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A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FRANK G. POGUE

Education is always a work in progress because there are always fresh goals and new challenges. For any university, one measure of progress - and commitment to quality - is number of its accreditations. Edinboro University is the only institution of higher education in Northwestern Pennsylvania accredited by NCATE, the nationally recognized, premier standard for excellence in the preparation of school personnel. NCATE accreditation isn't easy to achieve and it isn't inexpensive, but at Edin-

boro University we know that teachers make a difference in all of our lives, so we go the extra mile to ensure that our curricula and the standards to which we hold ourselves are of the highest order. We believe that by meeting the rigorous standards of NCATE, Edinboro University has and will continue to prepare teachers, school counselors, administrators, speech and language specialists, and school psychologists who are superior in their knowledge, clinical skills, and commitment to children and the ideals of public

education. Education in Progress is dedicated to sharing the good news about NCATE, our degree and certification programs, and our collaborations with colleagues in the public schools. – I extend best wishes to everyone for a productive semester and a prosperous new year.



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secondary schools. Through its voluntary, peer review process, NCATE ensures that accredited institutions produce competent, caring, and qualified teachers and other professional school personnel who can help all students learn.

Edinboro University's

School of Education Unit will be visited by the NCATE Board of Examiners in Spring 2006.

For more information about NCATE, visit Edinboro University's website: www.edinboro.edu/cwis/education/ncate/ncate.html

"The professors
were excellent and
the software
provided will
certainly be an asset
in the classroom,"
says one participant from
the TAS Institute.

"Multicultural
education is important
because one day our
students will be
teaching children of
various ethnicities,"
says Lee.





TEACHING THE AMERICAN STORY

Teaching the American Story (TAS) is a three-year grant initiative funded by the United States Department of Education. Fort LeBoeuf, Girard (LEA), PENNCREST, Union City Area School Districts, Edinboro University, and the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit #5 have created staff development institutes for participating teachers. The institutes will

impact student achievement by ensuring that teachers and administrators have the knowledge, skills, and dispositions to teach American history as a separate academic subject.

Institutes are held multiple times a year at Edinboro University and at the Intermediate Unit. Sessions focus on content, pedagogy, and how the information can be

supported by additional resources and technology. Teachers also digitize American history when they visit historical sites and upload these digital images to an on-line, copyright-free digital database.

In addition to the institute dates, Edinboro University will be offering multiple graduate level courses for TAS participants.

For more information visit: www.iu5.org/imts/tas

FOCUS ON DIVERSITY



Oksum Lee, one of Edinboro University's newest additions to the faculty, offers her art education students both encouragement and a unique multicultural perspective. Lee, who first arrived in Edinboro at the end of August, is originally from South Korea and moved to the U.S. in 2000 to work on her doctorate. Lee taught elementary and art education in public schools in South Korea.

"Teaching is really a two-way process of learning," Lee says. "I learn as much as I teach." While teaching her students art education and how to view art from a non-western perspective, Lee is constantly learning from her students' own perspectives and attitudes.

When not in the classrooms at Edinboro University, Lee reaches out to the local community in hopes of creating more multicultural art programs. Lee helps local art teachers strengthen their Asian art history background and plans to conduct workshops in which she presents Asian art to local art teachers and students.

The art departments website can be found at www.edinboro.edu/cwis/Art/GenInfo.html

GOLDEN APPLE AWARDS



This year, Edinboro University joined with JET-TV in honoring local educators with the Golden Apple Awards. For more than a decade, JET-TV has been awarding Golden Apple Awards to educators who positively impact their students. Edinboro University always assisted JET-TV with the awards, but this is the first year that Edinboro will serve as major sponsor and partner.

Students nominate their teachers by writing a 250 word explanation of why they think their teachers

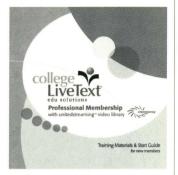
should win. Each week, JET-TV surprises the winner in the classroom. The winner is then featured on the Wednesday six o'clock evening news and Thursday's morning news. Edinboro University is proud to report that many of the nominees are Edinboro graduates.

Photos of recent winners and their students' essays can be found at: http://webs.edinboro.edu/pubrel/goldenapple/goldenapple.html

TRIALS AND TRIUMPHS

One of Edinboro University's strategic objectives is to ensure that its faculty and students are technologically proficient. In keeping with this priority, I am pleased to announce that the School of Education and the NCATE Unit have adopted LiveText, a web-based product that will improve Edinboro University programs in Education and assist us in meeting the new and more rigorous standards of NCATE. Students will be able to develop a variety of electronic portfolios, build rubrics, report standards in lessons, communicate more effectively with professors, and store projects and assignments electronically. LiveText will also enable the faculty to evaluate each student's knowledge and skills more effectively, build standards into courses, and align the standards of more than 20 specialized professional associations, such as the Council for Exceptional Children and the International Reading Association. Beginning this year, Edinboro University graduates will be able to send prospective employers an e-mail with a hotlink to personal portfolios include audio and video clips, work samples, resumes, and much more. It just gets better and better in Edinboro.

- R. Scott Baldwin
Dean of Education



For more information on LiveText, visit: www.livetext.com

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Words from the web Graduate candidates share their reflections on participating with online courses and programs:

From the Master of Education in Reading program, Julia Johnson:

"I love the online program because it is literally the only way I could complete my Master's in Reading...I think the flexibility of work completion is the most positive benefit. Another benefit was the summer face-to-face opportunity. It was so wonderful to put a name with a face to the many people I felt I already knew so well."

From the Master of Education in Educational Leadership program, Brian Uplinger:

"The online course experience is astounding. It allows a student with an extremely busy schedule to advance his/her degree...The ability to continue working full time, raise a family, and complete a degree around this schedule is wonderful."

Chat Comments

"I enjoyed the chat sessions....they were very informative," says Jennifer Moore.

"I enjoyed the chats and sharing of ideas. The personal comments made on our journals were very helpful," says an online candidate.

"I was nervous about taking this class and I wound up having a great time!" writes another online candidate.

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Frank G. Pogue Honors Scholarship Luncheon

General Wesley K. Clark Keynote Speaker



General Wesley K. Clark (U.S.A., Retired) will deliver the keynote address at Edinboro University's sixth annual Frank G. Pogue Honors Scholarship Luncheon. Clark, former Supreme Allied Commander of Europe, retired as one of the nation's most highly decorated military officers since General Dwight D. Eisenhower. Clark's military leadership experiences ultimately led to his position as NATO's Supreme Allied Commander, where he led a unified force to victory in NATO's first major combat action. Clark's command of NATO forces led to success in the Kosovo conflict, saving 1.5 million Albanians from ethnic cleansing without a single Allied casualty. For Clark's out-

standing leadership and service in the Kosovo conflict, he received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the U.S's highest civilian honor. Among his many military decorations, Clark is a four-star general who has been awarded five Defense Distinguished Service Medals, two Army Distinguished Service Medals, the Silver Star, four Legion of Merit Awards, two Bronze Star Medals, and the Purple Heart.

The Frank G. Pogue Honors Scholarship Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, February 22, at 11:45 a.m. at the Courtyard by Marriott at The Ambassador. This luncheon is held each year to raise funds for scholarships directed toward high-achieving students at Edinboro University. Proceeds from the luncheon benefit the Frank G. Pogue scholarship endowments which now exceed \$150,000. Tickets for the Luncheon are \$60. Seating is limited; reserve your tickets now by calling Edinboro University's Development and Marketing Department at 732-2992.

"Wes Clark has been a superb battalion commander...He is an officer of the rarest potential..." General Colin Powell,

May 21, 1982