

Good Stuff

School of Education & Behavioral Sciences



Spring 2008

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then, is not an act, but a habit." - Aristotle

Meeting the Challenge

The Department of Education is proud to announce the successful completion of their 2008 NCATE Board of Examiners visit. Although the final report will not be released until fall 2008, the preliminary findings of the NCATE team were incredibly positive! The team noted five areas of specific strength and found no areas for improvement.

The process was an amazing collaborative effort. The School EBS and Department EDU spent countless hours preparing for the visit, but faculty and staff from all areas of campus contributed to the positive outcome of this monumental task.

Continuing to Excel

Mrs. Tiffany Hamilton, Education Department Secretary, received her degree in Business Administration (and a standing ovation) in May.

Mrs. Lorinda Rogers, Undergraduate Student Advisor, received an NEA grant for an SOEA recruitment project that will pair freshmen and sophomores in a mentoring program with juniors and seniors in education.

School EBS faculty members **Dr. Mary Dzindolet**, Psychology, **Dr. Courtney Glazer**, Education, & **Mr. Rodney Roosevelt**, Psychology received funding from the Army Research Institute for their project titled, Understanding Automation Reliance.

Appreciating Faculty & Staff

At Cameron's 2008 Retirement and Service Recognition Reception and Dinner, several School EBS faculty and staff were honored for their contributions to the university.

Celebrating retirement this year were **Dr. Marcy Blackburn** (EDU), **Dr. Phil Lanasa** (EDU), **Dr. Rebecca Pazoureck** (PSY), and **Ms. Lorraine Perry** (PSY).

Other faculty and staff honored for their years of service were **Mr. Joel Dering** (HPE), 20 years, **Dr. Mary Dzindolet** (PSY), 15 years, **Mr. Todd Holland** (HPE), 5 years, **Mrs.**

Ramona Mott (EDU), 5 years, and **Ms. Gabriele Wethern** (EDU), 5 years.

Congratulations and thank you for your dedication.



Honoring our Students

Cameron's Top 10 Non-Traditional Students Awards included three School EBS students! They are: **Shannon Bayones** (EDU), **Jutta Carter** (MEd), and **Kathryn Ragaglia** (PSY).



CU's Top 20 Awards included School EBS students **Kenzie Claunch** (PSY), **Krystle McCorgary** (EDU), and **Ashley Tate** (EDU).

Merissa Martinuzzi was named Outstanding HPE Major of the Year for 2007-2008. Merissa is the 19th

recipient of this annual award. Four other outstanding students were recognized by HPE. They include: **Yolanda Allen**, **James Cerone**, **James DeNofa**, and **Jorey Price**.

Making a Difference

Representatives from each department of the School EBS participated in Special Olympics this spring. Faculty volunteers included **Mr. Joel Dering** (HPE), **Dr. Courtney Glazer** (EDU), **Dr. Sue Hoppe** (EDU), **Dr. Justina Powers** (PSY), **Mr. Joe Jones** (HPE), and School EBS Dean, **Dr. Ronna Vanderslice**. Student volunteers included representatives from **SOEA** and the **HPE Student Association**.

"Assume that whatever situation you are facing at the moment is exactly the right situation you need to ultimately be successful."

- Anonymous

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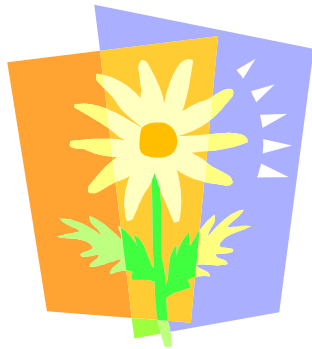
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Do you have something positive to share with your colleagues or your students?

Forward your submissions to:
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Student Spotlight:

Jessi Brennan

Jessi Brennan is an Elementary Education major and president of SOEA. Jessi shared her answers to the following questions:

- Q. What's the most interesting thing you've learned since starting college?
- A. *Good character is more to be praised than outstanding talent. Most talents are, to some extent, a gift. Good character, by contrast, is not given to us. We have to build it, piece by piece -- by thought, choice, courage, and determination.* -Jackson Brown
- Q. What is your favorite board game?
- A. *Candy Land*
- Q. If your dream job started tomorrow, what would it be?
- A. *My dream job after college would be to become Secretary of Education.*



"Success in life consists of going from one mistake to the next without losing your enthusiasm."
- Winston Churchill

Faculty Spotlight: Mary Dzindolet

Dr. Mary Dzindolet is a professor in the Department of Psychology and Human Ecology. Born in Framingham, Massachusetts, Dr. Dzindolet holds degrees from Skidmore College, Louisiana State University, and the University of Texas. She is a member of the Oklahoma Psychological Society, the American Psychological Association, the Association of Psychological Science, and the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society. Dr. Dzindolet graciously answered questions for this month's faculty spotlight.



- Q. Who were your influences when you were a college student?
- A. *I knew I wanted to be an experimental psychologist in about the third lecture of Experimental Psychology. Using the scientific method to understand human behavior! WOW! I am sure the instructor for that class had a large influence in my loving research. Unfortunately, I can't even remember his name. My advisor, Dr. Douglas, probably had the most influence on me. She was a counseling psychologist who specialized in children; I found her love of psychology contagious.*
- Q. What is your favorite book from childhood?
- A. *Nancy Drew*
- Q. If you were a crayon, what color would you be?
- A. *Blue — the ocean, the sky!*
- Q. If there were no restrictions, where would you travel on your next vacation?
- A. *Paris — I have wanted to go to Paris since I was 19 years old — no comment on how many years ago that was.*
- Q. What makes you laugh out loud?
- A. *My children (of course, at other times they make me want to cry loudly and pull out my hair!).*