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CONGRATULATIONS! FELICIDADES!

***Congratulations!** To College of Education recipients of the *President's Star Award*—Paul LaPorte, PERD; Candace Sitzer, Dean's Office; Carmen Kottong, Dean's Office; and Lulu Carrillo, Custodian for the College.

EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHT... This corner will be set aside to recognize a College of Education staff member (faculty, staff, or student employee) each month. If you would like to nominate a staff member to be recognized as the employee of the month, please submit a paragraph to this newsletter each month.

This month we would like to recognize Lulu Carrillo, Custodian for the O'Donnell Hall. Lulu was a recipient of one the *President's Star Award*. Each year only 100 university employees receive this award from the President's Office. We are proud that one of our very own was a recipient of this award. Lulu was recognized with the other *Star* recipients on October 2, 2003 at a reception held at the President's home. Lulu has been with O'Donnell Hall for seven years. When asked what she loves most about her job, she responds "the people." Our Congratulations, Felicidades, and thank you to Lulu.

A NOTE FROM THE RECRUITMENT & RETENTION CORNER... Introducing the 2003 CoE Student Ambassadors: Codi Block, Elementary Education; Daisy Granados, Bilingual/TESOL Education; Angie Gutierrez, Communication Disorders; Sapna Laloo, Early Childhood Education; Anne Marie Murphey, Elementary Education. Candace Sitzer, Coordinator for Recruitment and Retention and these Ambassadors have made a huge impact on our enrollment numbers. During the summer months the Ambassadors called ALL of our admitted potential students and talked with them about being a student at NMSU. Currently, they are working on the State FEA Conference scheduled for November and with NMSU

Admissions on hosting high school seniors at *Aggie Experience*.

The CoE Student Ambassadors are a group of Education students sponsored by the Dean's Office to assist the College in its recruitment and retention efforts. They are selected based on application and interview. Applications are available in March. Selection of a new group of students will take place each year. (Those with previous service can still stay on). If you know individuals who might be interested in being a CoE Ambassador, applications are available in the Dean's Office in March.

*Remember, if you know of anyone who is interested in teaching or if you need assistance in courting potential students, let our recruiter and retention coordinator, Candace, know or Contact education@nmsu.edu.

*Departments and anyone interested, remember to sign up for *popping* popcorn for the college. We *pop* once a week from 3:30-4:30 p.m. and mingle with our college students.

HAPPENINGS & HIGHLIGHTS...

COUNSELING & EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

*Dr. Enedina Vázquez was an invited visiting Professor at Notre Dame this last summer and became associate editor of the Trainers Forum, a publication of NASP. She has also been elected as President Elect for the New Mexico Association of School Psychologists.

*Dr. Mike Nystul took a leadership role in developing a three level threat assessment program in the Deming School District and continually provides in-service training for many in the helping professions related to threat assessment. He also developed a new Special Education Program called, *Emotionally Focused Teaching and Education for Emotionally Disturbed Children*. It provides opportunities to process emotions regarding self, others, and community.

*Dr. Charles Huber developed and assumed a leadership role in graduate students teaching undergraduate courses for the CEP department. He conducts live observations, videotapes teaching sessions, evaluates lesson plans, and meets with the teaching graduate assistants to provide supervision and guidance to ensure quality teaching.

*Dr. Eve Adams will be presenting at the APA Training Directors Conference on prescription privileges and its impact on training.

*Dr. Mike Waldo has been consulting in Guatemala in the development of a counseling program and supervision. He also continues to work with several teachers on School Based Mental Health across the state of New Mexico.

*Dr. Luis Vázquez has been selected as the Coordinator of the National Multicultural Summit and Conference in Hollywood California in January of 2005. He has also been invited as a featured speaker for the Western Psychological Association to present on the integration of Multicultural Curriculum across the disciplines of psychology. In addition, he recently received the American Psychological Association acknowledgement for his continuing visionary leadership and dedication toward building coalitions and mobilizing cooperative relationships in the spirit of furthering the advancement of diversity in the field of psychology.

*Dr. Peggy Kaczmarek is taking a leadership role in advancing School Counseling licensure through on-line courses for the CEP Department. She has continually collaborated with state licensure, accreditation requirements and mobilized the faculty in a team effort to offer the on-line courses.

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

*Early Childhood Program staff have been quite busy. The Dove Learning Center has received funding for the following: La Vida Institute--Two new Family Child Care Specialists, presentation of the 45-Hour Entry Level Course to 24 Child Care Food Program Monitors, presentation of a 16-hour Kith and Kin course for in-home child care providers caring for related children (Funding source: New Mexico Children Youth and Families Department); Kellogg Foundation SPARKS grant to provide transition and parent interaction activities for families of young children in Chaparral (Funding source: subcontract from New Mexico Community Foundation)

Prior Learning Assessment continuation grant: continue work on statewide early childhood prior learning assessment system (Funding source: subcontract from UNM)

Kith and Kin 16-hour course development: create a 16-hour course for in-home child care providers who take care of relative children (Funding source: New Mexico Children Youth and Families Department)

*Drs. Baptiste and Reyes submitted to Prentice-Hall their completed revised and expanded edition of *Understanding Ethics in Early Care and Education*. They are now beginning the second book in the Prentice-Hall's Student Enrichment Series, *Understanding Leadership in Early Care and Education*.

*Dr. Karin Wiburg had an article, *Technology and the New Meaning of Educational Equity* published this month in *Technology in Education: A Twenty-year Retrospective*, a monograph from *Computers in the Schools*, (v. 20, n. 1/2) published by Haworth Press. Dr. Wiburg also published a chapter in a new book, *Tracks to the Future: Integrating Technology into Today's Schools*, 2003, published by the New Mexico Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. The chapter reports on the work of the MathStar grant at NMSU and is called, *MathStar's Lesson Study: Teacher-driven Math Reform in New Mexico*. The chapter discusses how technology and collaborative teacher reflection is supporting teachers in improving their practice.

*MathStar (a math and technology project in C&I) has been working with the state department of education to support teachers in New Mexico. Following is an article on their recent work. *New Mathematics Teacher Leadership Group Formed*

“Sixty teachers of mathematics from throughout New Mexico met in Ruidoso on a recent Thursday and Friday, September 4 and 5th. The meeting, sponsored by the State Department of Education and supported by the MathStar-New Mexico project, was the first in what is hoped to be a series of meetings to form a leadership network for mathematics educators in the state. Claudia Ahlstrom, mathematics consultant for the state and the leader for the new leadership network, hopes these teachers will serve as links between her office and the state districts and schools and assist with improving mathematics teaching, learning and assessment in the state. This first meeting was also supported by Dr. Hugh Burkhart, who is from MARS, that is, the Michigan Assessment Resources Group from Michigan State and

England. MARS has been supported by the National Science Foundation for many years for their work in mathematics assessment.

The decision was made to make understanding and teaching mathematics assessment the focused content for the first meeting. After an excellent evening dinner held at a golf club resort, the teachers developed and shared their views on mathematics assessment. During the next morning teachers met in either elementary, middle-school, or high-school groups to engage in doing some of the new kinds of assessment problems. These morning sessions were led by MathStar staff and mathematics educators from New Mexico State University including: Wanda Guzman, Dr. Pat Bagget, Sheila Hills, Cathy Kinzer, Dr. Karin Wiburg, Cathy Kanim, and Lisa Snow. After lunch, Claudia Ahlstrom led the group in thinking about using rubrics for assessment. The afternoon finished with teachers providing input on the future of their leadership in the state.

One opportunity that currently exists for teachers and other educators in the state to assist in mathematics reform is to help with the selection of items that will be used in the new criterion-referenced tests to be designed by Harcourt Brace for testing all students grades 3-9 beginning in 2005. Educators interested in helping select appropriate items in October should call the state department immediately. The test will also be developed in Spanish so Spanish-speakers are also needed. Reviewers can call 505 827-6616 or e-mail vortiz@sde.state.nm.us to volunteer for service. Their expenses while working at the state department will be paid by Harcourt Brace.

Since New Mexico will soon have new criterion-referenced tests aligned with the state content standards, assessment seemed like a natural place for the teacher leadership group to begin their work. Members of the group will be assisting in teaching others about the new assessments at the New Mexico Annual Mathematics and Science Conference to be held this year on December 5th and 6th at the Corbett Center at New Mexico State University. The conference is sponsored by the New Mexico Science Teachers Association (NMSTA) and the New Mexico Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NMCTM). The teacher leaders will also have a special afternoon meeting on December 5th, followed by an evening social hour, to learn more about teaching the

assessment materials and further discuss the future structure and mission of the Mathematics Project Leadership Team.”

EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT & DEVELOPMENT

*EMD would like to welcome three new members that joined the EMD department in the fall semester: Dr. Rhonda McClellan is a visiting professor from Oklahoma who will be assisting during Dr. Mario Martinez’ absence. Dr. McClellan has taught for two years at the community college level and two years at the Secondary level; Mrs. Isela Jaquez will be taking over as Project SILTS Director now that Mrs. Elva Lopez is pursuing her doctoral degree full-time. Mrs. Jaquez has been an administrator in the Gadsden School District for over twenty years; and Dr. Bea Curry joins the department from the Anthony School District. She will be assisting with the Internship program.

*[Congratulations](#) to Dr. Elsy Suttmillier... Dr. Elsy Suttmillier, Project LIBRA Director was named the Technical Assistance Associate Co-Editor for the NABE Journal for Research and Practice (NJRP). She will serve as an expert reviewer for articles submitted to the journal.

*[Congratulations](#) to Dr. Charles Townley Dr. Charles Townley’s article *“Using Distance Education to Internationalize Library and Information Science Scholarship”* was published in the International Journal of Libraries and Information Services. Dr. Townley wrote the article with Qian Geng, a professor from Beijing Normal University in China and Jing Zhang, a doctoral student in the College of Education.

*Drs. Maria Luisa González and Elsy Suttmillier presented at conferences. Dr. María Luisa González, EMD Academic Department Head and Dr. Elsy Suttmillier, Project LIBRA Director traveled to Albuquerque, New Mexico to present at the New Mexico Dual Language Education Programs Research and Video Premiere in October. This event is sponsored by the New Mexico State Department of Education Bilingual Multicultural Education Unit.

*Drs. González and Suttmillier have also been invited to participate in a conference on *“Improving Teacher Quality for English Language Learners.”* The conference will be held in November in Washington, D.C. and is intended for scholars, educators, other professionals, and policy makers. They will formally write and present a chapter that will be

included in an edited academic book that will be published after the conference.

*CCLDP Luncheon...The Community College Leadership Doctoral Program (CCLDP) held a luncheon in recognition of the CCLDP students for their accomplishments, as they embark on the dissertation stage of their doctoral pursuit. The luncheon, attended by 100 guests at the Corbett Center, was also an event to thank everyone for their contribution to the program's success.

*Grant Awards...The U.S. Department of Education in Washington, D.C. has awarded the Leadership in Border Rural Areas (LIBRA) Grant \$376,056. The Las Cruces Public Schools has awarded the Promoting Leaders for Tomorrow (PLT) Grant \$173,981. These two grants are in their second year of leadership development.

SPECIAL EDUCATION/COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

*Dr. Rod Wood has been invited to present a workshop on the *Microunits For Fluency Shaping (MuFFS)* stuttering therapy approach at the 2004 Southwest Conference on Communication Disorders in Albuquerque. The annual conference is being planned for March 2004. In addition, Dr. Wood will be co-presenting three poster sessions at the annual convention of the New Mexico Speech-Language-Hearing Association in Albuquerque on October 24th. His co-presenters are second year graduate student--Melissa Sambrano, and junior and senior undergraduate students: David Hernandez, Lindsey Kingston, Stacey Ogaz, Jessica Sanchez and Jessica Sorenson.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

*Homecoming Weekend, October 30, 31, & November 1st. Many activities...check the info. board in the lobby. One of the main events is the *Distinguished Alumni Reception*. The College will be recognizing Virginia Foltz, Interim Superintendent, LCPS, as the *Distinguished Alumnae*. Join us on Friday, October 31 at 2:00 p.m. in the O'Donnell Hall Patio for this event.

Submissions: We welcome your ideas, comments, and suggestions. The electronic newsletter is released within the first week of each month. Deadline for submission is the last week of the month. Email submissions to: iquinone@nmsu.edu or by mail to: MSC 3AC



Have a safe and spooooky Halloween!