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### MESSAGE from the DEAN

The School of Education has celebrated many successes over the past year. In addition, it has experienced some significant losses — the death of two valued colleagues: Fr. Walt Krolikowski and Dr. Anna Lowe. Each committed a major part of their professional life to Loyola University Chicago and the School of Education. True to Loyola’s promise, Dr. Lowe and Fr. K. helped to prepare people to lead extraordinary lives.

In honor of their contribution, two endowed awards have been established. Through these generous endowments, their legacy will live on in our future recipients. More information about these awards can be found in this newsletter.



Dean David Prasse, PhD and Dr. Harry Rossi (EdD '85)

We are grateful to Dr. Harry Rossi (EdD '85), a well-known former school superintendent, for assuming a leadership role in further developing our alumni outreach efforts. Dr. Rossi is leading a strategic initiative in the School of Education that will strengthen our alumni network by assisting in communication from the School to its alums and in the School’s development activities.

**David Prasse, PhD**  
Dean, School of Education

**Golden Apple Scholars:**  
Lauren Scherer, Melissa Nemeth, Jocelyn Casper, Mariana Howard-Paez, Kristy Wettersten, Julie Buckley, Sara Baar.  
(Not pictured: Nancy Compean, Alison Eichorn, Jessica Herrera, Gloria Verastegui, Akta Desai, Rida Siddiqui)



## Fall 2007 Alumni Reception

The Fall Reception was well attended by alumni, faculty, staff, and several emeriti faculty. Among the guests were Loyola’s '07-'08 Golden Apple Scholars. These teacher candidates receive a financial scholarship and additional resources from the Golden Apple Foundation based on their commitment to teach in high-need schools.



**Emeriti faculty:**  
Drs. Phil Carlin, Barney Berlin, Larry Braskamp, Jasper Valenti, John Wozniak.

**SPRING 2008  
ALUMNI RECEPTION**

**6-8 P.M., APRIL 8, 2008**  
BEANE HALL, LEWIS TOWERS, WTC



# Remembering Two of Loyola's Finest Educators



## Anna Lowe Scholarship

"How gratifying it was to prepare people for one of the most important professions: teaching."

—Anna Lowe (1953-2007)

Dr. Anna Lowe served Loyola for 16 years, initially as the School of Education associate dean and later as

a faculty member within the Teacher Preparation program. The Anna Lowe Scholarship Fund will provide scholarship support for undergraduate students enrolled in the School of Education teacher preparation program who have an interest in African American Studies, Education, Heritage and Culture. A \$10,000 scholarship will be awarded every other year to a student of junior status.

The first scholarship will be awarded in Fall 2008.

On behalf of the University, President Michael J. Garanzini, S.J., committed \$50,000 to create the endowment. To date, 54 donors have contributed to this scholarship, bringing the total to almost \$60,000. Contributions can be sent to the School of Education.

For more information, contact Emily Hoey, SOE Director of Development, at [ehoey@luc.edu](mailto:ehoey@luc.edu) or 312-915-6891.



## The Fr. Walt Krolikowski Endowed Research Professorship

Rev. Walter P. Krolikowski, S.J., (1923-2007) fondly known as "Fr. K," was a former dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and a School of Education professor.

In his honor, Loyola established a research professorship within the School of Education.

The Fr. Walt Krolikowski Endowed Research Professorship recognizes a SOE faculty member who substantively contributes to the knowledge base of her or his discipline through research and scholarship and will be awarded this spring.

He is remembered by countless former students, colleagues and friends. Since his death, many sent their treasured memories of Fr. K. to the School. We share two of those thoughts:

Walter truly lived the ideals of St. Ignatius. I was very fortunate to have him as my mentor and guest in my home. My family and I will miss Walter's good will and reverence for life.

—Ronald R., Arlington Heights, IL

We remember him as a professor and friend. Our world and nation are a little less with Walt's passing.

—Max and Judith B., Seattle, WA

## CPELL Awarded Grant

The National Professional Development Grant awarded a \$1.2 million grant to the School's project called **Chicagoland Partners for English Language Learners (CPELL)**. Issued by the Office of English Language Acquisition within the U.S. Department of Education, the money will be distributed over five years. CPELL will provide scholarships and will focus on school-based professional development to improve the classroom instruction of English language learners. CPELL emphasizes developing leaders, as well as educational and parental advocates for bilingual students.

### PARTNERSHIP SCHOOLS

- Skokie Fairview School District 72
- Aptakisic-Tripp School District 102
- Hawthorn School District 73
- North Shore School District 112



**Collaborators in the CPELL grant:** Dr. Marla Israel, Assistant Professor, Dr. Elizabeth Vera, Professor, Joanna Rankin and Laura Dick (graduate assistants), Dr. Sharon Adelman Reyes, Assistant Professor, Yolanda Garcia-Gomez, CPELL project coordinator



## SOE Alumna Named Illinois Superintendent of the Year

**Dr. Blondean Y. Davis** (BA '70, MEd '75, EdD '83), superintendent of Matteson Elementary School District 162, was named the 2008 Illinois Superintendent of the Year. Selected from among 800 Illinois superintendents, she will represent Illinois at the 2008 American Association of School Administrators (AASA) Conference.

"This award is a great honor," said Dr. Davis. "I am privileged to work with magnificent staff members, supportive parents, and a board of education that consistently

*"This award is a great honor."*

focuses on the best interests of children. Our teachers work hard to produce excellence in the classroom. They are supported by our principals, school staff, and involved parents who insist on a good education for their children. I thank them all for making this award possible."

A graduate of the Chicago Public Schools system, Dr. Davis earned a bachelor's degree, master's degree and doctorate in Administration and Supervision from Loyola University Chicago.

## National Science Foundation Honors Recent SOE Alumna

**Tara McDonald** (BA '04, MEd '06) received the Maitland P. Simmons Memorial Award for New Teachers. Granted by the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA), this award recognizes new K-12 teachers and provides mentoring by the Association.

As an instructor at Grand Ridge Grade School in Grand Ridge, IL, Ms. McDonald drew attention to her innovation in teaching science. Ms. McDonald received a \$500 grant from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Those funds supported a fifth- and sixth-grade project which studied the ecosystem of lakes and ponds near McDonald's school.

## Alumni RECEPTION

### ACPA Convention in Atlanta

**MONDAY, MARCH 31: 7:30 p.m., Hyatt Regency, Edgewood Room**

**Dean David Prasse**, PhD, and **Terry Williams**, PhD, invite all Higher Education alums and those working within higher education to a special Loyola Alumni reception at the 2008 ACPA Convention in Atlanta on March 29-April 2.

Join us after a day of sessions to re-connect with faculty and former classmates, network with Higher Ed colleagues, and hear updates on Loyola's School of Education.

During this reception, Loyola's first Higher Education Program Alumnus/a Award will be presented for extraordinary contribution to the higher education profession.

To register, visit [LUC.edu/alumni/events](http://LUC.edu/alumni/events) or call 800-5-LOYOLA (800-556-9652).



Emily Hoey,  
Director of Development,  
School of Education

## SUPPORT THE SCHOOL

The School of Education is immensely grateful for the increasing number of financial contributions. Donations from our alumni and friends allow the Dean to support new initiatives, provide additional scholarships, and support continued faculty research. Many thanks to those who have already contributed this year. Your gifts — at any level — make growth and expansion possible for our School.

Over the past year, I have had the privilege of meeting many SOE alums. Often those conversations have resulted in re-engagement in the School's activities on a more significant level. Witnessing people give back to the University is deeply rewarding for me.

As mentioned in this issue, we are proud to announce new endowments honoring two exemplary faculty members. Endowed support lasts in perpetuity, benefiting the faculty and students in the School of Education for years to come. Contributions to those named endowments and other scholarships are greatly appreciated.

In the near future, you will be hearing more from a special group of SOE alumni and friends who are actively involved in fundraising. We are fortunate to count on Harry Rossi (EdD '85), Chair, SOE Advancement Board and others committed to promoting the activities and philosophies of the School of Education.

*If you have any questions about ways to support the School of Education, including contributing to the Anna Lowe Scholarship or the Fr. Walt Krolikowski Professorship, please contact Emily Hoey at ehoey@luc.edu or 312.915.6891.*

## Donor SPOTLIGHT



**Lori Nolan** (EdD '85), now retired, boasts a career in education that spanned nearly 38 years and culminated with leadership positions as president of the Chicago Principals Association and the vice president of the American Federation of School Administrators.

Lori has been a consistent donor to Loyola and the School of Education for 17 consecutive years. She is a member of the University's giving club, the Damen

Society and the School of Education's new giving society, The Honors' Circle.

Lori has made giving back to Loyola a priority in her philanthropy. Lori is also a member of the Society of the Shield, Loyola's planned giving society. She is a regular attendee at Loyola events, including the SOE alumni receptions, Founders' Dinner, and other gatherings. The School of Education is extremely grateful to Lori for her loyal support over the years. "I choose to give back to Loyola and the School of Education because I value the education provided at a Jesuit Catholic institution like Loyola."

## Scholarships MAKE A DIFFERENCE

My name is **April Greer**, and I am a graduate student in the Reading M.Ed. program. I believe that every child deserves access to excellent teachers and valuable educational opportunities.

Due to the generosity of an alumni donor to the School of Education, I am a scholarship recipient. With this gift, I am able to seek the necessary skills and knowledge at Loyola. This scholarship provides me with an opportunity to fulfill my dreams of teaching literacy to diverse groups.

Thanks to all who have made my financial assistance possible.



## LOYOLA FAMILY WEEKEND

SEPTEMBER 26-28, 2008

Come back to Loyola to celebrate one great family!  
Watch for information in the *Loyola* magazine.