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## Welcome!

*Dr. Micheal Saylor, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Research*

The University of North Texas, under the leadership of the College of Education, continues its long tradition of producing well prepared students for careers in education. The figures below show our output of educators receiving their initial educator certification for last year (2008 - 2009). We also train many returning educators for advanced state certifications. Last year, 1180 UNT students sat for either their initial or advanced certification exams; the pass rate for these students was a very strong 98%. The numbers of educators trained at UNT is also growing. We certified a total of 20% more initial educators of all kinds and 65% more initial EC-8 educators than we did just five years ago!



## Where Are They Now?

We proudly recognize the achievements of our alumni as they accomplish wonderful things around the globe.

Within each issue of *Results!*, you'll find a list of graduates who have made a difference in their communities and beyond. Please [click here](#) to see the most recent list.



## Upcoming Events!

March 26 - 27, 9th Annual Texas National Association of Multicultural Education (NAME) [Conference](#). To visit the NAME blog, [click here](#).

Don't miss out! If you would like to join us at any of these events or would like more information, please call 940-369-7805.



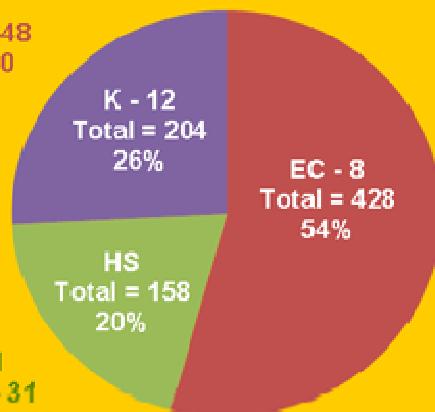
## Well Done!

### COE FACULTY/STAFF AWARDS:

**Faculty Teaching Excellence** - Dr. Chwee Li Chng

## Initial Teacher Certification 2008 - 2009

**General Elementary - 348**  
**Bilingual Education - 80**  
**Special Education - 65**  
**Health & PE - 30**  
**Fine Arts - 109**  
**Other - 1**  
**Science - 19**  
**Professional - 3**  
**Mathematics - 8**  
**Social Studies - 43**  
**Computer Science - 2**  
**Foreign Language - 11**  
**Vocational Education - 31**  
**English Language Arts - 40**



## Alumna Writes Children's Book Series

Lori Jordan-Rice ('92) recently published the first two volumes in a children's book series designed to teach American history in a fun and engaging manner to children ages 6 - 12. The books are entitled *Miss Trimble's Trapdoor* and *Miss Trimble's Trapdoor: the Courage of the Pilgrims*.

[Click here](#) to read more about Lori and her books!

## Lifetime Achievement Award

During fall commencement ceremonies, the College of Education awarded a Master of Education degree to its oldest recipient, Lt. Colonel Elmer W. Kretzschmar, aged 96. His granddaughter, Erin Pallares, accepted the degree on his behalf. Mr. Kretzschmar was also recently named the charter recipient of the College of Education's Lifetime Achievement

Faculty Research  
Excellence - [Dr. Sue  
Bratton](#)

Junior Faculty Research -  
[Dr. Simon Driver](#)

Faculty Service Excellence  
- [Dr. Karen Weiller](#)

Outstanding Lecturer - [Dr.  
Linda Stromberg](#)

Outstanding Staff  
Contribution - Susan  
Khoury

**OTHER AWARDS:**

Robert O. Stripling Award  
for Excellence in  
Standards - [Dr. Denny  
Engles](#)

Southern Association for  
Counselor Education &  
Supervision Pretenure  
Counselor Educator Award  
- [Dr. Casey Barrio Minton](#)

Emerging Leader Award -  
Kristin Meany-Walen

Texas Alliance for  
Geographic Education  
Distinguished Service  
Award - Dr. Andrew Milson

**TAHPERD** Best Graduate  
Student Poster Award -  
Alison Ede



**OTHER**

Award. Please [click here](#) to read more.



Elmer Kretzschmar (center) and family at the award reception



Left: Elmer Kretzschmar receiving his award from Drs. Micheal Sayler and Jerry R. Thomas

Right: At the game with UNT President Dr. Gretchen Bataille and Dr. Thomas

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## Education: the Key to Success for North Texans

On October 13th, the [College of Education](#) partnered with the [College of Arts and Sciences](#) for *Education: The Key to Success for North Texans*, an annual event that brings together community, political, academic, and business leaders to promote the importance of education in Texas and raise funds for scholarships and student-based programs. This year's

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Dr. Allen Jackson was appointed as Chair of the department of [Kinesiology, Health Promotion and Recreation](#).

Dr. Nate Carman and his major professor, Dr. Richard Fossey, published excerpts of Dr. Carman's dissertation in *West's Education Law Reporter*.

Dr. Rossana Boyd participated in a round table discussion in Washington, D.C. regarding the reauthorization of the [ESEA Act](#). UNT was the only Texas university represented at this meeting.

In November, Dr. Beverly Bower was featured on Book Radio's [Maggie Linton](#) show to discuss her books [Answering the Call](#) and [Women at the Top](#).

Dr. Casey Barrio Minton was profiled in the November issue of [Counseling Today](#).

 **New Alumni Site!**

UNT has a worldwide presence! By logging into the [international alumni website](#),

proceeds supported students participating in [Teach North Texas](#), a program created to encourage undergraduate math, science, and computer science majors to seek a teaching certification within a four year degree.

If you missed the event, but would like to donate, please [click here](#). [Click here](#) for more photos.



Keynote Speaker Gerald W. McElvy, President of the ExxonMobil Foundation



Left: Dr. Michael Hinojosa, Dallas ISD Superintendent and Cynthia Izaguirre, co-anchor of WFAA's News 8 Daybreak



Right: Dr. Gretchen Bataille, UNT President and Sam Self, Chairman of the Texas Instruments Foundation

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## **\$600,000 in Continued Funds for Special Education**

alumni can search for friends and colleagues that they may have lost touch with as well as receive UNT news!

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This year, three major grants from the U.S. Department of Education will receive continued funding totaling approximately \$600,000.

Associate Professor Dr. Smita Mehta's project "The Systematic Training for Autism Researchers and Schools" (STARS) will receive \$199,962 in additional funding for its third of four years. Her "Distributed Education Program in Autism Personnel in Rural Texas" training grant will receive \$199,966 for its second of four years. Regents Professor Dr. Lyndal Bullock's project "Preparation of Leadership Personnel in Emotional/Behavioral Disorders" will receive \$199,998 for the fourth of four years.

Congratulations to Drs. Mehta and Bullock for their exemplary work to further Special Education at the University of North Texas!

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## Bilingual/ESL Education Program Announces Awards



UNT's Roberto R. Alonzo Bilingual/ESL Education Scholarship Program was awarded \$300,000 for the next two years. The program provides tuition assistance and loan forgiveness as incentives for college students to pursue certification programs in Bilingual/ESL

Education.

Since this program was established, it has provided over \$1.2 million and trained over 100 teachers. This has helped the efforts to address the shortage of bilingual education teachers in the DFW/North Texas region. Students are from both the UNT Dallas and Denton campuses. 29 students received the



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Alonzo Bilingual/ESL Education Scholarship Award for the fall 2009 semester. [Click here](#) to read more.

## Pasco's Posse



Prospective COE students who attended the Spring '09 Academic Sessions during the [UNT Preview](#) were encouraged to submit their names for a chance to win one of five \$200 vouchers and be a part of "Pasco's Posse".

Dr. Gwenn Pasco is the COE's Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Education and organizer of the event and prize drawing. In order to be eligible, students had to be new COE majors and be registered for 12 or more credit hours for Fall 2009.

Congratulations, winners!

From left to right: Stanley Bastien, Grant Davis, Dr. Gwenn Pasco, Andrew Sherwood, and Brandon Galloway. Not pictured, Jamie Garland

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