

# Good Stuff

School of Education & Behavioral Sciences



Fall 2008

“Everything that is done in this world is done by hope.” - Martin Luther King, Jr.

## Making a Difference

Joel Dering (HPE) and his dog, **Suzie**, have a unique partnership. Not just man and man's best friend, Joel and Suzie work as a team visiting special-needs students.



Suzie is in the early stages of training and certification as a Reading Education Assistance Dog (READ). As a READ dog, Suzie will interact with selected students in their classroom environment. These students have higher than usual apprehensions about reading aloud to their teacher or peers. Suzie will serve as an audience as students read aloud, easing apprehension and building confidence.

Mr. Dering and Suzie read to students whenever they get the opportunity. “The students are always very

interactive with her,” says Mr. Dering. “The reading I do simply gives us an excuse to be in the room—Suzie always steals the show.”

**Mr. Joel Dering** is an instructor in the Department of Health and Physical Education. Mr. Dering holds degrees from Doane College and the United States Sports Academy.

## Community Commitment

*A few examples of the cooperative spirit of our School EBS faculty:*

**Dr. Jennifer Dennis** (EDU) is serving as Lawton PTA Council President for the 2008-2009 school year.

**Mr. Joel Dering** (HPE) and **Mr. Joe Jones** (HPE) partnered with Student Services to present a Healthy Living workshop for CU students.

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

**Mr. Joel Dering** (HPE) is working on the Hoop for Hearts program with the Lawton Public Schools.

**Ms. Show-Mei Lin** (EDU) and **Dr. Lynda Robinson** (EDU) are currently serving as CU representatives on the Lawton Area Reading Council (LARC).

**Ms. Stephanie White** (EDU) volunteers at Elgin Elementary offering weekly Language Arts assistance.

**Ms. Debbie Stoll** (EDU) has been chosen by the Comanche County Smart Start/Success By Six program to chair their Strengthening Families Committee.

**Mr. Joe Jones** (HPE) and **Mr. Joel Dering** (HPE) led PE activities for Greiner School for the Handicapped when their students recently visited the CU Fitness Center.

## Service + Development = Success

*School EBS students have been busy in service and development activities this fall:*

The **HPER Club** helped raise over \$2000 at this fall's annual Lawton Football Jamboree!

At mid-semester, **EDU Children's Literature students** clocked 62 service learning hours by reading to local elementary aged children.

The following EDU students attended the National Council of Mathematics Regional Conference this fall: **Janie Gay, Heather Gomez, Stephanie Higginbotham, Sheena Liming, Hailey Meason, Dianna Morey, Carol Nededog, Jennifer Schmidt**. The students were sponsored by **Dr. Michelle Smith** (EDU), Associate Director of Oklahoma's NASA Space Grant at Cameron University.

Four short words sum up what has lifted most successful individuals above the crowd: a little bit more.



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## Academic Explorations

*School EBS faculty continuing the pursuit of excellence in higher education.*

**Dr. Marco Columbus** (EDU) and **Ms. Stephanie White** (EDU) received a \$5000 minority recruitment grant from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

**Dr. Todd Garner, Mr. Phil Adrian, Mr. Joel Dering, and Mr. Joe Jones** (HPE) attended the annual OAHPERD Conference in Oklahoma City.

**Dr. Howard Kuchta** (EDU) will serve on the Reach Higher state-wide assessment team. As a member of the team, Dr. Kuchta will evaluate the effectiveness of the Reach Higher Program.

**Dr. Lawrence Weinstein, Dr. Antonio Laverghetta, and Dr. Justina Powers** (PSY) will partner with graduate students to present a paper at Research Day at the OK Academy of Science.

**Ms. Debbie Stoll** (EDU) received an Oklahoma Campus Compact Service Learning Grant to promote early childhood education programs in our region. Debbie will begin her work by partnering with Altus Head Start.

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*Centennial Week: March 29-April 4, 2008*

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

*Congratulations to School EBS students for their recent accomplishments!*



**Kyle Cunningham** (EDU senior) was invited to introduce OK state representative T.W. Shannon at this year's convocation. Kyle is an Elementary Education major and president of the CU chapter of the Council for Exceptional Children. Kyle is interested in teaching children with autism in special-needs classrooms.

**Laura Johnson** (PSY senior) attended the National Education for Women's (NEW) Leadership Oklahoma Conference this summer. The program encourages young women to actively participate in politics and public service. In addition, Laura was asked to speak about mental health issues on the floor of the State Senate.

**Lorren Jackson** (EDU freshman) received the Nellie Bonard Blackwell Scholarship from the Lawton chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

