

Summer 2008 Academic Calendar

Full Summer Session
May 18—August 7

Summer Session I
May 18—June 26

Summer Session II
June 29—August 7

Fall 2008 Calendar

Classes Begin
Tuesday, Sept 2

Labor Day Observed
Friday, Sept 26

Founder's Day Holiday
Monday, Oct 20

Fall Family Weekend
Friday, Oct 24 -
Sunday, Oct 26

Thanksgiving Holiday
Wednesday, Nov 26 -
Friday, Nov 28

Christmas Holiday
Friday, Dec 19 -
Tuesday, Jan 13

The goal of this newsletter is to connect with our students, our schools, and our alums to provide you information on new programs, campus collaborations, and school partnerships.

We welcome news of interest from alumni, students, and our community partners. Please send your submissions to soenews@gonzaga.edu.

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Honorary Degree Recipient Sister Joan Dixon, PhD

In recognition of her spirit of great faith and service, Gonzaga University conferred upon Sister Joan Dixon of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoriscausa* at the 2008 Graduate Commencement Ceremony.

Joan began her teaching career in the School of Education in 1982 after serving as the Superintendent of the Spokane Diocese schools. She has taught elementary school students, counseled high school students, connected with and recruited international students, administered dozens of educational programs, and mentored current and future teacher graduate students. She was instrumental in the delivery of off-campus programs for School Administrators and Teachers in the Canadian Provinces of Alberta and British Columbia, and was the recipient of the White Hat of Calgary, Alberta. The School of Education congratulates Sr. Joan for this great honor and for her many contributions to Gonzaga University. (Photo courtesy of Hanne Zak)



Fr. Robert Spitzer, President, Dr. Thayne McCulloh, Academic Vice President, and Honorary Degree

2008 Graduate Commencement



A few of our 2008 Graduate Program Degree Recipients from Canada

Over 200 students from the School of Education cohorts in Canada were awarded degrees from our M. A. in Leadership and Administration program, and the Masters of Counselling. Students, family, and friends traveled from Canada to attend a special reception and to receive their degrees at the University Graduate Commencement Ceremony.

**Congratulations to all 2008 graduates
from the School of Education**

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Congratulations to our Spring 2008 Student Teachers

The spring Student Teachers dinner was held on May 6, 2008 in the McCarthy Athletic Center. Michael Dunn, the newly appointed Superintendent for Schools, ESD 101, was invited to give the keynote address. *Congratulations to our Student Teachers:*

Physical Education - Stephen Ciucci and Rory Oster

Special Education - Whitney Ahrens, Alison Batchelder, Lisa Bishop, Eileen Cosby, Margaret Coussens, Patti Glover, Ramona Gonzales, Kendall Monaghan, Anna Owens, Margaret Reynolds, Holly Romjue, Breanna Sherman, Megan Thompson, Shelby Verduin, and Josie Wilson

Teacher Education - Clare Alexander, Kent Allen, Gianna Amsberry, Julie Berry, Ellen Caletti, Brittany Carlson, Stephanie Danson, Josh Dilger, Isabel Eggers-Ehlert, Sarah Elliott, Aimee Fletcher, Carla Grabarek, Cassandra Green, Paul Gregg, Alexia Hamilton, Joele Hodgson, Mallory Kneeland, Diane Kruiswyk, Mark Ludeking, Christina Maricich, Alex Martinez, Sue McNamara, Rebecca Meeker, James Mullins, William Noland, Jason Nollmeyer, Connie Nowlan, Cristina Oliva, Celena Pease, Brigitta Peterson, Cassandra Rabbit, Timothy Rosinbum, Amy Ryan, Mark Thibodeau, Brittany Thompson, Megan Trammell, Charles Urlacher, Brandi Wilson, Julie Wolf, Douglas Wolfe, and Beth Yandell



*Congratulations to our
Spring 2008 Student Teachers*

Congratulations are in order for...

2008 University Academic Excellence Award

AMY JO RYAN

Elementary Education

JAMES MULLINS

Secondary Education

University Graduate Association

NICOLE LUSTIG

Outstanding Graduate Student

DR. AL FEIN

Outstanding Professor

**Associate Professor,
Albert Fein, and
Professor, Dan Mahoney**
from the
Department of
Educational Leadership
and Administration
are editors
and co-authors of a
newly published book
entitled,
*Overload and Collapse in
the K-12 System:
Essays by
Educators on Edge*
(Edwin Mellen Press, 2008).

KDP Activities

In April, Kappa Delta Pi, the International Honor Society for students enrolled in education programs, welcomed 55 new members and corded 40 seniors for graduation. Activities during the 2007-2008 academic year included a bake sale which raised over \$300. Proceeds were used to purchase 60 books for the Saturday Literacy Tutoring Program in which members participate. Tutors use these books during planning and detaching sessions. KDP members also participated with the Literacy program's end of the year celebration for the children. Kappa Delta Pi was established at Gonzaga University May 14, 1956. The Gonzaga Kappa Sigma Chapter has a membership of over 130 students.

Bishop's Breakfast

The School of Education hosted its annual Bishop's Breakfast in February during the national observance of Catholic Schools Week. Over 125 Principals, selected teachers, and students were invited to celebrate **Catholic Schools – Light the Way!** Each school selected a student who represented the highest qualities of Catholic education. The students exemplify the mission of the school community through his/her

academics, spirituality, social and moral behavior, and commitment of service to others. Bishop William S. Skylstad presented each of the students with a certificate from Gonzaga University, School of Education, acknowledging their contributions. The students selected from the area catholic schools were:



*Pictured with students, Bishop William S. Skylstad,
Dr. Duane Schafer, Superintendent of
Schools, Diocese of Spokane, and
Dr. Jon D. Sunderland, Dean SOE*

Anthony Gill, All Saints; **Kaitlin Petersen**, Assumption; **Rachel Hewett**, Cataldo; **Wyatt Mills**, St. Aloysius; **Spencer Piper**, St. Charles; **Jordyn Anderson**, St. John Vianney; **Andrea Blattner**, St. Mary's; **Christopher Trudeau**, St. Paschal's; **Nicole Gomolski**, St. Patrick's; **Connor McClellan**, St. Thomas More; and **Bailey Solinsky**, Trinity.

Jeanne Foster Wardian Student Leadership Awards

The Jeanne Foster Wardian Leadership Awards is presented to an undergraduate and graduate student selected from each of our departments. The recipients of this year's award demonstrate evidence of excellent scholastic achievement, disciplinary competence, commitment to education through service, and integrity of character. A plaque with their names will be displayed in the Rosauer Center. *Not pictured: Kenneth Halpin, M. A. Sport Management.*



Professor Mary Brown and
Lianna Montgomery
M. A. School Counseling



Dr. Elisabeth Bennett and
Miranda Lewis
M. A. Community Counseling



Dr. Dennis Connors and
Derrick Trent
M. A. Educational Administration



Dr. Anjali Barretto and
Kendall Monaghan
B.Ed. Special Education



Dr. Kimberly Weber and
Nicole Lustig
M. Ed. Special Education



Dr. Diane Tunnell and
Annie Barber
B. Ed. Physical Education



Dr. Jonas Cox and
Cassandra Green
B. Ed. Special Education



Dr. Deborah Booth and
Doug Wolfe
Master of Initial Teaching

Awards for Faculty and Staff

The Jeanne Foster Wardian Leadership Award celebration was held in April to recognize a faculty and staff member in the School of Education whose leadership has made a positive difference in our learning community. The faculty recipient for 2008 was Dr. Elisabeth Bennett, Chair of the Department of Counselor Education, and Director of the graduate program in Community Counseling. The Staff Leadership recipient was Sharon Straub, Director of Professional Certification.

A plaque with their names will be displayed in the Rosauer Center.



Dr. Elisabeth Bennett,
Dean Sunderland, Sharon Straub,
And Dr. Janet Brougher,
Chair of the SOE Awards Committee

MA Counselors Going On To Doctoral Programs

Congratulations to those students who have been accepted into doctoral programs.

Miranda Lewis:
Idaho State University

Courtney Holmes:
William and Mary

Kristin Stewart:
Kent State

Lori Whitbred:
North Carolina State

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CERTIFICATION NEWS

GU Pre-service Teacher Certification Program Under Revision

Washington State mandated changes from a candidate performance to a K-12 student learning evidence based system of preparing future teachers. In response, the SOE has charged an executive development team with revising Gonzaga programs preparing beginning teachers. The redesigned program must emphasize: K-12 student voice; sustainability education; assessment; integrated literacy, math and science in all subjects taught; and partnerships involving increased collaboration between higher education and K-12 schools. The redesigned program must be ready for implementation in the Fall of 2009. For information related to the new State standards or program redesign, contact Cathy Dieter in the SOE Certification Office at 313-3504 or email dieter@gonzaga.edu.

Master of Anesthesiology Education Program Honors Dr. Janet Brougher

Dr. Janet Brougher was honored at the graduation banquet for the Master of Anesthesiology Education for her 27 years as co-director of the program. Janet began her work with the program in 1977 as the program was being developed with Sacred Heart Medical Center. She became co-director with Maggie Meyers, CRNA, in 1981. Janet retired from the position in January 2008.



*Dr. Janet Brougher and Maggie Meyers,
Co-directors since 1981*

Professional Certification

This summer at Gonzaga, 44 practicing teachers will complete their Professional Certification program. Over the past year, these candidates have engaged in staff development and completed a portfolio that demonstrates the positive impact that they have had on their students and on their educational community.

Two new cohorts will begin this summer in Spokane and in Sunnyside, Washington. During May and June, these candidates will complete self-evaluations and Professional Growth Plans that will guide their staff development during the next school year.

In the fall, two additional cohorts will begin, one in Spokane and another in Colville, Washington. Teachers interested in joining either of these cohorts or wanting additional information on Gonzaga's Professional Certification Program should contact Sharon Straub at 313-3662 or straub@gonzaga.edu



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