Professor Uline Receives 2010 Litarati Network Award for Excellence

Every year Emerald Literati Network invites each journal’s Editorial Team to nominate what they believe has been that title’s Outstanding Special Issue and also Highly Commended Special Issues from the previous 12 months. The Editorial Team found Dr. Uline’s work entitled, Building high quality schools for learners and communities, to be of extremely high quality. The work was published in the Journal of Educational Administration and was chosen for a Highly Commended Special Issue Award at the Literati Network Awards for Excellence 2010. The issue was selected for being one of the most impressive pieces of work the team had seen throughout 2009.

Congratulations Dr. Uline!
To read more, visit our website: http://coe.sdsu.edu/news/

Dr. Cynthia Park Awarded COE’s Highest Award

Dr. Cynthia Park has been selected to be a recipient of the Walter O. Mason, Jr. Award from the Council of Opportunity in Education (COE)! This is the highest award granted by the COE and it acknowledges the recipients' lifetime achievements on behalf of TRIO students and their families.

The Council of Opportunity in Education established the Walter O. Mason, Jr. Award in 1988 to honor outstanding educational opportunity professionals who exemplify Mason’s sense of leadership and ideals. It was largely through his vision and drive that administrators, counselors, and teachers in TRIO Programs came together to form regional associations. His life was marked by wisdom, compassion, and love for all things good and just—all qualities as rare as they are precious.

Dr. Park will receive this award at the upcoming National COE Annual Conference banquet, to be held here in San Diego, September 2, 2010 at the Grand Hyatt.
Congratulations Dr. Park!

Escobar Elected CASC Representative

Second year graduate student, Ruben Escobar, in the middle school counseling & PPS credential program will serve as the Graduate Student Representative for the California Association of School Counselors (CASC). “I am very honored to have this opportunity and will serve in my position to the best of my ability,” Escobar said.

Escobar will represent graduate students and school counselors at the state level and will work with state leaders in the professions of School Counselors, Counselor Educators, Administrators, and other professionals in the field of Education.

Escobar will serve as a mentor and resource for students. His responsibilities will include informing graduate students about resources that CASC offers.
Ed Leadership Hosts First Chinese and American Leadership Institute

The College of Education, Department of Educational Leadership hosted its first Chinese and American Educational Leadership Institute from June 21 – June 25, 2010. School administrators and university faculty from Chongqing, Beijing and Zhejiang China joined a cohort of doctoral students and participants from local school districts for this experience.

Throughout the week, the participants visited local schools and the San Diego County Office of Education to observe and experience first language immersion programs, special education programs, small high schools, and the use of technology in schools and districts across San Diego. During the week, doctoral students from the Department of Educational Leadership facilitated round table discussions on these same topics. During the evenings, doctoral students and Chinese delegates toured San Diego and had dinner together, giving them more opportunities to learn about each other, their schools, and cultures. The culminating dinner was sponsored by and held at the Barona Casino and Resorts Golfing Events Center and was a huge success. Doctoral students and Chinese delegates formed lasting relationships that will continue for years into the future. Assistant Professor, Cheryl James-Ward coordinated the institute.

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Alumnus Named Interim Dean at Sonoma State

Former student, Carlos Ayala, of the Educational Leadership Department, has been named interim Dean of the School of Education at Sonoma State University, effective August 1, 2010. Dr. Ayala’s work focuses on preparing a more diverse group of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) teachers; effectively and accurately assessing student learning; and employing assessment data in the continuous improvement of academic programs.

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The San Diego State University Confucius Institute, the San Diego County Office of Education, Sister Schools of San Diego, and Lakeside Union School District were collaborative partners for this phenomenal event.

COE Welcomes Troops to Teachers

The COE is proud to announce our partnership with the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Educational Support (DANTES). We welcome two talented recruiters, Bill Leitheiser and Kawanda McLendon, who will focus on a program called, Troops to Teachers.

Troops to Teachers provides Counseling and Referral services to military personnel interested in beginning a second career in public education as a teacher. The DANTES Troops to Teachers office will help applicants identify teacher certification requirements, programs leading to certification and employment opportunities. The recruiters can be found in the Office of Student Services, EBA 259.

To learn more about Troops to Teachers, go to www.proudtoserveagain.com.

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