We continue to celebrate the success of YOU, the Ed. D. graduates. Some of you share your accomplishments with us and we are delighted to learn of your achievements.

This is a gentle reminder to every Ed. D. graduate to take a few minutes and forward information about your:

- New Job
- Conference presentation
- Published article
- Honors/Awards
- New address/e-mail

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We look forward to hearing from you often!

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Summer 2007 — Spring 2008
Ed. D. Graduates - Educational Leadership

Cohort XV of the Ed. D. Educational Leadership program presented their group project in a symposium format titled *Curriculum Wars* to the ASU community on Saturday, April 5, 2008, 12:30—4:45 pm in the Mockingbird Room at the Student Union. The cohort members divided into the following three groups: A. *The Swinging Pendulum: The Effects of Culture on Curriculum*, B. *The Great Divide: Policy versus Best Practices*, and C. *The Moving Target: Changing Instructional Technology, Tools and Strategies*.

Each member of the cohort spoke for ten to twenty minutes on their specific topic. At the end of each group’s presentations, cohort members answered questions from the audience.

The cohort members collaborated for two years prior to this required comprehensive exam activity. The individual articles will become part of a published monograph that is available in June 2008. Contact Dr. Amany Saleh (870.972.3062) if you would like a printed version of Cohort XV’s complete research.

Cohort XV at the Conclusion of the Symposium Presentation
Back Row (L-R): Shelley Williams, Lajuana Morris, Sarah Russback, Jason Lincoln, and Brenda Randle.
Front Row (L-R): Tammy Fowler, Bridget Duncan, Merlina McCullough, Jana Culp, Angela Edgar, and Jasmine Williams.
On Wednesday, August 22, 2007, fifteen members of Cohort XVI gathered for their immersion into the five semester path of the doctoral coursework. Dr. Daniel Cline met with the students at 4 pm for an orientation to ELAD 8043 Advanced Organizational Theory & Inquiry.

At the break, the Center for Excellence in Education (CEE) provided a light dinner for the new cohort members and the doctoral faculty. Everyone was able to spend some initial quality time together. Dr. Foldesy distributed the 2007-2008 Doctoral Student Handbook and a “Helpful Resources” booklet to the members. Everyone was also introduced to Joyce Mann, the CEE secretary. After the welcoming meal, Dr. David Cox began the second course, ELAD 8313 Doctoral Seminar: Educational Leadership Practices I.

The cohort members will meet on Wednesday throughout the remainder of their coursework (except summer 2008).
C E E C r e a t e s N e w O n - l i n e J o u r n a l

Professor Dr. Dan H. Cline and Associate Professor Dr. Amany Saleh are collaborating to create an online non-thematic journal titled *Interdisciplinary Studies in Education*.

The journal will be blind peer reviewed and housed within the Center for Excellence in Education at Arkansas State University-Jonesboro.

Contributors to the journal will be faculty and students. It will be open to empirical- and theory-based papers.

The first call for papers will be Summer 2008. The first publication will be Spring 2009; the publication cycle thereafter will be every fall and spring. The Journal will be part of the Center for Excellence in Education web page.

*The Center for Excellence* is hoping it will address the regional needs of the Mid-South with the publication of this journal.

Dr. Dan Cline  Dr. Amany Saleh

Graduate Scholar's Day Conference

The Graduate Student Council of Arkansas State University-Jonesboro sponsored the first annual *Graduate Scholars Day Conference* on Wednesday, April 9, 2008, 1:30—6:45 pm in the Student Union.

All graduate students were invited to submit their research and academic work for consideration. Fifty submitted documents were selected for presentation.

The mission of the Graduate Scholar's Day Conference was to promote research among the graduate student body at Arkansas State University and other institutions in the region.

Opening speakers included Dr. Dan Howard, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs and Research, and Dr. Andrew Sustich, Dean of the Graduate School. Three scheduled times allowed the following departments to present:

- Environmental Sciences, Ph. D.
- Business and Communication Studies, Masters
- Nursing & Health Professions, Masters
- Educational Leadership, Ed. D.
- Education, Masters
- Molecular Biosciences, Ph. D.
- College Student Personnel Services, Masters
- Educational Leadership, Masters and Specialist

The following doctoral Educational Leadership students (with their cohort indicated) presented: David Powell/XIV, Elaine Novak/XIV, Crystal Machado/IX, Michael Miles/XVII, and Noah Kasraie/XIV.
Dr. Alice Barnes Rose became the assistant commissioner for the Learning Services Division of the Arkansas Department of Education October 1, 2007. Dr. Rose replaced Diana Julian at the Arkansas Department of Education.

Alice Barnes Rose has been with the Forrest City School District since 1978. While there, she has held the roles of instructor, administrator, and deputy superintendent. She also teaches adjunct at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro.

Dr. Barnes-Rose was a member of Cohort 7 in the Educational Leadership doctoral program at Arkansas State University. She graduated in 2001.

“I am so pleased to have Dr. Rose joining the administrative team at the Arkansas Department of Education. She will bring a wealth of experience and insight to this important role, and I am confident that she will make valuable contributions as we continue our mission of providing the best education possible to all students in the state.”

— Ken James
Education Commissioner

The Center for Excellence in Education is moving into new quarters. Between August and December 2008, the Ed. D. program and the Masters and Specialist Educational Leadership, Curriculum, and Special Education programs will relocate to the top floor of the newly renovated Chickasaw Building. The Chickasaw Building is two buildings east of the current location of 102 S. Caraway.

Dr. George Foldesy, CEE facility Director and Director of the Ed. D. program says: “I know our students will enjoy the new accommodations.”

Dr. Mitch Holifield, Department Chairman of the Educational Leadership, Curriculum, and Special Education programs says “as we continue to deal with older students in the Masters, Specialist, and Doctoral programs, this unique space will help them transition to their new goals.”

Both commented that the move coincides with ASU’s Centennial celebration and the new mascot celebration, the Red Wolves.
Dr. Dwayne Scott, Cohort IX, presented his dissertation topic, *Factors That Contribute To Hazing Among Collegiate Black Greek Letter Fraternities During Membership Intake Activities* at the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) conference held in Boston, Massachusetts.

Scott’s presentation was among the 300 programs drawn from a pool of nearly 850 programs submitted for peer review. Over 1,300 reviewers selected the participants for this conference.

Dr. Scott is a 2006 graduate of the Ed. D. Educational Leadership program at Arkansas State University—Jonesboro. He is currently employed by the University of Memphis in the Office of Student Judicial and Ethical Programs as Associate Dean of Students.
Crystal Machado (Cohort XII) and Dr. Daniel Cline presented a paper at the annual conference of National Council of Professors of Educational Administration (NCPEA) in August 2007, in Chicago, Illinois. The paper was a general overview of Crystal’s dissertation and was titled *Transformation of School Leadership Preparation Programs: A Look at the Alignment Process and the Changes that have Occurred due to ISLLC/ELCC Standards Implementation.*

In November 2007, Machado presented a paper at the 21st Annual University Council for Educational Administration (UCEA) Convention in Alexandria, Virginia in which the theme of the conference was *Fostering Compassion and Understanding Across Borders: An International Dialogue About the Future of Educational Leadership.* Her paper was titled *The Notre Dame Institute of Education: A Cross-Cultural Pakistani-Australian Joint Venture in Leadership Preparation.*

In January 2008, Machado and Dr. Dan Cline again coauthored a paper. It was tentatively accepted for publication in the 2008 NCPEA Yearbook following a rigorous blind peer review (only 39% acceptance rate). The paper, if published, will be titled *The Process of ISLLC/ELCC Standards Implementation in School Leadership Preparation Programs.*

Machado graduates in May 2008.

Kasraie Earns 2 "Best Paper" Awards

Cohort XIV member, Noah Kasraie has presented different papers in January, 2008 at two conferences in Orlando, Florida. Each submission won the “Best Paper” award in their respective conferences.

*The conference titled College Teaching and Learning Conference is where Kasraie submitted his paper titled* "Educational Leadership/Administration Doctoral Program Quality and the Impact on School Effectiveness." This quantitative study investigated the association between quality of education obtained by superintendents holding a doctorate in educational leadership/administration and school effectiveness.

His other paper titled "Enhancing the Online Master of Business Administration Programs: Overcoming the Ten Dysfunctions of Unsuccessful iMBA Programs." This paper also won the distinction for Applied Business Research conference. This study presented a unique approach to curriculum design in the context of Problem-Based and Case-Based Learning for online Master of Business Administration (MBA) programs in order to enhance the learning experience of students and retain high enrollments.

Kasraie’s academic advisor is Dr. Mitch Holifield. Kasraie plans to graduate in August, 2008.
Doctoral Student Has Literary Connection to Author John Grisham

April Holifield, Cohort XVI, is also an English instructor at Southaven High School in Southaven, Mississippi. Her students write articles that are placed in the high school’s literary publication, *Melange*, that is produced each spring.

In spring 2007, April learned that author John Grisham was a graduate of Southaven High School. She approached him to write the “Foreword” in their annual publication. He agreed.

April says that once the story made the Memphis TV news, the literary publication is selling better than ever. She attributes the connection of Grisham to the publication. Copies are $10 and can be ordered online at [http://www.desoto.k12.ms.us/shs](http://www.desoto.k12.ms.us/shs).

John Grisham was born in Jonesboro, Arkansas and educated in Southaven, Mississippi.

Dr. George Foldesy advises April Holifield during a break between classes.

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Data are available for 18 months at the site without added fees. If you provide your email with an educational institution, the charge for each response is about half the regular fee. For example, 1,500 prepaid responses at the educational rate is $150. Data can be downloaded into an Excel spreadsheet and then moved to SPSS for calculation.

Go to [http://www.hostedsurvey.com/hosted-survey-features.html](http://www.hostedsurvey.com/hosted-survey-features.html) for a summary of all their features and see if Hosted Survey might help you with your next survey and data analysis.

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Ed. D. Students Receive Briefcases

The latest marketing effort of the Ed. D. program was revealed as current students received a briefcase advertising the Ed. D. Educational Leadership program.

Dr. Dan Cline and Dr. David Cox were on hand to distribute the new briefcases to Cohort XVI (see picture inserts). Each member of Cohort XV, and the Ed. D. teaching faculty also received a briefcase.

Dr. Foldesy, Director of the Ed.D. program, is pleased with the advertising that this marketing tool will do for the program in the community. For more information about the Ed. D. program in Educational Leadership, contact Dr. George Foldesy at 870.972.3943 or visit the website at http://education.astate.edu/cee/index.html.

The faculty and staff of the Center for Excellence in Education (CEE) gathered together in Room 201 on Friday, November 30, 2007 to celebrate the holiday season with a buffet. Everyone signed up to bring a dish. Turkey, ham, casseroles, vegetables, bread, and desserts loaded down the tables.

This annual event also welcomed retirees of the CEE Department at the luncheon. A good time was had by everyone at the luncheon.

Dr. Foldesy, Director for the Center for Excellence in Education, welcomed everyone with a jolly “Ho Ho Ho” as everyone enjoyed the buffet and the fellowship.

Many members of the ASU campus community were also invited to share in the comradeship and good times.
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The conference, "Leadership: Impact, Culture, and Sustainability," was attended by leadership educators and program directors from around the world. Cox's presentation was a case study on his implementation of a leadership pedagogy he learned at a Harvard workshop.

"I especially enjoyed interacting with Sharon Parks, author of Leadership Can Be Taught, and Ron Heifetz, author of Leadership on the Line," Dr. Cox indicated.

Dr. Cox has been a professor at Arkansas State University since Fall 1992. He consistently pursues new techniques to share with his students.

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- Research and development inclusive of evaluative and consultant services to secondary, post-secondary, and other educational agencies.

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- Daniel Cline
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- Mitchell Holifield
  Chair, Department of Educational Leadership, Curriculum, and Special Education and Professor
  Ph. D.— Southern Illinois University

- David Holman
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  Ph. D.— University of Nebraska

- Amany Saleh
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