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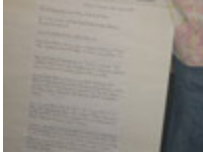
Thanks to a generous gift from Paul Lindsey, we are offering graduate and undergraduate internship awards to our students. Students must be enrolled full time and must be in an education program. Internships for this spring include:

- United Way
- University Medical Center
- Boy Scouts
- Cooper Center
- Literacy Volunteers of Tucson
- TUSD's Science Center
- CRIZMAC
- Arizona History Museum

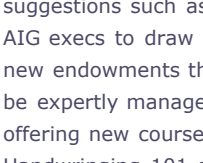
[Details here.](#)

Screamingly Fun Party

Halloween is long gone, but we can't resist showing you the winners of the college's Staff Advisory Council Halloween party. Special thanks to the council, especially Sara Kersels and Sandy Durazo, for throwing a party so fun that it was scary!

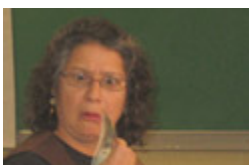


First place: Bertha Corrales as — who else? — Elvis!

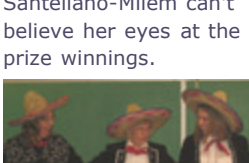


Second place: Rose Santellano-Milem and Kathy Bayham as a White Paper, which included suggestions such as hiring

AIG execs to draw massive new endowments that "will be expertly managed" and offering new courses, such as Handwringing 101 and Advanced Handwringing.

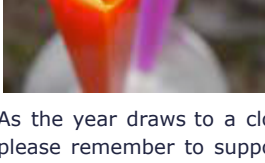


Dean Marx reviews the influential document (note the contemplative stare and cautious stance).



Third place: Karen Sesler, Barb Collins, and Nicole Kontak as the Three Amigas. Great coordination on that routine, Amigas!

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As the year draws to a close, please remember to support the College of Education. [Here's how.](#) And thank you for helping us with our far-reaching mission! For more information, contact Director of Development Nina Daldrup at 520-621-7143 or ekd@u.arizona.edu.

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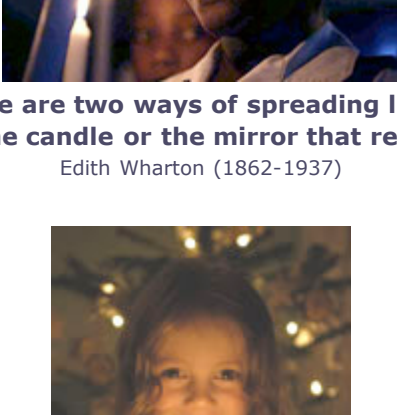
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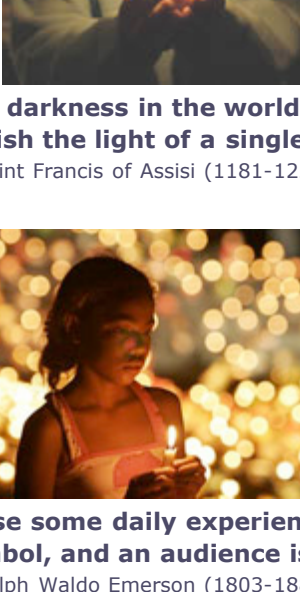
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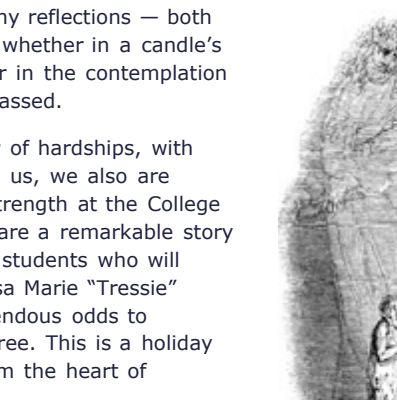
Winter Holiday 2008



There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.
Edith Wharton (1862-1937)



All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle.
Saint Francis of Assisi (1181-1226)



Condense some daily experience into a glowing symbol, and an audience is electrified.
Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)

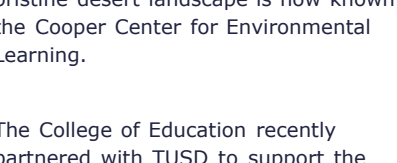
Happy Holidays from Dean Marx

The holidays create so many reflections — both literally and figuratively — whether in a candle's glow or in a child's eyes or in the contemplation of the year that has just passed.

While this has been a year of hardships, with financial crises surrounding us, we also are surrounded by hope and strength at the College of Education. I'd like to share a remarkable story with you about one of our students who will graduate this month. Teresa Marie "Tressie" Smith has overcome tremendous odds to complete her master's degree. This is a holiday story that would even warm the heart of Ebenezer Scrooge:

Tressie Smith of Safford always wanted to have a family and be a stay-at-home mom while her children were young, but she knew education could have a big impact on her life. As she says, "I felt that getting my education was important, and it's a good thing I did because I have ended up needing it." That's because her husband and three of her four children have been diagnosed with progressive visual impairment, a familial condition they did not know about.

She says, "In 2001, my husband went to the doctor to get a new pair of contacts and was basically told he was going blind and that he could no longer drive. The news was very devastating and scary. I cried a lot in private, but I always tried to be brave on the outside, even though I really didn't feel brave."



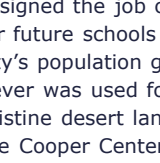
Tressie Smith and her family

As a result of learning how to adapt to her family's needs, she decided to become a teacher of visually impaired students. For the past four years, she has taken weekend courses in our programs in both Phoenix and Tucson while working full time as a teacher in Safford, Douglas, Sierra Vista, and some rural areas of Arizona. She's driven hundreds of miles weekly to attend classes and teach.

"There were times I wondered if I would really be able to reach my goal, or if I was crazy for even trying. I remember many late nights doing homework after already putting in a full day of work, only to be awakened in the middle of the night by a crying child, and then having to start all over again the next morning. My 6-year-old asked me one night, with concern, 'Mom, will you *always* be going to school?' I'm glad that answer can now be 'I'm done!'"

Professor Jane Erin adds, "Tressie's commitment to finishing her program has been exceptional in spite of personal responsibilities that would be daunting for most of us. She is a wonderful example of someone who believes in the importance of education."

Wishing you the brightest of times in the coming year,



Sustainable Living & Learning

In the 1950s, a Tucson Unified School District administrator, Herbert Cooper, was assigned the job of purchasing new sites for future schools TUSD might need as the city's population grew. One 10-acre site never was used for a school, and the pristine desert landscape is now known as the Cooper Center for Environmental Learning.

The College of Education recently partnered with TUSD to support the continuation of educational activities at the center. Now, people throughout the Tucson area will have the chance to experience the natural world and work on ways that we can live more appropriately in the desert. It's also a place to apply knowledge learned in classes, such as science, social studies, reading, and writing. UA students will have the opportunity to teach K-12 students and conduct important research.

We celebrated the new partnership in October with — appropriately — an alternative-energy event that included smoothies donated by Xoom Juice and blended on a human-powered bike blender, tours of the solar system that provides electricity for the office and the future location of the rainwater collection system, installed to reduce dependence on underground water.

A big thank you goes to Qwest Communications for providing grant monies to help make the Cooper Center a showcase for sustainable living and learning.

[Here's more.](#)



Costas Manoli works the bike while Ari Shapiro prepares the smoothie.



Dean Marx, Jim Campbell, president of Qwest Arizona, and Rudy Flores, associate superintendent of TUSD, pose with some camera-loving fourth graders from Sam Hughes Elementary School for the check presentation from Qwest.

Our Beloved Alma Mater

During Homecoming, we honored the Class of 1958 by welcoming them into the college's Golden Circle. This is a lively group that enjoys discussing current education issues and tomorrow's leaders in education. But they also like to have a lot of fun!

Harriett H. Leee wrote: "We enjoyed, as always, the feast, the award recipients, the wonderful music, and just being there to share."

Jerri Zinsli wrote: "It is always a joy seeing old friends. I enjoy the educational update and information about our beloved alma mater."



The Class of 1958 joins the Golden Circle



From left are Anna Jolivet, Jennifer Sprung, and Dorothy Finley

Where in the World is Diego Rivera?

We found Diego during a free holiday lecture and craft market for members and friends of the Erasmus Circle. *The History of Mexico According to Diego Rivera* was held at CRIZMAC Art and Education Materials on December 9.

The group also found out about the first-ever Erasmus Circle Travel Excursion to Guanajuato and San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, June 12-18, 2009. Join Dean Marx and see the College of Education's *Verano en Mexico* program in action. We will visit the birthplace of Diego Rivera and enjoy museums, galleries, incredible shopping, and many more festivities celebrating education and the arts.

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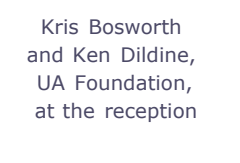
Evelyn Carswell-Bing and Barbara and Vern Myers look over the holiday market.

The Legacy Continues

We recently celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Lester L. and Roberta D. Smith Endowed Chair in Prevention and Education. Kris Bosworth, head of the college's Educational Leadership Program, holds the Endowed Chair.

The Smiths established the UA chair in 1998 with a focus on substance-abuse prevention, as well as other concerns such as teen suicide. Tremendous progress has been made in these 10 years, and Bosworth was recently featured in the *Arizona Alumnus*.

[Here's the story.](#)



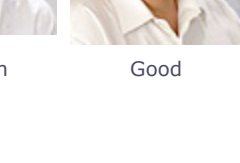
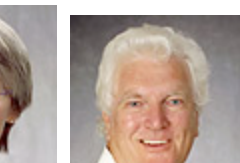
Kris Bosworth and Ken Dildine, UA Foundation, at the reception

Outstanding Graduates!

We salute all our graduates on graduation day! Special recognition goes to:

- Outstanding Senior, College of Education
Kila S. Raniere
- Outstanding Senior, Special Education, Rehabilitation & School Psychology
Stephanie M. Dekker
- Outstanding Elementary Student Teacher
Michelle L. Dragisics
- Outstanding Secondary Student Teacher
Hector F. Trullit-Burgueño
- Outstanding Cross-Categorical Special Education Student Teacher
Vanessa Renee

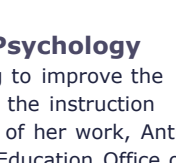
While we are on the topic of outstanding students, the annual **Scholarship Appreciation Breakfast** is one of our favorite events! Each fall, we have the pleasure of bringing our scholarship recipients together with the donors who make so many of their dreams possible. The event is filled with heartwarming stories and shows the power of hard work. Just look at the proud smiles — they really tell the story.



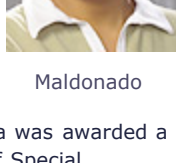
Accolades & Accomplishments

Educational Psychology

Professors Tom Good and Mary McCaslin played a major role in the November 2008 issue of *Teachers College Record*, which covered their study of comprehensive school reform programs in Arizona and included information about educating youth who live in urban or rural poverty. All articles that appear in the issue are written by McCaslin, Good, five current EDP students, and one former EDP student. TCR is a distinguished journal that has been published for more than 100 years.



McCaslin

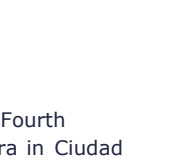


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Higher Education

Assistant Professor Alma Maldonado-Maldonado was featured as one of 100 Mexicans who teach in U.S. universities in an issue of Mexico's *Poder y Negocios*. She also was interviewed in a recent issue of *El Comentario* and presented a conference about the globalization of higher education at Universidad de Colima.

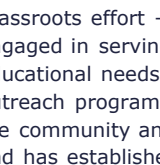
Michelle Espino, assistant professor at the University of Georgia and a recent Ph.D. graduate in HED, received the Dissertation of the Year Award by the Association for the Study of Higher Education. The dissertation? *Master Narratives and Counter-Narratives: An Analysis of Mexican American Life Stories of Oppression and Resistance along the Journeys to the Doctorate*.



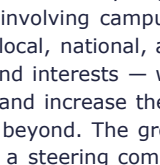
Maldonado

Special Education, Rehabilitation & School Psychology

Professor Shirin Antia has spent three decades working to improve the inclusion of deaf and hard-of-hearing students as well as the instruction of the individuals who teach them. To continue a portion of her work, Antia was awarded a four-year, \$800,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education Office of Special Education Programs. The project begins in January. [Here's more.](#)



Antia



Fletcher

Associate Professor Todd Fletcher was awarded a grant from the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education to work on the COMANI Project, a consortium of universities from three countries. The consortium will foster knowledge development and exchange across the United States, Mexico, and Canada to promote increased participation and social inclusion of children and families with disabilities and special needs.

Teaching & Teacher Education

Associate Professor Toni Griego-Jones was the keynote speaker at the Fourth International Conference on Education at the Instituto Tecnológico de Sonora in Ciudad Obregón, Sonora, Mexico. The conference focused on innovations and creativity in education, particularly those directed at social, economic, and technological change. **Nadia Y. Alvarez**, a Ph.D. student in TTE, also presented a workshop on a study she did in Sonora. The UA College of Education was a sponsor and **Dean Marx** was part of the honorary committee hosting the conference. [Here's more.](#) (en Español).

Congratulations to **Miria E. Biller**, a Ph.D. student in TTE, who was a winner in the education category of the 16th Annual Student Showcase 2008 during Homecoming. Her entry, *Initial Inquiry Attempts of Urban Hispanic Students: A Sustained Professional Development Effort for Science Teachers*, won second place. For more information about Student Showcase, visit the [Graduate and Professional Student Council](#) site.

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One-Stop Outreach

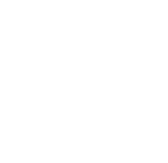
The College of Education is one of the leaders behind the new UA Collaborative for Community Engagement and Outreach. The grassroots effort — involving campus members who are actively engaged in serving local, national, and international community educational needs and interests — will improve and expand outreach programs and increase the visibility of their impact on the community and beyond. The group holds monthly meetings and has established a steering committee to provide direction and oversight. One proposal on the books is the development of an outreach Web portal. This will provide a one-stop shop promoting outreach activities at the UA and will include a database of programs, projects, and people plus a map interface. For more information, please contact Sara Patricia Chavarria, director of the College of Education Department of Educational Outreach, at spchavar@email.arizona.edu.



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Our Deserving Students

The Erasmus Circle Scholars are outstanding undergraduate and graduate students in the College of Education who have shown promise in their area of study and research. Please congratulate our 2008 recipients.



Graduate Scholars

- Bashir Abu-hamour
- Ovett Chapman
- Alyson Dolan
- Candace Galla
- Rodrigo Gutierrez
- Angeline Hoffman
- Amanda Patricia Jaksha
- Sandra Luca
- Chad Nash
- Amy Olson
- Deborah Rooks
- Cynthia Stevens
- Phillip Stevens
- Hugh Thompson
- Blanca Torres-Olave
- Ruby Vega
- Baohua Yan

Undergraduate Scholars

- Richard Adkins
- Megan Anderson
- Erica Basuto
- Charlene Bruce
- Alison Burnette
- Michelle Dragisics
- Kristian Fleming
- Cassandra Grant
- Adam Grijalva
- Michelle Grossi
- Anjanette Gutierrez
- Kellie LaMasney
- Kathleen Manahan
- Carlos Parra
- Gary Pete
- Laura Ramsey
- Laura Urtubey

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