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Mary Beth Van Sickle, NSU Elementary Lab, and Dr. Michelle Fazio Brunson, Family and Consumer Sciences, will publish an article in Collaborations, the Journal for Louisiana Early Childhood Association. The article is entitled Meaningful Art: Beautiful Stuff in the Early Childhood Classroom.

Dr. Sharon Joy, assistant professor of music education, presented “The Four Es of Classroom Management” at the Texas Music Educators Association Convention in San Antonio, Texas, on Feb. 12. This clinic presentation was repeated on March 13 in Providence, R.I., at the Music Educators National Conference (MENC) Northeastern Division Convention with former NSU Music Education faculty member Dr. Andrew Goodrich.

On April 3 Dr. Joy will present a paper entitled “The Music of Al

Northwestern to introduce new program for reserving facilities

University Calendar will be part of new system

Northwestern will soon implement event management software that will eliminate the paper- and legwork required to reserve campus facilities. The program will allow planners to find and reserve facilities and set-ups and place events on a comprehensive university calendar linked to NSU’s homepage. The software will be applicable for the whole university, including the Shreveport and Leesville-Fort Polk campuses.

“This system is simple to navigate. When people see how easy it is to use this system, as well as the benefit of a central university calendar, they will say ‘It’s in my best interest to do this,’” said Fred Terasa, director of facility use.

Anyone with Internet access will be able to browse the calendar, view and/or search for events, such as prospective students, parents or someone interested in attending a concert or ballgame.

“Not only will you be able to find the date, time and location for an event, but organizers can create hyperlinks to another page with more detailed information. The idea is the person sees the date and time and they use the link to register, RSVP or buy tickets,” Teresa said. “The links can include directions and parking options for visitors. With a few clicks, the event can also be placed on an individual’s Outlook calendar.”

One designated person from each department, building or recognized student organization (RSO) will be authorized to create an account with access to the university calendar. Organizers can check the calendar to see if there is a conflict before making a request to the account manager for the reservation.

“We will control who can create an account,” Terasa said. “Sometimes three different people book the same event. By having one contact, there is one person to work with.”

Users can input data on the type of event they are planning, such as a luncheon, lecture, concert or career fair, specify the number of attendees they expect and search for what rooms are available. They can input information about seating and other necessities such as lecterns, drop-down screens or equipment as well as address catering needs. University Police will receive an automatic e-mail notification of events booked for more than 100 people.

“At times, it may be possible to dovetail events,” said Terasa, such as consecutive conferences in rooms with appropriate set up.

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Lemoine named March of Dimes ambassador

Grace Lemoine, daughter of Dr. Francene Lemoine, assistant professor of biological sciences, and her husband Dean, was selected to be an Ambassador for this year’s March of Dimes March for Babies, which will take place on April 18 on the downtown riverbank.

Grace was born 15 weeks early on Dec. 6, 2002. She weighed 1 pound 1 ounce and measured less than 12 inches in length. Grace spent 129 days in the NICU at UNC Children’s Hospital in Chapel Hill, N.C.

“Despite nearly 2-1/2 months on a respirator, multiple bacterial and viral infections, and a surgery, she persevered and defied all odds and became the beautiful, energetic Grace that everyone loves to be near,” her mother said. Grace is now six years old and enjoys reading, painting, riding her bike, camping and swimming. She is a kindergarten student at NSU Elementary Lab School and loves all of her teachers and friends there.

“In spite of excellent prenatal care, Grace was born much too early,” Dr. Lemoine said. “We want to share her story so that everyone may realize the importance of fighting to save every child’s life. We thank the March of Dimes for their many dedicated years of education and research that provided the knowledge and the tools that helped to save our child. Please join us in the fight to save babies like Grace.”

Volunteers are welcome to help March of Dimes by joining Dr. Lemoine’s team or forming a team, as well as assisting with fund raising, donations of time or money and spreading the word about the causes of March of Dimes.

The Natchitoches walk is two miles starting at the bridge on the corner of Front and Church streets. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. and the walk start time is 10 a.m. For more information, call the Louisiana chapter headquarters at (225) 295-0655.

March of Dimes is the leading non-profit organization for pregnancy and baby health. The March of Dimes is dedicated to improving the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality.

NSU institutes new smoking policy

A smoke-free building policy is now in place to help provide a safe, healthy and comfortable environment for students, faculty, staff and guests.

Smoking is now prohibited within all university buildings and facilities, including athletic facilities, on all campuses. This includes the fenced-in areas of all athletic facilities. Smoking is also prohibited in all university vehicles on all campuses.

Smoking will be permitted outside of university buildings but no smoking is permitted within 25 feet of the building entrances/exits and exterior walls of the building or fencing of the facility.

No smoking is allowed near any K-12 facility located on the campus. This includes the playground and building areas of the NSU Elementary Lab and NSU Middle Lab schools, as well as areas associated with the Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts, including dormitory areas. This policy is in accordance with the Louisiana Smoke-Free Air Act (Act 815). K-12 campuses are considered 100 percent smoke-free.

Signs will be posted on and around university buildings and facilities, as well as receptacles, through a Tobacco Free Living grant.

Anyone in need of assistance in order to stop smoking should call 1-800-QuitNow.
Applications available for this summer’s ADVANCE camp

NSU will host the 21st session of the ADVANCE Program for Young Scholars (ADVANCE) June 7-27. ADVANCE is the only residential program for gifted youth in the state of Louisiana that is affiliated with Duke University’s Talent Identification Program (TIP).

Minimum ACT or SAT scores must be met for the various courses, which include the humanities, mathematics, the natural sciences and computer science. Alternate admission status may be met, and admission into the program is on a first come-first serve basis.

ADVANCE is a three-week residential program that offers a challenging and rewarding curriculum for gifted and talented students entering grades 8 through 12. ADVANCE provides a unique learning environment designed to motivate and challenge academically gifted students and set them on a path toward a lifetime of high academic achievement. Students enroll in a single course for three weeks of in-depth study. They attend 104 hours of class during the program and cover an entire year’s worth of high school material or a semester of college level material in that three-week period.

The residential life portion of ADVANCE is vital to the program, offering balanced leisure and cultural activities to complement the intensive academic curriculum. ADVANCE has built up a host of traditions and a strong community of staff and students that keep ADVANCE students returning year after year. The truly motivated student will enjoy a stimulating environment and a community of peers unlike any she or he has ever experienced.

“The ADVANCE Program offers a challenging and rewarding curriculum designed to broaden the horizons of the best students in the state and region,” said Dr. David Wood, director of ADVANCE. “We combine the need to improve academically with the desire to spend summer break in the traditional way---having fun.”

Applications are now being accepted for qualified students. For further information call (318) 357-4500, e-mail palmerh@nsula.edu, or visit our web site, www.advanceprogram.org.

NSU team will participate in Great American Clean-Up

Volunteers welcome to help Keep Natchitoches Beautiful

Service-Learning Director Steve Gruesbeck invites anyone on campus to join the Northwestern group that will participate in the Great American Cleanup on Saturday, April 25. The city of Natchitoches will participate in the Great American Cleanup in conjunction with Keep Natchitoches Beautiful month in April. The clean-up will coincide with the opening of the Cane River Green Market and Earth Day.

Groups are being formed to clean areas of the city, including parks, neighborhoods, streets, parking lots or any area that groups designate as in need of cleaning. Gloves, bags and beverages will be provided by the city.

Any faculty, staff or students are invited to join the NSU group at 10 a.m. on Normal Hill adjacent to Russell Hall on April 25. NSU volunteers will work their way down Second Street toward the riverbank, arriving by noon in time to participate in the city’s Earth Day celebration and Cane River Green Market opening.

To join the NSU team, contact Gruesbeck at 5911 or e-mail sgruesbeck@nsula.edu. To form your own team for the clean-up, contact Courtney Horsnby, Natchitoches Director of Programs and Promotions, at 357-3822. Forms available for all volunteers.

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The university calendar is an important feature of the system, Terasa said.

“This system manages events as well as translates information to a calendar,” he said. “There will be one portal for all this information.”

Eventually, the system could feature an academic import utility with input from the Registrar regarding dates for fee payment or the location of specific course sections.

The system was paid for through Student Technology Fees and a NASH grant, Terasa said. He, along with Jason Mercer and Angela Spann, will be site administrators.

Training for the new system will begin this month and Terasa hopes to begin importing information into the calendar this summer.
Andalus! The Legend” to the International Conference on the World’s Shared Knowledge sponsored by Phi Beta Delta, the Honor Society for International Scholars. The conference will be in Miami, Fla.

Dr. Joy will attend a special conference for facilitators of intercultural dialogue groups specializing in Jewish-Palestinian Dialogue. This conference will take place at Monmouth University in West Long Branch, N.J., April 18-19.

Dr. Holly Stave, associate professor of English in the Louisiana Scholars’ College, presented a paper called “Ghostly Visitations: A Mercy” at the Conference on Literature and Culture Since 1900 at the University of Louisville Feb. 19-21. The paper dealt with Toni Morrison’s most recent novel and was part of a panel on post 9/11 narrative.

Mary Linn Wernet, head archivist of the Cammie G. Henry Research Center, delivered a presentation on “Cammie G. Henry and Her Famous Friends” on Sunday, March 15 at the Louisiana State Museum in Baton Rouge.

Philip McClung, language arts and social studies teacher at the Northwestern State University Middle Lab School, was awarded “Middle School Distinguished Clinician of the Year” for 2007-2008 by the Louisiana Association of Teacher Educators. Mr. McClung teaches 8th grade at the Middle Lab School.

Dr. Michelle Fazio Brunson, Family and Consumer Sciences, has been elected as the Research Chair of Collaborations, the newsletter of the Louisiana Early Childhood Association.

Seven journalism students and two faculty members attended the College Media Advisers Convention in New York City March 14-18. Students attending were William “Andy” Bullard, Sarah Cramer, Joseph Cunningham, Shelita Dalton, Bethany Frank, Leigh Guidry and David Royal. Dr. Paula Furr and Mary Brocato had two presentations: “TUFF Ethics for Student Journalists” and “Ace the Interview: Basic Tips.”

Helaine Razovsky of the Department of Language and Communication delivered a paper entitled “Drama, Divorce, and Rebellion in Early Seventeenth-Century England” at Exploring the Renaissance 2009, a conference held March 5-7 in Hot Springs, Ark. Dr. Razovsky also chaired a session at the conference.

Dr. Patricia N. Pierson, Ph.D., CFCS was a recipient of the “Keeper of the Flame Award” given recently at the Louisiana Association of Family and Consumer Sciences annual meeting held in Natchitoches. The special award was presented in honor of the 100th anniversary of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences and was given to individuals who have given leadership to the profession.

Dr. Steven Gabrey and undergraduate student Garret Brown of the Biology Department with Dr. Julie Delabbio of the Aquaculture Research Center presented research information on the summer diet of wild gar at the 83rd annual meeting of the Louisiana Academy of Sciences in Hammond.

Dr. Jonathan Akin from the Department of Biological Sciences delivered, along with biology undergraduate research students Drew Coombs and Devin Owens, research presentations as part of the 83rd annual meeting of the Louisiana Academy of Sciences in Hammond on Feb. 27. Akin presented a talk entitled “Behavioral Physiology of the Ground Skink” while Coombs and Owens presented a talk entitled “Fates of ambystomatid eggs and larvae in Louisiana vernal pools.”

Dr. Akin was elected incoming president of the Louisiana Academy of Sciences. Akin’s 2-year term will begin in 2010. The Louisiana Academy of Sciences is the state’s chief professional society for the broad spectrum of scientific disciplines. Akin had previously served as Section Chair for Zoology in the Biological Sciences Division and had also coordinated the 82nd Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Academy of Sciences, hosted at Northwestern in March 2008.

On March 19, professors

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from the Department of Biological Sciences attended the 2009 National Conference of the National Science Teachers Association in New Orleans. Drs. Mike Land and Jonathan Akin and John Byrd presented a talk entitled “Simulating Gaming to Stimulate Learning in a Biology Laboratory Course.”

David King and the NSU Aviation Science Department held an Open House Facilities Tour on March 11. A very sizeable turnout of alumni, students, faculty and staff were on hand to view the Flight Operations Department.

Dr. J. Mark Thompson, professor of music, recently performed tenor trombone in a performance of Mozart’s Requiem. The concert took place at the Cathedral of St. John Berchmans in Shreveport on March 29. This work, Mozart’s last, features an extended solo trombone passage in its “Tuba Mirum” movement, and it is one of the most prominent trombone solos in all of orchestral repertoire. NSU bassoon professor, Dr. Douglas Bakenhus, and undergraduate trombone student Chris Moore also performed the concert.

Dr. April French, assistant professor of chemistry, hosted a Process-Oriented Guided Inquiry (POGIL) introductory workshop on NSU’s campus in February. POGIL is designed to help teach science, in particular chemistry, using inquiry and group activities. The event brought in 25 faculty and K-12 teachers for the one-day workshop focused on learning how to apply the POGIL inquiry method and the results that have been seen in students who have been taught using this teaching approach.

French also received an $800 travel grant from the Committee On the Advancement of Women Chemists (COACH) program to attend the workshop “The Chemistry of Leadership” in Salt Lake City, as part of the American Chemical Society Spring National Meeting. This workshop focused on developing leadership skills which can readily be applied the academic environment.

Steve Gruesbeck, left, director of service-learning, met with his counterpart from the Pole Universitaire Leonard de Vinci to discuss ways to implement service-learning into the French schools curriculum. Kevin Andre, center, an assistant professor and service-learning project manager at Pole Universitaire, said that although there are community-supported volunteer initiatives in France, service-learning at institutions like his does not exist. Andre met with administrators, including Dr. Thomas Hanson, right, as well as students, faculty, community partners and area school children who have participated in NSU service-learning projects and discussed ideas about how to build upon projects that may already be taking place at his university. Service-learning was institutionalized at NSU last year when Gruesbeck was hired to coordinate NSU’s efforts at combining teaching and learning with projects that benefit the community while giving students practical experience in their fields of study.
CONGRATULATIONS

Dr. Vickie Gentry, College of Education, received notification from the Louisiana Board of Regents, SELECT Grant Program, of an award of $50,000 for “Designing, Implementing and Assessing Online Courses in Alternative Certification Programs.”

Dr. Michael Cundall, Jr., Louisiana Scholars’ College, received notification from the University of Louisiana System of an award of $30,043.88 for “NSU Tutors Reaching Near and Far.”

Ms. Claudia Triche, Department of Social Work, College of Liberal Arts, received notification from the Louisiana Office of Community Services, Department of Social Services of an award of an additional $70,495 for “Title IV-E Child Welfare Training.”

CURRENT ACTIVITIES


Ms. Claudia Triche, Department of Social Work, College of Liberal Arts, submitted a proposal to the Casey Foundation for “Supervisory Mentoring Program for the Office of Community Services, Department of Social Services, State of Louisiana.”

Ms. Claudia Triche, Department of Social Work, College of Liberal Arts, also submitted a proposal to the Louisiana Office of Community Services, Title SSBG Funds, for “Staffing for OCS Training Division.”

Dr. Tara Gallien, Department of Health and Human Performance, College of Science and Technology, submitted a proposal to the Louisiana Public Health Institute, Louisiana Campaign for Tobacco-Free Living (TFL) for “Louisiana Tobacco-Free College Initiative (LTFCI).”

TWENTY-FOUR PROPOSALS FUNDED FOR NEF AY 2008-09, ROUND 2

Twenty-four proposals were funded in the second round of AY 2008-09 NSU Enrichment Fund Competitive Grant Programs.

Twenty-two proposals were funded in the Professional Development program:

- Gillian Rudd—Chemistry/Physics—Multiple Presentations at the 237th National Meeting in Salt Lake City, along with the Gulf-South Summit, March 2009--$787
- James MacDonald—Social Sciences—Historians to Present Academic Papers at Society for Military History Conference--$805
- James A. Crank—Language/Communication—“They Came in a Body”: Imagining and Vocalizing Class in Welty’s Ponder Heart--$830
- April N. French—Chemistry/Physics—Presentation of “Reflections on the first year of implementing POGIL in nursing majors course” at the 237th ACS National Meeting in Salt Lake City--$860
- Scott Burrell—CAPA/Theatre—2009 International Michael Chekhov Workshop and Festival-- $917
- Brenda Hanson—Business—Social Sites: The Impact on Our Future Cyber Socialites --$1014
- Margaret S. Kilcoyne—Business--
CAN THEY REALLY WALK THE TALK?
--$1014

**Elizabeth Cole**—Mathematics—
Presentation for the Society For Information Technology and Teacher Education 20th International Conference in Charleston, South Carolina, March 2-6, 2009--$1,034

**Karen McFerrin**—Education—
Attending and presenting at the Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education International Conference in Charleston, South Carolina on March 1-7, 2009--$1,129

**Steven Gabrey**—Biology—
Advanced training in bird capture, handling, and banding techniques--$1,195

**Allen H. Bauman**—Language/Communication—From Whitechapel to Miami: *Dexter* and Jack the Ripper--$1,264

**Mary Linn Williamson**—
Education—Attending and presenting at the Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education international conference in Charleston, South Carolina on March 2-6, 2009--$1,412

**Kioh Kim**—Education—Attending and presenting at the Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education international conference in Charleston, South Carolina on March 2-6, 2009--$1,532

**Sanghoon Park**—Education—
Sharing and presenting Turn On To Learning (TOTL) project results at the Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education (SITE) international convention in Charleston, SC on March 2-6, 2009--$1,572

**Paula Christensen**—Education—
Attending and presenting at the Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education international conference in Charleston, South Carolina on March 2-6, 2009--$1,628

**Jeffrey C. Mathews**—CAPA/Music—Guest Lecture at the Royal Northern College of Music on American Wind Band Conducting and Interview of Composer Nigel Clarke for a document/presentation to be titled: *Nigel Clarke: A Biographical Sketch of the Composer with Descriptive Analysis of Selected Works for Wind Band*--$1,666

**Gerra Perkins**—Education—SITE & LAPT Conferences--$2,000

**Shane Rasmussen**—Folklife Center—Promoting Folklife: Fieldwork for the Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival and Presentation of a Folklife Paper at the Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association National Conference--$2,000

**Sepora Fisher**—Social Work—To present *Construct Effective Multiple-Choice Exams Now!* In a workshop at the 26th Annual Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors Conference--$2,000

**Gary J. Bodie**—Language/Communication—“Computing with Cynewulf: Searching for Style”—$2,401

**John M. Price**—Social Sciences—
The Charles Goodnight Papers--$2,500


Two proposals were funded in the Undergraduate Student Research program:

**Julie Delabbio**—Aquaculture Research Center—Analysis of stomach contents of alligator gar (*Atractosteus spatula*) collected from regional rivers--$2,390

**Weijia Zhu**—Chemistry and Physics—Optical investigation on color change of crawfish and the relation between crawfish growth and illumination

For more information regarding funding opportunities, visit ORSP’s website at [www.nsula.edu/orsp](http://www.nsula.edu/orsp).
The Department of Family and Consumer Sciences hosted colleagues from three international universities involved with a grant entitled Funds for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education-North American Mobility Grant (FIPSE) in March.

“The purpose of the grant, Building Bridges through Culture, Cuisine, Agriculture and Tourism, is to teach university students a set of portable, transferable skills that will help them connect culture to food preparation, agriculture and economic development through tourism,” said Dr. Patricia Pierson, head of FACS.

The State University of New York College of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill, N.Y., is partnering with Northwestern, the University of Guelph-Ontario, Universidad de Guadalajara, Mexico, and Fundacio Universidad de las Americas Pueblas, Mexico, to develop a cross-border curriculum model that will enhance the learning and experiences of post-secondary students. A minimum of nine students from each campus will travel to other campuses to participate in these cross-border activities resulting in a semester or more of activities for at least 54 students over the life of the project.

Representatives from three of the partnering universities attended a three-day meeting at NSU. Susan Jagendorf-Sobierański of SUNY-Cobleskill, Tanya Maclaurin of University of Guelph-Ontario, Esther Miller of SUNY-Cobleskill, NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb, Chef Todd Barrios and Martin Tena of the University of Guadalajara, Mexico, discussed the FIPSE exchange program, which connects food preparation, agriculture and economic development through tourism.

Dr. and Mrs. Webb hosted a reception for the group on March 17 in which students in Chef Todd Barrios’ class prepared all the food.

One NSU student, Sarah Wells, a hospitality management and tourism student, is currently attending the University of Guelph this semester.

Tanya Maclaurin from the University of Guelph-Ontario visited with Dr. Patricia Pierson and Chef Todd Barrios during a reception for colleagues at universities in New York, Canada and Mexico involved with the FIPSE grant.

Culinary arts students Courtney Carnahan and Temetria Smith visit with Tanya Maclaurin from the University of Guelph.
College of Education faculty present at SITE conference

NSU faculty members attended the 20th SITE international conference in Charleston, S.C., on March 2-6. SITE (Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education) is an international association of individual teacher educators, and affiliated organizations of teacher educators in all disciplines, who are interested in the creation and dissemination of knowledge about the use of information technology in teacher education and faculty/staff development. Presenters’ names and topics presented at the conference are as follows:

Dr. Paula Christensen, Teachers of the gifted learning and sharing online

Dr. Kioh Kim, Dr. Sanghoon Park, Dr. Ron McBride, & Dr. Karen McFerrin, Preservice teachers’ progress on their intent to use computer-based technology

Beth Knight (ETEC Ed.S. student), The effect of email messages on elementary teachers’ perceptions of support from an instructional coach

Dr. Kimberly McAlister, Dr. Vickie Gentry, & Dr. Kioh Kim, Exploring readiness and ensuring success for international teaching through the cross-cultural adaptability inventory and online mentoring

Dr. Ron McBride, Service learning models for widely-distributed asynchronous classes

Dr. Ron McBride, Dr. Frank Fuller, Dr. Kioh Kim, & Dr. Sanghoon Park, Online faculty burnout: A new management dilemma

Dr. Karen McFerrin, Dr. Barbara Duchardt, Dr. Paula Furr, Dr. Steven Horton, & Dr. Vickie Gentry, Quality matters: Designing, implementing and assessing alternate certification programs

Dr. Sanghoon Park, Dr. Jung Lim, & Dr. Vickie Gentry, Lernen durch Lehren (LdL): Promoting pre-service teachers’ instructional multimedia design skills and motivation using multi-level LdL approaches

Dr. Gerra Perkins, Dr. Henrietta Pichon, & Dr. Mary Lynn Williamson, Incorporating service learning into distance education

Dr. Gerra Perkins, Dr. Nelda Wellman, & Dr. Wendell Wellman, The impact of student age on online learning

Dr. Mary Lynn Williamson & Dr. Gerra Perkins, The impact of technology on curriculum and pedagogy
Funeral services for Ada Nell Delony Jarred, 71, of Natchitoches were held Saturday, February 28, 2009, 10:30 a.m. at Kilpatrick Funeral Home in Ruston. Burial followed at Pines Memorial Gardens in Ruston.

Mrs. Jarred passed away in Shreveport Feb. 22. She retired from Northwestern State University as Director of Libraries and professor and was a 22-year resident of Natchitoches.

Memorials may be made to Susan G. Komen for the Cure and/or any charitable organization.

A plant was sent to services from NSU Floral Fund.

Services for Dorothy Coutee, mother of John Coutee, stacks manager, Watson Library, were held Tuesday, March 3 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Cloutierville.

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Spirit of the Cadet

NSU unveiled a monument honoring the Spirit of the Cadet Feb. 26 in conjunction with the dedication of the ROTC park at the James A. Noe Armory. The monument, created through collaboration between the Department of Military Science, the School of Creative and Performing Arts and Physical Plant personnel, honors cadets of the Demon Battalion for their service and dedication to the United States, said LTC Leon Pennington, professor of military science.

Business faculty attend LABE conference

Four faculty members from Northwestern State University’s College of Business—Dr. Brenda Hanson, Dr. Margaret Kilcoyne, Dr. Julie McDonald, and Sue Champion—attended the Louisiana Association of Business Educator’s spring conference held in Pineville.

Hanson and Kilcoyne serve on the LABE executive board. Hanson serves as the legislative committee chairperson and Kilcoyne serves as the post-secondary representative-North.

The theme of the conference was Building Blocks for the Future, in which approximately 100 educators attended various related workshops.

Keynote speakers representing the Department of Education and the Louisiana Career and Technical College Systems were James Owens, Jimmy Sawtell, Evelyn Blanson, and Lynn Hitchcock.

Topics presented at the conference included Financial Literacy Matters, by Claire Loup of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, New Orleans Branch; Microsoft Accounting Package by Pam Meyer, UL Lafayette; U2 can U-Tube in Business Education by Dr. Sharon Rouse & Dr. Diane Fisher, University of Southern Mississippi, and Grant Writing was presented by Betty Delafosse, Region 4, South Louisiana Community College.

According to Kilcoyne, these presentations enhanced educators’ skills and provided valuable resources for them to take back to their classrooms.

Additionally, the educators had the opportunity to become industry based certified in various Microsoft Office programs and IC³. The testing was administered by Nita Brooks of Certiport Testing. These certifications provide opportunities for the educators to become highly qualified in their field.
“Collections From Composting” and “Enclave” by Isaac Powell, have been included in the 7th Annual ArtFirst! International Exhibition. The exhibition is presented by Princeton University and will be displayed at the University Medical Center at Princeton from May 3-June 11. More information can be found at isaacpowell.com

Watkins earns Best in Show at ADDY design competition

Assistant Professor of Art W. Anthony Watkins and graduate student Larrie King of Leesville received a total of eight design awards at the 2009 ADDY Awards held in Shreveport. King’s “Horizon” project was selected as Best of Show in the student category and garnered King a Gold ADDY. The show featured student work from NSU, Louisiana Tech and LSU-S.

In the professional category, Watkins received Best of Show for a banner created for the NSU Academic Center. He was also awarded two Gold awards, two Silvers and a special Judges Award for best copy writing.

The Academic Center banner was created in collaboration with Steven Gruesbeck, who served as the Center’s coordinator during the project.

The Shreveport-Bossier Advertising Federation ADDY Awards Competition is the first of a three-tiered national competition conducted annually by the American Advertising Federation. The ADDY Awards Competition is the industry’s largest and most representative competition for creative excellence. Entry into the ADDY Awards enhances advertising through programs such as internships, advocacy groups and advertising education. The ADDY Awards include categories for professional and student work. Gold awards recognize work of the highest level, judged to be superior within the competition.