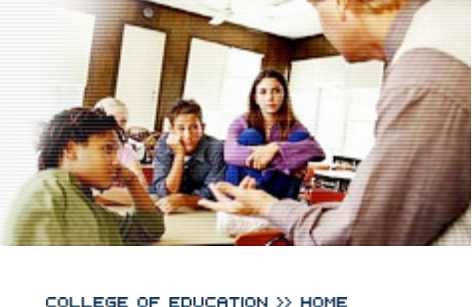
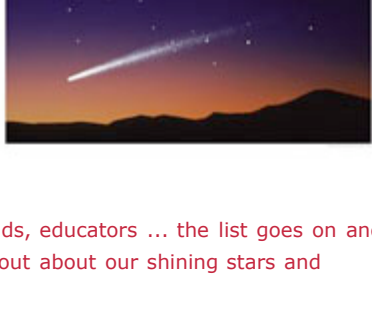


"A school should not be a preparation for life.
A school should be life." Elbert Hubbard



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When 5-year-old Alexandria Banag of Chase Elementary School in Panorama City, California, was asked what she was thankful for, she said, "I am thankful for a shooting star so I can make a wish!"



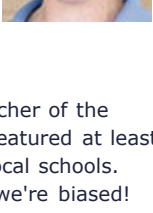
Here at the College of Education, we're thankful for so many things, but a child's sense of wonder and hopefulness certainly are close to the top of that list.

We're also thankful for the stellar members of our community — students, faculty and staff, alumni, friends, educators ... the list goes on and on. As always, Education E-News is the place to find out about our shining stars and achievements.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Talk about Stellar Students!

Kristin Bourguet, one of the College of Education's Teach for Tucson graduates and a doctoral student in our Educational Leadership program, was just selected as the Arizona Teacher of the Year by the Arizona Education Foundation. As the winner of the Teacher of the Year award, Bourguet, a 29-year-old science teacher at Marana High School, meets the President of the United States, receives a \$20,000 cash award and a laptop computer, and competes for the honor of National Teacher of the Year.



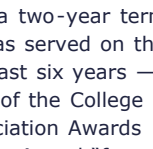
Tucson-area teachers have a history of dominating the finalists' list for Teacher of the Year. Since the award first was handed out in 1997, four of the 10 years featured at least three Tucson-area finalists. So far, six of the 10 winners have been from local schools. Could it have something to do with the UA College of Education? Not that we're biased!

Please join us in congratulating Bourguet, and let's start cheering her on for National Teacher of the Year.

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Alumni Spotlight: The Many Talents of Georgia

Georgia Cole Brousseau epitomizes what every graduate of the University of Arizona should strive to achieve. Since earning a bachelor's degree with high distinction and a master's degree in education from the College of Education, she has taught classes in Tucson Unified School District and multiple teacher preparation classes at Pima Community, Prescott, and Chapman colleges.



While principal of Wheeler Elementary School, Brousseau implemented the Wheeler Family Wellness Center and the Salud Para Todos Health Clinic. As if being principal didn't keep her busy enough! Brousseau's illustrious career includes service on the Pima Community College Board of Governors for nearly 10 years, including a two-year term as board chair, and several City of Tucson Ward Four appointments. She has served on the Pima County Merit System Commission since 1991 — as the chair for the past six years — dealing with tough, complex personnel issues. In addition, she's a member of the College of Education Alumni Council. Today (November 10), at the UA Alumni Association Awards and Recognition Reception, Brousseau received the Professional Achievement Award "for her genuine passion for education, community service, and continual sparking of a committed spirit in others."

We're beyond proud of her achievements, but there's something more we simply must tell you. We're not sure how Brousseau finds the time to do this, but every year, she manages to create an education-themed quilt to raffle at Homecoming to raise College of Education scholarship funds.

These are no ordinary quilts. Throughout the year, Brousseau searches nationally for red and blue fabric that also carries an educational theme. For example, the quilt she just completed for this year's Homecoming is trimmed in the alphabet, while the backing has illustrations of family activities. On the front, she's embroidered fun sayings ("Don't be a fool, stay in school") and fun graphics (schoolhouses, bookworms, etc.).

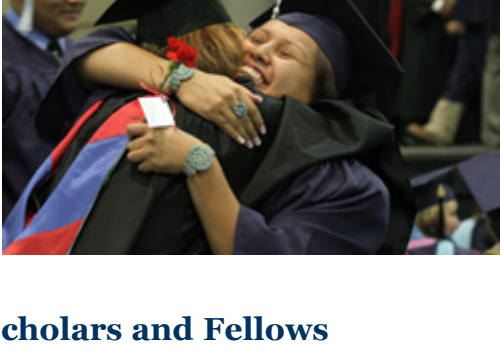


Take one look at the quilt and you'll be amazed at the creativity, thought, and love that go into each of these remarkable creations. We are deeply indebted to Georgia Brousseau for her commitment to the College of Education.

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Speaking of Homecoming

Our graduates are truly a dedicated bunch. Look at any R.S.V.P. list for Homecoming activities, and you'll find that College of Education alumni always top the list. In fact, this year, **28 percent of returning alumni are from the College of Education!** As always, we thank you for your devotion to your alma mater and the College of Education.



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Celebrating Our Erasmus Scholars and Fellows

Dean Marx hosted a reception for our inaugural Erasmus Circle Fellows and Scholars, one of the highest honors bestowed upon faculty and students in the college. In fact, this is the first time the College of Education has awarded these distinctions.

In previous issues of Education E-News, we've announced our Erasmus Circle Fellows (LRC Professor Kathy G. Short and TTE Associate Professor Bruce Johnson), and now we'd like to introduce you to our Erasmus Circle Scholars. These are the University of Arizona's most promising undergraduate and graduate education students — the scholars who extend their knowledge, leadership, and innovation to transform and inspire the community, the nation, and the world.



A few members from our inaugural Erasmus Circle Scholars

2006 Erasmus Circle Scholars

Graduates

Nadia Alvarez
Maxine Baptiste
Jennifer Cousins
Kerry McArthur
Melissa Peterson
Amanda Rabidue-Bozack
Cristina Santamaria
Tia Tsosie-Begay
Annmarie Urso



Ann Boice, Kathy Short, and Stevie Mack (left to right) enjoy the glorious weather during the reception

Undergraduates

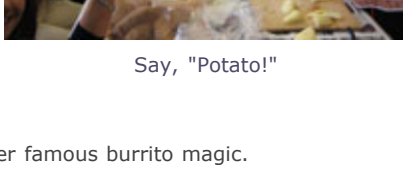
Ernesto Blanco
Maria Bravo
Sharena Corwin
Mike Franklin
Holly Gard
Holl Honer
Ignacio Mercado
Elizabeth Rice
Kara Snell

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One Potato, Two Potato, Three Potato, Four

What's with the potato-peeling party in the College of Education Dean's Conference Room? Everyone pitched in to help with Cecilia's Famous Breakfast Burrito Fund-Raising Event to support the Staff Advisory Council's Adopt-a-School Program. The day before the big event, several bags of potatoes needed to be peeled.

There was a mad dash for the burritos early the next morning, when an assembly line helped Cecilia put together her famous burritos. Everyone had a great time, people came from all over campus for the delicious burritos, and lots of money was raised for the Adopt-a-School Program.



Say, "Potato!"

A special thank you to Cecilia Carlton of SERSP for her famous burrito magic.



Nina Daldrop is shocked at the size of the potato she now must peel.



The next morning, SERSP Department Head Larry Aleamoni helped at the cash register and ...



... Nina Daldrop had recovered from her potato-peeling scare and felt good enough to take in pledge forms for the fund-raising event.

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Accolades and Tidbits

- In April, President Bush created the National Mathematics Advisory Panel. The panel advises the President and Secretary of Education on the best use of scientifically based research on the teaching and learning of mathematics.

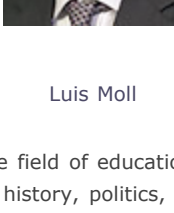
On November 6, our very own Tom Good, professor of educational psychology, was asked to address the entire panel at Stanford University regarding research and instructional practice.



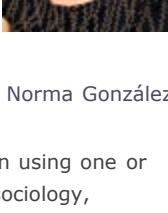
Tom Good

For more information, go to the [National Mathematics Advisory Panel](#).

- Congratulations also are in order for Associate Dean Luis Moll and Language, Reading, and Culture Professor Norma González. Their book, *Funds of Knowledge: Theorizing Practices in Households, Communities, and Classrooms* (Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum), received a 2006 AESA Critics' Choice Award.



Luis Moll



Norma González

AESA (The American Educational Studies Association) is an academic organization comprised primarily of college and university professors who teach and conduct research in the field of education using one or more of the liberal arts disciplines of philosophy, history, politics, sociology, anthropology, or economics. As with all members of the academic world, keeping current with research publications is an ongoing responsibility of critical importance to the members of AESA.

- Alexandra Tsosie, a master's student in the College of Education Department of Educational Psychology is one of only two master's students at the university who will be presented with the Centennial Award at graduation in December.

Congratulations, Alex! Professors in EDP are quick to say, "She is very deserving of this award. We are very proud of her."

- Former county schools superintendent Anita Lohr was on *Arizona Illustrated*, talking about Proposition 300. During the interview, she held our recently published *Imagine* magazine on her lap.



Anita Lohr holds up *Imagine Research*

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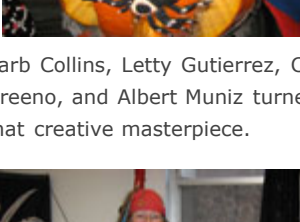
Convocation

Convocation will be held in Centennial Hall Thursday, December 14, at 4 p.m.

We'll have more information in our next issue, but if you have any questions now, please contact [Rose Santellano-Millem](#) or go to the [Convocation site](#).

And We Know How to Have Some Fun, Too!

The Student Services area in the College of Education held its first-ever Halloween Pumpkin Carve- Off. Check out the elaborate pumpkin that won first prize.



Barb Collins, Letty Gutierrez, Carolyne Greeno, and Albert Muniz turned out that creative masterpiece.



Pat Robinson of the Business Office won first prize at the Staff Advisory Council Halloween Potluck, and is it any wonder?!? Just take a look at her Pirates of the Caribbean garb, which she stayed up sewing all night long the night before the party. And if you're impressed with that, you should have seen her office. It was totally decked out a la Captain Jack Sparrow and the Black Pearl — trunks of gold and treasure, monkeys, dogs with keys, bowls of apples, you name it.

Pam Mendel, also of the Business Office, brought home second place as a dart instructor (lots of Band-Aids on her creative costume — ouch!).

And Student Services picked up third prize as the Pie-Rats. That group effort included Karen Sesler, Shirley Fisher, Carolyne Greeno, Leann Newman, Barbara Collins, Mary Beth Fish, and Betsy Rice. And, yes, they were pirates, but they were more interested in fruit pies than gold, and they were fond of carrying rats with them everywhere they went.

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