



COLLEGE OF EDUCATION FACULTY AND STAFF 2014-2015

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

It is exciting to be a part of the College of Education at Northeastern State



Dr. Debbie Landry-Dean, NSU College of Education

University. As I complete my third year as Dean, I am amazed at the range of activities going on in the College and the quality of faculty, staff and student efforts. With five departments and many more majors and programs, we offer an incredible range of learning possibilities and some of the best teaching and most inspiring faculty that higher education has to offer. Every day either brings news of an effective classroom innovation, an amazing internship or field experience, and ways to volunteer in the community. We are pleased to bring you our college newsletter, which is our first effort to introduce members of our outstanding faculty, staff and student body. In the pages that follow,

you will quickly see that we are working to even higher standards of excellence, care, and scholarship in all that we do.

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The College Clarion

SUMMER 2015



Student & Faculty Spotlight

We congratulate our faculty on a wonderful academic year. In this Clarion issue we celebrated Dr. Stephan Sargent, Associate Professor and Director for the NSU Broken Arrow Reading Clinic.

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Alumni Spotlight

We feature some of our outstanding alumni in this issue. Would you like to share your story or tell us about an outstanding alumni? Write to the NSU College of Education Clarion at coenews@nsuok.edu

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Teaching for Inspiration: Celebration of Teaching 2015

Each year our faculty and staff host the annual Celebration of Teaching. Funding for this event is made possible by a grant through the Oklahoma State Regents for



Mr. Sean McComb 2014 National Teacher of the Year (Patapsco High School, Baltimore, MD-English, Dr. Debbie Landry-Dean, NSU College of Education and Mr. Jason Proctor, 2015 Oklahoma Teacher of the Year (Tahlequah High School-Mathematics)

At the Celebration of Teaching opening, both the state and national honorees addressed the crowd of 120 students to share their passion about teaching.

Following the address, local school district "Teacher of the Year" recipients had a panel discussion. Members of the audience were able to ask questions on a live twitter feed and the teachers responded. The students' really enjoyed being able to use their phone to connect across generations with the teacher representatives.

The interactive workshops were the finale of the day and students engaged in fun learning activities that highlighted the art of teaching.



Higher Education. We involve our pre-service teacher candidates in planning and assisting with the event. Our Tahlequah and Broken Arrow chapters of Kappa Delta Pi are on hand to set the stage for other future teachers.



The Educator's Desk: From the Classroom to the Court!

Adam Brown, recent NSU alumni, has been referred to by our college of education faculty as a shining star. He has been doing great work in his ECE field

Our college administration impressed with was offered as he completed his to being an teacher Adam COE SOEA Additionally, student

OEA's statewide legislative committee. Because of his outstanding work, Adam was rewarded with a large trophy from OEA this spring.



faculty and have been so his work that he position as soon as degree. In addition excellent student served as the NSU President this year. Adam was our representative on

Coach **Eli Brown**, NSU Alumnus and the Central High School varsity basketball team brought



home the state championship. In addition to serving as the head varsity basketball coach, Eli also teaches speech education at

Central. The gentlemen were invited to the Oklahoma Capitol to meet with Representative Kevin Matthews. To celebrate the championship, Representative Matthews presented them to on the gallery floor during the House of Representatives session.

Spring 2015 Student & Faculty Spotlight

Student Spotlight on Mr. David Dotson, Elementary Education Major



NSU was also represented with one of its own education majors. David Dotson, an Elementary Education major, has been named a DaVinci Scholar.

Coining himself another one of Dr. Linda Wilson's 'chased

rabbits', Dotson found both his nomination and selection for the honor to be a great surprise.

"I considered this scholarship a pipe dream, and one Sunday as I was out getting coffee, I randomly checked my email. I was dumbfounded that I had actually won," Dotson said. "I wasn't sure whether it was real until Dr. Wilson called me later that afternoon screaming her head off in excitement."

The proposal that brought Dotson to the selection committee, although unconventional and to some risky, was exactly the type of innovation and thinking outside-of-the-box for which the DaVinci Institute stands.

Dotson, a member of Mission Tulsa, an organization that has been feeding the downtown Tulsa homeless population for almost five

years, used this experience to create a proposal to have "high-risk" students interact with homeless people. Through his service, Dotson



explained that many of the homeless people Mission Tulsa serves have inspiring stories, and partnering them with students, provides them with the opportunity to

share stories of similar situations, an invaluable resource. Currently, Dotson and his group of students serve food and hang out three times a month in the TCC Metro campus Art Building with some of Tulsa's downtown homeless population.

"Any college can provide you with a rigorous curriculum and robust social life," Dotson said. "However, NSU provides the best-case scenario for real-world experience. I'm in the middle of 80 full days in an elementary school classroom as well as participating within my proposal, and no textbook can teach you what boots-on-the-ground feels like."

Both honors were given on a nomination system, followed by a selection committee, where nominees' accomplishments were judged based on complexity of issue(s), fresh perspective and creative approaches and effectiveness and appropriateness of results.

Faculty Spotlight on Dr. Stephan Sargent, Associate Professor and Director of the Center for Reading and Literature

A creative and multi-talented man indeed, Dr. Stephan Sargent, Director, Center for Reading and Literature, Associate Professor, Curriculum and Instruction and recently named the 2015 DaVinci Fellow.



"While so many faculty and staff at the university are deserving of this wonderful award, being chosen by my colleagues is

humbling," Sargent said. "Analogous to the famous charge given to all Americans by President Kennedy, the role of the university professor must be rooted in service to others. The university professor has a great capacity to use his/her creativity (the impetus of the DaVinci Fellowship), experiences, intellectual training, role and resources to have a positive impact on society. Through creativity this is possible."

Sargent, who has charged himself personally with living a service-driven life, has dedicated his life's work to helping enhance the literacy of all people. His service does not end in the classrooms at NSU; moreover,



Sargent volunteers weekly alongside his students at Roy Clark Elementary School in Tulsa.

"While I can't teach every child, I can help many through my own work and my work in preparing future teachers," Sargent said. I have discovered that the incorporation of service as an integral portion of coursework helps to bring the textbook to life. I am constantly amazed at how much more students glean from a course when actively involved in a content-related service project than when passively taking notes. I am probably most satisfied that students are rediscovering the truth revealed by Albert Einstein so many decades ago, "Only a life lived in service to others is worth living."

No stranger to being recognized for his hard work and dedication, Sargent has also received the 2015 North Central Accreditation/AdvancED Oklahoma Excellence in Education Award, the 2014 College of Education Award for Service from NSU's College of Education, the College of Education

Outstanding Faculty Award for Service from NSU in 2011, the Model the Way Award, from NSU President Turner, in 2011 and the Circle of Excellence Award from NSU in 2011.

After earning his Bachelor of Science in Elementary of Education degree from Oklahoma State University, Sargent went on to earn a master's degree from the University of Tulsa in School Guidance and Counseling and his Doctor of Education degree from Oklahoma State University in Reading/Literacy.

Since 2004, Sargent has been an integral part of NSU's College of Education, serving in the Curriculum and Instruction department, within the Reading/Literacy program, as an assistant and associate professor, and also as the program chair/coordinator for the Undergraduate/Graduate Reading Program. Prior to his time at NSU, Sargent taught at Lincoln Elementary School in Ponca City.

Sargent will join a handful of NSU faculty members who have been honored with the award, which has been given out since 2006.

Save the Date: College of Education 3rd Annual SNAG Fundraiser*

NSU College of Education's

SNAG golf

Scholarship Fundraiser

Saturday, September 12th, 2015

9-11 am Morning Flight

11 am - 1 pm Afternoon Flight

SNAG Golf Course-Burnt Cabin, OK



*Proceeds go directly to COE student scholarships, corporate, team and individual sponsorships are available.

FUNDING FAST FACTS

COE Support

76%

The College of Education supports NSU with our giving. Our employees contribute financially and through service.

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The results of the 2014-2015 annual giving campaign were announced. The College of Education faculty and staff beat the Library to claim the Silver Cup for the largest percentage of giving by any of the teams across the university. The COE ended at an all time high in percentage with a rate of 76%. The Library team was at 75%.

NSU College of Education Alumni Ambassador Program

Our goal is to prepare educational leaders, scholars and developers of human potential. The best recruitment tool we have to accomplish this goal is you, our alumni. You exemplify the professionalism, knowledge and identity that we want to encourage in future educators. We invite you to be a "COE Alumni Ambassador". Signing up is easy, contact Dr. Allyson Watson at leggett@nsuok.edu.

We will send you an ambassador packet and jump drive with recruitment documents. We appreciate you for being our ambassadors. Additionally, if you would like to have a faculty member or representative visit your school to recruit potential future teachers and counselors please let us know.



Alumni Spotlight



DENNIS CASEY, c/o 1982 and 2000

Rep. Casey earned his B.S. in Education (1982) & Masters of Administration (2000) from Northeastern State University. He was elected to the Oklahoma

House of Representatives, District 35, in 2010, and is currently serving his 3rd term as Representative. His favorite quote is, "If a child can't learn the way we teach, maybe we should teach the way they learn" as quoted by Dr. Sue Ellen Reed.



TRACI GARDNER, c/o 2010

Traci earned her Master of Education with an emphasis in Reading. Currently, she is an Assistant Principal with Union Public Schools. Traci's favorite quote is, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change

the world." Nelson Mandela".

ALUMNI UPDATES

NSU College of Education Recognizes the Outstanding Accomplishments of our Alumni



Do you know of an outstanding NSU College of Education alumni who is doing great work locally or nationally? Let us know. We are interested in featuring leaders in our field. Please contact us at coenews@nsuoke.edu.



DR. BRADY GARRETT, c/o 2004 and 2006

Brady earned his bachelor's degree in psychology and master's in counseling psychology. Currently, he is a Psychologist and National Institutes of Health Postdoctoral Fellow at Cherokee Nation Behavioral

Health. His favorite quote is, "Where there is a will, there is a way".



DR. KIRTIS D. HARTZLER, c/o 1990

Kirtis, earned his Master's of Education in school administration. Currently, he is superintendent of Union Public Schools in Tulsa, Oklahoma. His favorite quote is, "It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men".

Bon Voyage Dr. Giese, Happy Retirement

Dr. Mark Giese, Professor and Chair

Department of Health and
Kinesiology

The college was honored to have met and worked with Dr. Mark Giese, a man of outstanding character and very good sense of humor. We wish Dr. Giese well and to commemorate his retirement we asked the following questions of his wife, Mrs. Bonnie Giese and his boss, Dr. Debbie Landry:

What is Dr. Giese's most memorable moment at NSU?

What was Dr. Giese's most challenging moment?

What will Dr. Giese miss most about NSU?

What advice do you think he would give his NSU colleagues?

According to Bonnie Giese...

- *Mark's most memorable moment, was receiving Centurion Award from Northeastern State University*
- *His most challenging moment will be when he walks out of his office for the last time.*
- *He will definitely miss the students, faculty and staff the most.*
- *His advice to his colleagues will be always keep the students FIRST.*

According to Dr. Debbie Landry...

- *Dr. Giese's most memorable moment was "Knighting" various administrators at NSU.*
- *Dr. Giese's most challenging moment was getting faculty to not smoke in their offices.*
- *Dr. Giese will certainly miss Students! Faculty! Staff! the most.*
- *Dr. Giese's advice to his colleagues will be to analyze your data and make informed decisions.*



Dr. Giese will be missed by his colleagues, students and everyone that he came in contact with at NSU. We love you Dr. Giese and we gracefully accept the baton and will continue to run this marathon. Thank you for the great leg that you ran it has given us a great advantage in this lifelong educational race.



2014-2015 COE Photo Gallery



2015 Outstanding Intern, Devon Robison, early childhood major, with Dr. Debbie Landry, Peggy Glenn, Director of Development, and Don Yates, Intern Coordinator



Brittany Crow, HPE major, 2015 Winner of the SNAG - Starting New at Golf - award with Dr. Vanessa Anton.



Dr. Stephan Sargent and David Dotson at the 2015 DaVinci awards.

Riverhawk Academy for Future Teachers Workshop



Dr. Landry and the KIPP students participate in scientific exploration during their STEAM activity.



Left: Very interesting science lesson with Dr. Fries, the student participants work in teams to assemble their robots .



Right: Dr. Moody in action teaching 6th grade Broken Arrow students programming with robotics!



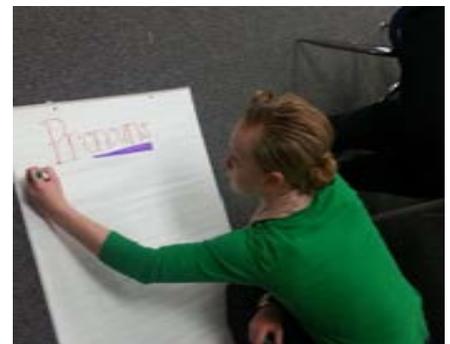
Above: TURN students visit the Oklahoma capitol!



KIPP students learning about some of the benefits available to teachers.



Left: Dr. Sargent's version of what appears to be speed learning from a distance, but no it is not. This game checks to see how much students know about the requirements for being a teacher.



Pre-1 student prepares for class learning presentation.