me to continue teaching, and still be on leadership teams and serve as a mentor and department chair.”

In addition to being invited back to campus as the 2010 Alumni Fellow, Couchman’s commitment to the classroom earned her the honor of 2009 Kansas Teacher of the Year from the Kansas State Department of Education. The accompanying year of travel and speaking inspired her to get more involved in policy and leadership both statewide and nationally.
It’s a desperate need across Kansas and the entire country — there simply aren’t enough qualified science teachers to go around. While the College of Education provides a high-quality, traditional undergraduate teacher licensure program in science education, Larry Scharmann, professor of secondary education, wanted to create a parallel graduate certification program leading to a Kansas teaching license. The goal: To attract nontraditional candidates who have proven themselves in a science field and can bring that knowledge to high school and middle school students.

The new K-State TEACH program, funded by a five-year grant from the National Science Foundation, provides substantial scholarship support for selected applicants. Upon completion of the program, recipients are required to teach two years in a high-need school district for each year of scholarship support received. That means working in schools with a high percentage of students below the poverty line, with a large number of English language learners, or in rural settings.

Kristen Schweitzer, BS ’92 biology, Manhattan, Kan., spent 15 years after graduation as a lab technician, primarily in the rabies lab in K-State’s College of Veterinary Medicine. While at home with her third child, she felt it was time for a change.

Without the K-State TEACH scholarship, Schweitzer couldn’t have afforded to place three children in day care while tackling courses and a semester of full-time student teaching.

“I’d always been interested in teaching. I just didn’t know this program was an option at K-State,” Schweitzer said. “I love biology and I’m really looking forward to sharing my background and my interests with my students.”

In 1994, Amy Hageman, BS ’95 mechanical engineering, Zenda, Kan., was a junior working toward her bachelor’s degree at K-State and watching as her older friends graduated with no job prospects. She eventually spent nine years in the Navy, serving as an officer on an aircraft carrier, and as an instructor at a nuclear reactor training facility. Afterward, she substitute taught in grades K-12.

When the time came to go back to school, Hageman had to choose between her newfound love of teaching chemistry and physics, and graduate school in nuclear engineering.

“I figured graduate school was the most sensible option, but after a year in that track, I realized it just wasn’t going to work for me, and that’s when I found the K-State TEACH program,” Hageman said.

“The best part about teaching is learning new things in the process of teaching others. There are always new ways to teach, and all kinds of cool demonstrations you can use to show kids how things work.”

As these soon-to-be-teachers look forward to their new careers, Scharmann knows that K-State TEACH is doing its job — putting well-prepared science teachers where they are sorely needed.

“High-need school districts often have a tough time recruiting new teachers, especially in the sciences,” he said. “By attracting these new teachers, we hope to close this gap.”

For more information about the K-State TEACH program, visit coe.k-state.edu/grants/teach.
**CAMPUS AND STATE HONORS**

**Stephanie Larson**, elementary education, was chosen as one of two 2009-2010 K-State Ambassadors and honored at the 2009 homecoming game.

**Robert Gomez**, elementary education, was one of two K-State students recognized with the 2010 Commerce Bank Presidential Award for Enhancing Multiculturalism.

**Molly Hamm**, secondary education, and **Robert Gomez**, elementary education, were two of 14 K-State graduating seniors recognized with 2010 K-State Dean of Student Life Awards for significant contributions made to students while undergraduates at K-State.

**Richard Weerts**, elementary education, received the Anderson Senior Award for Outstanding Service, which is given by the K-State Alumni Association to one graduating K-State student each year.

**Megan Lutz**, elementary education, was elected 2009-2010 state president of the Kansas National Education Association Student Program (KNEA-SP) organization.

**TEACHERS OF PROMISE**

**Victoria Chaput** (below, left), elementary education, and **Lindsey Radzins** (below, right), secondary education, were recognized as Kansas State Department of Education Teachers of Promise at the 2009 Kansas Teacher of the Year banquet in Wichita, Kan.

**Pedro Miller** (above, left), elementary education, and **Christina Ison** (above, right), secondary education, were recognized as Kansas State Department of Education Teachers of Promise at the 2010 Kansas Exemplary Educators Network (KEEN) conference in Topeka, Kan.

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FALL 2009 COMMENCEMENT

STUDENT COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

**Lydia Peele**, secondary education/math, was the student speaker for the fall 2009 College of Education commencement ceremony. Peele served as 2008-2009 K-State student body president.

HONORS PROGRAM

**Lydia Peele**, secondary education, was recognized for completing all of the requirements for the College of Education Honors Program.

David Allen, associate professor, elementary education, served as advisor for her honors research project, “The Young and the Rest of Us.”

OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS

**Rachel Kelly**, secondary education

**Lydia Peele**, secondary education

**Kayla Roehler**, elementary education

**Amanda Sherraden**, secondary education

**Jennie Skibbe**, elementary education

OUTSTANDING FUTURE TEACHER AWARDS

**Jayci Hamm**, elementary education

**Emily Winter**, secondary education

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT IN EDUCATION AWARD

**Brian Wayne Kraus**, educational leadership

Fall 2009 awardees (left to right): Jennie Skibbe, Rachel Kelly, Lindsey Radzins, Emily Winter, Jayci Hamm, Kayla Roehler, and Amanda Sherraden
HONORS PROGRAM

Molly Hamm, secondary education, and Michele Murphy, elementary education, were recognized for completing the College of Education Honors Program.

Hamm’s honors research project focused on “Creativity in the Classroom: The Perceptions of Future Teachers Concerning the Understanding and Fostering of Student Creativity.” Her honors project advisors were Susan Rodgers, instructor, College of Arts and Sciences, and Janice Wissman, professor and associate dean, College of Education.

Murphy’s honors research, “Musical Social Narrative Project,” was advised by Marilyn Kaff, associate professor, and James Teagarden, assistant professor, special education, counseling and student affairs.

OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS
Lauren Bauman, elementary education
Benjamin Cook, secondary education
Molly Hamm, secondary education
Pedro Miller, elementary education
Allison Morton, secondary education

OUTSTANDING FUTURE TEACHER AWARDS
Cody Hill, elementary education
Allison Morton, secondary education

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT IN EDUCATION AWARD
Sonia Esquivel, counseling and student development

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT AWARD
Deborah Abernathy, curriculum and instruction/math education

STUDENT COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Victoria Chaput, elementary education, represented her classmates as the spring 2010 College of Education student commencement speaker. Chaput was 2009 president of the K-State chapter of Kappa Delta Pi.

K-State’s KNEA-SP Chapter Honored

K-State’s student chapter of the Kansas National Education Association (KNEA-SP) was recognized with the Chapter of Excellence Award at the 2010 state-level student program leadership conference. Also, the chapter’s website and newsletter were recognized for excellence.

Spring 2010 awardees (left to right): Lauren Bauman, Cody Hill, Benjamin Cook, Pedro Miller, Christina Ison, Allison Morton, and Molly Hamm
**Robert Newhouse** served the College for 38 years as a professor and administrator. He earned BS and MA degrees from Western Michigan University, a doctoral degree from the University of Oregon, and an MLS from Emporia State University.

Newhouse originally taught undergraduate courses in educational psychology, where his popularity among students led to a university-wide Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award. He went on to teach graduate courses in research methods, and served as graduate advisor and committee member for hundreds of master’s and doctoral students. He served the College as assistant dean, chair of the department of foundations and adult education, and director of the Center for Rural and Small Schools.

He and his wife, Barbara, make their home on Tuttle Creek Lake in Manhattan. They have three children and four grandchildren.

**Charles Oaklief** retired from teaching and advising after 35 years. He earned BS and MS degrees from The Ohio State University and a PhD degree from the University of Wisconsin.

Prior to joining the K-State faculty, Oaklief served in Ohio as a project leader at the National Center for Vocational and Adult Education, in the cooperative extension service, and as a community college dean.

His teaching at K-State focused on foundations of education and educational program planning with an emphasis on adult education. He was major advisor for numerous master’s and 65 doctoral students. He even served as a visiting professor at universities in Australia, Germany and the United Kingdom.

Oaklief and his wife, Marge, reside in their Tuttle Creek Lake home in Manhattan, and have two sons and five grandchildren.

**Stephen Benton** was on the faculty for 27 years, serving as a professor and chair of the department of counseling and educational psychology. He earned BS, MS and doctoral degrees from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. While at K-State, he taught undergraduate courses in educational psychology, and graduate courses in research methods, educational statistics, and experimental design. Also, he served as major advisor for 17 doctoral students. His work earned him the College of Education Excellence in Graduate Teaching Award.

Benton served on the board of several professional journals, and authored one book, one test manual, eight book chapters, and numerous journal articles on various topics, including cognitive processes underlying reading, writing and academic studying, and college student alcohol/drug abuse prevention.

Benton now serves as senior research officer at The IDEA Center. He and his wife, Sherry, reside in Florida. They have two children and one grandchild.

**Charles Heerman** served on the faculty for 35 years, progressing from assistant professor to professor between 1975 and 1988. He earned BS, MS and doctoral degrees from Oklahoma State University. At K-State, Heerman taught undergraduate and graduate courses related to literacy, social studies methods, and content reading. He also advised numerous master’s and doctoral students.

Heerman was a long-standing member of the International Reading Association, and made presentations at regional and national meetings. He maintained a long-term relationship with the Flint Hills Job Corps, connecting his interests in literacy, the WorkKeys assessment system, and workforce literacy.

He and his wife, Diane, reside in Manhattan. They have two children.
NEW FACULTY

Laurie Curtis, PhD ’07, joined the elementary education faculty as an assistant professor in 2008. She holds a BA degree from the University of Northern Colorado, an MS degree from State University of New York at Oneonta, and a PhD from K-State. Curtis teaches literacy-related courses for elementary education majors, supervises student teachers, directs the reading specialist program for graduate students, and advises the K-State chapter of the Kansas National Education Association Student Program (KNEA-SP). In addition to classroom teaching and supervision, she enjoys working with students and faculty in varied contexts, including serving on committees, mentoring honors students, and conducting research.

Curtis spends her free time reading, traveling abroad, boating, and being with family. She and her husband, John, have one son, two daughters, and three grandchildren.

Brandonn Harris joined the department of special education, counseling and student affairs as an assistant professor in 2008. A native of St. Louis, he holds a BS degree from Truman State University in Kirksville, Mo., and MA, MS and PhD degrees from West Virginia University. Harris teaches graduate courses related to research methods, statistics, and the college athlete. He also supervises graduate student practicums in intercollegiate athletics. He appreciates the sense of community in the University and the College, and the commitment the faculty and staff show their students.

Harris enjoys reading, exercising, biking, playing golf, and taking his golden retriever swimming and hiking through Manhattan’s trails and parks. He is an avid sports fan of K-State, WVU, and the St. Louis Cardinals.

Lotta Larson, PhD ’07, has served as an assistant professor in elementary education since 2008. A native of Sweden, Larson holds BA, BS, MS and PhD degrees from Kansas State University. She teaches undergraduate and graduate courses related to language arts, literacy and technology, and theoretical models of reading. Also, she serves as faculty advisor for Kappa Delta Pi education honor society. Larson says she loves K-State because everyone is friendly and helpful, and being a part of the K-State community is like being a part of a big family.

She likes spending time outdoors hiking, biking, and working in the garden. She also enjoys travel within the United States and abroad. Larson and her husband, Dale, have two high-school-aged children.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION CALENDAR OF EVENTS

• December 11, 2010 — Fall 2010 Commencement
• February 20-24, 2011 — College of Education Telefund
• February 23-25, 2011 — Alumni Fellow on Campus
• April 16, 2011 — All-University Open House
• May 14, 2011 — Spring 2011 Commencement
Dear alumni and friends,

One of my goals as the associate dean of the College of Education was to improve communication between the College and alumni and friends. Thus, we created a four-page Alumni Newsletter that has evolved into a longer publication we now call Connections.

This 20th issue — my last issue — is being mailed to 27,000 alumni, friends and colleagues across the country, and posted on the Internet.

Although there have been many changes in the College since our first issue, the emphasis on the preparation of knowledgeable, ethical, caring decision-makers remains constant. As evidenced in the success stories of students, faculty, and alumni, I am very proud of the ways the College has responded to the challenges of preparing professional educators for the 21st century.

My deep appreciation goes to Kathy Brown for her loyal and dedicated service as administrative assistant to the associate dean. I have relied upon her resourcefulness and initiative in support of my work on behalf of the College. Her high standards of excellence have contributed to the success of this publication. Also, I want to thank Mary Hammel. From the beginning, her creativity with the visual components has enhanced the news we sought to convey.

I plan to stay involved in the College through a phased retirement position, with time for long-neglected hobbies and, of course, more time with my husband, Don, and my grandchildren — Alejandro, Joaquin, Mira and Talia.

Jan Wissman

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**FACULTY AWARDS**

**Stephen Benton**, professor, educational psychology, was selected as a 2010 Fellow by the American Educational Research Association (AERA). AERA Fellows are known both nationally and internationally for their outstanding contributions to education research.

**Royce Ann Collins**, PhD ’05, assistant professor, educational leadership, received the Research and Scholarship in Adult and Continuing Education Award from the University Continuing Education Association at the joint 2009 Mid-America/Great Plains Conference in La Crosse, Wis.

**Christy Craft** (left), associate professor, special education, counseling and student affairs, received the 2010 College of Education Excellence in Graduate Teaching Award.

**Laurie Curtis**, PhD ’07, assistant professor, curriculum and instruction, and advisor to K-State’s student chapter of the Kansas National Education Association, KNEA-SP, received the Outstanding Local Advisor Award at the spring 2010 KNEA-SP Leadership Conference.

**Pedro Espinoza** (right), BS ’02, Center for Intercultural and Multilingual Advocacy (CIMA) advisor, received the 2010 College of Education Excellence in Advising Award.

**Timothy Frey**, assistant professor, special education, counseling and student affairs, was honored by the K-State chapter of Mortar Board national college senior honor society as one of 11 outstanding faculty and staff on campus who are committed to teaching and mentoring.
Frank Spikes, professor, educational leadership, and director of doctoral programs in adult and continuing education, has been appointed to the Kansas Continuing Legal Education Commission for a three-year term. The nine-member commission monitors and regulates continuing education for practicing attorneys in Kansas.

Kimberly Staples, associate professor, curriculum and instruction, was honored by the K-State chapter of Kappa Delta Pi education honor society with the 2010 Honor an Educator Award.

G. Kent Stewart, professor emeritus, educational leadership, was recognized with the 2010 Dan and Cheryl Yunk Excellence in Educational Administration Award at the May 2010 commencement ceremony.

Linda P. Thurston, professor and assistant dean, is serving as a Research in Disabilities Education (RDE) program officer with the National Science Foundation in Washington, D.C. She was selected for the rotator position because of her work in special education, gender education, workforce development, and evaluation.

Janice Wanklyn Wissman, BS ’63, MS ’68, professor and associate dean, was honored with the Distinguished Service Award by the Kansas Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (KAFCS) at the 2010 KAFCS Annual Meeting in Wichita, Kan.

Norma Dyck Sellberg, professor emeritus of special education, passed away in Lawrence, Kan., on Nov. 6, 2009, at the age of 74. She earned a BS degree from Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kan., and MS and doctoral degrees from the University of Kansas. Dyck Sellberg was on the K-State College of Education faculty from 1976 to 2000, where she taught and supervised graduate students, secured grants, published in professional journals, and coauthored two textbooks related to students with special needs.

She also formed and ran a consulting business specializing in issues related to curriculum adaptation. The Association for Children with Learning Disabilities honored her three times for her outstanding service.

Dyck Sellberg is survived by her husband, Bob Sellberg; two sons; one daughter; and five grandchildren. Her first husband, Gilbert Dyck, passed away in 1985.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church, Lawrence, Kan., and sent in care of Rumsey-Yost Funeral Home, 601 Indiana Street, Lawrence, KS 66044.

Harry McAnarney, retired associate professor of elementary education, passed away in Bloomington, Ill., on June 21, 2010, at the age of 88. He was born in Reading, Kan., and served in the U.S. Army in New Guinea and the Philippines during World War II. He earned a BS degree from Kansas State Teachers College in Emporia, Kan., and MS and doctoral degrees from the University of Kansas.

McAnarney was a teacher and administrator in public schools in Kansas for several years. He was on the K-State College of Education faculty from 1957 to 1988, teaching elementary science methods courses and supervising elementary education student teachers.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy, and is survived by one daughter, one son, and three grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be sent in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502.
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