



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



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## Upcoming Events

### Southern Arizona Association for the Education of Young Children Conference

"From birth through third grade, young children experience many educational settings — each of which has great potential to influence their development and learning," says Marilou Hyson.

No one could argue with that quote, which is just another reason why you'll want to attend the Southern Arizona Association for the Education of Young Children Conference. Why? For one thing, Hyson is the keynote speaker for the conference, which will be held at the College of Education, Saturday, October 7, 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Hyson happens to be the senior consultant with the National Association for the Education of Young Children in Washington, D.C., and an affiliate faculty member in applied developmental psychology at George Mason University.

The conference includes numerous pioneering workshops plus breakfast and lunch. Prices range from \$45 (members) to \$60 (nonmembers). Every member of the Future Teachers Club who signs up for the conference will receive a \$10 cash rebate at the door.

Registrations must be postmarked by September 30. Participants are encouraged to register early since workshop requests are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

For registration forms and more information about the conference, contact Director of Development [Nina Daldrup](#).

## Travel Awards

Part-time or full-time graduate students enrolled in programs in the College of Education are eligible to receive travel funds — via College of Education Graduate Student Travel Awards and the Jacqueline Anne Morris Memorial Foundation Travel Awards — to participate in professional conferences during July 1, 2006-June 30, 2007.

Eligibility requirements, application procedures, and forms for these two travel awards are available [here](#). Applications and accompanying materials must be submitted to Jo Ann Hurley, Chair, Awards and Recognition Committee, in Education 203, no later than 5 p.m., Friday, December 8, 2006 (for conferences any time during July 1, 2006-June 30, 2007), or by Friday, April 13, 2007 (for conferences during the spring 2007 semester).

For more information, contact [Jo Ann Hurley](#).

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## Back to School 2006

### Sign of the Times

You know you're living in 2006 when...

- You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three.
- You e-mail the person who works at the desk next to you.
- You pull up in your own driveway and use your cell phone to see if anyone is home to help you carry in the groceries.



Anyone home?

There are some things that never change, though. In Tucson, we can count on knowing that when the monsoon season begins to dwindle down and campus parking becomes a premium, it must be time for the fall semester to begin. No doubt about it, the College of Education is back in full swing, and we have a lot of news to share with you.

## Alumni Spotlight

Children's books. As long as they're educational, well written, and enjoyable, does it really matter where they're published? Turns out, it does.

Just ask the College of Education's very own Ann Parker, director of Admissions, Advising, and Student Services. Parker — who has a bachelor's degree in English from Davidson College in Davidson, N.C., a master's degree in Educational Psychology from the University of Nebraska - Lincoln, and a second master's in American Indian Studies from the UA — realized that her degrees blended quite nicely in the college's Department of Language, Reading, and Culture. That's where she received her doctorate last May.

Initially interested in pursuing a major in educational technology, Parker realized that her true interest was children's books. For her dissertation, Parker identified five small publishing companies in the greater Southwest that published children's books and conducted interviews with the editors and other staff people to determine the role that small publishing companies play in the field of children's literature.

Her research demonstrated that small presses play a vital role in the production of children's books. For example:

- Small publishing companies are aggressive in seeking new talent in authors and illustrations.
- They can focus on publishing bilingual books, which is considered a small niche market.
- They work closely with educators and school librarians to provide books for children.
- They promote multicultural children's books within their communities as well as on a national scale.

Parker did her research in her "spare time," as she has been the director of the College of Education Admissions, Advising, and Student Services since fall 2004. The office, which includes four academic advisors and an administrative associate, provides advising, admissions, programs, and resources for the college's undergraduate students. That's enough to keep anyone busy, let alone someone conducting research for a dissertation!

For more information about Parker's research on small presses, contact [Ann Parker](#).

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## Score One for the College of Education!

Any college is proud of its National Merit Scholars. We're no exception, but with so much competition from business, science, and math (let's face it — these are the career paths that offer the biggest salaries), education often finds itself with a small pool of candidates.

Recently, though, we've almost tripled our National Merit Scholars, thanks in part to the fact that the **College of Education has the biggest scholarship endowment on campus for National Merit Scholars.**

The Thelma Hadlock Scholarship has the highest award amount of any UA college-based scholarship given to National Merit Scholars. (Thelma Hadlock, by the way, was a MASH nurse in Korea, but her family was densely populated with educators, hence her generous donation.)

Dean Ronald W. Marx notes, "Teaching, like all knowledge-based professions, requires sophisticated understanding of many factors. We recruit among the very best students in Arizona to our college, and we are proud that the Hadlock Scholarship can help us attract National Merit Scholars to careers as teachers."

To find out more about this and other scholarships, contact our new scholarships guru, [Rose Santellano-Milem](#).

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## WREN Office Suite to be Dedicated in Honor of Civil Rights and Educational Visionary

Ernestine "Ernie" H. Smith, a College of Education graduate whose vision and energy brought a prestigious federal educational center to our college, will be honored posthumously in November when a suite of offices is dedicated in her honor. Smith died last December.

"Ernestine Smith is in large part the reason that the College of Education was awarded the federal contract for the Equity Assistance Center for this past fall," said Dean Marx. "It was her initiative that brought the competition to our attention, and it was her national reputation as a person highly skilled and dedicated to work in equity assistance to schools that made our application so compelling for the evaluators. We take special pride in the fact that she was an alumna of our college, having received her doctoral degree in the Department of Teaching and Teacher Education in 1995. "



Studying near Old Main



Smith's vision helped bring the center to the College of Education

The West Regional Equity Network (WREN), housed in the college's suite of offices that will carry Smith's name, is one of only 10 Equity Assistance Centers in the United States. This is the first time an Arizona university has operated the center, which serves California, Nevada, and Arizona — more than 1,200 school districts.

### Details

**Ernestine "Ernie" H. Smith Suite Dedication Ceremony**  
**Friday, November 10**  
**5:30 – 6:30 p.m.**  
**College of Education**  
**Reception (5:30 p.m.): South Entrance Plaza**  
**Dedication (Immediately following reception): Main Lobby, followed by a tour of the third-floor suite**  
**Open to: Friends and alumni of the college**

For an invitation, contact [Rose Santellano-Milem](#) or call 520-621-2345.

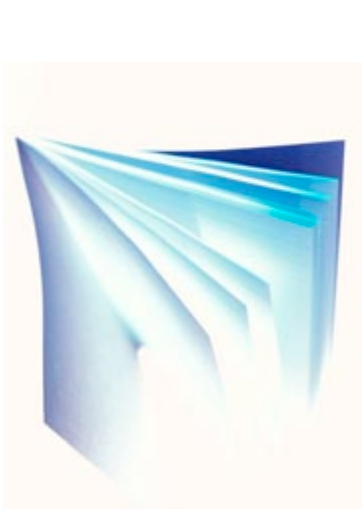
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## Be on the Lookout

We have created a new and exciting approach to communicating with our alumni and friends. In the past, we published two magazines — one to focus on alumni and friends and one to present some of our vital research.

With the inaugural issue of *Imagine*, we have combined our two magazines into one. When you flip *Imagine* over, you'll start reading *Imagine Research* to learn about our significant research at the UA College of Education. After all, why shouldn't everyone know about our groundbreaking research?

Our new magazine should make its appearance in a mailbox near you by the beginning of October. For more information, contact Director of Communications [Ana Luisa Terrazas](#).



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## Percolating Along!

No doubt about it: Teacher education is no longer the purview of a single college, but rather a university-wide endeavor directly connected to work with pre-K-12 schools.

The Professional Preparation Board, formed in 1999, critically assesses the University of Arizona's existing programs of teacher preparation, identifies school- and community-based needs, and charts new directions to enhance recruitment, retention, and accountability in professional preparation. Composed of representatives from UA colleges associated with teacher preparation and of community and school personnel, the PPB initiates wide-ranging dialogue and study of critical issues in education. The PPB zeroes in on three activities: teacher education programs, professional development, and collaborative research.

The "collaborative research" is where PERC comes in. The Pima Education Research Collaborative is designed to apply research expertise in the College of Education to address problems in Pima County school districts.

Three projects are underway in three different school districts (Sunnyside, Flowing Wells, and Tucson). The projects include studying sheltered English immersion classrooms and the effectiveness of high-stakes AIMS exit exam interventions and the development of science unit assessments aligned to school curriculum and the Arizona science standards.

On the basis of seed funding from Raytheon, the College of Education was able to garner support from numerous other sources. The Erasmus Circle contributed to PERC last year and committed additional funds this year. Arizona K-12 Center also committed funds, as did Sunnyside, Flowing Wells, and Tucson Unified School Districts. Additional districts are interested in developing research projects for their schools. PERC holds the potential to continue mounting support and increase its ability to provide much-needed research data to local school districts.

For more information about this far-reaching collaboration, visit the [Professional Preparation Board site](#) or contact our graduate research associate, [Chiara Cannella](#).

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