

**OFFICE OF ADMISSION**

The Office of Admission is very happy to announce sponsorship of two GO Centers, one at Polytechnic High School and one at Castleberry High School. The College for Texans campaign is designed to increase the number of graduating seniors attending college. Universities, like Texas Wesleyan, sponsor GO Centers within the high schools and supply university-student staffers to meet with high schoolers to assist them with applications, financial aid, and other college planning. This fall we were able to assist Poly High School with the launch of their GO Center. In January, Wesleyan will assist Castleberry launch their center, as well. Additionally, Texas Wesleyan University received TG Grant money to assist with the staffing and support of the two centers. We have a very important opportunity to serve the community and we are so proud to have been selected by the Fort Worth Chamber to assist in these two schools.

The Wesleyan Office of Admission is wrapping up the fall recruiting season. The freshman counselors participated in the Texas Association of Collegiate Registrar and Admission Officers (TACRAO) calendar of Texas college fairs for high school students and families. To date, we have visited over 240 fairs and met over 2,150 prospective students. The fairs pick up again in January.

ADVANCEMENT**Collaborating with local schools**

Texas Wesleyan faculty and staff partnered with Forest Oak Middle School in their recent submission to the Texas Education Agency for the Investment Capital Fund Grant. Forest Oak's submission received the maximum award of \$50,000 to implement programs that will promote increased math scores on the TAKS. Activities in the grant included student training/tutoring, for which Wesleyan students can receive paid tutoring positions and math teacher training, as well as participation in their College/Career Fair and on a project advisory board. Dr. Jane Moore and Deborah Roark will represent Texas Wesleyan in this project as Wesleyan is the non-profit, community-based organization chosen by Forest Oak to support their quest for this project. The program will run from March 1, 2007, through August 31, 2008.

TG support

This fall, Texas Wesleyan was named one of 28 recipients of an award from TG for their Public Benefit Program, which is focused on supporting organizations that make a commitment to help students and their families in accessing postsecondary education. The "Pathways to Success" grant in the amount of \$83,550 will provide financial assistance for our students in need and also support our new GO Centers at Polytechnic High School and Castleberry High School. GO Centers provide information to high school students and their parents about the ways and means to make

educational access and success possible. Wesleyan students will be trained to provide advice and guidance to the high school students about the college preparation process. Pati Alexander is the project director for this initiative and will be supported by Shanna Hollis and Holly Kiser in meeting the project's goals and objectives. TG is a public, nonprofit corporation that helps create access to higher education for millions of families and students through its role as an administrator of the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP).

ATHLETICS

The Texas Wesleyan University athletic department has had another outstanding fall semester. With new coaches in men's and women's soccer as well as volleyball, the fall semester looked to be in rebuilding mode. However, the Rams saw very little drop-off from 2005 when all three teams won conference championships.

The women's soccer team repeated as Red River Athletic Conference Champion and hosted a Region VI tournament game for the first time in program history. With one of the nation's toughest schedules, the Lady Rams finished with a record of 9-8 overall and 5-1 in conference play. In the conference tournament they took wins over Bacon and Houston Baptist. The team set school records with a six-game winning streak and six consecutive shutouts. Six Lady Rams earned All-RRAC honors. Three were named All-Region and Brianna McKernon was named RRAC Tournament MVP.

The men's soccer team reached the Red River Athletic Conference semifinals. The Rams finished with an overall record of 6-8-2 (4-2-1 RRAC). After an up-and-down season, the Rams got hot late. They rattled off four consecutive wins to reach the tournament semifinal where they were defeated 3-1 by the eventual champion Huston-Tillotson. Junior forward Christian Villasenor earned his third All-RRAC award while Francisco Delasierra earned All-Conference honors for the first time. Damien McBrien was named RRAC Defensive Player of the Year for his outstanding work in the backfield.

With only four players who saw significant playing time in 2005, the 2006 volleyball team still managed a 20-10 record (8-3 in conference play). The Lady Rams reached the conference tournament semifinals before falling 3-1 to UT-Brownsville. They were the first team left out of the Region VI Tournament although they had scored a 3-1 win at Lubbock Christian who earned the tournament's final berth. Three Lady Rams were named All-RRAC while Sandra Ayala and Liz Meng also earned 1st-team All-Region honors.

Basketball season is also underway. The defending NAIA Division I National Champion Rams were picked sixth in the NAIA's preseason poll. In other preseason polls, they were selected as high as fourth. The

Rams were picked in a tie with Houston Baptist for the top spot in the RRAC Preseason Coaches Poll. Texas Wesleyan is off to a 6-2 start, with quality wins over Westmont College (CA), and seventh-ranked LSU Shreveport. Evan Patterson is off to a terrific start after being named National Tournament MVP last season. The senior guard is currently ranked seventh nationally with 21.9 points per game and 14th with 8.6 rebounds per game.

The Lady Rams are off to a 2-4 start this season. With an incredibly tough schedule this semester, they have wins against Hillsdale Free Will Baptist and Kansas Wesleyan.

With a successful fall, and high expectations for the basketball season, Texas Wesleyan is continuing its winning tradition in 2006-07.

COUNSELING PROGRAM

Excellent NCE pass rate for first LPC class

The first class of M.A. in Professional Counseling students graduated from Texas Wesleyan in August 2006. By November, 89 percent of those students had passed the National Counseling Exam (NCE) to obtain their LPC licensure. Because this is a national certification, these individuals can now practice in any state in the U.S. A quarter of these students have already been accepted in Ph.D. programs.

According to Program Director Dr. Michael Ellison, the University saw a small niche to be filled in Tarrant County, obtained accreditation and enrolled the first class in August 2003. Texas Wesleyan was the first university in the county to offer the Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) program. Previously, students were forced to travel to Dallas or Denton counties to obtain what is considered the "terminal degree" in the counseling field. Like other Texas Wesleyan programs, the classes are small, with individual attention from faculty. Ellison says that "the art of counseling is best learned in small groups with lots of attention from experienced counselor-teachers."

New LPC Matt Trammell enjoyed the wealth of personal experience and humor that Ellison shared freely with the class and how he made such an effort to make every student feel accepted, respected, and important. Trammell has worked in a sleep disorder clinic for five years and would like to "apply the skills obtained in the Wesleyan program to work at the clinic." Former and current students in the program work for MHMR, hospitals, and other area social service agencies. Some also commute from as far away as Plano and Mesquite.

The program has grown each year and began offering a Master in Science of School Counseling this past summer. Two new faculty members were hired in June 2006. Two more will be added in June 2007 when they will also begin offering classes at the Burseson site. According to Dr. Ellison, they expect to have 140 students in the program by this time next year. Ellison says that the program could grow even larger but that they feel it is important to keep the classes small.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

International Week 2006

The Office of International Programs was proud to sponsor International Week 2006 from November 13-17, 2006. The week began with an Opening Ceremony held on the steps of the West Library. Various cultural events took place throughout the week. These included a Celebration of Africa which showcased the Ayubu Kamau Sacred Afrikan Drum and Dance Society. The week also saw various lectures from faculty members ranging in topic from the Gaelic language to the sights, sounds and tastes of Brazil! The highlight of the week came on Thursday during the International Fair, held in the Brown-Lupton Student Center. International students from 15 different countries set up displays, played music and prepared delicious food from their home countries to share with the University community. The event capped off a great week focused on learning and creating cultural awareness. Texas Wesleyan is lucky to have our international students as they contribute to making our university a more open, culturally diverse place.

SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Ethics Challenge

Faculty members from the School of Arts and Sciences, the School of Business, and a Texas Wesleyan trustee joined together to sponsor and coach a student team for the Texas Independent College Foundation's Ethics Challenge. Dr. Ron McManus, Michelle Payne, Dr. John Shampton, Dr. Melinda Cline, and Mr. Jan Fersing worked with Texas Wesleyan students Eliza Lott, Megan Krause, Dianna Littlepage, Tyler Atkinson, Edwards Carr, and Carrie Yovanovitch.

The Ethics Challenge is a business ethics contest. Eighteen Texas independent colleges compete. The contest challenges students to think on their feet, to carefully consider their choices of actions, and to be in dialogue with fellow students. Business community professionals serve as moderators and judges for the contest.

The Wesleyan PLAYMARKET in New York City

Plan to join and participate in the Wesleyan PLAYMARKET at 37 Arts in New York City to be held May 17-21, 2007. PLAYMARKET provides a venue for student and alumni playwrights to showcase their original work to an audience. PLAYMARKET in New York City will be produced by alumni Michael and Anne Skipper, '78; alumnus Thad and Alicia Smotherman, '69; and Connie Whitt-Lambert, professor of theatre. Festivities will include a special cast party, a Broadway show arranged by the Skippers, dinner with the student and alumni playwrights, and more. This special New York City endeavor will be a formal concert reading at the new Off-Broadway Theatre Complex 37 Arts at 450 W. 37th Street.

Spring Theatre Schedule

"An Invitation to the Discovery and Final Disposition of the Various Papers and Effects of the Notable Citizen Poor Richard, Otherwise Known as The Honorable Benjamin Franklin, Printer"

Edited, Arranged and with Additional Material by Jeanne Everton



Directed by Jeanne Everton
February 22-24 & March 1-3 at 7:30 p.m./March 4 at 2 p.m.

"The Fantasticks"
The 53rd Annual Musical
Book & Lyrics by Tom Jones
Music by Harvey Schmidt
Directed by Brynn Bristol
April 19-21 at 7:30 p.m./April 22 at 2 p.m.

Playmarket 2007 to be presented at 37 ARTS in New York City
directed by Connie Whitt-Lambert
May 17-21 2007

All regular season performances are in the Thad Smotherman Theatre located at the corner of Binkley Street and Avenue E on the Wesleyan campus. For more information, call: Theatre Office: 817-531-5867 or Box Office: 817-531-4211.

Faculty announcements

Dr. Sara Horsfall, associate professor of sociology, taught a concentrated course on "American Society" at the University of Innsbruck in Innsbruck, Austria, in October. The material for the course was taken from her research and courses "Social Problems" and "Sociology of Music." Specifically, the topics covered were: immigration, Medicare and the medical system; African-American influence in popular music; same-sex marriage; eating disorders (beauty image) and obesity; discrimination and racial profiling. Following the lecture/discussion session in Austria, the students watched two American films and wrote comparisons of culture, and will complete a term paper by the end of their term.

This is the second time Horsfall has taught a class on American Society at the University of Innsbruck. She has found it to be a very interesting experience to teach in another country, to find out what they are interested in, and what they know about the U.S. Horsfall hopes to have a professor from the University of Innsbruck teach a sociology course (Georg Simmel and the Sociology of Aesthetics) at Texas Wesleyan in the summer.

Dr. Price McMurray's paper, "'What a Strange Genealogy!': *Candide* and the Limits of Enlightenment Historiography" won the World Literature Award at the 2006 meeting of the Conference of College Teachers of English in Corpus Christi and has been published in *CCTE Studies*. In addition, his essay "Disabling Fictions: Race, History, and Ideology in Crane's 'The Monster,'" originally published in *Studies in American Fiction*, has been reprinted in *Nineteenth-Century Literature Criticism* (Thomson Gale). McMurray is an assistant professor of English at Texas Wesleyan.

Dr. Yukong Zhang, assistant professor of computer science, attended the education program of the Supercomputing Conference 2006 Nov. 11-14 in Tampa, Florida. As a sponsored participant, he received a travel award from the conference. The conference is held annually and sponsored by the IEEE and ACM societies and leading computer

companies in the world. The education program is part of it, especially for educators in computing field. This year the education program was designed to assist and support institutions in the training and integration of computational science tools into classrooms in the areas of modeling, visualization, and data analysis, including bioinformatics. (<http://www.sc06.supercomputing.org/>)

Dr. Yukong Zhang also won the Under-1700 Singles title at the Texas Wesleyan University Table Tennis Tournament in September 2006. Zhang is the first-ever Texas Wesleyan professor to win a school-hosted USA Table Tennis Association-sanctioned event.

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

Master in Management Degree

The School of Business Administration has approved a new master's degree designed to provide students with an advanced education in management and leadership. This new program, a Master in Management, is an ideal post-MBA or MBA alternative.

The development of the Master in Management degree originated with the City of Fort Worth. City leaders project that a large number of their employees currently in management and directorship positions will be retiring in five to seven years. In order to fill these positions, a strategic human resource plan was designed to prepare the next generation of leaders for greater responsibility. The Master in Management program includes a public administration track to support the special needs of a city. In its final form, the Master in Management program is also responsive to other types of organizations, both public and private, as reflected by its general business-track option.

The degree includes core courses that cover issues such as organizational behavior, change management, human resources, communications, public relations, information management, financial management, and ethics. The core course components also cover many of the traditional business topics such as information systems, finance, and marketing.

Faculty announcements

Dr. Thomas Bell, Professor of Business Administration

Publications in Refereed Journals (Cabell's Listed)

"Information Security: With Respect to Blogging Technology an Organizational Change Perspective." Cline, Melinda and Bell, Thomas (2006). Accepted for publication in Emerald Journal (2006). —http://www.emeraldinsight.com/Insight/I_EmeraldContentAccessHome.jsp.

Presentations and Proceedings (peer reviewed):

"Challenges Teaching Online Information Security Courses: An Analysis of Hands-On Lab Assignments" Cline, Melinda and Bell, Thomas (2006). Under review at the 37th Annual Meeting of the Decision Sciences Institute Conference Proceeding, held in San Antonio, November 2006. — <http://www.dsi-2006.org/>.



Dr. Melinda Cline, Associate Professor of MIS

Conference Proceedings/Presentations

Cline, M.K. & Bell, T., "Challenges Teaching Online Information Security Courses: An Analysis of Hands-On Lab Assignments," *Decision Sciences Institute Conference*, accepted for presentation November 18-21, 2006, San Antonio, Texas.

Pai, K. & Cline, M.K., "Data Envelopment Analysis of Information Technology Investments," *Decision Sciences Institute Conference*, accepted for presentation November 18-21, 2006, San Antonio, Texas.

Pai, K. & Cline, M.K., "The Impact of Information Technology Investments on Railroad Performance: An Application of Data Envelopment Analysis," *Southern Economic Association Conference*, accepted for presentation November 18-21, 2006, Charleston, South Carolina.

Grants and Fellowships Awarded

Cline, M.K., Ace Project (2006), Project management software grant.

Dr. Sandra Hile Hart, Professor of Marketing

Presentations and Proceedings (peer reviewed):

Strengthening Rules Governing Advertisements by Lawyers: The Texas Experience.

International Society of Business Disciplines. Las Vegas, NV. November 6-8, 2006

Professional Service/Meetings/Conferences Attended

Attended the SBD Board of Directors meeting in Philadelphia, the site of the SBD Triennial meeting in the fall of 2007 - August 2006

Community/University Service

Serves as subcommittee chair for the Marketing Committee, Leadership Fort Worth to develop a promotion piece for Fort Worth - Spring 2006—currently

Dr. Kalpana Pai, Assistant Professor of Economics and Finance

Publications in Refereed Journals (Cabell's Listed)

Glass Ceiling: Role of Women in the Corporate World. 2006. *Competition Forum*, Vol. 4(2), pp. 421-426 co-authored with Sameer Vaidya.

Proceedings (Peer-Reviewed)

Is Student Cheating Related to Cheating in the Real World? 2006. *Annual Proceedings of the Decision Sciences Institute*, co-authored with Sameer Vaidya.

Paper Presentations and Workshops attended:

Pai, K. & Cline, M.K., "Data Envelopment Analysis of Information Technology Investments," *Decision Sciences Institute Conference*, accepted for presentation November 18-21, 2006, San Antonio, Texas.

Kalpana Pai and Melinda Cline, "The Impact of Information Technology Investments on Railroad Performance: An Application of Data Envelopment Analysis." Presented at the Southern Economic Association Meetings, November 2006, Charleston, NC.

Professional Service:

Session Chair at the Southern Economic Association Conference held at

Charleston, SC – November 2006.

Session 107G: Performance: The Role of Teaching, Technology, Promotions, and Liquidity

Discussant for two papers at the Southern Economic Association Conference held at Charleston, SC – November 2006

Working Papers:

Kalpana Pai and Sibel Kaya, "How does Teacher Quality Impact Math and Science Performance?: Evidence from TIMSS 2003." To be presented at the American Educational Research Association (AERA) Conference in Chicago, April 2007 and the Eastern Educational Research Association (EERA) conference in Clearwater, FL in February 2007.

Awards:

October 2006 - Sam Taylor Fellowship Award

Hector Quintanilla, Interim Dean

Professional Service

Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants, Relations with Educational Institutions Committee (member 2006 to current)

Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants, Leadership Development Program (participant) 2006

32nd Accounting Education Conference, Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants (held in Austin, Texas, October)

Proceedings (peer reviewed)

"GASB 34: Where Did the Cash Flow Go?," American Society of Business and Behavioral Sciences Conference, 2006

Dr. John F. Shampton, Professor of Business Administration and Business Law

Conferences/seminars Attended:

Texas Land Title Institute, San Antonio, TX (2002, 2003, planned for 2006)

Texas Independent College Fund Business Ethics Match, Faculty Co-sponsor and Coach, Fort Worth, TX (2004, 2006)

Related Professional Activities:

Expert witness (pricing of non-consensual vehicle towing services under municipal contract), *VRC, LLC v. City of Dallas*, Cause No.: 03-01336, ongoing

Legal advisor (pro bono), Mill Creek Lodge Estates, LLC v. Cascade Village Condominium Association, District Court of San Juan County, CO, ongoing

Miscellaneous pro bono legal services (real estate, corporate and estate planning related)

Dr. Thomas Smith, Professor of Marketing and Mass Communication

Professional Service

Worked with the Fort Worth Advertising Club in matching up students



from Texas Wesleyan and advertising professionals for the annual Career Development Day, aka Shadow Day, '05 and '06

Community Service

Spoke to the downtown Fort Worth Kiwanis Club, which lead to his volunteering with a Career Day involving an Elementary school in which the club mentors. He spoke to the students about careers in both business and in teaching.

Entertained Polytechnic neighborhood kids at the annual Christmas party sponsored by the Wesleyan religious club – Dec. 05 and '06

Thomas D. Tolleson, Associate Professor of Accounting

Proceedings (peer reviewed)

“Neo Liberalism, Deregulation and Financial Reporting Abuses During the Last Two Decades in the United States,” 2006 proceedings of the American Accounting Association.

“Presentation of Capital Budgeting Criteria in Accounting Textbooks: Some Inconsistencies and Pedagogical Concerns,” 2006 Association of Business Educators Proceedings (forthcoming).

Presentations (peer reviewed)

“Kellogg’s Healthier Cereals: An Ethical Dilemma?” to be presented at the Southwest Case Research’s meeting, San Diego, CA, March 2007.

“Chad Craft Enterprises: A Troubled Subsidiary” with Ann Warren, to be presented at the 2007 Southwest American Accounting Association, San Antonio, February 2007.

“Neo Liberalism, Deregulation and Financial Reporting Abuses During the Last Two Decades in the United States,” with Barbara Merino and Alan Maper, American Accounting Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., August 2006.

Working Papers

Thomas D. Tolleson and Ann Warren, “Chad Craft Enterprises: A Troubled Subsidiary”

Thomas D. Tolleson and Kay Guess, “CPAs’ Perceptions of CPE”

Thomas D. Tolleson, Barbara D. Merino and Alan Maper, “Neo Liberalism, Deregulation and Financial Reporting Abuses During the Last Two Decades in the United States”

Thomas D. Tolleson, “Presentation of Capital Budgeting Criteria in Accounting Textbooks: Some Inconsistencies and Pedagogical Concerns”

Conferences and Workshops

August 5 – 8, 2006, the American Accounting Association’s Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.

Leadership/Professional Service

2006 President, Southwest American Accounting Association

2006 Executive Committee, Federation of Business Disciplines

2006 Council Member, American Accounting Association

Dr. Sameer Vaidya, Associate Professor of Management

Publications in Refereed Journals (Cabell’s Listed)

Glass Ceiling: Role of Women in the Corporate World. 2006. Competition Forum, Vol. 4(2), pp. 421-426; co-authored with Kalpana Pai.

International Joint Ventures: An Integrated Framework. Journal of Global Competitiveness, forthcoming.

Presentations and Proceedings (peer reviewed):

Is Student Cheating Related to Cheating in the Real World? 2006. Annual Proceedings of the Decision Science Institute, co-authored with Kalpana Pai, presented at the National Decision Science Institute meeting in San Antonio in November 2006.

Professional Service

Track Chair for the Big Emerging Markets: Environmental and Organizational Changes track – Midwest Academy of International Business, March 2007.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Students to travel abroad

The graduate students in education are planning on taking an exciting, educational adventure next summer to Piracicaba, Brazil, or Zagreb, Croatia. The school is currently accepting applications for this trip, which will be from June 28-July 8, 2007.

Graduate Scholars in Education Development Fund (GSE)

Any student who has been accepted into the programs of Graduate Studies in Education is eligible for funds that contribute further to the student’s scholarship activity. Educational conference fees and/or educational travel expenses may be funded completely or partially by the GSE fund. For more information, please visit our website at www.txwes.edu.

Congratulations to the spring and summer graduates:

Adriana Blanco, Rosie Brown, Roy Brown, Hannah DeArmond, Julie Ervin, Deborah Flynn, Tatia Gaines, Khadejah Gardner, Maria Garza, Emily Holt, Linda Johnson, Johnny McKenzie, Tammy McLeod, Katherine Moreno, Conneka Neal, Rebecca Pappas, Xavier Sanchez, Naomi Thompson, and Michael Wright

Wesleyan Graduate Review published

The *Wesleyan Graduate Review*, volume 5, number 1, was published in Fall 2006. The *Graduate Review* features scholarly articles from the area and the nation. This volume featured an article by new School of Education faculty member Dr. Carolyn Lorraine (Lorrie) Webb titled, “Technology Integration by New Teachers: Is College Preparing Our Future Educators?” and an editorial by Director of Graduate Studies in Education Dr. Twyla Miranda. Other contributors from the University include Provost Allen H. Henderson, faculty member Dr. Ellen M. Curtin, and graduate students Karen A. (Casey) Waggoner, Donna Jenkins, Kellie Molden, Melinda Maninger, and Theresa Kauffman.



Parker Palmer event co-sponsored by Texas Wesleyan and Courage & Renewal

Texas Wesleyan University, Courage & Renewal and others sponsored a professional development workshop in October by Parker J. Palmer, author of *A Hidden Wholeness* and *Let Your Life Speak*. The workshop was held at the University of Texas at Arlington. Dr. Palmer is a highly respected writer, teacher and activist who focuses on issues in education, community, leadership, spirituality and social change. He has worked with people in many walks of life, including public schools, colleges and universities, religious institutions, corporations, foundations, and grass-roots organizations. He served for 15 years as Senior Associate of the American Association of Higher Education, and now serves as Senior Advisor to the Fetzer Institute. Ten years ago, he founded the national Center for Courage & Renewal, which oversees the "Courage to Teach" program for K-12 educators across the country and parallel programs for people in other professions. Locally, the work is carried out by Courage & Renewal - North Texas, which offers workshops particularly geared toward educators, clergy, congregational leaders, health care practitioners, legal professionals, community leaders, and other helping professions.

Burleson site update

Texas Wesleyan received the 4th-Quarter Commercial Level Award at the Burleson Area Chamber of Commerce's December Quarterly Luncheon held Dec. 7. Also this fall, Texas Wesleyan has participated in the Burleson Homecoming parade, held an appreciation luncheon for Burleson city employees, and co-hosted author/speaker James Garbarino's presentation on youth violence. The weekly Rotary International meeting is hosted on campus and Texas Wesleyan also had a float in the Rotary Club Parade of Lights on Dec. 9.

The Burleson site currently offers bachelor's degree programs in Early Childhood-Grade 4 Elementary Teacher Certification, General Business and Liberal Studies. In the summer of 2007, courses toward a Master's Degree in Educational Counseling/Licensed Professional Counseling will be added. Students will be able to take 44 percent of the courses for this degree in Burleson. Talks are underway to explore the possibility of offering additional graduate-level courses at the Burleson site. The campus Resource Center will be available for students to check out books when students return to class in January. The expectation is to have 100 students enrolled in Burleson by the fall 2007 term.

Lockheed-Martin Excellence in Teaching Award goes to Texas Wesleyan alumnus

Michael Myers, BS '02, has received the Lockheed-Martin Excellence in Teaching Award for Elementary Mathematics. The award nomination came from Dr. Carlos Vasquez, principal of D. McRae Elementary School. Myers and other awardees were honored at a luncheon Dec. 1 at the Petroleum Club. The honor comes with a \$5,000 cash award. After obtaining his B.S. in Science in 2002, Myers received a 4-8 alternative certification from Wesleyan in 2005. This is Myers' third year at Fort Worth's D. McRae Elementary School, where he is currently teaching fourth- and fifth-grade math.

Faculty presentations

In September, Dr. Lisa Dryden and Ann Reed were invited presenters at the International Reading Association Midwest Regional Conference in Omaha, Nebraska. The topic was *Phonological Awareness Strategies for Young Children*. Reed and Dryden are frequent collaborators and presenters locally, nationally and internationally.

New School of Education faculty member Patsy Robles-Goodwin co-presented an all-day seminar at Region 10 in Richardson. The subject was *From Theory to Everyday Practice: Welcoming Children of Diverse Family Cultures into Early Childhood Programs*. The second component of the series, part of the Head Start Program initiatives for preparing teachers and paraprofessionals to work and better understand teaching and working with diverse children and their families, will be presented in January. Robles-Goodwin is an associate professor of education.

Dr. Kim Tyler, another new School of Education faculty member, presented at the annual Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented (TAGT) Conference November 15-18 in Austin. Dr. Tyler's presentation was "Guiding Your Gifted Child to Emotional and Academic Success." This session was designed to provide parents and counselors with information and resources to aid them in nurturing their gifted child socially, emotionally, and academically. Content covered included "What is Giftedness and How Do I Know If My Child Is Gifted?"; "How Do I Help My Gifted Child Over Bumps in the Road?"; "How Do I Advocate for My Gifted Child?" and "Resources for Learning at Home and in the Community."

Faculty awards and honors

Dr. Twyla Miranda, professor of education and director of graduate studies, received a \$76,000 grant from the Fetzer Foundation to be used over a three-year period to support her study of "The Effects of Transformative Professional Development on Report Card Ratings and Organizational Cultures in Texas Schools." The project examines the effects of a Courage to Teach program of transformative professional development on teachers from Tarrant County schools.

Two Texas Wesleyan School of Education faculty members recently became officers in the Texas Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators (TAECTE). The new president is Ann Reed and the treasurer is Patsy Robles-Goodwin.

Twyla Miranda was granted the Sam Taylor Research Fellowship Award from the Central Board of Higher Education & Ministry. Miranda will use the funds to conduct research on two incredible women, Daphne Sheldrick and Jasna Reed. Miranda will share her research with children at the Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Fort Worth as well as other audiences in Fort Worth and Arlington. Ultimately, the research will be written as a biography series of books for children *Women Who are Making a Difference*. Sheldrick is an elephant scientist and "foster mother" to orphaned elephants and rhinos in East Africa in the Nairobi National Park. Last year she was "knighted" for her work by Prince Charles and has been interviewed on *60 Minutes*. Reed holds the



bronze medal from the 1988 Olympics in table tennis and is now a coach at Texas Wesleyan.

Ann Reed has been elected as a board member for the Consortium of State Organizations for Texas Teacher Education. CSOTTE is dedicated to the support and refinement of professional preparation and development programs for all certified school personnel in Texas.

SCHOOL OF LAW

Texas Wesleyan bar pass rate continues to soar

Texas Wesleyan University School of Law achieved another high performance on the Texas Bar Exam and improved its first-time bar passage rate to 87.94 percent, scoring higher than the state average. This is the highest bar passage rate in the history of the Law School.

The performance on this bar exam ranked Texas Wesleyan fifth out of Texas' nine law schools. Three of the four schools that ranked higher scored just two percentage points better than Texas Wesleyan. Those schools were the University of Texas, the University of Houston, and Southern Methodist University. Texas Wesleyan continues to regularly score at or above the statewide average.

Interim Dean Cindy Fontaine said that this performance directly correlates to the emphasis the school's distinguished faculty has placed on quality of instruction.

"Our faculty is a group of very active and engaged scholars who are committed to excellence," Fontaine said. "They have dedicated themselves to ensuring that our students are prepared for the bar by the time they graduate, and the bar results affirm they are indeed doing the right things both in and out of the classroom to ensure that our students succeed."

Moot Court team wins Ninth Annual Entertainment Law Moot Court Competition

A team of Texas Wesleyan University School of Law students was named national champions at the Ninth Annual National Entertainment Law Moot Court Competition hosted by Pepperdine University School of Law in Malibu, California, in October. It is the first national championship won by any Texas Wesleyan moot court team.

The Entertainment Law Moot Court Team, made up of David Pratt, Nolan Shaver, and Holly White, and coached by Joe Spence, competed against 23 of the nation's top moot court teams at the competition. Law schools represented at the competition included Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, University of California Boalt Law School, University of Cincinnati College of Law, University of Washington School of Law, University of Wisconsin School of Law, and William and Mary School of Law.

The team advanced through six rounds of competition judged by top entertainment lawyers in the industry and argued against teams from New York Law School, Fordham University School of Law, Touro College Fuchsburg Law Center, University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law and Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law. Texas Wesleyan beat the team from University of California Hastings College of Law to win the title.

In addition, the team was also honored with the award for the Best Petitioner's Brief, and Shaver was recognized as the Best Oral Advocate in the final round.

"This championship is a true testament to teamwork," Pratt said. "We never could have achieved this incredible accomplishment without the hard work of each team member and the dedication of our coach."

Texas Wesleyan wins second moot court championship

In a span of one week, Texas Wesleyan University School of Law won its second moot court championship, this one coming at the 25th Annual John Marshall Law School International Moot Court Competition in Information Technology and Privacy Law in Chicago, Illinois, Oct. 26-28.

The team from Texas Wesleyan, comprised of Chris Norris, Anndi Queenan, and Justin Sisemore, and coached by Professor Jana McCreary, was also awarded Best Petitioner's Brief.

The Texas Wesleyan team competed against 25 other teams from law schools across the country as well as against teams from law schools in Australia and India. Texas Wesleyan advanced through six rounds of competition, facing Loyola University New Orleans College of Law in the final round.

Various Illinois judges and current and retired Supreme Court justices from Michigan, Idaho, Kentucky, Indiana, and Missouri participated in judging the semifinal and final rounds, and Judge Michael S. Kanne from the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit joined in judging the final round.

"For me, the most rewarding experience was arguing complex legal issues in front of jurists from every level of the state judiciary, in addition to judges from the federal district courts and court of appeals," Norris said. "We earned their respect to the point that one state supreme court justice told me he would hate to argue a case opposite us in the real world, which made me all the more proud to tell him we represent Texas Wesleyan."

Texas Wesleyan wins second consecutive bid to finals of National Moot Court Competition

The Texas Wesleyan team of Natalie Roetzel, Johannes Walker, and Matthew Rhoads took second place in the Region 10 round of the 57th Annual National Moot Court Competition Nov. 16-18, securing one of the two coveted bids to the finals of the 57th Annual National Moot Court Competition. This marks the second year in a row that Texas Wesleyan has secured a bid. Last year, Texas Wesleyan won the regional competition.

Roetzel, Walker, and Rhoads will travel to Manhattan in late January 2007 to represent the Texas and Oklahoma region in the competition. The team is coached by Rob Sherwin of Brackett & Ellis and Nicole Rittenhouse of Thompson & Knight. The team from the University of Oklahoma College of Law finished first, winning the region's other bid.

Roetzel and Walker served as the team's oralists, turning in a strong performance that led Texas Wesleyan to the final round. Rhoads, with



assistance from Roetzel and Walker, wrote the team's brief. The team opened up the competition on Thursday with a win over Southern Methodist University's Dedman School of Law. It then drew South Texas College of Law Thursday afternoon. Despite trailing South Texas's brief score by two and a half points, Roetzel and Walker convincingly took all three oral ballots to win the round.

After drawing a bye on Friday, the team again faced off against South Texas Friday afternoon, with the winner securing an invitation to New York and the loser going home. Roetzel and Walker were even more impressive in the rematch and again won all three oral ballots—this time by an overwhelming 24 oral points—to eliminate the downtown Houston school from the competition. It was the first time in recent history that South Texas was denied a bid to the National finals.

Fall Faculty Auction raises funds for student fellowships

The Texas Wesleyan Law Fellowship (TWLF) auction was held Oct. 19, to help raise money for summer stipends for law students who intern at public interest agencies. This year's auction raised \$36,622. The auction raised \$18,311 with an additional \$18,311 in matching funds from Interim Dean Cindy Fountaine. Last year's auction raised a total of \$27,905.

"The auction is the organization's primary way to raise money to fund law fellowship internships," Assistant Dean for Student Affairs Patti Gearhart Turner said. "Last year students requested \$75,000 in fellowship funds, but we were only able to fund \$34,000, so there is a huge need to get our students in public interest internships."

TWLF is a student-run organization that raises money from the school and the Texas Legal Community to fund fellowship stipends for students who work in public interest internships during the summer. Interns in this field normally do not receive compensation for their work.

Second Court of Appeals visit

Students were given the opportunity to attend oral arguments presented at the Law School to a panel of the Second Court of Appeals on Oct. 26, at 10 a.m.

The panel consisted of Justice Anne Gardner, Justice Terrie Livingston, and Justice Bob McCoy. The panel heard oral arguments for *Adams v. State*, which was an appeal of a conviction for intoxication manslaughter, and *Young v. Thota*, which was an appeal of a medical-malpractice verdict in favor of the defendant.

Alumni win local, state elections

Texas Wesleyan School of Law alumni won several state and local elections during the 2006 general election.

Carlos Cortez, JD '95, was elected the State Civil District Judge for the 44th District of Dallas County. In 2004, Cortez was selected by his peers in Dallas County to *D Magazine's* list of Best Lawyers Under 40 in Dallas. In 2005, attorneys throughout the State of Texas also voted Cortez as a "Rising Star/Super Lawyer," an award only given to the top two percent of attorneys in Texas.

Nancy Burger, JD '94, was elected Judge of the 322nd District

Family Court of Tarrant County. She received her B.S. with double majors in accounting and secretarial science from Central State University, in Edmond, Oklahoma. She is a Certified Public Accountant and has her own practice in Tarrant County.

Craig Watkins, JD '94, was elected Dallas District Attorney. He received his undergraduate degree in political science from Prairie View A&M University. He received the Dallas Urban League Torch Award and is a member of the Patrick E. Higginbotham American Inns of Court (AIC).

Two alumni also won Justice of the Peace positions in their Tarrant County precincts. Ralph Swearingin, JD '94, was elected Justice of the Peace in Precinct 1, and Ron Corbin, JD '97, was elected Justice of the Peace in Precinct 7.

Several alumni were also re-elected to their positions. Judge Susan Hawk, JD '95, of the 291st Criminal District Court in Dallas ran unopposed, as well as Joseph Black, JD '94, the district attorney for Harrison County. Rep. Phil King, JD '94, was re-elected to his position as State Representative for the 61st District.

Texas Wesleyan featured in "Best 170 Law Schools: 2007 Edition"

Texas Wesleyan University School of Law is one of the nation's most outstanding law schools, according to the *Princeton Review*. The New York-based education services company features the school in the just-published 2007 edition of its *Best 170 Law Schools*.

"We chose schools for this book based on our high regard for their academic programs and offerings, institutional data we collect from the schools, and the candid opinions of students attending them who rate and report on their campus experiences at the schools," *Princeton Review* VP-Publishing Robert Franek said. "We are pleased to recommend Texas Wesleyan School of Law to readers of our book and users of our website as one of the best institutions they could attend to earn a law school degree."

Best 170 Law Schools has two-page profiles of the schools with write-ups on their academics, student life and admissions, plus ratings for their academics, selectivity and career placement services. In the profile on Texas Wesleyan School of Law, the Princeton Review editors describe the school as a place where "diversity breeds classroom debate and doesn't result in competition or contention." They quote from students attending it who say, "Professors are genuinely interested not only in our successful completion of the program, but also in our bar exam performance and — more important — our professional competence."

The Princeton Review does not rank the schools in the book on a single hierarchical list from 1 to 170, or name one law school best overall. The book has 11 ranking lists of the top 10 law schools in various categories. The lists are posted at www.PrincetonReview.com. Ten lists are based on The Princeton Review's surveys of 17,000 students attending the 170 law schools profiled in the book. (Only schools that permitted The Princeton Review to survey their students were eligible for consideration for these lists). Conducted during the 2005-06, 04-05 and 03-04 academic years,



the student surveys were done primarily online. One list, "Toughest to Get Into," is based solely on institutional data. (All schools in the book were eligible for consideration for this list.)

Guantanamo Bay Teach-In

Texas Wesleyan School of Law participated in the simulcast of the Seton Hall Guantanamo Bay Teach-In on Oct. 5 in the Amon G. Carter Lecture Hall. Students, faculty and staff were invited to breakfast and lunch during the simulcast. The come-and-go simulcast explored the United States' detention policy and practices in the "war on terror."

Along with Professor Margarita Trevino Balli Coale's leadership, law school organizations including the American Constitution Society, International Law Society, and the Wesleyan Innocence Project sponsored the event.

"There has been a lot of controversy on this topic, and this teach-in was a new forum where all aspects of the Constitution's protections in this time were discussed," Coale said. "The program was flexible so that students could stop by before or after class to watch lectures from journalists, physicians, and leading legal experts."

Constitution Day presentation

In celebration of Constitution Day, professors Lynne Rambo and Reginald Oh presented a luncheon discussion on the topic of judicial independence on Sept. 18 in the Amon G. Carter Lecture Hall.

"It is appropriate that the anniversary of the Constitution is so close to Sept. 11," Professor Rambo said. "Since that day five years ago, we have seen the Constitution in action. The executive branch is trying to strengthen laws, and the right of free press is bringing these changes to light. Congress is also taking a hand in passing or defeating such laws. The system of government is showing itself with checks and balances."

After watching a short video with comments from United States Supreme Court justices, professors Oh and Rambo debated whether they believed important cases such as *Roe v. Wade*, *Lawrence v. Texas*, and *Brown v. Board of Education* were decided upon judicial activism.

Texas Wesleyan University historic campus students excel in Mediation and Moot Court

Last October two Texas Wesleyan University undergraduate Moot Court teams qualified for the final medal rounds at the Texas Tech Law School and have advanced to the National Championship rounds in Norfolk,

Virginia, at Regent University. The two teams consist of Jayson Nag and Carrie Yovanovitch, both juniors (Yovanovitch with a Political Science-English double major, and Nag majoring in Political Science-Pre-law), and Tanya Love and Edward Carr, also Political Science-Pre-law majors. Love is a junior and Carr graduates this December, but is still eligible to compete at the National level. The regional tournament at Texas Tech is the largest regional tournament in the United States. The students competed in a pool of forty-eight teams from twelve undergraduate universities in the area to earn their coveted spots in the National Competition.

Placing sixth (out of 96 speakers) in the prestigious Top Ten Orators is Tyler Atkinson, Political Science-Pre-law senior. Atkinson now vies for top speaking points at upcoming competitions at the University of North Texas and at our own Law School this March. Other team members are Zach Davidson, Amber Elliot, and Alma Ramsey. Davidson is a Political Science-History double major, senior; Elliot a sophomore Paralegal Studies; and Ramsey is a graduating senior in Political Science-Pre-law. The coach is Michelle Payne, visiting assistant professor of political science and director of paralegal studies, Pre-Law Advisor ('96,'97,'99).

Other news from the competition route includes the Texas Wesleyan University Mediation team capturing the National Title in the Mediation Division in Des Moines, Iowa, Nov. 3-4. After sweeping the competition at University of Texas-Dallas in October, two teams traveled to Drake Law School to do what no other "New School" has ever done in the history of The American Mock Trial Association, according to Dick Caulkins, President. The teams took a combined total of six plaques (each worth a \$6000 scholarship to Drake Law School), sixth place advocate-client trophy, best new school trophy and, best of all, the top spot, National Mediation Tournament 1st Top Ten Team and National Champion Mediator Award and trophy. The trophies had to be checked at the airport to get them back to Texas Wesleyan! The team members are Marc Coseriu, Political Science-Pre-Law sophomore; Eliza Lott, graduating Political Science-Pre-Law major; Penny Cryer, Paralegal Studies senior; Alma Ramsey, graduating Political Science-Pre-Law senior; Carrie Yovanovitch, Political Science-Pre-Law, English double major junior; and Tyler Atkinson, Political Science-Pre-Law senior. The coach is Michelle Payne, visiting assistant professor of political science and director of paralegal studies, pre-law advisor.

