GREETINGS FROM JEFF MCCUBBIN, DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF APPLIED HUMAN SCIENCES

I am honored and excited to join the Colorado State University family and to be serving as the new dean of the College of Applied Human Sciences. Since beginning here at Colorado State in July, I’ve had the pleasure of getting to know many of our alumni and I look forward to meeting many more of you throughout the coming year.

I am enthusiastic about initiatives within the school, especially the professional development school collaborations and working with the University to prioritize training teachers to fill needs in the science, technology, engineering, and math areas. A national search is underway for a new director who will work with me to refine the vision for the School of Education. I welcome your comments as we move forward!

As CSU enters the final year in the $500 million Campaign for Colorado State, you will continue to be a critical partner, inspiring our students and faculty by believing in and contributing to our shared mission.

This year, I plan to spend much of my time traveling and visiting with you – our alumni and friends. I look forward to meeting you, thanking you in person, and asking for your continued investment in our college. Please call on me at any time with your ideas for our shared success.

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Colorado State Receives Grant to Support Training Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Teachers

The School of Teacher Education and Principal Preparation received a $1.2 million National Science Foundation grant for the Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program. Ten outstanding teacher education students will be selected each year for four years to teach in high-need school districts.

The students are talented science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) majors who want to become teachers. Partnering with the Colleges of Natural Sciences and Engineering, STEPP hopes to establish a pipeline to recruit students into the CSU STEM teacher preparation program.

Scholarship recipients will receive $10,000 per year for both their junior and senior years. They are required to complete two years of teaching in a high-need school district for every year of scholarship received. High-need is determined by the number of students who qualify for free and reduced lunches in the district.

An online networking site for the students provides information on upcoming professional development as well as resources related to STEM education. The students will also be mentored during their first two years teaching with access to professional development opportunities and a $2,000 stipend to purchase supplies.

“I was lucky enough to find that my true passion in life is to be a teacher. This realization came with unparalleled excitement and infinite optimism for the future.”

– Noah Sandoval, ’13

The initial cohort of Noyce scholars kicked off the program this year. They are an enthusiastic group. Amanda Irish, ’13, commented, “Effective teachers can better themselves and are not afraid of change; they must be willing to alter details to get the recipe for success just right in every class.”

CSU and the College of Applied Human Sciences have made promoting STEM education and the training of teachers a priority. Learn more at www.stem.colostate.edu.
Saundra L. Taylor, Ph.D., former vice-president for student affairs, University of Arizona, spoke at the College of Applied Human Sciences Mary Scott Lecture Series. The School of Education sponsored her visit and held an open house following the presentation. Her talk, Learning from Community Crisis: Rebuilding and Prevention, summarized Taylor’s own leadership experiences in the aftermath of tragic events on the Arizona campus. She provided leadership on campus security issues and helped create a Campus Emergency Response Team following the shooting of three faculty members in the College of Nursing by a student. In her presentation she discussed prevention, stress management, tolerance, and ways to minimize the stigma of mental health issues.

The School of Education retiree luncheon was held May 6. Emeritus and retired faculty in attendance included Tex Anderson, Betty Bloom, Bart Beaudin, Lonnie Wood, Duane Jansen, Grant Sherwood, George Morgan, John Littrell, Nancy Hartley, Carol Mathena, and Jean Lehmann. Anderson’s career in the unit spanned 34 years beginning when the school was known as the Department of Vocational Education. He was instrumental in changing the designation of “department” to School of Occupational and Educational Studies, which later was shortened to School of Education. Anderson served as department head for ten years and then was the director of the school’s graduate programs office until he retired in 1998.

Saundra Taylor pictured, right, with Nancy Hartley, emeritus dean and school director.

Tex Anderson, left, pictured with Gene Gloeckner, professor in the school.

School of Education Events Build Community

School of Education Congratulates Two Retirees

Tim Davies served as the director of the school from 2005-2009. He was hired in 1995 to develop a Ph.D. specialization in community college leadership and was the program chair for the past fifteen years. This program is nationally recognized for its excellence. Over the course of his career, he taught doctoral classes and has advised many students who, upon graduation, have assumed leadership positions in community colleges. He was a recipient of the College of Applied Human Sciences Outstanding Advisor Award and Outstanding Teacher Award, the N. Preston Davis Award for Instructional Innovation, and the Jack E. Cermak Advising Award.

John Littrell joined the School of Education counseling and career development program faculty in 2004, becoming the program chair in 2005. He is a leader in the use of brief counseling strategies, a solution-based form of therapy that builds on people’s strengths and goals. He served as president of the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision in 1992-1993. His research and practice led to the publication of several books, one of which was translated into Italian. In addition to his extensive publication and presentation record about brief counseling, he also writes about the general practice of counseling in educational settings.

John Littrell

Kelly Littrell

Tasha Tadewald, donor to the L. Sharon Blocker Memorial Scholarship, remembered her mother and spoke about why she supports scholarships at the Scholarship and Awards Recognition Luncheon on Nov. 6.

NEW FACULTY AND STAFF

Karen Rambo recently joined the faculty. Her research interest focuses on gifted and high achieving students and research methodologies for assessing student academic growth. Rambo received her Ph.D. in educational psychology in measurement, evaluation, and assessment from the University of Connecticut.

Paul Hernandez holds a post-doctoral position in the school. He earned his Ph.D. in educational psychology in measurement, evaluation, and assessment from the University of Connecticut. He is working with Brian Cobb on a funded national grant project and with the school’s research methods faculty.

Susan Becker, hired as the School of Education’s financial officer, received both her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in accounting administration from Colorado State. Previously she was a financial analyst at CSU, working the last two and a half years in the Lory Student Center as accounting and budget officer.

Karen Rambo

Paul Hernandez

Susan Becker

2011 SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
Dorothy Horrell – Passionate Educator, Leader, and CSU Triple Graduate

Throughout her distinguished career, Dorothy Horrell, ’73, ’78, ’92, has never held a position in which she did not use the foundational skills she learned while pursuing her three degrees from the School of Education at Colorado State. “I’ll always be grateful for my CSU education; I have used that knowledge every single day,” Dorothy currently serves as president of the Bonfils-Stanton Foundation in Denver and as a member of the Colorado State Board of Governors. A passionate and energetic leader, Dorothy has dedicated her life to leading organizations and institutions, helping them be more strategic and better connected to the community, where they may leave a positive impact on our world. Dorothy explains that CSU taught her how to see the pieces and parts, how they come together as a whole, into something great.

From her early years and through participation in 4H, Dorothy recognized that she wanted to be a home economist. It was at her father’s advice that she pursued an education degree. “He told me that would be my insurance package, and that I would always be able to provide for myself.”

Dorothy credits the wonderful faculty for the strong foundation she received during her undergraduate work at CSU – teachers like Carilyn Norris and Juanita Roberts. She also recalls her days spent in the home economics practice house and serving on the dean’s council. “Family is the basic unit of society, from which everything else stems. These are the fundamentals I learned at CSU that can be applied to the work place, community, and world.”

Following graduation with her bachelor’s degree in vocational home economics education, and an eight-month 4H exchange program in Taiwan, Dorothy began her career teaching high school home economics in Denver. She quickly expanded into a role at the state level, working with home economics programs and curriculum across Colorado. It was during these appointments that Dorothy decided to return to CSU to pursue her master’s degree in vocational education.

Next on Dorothy’s path was her transition into community college administration, first serving in leadership positions at Arapahoe Community College, and then directing the occupational education division for the state. When she was asked to serve as president of Red Rocks Community College, Dorothy knew it was time to head back to campus to earn her doctorate. “CSU was a natural decision for me.”

These were indeed long days for Dorothy – juggling school, a full time job, and parenting. But CSU and professors like Tex Anderson believed in her and were committed to her success. “My research focused on the persistence and success of community college students who transferred to four-year colleges, as compared to four-year traditional students.” She recalls advice from Professor Anderson: “The only good dissertation is a completed dissertation. Do what you can where you can make a contribution.”

With her Ph.D. in vocational education, Dorothy spent the next decade at Red Rocks Community College, where she yet again used her people skills and CSU knowledge to bring people and organizations together to rethink the institution and shift the focus to being more student-centered and connected to the community.

Dorothy rounded out this phase of her career by serving as president of the state system of community colleges, where she took her passion for the community college mission to work with the legislature on the issues of transferability of course work between institutions.

“It was time for the next chapter and Bonfils-Stanton Foundation took a leap of faith and hired me.” That was ten years ago. As president of the Foundation, Dorothy explains the common thread that has been woven throughout her accomplished career. “Whether it’s a community college or a nonprofit, the same skills apply. It’s the people who make things happen. As I learned early on at CSU in human and family relationship classes, if you invest in people and help them become aware of their strengths and be more strategic, they will come together to develop individually and collectively. It’s about developing leaders.”

Celebrating Strength in Numbers

Collective giving is a powerful way of pooling donations to make a larger impact on campus and beyond. Last year, gifts from most donors averaged less than $100, yet we were still able to provide meaningful scholarships, fund student travel, bring industry speakers into the classroom, and sponsor important research projects.

Many Colorado State University graduates have been recipients of scholarships, or had a favorite faculty member that inspired them to find their career path. If you are inspired to give back and support initiatives in the School of Education, go to www.advancing.colostate.edu/EDUCATION.

There are several scholarship endowments that benefit students in the School of Education.

Many thanks to our current and future donors! We appreciate your continued support and investment. Every gift counts!

For more information on giving, contact Kim Winger at (970) 491-2797 or Kim.Winger@colostate.edu.

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Susanne Jalbert, ‘97, ’99, a senior diplomat with the United States Agency for International Development in Afghanistan, Herat Consulate, was awarded the College of Applied Human Sciences Honor Alumna Award as part of the CSU Distinguished Alumni Awards.

Jalbert earned her M.Ed. in vocational education and Ph.D. in education and human resource studies from Colorado State.

Jalbert is an international business development consultant and economic activist. She works to advocate for economic parity for women business owners globally.

Her mission is equitable business development strategy and policy through institutional capacity building. To date, she has assisted USAID on 88 assignments in 45 countries, economically touching hundreds of thousands of lives.

With sustainability and economic equity always in mind, she has founded business associations in the United States, Nepal, Russia, and Iraq and has worked with hundreds of business associations throughout the world.

She says, “I credit CSU with showering me in positive encouragement. When I think of CSU, I am warmed by the support I received from my committee members, faculty, and administrators. It’s rewarding to feel that I am contributing to a better life for someone somewhere and making a small difference in our interconnected world.”