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## Dr. Joan Kitterman to Work with OMS International

Dr. Joan Kitterman is leaving the Education Department to become the Applicant Coordinator in the Recruitment Department at OMS International World Headquarters in Greenwood, Indiana with additional assignments in Member Development. Dr. Kitterman came to Taylor University in the fall of 1994. During her tenure at Taylor, she helped to initiate and develop the English as a Second Language/English as a Foreign Language Program and taught Exceptional Children, Introduction to ESL/EFL, Elementary Education Senior Capstone, Literacy Instruction in the Elementary Classroom, and Literacy Problems in the Elementary Classroom. She also developed and supervised the EDU353 reading clinic, which was first held in Hartford City Elementary Schools and, later, at Upland and Matthews Elementary Schools. From 1996-2000, Dr. Kitterman served as Chair of the Education Department and Director of Teacher Education for both the



Fort Wayne and Upland campuses.

On May 3, 2006, a dinner was held to honor Dr. Kitterman in the Braden Room of the Taylor University Dining Commons. Marian Kendall mentioned in her farewell speech that she knows that "mission work has always been Dr. Kitterman's passion and that she has been hoping to return for quite some time. It is exciting to see how God has provided a tailor-made position for her that fits her interests and abilities." Jane Hodson stated, "Joan is a stickler for perfection in grading, in classroom work from students, and from colleagues." She also quoted Edward E. Ford who said, "Meeting someone for the first time is like going on a treasure hunt. What wonderful worlds we find in others." She went on to say that she found a real treasure in Dr. Kitterman.

If you would like to contact Dr. Kitterman, you can reach her at OMS International, PO Box A, Greenwood, IN 46142.

## NCATE Visit November 2006

The Taylor University Education Department is scheduled for an accreditation visit by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) on November 11, 2006. The last accreditation visit was November 2000. The Education Department has been NCATE accredited since 1962. NCATE is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as the accrediting body for colleges that prepare teachers. Adherence to NCATE standards ensures that accredited institutions produce competent, caring, and qualified teachers who help all students learn. The Education Department has been working for nearly two years preparing for the accreditation visit and is looking forward to the NCATE team visiting Taylor University. Both the Upland campus and Fort Wayne campus will be involved with this accreditation visit.

## Special Education Program

The Education Department has proposed a licensure program in Special Education-Mild Intervention. The program will enable elementary candidates for the K-6 Generalist license to obtain an additional license in special education. Four additional courses and one student teaching experience with a licensed special education teacher will be required. The program is scheduled for implementation during Interterm 2007. The program has been approved by the university, and now it must be approved by the Indiana Department of Education. Education Department personnel are scheduled to meet with the State Teacher Education Program in September to complete the approval process.

This program will provide elementary candidates with a tremendous opportunity to better serve many P-12 students.

## Distinguished Alumna

Sherry Furnish '86 of Oak Hill Junior High was selected as the Grant County Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year for 2006. She received a \$1,000 grant for her school and a \$100 personal gift card and is eligible for Indiana's Wal-Mart State Teacher of the Year award.

## Fort Wayne Program News

The Education Department in Fort Wayne had a very successful and rewarding year. In the fall, the first course in a series of four classes for an ESL/EFL program certificate was offered. This program promises to be a fine course supplement to the other departmental offerings.

In October, the Fort Wayne Education Department held a retreat which was attended by all TUFW Education students and professors. Retreat activities, which took place in Fort Wayne's Franke Park, included nature walks, games, songs, and an old-fashioned wiener roast. Everyone really enjoyed the opportunity to be together.

Quinn White, Education faculty member at TUFW, earned his Doctorate from The Ohio State University in December. We congratulate him on this wonderful accomplishment. Dr. White will be filling the vacancy in the Upland Education De-

partment in the fall and Amy Settle from Cornerstone University in Michigan will replace Dr. White on the Fort Wayne campus. We are delighted to welcome Amy to the department.

Sophomore and junior education majors planned and implemented two chapels this year, one in the fall and one in the spring, for the TUFW Education Department. They did an excellent job of emphasizing faith in learning and reaching to God for guidance. This endeavor will be repeated next year as it was very successful.

As part of a TUFW campus-wide effort for program development, various academic task forces were formed. The Education Task Force was composed of Rebecca Shearer, Quinn White, and Jennifer Manth from the Education Department; Emily Ford from the English Department; and Miriam Rose from the Library. The Task Force met several times to discuss

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## Kappa Delta Pi News

In late September, the chapter organized a forum titled "Balancing Work and Home" where two married couples, the Brands and the Heths, shared wisdom and advice from past experiences of managing time while holding a job.

In November, four KDP officers (Jessica Decker, Katie Clum, Erin Fowler, Roshana Leaman) traveled with Professor Rebecca Moore, Dr. Pam Medows and Dr. Cynthia Tyner to Orlando, Florida to attend the Biennial Convocation, where nationally-renowned classroom management expert Harry Wong was the featured speaker. Drs. Tyner and Medows presented "Practical Hands-on Math and Science Activities" to an overflow audience of more than 100 attendees.

In February, KDP officers hosted a Junior Help Night "Senior Reflections on Thematic Units," which offered a relaxed, informal atmosphere where junior elementary education majors could come and ask questions about planning and compiling the thematic unit required in the Methods and Materials course.

In March, KDP officers came up with the ambitious notion to hold a Scholastic Book Fair. This had never been done before

at Taylor and details required a lot of thought and preplanning. The results were hugely successful! Book sales totaled \$834. In-kind profits from the sale netted KDP \$334 in books, of which \$57 worth (8 titles) were donated to the TUU Education Department collection; the remainder of the book profits (\$277 worth of children's books) were donated to Riley Children's Hospital.

In April, another 19 new members were initiated into Kappa Delta Pi. Dr. Joan Kitterman, a Kadelian herself, shared some motivating thoughts on the high calling of being a teacher. She recounted a number of stories from her various teaching experiences, both at home and abroad.

Special thanks go to the 2005-06 officers!

President .....	Jessica Decker
Vice President.....	Christine Reeve
Secretary.....	Erin Fowler
Treasurer.....	Katie Clum
Historian.....	Roshana Leaman
Membership Chair .....	Carolyn Sparks

## Awards and Scholarships

The Indiana Association of Colleges of Teacher Education honored outstanding future teachers at a spring 2006 banquet. Receiving awards from Taylor University Upland were **Chelsee Luthy** and **Emily McIntyre**. **Heather Basich** was selected to represent the Fort Wayne campus. Outstanding Student Teacher of the Year from the Fort Wayne campus was **Jill Gray**, and **Elizabeth Burgess** (elementary) and **Julia Snyder** (secondary) were selected from the Upland campus. The Indiana Reading Professor Council's Future Outstanding Reading Teacher award was given to **Carolyn Sparks**.

The Rosellee McKinney Scholarship is awarded each year to an elementary education major with a grade point average of 3.0 or higher. Rosellee McKinney was a teacher for many years in the rural areas of Kentucky. This scholarship will be awarded to **Laci Liggett**.

The David Jones Scholarship is given in memory of David Jones who was killed in an automobile accident while a student at Taylor. The scholarship is awarded to a male student in elementary education. **Kevin Satterblom** is the 2006-07 recipient of this award.

The Robert J. Freese Sr. Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to **Jill Wilcoxon** and **Jeane Baker**. **Jessica Beck** is the 2006-07 recipient of the Avis M. Hassel Scholarship. The Margaret E. and Judy R. Neeley Scholarship will be awarded to **Jennifer Walsh**. **Amber Bond** will receive the Naomi and Adolf Hansen Endowed Scholarship. The Petroff Scholarship will be awarded to **Amy Richardson**.

The Paul and Evelyn Mendenhall Scholarship will be awarded to **Abigail Duncan**. **Melinda Peterson** will receive the David L. Fuller Memorial Scholarship. The Ernest M. and Alma M. Yerks Endowed Scholarship winner for 2006-07 is **Holly Hauck**. The Evanston Elders scholarship will be awarded to **Jennifer Miller**.

The 2006-07 recipient of the Kemp/Strauch scholarship is **Heather Saunders**.

The Ballinger Scholarship will be awarded to **Marie Keuhl** and **Kara Moore**. **Megan Tweitmeyer** will receive the Beattie Scholarship and **Angie Boline** will receive the Wood-Lowe Scholarship. The Education Grant will be awarded to **Janelle Keller**.

## Faculty News

**Dr. Alexis Armstrong** continued her position as Executive Director of ATE-Indiana. She also moderated a panel discussion at the ATE Midwest Conference on March 31, 2006 that revolved around the theme, "Expanding Teacher Preparation Experiences: Addressing the Needs of Local, Global & High Needs Schools."

**Dr. Quinn White** graduated from The Ohio State University with a Ph.D. focusing on Children's Literature in December 2005. He also led a book talk in the Notable Books for Language Arts session at NCTE in Pittsburgh in November 2005. During the months of March-May 2006, Dr. White conducted a book club with fourth-graders at Horace Mann Elementary School in Van Wert, Ohio (*right*). The club read *The Lion*, *The Witch* and *The Wardrobe* and *The Twits*.

**Dr. Solomon Abebe** and **Dr. Joan Kitterman** had an article accepted for publication in the spring 2006 Eastern Education Journal entitled "Student Teaching and Stress." Dr. Abebe conducted school-wide workshops for St. Luke School in the fall and spring on "Assessment and Learning." He also continued to serve on an advisory board called Small Schools at Arlington High School.

**Professor Rebecca Shearer** held a writing workshop titled "Creating a Classroom Where Writing Flourishes" with Lola Schaefer, children's author of 125 books, in the Eicher Student Commons on April 7, 2006. Prof. Shearer also became a member of the School Improvement Team at Indian Village Elementary, a Blue Ribbon School in Fort Wayne.

**Professor Jennifer Manth** attended the ATE-I Conference and the TESOL Conference during 2005-06.

**Dr. Angia Macomber** presented "The Culture of Mathematical Power and Teacher Education: Promoting Mathematics Learning by Explicitly Teaching the Rules" at the Tenth Annual Meeting of the Association of Mathematics Teacher

Educators in Tampa, Florida January 2006. Angia will be traveling to La Gonave, Haiti July 1-15, 2006 to participate on a teacher training team with Project Teach.

**Dr. Cynthia Tyner**, along with her husband Stan, directed the Taylor University Irish Studies Program during the spring semester of 2006.

**Dr. Carl Siler** became a nationally trained Board of Examiners member with NCATE. In April, Dr. Siler was on the national re-accreditation team at Seattle Pacific University.



## Washington, D.C. Senior Capstone Trip

**Drs. Pamela Medows** and **Quinn White** led the 2006 elementary education seniors on their annual field trip to Washington, D.C. Forty-three students toured our nation's capital, making this the largest capstone trip ever!



## Ft. Wayne Program News, cont'd

ideas for the Fort Wayne program and set short-term and long-term goals. The Task Force will continue its work next academic year.

The Transition to Teaching Program had nine graduates this school year. The program will have eight student teachers this fall, and we anticipate an enthusiastic new cohort starting in August.

We give praise and thanks to God for blessing the Fort Wayne Education program this year. His love and understanding has made our successes possible.