

Board of Public Ed Visits MSU



Left to Right: Mark Nelson, Joanne Erickson, Pete Donovan, Larry Baker, Patty Myers, Sharon Carroll, and Jayne Downey.

On October 7, several members of the Montana Board of Public Education (BPE) visited campus at the invitation of Dean

Larry Baker to meet with faculty and students in the education department. Because many on campus do not understand the connection between the BPE and education programs, Baker initiated the visit to improve communications and to begin conversations between the university and the BPE. Executive Secretary Pete Donovan also accompanied board chair Patty Myers, a retired teacher from Great Falls, and Sharon Carroll, vice-chair and a teacher from Ekalaka. The board met with groups of faculty from the Department of Education, and they visited with students in Scott Davis' technology education class. The class consists of juniors and seniors in technology education and agriculture education. Students were able to interact with the board in an informal discussion.

"My favorite part was talking with the students," said Myers. "I was impressed that they could ask questions about the Common Core Standards. I was impressed that they understood the importance of proper use of technology."

Myers and Baker hope to continue open communications in the future, either with more campus visits by the board or by board representation at the Montana Council of Deans.



Members of the Board of Public Ed visit with students.

EHHD Holds School Supply Drive

Holly Hunts, associate professor in family and consumer sciences, was standing in her garage when a thought struck her. She immediately called Jioanna Carjuzaa, associate professor of education, and said, "Can we do this?"

Hunts' idea was to enlist the help of MSU faculty, staff, and students in gathering school supplies for children on Montana reservations. After a call for donations, backpacks, school supplies, and monetary donations from the college and the two departments began flowing in. When Mark Frisby, general manager of the MSU Bookstore, learned about the EHHD drive, he donated hundreds of pens and gel pens.

Student volunteers from Carjuzaa's and Jim Burn's Native American Studies Powwow Leadership class and Hunts' Montana Student Association of Family and Consumer Sciences members gathered one afternoon in September to fill the backpacks with markers, pens, notebooks, glue sticks and other supplies. In the end, 48 backpacks were filled with school supplies to be distributed to schools in Busby, Lodge Grass, Lame Deer, Wyola, Ashland, and Bozeman's Irving Elementary School.

"All in all it has been a pretty impressive school supply drive," said Hunts. "While no one drive could be enough for all of the kids in Montana that need school supplies, thanks to the efforts of many, the College of EHHD has truly brightened the lives of many children and communities with this effort."



New to MSU



David "Dave" Polmanteer joined the Lewis and Clark Troops to Teachers program in August as the new program coordinator. He brings a wealth of military and civilian work experience to TTT with his knowledge of administration, technology, and management. Polmanteer served for 24 years in the military with over three-fourths of

his career spent supporting Special Operations and National Intelligence endeavors. After retiring in 1999 from the Air Force, he worked in information security management in the corporate world in California, while also earning a Master's of Business Administration-Technology Management from the University of Phoenix in 2005. In 2008, Polmanteer and his wife, Janemarie (an administrative associate in the chemistry department at MSU), decided to move to Montana. In the mid-1970s, Polmanteer spent four-and-one-half years in Great Falls serving in the military and promised to return to Montana.

Outside of work, Polmanteer volunteers his time with the Bozeman American Legion Post 14 as commander.

Carmen Byker joined the Department of Health and Human Development this fall as an assistant professor of food and nutrition/sustainable food systems. Byker's teaching duties include "Life Span of Human Development," "Food Service System Management," "Nutrition and Society," and "Quantity Foods Production." This past July, she defended her dissertation at Virginia Tech and then had two weeks to pack and move to her new position at MSU. Byker also received her bachelor's from Virginia Tech's Department of Human Nutrition, Foods and Exercise with a focus on foods systems. Her research interests include the dietary and health impacts of community-based sustainable food systems.

Her family moved from Spokane, Wash., to Virginia when she was seven-years-old. However, her mother was originally from Bozeman, so Byker has many family members who still live in the area. When she is not teaching and conducting research, she enjoys cooking, road biking, and learning how to bee keep and rock climb.



New Position for Marilyn Lockhart

After serving as an associate professor in adult and higher education (A&HE) for the last 13 years, Marilyn Lockhart was recently named the interim director of faculty development, a newly created full-time position under the Office of the Provost. She is working with the Teaching and Learning Committee (TLC) at MSU to define the role of faculty development. Lockhart says the focus of faculty development will be a more holistic approach with face-to-face workshops on research/creativity, teaching, and outreach/service. Lockhart will also be overseeing the renovation of office space for a Faculty Development Center where faculty can come together as learning communities.

"So far it's been fun meeting people," said Lockhart. "It gives me a chance to be creative and I enjoy putting programs together."

While not currently teaching adult and higher education classes, Lockhart still retains some advising responsibilities for several A&HE dissertation students.



2011 Donor Appreciation/ Scholarship Breakfast



Donors Lois and Kent Norby (center) get to know nutrition students Anna Diffenderfer (L) and Aubree Durfey (R).



HHD Students (left to right) Sarah Norby, Kaci Wohlfeil, and Abi Mitch



Dean Larry Baker shares a laugh with donor Jean Bradford.



Development Director Stacy Radke visits with donor Bill Hunt.

Approximately 160 donors, scholarship recipients, and family members attended the annual Donor Recognition/Scholarship Breakfast at the Gran Tree Inn in Bozeman in September. Dr. Larry Baker welcomed attendees, and department heads Jayne Downey and Mark Nelson gave brief updates on their respective departments. Scholarship recipients were able to meet and become acquainted with donors who provided scholarships and other financial support to the College of EHHD.

Special recognition went to EHHD donors Bill and Marjorie Hunt ('56 Home Ec) and to Bill and Jean Bradford ('57 P.E.), who are the 2011 Blue and Gold Alumni Award Recipients. After breakfast, many donors and students attended the Bobcat football game in the newly expanded stadium.



Don Sommerfeld with Brianna Hendrix, winner of the Sommerfeld Teacher of Promise Award.



Brian Kessler (at podium) addresses his fellow scholarship recipients and donors.



FC5 student Emmisue Going with donor and former MSU professor Dr. Ramona Martoz-Baden.



Donors Jamie Ziebarth and Anthony Cochenour with education students Kassie Johnson and Melissa Frogh.

Flipped



Through a grant received from MSU's Teaching and Learning Committee, Lynn Kelting-Gibson, assistant professor of education, invited Paul Anderson, an innovative Bozeman High School science teacher, to present a lecture to faculty and education students called, "Creating the Flipped Classroom." Anderson, the 2011 Montana Teacher of the Year and finalist for National Teacher of the Year, shared many of the ways he uses technology in his classroom. The 20 year veteran teacher says "technology is really changing education" in schools. In a traditional classroom, teachers lecture in front of the class and students sit passively. In a "flipped" classroom, students are active participants in their learning. Anderson uses a

classroom set of iPads to teach biology like a video game. Students learn on individual levels and have to pass at 80% before going to the next level. He also videotapes lectures and posts them on YouTube for students to watch in the evenings. Anderson's philosophy is that school should be fun, failure should be encouraged because you learn from it, and school should be leveled.

Kelting-Gibson submitted a proposal for an Instructional Innovation Grant last spring to the Teaching and Learning Committee at MSU to bring award-winning teachers to campus.

"I contacted five teachers from Bozeman schools who had won awards in the last two years," said Kelting-Gibson. "They gave permission to be included in the grant and to share their expertise."

The grant provides a small stipend to each guest lecturer. Sixty-five MSU faculty and pre-service education students attended the first lecture by Anderson. Two other lectures are scheduled this year with LeAnne Yenny and Anne Keith, and Derek Strahn and Jim L. Thompson.

Providing an Enriching Experience for Kids

A five-year gift from an anonymous education alumna has strengthened MSU's After School Partnership with the Bozeman Public Schools and the Greater Gallatin United Way. Jayne Downey, education department head, said the gift has made it possible to hire a full-time director to provide leadership and structure to the developing program.

"The gift has allowed us to form a powerful partnership between schools, community, and the university," said Downey. "We've brought together three groups who are deeply committed to serving the needs of children and working families."



The partnership serves 10 elementary schools in the Gallatin Valley. Director Kimberly Karsted says the programming is "standards based and complements what is being taught in the classrooms," as well as providing exciting and engaging enrichment activities.

"Our students are learning classroom management skills and also receiving a lot of practice in designing and implementing lesson plans," said Karsted.

Three separate education courses have the After School Partnership experience embedded into the curriculums, including associate professor Joyce Herbeck's literacy class, assistant professor Nick Lux's educational technology class, and the Karsted's practicum class.


"We're changing the way we do teacher education at MSU," said Downey, "and this is one piece of that important effort."

1st Meeting of CODE of the Big Sky

The inaugural meeting of the Council of Deans of Education of the Big Sky (CODE) was held this fall at Weber State University in Ogden, Utah. Several months ago, MSU Dean Larry Baker informally approached several Big Sky athletic conference deans of education to see if they would be interested in “looking at the advantages of having a regional alliance to discuss institutional and programmatic issues facing education.” The deans were open to the idea, and Jack Rasmussen, dean of education at Weber State University, offered to host the first meeting in Ogden, Utah. The institutions in the region have similar interests in student-athletes, in academics, and geography, said Baker. During the first meeting, discussion topics included numeracy (preparing pre-service teachers to teach math), literacy, and field placement of student teachers. Department of Education Head Jayne Downey, and Field Placement and Licensure Director Pat Ingraham also attended from MSU. Downey said the meeting was about building a network to prepare the next generation of teachers to be effective in children’s lives.

Institutions in the conference who have expressed interest in joining the alliance include Montana State University, University of Montana, Southern Utah University, Weber State University, Portland State University, and Northern Arizona University. Other non-conference institutions within the regions have also expressed interest.

Annual Meeting for Teacher Advisory Council



At the end of September, the Department of Education invited over 30 K-12 teachers, administrators, and MSU professors to attend the annual Teacher Education Advisory Council meeting. Jayne Downey, department head, brought the group together to “provide our stakeholders with an annual report on the Teacher Education Program and to seek their input and recommendations regarding program direction and improvement.” Data was shared from the preceding year on student progress, and the group held an in-depth discussion about preparation for the implementation of the national Common Core Standards in Montana.

“Teacher education programs across the nation are beginning to prepare the next generation of teachers to understand the Common Core Standards, especially in communication arts and math,” said Field Placement Director Pat Ingraham.

Downey added, “We want to do everything we can to ensure that MSU’s new teachers are prepared to hit the ground running.”

How to Eat Your Veggies

Six Montana Dietetic interns culminated a two-week rotation at the Towne’s Harvest Garden by preparing dinner with produce from the farm. During the rotation, students worked half-a-day at the farm and for the other half, they experimented with recipes. Moriah Johnson noted that there are lots of vegetables like kale and squash that people do not know how to use. By testing recipes, the interns found ways to introduce these foods into people’s regular diets in interesting ways. On the menu were cheddar jalapeno bread, sautéed kale with candied walnuts and cranberries, pumpkin chili, anti-pasta squash, and for dessert—carrot and zucchini cake.

