Greetings from
THE DEAN

Fall 2007 Alumni Reception at Piper Hall

SAVE-THE-DATE >>> WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2007

Reception: 6:00 pm, Piper Hall, Lake Shore Campus. Visit the newly-renovated Piper Hall. Enjoy cocktails and hors d’oeuvres, reconnect with fellow alumni, and make new friends and colleagues. We welcome your involvement with the SOE community! RSVP: SOEAlumniRelations@luc.edu

The recent Alumni reception provided many of us an opportunity to greet and say thank you to former administrators and faculty who served the School of Education for many years. While the former deans are listed above, I want to acknowledge the emeriti faculty who took the time to attend the alumni reception. In attendance were Drs. Barney Berlin, Phil Carlin, Gerald Gutek, Anne Juhasz, Steve Miller, Jasper Valenti, and John Wozniak. Together, they taught thousands of students, chaired scores of dissertations, and impacted education in so many positive ways. The collective contribution to students, colleagues, and the University at large is immense, and I know you join with me in thanking all of them for their commitment, both then and now, to our School.

Spring Alumni Reception

The School of Education hosted an Alumni Reception on April 17, 2007. Alumni from as recent as May 2007 and as far back as 1953 were in attendance. In his welcome, Dean Prasse highlighted new programs started since 2005.

Undergraduate majors include:
• Bilingual/Bicultural Education
• Math Education
• Science Education
• Secondary Education
• Special Education

Graduate level programs include:
• MEd, Instructional Leadership with a focus on English Language Learners
• MEd, Reading
• MEd, School Technology

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New **Kappa Delta Pi** Chapter in the SOE

Kappa Delta Pi, an international honor society, opened a new chapter at Loyola. On April 15, 2007, Dr. Pamela Buckley, Executive Director of KDP, visited the Lake Shore Campus to install the Alpha Beta Delta Chapter.

Chapter membership was extended to highly qualified students based on nominations by the School of Education Teacher Preparation faculty. Twenty-two undergraduate students in the elementary and secondary education programs were initiated, along with Dr. Janet Pierce-Ritter, Associate Dean for Student Academic Services and Dr. Dorothy Giroux, Program Director for Initial Teacher Preparation Programs. Also in attendance were SOE faculty members Sue Hill, Jane Hunt and Sharon Adelman-Reyes (PDK Lifetime members), Ernestine Riggs, and Diane Schiller.

Dedicated to scholarship and excellence in education, Kappa Delta Pi’s mission includes addressing the needs of members through the phases of their careers as scholars and educators.

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**“JOY IS…READING!” Conference**

The School of Education sponsored its first annual literacy conference, “Joy is…Reading!” On June 9, 2007, more than 225 students and their parents from Hayt, Swift, Ogden and Uplift (Chicago Public Schools) attended. The participants engaged in hands-on workshops conducted by Loyola faculty and teacher candidates, and were entertained by the Ballroom Dancers from Hayt Elementary School. Each student received a book bag filled with school supplies for the coming school year.

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**Character Education Grant**

The School of Education and the School Association for Special Education in DuPage County are recipients of a $1.9 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education to help implement programs aimed at teaching character development. The grant entitled, **Illinois Character Education Positive Supports**, will be under the leadership of Dr. Hank Bohanon, Dr. Pamela Fenning, and other SOE faculty. The grant is a collaborative effort between Loyola University Chicago, the Illinois Positive Behavior and Intervention Network, five Illinois School districts, and local community businesses. For more information, visit: LUC.edu/cseit.

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Dr. Ernestine Riggs, Associate Professor, SOE, and the inspiration behind “Joy is…Reading!”

Dr. Hank Bohanon, Associate Professor, School of Education.
Alumni Highlights

SOE Alumna Receives Awards for Research

Dr. Linda Sever (PhD ’06) was awarded the 2007 Paul H. Henkin Memorial Scholarship Award for her dissertation research by the National Association of School Psychologists. This award recognizes excellence in applied research by a school psychologist who has recently been credentialed in the field. She also received a dissertation award from the Loyola University Chicago chapter of Phi Delta Kappa International.

With a doctorate in School Psychology, Dr. Sever currently works as a school psychologist for the Northern Suburban Special Education District in Highland Park, IL.

Loyola Alumnus Named Golden Apple 2007 Fellow

Fr. Joseph Epko (MA ’93, PhD ’96) and nine other Illinois teachers were selected as 2007 Golden Apple Fellows. The recipients received a sabbatical at Northwestern University, an Apple computer, and a $3,000 stipend.

Fr. Epko has been teaching theology at Fenwick High School in Oak Park for 12 years. “I try to make students hopeful about life,” Epko said. “The kids are like medicine…they bring you back to life, and I do the same for them.”

School of Education Damen Award Winners

Named for Loyola University Chicago’s primary founder, Arnold Damen, S.J., this award is granted to an alumnus/alumna from each of Loyola’s schools and colleges. It recognizes the qualities of leadership in industry, in community, and in service to others.

2002 Rosario Pesce (PhD ’83)
School Psychology
School Psychologist, Morton East High School

2003 Sandria Rodriguez (PhD ’97)
Higher Education
Former Dean of Communications Arts, Humanities, and Fine Arts, College of Lake County

2004 Barbara Eason-Watkins (EdD ’99)
Curriculum and Instruction
Chief Education Officer, Chicago Public Schools

2005 Harry Rossi (EdD ’85)
Administration and Supervision
Former Superintendent of Schools, Northbrook/Glenview District 30; Co-Director, FED ED

2006 Robert Jordan (PhD ’99)
Cultural and Educational Policy Studies
Jordan and Jordan Communications; Anchor, WGN-TV News

2007 Joan Klaus (BSEd ’66)
Elementary Education
Former Vice President, Educational Initiatives, JP Morgan Chase
Support from alumni, parents and friends of the School of Education has been increasing steadily over the last few years (35% increase in alumni donors since 2004). This additional support raises the amount of discretionary funds which allow the Dean to enhance the student experience and better prepare them to lead extraordinary lives. This fall, we will initiate a new recognition giving society for annual donors of $1,000 or more to the SOE, named the Honors Circle. In addition, as a gesture of gratitude, we have included in this newsletter (see insert) a list of Fiscal Year 2007 donors to the SOE at any level. Contributions from individual donors allow us to continue providing scholarship support, improve the quality of research and curriculum, and expand our community focus. We are extremely grateful for our alumni donors. If you have any questions about ways to support the School of Education, please contact Emily Hoey at ehoey@luc.edu or 312.915.6891.

More than 1,200 alumni of the School of Education work in public and private schools in the state of Illinois in various roles such as teachers, counselors, psychologists, and administrators.

More than 90% of 2003 MEd Higher Education graduates are currently employed in university settings across the country.

Where are you?
Please e-mail Dr. Pierce-Ritter (jpierce@luc.edu) or Dr. Kasper (bkasper@luc.edu) with your current employment information and e-mail address.