Millersville University
School of Education

Celebration of Faculty Accomplishments

October 5, 2009
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Mission Statement

The School of Education is dedicated to enabling all students to demonstrate the identity and the responsibilities of professionalism and engaged citizenship. Faculty members guide undergraduate and graduate students in applying the appropriate knowledge, skills, and attitudes in diverse communities.
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Message from the Dean:

It is with great pleasure that the School of Education hosts its first celebration of faculty accomplishments. Our faculty represent the teacher scholars and researchers who provide the foundation of our academic mission; however, more importantly, they serve as mentors, leaders, supports, and role models for our students. It is only fitting that we all pause for a moment in our hectic daily schedules to recognize and celebrate the significant work of the faculty in the School of Education.

Today, we honor three exemplary faculty members who have been promoted to a new academic rank. Their achievement is not only personally significant for them but indeed represents success and accomplishments for the department and School. Four faculty will be present to share their scholarly work that was completed through the award of a sabbatical leave for the 2008/2009 academic year. All who join us today, undoubtedly, will gain from hearing about their success.

Finally, the School of Education will be welcoming two new faculty to our departments. Please join me in welcoming them to this great institution, and take a moment to provide your support for their professional endeavors in the future.

Thank you to all faculty in the School for your constant hard work and endless efforts in the classroom to assist our students on a daily basis. Your rewards are often not evident immediately, but rest assured that you have guided the lives of many and that your work as a teacher, scholar and contributor are key to our success as a School.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Jane Bray
Dean, School of Education
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Guided by the three themes of the Communities of Learners conceptual framework, the Educational Foundations Department seeks to develop classroom and school leaders who are committed to democratic education and social justice.
Cheryl T. Desmond

Dr. Desmond presented at the annual meeting of the American Education Research Association in New York in April 2008 as part of an ongoing research project and grant. Her presentation was titled “Diggin’ at the Roots: Community Engagement, Urban Youth, and Sustainable Agriculture”.

Laurie B. Hanich

In the fall of 2008, Dr. Hanich was invited to serve as a scientific reviewer on the Special Education Panel for the Institute of Education Sciences. The responsibilities of her three year term include reviewing grant applications and participating in panel member review sessions to assess and evaluate grant proposals.
The Department of Elementary and Early Childhood Education is dedicated to providing exemplary programs for undergraduate and graduate students in education, connecting content and pedagogy with authentic experiences in diverse school settings and upholding high standards for professional and civic conduct.
Lesley Colabucci

In September of 2008, Dr. Colabucci’s article “To be a Writer: Representations of Writers in Recent Children’s Novels” was published in The Reading Teacher (with Dr. Linda T. Parsons of Ohio State University).

Mary Ann Gray-Schlegel

Dr. Gray-Schlegel published “Read! Write! Discuss! Learn!: A Workbook of Interactive Handouts to Support the College Literacy Course” in 2008 with Dr. Yvonne King. Dr. Gray-Schlegel also presented at a state conference in 2008 with Dr. Jennifer Shettel.

Donna H. Topping

In 2008 Dr. Topping was working on a sabbatical leave with Roberta Ann McManus on the forthcoming book Content Area Learners, Grades 4-10: Meeting Multiple Literacy Needs (working title).
The Industry and Technology Department seeks to prepare broadly educated technical professionals, develop a perspective of technology within the University, and provide relevant service to industry and the education community.
Len S. Litowitz


Mark Snyder

In the spring of 2008, Dr. Snyder’s article “The Education of Indentured Servants in Colonial America” was published in the Journal of Technology Studies: A refereed publication of Epsilon Pi Tau.

Haig M. Vahradian (in memoriam)

In 2007 Dr. Vahradian published an article with Veekit O’Charoen titled "A Modified Case Study: Teaching Modular Fixturing Concepts by Integrating Multimedia Courseware" in the International Journal of Applied Management and Technology.
PSYCHOLOGY

The undergraduate program in psychology exposes students to both the humanistic and the more traditional experimental approaches to the study of behavior. Curriculum flexibility allows psychology majors to prepare for graduate training in psychology and related fields or for employment in a variety of human service or business and industrial areas.
Nadine Garner


Susan P. Luek

Dr. Luek presented a paper at an annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association in Boston, Massachusetts in 2008 with Dr. Bea Grosh and Christina Kunkle. The paper was titled “Differences Between Younger and Older Adults in the Ability to Label and Recall Sweet and Sour Flavors”.
The Special Education Department seeks to prepare educators to facilitate an empowered & unified learning community to be successful in the world of people through respect, collaboration, mutuality, and the realization of each individual gift.
**Ellen Long**

In 2008 Dr. Long presented "Not Everything that Happens in Vegas Stays in Vegas: Building a Communication Structure" with Dr. Marcia Nell and Dr. Nanette Marcum-Dietrich at the National Professional Development Schools Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida.

**Richard L. Mehrenberg**

Dr. Mehrenberg presented the workshop “Millennial Generation Special Education Programs: Promise or Problems?” with a panel of Millersville University Special Education majors at the 49th Annual Pennsylvania Council for Exceptional Children Conference in Harrisburg on November 7, 2008.
Wellness & Sport Sciences

The Wellness and Sport Sciences Department will be a major contributor to the Millersville University experience that empowers students to make a significant difference in the communities where they live and work and to Millersville’s attainment to be a premier comprehensive public university.
Abdelhadi Halawa

Dr. Halawa presented a research paper entitled "The Effects of Social Changes on the Rise of Obesity and Overweight in the Middle East" at the First International Conference for Physical Education, Sports, and Health (ICPEH) held in Kuwait City, Kuwait on April 1-3, 2008.

Jeffrey Wimer

Dr. Wimer presented at an international conference at the Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Valparaiso in Chile in August of 2008. The presentation was titled "Historia de las Ayudas Ergogencias en el Deporte".
FACULTY RECOGNITION

**New Hires**

Dr. Hsin-Yuan Chen, Special Education
Professor Donna Painter, Industry & Technology

**Promotion**

Dr. Karena Rush, Psychology
Dr. Scott Warner, Industry & Technology
Dr. John Wright, Industry & Technology

**Sabbatical**

Dr. Perry Gemmill, Industry & Technology
Dr. Dominic Scott, Educational Foundations
Dr. Barbara Stengel, Educational Foundations
Dr. Donna Topping, Elementary & Early Childhood Education