

Good Stuff

School of Education & Behavioral Sciences



Spring 2009

"And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same." Nelson Mandela

Faculty Spotlight: MR. JOE JONES



On Friday, February 20, Mr. Joe Jones (HPE) was inducted into the Aggie Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2009 in honor of his successes as CU's head women's tennis coach from 1976-1999.

Mr. Jones was named Coach of the Year an amazing ten times in total from the Oklahoma Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (OAIW), NAIA District 9, the Lone Star Conference, and the NCAA Midwestern Region. Additionally, Jones attended the

NCAA National postseason tournament in 14 out of his 23 years as head coach. Four of his players went on to attain All-American status, and his players graduated at an incredible rate of 95%.

Mr. Jones continues to mentor students as an Associate Professor in HPE. His youthful energy and positive outlook inspires students, faculty, and staff throughout the campus.

Community Commitment

The cooperative spirit of our faculty:

Dr. Phil Adrian (HPE) **Dr. Todd Garner (HPE)** and **Mr. Joe Jones (HPE)** partnered with Lawton Public Schools to present a PE workshop at Central Middle School.

Dr. Lawrence Weinstein (PSY) serves on the Oklahoma Department of Corrections Southwest District Community Corrections Advisory Council.

Mr. Joel Dering (HPE) coordinated and hosted the regional Special Olympics Swim Meet with the aid of the HPER club.

Dr. Marco Columbus, Dr. Jennifer Dennis, Dr. Courtney Glazer, Mr. Kelly McClure, and Dr. Michelle Smith (EDU) presented professional development workshops for teachers at Brockland Elementary, Eisenhower High, and McArthur High.

Dr. Justina Powers (PSY) works with the Humane Society providing dog assisted therapy in the community and rehabilitating rescued animals.

Mrs. Tiffany Hamilton (EDU) spearheaded a holiday campaign to gather and send useful items to the soldiers of the 62nd Engineer BN in Afghanistan.

School EBS Students SHINE!

Share our pride in our students' amazing accomplishments:

David Gregory (HPE) was selected HPE major of the year. Other HPE students recognized included **Megan Atkins, Jana Christian, Elke Rittger, and Travis White.**

CU Student Oklahoma Educators Association members completed a mural for Jackson Elementary school, sponsored a needy family during the holidays, helped refurbish the homework room and the Lawton Boys & Girls Club, and attended their state convention (where they completed more service learning hours!).

Melody Tyler (EDU) was selected as a 2009 DaVinci/Martin Scholar for her service learning project "Teaching Alphabet Skills to Emergent Readers." In addition to this incredible honor, Melody will also receive \$3000 in her first year of teaching.

Tobias Kuhn (PSY) presented research at the Oklahoma Academy of Science Research Day.

Members of the **HPER Club** completed training in Substance Abuse Prevention with their sponsor, **Dr. Phil Adrian (HPE).**



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Academic Explorations

Continuing the pursuit of excellence in higher education.

Dr. Courtney Glazer (EDU) represented CU as a state team member for the NCATE Accreditation of Panhandle State University.

Dr. Jennifer Holloway (EDU) has been published in The Journal of Social Studies Research with her paper titled, *"A Contrarian View: Social Studies IS Being Taught in the Elementary School."*

Dr. Jennifer Dennis (EDU) was a featured presenter at the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education in Chicago.

Dr. Lynda Robinson (EDU) is serving on a special state committee to prepare a standardized phonics test that would be required for certification of Oklahoma teachers.

Dr. Marco Columbus (EDU) and **Ms. Stephanie White** (EDU) have welcomed over 50 LPS eighth graders (and future CU students) to campus through their grant: *"Learning and Teaching through the Arts: Fostering Leadership, Education and Achievement among Middle School Students."*

Dr. Ramona Hall (EDU) presented at the One Voice North Eastern Conference in New York.

Alumni Spotlight: DR. JAMIE POLK

Spring 2009 Acclaimed Aggies Recognize Education Graduate



As an Acclaimed Aggie for the Spring 2009 semester **Dr. Jamie Polk** will be featured on posters across campus highlighting her achievements since graduating from CU.

Dr. Polk earned her Master of Elementary Education degree in 1995, while teaching sixth grade. Since then Dr. Polk, a National Board Certified teacher, has become principal of Lawton's Cleveland Elementary School, earned a doctorate in Educational Administration and Curriculum Supervision (EACS) from the University of Oklahoma and is also an adjunct instructor for CU's Department of Education.

Just as committed to improving education nationally through her volunteer service, Dr. Polk serves as Chair of the National Association of Alpha Kappa Sorority's Connections Program and is the Southwest Regional Director for Gamma State - Oklahoma, the state chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, which promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. Dr. Polk is also a member of Phi Delta Kappa, International and the President of the Lawton Association of Elementary School Principals.