As we move nicely into the spring semester it seems time for another issue of COE Connected. First, as you are now well aware, Fullerton was one of seven CSU campuses selected to begin offering the independent Doctor of Education degree beginning with the Fall, 2007 semester. CSU Chancellor Reed and President Gordon have both stated that the independent Ed.D. marks the most significant change in the California State University’s role in the last four decades. Special thanks to Louise Adler and Hallie Yopp Slowik for their leadership in this achievement and to Vikki Costa and George Marcouides for agreeing to serve on our Ad hoc Ed.D. Coordination Committee.

The faculty search process continues to go very well. Joining Dr. Ken Stichter, (Department of Educational Leadership), Shanan Fitts and Dr. Jennifer Ponder (Elementary and Bilingual Education) and Eduardo Sanchez (Special Education Department) as assistant professors are Michelle Vander Veldt and Dr. Lisa Winstead, both with the Department of Elementary and Bilingual Education. Michelle will earn her Ph.D. from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Lisa earned her Ed.D. from the University of the Pacific. In addition, Dr. Woo Sik Jung joins the Department of Special Education as an associate professor. He earned his Ph.D. from Oklahoma State University.

Welcome to Angela Diaz who will be joining the Teacher Education Admission Office the 20th of this month. Her primary responsibility will be Special Education. She replaces Diana Avendano.

The first of three strong candidates for the dean position will be on campus Thursday. I encourage all faculty and staff to be actively involved in the search process. A special thanks to Ruth Yopp-Edwards for serving as co-chair of the search. This is a demanding and essential responsibility and her efforts are much appreciated.

JoAnn Carter-Wells and the Reading Department are coordinating a drive to replenish books for Lake Forest Elementary in New Orleans. Lake Forest Elementary lost it entire library collection during Hurricane Katrina. To this date the Reading Department alumni association, Reading Educators Guild (REG), has contributed $1,500.00. The school hopes to reopen the end of March. Thanks to the Reading Department and REG, Lake Forest Elementary will have the beginnings of a library.

We continue to look to expand our presence on the CSUF Irvine campus. Negotiations are underway to secure Building 65 and there is a strong possibility that the College of Education will move most, if not all, of its Irvine programs from the main building to Building 65. This will allow us to expand our graduate presence on the Irvine campus.

And, the component of COE Connected we enjoy the most – bragging about our faculty, staff, and students.

The following individuals were recently honored by the university for publishing books during the past year:

Andrea Guillaume, Elementary and Bilingual Education, Classroom Mathematics Inventory


Ron Pahl, Secondary Education, Creative Ways to Teach the Mysteries of History: Volume One.

Hallie Yopp Slowik, Elementary and Bilingual Education, Trophies, 2005. (a research-based developmental reading and language arts program).
Joan Levine, Department of Special Education, just received the Susan Gorin International Award as Outstanding Faculty Advisor for Student Chapters from the Council for Exceptional Children.

Barbara Glaeser, Department of Special Education, was selected from over 1,000 candidates to be a member of the newly formed Teacher training Corps for the U.S. Department of Education’s Teacher-to-Teacher Initiative. Margaret Spellings, the Secretary of Education, in her letter of congratulations stated that to be selected to these elite group practitioners must have a history of implementing research-based practices.

Hallie Yopp Slowik is serving on the Chancellor’s Office Independent Ed.D. Task Force.

Ash Bishop (Dean’s Office), Vikki Costa (Secondary Education), Amy Cox-Peterson (Elementary and Bilingual Education), Hallie Yopp Slowik (Elementary and Bilingual Education), and Brenda Spencer (Elementary and Bilingual Education) recently participated in the Math and Science Teacher Recruitment and Preparation Summit sponsored by the Chancellor Office.

Hallie Yopp Slowik (Elementary and Bilingual Education), Judy Sylva (Special Education), and Ash Bishop (Dean’s Office) participated in “Building and Supporting the Early Childhood Workforce” Summit convened by the Chancellor’s Office.

Nancee Wright (Dean’s Office) received the Titan Excellence Award for promotion of the University’s image in the community.

Barbara Clark (Reading) was honored as “Principal for a Day” by Viejo Elementary School in the Capistrano U.S.D.

Andrea Guillaume and Jan Fisher, both of Elementary and Bilingual Education, had books printed in Chinese for the China market. Their books were titled, respectively, Classroom Teaching and Keys to Effective Classroom Management.

The following faculty received University Research Grants:

Teresa Crawford (Elementary and Bilingual Education). “Teachers as Artists: Meeting standards Through the Integration of Art and Subject Area Teaching.”

Mark Ellis (Secondary Education). “What Are the Characteristics and Needs of Students in Functional Level Math? A Case Study of the College’s Newest Credential Program.”

Barbara Glaeser (Special Education). “Enhancing the Literacy Development of Kindergarten Students At-Risk for Reading Failure.”


Kristin Stang (Special Education). “Collaboration in Higher education: Modeling Collaborative Teaching for Preservice Teachers.”

Chris Street (Secondary Education). “Orality, Literacy, and the Internet: Reading and Learning in a Hypertext Environment.”

The following individuals received sabbaticals for the 2006-07 academic year.

Chris Street (Secondary Education): Completion of textbook, Turning Points: When Teachers and Their Students Write.
Teresa Crawford (Elementary and Bilingual Education): Conduct study, “Keeping inquiry alive in science: The study of successful school-site science programs in the face of high stakes testing.”

Melinda Pierson, Conduct study, “Teacher Expectations of Students’ Classroom Behavior Across the Grade Span: Which Social Skills are Necessary for Success?”

Grace Cho (Secondary Education): Conduct new research in the area of Heritage Language Development and continue with existing research in the area of Race, Culture and Gender in Education.

Chris Renne (Elementary and Bilingual Education): Conduct study, “Investigating a teacher’s professional development over a seven year period as she progressed through a credential program and her first six years of teaching.”

Hallie Yopp Slowik (Elementary and Bilingual Education): Complete text, Ready for Reading: A Handbook for Preschool Professionals.

Finally, we just completed a Master Teacher Academy supported by a grant from Edison International. Andrea Guillaume (Elementary and Bilingual Education), Barb Lyons (Special Education), Judy Smith (Special Education) and Ruth Yopp-Edwards (Elementary and Bilingual Education) provided three sessions for multiple subject and special education master teachers in November, January and March.

To this point it has been a very good year. We’ve hired a record number of faculty, received a record numbers of research grants and sabbaticals, our independent Ed.D. has been approved, and faculty are being placed in leadership roles throughout the state. This has been accomplished during very competitive times. Congratulations to you all.

Ash and Carmen