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A WELCOME FROM THE DEAN



Welcome to the inaugural issue of the School of Education Newsletter! It has been an exciting and busy year as we transition from a single Education Department to four new academic departments: Inclusive Childhood Education; Language, Literacy and Technology; Adolescence Education; and Social and Psychological Foundations of Education. We are launching a new graduate program in International

TESOL, too, and offering our graduate program in Computer Education in a partially online delivery format. Five new faculty members will be joining us in the fall. And our faculty, staff, students, and alumni continue to have a positive impact on schooling throughout the region.

This newsletter is intended for the friends and alumni of the Nazareth College School of Education. We hope that it serves as an important source of information on our activities and initiatives. I welcome your comments and suggestions.

Sincerely,

Timothy Glander, Dean
School of Education

On the Cutting Edge

The role of technology in education has taken center stage. Nazareth College is one of the only colleges in Western New York to offer a master's degree in computer education leading to educational technology specialist. To remain on the cutting edge, Nazareth recently introduced a new alternative hybrid format of delivery in addition to its traditional program format. Now in its second successful year, the option provides part on-line, part on-campus learning opportunities. The program meets intensively for three weeks during two

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NAZ SPONSORS COMPUTER EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Nazareth College, Honeoye Falls Lima School District, and Monroe #1 BOCES have partnered to offer a conference for educators this summer on the Nazareth campus. Teaching, Learning and Technology: Creating the Bridge to Learning

Through Technology will take place August 6- 8. Teachers will learn about instructional models and how to provide students with learning experiences that take advantage of peer-to-peer interactions, and technology that connects

our students with students and experts world-wide. The workshop is geared for K-16 educators. For registration details visit: <http://its.monroe.edu/conference>. ■



GEARing UP FOR THE FUTURE

The GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) is a federally designed program to increase the number of low income urban students who are prepared to enter and succeed in post secondary education. Now in its third year, Nazareth partners with Franklin Bioscience and Health Careers Academy, the Global Media Arts High School, the International Finance and Economic Development Career High School, and the Frederick Douglas Preparatory School. More than 200 Nazareth students have been

involved in college coaching since 2005. This year alone over 130 teachers in the participating schools have been involved in Nazareth faculty-provided teaching and learning workshops. We also bring high school students to campus to expose them to various career fields. This year we have had 120 students visit our campus and explore possible careers. **David McGough, Poonam Dev and Shirley Sommers**, Nazareth faculty and GEAR UP Administrators are busy planning for another successful year! ■

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consecutive summers, with courses offered during the fall and spring semesters that meet for two weekends each semester on campus with the remaining time spent learning through the use of online distance education. For further information: visit: <http://www.naz.edu/dept/education/>.

“Technology, like art, is a soaring exercise of the human imagination.”

—Daniel Bell

POONAM DEV SELECTED FOR PRESTIGIOUS 2008 FULBRIGHT



Poonam Dev, Associate Professor SoE

The School of Education is very proud to announce that **Poonam Dev**, Associate Professor of Education in the Department of Social & Psychological Foundations of Education has received a grant for the prestigious Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad Program for summer, 2008. The U.S. Dept. of Educa-

tion sponsors the grant focusing on student achievement and workforce development in disadvantaged populations. U.S. teachers, faculty, and administrators will engage with teachers, officials, think tank representatives, and academics in South Africa on these issues, and explore the range of access and achievement programs, while comparing and contrasting them to U.S. practices. Dev will focus on how educators prepare students from diverse backgrounds for both postsecondary study and the workplace while ensuring academic success. Dev will be traveling to South Africa in early July, returning in mid-August. Congratulations, Dr. Dev! ■

KAPPA ALIVE!

The Rho-Psi Chapter of the National Educational Honor Society, Kappa Delta Pi, is on its way to becoming a vital and active chapter again. The Society's purpose is to promote excellence in education by offering membership to graduate and undergraduate students who demonstrate excellence in the field of education.

Students were formally inducted into KDPI on April 20. A reception for students and their guests was held immediately following the ceremony. Special thanks to **Linda Bice** and **Mort Stein**, advisors, and **Janice Blake Crane**, for all of their efforts and planning to make the induction a success.

FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS TEACH INTERNATIONALLY

The School of Education is proud to announce that the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board has selected two teacher certification candidates, **Mary Cannito** of Phoenix, N.Y., and **Clare Henrie** of Naples, N.Y., to receive 2008-09 U.S. Junior Fulbright awards. Nazareth College Fulbright Program Advisor, Professor **Mark Madigan**, says, "It is a pleasure to work with the Fulbright candidates. They are smart, hard-working, diplomatic, and eager to share their knowledge with others. These same qualities will make them outstanding teachers and cultural ambassadors for the United States."

Mary Cannito, a senior majoring in Spanish with minors in Italian and inclusive adolescent education, will travel to Colombia in fall 2008 to teach English.



When she returns, Cannito plans to apply to graduate programs in Spanish and begin teaching.

Clare Henrie, a senior majoring in international studies and inclusive education, will travel to Kosice, Slovakia, in the fall of 2008 to teach interme-



diate and advanced English to secondary school students. When she returns, Henrie hopes to begin her teaching career in an inner-city school or pursue a degree in sustainable development or peace and conflict resolution in Washington, D.C. ■

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-Lewis Mumford, 1922

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WELCOME, STUDENTS FROM WALES!

In the fall '07 semester, five students in the undergraduate Quad Inclusive Elementary Education Program expanded their horizons. **Dan Crowley, Emily Cannon, Jaimie MacDonald, Nicole Brye and Trisha Daningburg** participated in the Nazareth College International Exchange Student Program. Besides learning first-hand how teaching youngsters in Wales compared to the United States, they also traveled to Dublin, Amsterdam, London, Scotland and Rome!

On April 12, the School of Education at Nazareth welcomed



L to R: Nicole Brye, Dan Crowley, Trisha Daningburg, Jaime MacDonald and Emily Cannon

six exchange students from Wales. They are currently student teaching at Manor Elemen-

tary School in Honeoye Falls. Nazareth College has partnered with the University of Wales, Newport. In turn, students from Wales come to Nazareth in the spring to do the same. So please be on the look-out! Bore da (Borah dah) is the Welsh "Good Morning" greeting...try it!

"I have learned some Welsh, I have sampled what life is like for someone from a different culture being surrounded by the unknown, and I have worked with 5 year olds on a musical production!"

~Trisha Daningburg

NYS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AWARDS GRANT TO NAZARETH COLLEGE

The NYS Education Department awarded Nazareth College \$68,702 to support an intensive summer institute for local fifth through eighth grade teachers. The institute will prepare teachers to provide better instruction to all students in math and science, with a particular focus on the needs of students who are learning English. Last summer, adjunct faculty members **Luci Kaempffe**, **Pamela Pruitt**, and **Colleen Stapleton** successfully led the inaugural version of the institute, called *Nurturing Math and Science in Your Classroom*. The first version focused on K-6

classroom teachers of English language learners and included support from Nazareth College of Arts and Science faculty: **Heather Ames-Lewis**, **Matthew Koetz**, **Bill Hallahan** and board of trustees member **Steve Whitman**. In April, Kaempffe, Pruitt and Stapleton took their show on the road to the 42nd annual TESOL Convention in New York City where they held a poster presentation in which they shared the institute's exciting results. Nazareth College was well represented at the TESOL Convention which was

attended by over 10,000 people. Associate Professor and Director of Nazareth's TESOL Programs, Bilingual Extension Program, and Chair of the Language Literacy and Technology Department, **Cindy McPhail** also conducted a presentation called, *Teaching Expressive Reading to Improve Comprehension*. The presentation addressed the results of McPhail's research and instruction with bilingual 6th grade students in the Rochester City School District. ■

WIN-WIN PARTNERSHIP WITH BADEN STREET SETTLEMENT HOUSE

Since 1996, the Teacher Opportunity Corps (TOC) partnership with the Baden Street Settlement House has provided mutual benefits for both TOC pre-service teachers and students in Baden's after-school educational programs. At Baden, TOC participants learn how to build relationships with the students and their families while they provide

direct academic and mentoring support to the students. This



Hank Warfield, Cathy Neal, Yolanda Green

Spring, **Yolanda Green**, a Nazareth student, facilitated a writing workshop for 18 Baden students. Three students received awards for their stories. This win-win event proved to be a great experience for all involved. TOC pre-service teachers used their creativity to stimulate youths, who practiced using good writing skills. ■

CALA JOINS SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

William Cala has joined the School of Education as a Visiting Professor of Education. A nationally recognized educational leader, Cala served as the Superintendent of the Fairport Central School District from 1997 to 2006 and most recently as the interim Superintendent of the Rochester City School District. He is the president of Joining Hearts and

Hands, a non-profit organization working to fight AIDS and poverty in Kenya.

Cala will assist in the planning stages for the new Frontier Center in Urban Education and lead efforts to analyze the feasibility of a Regional School at Nazareth College. In April, Cala traveled with **Dean Timothy Glander**, and new RCSD

Superintendent **Jean-Claude Brizard**, Brighton Superintendent **Chris Manaseri**, and former Monroe County Executive **Tom Frey**, to review the operations of the Met School in Providence, Rhode Island.

"The aim of totalitarian education has never been to instill convictions but to destroy the capacity to form any."

-Hannah Arendt, 1968



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to the following SoE Faculty for recent promotions:

Professor Emeritus

Karen Trickey

Tenure

David McGough

Nancy S. Niemi

Professor

Kathleen DaBoll-Lavoie

James Fenwick

Associate Professor

Shannon Elliott

Adrielle Mitchell

Nancy Niemi

Kim Wieczorek

David McGough, chairperson of the Department of Social and Psychological Foundations of Education and president of the New York State Foundations of Education Association, welcomed the 37th Annual NYSFEA Conference, which was held at Nazareth College on April 4th and 5th. Presentations addressed the conference theme, "A Just and Meaningful Education: Foundations Approaches to Activism in Schools."

Ellen Contopidis, assistant professor in the Graduate Inclusive Childhood Program, recently co-authored: "A Closer Look: Disproportionality Among Rural School Districts" with **Janet M. LeRoux** and **David Halpern**, *Multiple Voices*, 10 (1&2), 147-159. The book studies four school districts that are addressing New York State Chapter

405 citations related to disproportionality, or the over-representation of students of diverse cultural backgrounds, in special education.

Kate DaBoll-Lavoie, **Deana Darling**, **Kerry Dunn** and **Kim Wieczorek** presented "Exploring the Transition: An Ongoing Investigation of our Teacher Education Graduates' Impact on their Students' Learning" in April at the annual spring conference of the New York State Association of Teacher Educators/New York State Association of Colleges for Teacher Education in Saratoga Springs, New York.

Ellen Contopidis, **Kate DaBoll-Lavoie**, and **Kim Wieczorek** presented "The Dilemmas of Intersecting Teacher Preparation and Evidence of Student Learning" at the annual conference of the Association of Teacher Educators in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Associate Professor **Nancy S. Niemi**, Department of Inclusive Childhood Education, presented her latest work at the 2008 annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association in New York City last month. Her paper, "Life in a Democracy: The Continuing Role of Education in the Achievement of Gender Equity," was part of a session on social justice and gender in American schools.

Karen Trickey has been appointed to the board of trustees for the New York State Art

Teachers Association as the liaison for higher education.

Shannon Elliott presented "Authentic Working Journals in Preservice Art Education" at the National Art Education Convention in New Orleans on March 28. She created an installation of her students' journals using a fabric/flag format.

STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

Cheryl King Maloney was recently promoted to data manager for SoE. Cheryl's new responsibilities include assisting the dean and the director of academic support services of SoE with data management projects, in addition to her current responsibilities of data management for the Office of Field Placement Services.

Lenora Thomas was recently promoted to departmental secretary for Inclusive Childhood Education.

NEW ADDITION

Shanna Jamanis, assistant professor of education in the Department of Inclusive Childhood Education and her husband, Peter, welcomed their second daughter, Ioana Panagiota into the world on March 5th. Baby Ioana, big sister Glykeria, and Mom and Dad are all doing great! Congratulations, Shanna!

Did You Know...?

The Office of Field Placement Services secured 627 student teaching/practicum placements as well as 1580 field observation placements this year. Nazareth collaborated with school districts in the greater Rochester area as well as outlying districts in Ontario, Wayne, Livingston, Seneca, Genesee, and Orleans counties. We appreciate all the help and support of teachers, principals, and school district personnel as we prepare future educators from Nazareth College.

ADDRESSING SOCIAL INJUSTICE

On May 14th, 2008, **Jennie Schaff**, assistant professor in the Department of Language Literacy and Technology, along with two staff advisors and 21 students from Nazareth College, will embark on an empowering weeklong journey to Poland, *The March of Remembrance and Hope*. This international leadership program will bring undergraduates from many countries together in Poland to give participants a greater understanding of the horrors of the Holocaust. On returning from Poland,

the Nazareth College team will share their experience with others and work to address issues of injustice and intolerance both on and off campus.

Students from the School of Education participating in the trip include:

Alicia Arendt
Tarin Baxter
Nora Burleigh
Mary Cannito
Anna Clement
Andy Dombrowski
Kim Ferris

Stephanie Karandy
Christa Richer
Kimberlee Schneider
Elizabeth Way
Maura Whitman
Casey Wilczak

“...inspiring others to become caring, active, and informed members of our society”.

STUDENT NEWS

Dan Resch, junior in the Art Education program, presented with **Cathy Sweet** ('01) at the Wayne County STEM Conference (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) in March. Dan and Cathy presented "Minerals, Materials, and Masterpieces," a teacher in-service program.

Nazareth senior, **Rachel Stockbridge**, Art Ed, was a co-presenter with Cathy Sweet at the Memorial Art Gallery's January 23 teacher in-service for the "Wild by Design" quilt show. Rachel demonstrated how quilt designs could be integrated with classroom activities to reinforce the core curriculum process and content strands for math. She did an outstanding job presenting to more than 60 teachers from the city and surrounding districts.

On April 21st, the following edu-

cation students were recognized for their dedication and commitment to providing service and programs to the community at the president's civic engagement awards ceremony:

Trisha Daningburg
Kathryn Gravelle
Quaynaya King
Diana Jacobsen
Laura Lewicki
Abbigail Loper
Christina Radvanski
Shenita Ruiz



Rachel Stockbridge, Art Ed

These awards highlight the personal commitments that Nazareth students, faculty, and staff make towards a civically engaged life: volunteering time and talents to our community, completing exemplary service learning projects, and inspiring others to become caring, active, and informed members of our society. ■

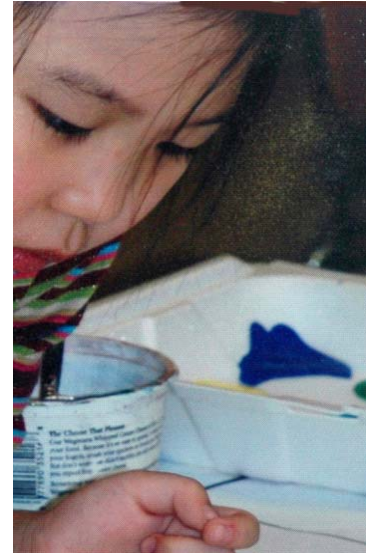
SHAPING TEACHERS, ENRICHING CHILDREN

Saturday Art for Children just wrapped up its 20th successful year of providing enrichment in the visual arts for children in grades K-6. Established in the late eighties by **Karen Trickey** to provide hands-on experience for graduate art education students, children participating in the program experience 2-D and 3-D art forms and create work in a variety of media. The sessions are taught by Nazareth advanced art education students and are supervised by faculty.

This spring 109 children partici-

pated in the program. Twenty-six scholarships were awarded.

The program draws from the Rochester city schools, parochial schools, home schools, and BOCES as well as many suburban/rural districts in Monroe, Ontario, Wayne, Livingston, and Genesee Counties. ■



KUDOS ALUMS

Nazareth Alumnus, **William Kimble** ('07), Dual Childhood and Special Education), third grade teacher at Davis Drive Elementary School in Cary, NC, was recently awarded the "First Teacher of the Year" award. Congratulations, William!

The 3rd Annual Music Education Mini-Conference was held in February at Nazareth College. The conference included

three presenters this year. **Kelly Stevenson** ('07), a string teacher from Rush-Henrietta, presented a session on string pedagogy. **Jeremy Stringer** ('04,'07), an instrumental teacher from Williamson Central, presented a session on marching band. **Celeste Shade**, a general music teacher from the Rochester City School District, gave an Orff-Schulwerk presentation. All three present-

ers are Nazareth alumni! The conference was coordinated by **Rachel Whitcomb**, assistant professor of music education.



SAVE THE DATES...

- "National Board Certification: Explore and Celebrate" Workshop, May 13th, 4:30 to 7:00PM, Nazareth College. Sponsored by The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, NYSUT, and Greater Rochester Teacher Center. For information contact (585) 389-3611.
- Graduate Information Session, Wednesday, May 28th, 6PM, Shults Center Forum
- New Graduate Student Orientation and Advisement Session, Saturday, June 21st, Nazareth College
- Reunion Weekend 2008, May 30th-June 1st, visit: www.naz.edu/reunion2008
- Technology Conference, August 6th-August 8th, Nazareth College, visit: <http://its.monroe.edu/conference>

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