



### Program Reorganization

One of the College of Education's greatest strengths is its 142-year history of providing quality programs that prepare education professionals to address contemporary needs. The College recently reorganized from six to the following five departments: The Department of Educational Leadership, Curriculum and Instruction (ELCF), which currently houses the Doctorate in Education Program; the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER); the Department of Library, Information and Media Studies (LIMS); The Department of Reading, Elementary, Middle School and Bilingual Education (REMB) and the Department of Special, Early Childhood and Technology Education (SETE). In addition, several existing offices will operate through a Center for Outreach Education (CORE) that assesses and addresses community education needs community.

*Dean Sylvia Gist*

### Accreditation Information

**Dr. Gabriel Gomez (LIMS)** served on the American Library Association Accreditation team that reviewed programs at Catholic University of America in Washington DC between March 21 - 24, 2009.

**Dr. Chyrese Wolf (REMB)** was selected as accreditation program reviewer for the International Reading Association (IRA). She will begin to serve on national IRA accreditation visits starting fall 2009.

**Dr. Gayles Evans (LIMS Retiree and Adjunct Faculty)** was selected as an accreditation program reviewer for the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). She will begin to serve on accreditation visits in January 2010.

### Publications and Presentations

**Drs. Rosemary Buteau (REMB), Dr. Elizabeth Reed Osika (SETE) and Ms. Rochelle Johnson's** article, titled, "Factors Influencing Faculty Use of Technology in Online Instruction: A Case Study." was published in the Spring 2009 edition of the *Online Journal of Distance Learning Administration* (OJDLA). The article addresses and outlines answers to the question "How can an institution encourage their faculty members to move forward with online instruction?" It can be accessed at <http://www.westga.edu/~distance/ojdla/>.



*Johnson, Osika and Buteau*

work of an organized group of deans of education whose institutions serve a major urban school system.

**January 30, 2009--Dr. Gail Ito (HPER)** delivered a presentation, titled "Safety in Pools for Diverse Community Members," at the Illinois Parks and Recreation Conference in Chicago. Among the items she discussed was how to make swimming facilities both safe and welcoming for culturally diverse populations.

**February 6, 2009—Dr. Sylvia Gist and Dr. Lisa Pesavento (COE Dean's Office)** participated in a panel discussion with the Consortium of Chicago Area Deans of Education at the American Association of Colleges of Teachers of Education's (AACTE) Conference in Chicago. Titled "Refusing to be Driven Apart: Challenges and Opportunities for Shared Action Within a Consortium of Urban Deans of Education," the discussants examined the benefits and challenges of collaborative *(continued in next column)*

**February 7, 2009—Dr. Lisa Pesavento (COE Dean's Office)** co-presented with D. Drew Pandel at the American Association of Colleges of Teachers of Education Conference (AACTE) in Chicago. The presentation, entitled "CSU and the CPS: Working Together to Provide an Innovative and Sustainable Partnership Through an NBPTS Model," described CSU's successful partnership with Chicago Public Schools and the work with CSU and other alums to increase the number of racial/ethnic minority national board certified teachers in high-need schools in Chicago.

**March 19, 2009—Dr. Chyrese Wolf (REMB)** co-presented at the Illinois Reading Council conference with faculty from Illinois State University." The title of the presentation was "A Conversation About Literacy Policy Issues in Illinois."

**April 1, 2009--Dr. Mary Grace Bator (HPER)** presented at the American Alliance for Health Education and Recreation Conference in Tampa, Florida. Dr. Bator's presentation, titled "GoGirlGo! Chicago: The Women's Sports Foundation's Equal Play Model," familiarized attendees with this national education and awareness initiative, which successfully keeps girls ages 8 to 18 from dropping out of school and enables them to live an active lifestyle and educate others.

## Awards and Recognitions

**Mario Silva (HPER student)** received the 2009 Outstanding Major of the Year award from the National Association of Sports and Physical Education (NASPE). Each year, NASPE honors exemplary juniors and seniors who have a GPA of 3.0 or higher and have contributed extensive services to the community.

**Tim Andersen (HPER Alumnus)** was awarded the 2008-2009 Michael Jordan Fundamentals Grant. Tim is an

instructor at Chicago's May Community Academy. The grant recognizes educators nationwide for their outstanding achievements and contributions in the classroom and allows them the opportunity to implement innovative programs at their schools. Tim notes that, "It is through these grants that we can inspire children to awaken their appetite for learning by gaining access to books, supplies and resources that have previously been out of reach to these deserving children."

## State, National and International Collaborations

### State

**Dr. Chyrese Wolf, Assistant Professor (REMB)**, was elected to serve as the legislative liaison for the College Instructors of Reading Professionals (CIRP) of the Illinois Reading Council. This is a new officer position, and Dr. Wolf is the first person to fill it.

### National

**Dr. Timothy Harrington (REMB)** supervised a group of pre-service teachers from March 16 – 20 while they served a one-week internship in Morris, Minnesota. The COE and the University of Minnesota (UMM) collaborate to provide pre-service teachers with diverse teaching experiences in diverse geographic locations. Through a reciprocal arrangement, the UMM brings a group of students to Chicago each year to gain pre-service experience in an urban setting. With assistance from UMM faculty, Dr. Harrington monitored CSU's students as they worked in rural-based schools in Morris and surrounding towns.

### International

From February 23-27, faculty and staff in the COE hosted a delegation of five professors from Addis Ababa University (AAU), located in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. During the visit, which was planned in advance by the Deans of Colleges of Education at CSU and AAU, the group discussed the possibility of the following collaboration activities:



*CSU's Interim President, Dr. Frank Pogue (l), receives banner from AAU's Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, Dr. Akililu Dalelo*

- Exchange scholars (faculty, and undergraduate and graduate students) to: Deliver lectures; gain tutoring and other clinical experiences; serve as student teachers, interns, and fellows.
- Identify and activate a pool of qualified visiting exchange professors.
- Secure technological infrastructures that make online courses seamlessly available and accessible to CSU and AAU students.

## Pursuing Funds

**Dr. Patricia Steinhaus (SETE)** recently submitted a proposal requesting \$190,000 in continuation funds from the Illinois State Board of Education to support the "Grow Your Own (GYO) Project. The GYO Project is a collaborative partnership among community-based agencies, Chicago Public Schools, institutions of higher education and an organization entitled Grow Your Own Illinois.

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