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Presentations

PATRICIA TAYLOR will be presenting a paper at the "One Voice" International Conference and Forum for Educators given by the Institute of Elemental Ethics, July 5-9, 2008 in San Francisco. The paper is titled: Six Principles for Experiencing ENOUGH in Special Education. The topic is an aspect of the application of her dissertation research: The Archetype of ENOUGH at Threshold and in Dialogue.

NANCY WALKER presented at the International Reading Association in Atlanta May 9, 2008. The title of her presentation was, "Expanding Content Area Teachers' and Students' Creativity and Comprehension in New Literacies Environments."

JAN PILGREEN, AMBER RODRIQUES, JUDY MORRIS, AND LINDSEY PILGREEN have been accepted to present at the National Council of teachers of English Convention (NCTE) in December of 2008 in San Antonio, Texas. Congratulations to a first time collaboration effort and acceptance for this group.

CINDY CARY has been accepted to present the for the National Training Institute, "Connecting Science, Policy, and Practice: Improving Outcomes for Infants and Toddlers." Her presentation is entitled: "A Delphi Study: The Future of Continuity of Care for Infants and Toddlers in Child Care," The conference will be held December 5-7, 2008 in Los Angeles.

DARREN AVRIT presents at three different events: CAHPERD (California Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance) State Conference held in Riverside, CA. His presentation was "Favrit Instant Activities" and "Are you the next Physical Education Teacher or Program of the Year for California?" Savannah, Georgia State Conference and the National Adapted Physical Education Conference to be held in San Diego.

CAROL OBERG presented at the statewide California Title I Conference on Monday, April 21st. Her presentation was

entitled Thinking Outside of the Box - Progress Monitoring and Performance Assessment." She has also been accepted to speak in July on the topic of, "Equitable Assessment Practices in the Classroom. This conference presentation will be held in San Francisco.

REGINA SCHAEFER presented at the Intellectbase International Consortium Conference in Nashville TN. May 28,29,30 2008. The paper she presented was published in the peer-reviewed conference proceedings (May 2008. Schaefer, R.M. (2008) California Public School Districts and Employees Involved in Eldercare: Policies, Benefits and Strategies: A Delphi Study, and the Winners Are...



Events

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINARS. The School Psychology Program Spring Seminar was held on April 19, 2008. This is the second in a series of school psychology seminars sponsored by the LaVerne Psychology Program. The all-day seminar provided students with excellent professional development on current trends in school psychology and new

assessments in the social/emotional and neuropsychological areas. The seminar was free to LaVerne school psychology graduate candidates and lunch was provided by the College of Education. Practicum hours were available for attending students.

Over 25 students from first, second, and third year classes along with faculty attended the Spring Seminar. Featured

presenters were: Sam Bouman, LaVerne Adjunct Faculty, on Response to Intervention; Lisa Aggers, Licensed Educational Psychologist, on Early Intervention; Dr. Josie Woodson, MKS consultant; on Connors 3; Dr. Dian Donaldson, Harcourt consultant on NEPSY II, and Betty Colia, Fresno County psychologist, on WJ III Achievement-Spanish version.

MARK GOOR, Dean of the College of Education and Organizational Leadership participated in the New Dean's Institute sponsored by AATC (American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education) from June 1-6 2008 in Anchorage, Alaska

TEACHER EDUCATION AND SPECIAL EDUCATION COLLABORATION WITH MOVEMENT AND SPORTS SCIENCE DEPARTMENT included Drs. Marga Madhuri, Peggy

Redman and Patricia Taylor meeting with students and Dr. Paul Alvarez to present information and answer questions about various education credential programs. This event was a follow up to the collaborative team planning with Dr. Emily Shoemaker and Instructor Wendy Zwissler.

THE 11TH ANNUAL SPECIAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE planned and presented by the Educational Specialist Candidates in Level One Training

was considered a true success. The Candidates used a Wizard of Oz theme to inform the 144 attendees of issues in Special Education. Topics included: universal design strategies that can assist all learners in achieving in academic area, recognizing and honoring individual difference and special focus on Autism. The conference attendees included CEOL faculty, Dean, RCA campus representation, school counseling and teacher education program participants were also in attendance.

Publications

CAROL ROBERTS received word form Corwin Press that her book "The Dissertation Journey" is a best seller and offered her a

contract to write a second edition.

ROBERT HANSEN edited the Los Angele County Office of

Education publication, Getting Ready for LIFE After High School - Career and College Planning Guide for California Students and Their Families.

Inside Story

PATRICIA TAYLOR, Chair of the Special Education Program, was the Baccalaureate Speaker at the Spring 2008 event. Her thoughts centered on the Ark myths and were entitled Embarking: Ark Myths and the Passages. She spoke eloquently about the common themes found in the Ark Myths throughout the world, of which there are over 300 that are recognized. Patricia cited examples from the South American, Chinese, and Christian versions. She used the metaphors of the land, water, ark and rainbow found in each of these myths. Her speech was inspiration as she tied her theme into the embarking of the graduates on their respective paths. Each person in the Education Department respects Patricia's wisdom and thoughtfulness. She was able to share these insights with the wider University community. Kudos to Patricia!

LESLIE YOUNG, Chair of the LaVerne master's program in Child Life, says children just respond to her and she to them. Young has helped build the program into the most Extensive such program west of the Mississippi River. "Thirty years ago Child Life, as a field, was all about hospitals - how to prepare children to cope with what they

would encounter there," Young said. "Today, the skills students are learning here can be applied to many fields, such as special education schools, hospice programs rehab centers and so on. We now have 225 graduates in the field. ULV has graduates in every hospital but one from San Diego to Santa Barbara. The program has mushroomed. The international students come from Japan, Canada, Korea, China and Taiwan. To read more about this program read the Winter/Spring edition of the VOICE.

LAURIE SCHROEDER reports good news from her trip to Sacramento. She and others were invited to Sacramento to meet with legislators to advocate for school counselor funding. This work resulted in a victory for school counselors in California. The Middle and High School Supplemental Counseling Program was separated out of a block grant proposal thus saving this funding and specifying the target for state budget resources.

LITERACY CENTER AND AN EAGLE SCOUT KEVIN HUBBARD. A young man, Kevin Hubbard, was 11 years old when he was tutored in the Literacy Center 5 years ago. At that time, the

Literacy Center was located over the bookstore.

A few weeks ago Kevin, now 16, decided to make the Literacy Center his Eagle Scout Service Project in beautification. He contacted the University, worked with facilities management and risk management to assure that the University would authorize the project he had in mind. Janie Stahly was notified and was instrumental in making sure that Kevin and his scout troop were able to move forward. Kevin obtained all the materials (valued at \$776) through donations. He mobilized his scout troop to volunteer a total of 235 hours. Today the Literacy Center has 3 beautiful outdoor benches for children and parents, new redwood fences, rock borders, flowers, newly painted handrails and a totally clean exterior.

When asked why he chose to give back to the Literacy Center, Kevin said, "I wanted to give back what was given to me." When Kevin came to the Literacy Center 5 years ago, he read far below "basic" on his California State Reading test. After tutoring, he read two levels higher and when he started. As a sophomore, Kevin has a 4.0 GPA.