Jaime Teague Enochs, a 2003 graduate of the SDSU School of Teacher Education Single Subject Credential program, was recently selected as a Milken Family Foundation Educator Award winner, which includes a $25,000 award. Ms. Enochs, a teacher at San Diego High School, comes from a long line of teachers with strong SDSU and San Diego connections: her aunts, Kathi Teague Holowach (currently a lecturer at SDSU), Aileen Teague (a math teacher in SDUSD), and Janice Nabeta Schell (an elementary teacher in SDUSD) all received their credentials from SDSU. Ms. Enochs has great-aunts and a great-grandmother who were also teachers. The Milken Educator Award recognizes outstanding educators and is intended to encourage talented young people to enter the teaching profession. This year, 54 educators are being honored with the Milken Educator Award, according to officials. In addition to the $25,000 prize, recipients will travel to Los Angeles to attend the Milken Educator Forum. Since it was established in 1987, more than 2,400 educators around the country have been honored with the Milken Educator Award. For more on this story, please visit www.cbs8.com or SignOnSanDiego.com. Congratulations to Ms. Enochs for this prestigious recognition.

Matthew Tessier, who received his administrative credential and M.A. in Educational Leadership in 2003, was featured in the September 19 issue of the San Diego Union Tribune as a principal who “turns schools around.” Mr. Tessier (pictured below) is principal at Harborside Elementary School in the Chula Vista Elementary School District, and formerly principal of Loma Verde Elementary School. While under his leadership, Loma Verde Elementary was removed from the list of schools under program improvement after two consecutive years of dramatically improved test scores. Harborside Elementary School is currently on the verge of being removed from the federal watch list. These are especially impressive accomplishments given that Mr. Tessier has been a principal for only four years. (Photo: John Gibbins/Union-Tribune)

Dr. Yasemin Turan Qian and Dr. Laura J. Hall (Department of Special Education) are in the second of four years of grant support awarded from the Office of Special Education Programs to prepare educators working with young children with autism spectrum disorders. The grant, entitled, Sustaining Evidence-Based Practices for Young Learners with Autism, provides $200,000 per year to support students and faculty initiatives. The photo above was taken during a national conference when special education faculty and research project supervisors (Dr. Hall, Dr. Turan and Dr. Bonnie Kraemer) accompanied ten M.A. degree candidates, some who presented their culminating research projects, and others who were attending their first professional conference. A field trip to visit programs serving individuals with autism in the Phoenix area was also a part of this professional development experience.

The School Counseling Program in the Department of Counseling and School Psychology hosted Dr. Bung-Hwan Cho from the Department of Elementary Education at Gongju National University of Education in Gongju, Chungnam, Korea, from March 1, 2009 through Fall 2009. Dr. Cho showed his appreciation with a generous donation of $3,000 to the Center for Excellence in School Counseling and Leadership (CESCaL). This funding will support training materials and experiences for graduate students as they prepare for their work as school counselors. Thank you, Dr. Bung-Hwan Cho! (Pictured: Dr. Trish Hatch, Director of School counseling programs and director of CESCaL, with Dr. Bung-Hwan Cho)