

APPENDIX D  
SELECTED COE AND PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM  
ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS, 1991-2004

Items in this Appendix were taken from issues of *Monday Report*, with the exception of the two not-readily-available issues mentioned in Appendix A. Not included in this Appendix are notices of retirements, deaths and (generally) jobs or job changes, although a few items of prominence or "human interest" are included. As mentioned in Chapter 4, communications with and about Education alumni were spotty and sometimes difficult to obtain. Data gathering on accomplishments became increasingly easier during the 1991-2004 period, which accounts for more and longer entries during the later years.

The *Monday Report* entries were, in almost all cases, taken from general-circulation newspaper notices and from periodic publications of the EMU Alumni Office. Items in the EMU Alumni Office publications were often self-reported items, so it is obvious that what is in this Appendix is a great under-reporting of the accomplishments of the distinguished Education alumni of EMU.

Items appear in this Appendix in the order in which they appeared in issues of *Monday Report*. Items appeared in *Monday Report* in the order in which I learned about them. As a result, items in this Appendix are not necessarily in the order in which they occurred. With a few exceptions, recognitions received by those in the COE Education Hall of Fame are not included here. See Chapter 4.

1991-1992

Thomas Fleming, an EMU special education graduate, was named as Michigan's "Teacher of the Year" for 1991. Fleming was an employee of the Washtenaw Intermediate School District and taught at the County Juvenile Detention Center. Carolyn E. Hutchings, science teacher, Wylie Middle School, Dexter, and an EMU alum, was named as one of the 12 1991 state finalists in the mathematics/science Presidential Awards program. Jan Wilson, a teacher of French at Tecumseh High School, and an alum of the COE's master's program in secondary school teaching, was named 1991-92 High School Foreign Language Teacher of the Year by the Michigan Foreign Language Association. Jack Minzey, known nationally for his work in community education, was elected to the Michigan Education Hall of Fame.

Thomas Fleming, whose study of professional education was at and whose master's degree was from EMU, was named as the 1992 National Teacher of the Year. Fleming was currently serving as Michigan's Teacher of the Year, during which he was "on the road," an experience he continued during the 1992-93 school year. Linda Sisung, a first-grade teacher for 33 years at St. John Elementary School in Monroe, received the 1992 National Catholic Educational Association Award.

David Garland of Ypsilanti, a 1963 alum, was named by the DAR as the 1991 Michigan Outstanding Teacher of American History. Ruthann Buchanan, who received EMU degrees in 1966 and 1986, a kindergarten teacher at Erving Elementary in Woodhaven, was named by the Wayne County RESA Newsweek-WDIV Teacher Recognition Program as the 1991 Outstanding Elementary Teacher in Wayne County.

#### 1992-1993

Charlene Harris was named 1991-92 "Teacher of the Year" for the Walled Lake schools. Harris earned her bachelor's degree in special education. Harris had taught in the Walled Lake schools for almost 20 years. She was currently resource room teacher at Keith Elementary School. Anita M. Clark, a teacher at Marshall High School and an EMU alum, was the recipient of the 1992 Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award. The award carried a cash prize of \$25,000 and professional development opportunities.

Wilma Wagner was named high school teacher of the year in Livonia. Sharon Treder was named teacher of the year by the Downriver Career Technical Consortium. Elizabeth Chapelle was the Michigan School Counselor Association's 1992 Elementary Counselor of the Year. Alum Marilyn Harris, Assistant Superintendent of Schools in Methuen, Massachusetts, was recognized for outstanding leadership by the New England Coalition of Educational Leaders. Harris was a former special education teacher.

James Doyle was named Michigan "Superintendent of the Year" by the MASA. Thomas Fleming received a 1993 Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award. In addition to other benefits, the award carried a \$25,000 prize. Karen L. Dillon, a teacher at Trenton High School, and John Donald Matthes, who worked for the Jackson Area Career Center of the Jackson County ISD, both COE alums, were among 23 state finalists for Michigan Teacher of the Year.

COE alum Thomas Fleming, a WISD teacher and 1992 national Teacher of the Year, was awarded an honorary doctor of education degree by EMU. Fleming also served as the commencement speaker. Regina Mulligan, earth science teacher at South Middle School, Belleville, won the 1993 "Can-Doer Award" from the Michigan Technology Council. Ingrid Sheldon was installed as Ann Arbor mayor.

COE alum Sara Dansky, a reading consultant at Wylie Middle School in Dexter, received the Michigan Reading Association Elementary Reading Teacher Award for 1993. COE Alum Sharon Johnson Ryles was named Willow Run Community Schools "Teacher of the Year." Ryles taught fifth grade at the Kettering School. Hayes Jones, teacher education alum and 1960 Olympics bronze winner in the 110 high hurdles, ran for mayor of Pontiac.

#### 1993-1994

Sue Safranski, a school psychologist with the Birmingham schools and an EMU alum, was named as president-elect of the National Association of School Psychologists. Alum Traci Neill, 5th grade teacher at Loon Lake Elementary in Walled Lake, was the district's "teacher of

the year." Joe Nuzzo, technology education teacher at Lincoln High School, was named as one of the 16 regional finalists for the Michigan Teacher of the Year Award.

Christine Diehl, a Belleville High School science teacher, was named Teacher of the Year by the Detroit *Free Press*. Thomas Dolan, principal of Romulus High School and Nancy Monday, a counselor at Monroe High School--both EMU professional education alums--won two of the six \$25,000 Milken Family Foundation National Educator Awards given in Michigan this year. Dolan received B.S. and M.A. degrees in 1968 and 1969 from EMU and Monday received a master's degree in 1980. Monday was also President-Elect of the Michigan Career Development Association.

William L. Harris, a mathematics teacher at Huron High School, received the Edyth May Sliffe Award for Distinguished High School Mathematics Teaching, one of 24 winners nationwide. The award carried a \$200 cash prize. The previous year Harris was named one of America's 100 best teachers of mathematics by the Tandy Corporation. Jerry Fouchey, alum and member of the COE Community Advisory Committee, was a Fellow in the Education Policy Fellowship Program, a year-long in-service program sponsored by the Institute for Educational Leadership. Judge Trudy DunCombe Archer, alum and former first grade teacher, became the new First Lady of Detroit when her husband took office as mayor of Detroit.

Mary Gallagher, a graduate of the community counseling program, received the "Counselor of the Year Award" for 1993 from the Michigan Association for Humanistic Education and Development. Gallagher was an elementary school counselor in the Monroe public schools. Marshall Borden, professional actor since 1967, was currently appearing in the Michigan Opera Theatre's production of *The Merry Widow* at the Fisher Theater in Detroit. Borden was a former secondary social studies teacher. He taught in Wayne, Dearborn, and Taylor schools before taking to the stage. Among many other roles, he appeared in ABC's "One Life to Live." Mary Dean Barringer was promoted to vice president for programs for the advancement of teaching at the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

Alum Herb Moyer, superintendent of the Bedford Schools, was selected as Michigan's Superintendent of the Year. As the Michigan honoree, Moyer became a finalist for the national Superintendent of the Year Award. Bob Riker, educational psychology alum, was a former General Motors executive. The State Board of Education cited 18 public elementary schools in the state for exemplary programs. At least five of the principals were EMU alums: Cindy A. Allison, Harmon School, Lakeview district, St. Clair Shores; Susan R. Bank, MacGowen School, Redford Union district; Janice K. Colliton, Highmeadow School, Farmington district; Suzanne Cowles, Keith School, Walled Lake district; and James L. Pineseault, Waukazoo School, West Ottawa district.

Michael Stinnett, a teacher at Oakland Technical Center-Southeast Campus in Royal Oak, and Harry Matrone, a teacher at McLaughlin Secondary School in Anchorage, Alaska, were named by the Milken Family Foundation as recipients of the 1993 Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award. Both teachers are EMU alums. The Award carried with it a \$25,000 prize and the opportunity to participate in the 1994 Milken Family Foundation National Education Conference to be held in California in April. Nancy Brown of Northville High School won

the 1993 Michigan Council of Teachers of English "Creative Writing Teacher of the Year." Richard Ickes, Rochester High School principal, received the 1993 state PTA "Educator of the Year" Award.

Alum Roy Wilbanks, EMU executive vice president, was named by the *Ypsilanti Press* as the community's "Person of the Year." A former science teacher and administrator, Wilbanks joined EMU in 1983. Since that time, he was instrumental, among many other things, in securing and upgrading a number of EMU facilities. Terri Sue Liford, 1991 graduate and 1992 "Miss Michigan," was teaching literature, drama, journalism, and video production in Traverse City high schools. Jan Tiplady, a learning consultant at Amerman Elementary school, was named WDIV-TV Elementary Teacher of the Year in the Northville school district.

R. Stephen Rea, a science teacher at Plymouth-Canton High School, was named by the *Detroit Free Press* and the Michigan Science Teachers Association as the high school level Michigan Science Teacher of the Year. Michael Jones of Chapman Elementary in Rockwood, Mark Phillips of Quarton Elementary School in Birmingham, Deborah Peek-Brown of Carver Elementary in Detroit, and Patricia Snyder of Dorothy Fisher Middle in Detroit were named as finalists in the same competition.

Mary Tommelein, who taught life management at Tecumseh High School, was named a Christa McAuliffe Fellow for 1994-95. Tommelein was one of seven Michigan applicants for the fellowship. The fellowship, worth \$38,500, honors teacher Christa McAuliffe, who died in the 1986 explosion of the space shuttle Challenger. Tommelein's master's degree was in guidance and counseling. Jan and Bruce Simms, a married couple, created the Electronic Generation Connection, a program allowing students at Hickory Grove Elementary in Bloomfield Hills and Della Lutes in Waterford to connect with and learn from senior citizens in their community. Mr. and Mrs. Simms shared a \$5000 award from Ameritech for "creative and innovative applications of technology in the curriculum." Anthony E. McCauley was honored as Outstanding Vocational Education Teacher for the Northeast Region of the U.S. at the American Vocational Association conference. He headed the curriculum department at Breithaupt Career and Technical Center in Detroit.

Mildred Williams, age 81, ran for re-election to the Lake Orion Board of Education. Williams attended "the Normal" during summers in the early 1930's, completing a three-year teacher training program and earning a lifetime certificate. She retired from teaching homebound children in Oakland County in 1978. Anita Smith, third-grade teacher at Kettering Elementary, was the Willow Run district "teacher of the year." John Bres, principal at Gabriel Richard High School in Riverview, was named "Principal of the Year" by the Catholic Association of Secondary Administrators. Bres was a 1980 alum with an MA in educational leadership. Sharon McManus was selected to receive the 1994 Ohio Home Economics Teacher of the Year Award by the Ohio Home Economics Association and the American Home Economics Association.

Theophilus Hamilton, Jack Stanley Price, and Sanford Herman were recognized by the EMU Alumni Association. Hamilton, associate director of EMU's Career Services Center, was a former music teacher and assistant principal and he received the Distinguished Alumnus Award. Price, co-director of the Center for Science and Mathematics Education at California State

Polytechnic University, was a former mathematics teacher and superintendent. A prominent author in the field of mathematics education, Price received the Distinguished Alumnus Award. Herman received a degree in physical education from EMU. He later earned a medical degree and he has become prominent in the field of emergency medicine. Herman received the Alumni Achievement Award. Diane Hockett, whose masters was in educational leadership, was a candidate for the Ann Arbor school board.

#### 1994-1995.

Lolita Walker Fisher was named as the "Pyramid Award" recipient by the EMU chapter of Phi Delta Kappa. Ms. Fisher taught in the primary grades in Detroit, New Rochelle (New York), and Ann Arbor schools until her retirement in 1986. She later served as a visiting lecturer and supervisor of student teachers for EMU. LaTonya Watson, a mathematics teacher in Fort Worth, Texas, appeared on the American Gladiators television program. Gloria Neve received the Michigan Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance "Honor Award" for lifetime professional accomplishments. She received undergraduate and master's degrees from Central Michigan University and a specialist degree from EMU and served on the MAHPERD board of directors for seven years, including holding the office of president.

Alum Ingrid Sheldon was re-elected as Mayor of Ann Arbor. Stuart Redpath was principal of Smith Middle School in Troy. This school was named as one of 10 Michigan schools designated by the U.S. Department of Education for the 1994-95 Blue Ribbon Schools Secondary Recognition Program. Richard Pappas was president of Lake Michigan College.

Alum Dorothy Winbush Riley, Principal of Frederick H. Higgins Elementary School in Detroit, was named as a recipient of the 1994 Milken Family Foundation National Award. Riley was one of five winners in Michigan this year and one of 150 scattered through 30 states. The award carried a prize of \$25,000 and an opportunity to participate in a major professional development opportunity during the 1995 Milken Family Foundation National Education Conference in California.

Two EMU alums are among the first 21 Michigan teachers (and 81 nationally) to receive National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification. Ruth Watts, a teacher at Tappan Middle School in Ann Arbor, and Beverly Hill, a teacher at Wylie Middle School in Dexter, were among the very first teachers in the country to achieve this national recognition.

Two of the 12 1994 Michigan Presidential Awardees for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching were EMU alums. Carol Hudson Packard taught third grade at Bentley Elementary School in the Plymouth-Canton district. She was recognized for outstanding teaching of science at the elementary level. Her EMU degrees were received in 1966 and 1972. Joan Ann Fitzgibbon taught seventh-grade mathematics at Tappan Middle School in Ann Arbor. She was recognized for outstanding teaching of mathematics at the secondary level. Her B.S. was in mathematics (1987) and her M.A. was in educational leadership (1991).

Jerry Thornton, director of technology for the Center Line schools, described as a "computer whiz," was one of seven people invited by IBM to attend a brainstorming session about a

new product soon to hit the market. Fred Crissey was named as an "Extra Miler" by the Plymouth-Canton school board. Among the state finalists in the Michigan Teacher of the Year competition were Vernal Link Morrow, who taught at Henry Ford II High School (Utica) and Anita Ann Smith of Kettering Elementary (Willow Run).

John Baublitt, marketing education teacher at Ann Arbor Pioneer High School, was selected as the 1995 recipient of the Louis Grazino Outstanding Marketing Educator Award at the Michigan DECA State Career Development conference. At the same meeting, David Fast, marketing education teacher at Southgate Anderson High School, was selected as the 1995 recipient of the Jack T. Humbert Outstanding New Professional.

Alum Alan W. Roth received the EMU "Distinguished Alumnus Award." Completing his studies to become a teacher in 1970, Roth went on to earn a master's degree in geography in 1983. Following service in the U.S. Army, he went on to a career in the private sector. He was highly successful in cartography (helping create the "Retriever Surveying and Mapping System"), and as a corporate executive, author, seminar speaker, and consultant.

Kettering Elementary School in Willow Run was one of three schools in the state to win the Robert and Patricia Muth Excellence in Leadership Award. Kettering Elementary also received a \$2000 award from the Annenberg Institute for School Reform, one of two such recognitions in the state. Principal Mary Brandau held her elementary administration credential through EMU. Grass Lake High School was the other in-state recipient of the Annenberg award, where COE alum Barbara Bleyaert was principal.

Thomas J. Sorosiak, who taught in a Toledo, Ohio high school, won a 1995 Keizia Koho Center Fellowship for travel and study in Japan. Sorosiak was one of 16 North American educators selected for the all-expenses-paid fellowship. Alum Sharon Carpenter, a former teacher in Plymouth-Canton, was a candidate for the Dexter school board. Ronald Tarrant, principal of Westwood Community School, Dearborn, was a school board candidate in Milan.

#### 1995-1996

Connie Corbin was one of twelve teachers in Michigan to receive a National Science Foundation Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics and Science. The award carried a \$750 prize and a citation. Corbin was a finalist for the national award, as well. Corbin was a regional director for the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and taught at Slawson Middle School in Ann Arbor. Steve Porter of Milan High School was the recipient of the Medalion Award, given to the National Honor Society Adviser of the Year by the EMU Honors Program.

Donald B. Weatherspoon, whose master's degree was in early childhood education, was deputy director for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Michael Ehinger, then a first-year teacher at Power Middle School in Farmington, was selected by the "Talk of the Nation" show on National Public Radio as one of three first-year teachers in the country to be interviewed about the "first-year experience" at intervals throughout the year. In addition to being a former administrator at EMU, interim State Superintendent Arthur Ellis held an EMU M.A. in

educational leadership. He had previously been Director of the Michigan Department of Commerce and was later appointed permanently as the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Cheryl Wells, Dexter High School science teacher, became the seventh known EMU alum to win the nationally prestigious Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award. The award carried a cash prize of \$25,000, plus extensive professional development opportunities.

F. Malin Wagner received the Edwin N. Ferguson Local Leadership Award. Wagner was director of the Downriver Career Technical Consortium. Harry Howard, who held two degrees from EMU, had been superintendent of both the Wayne-Westland and Ann Arbor school districts, as well as president of Cleary College. Regina Williams, who held two degrees from EMU, was the recipient of the 1994-95 "teacher of the year" award from the Willow Run school district.

Ivan W. Parker, a 1939 graduate of "The Normal," long-time University of Michigan administrator, had been hired by Henry Ford in 1934 to teach at the Ford Willow Run School. Parker was later principal of the Greenfield Village School. Pulitzer Prize winner Sheryl James returned to her alma mater to speak. Kathleen Kosobud McKinley, who taught in Ann Arbor, was certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

Maria Manning was selected as the 1995 New Mexico Elementary Social Studies Teacher of the Year. Manning was a fourth grade Title I teacher for the Navajo Nation. Sally Zolkosky Labadie, principal of the Elsa Meyer Elementary School in Corunna, was previously the district's Teacher of the Year. Anita Ann Smith was one of 25 state finalists in the 1994-95 Michigan Teacher of the Year program. John Clay, teacher in the Howell schools, was inducted into the EMU Athletic Hall of Fame, as was Bob Crosby, swimming coach and teacher at West Bloomfield High School.

Two members of the Michigan legislature--Robert DeMars and David Galloway--held degrees through the EMU College of Education. Lynn Babcock, principal of Grant Elementary School in Livonia, was one of nine zone directors for the National Association of Elementary School Principals. Timothy J. Dyer, Executive Director of the National Association of Secondary School Principals, was honored by the College of Education and the EMU Alumni Association as part of the "Coming Home" events. Dyer's distinguished career included school administration in Michigan and elsewhere, serving as a member of the EMU Board of Regents, civic leadership in the Ypsilanti area, and many national roles.

Wilbert J. McKeachie received an honorary degree from Alma College. Formerly head of the Psychology Department at the University of Michigan, McKeachie was a past president of the American Psychological Association and the American Association for Higher Education. Marc Smith was selected as part of a 30-member staff of trainers at the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta. Smith's venue featured table tennis, fencing, judo, rhythmic gymnastics, and Greco-Roman wrestling. He was an employee of the Clinton Physical Therapy Center. Pam Ellis was named "Teacher of the Year" for the Farmington schools. Ellis taught at Flanders Elementary.

Terri Sue Liford, a 1991 graduate and teacher and coach in the Hazel Park schools, was named one of two recipients of the EMU National Alumni Association Young Alumnus/Alumna Award. Liford was crowned Miss Michigan in 1992 after overcoming Hodgkin's Disease. Peter M. Wharton, whose bachelor's degree was awarded in 1970 and whose master's degree was awarded in 1972, was named as one of two recipients of the Distinguished Alumnus/Alumna Award. Since 1993, Wharton served as the superintendent of the Traverse City area public schools.

Geraldine Trotter Carroll, Kevin J. Galbraith, Andrew Mann, and Pat Ward were among 11 candidates for six positions on the Board of Directors of the Michigan Association of Computer Users in Learning. Carroll was an instructional technology supervisor for the Detroit schools; Galbraith was media specialist at Isbister Elementary in Plymouth; Mann was computer coordinator in the Caledonia Community School District; and Ward was technology designer for the Fremont public schools.

Thomas Fleming, 1992 National Teacher of the Year, was featured in a full-page, four-color ad for EMU that appeared in the Michigan markets of *Time*, *Newsweek*, and *U.S. News and World Report*. Sharron (Perkins) Cole, a second-grade teacher in Bradenton, Florida, had been nominated seven times for Teacher of the Year in Florida. Kevin Galbraith was the media specialist at Isbister Elementary School in the Plymouth-Canton school district and the director of the SIG for Elementary Educators of the Michigan Association for Computer-Related Technology Users in Learning.

Alum Timothy G. Quinn, president of Northwestern Michigan College, received an honorary doctorate in EMU's commencement ceremonies. Before becoming NMC's president in 1989, Quinn was a vice president there. Earlier he had been deputy state superintendent in Wisconsin, an administrator in Wisconsin schools, and an English teacher at Ypsilanti High School. James Bannan, the principal of East Detroit High School in Eastpointe, was named as principal of Utica High School. Bannan was named the Macomb County Principal of the Year for 1996.

Sue Vokes Szczepanski, whose EMU degree was awarded in 1970, was named as the 1996 Michigan "Teacher of the Year." Szczepanski was a second-grade teacher at the Whitman School in Marquette. Marian B. Hellenberg, retired principal of Monroe High School, received the local Phi Delta Kappa Chapter's "Pyramid Award."

J. Michael Washburn, Superintendent of the Forest Hills Public Schools, was named by the Michigan Association of School Administrators as the 1996 "Superintendent of the Year." Washburn held bachelors, masters, and specialist degrees from EMU. In addition, he held a doctorate from Wayne State University and he did post-doctoral work at the University of Colorado and the University of Northern Colorado. Beginning his teaching career in 1965 in the Wayne-Westland Schools, he later served in that district as a principal and as associate superintendent. Later, he was superintendent of Garden City public schools and, in Colorado, superintendent of the Boulder Valley public schools. He joined the Forest Hills schools in 1985.

David L. Longridge, principal of Meads Mill Middle School in Northville, was recognized as the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals Outstanding Secondary

School Principal for 1995-96. Longridge had earlier been named as Michigan's Outstanding Middle Level Principal, and he was a candidate for the National Principal of the Year. In 1993, the University of North Carolina's Gifted Study selected Meads Mill Middle School as one of the finest schools in the U.S.

Alum Mary Ann Raske, Principal of Carman Park Elementary School in Flint, received the 1996 "Outstanding Practicing Principal Award" of the Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association. Raske served on and was an officer of the COE's Community Advisory Committee and she had been involved with EMU's professional education programs in a variety of other ways in the past.

**(Note that, in 1995-1996, the state Teacher of the Year, the state Superintendent of the Year, the state Elementary/Middle School Principal of the Year, and the state Secondary Principal of the Year were all EMU COE alums!)**

COE alums ran for local-area school board positions. These included Henry McQueen, director of educational services for the state's Family Independence Agency, Ann Arbor; Marilyn Goodsman, principal in the Lincoln district, Ypsilanti; Karen Taylor, Ann Arbor school's employee, Ypsilanti; and Rose Budd, retired Wayne-Westland teacher, Milan.

The Michigan Department of Education released the names of the 263 elementary and middle schools that have received the highest possible accreditation by the state. Of these, 151 were in the five-county southeastern Michigan area. Sixty of the 151 schools are used regularly as student teaching sites for EMU prospective teachers. And, of the 151, at least 34 had principals with one or more degrees from EMU. These principals included: Christine Abbott, W. Blackwell, Suzan Cowles, Ronald Collins, Jan Colliton, Gary Grossnickle, Yvonne Henry, Carol Johnson, Susan Johnson, Robert Koenigsknecht, Greg Kubasiewicz, Lloyd Lewis, David Longridge, Judy Mann, Janice Matthews, David McCulloch, Patricia Nottle, Ronald O'Hara, Ken Pawlowski, Bea Jay Paxton, Judy Pendergrass, Jeffrey Radwanski, Barbara Reams, Sharon Sheiko, Richard Steele, Shelley Stockwell, Beverly Tepper, James Theunick, Paulette Thomas, Judi Vanderbeck, Phyllis White, Ruth Williams, Susan Winder, and Karen Winters.

#### 1996-1997

Ingrid Saunders Jones was vice president of corporate external affairs for the Coca-Cola Company and chairperson of the Coca-Cola Foundation. Her COE master's was awarded in 1973.

Hayes Jones, a hurdler, won a bronze medal in the 1960 Olympics while he was an EMU teacher education student. He completed his teacher preparation program in 1961 and went to work as a teacher and track coach at Denby High School in Detroit. In order to maintain Olympics eligibility, he quit his teaching job. He won a gold medal in Japan at the 1964 Olympics. Jones, a successful business person, served youth in many ways, including through the Pontiac schools. He was a member of the College of Education Resource Development Board. Robert C. "Bob" Parks, associate professor of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (and head track coach) coached six of the seven--all but Hayes Jones--EMU students who have participated

in the Olympics. Lloyd Olds, who had many responsibilities during his 42 years at EMU, was a professor of physical education and served as head of the physical education department from 1956-1963. He was an assistant track and field coach for the 1932 Olympics and a track manager for the 1948 Olympics. In addition, he was manager of the American team at the 1939 Pan American games. Charles Eugene Beatty, former principal of Ypsilanti's Perry, Central, and Chapelle Elementary Schools, and a graduate of The Normal in the early 1930's, came "within one heat of the [1932] Olympics," having been disqualified in a controversial ruling.

Donna DeButts, outreach coordinator for the Ypsilanti District Library, received the state Outstanding Community Service Program Manager award. DeButts was a former junior high school teacher and former director of Washtenaw Literacy. Glenn A. Goerke was named president of the University of Houston. Marion R. Raymond retired in 1974 from Winona State University (WSU) in Minnesota, where he had worked for 38 years. He held the positions of vice president and dean and also served as acting president. WSU honored him with a Distinguished Alumnus Award.

David C. Orr, a fifth-grade teacher at Ann Arbor's Wines Elementary, was named national teacher of the year by the American Go Foundation. Orr teaches Go to elementary students as part of an interdisciplinary unit that touches on geography, philosophy, critical thinking, and technology. His students compete world-wide, via the Internet. Orr held two EMU degrees. Pamela Kay Johnson, who taught mathematics at Marquette Elementary School in Muskegon, received a 1995 Presidential Award for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching. Joyanne Saam received the Teacher of the Year Award from the Wayne-Westland YMCA.

Evelyn Moore, a special education alum, was the director of the National Black Child Development Institute in Washington, D. C. Jane Levy, a teacher at Ann Arbor's Bach Open Elementary School, was among 61 educators nationally recognized by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards for Accomplished Teaching in Early Childhood-Generalist Education.

Alice Janke, a teacher at Keeler Elementary School in Redford Township, was one of four 1996 Michigan awardees of the Milken Family Foundation Awards. The award carried with it a \$25,000 prize and various professional development opportunities. Janke held both bachelor's (1988) and master's (1995) degrees from EMU. Another of this year's winners, June Green-Rivers, had taken course work at EMU through the COE. Green-Rivers was principal of Pasteur Elementary in Detroit. Janke was the ninth known recipient of this award who was an EMU/COE alum, joining alums Anita Clark, Thomas Fleming, Thomas Dolan, Harry Matrone, Nancy Monday, Michael Stinnett, Dorothy Winbush Riley, and Cheryl Wells.

Candace Walker was one of approximately 62 persons awarded National Board certification for early childhood education. Walker had been a teacher for 27 years, most of that time in first grade. She was currently a fourth-grade teacher in Romulus. Two COE alums were among the seven persons recognized at the 1996 Teaching Excellence Awards ceremony this past Saturday. These were Lawrence "Larry" Bemish and Gerald V. "Skip" Lawver (Interdisciplinary Technology).

Stephen Hartwell, executive director of the Michigan Future Problem-Solving Program, was a candidate for re-election to the city council in Ann Arbor. Herman Humes, Jr., a teacher at Chappelle Elementary School, and Larry Maynor, a counselor at Willow Run High School, received awards from the Minority Business Owners of Washtenaw County. Both were recognized for education and community involvement.

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards had certified several hundred teachers at the middle grades level and the early childhood level. These teachers were located in at least 29 states. About 2.5% of these are known to be EMU alums. Inasmuch as about one percent of all U.S. teachers have been prepared at EMU, it appeared that EMU alums qualified for national certification in disproportionate numbers. Those persons nationally certified who could be clearly matched with an entry in the EMU Alumni Directory were: Beverly Hill, Dexter; Penny Joy, Plymouth-Canton; Jean LaPointe, Plymouth-Canton; Jane Levy, Ann Arbor; Kathleen McKinley, Ann Arbor; Patricia McLaughlin, Detroit; Beverly Minster, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Susan Wander, Aurora, Ohio; and Ruth Watts, Ann Arbor.

Timothy Hillen was the president of Briarcrest Baptist Schools in Memphis, Tennessee. Kelly Hunter, a teacher at the Chapman Elementary School, Gibraltar, who taught very young children with learning problems, was recognized by Wayne RESA for her outstanding work. David Orr, Wines elementary school teacher, was selected by Ameritech to win the \$5000 cash prize of the Michigan Teacher Excellence Award, based on his innovative use of technology in education. Warren White, principal of Breed Junior High School in Lynn, Massachusetts, received the Massachusetts Outstanding Middle Level Principal Award.

Snydee Malek was named the 1996 Michigan Elementary Teacher of the Year by the Michigan Science Association. Malek, who teaches at A.H. Vandenburg Elementary School in the South Redford district, was also awarded the 1996 Wayne RESA Golden Apple Teaching Award for Excellence. Sharon Durkee of Carter Middle School in Clio was recognized as the 1996 Michigan Adviser of the Year by the Michigan Advisers School Council.

Timothy Hammar, a teacher at Babcean Elementary School in Flat Rock, received a Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award. The award carries a \$25,000 prize, in addition to professional development activities. Hammar was the tenth known EMU alum to receive this award. Gary Sullenger, former district director for U.S. Congressman Dale Kildee, was named president of Baker College of Port Huron. Hana Malhas was principal of the Mashrek International School in Amman.

Ron Williamson's recently-completed dissertation was one of three finalists for the "Middle Level Dissertation of the Year" award at the National Association of Secondary School Principals convention. Jack Minzey was the recipient of the COE College Recognition Award by the EMU Alumni Relations Office. At the same event, the College of Arts and Sciences honored Ralph Pasola, Jr., who was prepared at EMU as a secondary teacher.

Doug Cooper, a special education teacher, was named as the "Teacher of the Year" for 1996 by the Washtenaw Intermediate School District. Although his classroom was at Pioneer High School, his students were from throughout the county and were young adults dealing with

the transition from school to adult life. Nancy Oestrike was EMU's head coach for softball. Ed Bagatini owned and operated a music store in St. Joseph. In addition, he worked as a quality control tester for a brass instrument manufacturing company. Trudy (Mrs. Dennis) Archer was a judge in the Detroit court system. Clyde L. Widmayer, who held a masters in counseling, was known for his work as manager of the Huron Hotel and the Washtenaw Country Club and as assistant director of dietetics at the UM hospital.

William Morris, a former Michigan Association of School Administrators and the American Association of School Administrators president, and former superintendent at Summerfield and of the Monroe ISD, was elected to the Michigan Education Hall of Fame. James A. Wilford, former superintendent of the Orangeburg, South Carolina schools and former national American Association of School Administrators "Superintendent of the Year," was president of MultiMeanings Company. Edward J. Engle, who spent his early years as an educator, in 1955 established Rima Manufacturing Company.

William Pappas was inducted into the Michigan Education Hall of Fame. Pappas was former president of the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals. While serving as principal of Grand Rapids Northview High School, the school received state and national acclaim. Bernardine Salvadore won the Florida State Women's Singles Tennis gold medal in the Senior Olympics (70-74 age group). She formerly taught in the St. Joseph and Detroit schools and continued to substitute in the Clearwater, Florida schools. The former Fowlerville Elementary School was renamed in honor of its former teacher, counselor, and principal Natalie Kreeger.

Linda Taylor was named the Michigan Academic Adviser of the Year by the Michigan Association of Academic Advisers for Community Education. Taylor worked in Grand Rapids. Thomas Fleming, 1992 National Teacher of the Year, participated in a national forum, hosted by Secretary Richard W. Riley, in Washington, D.C. on the subject of attracting and preparing teachers for the 21st century. Jaclynn Rogers Tracy was named by the EMU Alumni Association to receive the Alumni Achievement Award.

Ann Marie Borders of Logan Elementary School (Ann Arbor), Kathy L. Dascenzo of Smith Elementary School (Plymouth-Canton), and Constance J. Flynn of Livonia Head Start were recognized in Lansing as part of the Michigan Outstanding Educator Banquet for becoming a National Board-Certified Teacher. Walter G. Brown, a former special education teacher, then director of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital, received the Distinguished Alumnus Award presented by the EMU Alumni Association.

Timothy Graham, Joan Kopper, and Sandra Pavlov were recognized as finalists in this year's state "Teacher of the Year" competition. In ceremonies in Lansing, the following alums were recognized as National Board-Certified Teachers: Ann Marie Borders, Kathy L. Dascenzo, Constance J. Flynn, Penny Joy, Angela Krzeczowski, Jean Marie LaPointe, Jane S. Levy, Patricia A. McLaughlin, Cheryl Pelletier, and Candace Walters.

Norma Ross served as a postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Leadership and Counseling, working with the Parent Involvement grant administered by Jim Berry. Diane Hockett, a

member of the Ann Arbor Board of Education, ran for reelection. Ron Callison was among 20 Michigan teachers selected to live and teach with host teachers in various Scottish cities.

At a Board of Regents meeting, the 15 EMU alums who had won the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award (which included a \$25,000 cash prize) to that point were honored. The College of Education hosted a lunch immediately prior to the Board meeting. Those being honored were Michael Stinnett (Dearborn), Thomas Fleming (Ann Arbor), Dorothy W. Riley (Detroit), Cheryl L. Wells (Whitmore Lake), Anita M. Clark (Marshall), Thomas Dolan (Ann Arbor), Timothy Hammar (South Rockwood), Alice Janke (Farmington), Harry Matrone (Anchorage, Alaska), Nancy Monday (Monroe), Valerie Mills (Ypsilanti), Sandra Truitt (Detroit), Katherine Sheiko (Waterford), John Breough (Lansing), and Robert Younker (Lansing).

Twenty percent of all Michigan teachers and about two percent of all U.S. teachers who were certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards were EMU alums. Of the 55 Michigan teachers who were among the first in the country to achieve National Board certification, 11 were products of our institution. They were: Ann Marie Borders (Ann Arbor), Kathy L. Dascenzo (Plymouth-Canton), Constance J. Flynn (Livonia), Angela J. Krzeczowski (Northville), Jean Marie LaPointe (Plymouth-Canton), Jane S. Levy (Ann Arbor), Kathleen Kosobud McKinley (Ann Arbor), Patricia A. McLaughlin (Bloomfield Hills), Cheryl Pelletier (Farmington), Candace Walters (Romulus), and Ruth Fisher Watts (Ann Arbor).

#### 1997-1998

Letitia Byrd, COE alum and member of the COE Program and Policy Advisory Board, was named Ann Arbor "Citizen of the Year." Byrd was retired after 25 years with the Ann Arbor schools as a teacher, guidance counselor, director of guidance services, and executive director of information services. She directed that the \$1,000 prize be given to the SOS Crisis Center of Ypsilanti, where she was president of the board. She was active in some 35 civic and church organizations. Victoria Swanson was licensed and ordained as a minister by the Metropolitan Baptist Church. In addition to serving that church, she taught in area schools as a substitute.

Carrie S. DeBoer, an elementary music teacher in the Grand Blanc Community Schools and an alum of our reading program, spent 1994-96 in Senegal, West Africa. The first year she taught a first / second grade combined class for children of missionary families from six countries. The second year she served as a teacher trainer, curriculum consultant, and reading specialist. Jane A. Rehberg, long-time teacher and administrator in area districts such as Clinton, Dearborn, Ypsilanti, and Inkster, was the first full-time president of the Michigan Federation of Teachers and the founder of the Hilltop House for Children day care center in Ypsilanti.

Bernice Sadler Walter, a 1952 graduate, retired and living in Southbury, Connecticut, taught kindergarten in Plymouth and nursery school in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania and in Wilton, Connecticut. In her retirement, she and her husband volunteered in developing countries, where she taught English. She did such work in Egypt, Indonesia, Bulgaria, Thailand, and the Philippines. Alan Wesley Barr, whose master's was in guidance and counseling, was, for many years, the pastor of what was now the Rosedale Park Baptist Church. He taught at William Tyndale College and helped to found the Michigan Theological Seminary in Plymouth.

Stuart Redpath, principal of Smith Middle School in Troy, received recognition as a Milken National Educator. The award carried with it a \$25,000 prize. Redpath was in his 11th year as Smith principal and 30th as an educator. He was also a student in EMU's doctoral program in educational leadership. He was the 16<sup>th</sup> known EMU alum winner of this prestigious award. Timothy Graham, chemistry teacher at Roosevelt High School in Wyandotte, also was awarded a Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award, also with a prize of \$25,000 and a variety of staff development opportunities. Graham was the 17th known EMU alum to win this prestigious national award.

A group of Michigan teachers who held National Board Certification was invited to the White House. Among these were alums Candace Walters of Romulus and Jane Levy of Ann Arbor. Among the first 56 Michigan teachers certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, at least 14 (25%) of them held one or more degrees from EMU. Jennifer Lynn Laethem of Grosse Pointe Woods was named the Macomb Intermediate School District's 1997 "Teacher of the Year." She taught special education in The Lutz School for Work Experience in Clinton Township.

Michael Horn was principal of Mary Thompson Middle School in Southfield, as that school was named as one of 14 in Michigan designated as a Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School. Joseph Suriano was professor of physical education at the U.S. Naval Academy. He served as the head diving coach for 18 years and was one of the top ten diving coaches in the world. Thomas Fleming was inducted into the EMU Military Science Hall of Fame as its fourth inductee. Linda Armstrong received the 10th annual Golden Apple Award from the Wayne County RESA and was named Teacher of the Year from 1996-97 by the Association of Retarded Citizens of Western Wayne County. She taught physically impaired students at Roosevelt / McGrath Elementary School in the Wayne-Westland schools.

Millie Hursin was honored as the National Football League's "Teacher of the Month" and granted \$2,500. She was nominated by the New York Giants' Tyrone Wheatley. John DiBiaggio, president of Tufts University, was the only nominee for the position of vice president of the American Council on Education. Robert J. Simpson was a member of the faculty at the University of Miami (Florida). He was elected to the International Education Hall of Fame sponsored by the American Association of International Education and the Office of Overseas Schools.

Linde Wollace was named 1998 Adapted Physical Education Teacher of the Year by the Michigan Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance. She worked in the Monroe Intermediate School District. Selenia Robinson was honored by the Wayne County Reading Council for her contributions to literacy. She was a special education teacher in the Inkster schools. Before becoming a physician, Peter J. Moorton graduated from "The Normal" and taught in a one-room school near Howell. After retiring as a physician, he earned two degrees in voice.

Jack Hipple, a retired elementary teacher, a runner, by age 73 had won more than 200 medals for competing in the Senior Olympics (for persons over 50) and the Masters, a track and field competition for people over 30. Cynthia E. Patton, a special education teacher at Elizabeth Courville Elementary School in Detroit, received the Council of Great City Schools Outstanding

Teacher Award. Carole A. Hunter was named Middle School Teacher of the Year in the Livonia schools.

Tanya Hart, a 1996 graduate with a master's degree in secondary education, won the "Thesis of the Year" award (social science category) given by the Midwest Association of Graduate Deans. Hers was one of 60 entries and she received a \$250 prize. She was the first EMU student ever to receive this award. Hart currently lived in Chicago and her thesis was on "Revelation for the Blind. William Henry Murray: Inventor of the First Braille System for Chinese and Founder of the First Blind School in China." Lynn Babcock, principal of Grant Elementary School in Livonia, was one of two candidates for president-elect of the National Association of Elementary School Principals. She was currently on the NAESP Board of Directors and served as president of the Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association in 1986-87. She held three degrees from EMU.

The 37th Annual Alumni Association Awards Dinner honored, among others, Andrea Oquist ('93), Principal, Johnson Elementary School, Livonia as one of two Outstanding Young Alumni, and Barbara Forker ('42), Professor Emeritus of Physical Education, Iowa State University, as one of two Distinguished Alumni. The College of Education Celebration of Excellence Convocation had as its honored guest Arthur Ellis, Michigan State Superintendent of Education, who received the 1998 COE Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Kay Richmond, who took early retirement from a career as a kindergarten teacher because of multiple sclerosis, was volunteer state coordinator for RESULTS, an international organization that aimed to end world hunger. Roy Wilbanks, president of the EMU Foundation and former EMU vice president, was honored by the Ypsilanti Area Chamber of Commerce as the recipient of the 1998 Distinguished Service Award.

#### 1998-1999

Thomas J. Stobie, principal of Jackson High School, was elected president-elect of the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals. He served as president during the 1999-2000 school year. Stobie formerly taught special education and coached football and baseball in the Frankfort Area schools and with the Jackson schools. He became assistant principal of JHS in 1986 and was named principal in 1992. Timothy Dyer, former EMU Regent and member of the COE Resource Development Board, was named as one of 22 distinguished school administrators to receive the "Excellence in Educational Leadership Award" made by the University Council on Educational Administration. Dyer was cited for his work as superintendent of the Phoenix Union High School district in Arizona and for the nine years he spent as executive director of the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

John Baublitt, longtime marketing education teacher at Ann Arbor's Pioneer High School, was named as one of 1,700 teachers of the year by Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. Carolyn Lucado Griffin, who earned degrees in 1967 and 1972, taught English at Ypsilanti High School. She was in (for the fourth time) *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*. The *Palladian*, YHS's creative arts magazine, which she advised, won a first-place award for the previous two years from American Scholastic Press.

Carol "Lynn" Babcock, principal of Grant Elementary School in Livonia, was named president-elect of the National Association of Elementary School Principals. She served as president of the NAESP in 1999-2000. Her former school was named a blue-ribbon school by the U.S. Department of Education and she was named in 1988 to the "Executive Educator 100" by the National School Boards Association. John DiBiaggio, president of Tufts University, was named chair-elect of the board of the American Council on Education. Susan Frazier, was the conflict resolution coordinator in Fowlerville, where she also taught English. She was named as the FHS Teacher of the Year for 1998 and was named the "Most Influential Teacher of the Year" in 1992, 1997, and 1998.

Gary Fenker, who was the custodian for the previous 13 years at Estabrook Elementary School in Ypsilanti, became a teacher of the third grade in that school in fall 1998.

Andrew Lindsay, an eighth-grade history teacher at South Middle School in the Van Buren school district, was named the 1997-98 outstanding first-year teacher of the year for the state of Michigan by the Sallie Mae Holding Corp., a financial institution that guarantees student loans. Lindsay was selected from 35 nominees to represent the state. Lindsay completed both his bachelor's degree in political science / history and his teacher certification program work from EMU. The award carried with it a trip to Washington to be honored, an educational symposium and tour of the White House, and a \$1,500 cash prize.

Mike Kossey was a candidate in the Republican primary for the Michigan House of Representatives, 57th District. Cameron Owens (M.A. '85), a special education teacher for Boysville of Michigan, was inducted into the Albion College Athletic Hall of Fame. Joan Fantone Kopper (M.A. '90) was selected as the Albion Teacher of the Year. She taught Spanish in Albion for more than eight years. Terri Sue Liford (B.S. '91), an English and communications teacher at Hazel Park High School (and former Miss Michigan) was chosen "Young Careerist" by the Monroe B&PW Club.

Carrie S. DeBoer (M.A. '92), an elementary music teacher in Grand Blanc, spent two years in Senegal with her husband teaching children of missionary families from six different countries. Kathleen M. Powell (B.S. '92), a speech therapist for the Wyandotte schools, was named a "Woman of Achievement" by the state B&PW organization. Diane Hales (M.A. '95), a 28-year veteran in the Birch Run schools, was named the first Birch Run Teacher of the Year.

The POHI program at Blair Moody Elementary School in Taylor received a 1998 "Model of Excellence in Education" Award from Exceptional Parent magazine, one of only 15 such awards in the country. The teachers were all EMU alums and the site served as a preclinical and student teaching site for many EMU POHI students.

Diane Bencik, a resource teacher for gifted students in the Troy district, was named by *USA Today* to the "All-USA Teacher Team." Bencik, who held two degrees from EMU, was among 19 individuals and one team of four selected in national competition. Bencik worked in the Wass, Hill, and Bernard elementary schools. She had been teaching for 31 years. Her pupils won an international problem-solving competition to provide supplies for an Indian school in Mexico. She also developed an independent study program for gifted students in mathematics.

The announcement of Bencik's recognition appeared in the October 15, 1998 issue of *USA Today* and she was honored in Washington that same day.

Ingrid Sheldon won reelection to a third term as mayor of Ann Arbor. Chery S. Wagonlander, principal of Mott Middle College in Flint, was awarded the First International Dissertation Award of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International for her EMU dissertation. Sarabeth Margolis Wizen lived in New Jersey. She became a teacher after graduating from EMU and later became president of Brookehill Equities, Inc., an investment firm. She appeared in several editions of *Who's Who in Finance and Industry*. She was named to the Willow Run Hall of Fame.

Stan Jerlecki was named "First-Year Teacher of the Year" in the Clark County, Nevada school district. The Clark County district was the large and fast-growing district that included Las Vegas. Jerlecki taught sixth grade keyboarding, seventh grade computer applications, and eighth grade business / computers at Walter Johnson Junior High School. Before entering his studies at EMU to become a teacher, Jerlecki had a long career in private business. Marie Lehman Sauer, at age 92 and a retired teacher, received the 1997 Outstanding Educator Award from the Forsyth Township Historical Society. Donald B. Jones retired in 1976 as an elementary school teacher and principal in Flint. Since then, he studied and excelled as a jazz pianist.

Michael H. Kaufman was the drama director at Kimball High School in Royal Oak. The school drama club took first place in the 1998 Michigan Interscholastic Forensics Association district competition with a production of *Runaways*. Kelly E. Woodruff, a special education teacher at Anchor Bay (Michigan) Middle School, was nominated for the WDIV-TV Teacher of the Year Award. She was the granddaughter of Elizabeth Stromberg ('29), said to be the first certified special education teacher in the state of Michigan.

Delores (Mrs. Thomas) Gwaltney assumed the presidency of the Michigan Association for Media in Education. In this connection she became a member of the advisory board of the State Library of Michigan, and a delegate to the American Library Association, to MACUL, and to a host of other organizations that deal with library / media concerns. In addition to being an EMU alum, Gwaltney was associate counselor of the EMU chapter of Kappa Delta Pi. Large--as much as full-page--advertisements featuring COE alums appeared in newspapers in southeast Michigan. These include the *Detroit Free Press*, the *Ann Arbor News*, the *Flint Journal*, the *Oakland Press*, and *Crain's Detroit Business News*. The ads were prepared by EMU's University Marketing and Student Affairs division.

Ernest J. Buckholz, '32, a charter member of the Michigan High School Coaches Hall of Fame, was honored by having the stadium at Mt. Clemens High School named in his honor. He retired from teaching in 1971. Gerald D. Welch, '60, became president of Monroe County Community College. He received an outstanding alumnus award from Henry Ford Community College. Earlier in his career he taught at Plymouth and Cherry Hill high schools. Walter C. Miller, Ed.S. '86, director of the New Mexico Student Union, was awarded a Member Service Appreciation Award by the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Committee for his Rose Bowl service.

After Margaret B. Ehman graduated from "The Normal," she began her career in a one-room school north of Ypsilanti. She was the first president of the state B&PW organization and

was active in many civic organizations. Mike LeMerise, '71, was the 1998 Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year for Michigan, an honor bestowed by the Michigan Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance. He taught in Macomb County and also coached 8th grade football and 9th grade basketball. Dave Gardiner, '72, '74, '79, was a counselor at La Salle High School in St. Ignace and coached several sports. He was named Counselor of the Year by the Eastern Upper Peninsula Counseling Association.

Ronald Bales of Dearborn was named 1999 Lutheran Layman of the Year by the Lutheran Luncheon Club of Metro Detroit. Bales taught in Millington and in Dearborn Heights. After retirement, he started H and R Promotions, an advertising specialty company. Diane Bencik was awarded the 1999 College of Education Distinguished Alumnus Award. Among many recognitions, Bencik was named by *USA Today* as one of the nation's top 23 teachers. Shawn Quilter was named in national competition as one of three Renaissance Group Fellows for 1999-2000. Quilter studied matters related to the assessment of teachers.

Mary Faust Hammons, a retired special education teacher, had been a member of the Detroit School Board since 1994. Sam Yarger was the Dean of the School of Education at the University of Miami (Florida). Sandra M. O'Hara, who was a teacher from Monroe and who held her course work in teacher certification and her master's degree in reading from EMU, was one of ten teachers nationwide honored by the Scott Foresman company and the National Teachers Hall of Fame for exceptional ability to teach students to read. The ten, including O'Hara, were selected from among 4,000 teachers who were considered for the recognition. O'Hara received her M.A. in reading in 1990.

Gloria Logan, drama teacher in the Plymouth-Canton schools, was recognized by the EMU Alumni Association with the Distinguished Alumnus Award. In 1988 Logan received the Wayne County ISD Theatre Teacher of the Year Award. She received the Michigan Interscholastic Forensic Association Theatre Teacher of the Year award for 1988-89. She founded the Plymouth Park Players, a student performing group. In addition, she implemented numerous elementary school workshops in creative drama and was substantially involved in community activities.

Constance Corwin, a Tappan Middle School (Ann Arbor) mathematics teacher, was awarded the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Only one teacher in each state receives the award each year. She received a \$7,500 grant from the National Science Foundation and an opportunity to spend a week in Washington, D.C. Harry McQueen ran for reelection to the Ann Arbor school board. He was a former administrator in Inkster. David Phillips ran for the school board in Saline. He was assistant principal at South Lyon High School. Evelyn Punches ran for the school board in Manchester. She was coordinator of special events for the EMU Honor's Program. State Representative Jack D. Minore (D-Flint) was a COE alum.

Isaiah Bowman graduated from The Normal in 1902. He went on to receive degrees from Harvard and Yale. His teaching career was at the same three institutions. In 1935, Bowman became president of Johns Hopkins University. He was the author or editor of numerous works in geography and political science and led geographical / geological expeditions to South America

prior to World War I. He was a participant in the Peace Conference in Paris in 1919, and a member of the American delegation to the Dumbarton Oaks Conference in 1944 and the United Nations Conference in San Francisco in 1945. At various times, he was president of the International Geographical Union, the Association of American Geographers, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He received 14 honorary degrees from American and foreign colleges and universities.

#### 1999-2000

Michael Ross, who taught at Jackson High School, was one of four finalists and a runner-up in the 1999 Michigan Teacher of the Year Awards. Constance Leaym, '77, '90, was named the 1998-99 special education Teacher of the Year for Western Wayne County. She worked in the Wayne-Westland schools.

David Eugene Smith of Cortland, New York, received the B.Pd. degree in 1898 from The Normal. He was on the faculty here from 1891-1898. Smith became principal of the State Normal School at Brockport, New York in 1898 and, in 1901, he became a professor of mathematics at Teachers College, Columbia University, where he remained until his retirement in 1926. He established the first secondary education methods course in mathematics. Smith was the author of or collaborator on many textbooks and he had a special interest in the history of mathematics. His works included ones on arithmetic, algebra, plane and solid geometry, and numerals, as well as on the mathematics of various cultures. He was the mathematics editor for many encyclopedias and was president of the International Commission on the Teaching of Mathematics and was founder and president of the History of Science Society. He died in 1944.

Dan Miekstyn, a history teacher at Forsythe Middle School in Ann Arbor, was one of 39 semifinalists from among 75,000 nominees for the Disney 1999 American Teacher Awards. Miekstyn traveled to Los Angeles, where the Disney corporation named a dozen finalists and an Outstanding Teacher of the Year. He received a \$2,500 prize.

Keith Cook, a chemistry teacher at Clarkston High School, received a Milken Family Foundation Award of \$25,000 and other recognitions as one of four Michigan teachers honored this year. Over the previous nine years, approximately 1/3 of all Michigan winners of the Milken award have been EMU alums. Cook was the 18<sup>th</sup> known EMU alum recipient.

Anna Belle Hunt, who was legally blind, retired after 34 years as a teacher and counselor at Whitmore Lake High School. Sarah Donohoe was the teacher who traveled with the Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey circus, working with 20 students of various ages who were children of the performers and other circus employees. General John Coburn was prepared at EMU to be a secondary teacher of history, political science, and geography. Coburn, '62, became the four-star Commanding General of the Army Materiel Command in Alexandria, Virginia. He grew up in Willow Run and attended the EMU Commencement ceremonies with President Bill Clinton.

Michael Lewis, a teacher in the Royal Oak schools, was selected as the 1999 Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year by the Michigan Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. Ron Adams, who taught physical education in an alternative

program, was inducted into the EMU Athletic Hall of Fame. Among other distinctions, Adams was the quarterback on the last EMU football team to win the MAC championship. Kamala Waryas passed the National Certification Test in Adapted Physical Education. She was the first EMU graduate and only the second teacher in Michigan to achieve the CAPE credential. She was the head handball team coach for the 1995 and 1999 World Special Olympics Summer Games.

Glenn A. Goerke, '52, '55, a president emeritus from the University of Houston system, was named to a three-year term on the Executive Board of the International Association of University Presidents during its meeting in Brussels, Belgium. Mary Ivan, a teacher at North Middle School in the Van Buren district, was named 1998-1999 Michigan Earth Science Teacher of the Year by the Michigan Earth Science Teachers' Association. Philip F. Neau, '70, was employed by the St. Mary Parish School Board in Louisiana. He was the librarian at Centerville High School and was named the 1999 district high school teacher of the year. He and his wife, the former Kathrine Lee, were jointly awarded the Martin Luther King, Jr. Award by the Diocese of Lansing for service to the community in the spirit of MLK.

Kenneth "Red" Simmons, '33, received the "Lifetime Achievement Award" from the University of Michigan Division of Kinesiology. Simmons was inducted into the EMU Hall of Fame in 1978. His wife, Lois Isaacson Simmons '70, '74, was the first and only woman inducted into the University of Michigan Men's Hockey Hall of Fame. Njoki Kamuyu (Sandra E. Jackson), '77, was inducted into Willow Run's "Hall of Fame." She was a Reading Recovery teacher and teacher consultant at Willow Run's Cheney Academy. Lori Jean Oeflein Walker, '87, was an 8th grade science teacher at Sheboygan Falls (Wisconsin) Middle School. She was the 1999 "teacher of the year" for her district.

Michelle Baker-Herring won the 1999 Sallie Mae First Year Teacher Award for the State of Michigan. She was a seventh-grade physical science teacher at South Middle School in Belleville. Baker-Herring completed her program in elementary education in 1996 with a major in elementary mathematics and received her provisional certificate in 1997. During 1998-99, her first year of teaching, she taught at both North and South Middle Schools in Belleville. The award carried with it a \$1,500 prize, a trip to Washington, D.C., and professional development activities. This was the second consecutive year in which the Michigan award was made to an EMU alum. Andrew Lindsay received the 1998 award. Debra L. Stevens was the 1986 state recipient of this award and Krista Renee Bentley was a recipient (three awards were made that year) of the 1988 award for the state. The award program was discontinued, with four known recipients who are EMU alums among the eighteen who ever received it.

John Gibney, a Washtenaw Community College instructor, received the Michigan Adult Education Staff Member of the Year Award. Gibney taught history and used costumes and reenactments as part of his repertoire. Theophilus "Theo" Hamilton and Jim Vick were the two recipients of EMU's Martin Luther King, Jr. Honor Award. Both were longtime employees of EMU.

Ann Elizabeth Hart received a 1999 Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award. She was a third-grade teacher at West Ridge Elementary School in Racine, Wisconsin. She was a 1981 graduate, majoring in education of the emotionally impaired. She was the 19<sup>th</sup>

known EMU alum to receive this recognition. The Milken Award included a \$25,000 prize and a number of professional development opportunities.

Robert J. "Doc" Simpson, '49, was a contributing editor for Phi Delta Kappa's American Overseas Schools publication, a member of the Hall of Fame of the Association for the Advancement of International Education, a columnist for *Inter Ed*, and a former dean at the University of Miami, Florida. Velma Friedrich LaBeau, '53, '57, '69, was named the 1999 Woman of Distinction by the Beta Rho Chapter of Alpha Iota State of Delta Kappa Gamma. She taught more than 51 years in Monroe. Clifford R. Larkins, '71, of Ypsilanti, a sports biomechanist and track and field coach, held a patent for a "reverse slope" athletic shoe.

William R. Peltier, '95, was named twice during the 1990's as Upper Peninsula "principal of the year." He was substantially involved in health-service related matters in the Marquette and Tahquamenon areas. Kevin J. Galbraith, Sr., elementary media coordinator and web master for the Pinckney schools, was a candidate for the MACUL Board of Directors, as was Andy Mann, instructional technologist for the Ottawa Area ISD in Holland.

Timothy A. Kiraly was a long-time teacher in the Saline schools and was the 1988 Outstanding Middle School Educator in the state. At the annual alumni award's dinner, three of the eight honorees were COE alums. They were Shirley Spork, '49, Distinguished Alumnus Award, a professional golfer and founding member of the LPGA; Ron Oestrike, '54, John W. Porter Distinguished Service Award, retired baseball coach and professor emeritus of HPERD; and Gerald Welch, '60, Distinguished Alumnus Award, president, Monroe County Community College.

Cindy Bunting, a teacher in the Slauson Middle School (Ann Arbor) Help One Student to Succeed (HOSTS) program, received national recognition for her work in mentoring at-risk students. Thomas Sorosiak, '91, a social studies teacher at Waite High School in the Toledo (Ohio) area, won the Millennium International Volunteer Award. This award gives recognition to a volunteer's achievements and educates the American public about U.S. international affairs. He was currently president of the International Institute of Toledo.

Conda Marie Green, who held an undergraduate degree in music education, placed First in the local Leontyne Price Vocal Arts competition, sponsored by the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club. Green went on to the district competition. She appeared in Carnegie Hall in 1997 and won the EMU concerto competition in 1999. Dennis Rees, '77, of Glendale, Arizona, was a teacher with the Peoria Unified Schools. He was the recipient of a 1999 NCGE Distinguished Geography Education Award and of a 2000 Pride of Peoria Award, both of which recognize excellence in teaching.

#### 2000-2001

Barbara J. Sturm was well known for being Washtenaw County's first teacher of the trainable mentally impaired, later becoming the assistant director of the High Point School. Along the way she had been a recipient of EMU's Outstanding Alumni award. Mike Flanagan became Executive Director of the Michigan Association of School Administrators.

Kenneth "Red" Simmons, age 90, was recognized for his five-day-a-week 30-minute workout of leg lifts, curls, triceps and biceps work, and hamstring stretches.

Earl K. Studt, class of '32, taught in the Lincoln schools, and in Roosevelt High School before becoming EMU's long-time director of field services. In 1980, Studt received EMU's Distinguished Alumnus Award. Joe Ann Mills Allen was named to the Willow Run Community Schools' Hall of Fame. She graduated in 1966 and, after attending EMU, taught elementary grades in Willow Run for 25 years. In 1991, she was selected as her district's first Teacher of the Year. Kenneth "Red" Simmons, '33, competed in the 2000 Senior Games in Battle Creek, where he set national and state records in his age group for shot put.

Thomas A. Fleming, '68, was selected as one of the nation's best educators over the past 50 years by the Council of Chief State School Officers. Deborah Michon, '82, was named "principal of the year" by the Catholic Association for Secondary Administrators. Michon had been the principal of St. Clement High School in Center Line, Michigan since 1993. Julie Helber, '93, a teacher of the Fourth Grade at Paddock Elementary in Milan, earned certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

Martha L. Rockefeller was a former teacher in Dearborn and was Michigan Teacher of the Year in 1961. Kenneth "Red" Simmons received the Philip A. Hart Award from the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame for his work with women's track. Greg Normandin, band director at Detroit Catholic Center High School in Redford, was named District 12 (Wayne, Washtenaw, and Monroe counties) "Teacher of the Year" by the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association.

Julie Helber, a fourth-grade teacher at Paddock Elementary School in Milan, was named as a recipient of the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award. The award carried with it a \$25,000 cash prize and a number of professional development opportunities. Helber completed her preparation program at EMU in 1993. She was the 21<sup>st</sup> known EMU alum to receive this major recognition.

Deborah Sipos-Roe was named as the 2000 Michigan Dance Teacher of the Year. She taught at Ann Arbor Community High School. Two alums were among the four candidates running for three seats on the Ypsilanti District Library Board. Jan Hale retired last summer from her job as a first-grade teacher in Willow Run. She was the only candidate not currently on the Board. W. Frances Deckard was a former junior and senior high school teacher and administrator in Willow Run. She had served on the Board a few months. Lora L. Crombez was a candidate for Pittsfield Township Clerk.

Karin Corliss, Libertarian, was a candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives, 13<sup>th</sup> District. George Beaudette, Democrat, was a candidate for reelection as a trustee of Ypsilanti Township. Lori Cowan, Democrat, was a candidate for Trustee of Unadilla Township. Mary Sullivan, Republican, was a candidate for Trustee of Brighton Township. Barbara A. Rusch was a candidate for election to the Northfield Township District Library Board.

David Farquharson, principal of Field Elementary School in Plymouth-Canton, was named one of the top ten elementary school principals in Michigan by the Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association. Governor Engler announced the winners of the state's new Golden Apple award, putting each school in line for \$50,000 awards. Six of the schools were in the local area. Of the six, at least three were, or had been, led by EMU alums. The winners included Northwest Elementary in Howell, John Clay, principal; Bartlett Elementary School in South Lyon, Sharon Hardy, recent principal; and George Elementary in Ypsilanti, C. Sharine Buddin, principal.

Stan Olson '77, '80 was named Wyoming Superintendent of the Year. He was in the National County school district in Casper. Formerly, he taught in Romeo and was assistant superintendent in Kalamazoo. Additional Golden Apple award-winning schools included five in the Livonia district. Of the five, four are led by EMU alums. The winners included Esther Williams, principal, Coolidge Elementary; John Lectka, principal, Hayes Elementary; Ernest Terry, principal, Nankin Mills Elementary; and Lorna Durand, principal, Webster Elementary.

Two of the 11 Michigan teachers certified in 2000 by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards were EMU alums: Diane Spence of Belleville, certified in Middle Childhood/Generalist, and Cheryl Holten of Plymouth, certified in Early Adolescence/Mathematics. Sharon Barlow, who taught first grade at Voyager Elementary School, was named "Educator of the Year" by the Howell schools.

The six semifinalists for Ann Arbor's "Citizen of the Year" award, sponsored by the *Ann Arbor News*, included two COE alums. Frances Deckard, retired teacher and administrator with the Willow Run schools, was recognized for a wide variety of community service. Doris Sperling, retired Ann Arbor teacher, was the cofounder of the Family Learning institute, an after-school tutoring program for low-income children who struggle with reading and writing.

Jack Yates became principal of Hawkins Elementary School in Brighton. Of interest is the fact that, while he has been employed by the Brighton schools for 21 years, from 1979 to 1992 he was a custodian in three schools in the system. During that time, he was attending Washtenaw Community College and then EMU, doing his student teaching in 1992 in the fifth grade at Hilton Elementary School. He became a full-time teacher at that point, in the third grade at Hawkins, but continued his studies such as to complete his M.A. in educational leadership from EMU in 1999.

The Michigan Department of Education announced the selection of 22 elementary schools in the state as "Blue Ribbon Exemplary Schools." The principals of at least four of those were EMU alums: Jessie Baker, principal, Stadium Drive Elementary, Lake Orion; Janice Colleton, principal, Hillside Elementary, Farmington; George Culbert, principal, Glengary Elementary, Walled Lake; and Margaret McKinley, principal, Kenbrook Elementary, Farmington Hills.

Jack Johnson, '52, executive director of the Michigan High School Coaches Association and former teacher and coach at Bryant Junior High School in Dearborn, received the 2000 State Award of Merit from the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association and the

National Federation Coaches Association National Contributor Award. Mary Limb Brummer '74, received the 2000 Elementary School Physical Education Teacher of the Year Award for Michigan.

Don Cameron, '61, '62, '85, former executive director of the National Education Association, was awarded the Presidential Citizens Medal by former President Bill Clinton. Cameron led the staff of the NEA for 17 years until his January 1 retirement. During his tenure, the NEA nearly doubled its membership, now more than a million. Murel Kilpatrick, '40, retired from Pioneer High School. She was a founding member and former president of the Michigan Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

Donna Rhodes was the executive director of the National Foundation for the Improvement of Education from 1985-1994. Dennis McComb, '72, '75, superintendent of the Milan schools, was named as the president-elect of the Michigan Association of School Administrators. William J. Bushaw, '79, '81, was one of six finalists for the position of Michigan Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Harry Mial, '51, served the Ann Arbor district for 32 years. In 1954, when he became a teacher at Jones Elementary School (now Community High), he was the first black teacher in the school system. He later spent 15 years as principal of Northside Elementary. He retired in 1986 from a position as district director of research and evaluation. Kirk Pedersen was named the "Teacher of the Year" at Glengary Elementary School in Walled Lake. He was a recent EMU "physical education major of the year."

Andrew M. Burke, '73, '74, was awarded the Outstanding Occupational Educator of the Year award by the Michigan Occupational Deans Administrative Council. He taught at Monroe County Community College. Diane P. Spence, '96 was certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards as middle childhood/generalist teacher. Cheryl A. Holten, '97, was certified as an early adolescence/mathematics teacher.

Terri Spencer, who held three degrees from the COE, was the director of educational technology for the East Detroit public schools. An active member of MACUL, she was running for re-election to that organization's board of directors. Jack E. Esterline, '60, '63, of Spring Arbor, completed 51 years of teaching. He retired in 1986 from the Western school district and in 2001 from his position as a professor at Spring Arbor University. Hayes Jones, '61, was the Winter 2001 EMU Commencement speaker.

Kevin Bingham '89, and his wife, Michelle Bingham, '90, were certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. Both worked in the Citrus County, Florida schools. Gwen Frostic, '26, was a Michigan artist widely known since the 1950's for her block print art, her spunk, and her unusual shop in Benzonia. She received honorary degrees from five Michigan universities and awards from a wide variety of organizations. In 1986, she was inducted into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame. James A. Blair, '71, '78, was the director of pupil personnel services for the Plainfield public schools in Connecticut. He was elected president of the Connecticut Council of Administrators in Special Education and was the recipient of the 2001 community service award from the American School for the Deaf in West Hartford, Connecticut.

Jim Vick '75 was named vice president for student affairs at EMU, after holding numerous administrative positions at EMU. Peter A. Collins, '68, '71, taught mathematics at Chattanooga State Community College. He was president of the Tennessee Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges. Karen Phipps Yankie, '68, '76, was named Teacher of the Year for the Albion schools. She had taught special education in Albion for 33 years at the time.

Leonard J. Ryszka, '72, '78, a social studies and language arts teacher in Addison, was named Middle School Track Coach of the Year by the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association. Ryszka had taught at Addison Middle School for 27 years at the time. Mitchell Elementary School in Ann Arbor received one of the state's Golden Apple Awards for outstanding academic growth. Principal Susan Lewis gave much of the credit to her predecessor, Shelley Bruder.

#### 2001-2002

Von Acker '83, a teacher and coach at Willow Run High School, was named to that school district's Hall of Fame. James H. Rossman, who was retired from the Plymouth schools, had previously served as president of the Michigan Association of School Administrators. Ron Collins '74, principal of Ann Arbor's Thurston Elementary, was one of 10 Michigan educators picked for a highly selective state program that aimed to improve performance of lagging schools by bringing in specially trained professionals through the Partnership for Success program. Collins spent a two-year assignment at Hampton Elementary School in Detroit.

William J. "Bill" Bushaw '79, '81 became the "Chief Academic Officer," a new position, in the Michigan Department of Education. Bushaw headed efforts related to accreditation and accountability. Louise Marshall was one of the very early Black teachers in the Ypsilanti schools.

Three of the twelve "Outstanding Teacher Awards" in the 2001 *Newsweek*-WDIV recognition of "The Detroit Area's Best" teachers were EMU alums. Those recognized included: Linda J. Beaton '71, '73, a first-grade teacher in Memorial Elementary School, Riverview district, Wayne County; Anne W. Grucz '67, '74, a special educator who was a general education resource teacher at Eastover Elementary School, Bloomfield Hills district, Oakland County; and Sharon Moats '76, '77, a seventh-grade mathematics and science teacher at Seneca Middle School, Chippewa Valley schools, Macomb County. The awards were made to recognize educators who showed initiative, creativity, and an exceptional degree of professionalism in their work. The prize came from a fund established by *Newsweek* and WDIV at the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan. Ford Motor Company recognized the recipients in a full-page ad in *Newsweek*.

Alice Brobst-Walsh '87, a fourth-grade teacher at Paddock Elementary School in Milan, was one of five exceptional fourth-grade teachers in the state honored in Lansing with the Michigan Historical Center Foundation Odyssey Award. Phyllis Ranson '78, '88, a physical wellness teacher at Lakewood Elementary School in West Ottawa, was selected as a runner in the relay to light the Olympic torch for the 2002 Winter Olympics. Ben Wright '34, '67 was the former publisher of *This Week* magazine and *Field and Stream*.

Dean Rockwell '35 and his heroic activities were chronicled in *D-Day June 6, 1944: The Climatic Battle of World War II* by Stephen Ambrose. In later times, Rockwell trained the first American to win an Olympic medal in Greco-Roman wrestling. Rockwell was substantially involved in obtaining and moving the Geddes Town Hall School to the EMU campus. David Leach '87 was the band director at Ypsilanti High School, where he and his bands had received numerous awards and national recognition. Leach was nominated for Disney's American Teacher Award and CNN's All USA Teacher Team 2001.

Janalen Riccinto Samson '93, '95 taught music at Round Elementary in Hartland. The Michigan Music Education Association designated Samson as a "rising star." President George Bush appointed Thomas Fleming '68, '93 (1992 National Teacher of the Year) to the President's Commission on Excellence in Special Education.

Steven J. Koponen, a mathematics and English teacher at Dunckel Middle School in the Farmington district, received the \$25,000 Milken National Educator Award. Koponen, a 1993 alum, was one of four Michigan teachers and 120 nationwide to receive the award this year. He was the 22<sup>nd</sup> EMU alum to receive this award over the past several years. The award carried with it not only the prize money but a number of professional development opportunities. It was presented to Koponen personally by philanthropist Michael Milken, Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus, state superintendent Tom Watkins, and other dignitaries.

Ray Mellberg '72, '74, principal of Willow Run's Henry J. Kaiser Elementary School, was named "principal of the year" by the Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association. He had served as the school's principal for the previous eight years. Robert D. Kreger '65, '68 was one of seven persons who received the EMU "Teaching Excellence" Award.

Garvin Smith '66, '71, '81 was the fire chief for Superior Township. He had been with the department for 45 years, in addition to his career with the South Lyon schools. Nathan Dobert, 28, was in his seventh year of teaching performing arts at the Lowery School in Wayne County. He was named in the *Detroit News* as "Wayne Teacher of the Week." Three other county honorees were EMU alums. These included the Wayne Teacher of the Week, Margie Lemkuhl, Central Middle School (Plymouth-Canton); the Oakland Teacher of the Week, Jim Cromie, Hart Middle School (Rochester), a teacher of the seventh grade who also coaches track; and the Livingston Teacher of the Week, Marilyn Nielsen, a third-grade teacher at Northwest Elementary (Howell). Nielsen's master's degree was in learning disabilities.

Patricia Chapman, who attended EMU, a teacher at Walter White School for kindergartners and preschoolers in River Rouge, was recognized as one of the nation's 100 most outstanding educators in the 2001 Education's Unsung Heroes Award program, sponsored by ING Northern Annuity. She received a \$2,000 award. Mary Mancini '78, a special education teacher in the Flint schools, was one of 39 educators in the United States and Canada to receive one of the National Council for Geographic Education Distinguished Teaching Achievement Awards this year.

Sarah Rice Blair '24 celebrated her 105<sup>th</sup> birthday. She taught from 1919 to 1960, spending most of her career in country schools in the Ann Arbor area. Janalyn Hale '78 was elected to

the Ypsilanti District Library Board. Walter Miller '86 coordinated the guest luncheon for the Rose Bowl National Championship game. This was Miller's 15<sup>th</sup> year as a member of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses. Suzanne Robbins '90 was awarded the Bloomfield Hills Distinguished Service Award. She had been teaching since 1965, specializing in persons for whom English was a second language.

Sheila Neils, an eighth-grade teacher of mathematics at Discovery Middle School in the Plymouth-Canton district, was named "Teacher of the Week" by the *Detroit News*. Neils was also a current student in the master's program in educational technology. Shelly Gordinear '99, who taught sixth-grade mathematics and language arts at Farms Intermediate School in the Hartland district, was named "Livingston Teacher of the Week" by the *Detroit News*. Christine Rutkowski '89, an eighth-grade social studies teacher at Hartland Middle School, was named by the *Detroit News* as "Livingston Teacher of the Week."

About 130 Michigan elementary schools received a state Golden Apple award, which rewards schools with high or improved test scores with at least \$50,000. A partial list of winners where the principal was an EMU alum included: Pardee, Dearborn Heights, William Murphy '59; Lathers, Garden City, Patricia Dunbeck '71; Madison, Dearborn Heights, Linda Zibbel '79; Cheney Academy, Willow Run, Teresa Wilson '85; Webster, Livonia, Lorna Durand '86; Quanton, Birmingham, Janice Matthews '87; Forest Elementary, Riverview, Allen Gazzini '74; Brewster Elementary, Rochester, Teresa DiMaria '81; Lincoln Elementary, Roseville, Rebecca Matranga '68; Leonard Elementary, Troy, M. Joanelle Long '75, '83, '94; Gudith Elementary, Woodhaven-Brownstown, Jackie Pfalzer '72; Clark Elementary School, Zeffie L. Speed '68; and Healy International Academy, Patricia Franklin '88.

Casey Bell '96 was the sole teacher at the Kipper School, out from Bad Axe, one of Michigan's few remaining one-room schools. Lieutenant General Oran E. (Buz) DeHaven '48 served 29 years on active duty with the U.S. Army. He had additional service with the U.S. Navy during World War II. Joan Sargent '67, '75, superintendent of the Utica Community Schools, was honored by that district's Board of Education, which named the new Instructional Resource Center after her. Jim Vick '75 was one of the Finalists in the "Citizen of the Year" recognitions in the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti area.

Joe Minore '68 (D-Flint), who spent 31 years as a teacher, primarily with emotionally impaired students at Whaley Children's Center, was one of five EMU alums currently serving in the Legislature. Hurley Coleman, Jr. '77 was named director of the Parks and Recreation Department for the City of Detroit. Debi Skolnik '96 was named "Teacher of the Week" for Livingston County by the *Detroit News*. She was at the Charyl Stockwell/Livingston Developmental Academy in Howell. The Mt. Clemens football stadium was named in honor of Ernest J. Buckholz '32.

Jeff Bradley '90, a science teacher at Slauson Middle School, had his 8<sup>th</sup> grade students promote the idea of having the mastodon adopted as the state fossil for Michigan. Students gathered more than 4,000 names on a petition and about 300 parents and students held a rally last Wednesday on the Capitol steps. Through the efforts of the students and their parents, the bill to accomplish this passed the Senate in February. The bill passed the House, with Bradley listening

in, a few weeks later. It lacked only the Governor's signature and efforts were made to have the Governor sign this matter into law at the school. (The mastodon is now the state fossil.)

Three of the six awards made by the Michigan Association of School Administrators went to EMU alums. They were: Arnold Kummerow '68, '75, superintendent of the Armada Area Schools; Kathy Malnar '88, '90, '96, superintendent of the Hudson Area Schools; and Bob Staple '69, superintendent of the Breitung Township School District (Kingsford).

Andrew Lindsey '94, '97, who taught eighth-grade social studies at the Van Buren district's South Middle School, received the Outstanding Social Studies Teacher of the Year Award from the Michigan Council for Social Studies. Lindsey received the state's Outstanding First Year Teacher of the Year Award in 1998.

Mazie Brewer Wilmer '80, '81 received a 2001 Crystal Apple Award from the *Saginaw News*-- one of 10 teachers that it said exemplify what is right in education. She taught seventh grade. Rollie William Hopgood '81 was the retired president of the Michigan Federation of Teachers and School-Related Personnel. Gene C. Skidmore '89 received the Region 2 Assistant Coach of the Year award from the Michigan High School Coaches Association for the 2001 football season. He was a middle-school-girls track and head field coach in Wyandotte.

The Ann Arbor school district recognized seven district employees with the "Celebrating the Excellence" award. Five of these were EMU alums. These were: Helen Oliver '76, a teacher at Clague Middle School; Donna Kolokithas '90, '96, a teacher consultant at Haisley Elementary; Don Packard '94, a teacher at Pioneer High School; Waleed Samaha, assistant principal at Huron High School; and Patty Tracey '73, teacher at Angell Elementary School.

The 24 students in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class at Lawton Elementary School (Ann Arbor), taught by Brian Schad '78, '87, learned that they had won third place in a NASA-sponsored contest that drew 1,200 student entries in six categories. The NASA Student Involvement Program Competition aimed to stimulate excellence in mathematics, science, technology, and geography.

At the EMU Alumni Awards ceremony, Letitia Byrd '70, who was retired from the Ann Arbor schools, received the Distinguished Alumnus award. Andrew Lindsay '94, '97, a middle grades teacher in the Van Buren district who won two state-wide teaching awards in the past few years, received the Outstanding Young Alumnus Award. Arthur J. Timko '68, '68, '71, who also received the Distinguished Alumnus Award, "made his mark" in public radio, especially through WEMU, but he was originally prepared as a teacher.

Stanley Heath '88 was named head basketball coach at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. Heath was prepared as a secondary social studies teacher at EMU. Ken Walcott '70, superintendent of the Norton Shores schools, was a candidate for the Michigan House of Representatives. Daniel Jones '88, '89, '93, a former Ypsilanti social studies teacher, had been in Rome for the previous nine years. He was near completion of his doctorate in patristics, the study of early church leaders.

Deb Duranczyk, who held a degree in special education from EMU and who was a WISD special education teacher, also taught art and English at the Washtenaw County Juvenile Detention Center. Duranczyk was honored by being named Art Teacher of the Year by VSA Arts of Michigan. VSA Arts of Michigan was a nonprofit group which created learning opportunities through the arts for people with disabilities. Barb Weiss '50, '69 taught in the Wayne school district until transferring to Ypsilanti in 1964 as a string orchestra teacher. After retirement in 1985, she continued as a performer. In 1992 she received the local Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Service Award.

Ron Jaworowski '62, '65, '74, a teacher at Slauson Middle School, was honored by the Ann Arbor school board and the PTO Council with a "Celebrating the Excellence" award. Brit Satchwell '85, '96, a teacher at Forsythe Middle School, received the same recognition. Bill Bushaw '79, '81, the chief academic officer of the Michigan Department of Education, left that position to become Director of Learning Systems for Merit Network, Inc. in Ann Arbor. Jackie Flores '84, a special education teacher at Ypsilanti High School, received the 2002 "coach of the year" award for the Washtenaw County Special Olympics program. Joyce Powers '87, retired from her position as a media specialist in the Ann Arbor schools, was a successful candidate for a position on the Brighton school board.

#### 2002-2003

Florence Hartway, at 110, may have been the oldest living alum of "The Normal." As a teacher in the one-room schools of rural Macomb County, she often ice skated to school on the Clinton River, arriving to build a fire in the stove before the children arrived. Harold Simons '68, '70, was named to the Huron High School River Rat Hall of Fame. Emily Brown '73, '80, a teacher at Cheney Academy of Math and Science in the Willow Run district, was named as the Michigan D.A.R.E. "Teacher of the Year." The Drug Abuse Resistance Education program, founded in Los Angeles in 1983 and launched in Washtenaw County in 1991, selected Brown because of "her commitment as an active D.A.R.E. participant, helping students to make wise choices about drugs."

Three EMU alums were on the program for the Governor's Education Summit. These were Ray Telman '70, '72, the executive director of the Mid Cities Education Association; Mike Flanagan '74, the executive director of the Michigan Association of School Administrators and the Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators; and Michael Boulos '74, '75, the deputy treasurer in the Michigan Department of Treasury. Boulos had oversight of the Michigan Educational Assessment Program, the Michigan Merit Award Program, the Bureau of Student Financial Assistance, and the Michigan School Bond Loan Program.

Barbara Moore Pulliam '73, the superintendent of the St. Louis Park school district in Minnesota, became a member of the executive committee of the American Association of School Administrators. Marilyn Svaluto '67, '70, '71, principal of Davidson Middle School in Southgate, was named Middle School Principal of the Year for 2002-03 by the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals. She received a \$1,000 prize. She had received numerous other honors, including the *Detroit News* Apple for the Teacher Award, the district's Employee of the Year Award, and the Michigan Association of School Boards Award of Excellence. Susan

Davenport, a fifth-grade teacher at Lakeville Elementary School in the Oxford district, was named by the *Detroit News* as "Teacher of the Week."

Delores Ashley Blackburn '63, '77, who taught for 30 years at Ford Elementary School in Willow Run, was inducted into the Willow Run High School Hall of Fame. Peggy Flacks, a second-grade teacher at Lincoln Elementary School in the Wayne-Westland district, was named by the *Detroit News* as a "Teacher of the Week."

Stacie Smith, a fifth-grade teacher at William Davison Elementary School in Detroit, and Jennifer Murphy, a fifth-grade teacher at Sayre Elementary School in the South Lyon district, each received one of the 2002 Milken Family Foundation National Educator Awards. The award carries with it a \$25,000 unrestricted prize and numerous faculty development opportunities. Smith received her B.S. degree in 1997 from EMU, prepared as an elementary teacher with majors in science and social studies. Murphy was pursuing a master's degree in educational administration at EMU. Smith and Murphy were the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> known EMU alums to receive the Milken Award since it began in the state in 1990.

During the EMU Recognition of Excellence ceremony, several high school teachers were recognized as "Exceptional Educators." These included: Tim Heim '83, '91, a counselor at Saline High School; Amy Six-King '96, '97, a teacher of government at Owosso High School; and Faye Valtadoros '98, a teacher of Japanese at Lakeview High School, Battle Creek. W. Frances Deckard '71, '74, a retired teacher from Willow Run's Edmondson Middle School, was named "Most Valuable Member" of the local branch of the NAACP. She was an Ypsilanti District Library board member, among many other activities.

Nelson Maylone received the Phi Delta Kappa District V "Outstanding Dissertation Award." Nila Carter '54, '66, a teacher of English at Lincoln High School, Van Dyke district, Warren, was named as "Teacher of the Week" by the *Detroit News*. Her classes' yearbooks have won national competitions and copy-writing awards. Dennis McComb '72, '75, superintendent of the Milan schools, was president of the Michigan Association of School Administrators.

Mary Ann Jaeger '84 was principal of Pittsfield Elementary School in Ann Arbor. Her school received a \$10,000 "Golden Apple" award from Governor Engler for great improvement in scores on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program tests. Mike Erspamer, a teacher of art at Lincoln Elementary School in Westland, was named by the *Detroit News* as "Teacher of the Week." His students won the state "Tar Wars" poster contest for the previous three years.

Kirk Pedersen '95, an elementary physical education teacher in the Walled Lake district, was honored by the Michigan Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance with the annual "Young Innovator of the Year" award. Pedersen was EMU's 1995 "Physical Education Major of the Year." In 2000-2001, he was recognized as the "Teacher of the Year" by Glengary Elementary School in Walled Lake. Kamala Laird Waryas '89, a teacher in the Detroit Public Schools, received the MAHPERD "Adapted Physical Education Teacher of the Year." She was recognized for the innovative programs in physical education for students with disabilities that she has brought to the Detroit Public Schools.

Walker-Winter Elementary School in the Wayne-Westland district was named in honor of Francis Winter '55, '60. Winter retired from serving as principal of Wayne Memorial High School in the Wayne-Westland district. He not only spent his entire career in the Wayne-Westland district, but, after retirement, he ran for the school board and served five years as its president. Linda Johnson '75, preschool teacher consultant, and Jeffrey Bradley '90, Slauson Middle School teacher, were honored by the Ann Arbor school board with the "Celebrating the Excellence" award.

Walter Burt '72, superintendent of the Pontiac schools, was in the first class of the Broad Center's 2002 Urban Superintendents' Academy. Andrew Lindsay '94, '97, '02, a teacher at South Middle School in the Van Buren district, was featured on National Public Radio's "Morning Edition" show.

Robert O'Brien '72, '75, '82, superintendent of the Huron Valley school district (Milford area), was named Michigan "Superintendent of the Year" by the Michigan Association of School Administrators. O'Brien was now a finalist for the national award and a student from his district will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. Within the past decade, at least two other COE alums have received the same honor--James Doyle in 1993 and J. Michael Washburn in 1996.

Kelly MacGregor '92, a biology teacher at Roosevelt High School in Wyandotte, was named by the *Detroit News* as "Teacher of the Week." The person who may have been EMU's oldest living alum (106) at the time--Sarah Emily Rice Blair '24--received a life certificate from The Normal, after which she spent a 41-year career in schools in Adrian, Pontiac, Whitmore Lake, and several one-room schoolhouses in Washtenaw County. Michael Flanagan '74 was appointed by Gov. Granholm as her education advisor. Flanagan took leave from his position as executive director of the Michigan Association of School Administrators. Flanagan was formerly superintendent of the Farmington schools and, afterwards, of Wayne RESA.

J.E. Morcombe '32 and Lanny Mills '71 were named to the EMU Athletic Hall of Fame. Michael Boulos '74, '75, formerly deputy treasurer in Michigan's Department of Treasury, was named executive director of The Presidents Council, State Universities of Michigan. This organization served as a forum for the presidents and chancellors of Michigan's 15 public universities to discuss and frame positions on key higher education finance and policy issues. William Malcolm '77 received one of two Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Awards. Malcolm was an intensive probation officer with the Washtenaw County Trial Court Family Division/Juvenile Center.

Stephen Barbus '82 was Dean of the College of Education at Saginaw Valley State University. Theophilus "Theo" Hamilton '55, '62, '67, at age 80, was a full-time employee of EMU's Career Services, housed in a satellite office in the Porter Building to provide teacher placement services and career counseling. He began his career as the only African-American teacher in the Upper Peninsula. He later served as a principal in the Highland Park district. He joined EMU in 1967 as the first African-American professional staff member and he worked here continuously since.

Barbara Jones, corporate relations manager for EMU's Career Services unit, received several recognitions. Among these, she was the recipient of the 2003 Athena award from the Ypsilanti Area Chamber of Commerce Women's Council. During the Division of Student Affairs' Salute to Excellence Breakfast, she was awarded the Gold Medallion as "Division Ambassador." Evelyn Boulton '39, whose son Kent Boulton '77 was director of bands at Big Rapids High School, and whose grandson, Thomas Boulton, was a music student at EMU, was on campus. Thomas Boulton was a fourth-generation family member to be an EMU student. Kent Boulton was one of the finalists for the MSBOA "teacher of the year" awards and he served as the guest conductor for the Alumni Honors Concert.

L. Gayle Green '85, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction for the Macomb Intermediate School District, was selected to receive the EMU Alumni Association's Alumni Achievement Award. David Parker '80, who prepared to be a teacher of speech, but became known professionally as actor Wayne David, lived in Dearborn. He was well known for his role as Jimmer in the play and film *Escanaba in da Moonlight*, but his voice was familiar as the one selling Ford vehicles for more than 10 years on television. He had been a member of the Purple Rose Theatre Company and was currently on stage at the Meadowbrook Theater starring in *Wait Until Dark*.

Thomas Rundquist '67, '69, '77, of Big Rapids, was the president/CEO of Nova Media Inc. This company was the originator of The Heavenly Goldcard (TM) and several cultural diversity test instruments. Rundquist was also a writer and award-winning painter. His website won an award as one of the most widely linked websites internationally. He has also run for political offices. Phillip Riggio '71, '74 was the president of Aunt Mid Produce Company in Detroit. In 1948, Aunt Mid's introduced fresh spinach in a consumer package. Currently, the company provided a variety of whole and fresh-cut produce.

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools were honored with a 2003 Education Excellence Award from the Michigan Association of School Boards. James Ryan '71, '73 was the superintendent. The Wyandotte district received the same award. Patricia A. Cole '74 was the superintendent. John J. Case '76 was president of the La-Z-Boy Incorporated Upholstery Group. The company headquarters were in Monroe.

Patricia E. Strum '75 was the president of Westwood Management Associates, LLC, a part of the Westwood Group of Muskegon. She had more than 20 years of experience in the areas of retail management and property marketing. Dale E. Barch '67 was the founder of a wholesale air conditioning company in Florida. In recent times he served by gubernatorial appointment as a member of the governing board of Lake Sumpter Community College. Gary L. Sullenger '73 was the president of Baker College of Port Huron.

Paddock Elementary School in Milan received the Education Excellence Award from the Michigan Association of School Boards. William Loyd '83 was the principal. Saline High School received the same award. Joseph Rossi '69, '73, '88 was the principal. Chappelle Elementary School in Ypsilanti received the Ypsilanti Area Chamber of Commerce "E3" Award. Joseph Guillean '86 was the principal. Lincoln Middle School in Lincoln received the same award. Lynn Cleary '79, '86 was the principal.

Jeffrey L. Barack '75, '76 was the vice president/owner of Barr Wholesale, Inc. in Florida. Barr Wholesale handled resort apparel and gift items. Betty Langford Shaw '53 taught for 26 years in the Norman, Oklahoma public schools. She then became an adjunct professor at Rose State College, where she received the 2003 "Excellence in Teaching" award. William E. Van Fleet '65 was a businessman in the Cincinnati area. He was the owner of Boot Country, with four stores in the greater Cincinnati area. Leonard P. Piazzon '65 was vice president of Brinks, Inc. serving the San Jose, California area.

*Newsweek* magazine identified the "most challenging high schools" in the country. One of those was Grosse Pointe South High School, whose principal was D. Allan Diver '72, '77, '93. General John G. Coburn '62 was inducted into the 2002 Contemporary Hall of Fame. Delores Gwaltney '67 became regional director (eight states) and a member of the board of directors of the American Association of School Libraries. James Zoltowski '68, '73, '92 was a physical education teacher at Adams Middle School in Wayne-Westland. He was a candidate for the school board in Milan. Ron Tarrant '79 was the assistant superintendent for the Westwood Public Schools in Dearborn Heights. He was a member of the school board in Milan and was running for reelection.

Sue Carnell '84 became Gov. Granholm's top education adviser. She replaced interim education adviser Mike Flanagan '74. Alison Billings '03 became chapter resource consultant, in charge of 160 chapters in 11 states, with Kappa Delta Pi, An International Honor Society in Education, operating out of the Indianapolis headquarters of KDP. Jim Feldkamp '70, '73 was named the 2002 Athletic Director of the Year by the Michigan Inter-scholastic Athletic Administrators Association. He was also honored as the 2002 Oakland County Athletic Director of the Year.

Helen Oliver '76, a teacher at Clague Middle School in Ann Arbor, received that district's "Celebrating the Excellence" award. Hurley Coleman, Jr. '77 was director of the Department of Parks and Recreation for the City of Detroit. Geoff Adams '02, a secondary science teacher in Scottsdale, Arizona, was named "teacher of the year" for his building.

Tom Rashid '77 was the Catholic High School league athletic director and was named "Athletic Director of the Year" by the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association. Brian Schad '78, '87 was a third-grade teacher at Lawton Elementary in Ann Arbor. He and his students won third place in a NASA-sponsored national contest. Vicki Juback '98 and Amy Grant '99 shared the "team teaching" award of the Michigan Association of Middle Schools. They taught at Mill Creek Middle School in Dexter.

Jason Camis '00 was president of the Southwest Metropolitan Recreation Executive Group, a regional group of the Michigan Recreation and Park Association that served about 35 communities in/near Wayne County.

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Maurice Pope, the first completer of EMU's Urban Teacher Program in Detroit, currently principal of the Detroit Academy for the Arts, completed his studies and defended his

dissertation for the Ed.D. at Wayne State University. Cynthia Overton, also from the first cohort in the Urban Teacher Program, was ABD at the University of Michigan.

Paul J. Delorey '73 became president of JanSport, the Wisconsin firm well known for back packs, book bags, etc., in 1988. Formerly with J. C Penny, Delorey brought a philosophy of "putting people first" to the JanSport presidency. Kerry W. Keating '58 was the CEO of Mitchell-ance, Inc., a Portsmouth, OH manufacturer of shoe products. Keating received an EMU Alumni Achievement Award in 1987. Thomas M. Grundner '67 was the owner of Marietta Golf Products of Cleveland, Ohio and Tucson, Arizona. In 1988 he received an EMU Alumni Achievement Award.

John D. Dawson '72 of Franklin was the president-owner of Onyx Embroidery, Inc. in Troy. Marilyn Winfield '74, of Pacific Palisades, California, was the owner of Pathways to Healing. Among the products of this firm were a series of audio tapes "of guided visualization imagery to support your healing through surgery, to reduce stress and promote relaxation, and to help you travel a peaceful journal through life-threatening or terminal illness."

William "Bill" Morris, '64, '68 was the incoming vice chair of the EMU Foundation Board of Directors. Jack Minzey '50, Hugh Rohrer '57, and Dan Cady '63 were honored by the Michigan Association of Adult and Community Education with Lifetime Achievement Awards (the first ever given) and Lifetime memberships in the organization.

Greg Chappelle '76, '82 was a research scientist and engineer at TACOM-RDECM in Warren. He coached an 8th grade team from Durfee School in Detroit that won second place in a Department of Defense Ecybermission Science Contest. Each student received a \$3000 prize from the U.S. Army. Chappelle was the recipient of the NAACP Roy Wilkins Renown Service Award for, among other things, his ten years of work that identified numerous schools to be awarded more than \$2.5 million of U.S. Army and other Department of Defense science and engineering research contracts. He recruited more than 25 minority scientists and engineers into the Federal Civilian Service. He was the recipient of the 1995 U.S. Black Engineer of the Year National Special Recognition award.

Geraldine Brady-Holmes '90, '99 was a counselor at Dexter High School. She earned certification as a national certified school counselor through the National Board for Certified Counselors.

Jack Yates '92, '99, principal of Hawkins Elementary School in the Brighton district, was featured in an issue of *Education Week* with a photo on page 1 and a three-page story, with photos, on pp. 29-31. Yates started his career with the Brighton schools as a custodian at Miller Elementary School in 1977 when he completed high school. A few years later, he was taking courses on a part-time basis at Washtenaw Community College. In 1988 he became head custodian at Maltby Middle School (where Nelson Maylone was his supervisor). About that time, he transferred to EMU and pursued and completed a program in elementary education. During his student teaching semester, he performed his custodial duties at night (at one school building) and was a student teacher during the day (at another school building). Yates was one of about 60 persons who applied for a 3rd grade teaching vacancy at Hawkins Elementary. He got the

job. He recalled his last day as a custodian, setting up chairs for the district's new teacher orientation. The next day, he sat in one of them! In the mid-90's, Yates started working on a master's in educational leadership at EMU, which he completed in 1999. The principal's job at Hawkins Elementary opened up in 2000, and Yates applied for and received that position.

Jack Price '52 was awarded the 2003 Lifetime Achievement Award for Distinguished Service to Mathematics Education by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. Delores Blackburn '63, '77 was inducted into the Willow Run Alumni Hall of Fame. She taught at Ford Elementary School for 30 years. James Kubaiko '68, '69, '82 was appointed to the Michigan Department of Education's Special Education Advisory Committee for a three-year term. He had worked as director of special education for The Leona Group since 1996.

Christine Lake '70 taught physical education and English at Western High School in Parma. She was named Physical Educator of the Year by the Michigan Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance. Lorene Zagata '70, '71, a special education teacher at Unionville-Sebewaing High School, was honored by the Michigan Farm Bureau with the K-12 Educator of the Year Award. Ronald Butcher '71 was re-elected to his fourth consecutive term as vice president of the New Jersey State Board of Education. Butcher was an administrator in the College of Education at Rowan University in Glassboro, N.J.

Lenore Croudy '74 was secretary of the Michigan Community College Association. She had been associated with the Flint Community Schools since 1966. Jennifer Karpushenkoff '93, marketing education teacher at Waterford Kettering High School, was president of the Michigan Marketing Educators Association. Eric Burris '96 was named the recipient of Michigan's Physical Fitness Health and Sports Award. He was a physical education teacher at North Creek Elementary in Chelsea.

Barb Monczka '96, '98, '01, a marketing education teacher at Seaholm High School in Birmingham, received the Jack T. Humbert New Professional of the Year Award. Matthew Gregory '98, a science teacher at Riverside Middle School in Fort Worth, Texas, received the Radio Shack Teacher Scholar Award, which carried a personal prize of \$2,000 and an award of \$500 for his school. Doris Kemp Lang was the first female industrial arts teacher in the United States.

From among 935 nominations made by first-year students, ten high school teachers were selected by the EMU Division of Enrollment Services as "Exceptional Educators." Among them were: Kent Boulton '77, instrumental music teacher at Big Rapids High School; Debbie Karabees-Betts '91, a guidance counselor at Harry S. Truman High School in Toledo, Ohio; and Judy Kastel '68, a teacher of English at Tecumseh High School.

Hayes Jones '61 was appointed by Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson to a new position in county government that deals with tourism, automation alley, and SEMCOG. Doris Sperling '72 was one of three honorees at the annual Ann Arbor Public Schools Educational Foundation dinner. Sperling retired in 1994 after more than 40 years as a teacher and assessment specialist in the Ann Arbor schools. After that time, she was involved with the Family Learning Institute, which offers reading and writing help to low-income students performing

below grade level. Jim Vick '75, EMU's vice president for student affairs, was honored by the DTE Energy Foundation and Michigan Nonprofit Association with the 2003 Community Luminary Award. The award included a gift of \$1,000 to Meals on Wheels, Vick's charity of choice.

Marilyn Svaluto '67, '70, '71, principal of Davidson Middle School in Southgate, was named by the National Association of Secondary School Principals as one of 93 "Principals of the Year." The honorees came from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Overseas Dependent Schools.

Tom Wall '71, '73, '76, retired special education teacher in the Willow Run schools and current operator of a driver education school, was named a Finalist in the annual Ann Arbor News "Citizen of the Year" competition. Among many other civic contributions, he was the prime organizer of the annual T-Wall B-Ball/The Carnival for Special Athletes event held every October. George A. Rose '73 was president and CEO of The Portsmouth Group, Inc. in Washington, D.C. This organization launched an innovative Internet navigation tool that provided an on-line safety net of health and human services and assistive programs. Cynthia L. Warger '75 was principal of Warger, Eavy & Associates, a communications firm in Reston, VA that specialized in education print and media. She taught at both the K-12 and university levels and was a past president of the International Council for Children with Behavior Disorders. While editor of *Teaching Exceptional Children*, she won national EdPress awards. She was a co-author of several books and videos, including ones on safe schools and working with children with emotional and behavioral challenges.

Jeffrey Morgan '82 was superintendent of the Kearsley schools. Kearsley, with two other districts, has a "Consortium for Professional Development." This project won one of the "Michigan's Best" Education Excellence awards made by the Michigan Association of School Boards, which carried a \$1,000 prize. The EMU Alumni Office determined that 105 (approximately 18%) of the superintendents of Michigan school districts held at least one degree from Eastern Michigan University.

Marsha Barker Crosby '73 and Joel Smith '90 were selected for induction into the E-Club Hall of Fame. Crosby distinguished herself during her EMU years in basketball, volleyball, and softball. She went on to a career as an elementary physical education teacher. Smith was a distinguished wrestler during his EMU years. Jeffrey Bradley '90 was one of two Michigan teachers honored with the 2004 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. The award carried with it a \$10,000 prize.

Diane Moore '73, '83, a Reading Recovery and literacy teacher at Hamilton Elementary School in Westland, was named "Wayne Teacher of the Week" by the *Detroit News*. Mary Anne Delacenserie '99, a special education teacher at Villas Elementary School in Ft. Myers, Florida, received a Golden Apple award from the Foundation for Lee County Public Schools. Delacenserie, then 52, became a teacher just five years earlier, graduating *summa cum laude* from the special education program at EMU.

Barbara Weiss '50, '69 was recognized at the 43rd Alumni Awards Dinner as a recipient of the John W. Porter Distinguished Service Award. She taught in the Wayne school district

until transferring to Ypsilanti in 1964 as a string orchestra teacher. She organized several school music groups in the area. After retirement in 1985, she continued as a performer. In 1992 she received the local Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Service Award. Elizabeth Daniels was a teacher at Twin Beach Elementary School in Walled Lake. She was named “Teacher of the Year” for her building and was named to the same award for the Walled Lake district. Lynn Cleary ‘79, ‘86, principal of Lincoln Middle School, received an educational leadership award from the Ypsilanti Area Chamber of Commerce.

Heidi Capraro ‘89, ‘94, a sixth-grade science teacher at Hillside Middle School in the Northville School District, was named the 2004-2005 state “Teacher of the Year.” Capraro, a 14-year employee of her district, was the president-elect of the National Middle Level Science Teachers Association. She received the 2002 National Presidential Excellence in Science Teaching Award. She became eligible for consideration for the national “Teacher of the Year” award.

Among the previous EMU alums who received the state “Teacher of the Year” award were Sue Szczepanski (1996-97) of Marquette and Thomas Fleming (1991-92) of Ann Arbor. Fleming went on to receive the 1992 National Teacher of the Year award and afterwards served on the EMU staff. Others included Andrea Rochelle Willis (1988-89) of Warren, Edward Manning (1987-88) of the Lincoln schools, and Marvelle Vannest (1983-84) of Kalkaska.

EMU alums in Michigan schools who received the 2004 Wal-Mart “Teacher of the Year” \$1000 award included: Ronda Brodsky ‘95, Lakeland High School, Huron Valley; Robert Lapointe ‘69, ‘85, Belleville High School; Karen Malett-Grozenski ‘89, Allen Park High School; and Amy Nemeth ‘75, Old Village School, Northville.