Dr. Jon Sunderland has been named the new Dean of the School of Education (SOE). A member of the Gonzaga community for the past 27 years, he has chaired the Department of Sport and Physical Education, served as assistant and associate dean and Interim Dean of the School.

He received his Ph.D. from the University of Oregon, and earned a master’s degree and a bachelor’s degree from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. His teaching and administration experience spans high school, community college and university levels in California, Oregon and Washington. He holds a lifetime secondary teaching certificate in social sciences from California.

Dr. Sunderland has held numerous leadership positions in regional, state and national health, physical education and recreation organizations.

In Memoriam: Jeanne Foster-Wardian

The Jeanne Foster-Wardian Leadership in Education Award is given in honor of the late, former Dean of the School of Education. Her leadership and innovative spirit are felt throughout the SOE and the University, and the many programs she founded continue to flourish.

The purpose of the award is to honor those individuals whose leadership has made a positive difference in the communities in which they live and work. She lived her personal and professional life supporting and encouraging the potential for leadership that she believed was in everyone.

Faculty Leadership Award 2007
Dr. Chuck Salina

Staff Leadership Award 2007
Carol Bradshaw & Cathy Dieter

Student Advisory Board

The SOE Student Advisory Board (SAB) is making tremendous contributions to the School and our education students. We are very grateful to our Student Advisory Board and the many ways they are contributing to the success of our school and university. These students are truly committed to the Gonzaga mission and the School of Education theme.

The SAB has started a new tradition and with SOE hosted an end of the year barbeque for all education students, faculty and staff. Over 150 attended and it was a great time for conversation and free food.

Now we start another annual tradition. Faculty, staff and education students are invited to the SOE-SAB Welcome Back BBQ, Wednesday, September 5 at 5:00 p.m., at the south entrance to the Rosauer Center.

This is a wonderful opportunity to see old faces and greet our new students.
MIT in Special Education

To meet the demand for Special Education Teachers, the School of Education is offering a new Master in Initial Teaching (MIT) in Special Education starting in Summer 2008. This cohort program will provide courses that are scheduled to accommodate students employed full time. The MIT in Special Education is a 46 credit program and will be delivered in a cohort model. If you are interested in learning more about the program, contact Dr. Mark Derby at 323-3633.

SOE Accreditation NCATE & CACREP

The School of Education is proud to announce that it has received full accreditation by the National Council for Accreditation for Teacher Education (NCATE) and full accreditation by the State of Washington.

The Master of Arts in Community Counseling and the Master of Arts in School Counseling is now fully accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Education Programs (CACREP).

Canadian Visitors

In July, 22 students from the Masters in Counselling Program in Nelson, British Columbia, were on campus taking classes to fulfill their one-month residency requirement. It has been 10 years since a Masters in Counselling cohort has been based in Nelson. Nelson is known as the “Queen City” of the Kootenays because of its many heritage buildings – more heritage buildings per capita than any other city in BC (www.nelsonbc.ca/pages/heritage.html). Most of the students in the cohort live throughout the Kootenays, including as far away as Kelowna and Vernon, however, one student travels all the way from Vancouver to attend weekend classes.

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Professional Certification at Gonzaga University

The Professional Certificate is the second certificate level for Washington State teachers. The Pro-Cert program is a performance-based process that emphasizes personal professional growth and is deeply embedded in the home school, district, and state teaching context. The program at Gonzaga is designed to support the teacher in further developing and refining his/her professional skills and is based on the values at the heart of Gonzaga’s mission: service, leadership, academic excellence, social justice, and reflective and collegial practice.

The program at Gonzaga represents ten credits of work spread over one to two years and may be combined with any of our Master’s programs or may be a stand-alone certification program.

All candidates must enroll in the following 3 stages of Professional Certification:

Stage 1: The Pre-Assessment Seminar
Stage 2: Core classes, in which candidates will research effective classroom practice while fulfilling the professional development goals of their own Professional Growth Plan
Stage 3: The Culminating Seminar, the capstone experience of the Professional Certification program. The candidates will reflect on all of the learning and growth that has occurred during the Professional Certification process and look ahead to future professional development.

New cohort groups form in summer and fall. For additional information, please visit the Professional Certification Web site at http://www.gonzaga.edu/soe/procert or contact Sharon Straub at 323-3662 or straub@gonzaga.edu.

Symposium on International Teacher Education

Gonzaga SOE will participate in a first symposium hosted by Mukogawa University of Japan at their Fort Wright campus in November 2007. Other participants will be Eastern Washington University, Ewha Woman’s University in South Korea, Beijing Normal University, and Mukogawa Women’s University (Spokane Campus). This endeavor will be the start of an initiative between Gonzaga and Mukogawa for education faculty and student exchanges over the next few years.

School of Education Congratulates our 2007 Student Leadership Award Recipients

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New Washington State Competencies

Washington State has established teacher competencies—what teachers are expected to know and be able to do. There are currently 33 endorsements recognized by the state, which are being reviewed and updated by the Professional Education and Certification office. The new version of the standards, referred to as “the 2007 standards” will be required of Gonzaga teacher candidates starting November 2007.

Collaboration between Gonzaga University’s College of Arts & Science faculty and the School of Education are working through the state approval process. Endorsements pending approval are: Health/Fitness, Reading, Theatre Arts, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, English/Language Arts, History, Mathematics, and Social Studies. In addition, the approval process for Early Childhood Special Education, Special Education, Elementary Education, Choral Music, Instrumental Music, General Music, French, German, Spanish, and English as a Second Language will begin this year.

For information on how this may affect candidates currently in the Teacher Certification program, please contact a School of Education advisor or the Certification Office, 509-323-3504.

SOE & Technology

The School of Education continually strives to keep up-to-date on the most appropriate technology for the education of our students. All Faculty and staff are provided modern computers capable of running today’s essential office and educational software packages, and each computer has a fast connection to the Internet.

Year after year, the School of Education computer lab provides students with fully capable Macintosh computers and software. This enables faculty to instruct within a technologically enhanced teaching environment. For students, the lab serves as an environment for studying, completing homework assignments, and printing documents. For faculty, the lab serves as one of the most technologically capable rooms in the Rosauer Center, allowing each student a computer to use as an interactive and/or supplemental tool during instruction.

The Rosauer Center contains five fully functional multimedia classrooms. These rooms are equipped with Macintosh/windows computers, audio systems, document cameras, dvd/vcr players and a ceiling-mounted digital projector plus projector screen. With a growing demand for multimedia classrooms across campus, the School of Education remains determined to provide students and faculty with the modern tech-enhanced classrooms that have become so common today in higher education institutions across the nation.

To help keep this technology up-to-date and working, Jason Gilman serves as the technical support specialist within the School of Education. Dan Marx manages the computer lab and serves as the main point of contact for equipment reservation and computer lab support.

School of Education Receives Grant

Late this summer the Washington State Higher Education Coordinating Board announced the award of $237,000 to the Gonzaga University School of Education.

The grant addresses NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND mandates to improve math mastery in high needs Northeast Washington schools and the Diocese of Spokane schools.

The project will be co-directed by Suzann Girtz from Gonzaga and Chris Tuckerman from ESD 101.