

Good Stuff

School of Education & Behavioral Sciences



“Keep learning. Never let the brain idle.” George Carlin from *How to Stay Young*

Faculty Spotlight: Dr. Jenel Cavazos

Cameron and the School of Education and Behavioral Sciences welcomed Dr. Jenel Cavazos as faculty in the Department of Psychology and Human Ecology beginning Fall 2010. Dr. Cavazos received her Bachelor of Science in Psychology (2003) from the University of Oklahoma, followed by a MS (2006) and Ph.D. (2009) in Social Psychology.

Instrumental music was Dr. Cavazos' early passion, specifically the oboe. It wasn't until she enrolled into a general psychology course as an undergraduate at OU that her career path emerged.



Dr. Cavazos began her teaching career at OU as a graduate teaching assistant in the Department of Psychology. She continued as an instructor in both classroom and online courses for a total of six years. While at OU, she maintained many relationships that supported her educational goals, but she singles out Dr. Nicole Campbell as a true mentor, dear friend and colleague.

At Cameron, Dr. Cavazos has been thrilled with class sizes, student diversity and the ability to connect with students one-on-one on a daily basis. Teaching and building relationships with students is truly her calling and Dr. Cavazos feels that Cameron is the right place for her.

Born in Austin, TX, Dr. Cavazos has also lived in Las Vegas, NV as well as Lawton, OK. She graduated high school from Eisenhower in Lawton and even attended Cameron for a short while. She and her husband Anthony currently reside in Norman with their two children, Taylor, 9, and Eli, 2. Dr. Cavazos successfully balances marriage, motherhood and career. An avid reader, she touts Christine Feehan and Laurell K. Hamilton as favorite authors. Additionally, Dr. Cavazos has chosen to continue her passion for music with membership in the Norman community orchestra playing the oboe and saxophone.

Welcome to Cameron University Dr. Cavazos. We're glad you're here !

Music Department Plays a Brand New Tune

In April 2010, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education approved the addition of a new degree program in the Department of Music. Students now have the option to choose Music Education as their major. A degree in Music Education is designed to provide students with the tools necessary for becoming successful high school orchestra, band, or choir directors. Students are considered for entrance into the program through an audition process and must also prove proficiency in their chosen instrument. Additional admission requirements include passing grades in various Department of Music coursework. Thirty-three (33) hours of Education coursework is required, twenty-three (23) of which are spent actually working in a school setting. This balance gives students an excellent base in both music theory and the art of teaching. Dr. Ronna Vanderslice, Dean of the School of Education & Behavioral Sciences, says, "This program is the perfect balance between content and education for students who want to teach or share their craft." Dr. James Lambert, Chair of the Department of Music, sings the praises of the new program and encourages students to apply.

Development + Service = Success

- Terry Shannon (HPE) recently sponsored an on-campus workshop teaching students how to *Dress for Success*. The event showcased the expertise of two local clothing store business owners, Ashley Maree's and Edward's Men's Wear. Nate Gamet (HPE), Brianne Lowe (HPE), CC Curry (EBS), Amber Schreor (HPE Grad Asst) and Vinetta Stanton (EBS Grad Asst) all modeled for the event.
- Graduate preview night in the fall featured presentations by Dr. Lynda Robinson (EDU), Dr. Jennifer Dennis (EDU), Dr. Jim Hawkins (EDU), Dr. Marco Columbus (EDU), Dr. Courtney Glazer (EDU) and Claudia Edwards (EBS).
- Kyle Moody (HPE) serves as the faculty sponsor for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). In this role, he works closely with students, Student Support Services and the Student Government Association to promote integrity, serving, teamwork and excellence.
- Stephanie White (EDU) met with Lawton Area Teachers last semester in support of the *Every Student Succeeds* grant.
- Dr. Joanni Sailor (PSY) currently serves as a New Faculty Mentor to Dr. Jenel Cavazos (PSY). In this role, Dr. Sailor is able to offer support and encouragement to her fellow colleague.

*“The love of learning,
the sequestered nooks,
and all the sweet
serenity of books.”
H. W. Longfellow*

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colleagues or your students?

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BACK THE AXE !!

Explorations In Excellence

School EBS faculty and staff continue to pursue excellence in higher education

- Dr. Jennifer Dennis (EDU) and Dr. Courtney Glazer (EDU) received the Retaining Excellent Alternatively Licensed (REAL) Teacher grant from the Minority Teacher Recruitment Center (MTRC). They held various professional development activities for Lawton teachers in the fall.
- Dr. Phil Adrian (HPE), David Schmahl (HPE), and Terry Shannon (HPE) attended the OAHPERD Conference in Norman last semester. They attended presentations on Sports Psychology, Strength and Conditioning, Archery, and how to more effectively use outdoor spaces (like the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge) as an educational setting.
- Dr. Joanni Sailor (PSY) serves on the board for the Oklahoma Association of Licensed Marital and Family Therapist State Advisory Board. She represented Cameron at the First Annual Summit of Training Directors in Tulsa last semester.
- Dr. Jenel Cavazos (PSY) created a Facebook page to use as a communication tool for students enrolled in her five (5) sections of PSY 1113 General Psychology last semester. Using Facebook, Dr. Cavazos has also been able to connect with some former departmental graduates.
- Dr. Jennifer Dennis (EDU), Dr. Lynda Robinson (EDU), and Lorinda Rogers all participated in **Aggie Sneak Peak** in the fall.
- Every faculty member within the Department of Psychology submitted an abstract for poster presentation during the Oklahoma Research Day held at Cameron last semester. The posters are on display in the hall near Nance Boyer 1053.
- Endowed Lectureship proposals were submitted and funds were granted to Nate Gamet (HPE), Dr. Courtney Glazer (EDU), Kelly McClure (EDU), Tanisha Billingslea (EDU), Dr. Michelle Smith (EDU), Brianne Lowe (HPE), Stephanie White (EDU), Kyle Moody (HPE), and Deanice Shegog (PSY Adjunct).

'TIS THE SEASON' FOR GIVING TO OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

- * EDU : Dr. Lynda Robinson served as a judge at the Brockland Elementary Science Fair in the fall.
- * HPE : Joel Dering , HPE Faculty and staff from Athletics joined 4th graders to serve dinner at the annual Whittier Elementary Dinner Theater production. The Ambucs Pancake Breakfast was a success due to help from Wade Alexander. Todd Holland and baseball team members officiated a peewee football game sponsored by Goodyear and the United Way. The Lawton Food Bank benefitted from assistance from Beth Watson and the softball team.
- * PSY : Dr. Ralph Alexander recently presented information on schizophrenia and bipolar disorder at the Taliaferro Mental Health Center.

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS

Student Teachers and Scholarship Recipients Recognized

On December 8, the Student Oklahoma Educators Association recognized fall semester student teachers from the Department of Education as well as all scholarship recipients from the School of Education and Behavioral Sciences. The event, held in the CETES Conference Center, featured certificates of recognition and refreshments. Please checkout the student teacher recognition poster located in the hall by Nance Boyer 1078.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the newest members of KAPPA DELTA PI

The Upsilon Xi Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi recently initiated twenty-two (22) members including seven (7) members from the campus at RSU in Claremore. The ceremony was held December 1st in the CETES Conference Center. An induction was also held for 2010-2011 officers. Kappa Delta Pi was reinstated at Cameron during the fall 2009 semester. Dr. Ronna Vanderslice and Mrs. Lorinda Rogers serve as co-counselors for the education honor society.