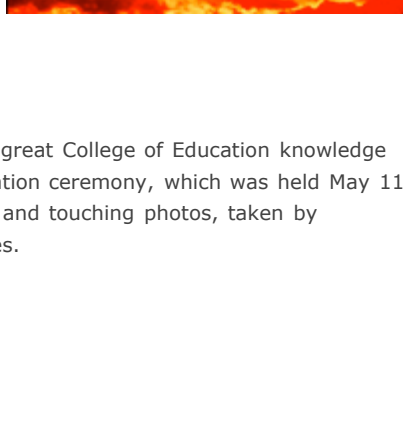


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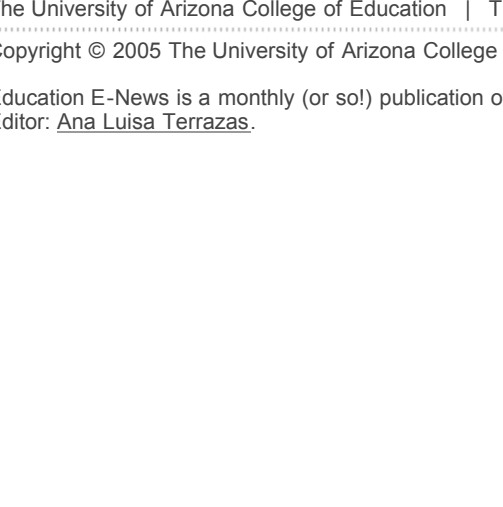
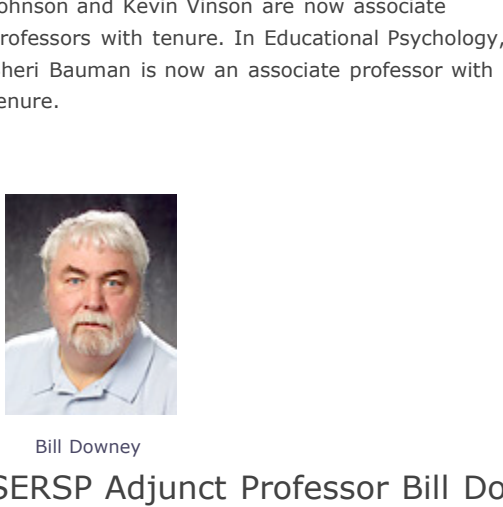
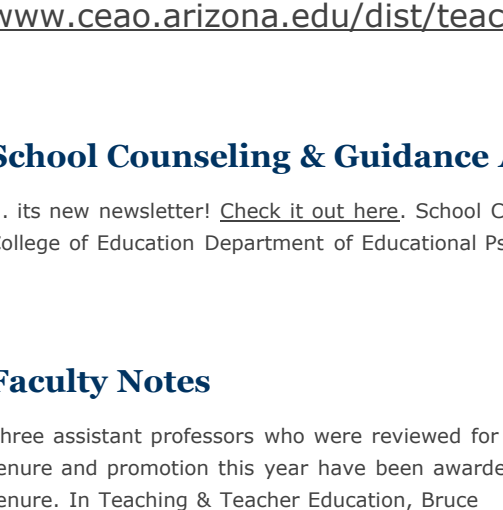
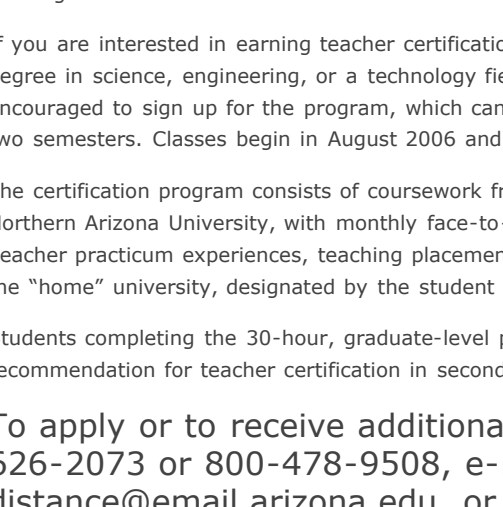
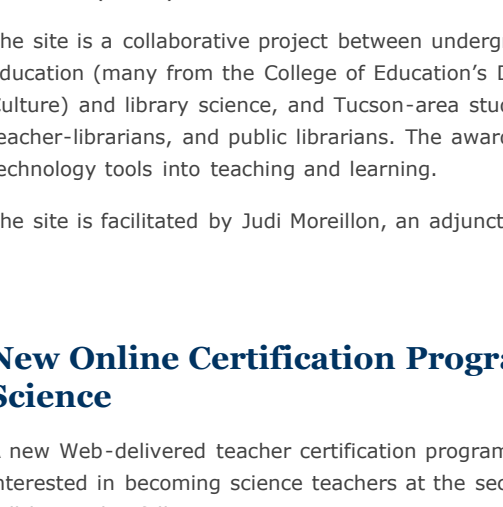
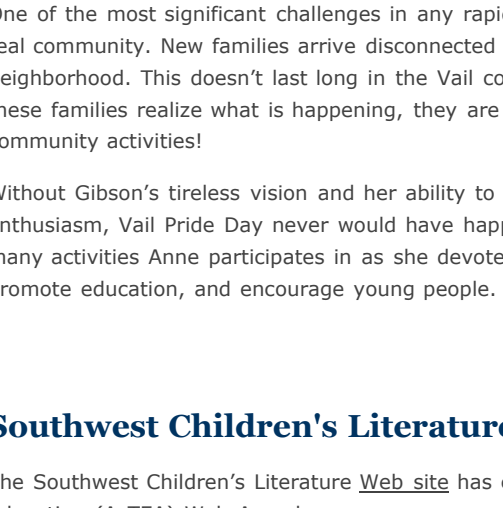
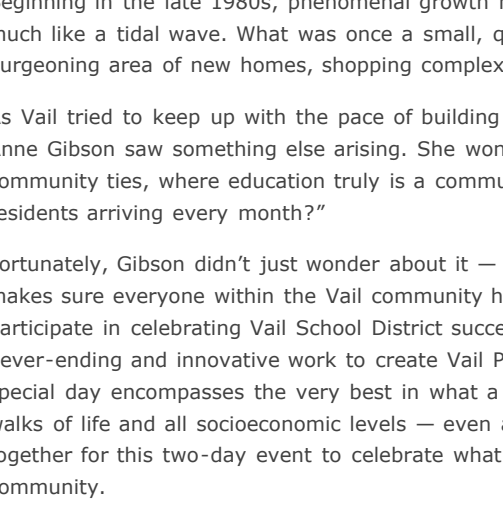
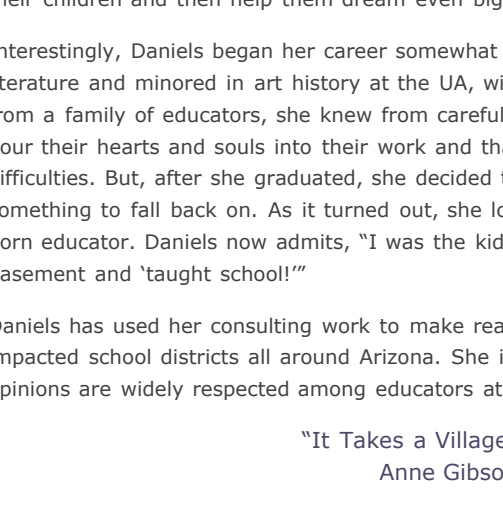
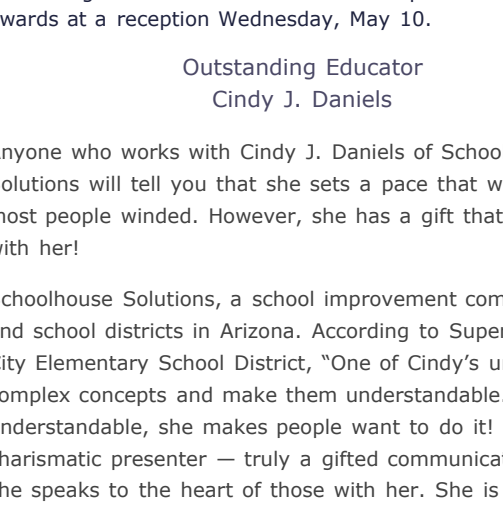
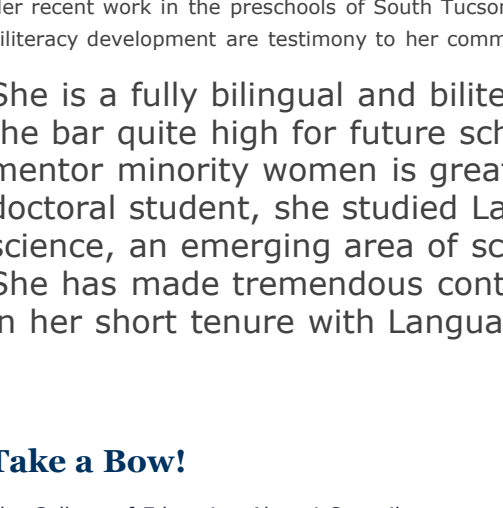
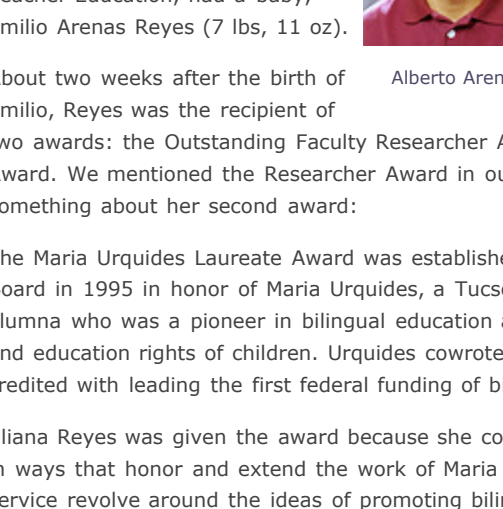
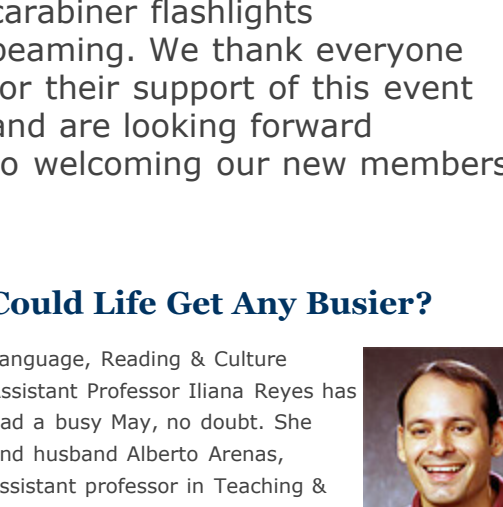
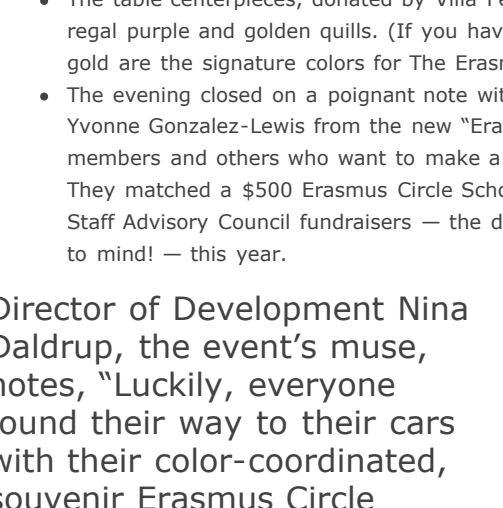
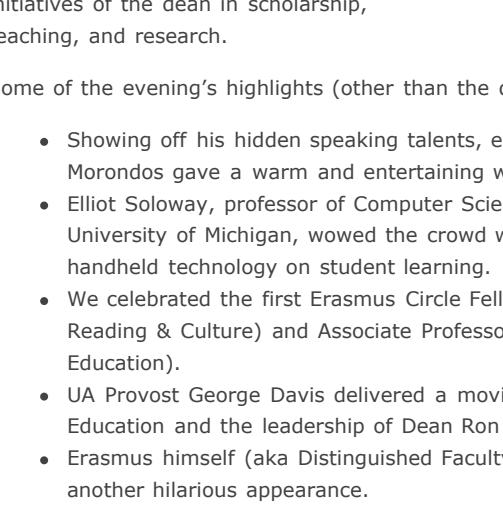
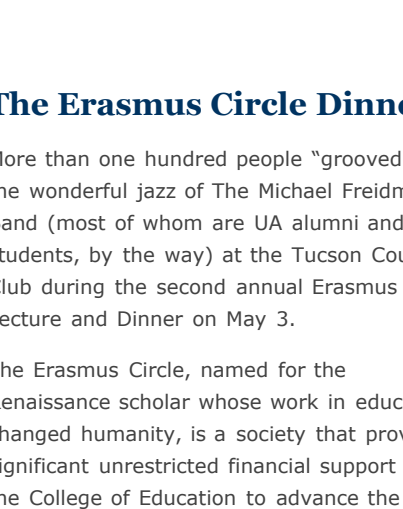
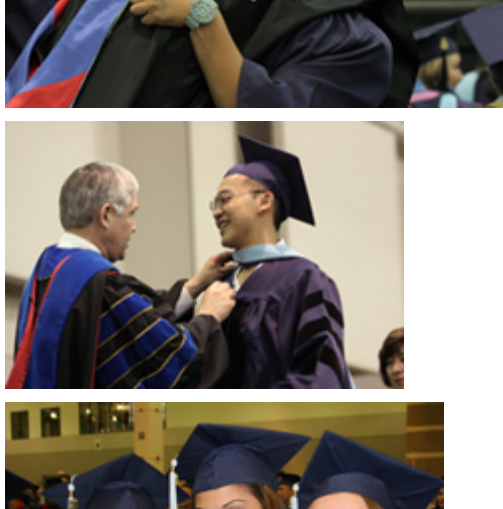
And the Heat Is On

It's that time of year when we try to wrap up everything because we know it won't be long — the heat wave is moving this way! We become very creative about ways to avoid going outside after May, don't we? As a result, just about every activity gets crammed into May. That said, we have a lot of things to tell you about now that the semester has come to its official end.



Congratulations, Graduates!

Now, the heat is on you! It's time to put all that great College of Education knowledge to use. Here's a photo montage from our convocation ceremony, which was held May 11 at the Tucson Convention Center. These beautiful and touching photos, taken by photographer Martha Lochert, speak for themselves.



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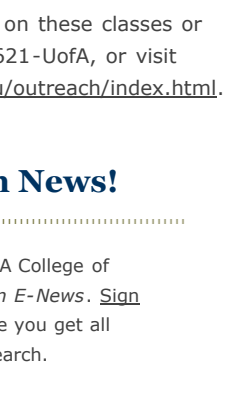
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Upcoming Events

The American Indian Language Development Institute (AILDI) invites you to a unique educational experience, offering Native and non-Native educators the opportunity to become effective researchers, practitioners, bilingual/bicultural curriculum specialists, and language teachers. The 2006 theme, *Gathering Talk: Documenting, Describing, and Revitalizing Our Languages*, will focus on grant writing and language documentation, supporting language revitalization and maintenance efforts that specifically address the shared concern of language loss. For more information, contact the AILDI Office at 520-621-1068 or AILDI@u.arizona.edu. Or go to the [AILDI Web site](http://AILDI.Web.site).

Want to Save a Life?

Two new Physical Education courses this fall might help you do just that.



PE 229: Swimming-Lifeguard Training (August 22 through October 12) brings American Red Cross training into the classroom and provides hands-on practice exercises. The course emphasizes surveillance skills for recognizing and preventing injuries, rescue skills on water and land, first-aid training, rescuer CPR, and professional lifeguard responsibilities.

PE 261: Advanced First Aid & Emergency Care (October 17 through December 7) is designed for people interested in becoming "first responders" or who have present or anticipate future job-related responsibilities for emergency preparedness and response.

Both courses (2 units each) will be held on the UA campus on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

For more information on these classes or to register, call 520-621-UofA, or visit www.ceao.arizona.edu/outreach/index.html.

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The Erasmus Circle Dinner: A "Bright" Success!

More than one hundred people "grooved" to the wonderful Jazz of The Michael Friedmann Band (most of whom are UA alumni and/or students, by the way) at the Tucson Country Club during the second annual Erasmus Circle Lecture and Dinner on May 3.

The Erasmus Circle, named for the Renaissance scholar whose work in education changed humanity, is a society that provides significant unrestricted financial support for the College of Education to advance the initiatives of the dean in scholarship, teaching, and research.

Some of the evening's highlights (other than the delicious food!):

- Showing off his hidden speaking talents, elementary education senior Matt Morondos gave a warm and entertaining welcome.
- Elliott Soloway, professor of Computer Science, Education, and Information at the University of Michigan, wowed the crowd with his lively talk on the impact of handheld technology on student learning.
- We celebrated the first Erasmus Circle Fellows: Professor Kathy Short (Language, Reading & Culture) and Associate Professor Bruce Johnson (Teaching & Teacher Education).
- UA Provost George Davis delivered a moving speech in tribute to the College of Education and the leadership of Dean Ron Marx.
- Erasmus himself (aka Distinguished Faculty Fellow John Pedicone) graced us with another hilarious appearance.
- The table centerpieces, donated by Villa Feliz, were spectacular — complete with regal purple and golden quills. (If you haven't guessed by now, royal purple and gold are the signature colors for The Erasmus Circle.)
- The evening closed on a poignant note with the presentation of a check by Yvonne Gonzalez-Lewis from the new "Erasmus Circle Boosters," a group of staff members and others who want to make a difference for The Erasmus Circle. They matched a \$500 Erasmus Circle Scholarship by sponsoring several COE Staff Advisory Council fundraisers — the delicious Dessert Bazaar comes readily to mind! — this year.



With quill in hand, Erasmus made his way through the crowd as he muttered his famous quotations

Director of Development Nina Daldrup, the event's muse, notes, "Luckily, everyone found their way to their cars with their color-coordinated, souvenir Erasmus Circle carabiner flashlights beaming. We thank everyone for their support of this event and are looking forward to welcoming our new members in the fall!"



Virgie & Wright Cortner were among the many notable guests

Could Life Get Any Busier?

Language, Reading & Culture Assistant Professor Iliana Reyes has had a busy May, no doubt. She and husband Alberto Arenas, assistant professor in Teaching & Teacher Education, had a baby, Emilio Arenas Reyes (7 lbs, 11 oz).



Alberto Arenas



Iliana Reyes



Baby Emilio

About two weeks after the birth of Emilio, Reyes was the recipient of two awards: the Outstanding Faculty Researcher Award and the Maria Urquides Laureate Award. We mentioned the Researcher Award in our last issue, but here's a little something about her second award:

The Maria Urquides Laureate Award was established by the College of Education Advisory Board in 1995 in honor of Maria Urquides, a Tucson educator and College of Education alumna who was a pioneer in bilingual education and a tireless advocate for the social and education rights of children. Urquides cowrote a report in the mid 1960s that is credited with leading the first federal funding of bilingual programs.

Iliana Reyes was given the award because she conducts her scholarship and lives her life in ways that honor and extend the work of Maria Urquides. Her teaching, research, and service revolve around the ideas of promoting bilingual education and cultural awareness. Her recent work in the preschools of South Tucson and her investigation of bilingual and biliteracy development are testimony to her commitment.

She is a fully bilingual and biliterate scholar who sets the bar quite high for future scholars. Her capacity to mentor minority women is great. In addition, as a doctoral student, she studied Latino students learning science, an emerging area of scholarship in our college. She has made tremendous contributions to the college in her short tenure with Language, Reading & Culture.

Take a Bow!

The College of Education Alumni Council presented these awards at a reception Wednesday, May 10.

Outstanding Educator
Cindy J. Daniels



Anyone who works with Cindy J. Daniels of Schoolhouse Solutions will tell you that she sets a pace that would leave most people winded. However, she has a gift that makes everyone want to run the race with her!

Schoolhouse Solutions, a school improvement company, assists small and rural schools and school districts in Arizona. According to Superintendent Ted P. Fadler of the Bullhead City Elementary School District, "One of Cindy's unique gifts is that she can take very complex concepts and make them understandable. Not only does she make the concept understandable, she makes people want to do it! She is a very passionate and charismatic presenter — truly a gifted communicator. This comes easy to her because she speaks to the heart of those with her. She is able to sense what people want for their children and then help them dream even bigger dreams."

Interestingly, Daniels began her career somewhat unwillingly. She majored in English literature and minored in art history at the UA, with no intention of teaching. Coming from a family of educators, she knew from careful observation that the best educators pour their hearts and souls into their work and that the efforts are often met with difficulties. But, after she graduated, she decided to get her certificate so she'd have something to fall back on. As it turned out, she loved teaching and discovered she was a born educator. Daniels now admits, "I was the kid who lined up her dolls in the basement and 'taught school!'"

Daniels has used her consulting work to make real and positive changes that have impacted school districts all around Arizona. She is highly regarded by her peers and her opinions are widely respected among educators at all levels in this state.

"It Takes a Village" Award
Anne Gibson

Beginning in the late 1980s, phenomenal growth hit the Vail School District community much like a tidal wave. What was once a small, quiet ranching community is now a burgeoning area of new homes, shopping complexes, and sprawling suburbia.

As Vail tried to keep up with the pace of building new schools and hiring more staff, Anne Gibson saw something else arising. She wondered, "How do we keep our close community ties, where education truly is a community effort, with an influx of new residents arriving every month?"

Fortunately, Gibson didn't just wonder about it — she did something about it! Anne makes sure everyone within the Vail community has an opportunity to be recognized and participate in celebrating Vail School District successes. This came about through her never-ending and innovative work to create Vail Pride Day. Now in its eighth year, this special day encompasses the very best in what a community should be. People from all walks of life and all socioeconomic levels — even across all age spectrums — come together for this two-day event to celebrate what is right and good about the community.

One of the most significant challenges in any rapidly growing area is the development of real community. New families arrive disconnected and uncommitted to their neighborhood. This doesn't last long in the Vail community, however. In fact, before these families realize what is happening, they are an intricate part of Gibson's community activities!

Without Gibson's tireless vision and her ability to motivate others to share her enthusiasm, Vail Pride Day never would have happened. This event is only one of the many activities Anne participates in as she devotes countless hours to build community, promote education, and encourage young people.

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Southwest Children's Literature Web Site Wins Award

The Southwest Children's Literature [Web site](#) has earned an Arizona Technology in Education (AzTEA) Web Award.

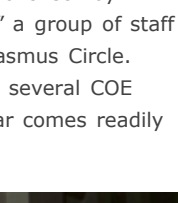
The site is a collaborative project between undergraduate and graduate students in education (many from the College of Education's Department of Language, Reading & Culture) and library science, and Tucson-area students and their classroom teachers, teacher-librarians, and public librarians. The award acknowledges work integrating technology tools into teaching and learning.

The site is facilitated by Judi Moreillon, an adjunct assistant professor in LRC.

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New Online Certification Program for Secondary Science

A new Web-delivered teacher certification program for people interested in becoming science teachers at the secondary school level will begin this fall.



If you are interested in earning teacher certification and have a degree in science, engineering, or a technology field, you are encouraged to sign up for the program, which can be completed in two semesters. Classes begin in August 2006 and finish in May 2007.

The certification program consists of coursework from the College of Education and Northern Arizona University, with monthly face-to-face meetings in Tucson and Flagstaff. Teacher practicum experiences, teaching placement, and supervision will be provided by the "home" university, designated by the student at the time of registration.

Students completing the 30-hour, graduate-level program earn an institutional recommendation for teacher certification in secondary science.

To apply or to receive additional information, call 520-626-2073 or 800-478-9508, e-mail distance@email.arizona.edu, or visit www.ceao.arizona.edu/dist/teacher.html.

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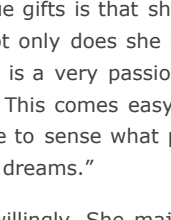
School Counseling & Guidance Announces...

... its new newsletter! [Check it out here](#). School Counseling & Guidance is part of the College of Education Department of Educational Psychology.

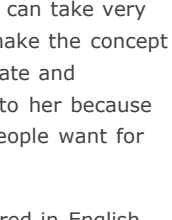
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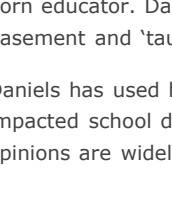
Three assistant professors who were reviewed for tenure and promotion this year have been awarded tenure. In Teaching & Teacher Education, Bruce Johnson and Kevin Vinson are now associate professors with tenure. In Educational Psychology, Sheri Bauman is now an associate professor with tenure.



Bruce Johnson



Sheri Bauman



Bill Downey

SERSP Adjunct Professor Bill Downey was elected second vice president of the [National Council on Rehabilitation Education](#).

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Retirements & Farewells

A rousing good time was had by all on May 8 when we said farewell to some of our colleagues and friends during the College of Education Retirement and Farewell Celebration on the west patio of the College of Education. We sent our heartfelt good wishes to our friends and colleagues: Doug Woodard, Jane Cox, Patricia Foreman, Mary Anne Schiavone, Nicole Ofiesh, Caryll Crowell, Alice Mercer, Ana Vñias, Julia Wharton, and Debbie Young. Good luck in your next adventure!

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