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FROM THE DESK OF THE DEAN

As we approach the close of this calendar year, my hope is that you and your loved ones will enjoy the winter break. If holiday travel and gatherings are a part of your break, I certainly wish you joy, peace, health, and happiness. We all look forward to a prosperous New Year and all the opportunities it will bring for the College of Education.

As you begin thinking about the New Year, I am requesting that you hold January 20, 2005 for a special winter conference focused on continuous improvement in preparation for the forthcoming NCATE accreditation visit in 2010. Specifically, we are seeking your input on an assessment system that we will be able to live with for the forthcoming years, one that capitalizes upon the pre-existing program assessment data to support the Educational Unit at Eastern Michigan.

The faculty and staff are delighted to have Ms. Kelly Simpson join us as Director of Advancement. As an EMU alumni and former graduate assistant in the Dean's Office, Ms. Simpson promises to continue the wonderful work initiated by Ms. Susan Rink. Ms. Simpson brings a strong background in business and substantial experience in the area of fundraising. One goal established for Ms. Simpson is raise funding to support students who are returning to the COE to complete their degree under the "Return to Learn" Program.

Early in the new year, we will seek a person to serve as a special assistant to the Dean for Sponsored Programs. This new position will assist faculty in the identification of corporate and

foundation financial supports in the forms of grants and other sponsored funding.

FACULTY NOTES

Dr. Lidia W. Lee -presented "Noise-Induced Hearing Loss & Hearing Safety" for the University of Michigan's Audio Engineering Society Chapter. Dr. Lee also co-authored with Earl Geddes and Roberto Magalotti, "Subjective Testing of Compression Driver," *Journal of the Audio Engineering Society* (2005).

Dr. Deborah Harmon and Cheryl Price, doctoral student in Educational Leadership, presented, "Yes for Prep: Preparing Urban Culturally Diverse Gifted Students for College" at the 52nd Annual National Association for Gifted Children Annual Convention in Louisville, Kentucky on November 11. **Drs. Deborah Harmon, Toni Jones, and Nancy Copeland** presented "Multicultural Internet Web quests for Gifted Children" at the 52nd Annual National Association for Gifted Children Annual Convention in Louisville, Kentucky November 12. **Drs. Deborah Harmon, Toni Jones, and Nancy Copeland** also presented, "The Digital Divide: Multicultural Webquests" at the National Black School Educators Association in Detroit, Michigan on November 18.

Dr. Lizbeth J. Stevens presented a poster session with Marie Brown (a recent graduate of our SLI program) and **Dr. John Tonkovich**, entitled "Promoting Social Justice in Speech-Language

Pathology: Making a Difference” for the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association’s annual convention in San Diego. Dr. Stevens served on the Legislative Council of American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Dr. Stevens also presented her research focused on service-learning in a poster entitled, “Assessing Academic Service-Learning in a Speech-Language Pathology Curriculum” at the 5th Annual International Conference on Advances in Service-Learning Research in Lansing, Michigan.

Dr. Elizabeth Johnson was invited by the US Department of Education’s Office of English Language Acquisition to facilitate a “KIVA” (Think-Tank) for parents, teachers, and administrators of ELL (English Language Learners). The KIVA was a part of the US Department of Education’s annual “Rising Stars Summit” in Washington, DC last week. This year’s KIVA addressed the question, “How can we increase national and local parental involvement for English language learners?” The conference underscored NCLB’s commitment to engender English language proficiency and high quality education for our nation’s population of over 5 million English language learners within our public schools.

Dr. Bette J. Shellborn presented a paper at the American Anthropological Association in Washington DC entitled, “Immigrant Education: Negotiating Language and Identity.”

Dr. Elizabeth Broughton’s, Department of Leadership & Counseling, manuscript “Minimizing conflict, maximizing collaboration: Principal’s and School Counselors”, was selected as the feature article for the December issue of the Principals’ Partnership. This recently featured article from Principals’ Partnership was highlighted by the Public Education Network’s online newsletter (PEN Weekly Newsblast) which reaches 250,000 readers.

Dr. Charles Achilles, Department of Leadership & Counseling, presented “Reducing Class Size: Does it Matter? Can it Be Done?” at New York University, The Steinhardt School of Education on Friday, December 9, 2005.

Dr. Ella Burton, Department of Leadership & Counseling was the invited speaker this month for the Pinckney Community Schools building level administrators. She addressed the topic of the school improvement process as a way to enhance and develop distributive leadership.

Dr. Jaclynn Tracy, Department of Leadership & Counseling, served on a 5 member panel for the Genesee Area Community Education Director’s Association celebration of National Community Education Day in Flint, Michigan on Thursday, November 15th, 2005.

Dr. Charles Achilles, Department of Leadership & Counseling, consulted with the PTA Councils of Guilford County, NC on the topic of teacher aides in classrooms in Greensboro, NJ on November 15th.

Dr. Jaclynn Tracy, Department of Leadership & Counseling, and Educational Leadership master’s student Inna Gorlova, attended the National Community Education Convention in St. Louis, Missouri on December 8th and 9th, to survey the training needs of community education professionals across the country.

Dr. Elizabeth Broughton, Department of Leadership & Counseling, was selected to chair EMU Faculty Council’s Intercollegiate Athletic Advisory Committee.

On November 14th and December 5th **Dr. Ella Burton**, Department of Leadership & Counseling, conducted workshops with the Fowlerville Community Schools Leadership Team around the school improvement framework and the MI map tools.

Dr. Charles Achilles, Department of Leadership & Counseling, and Christopher H. Tienken, Rutgers Graduate School of Education, published “The Effects of Professional Development: A View From Plato’s Cave”, National Forum of Educational Administration and Supervision Journal-Electronic, vol.23, no.4E, 2005-2006.

Dr. Charles Achilles, Department of Leadership & Counseling, won the “outstanding paper” award for the Mid-South Educational Research Association

(MSERA). The paper is titled, "Can you trust education and other scientific journals?" The paper will be presented at AERA in April also.

Former dean **Dr. Jerry Robbins** recently participated, by invitation, in a meeting of representatives of the NCATE institutions in Michigan. The meeting related to the renewal of Michigan's "partnership agreement" with NCATE. Robbins reported on the processes involved in the recent revisions in reporting to the Specialized Professional Organizations (SPA's). **Vernon Polite** and **Virginia Harder** also participated in the meeting, which was held in Lansing. Dr. Robbins was in Washington, D.C. on December 1-2 for the first of two Research Roundtables on the subject of "Child and Adolescent Development Research and Teacher Education: Evidence-based Pedagogy, Policy, and Practice." The session, jointly sponsored by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (Department of Health and Human Services) and NCATE, with federal funding, brought together nine "scientists in child development research, faculty and leaders from colleges of education, [and] educational administrators. Dr. James Comer served as the chair of the group.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Cheryl Price, doctoral student in Educational Leadership, and Dr. Deborah Harmon, presented "Yes for Prep: Preparing Urban Culturally Diverse Gifted Students for College" at the 52nd Annual National Association for Gifted Children Annual Convention in Louisville, Kentucky on November 11.

Traci Ward, Master's graduate student in Curriculum & Instruction, represented Eastern Michigan University in the exhibit hall at the National Black School Educators Association in Detroit, Michigan on November 18.

Marie Brown (a recent graduate of our SLI program, with Dr. Lizbeth J. Stevens and Dr. John Tonkovich, presented a poster session entitled "Promoting Social Justice in Speech-Language Pathology: Making a Difference" for the American

Speech-Language-Hearing Association's annual convention in San Diego

Dr. Barbara Hoogenboom, Educational Leadership Doctoral Student, successfully defended her dissertation "Student perceptions and performance in the first year of a mixed physical therapy curriculum" on Tuesday, December 6, 2005. Dr. Charles Achilles served as chair along with committee members, Dr. Barbara Scheffer (EMU College of Health & Human Services), Dr. William Shelton (East Carolina State University) and Dr. Loretta Konecki (Grand Valley State University).

Inna Gorlova, Educational Leadership master's student, and Dr. Jaclynn Tracy, Department of Leadership & Counseling, attended the National Community Education Convention in St. Louis, Missouri on December 8th and 9th, to survey the training needs of community education professionals across the country.

COLLEGE WIDE NEWS

HALL OF FAME –Call for Nominations

Nominations are sought for the EMU Education Alumni Hall of Fame. Nominees may be either: (a) any COE alumnus, living or dead, who has especially distinguished her/himself in any walk of life; or (b) any EMU alumnus, living or dead, who has especially distinguished her/himself in any aspect of education. To nominate, send a brief statement by this Friday, December 16th to Vernon C. Polite at vpolite@emich.edu as to how this person meets one of the criteria above. Persons previously nominated need not be re-nominated.

The Faculty, staff and students from the **Department of Leadership and Counseling** extends many thanks to all who participated in the Winter Holiday Carnival fundraising event on Wednesday, December 7th, 2005. Fun was had by all!

The following programs have received national approval:

English - National Council for Teachers of English (NCTE)

Math - National Council for Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM)

Music - National Association of Schools of Music (NASM)

Carolyn Burns, Assistant Professor in Teacher Education is recuperating at the University of Michigan Hospital. Ms. Burns is in all of our thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery, so she can be home for the holidays.

The College of Education's 5th Annual Holiday Event held on Thursday, December 8th was a great success. A good time was had by all.

ALUMNI NEWS

John Young ('04) has received the 2005 Counselor of the Year Award from the Michigan Association for Humanistic Education and Development. The award is given at the annual conference of the Michigan Counseling Association.

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

John W. Porter Distinguished Chair in Urban Education 2005-2006 Speaker Series – final speaker

January 26 – 27, 2006

Dr. James Earl Davis – Professor, Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies – Temple University. Dr. Davis will present a public lecture entitled, “Uneasy Ties: Race and Gender in Urban Education Reform” and will additionally hold a workshop in the College of Education. Dr. Davis is nominated by the Department of Leadership and Counseling. **Lecture: 1/26/2006 @ 7:30 pm Porter Building.**

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Helen Ditzhazy's beloved brother **John D. Ringle** passed away. John was diagnosed with leukemia sometime last year. We extend our best wishes to Helen and her family.

Longtime member, teacher and friend of many, **Normajean Anderson** died Thanksgiving morning in her sleep. She was 92. She was with her niece Karen Germaine.

THEME STATEMENTS

Caring professional educators for a diverse and democratic society. (CPED²S) (Initial program)

Inquiry, advocacy, and leadership in education for diverse and democratic society. (Advanced programs)