DEAN'S OFFICE

- **Gail Orcutt, Valerie Roberts** and **Judie Ziemke** were nominated as “Women of Courage & Vision” and were recognized at the March 28, 2008 ceremony.

- **Judie Ziemke** was awarded $400.00 from HR’s Classified Professional Development Fund to attend a conference on using technology and a workshop on document and page design.

CENTER FOR MENTORING & INDUCTION

- Director **Lori Bird** won the 2007-2008 MNSCU Academic and Student Affairs Award Nomination for Innovative Partnering and Collaboration. She was recognized at the April 16, 2008 ceremony at Minneapolis Community and Technical College.

CENTER FOR SCHOOL-UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS

- **Ginger Zierdt & Patti Hoffman** presented on Feb. 2008 at the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education National Conference (AACTE) - Paper Session. “PDS and PLCs: A 3-Year Journey of Action and Advocacy to Bridge the Achievement Gap” New Orleans, LA.

- **Ginger Zierdt** presented in Nov. 2007 at the Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis 12th Annual National Learning Communities Conference. “Learning Communities - A Sustainable Venue for Professional Development School Relationships”. Indianapolis, IN.


COUNSELING AND STUDENT PERSONNEL

- **Diane Coursol** and a Minnesota State Mankato/District 77 partnership was discussed on the April 1, 2008 news broadcast on KEYC. View the video here: [http://www.keyc.tv/article/view/139058/](http://www.keyc.tv/article/view/139058/). Working with an oral communications class at Dakota Meadows Middle School, Dr. Coursol is helping the students learn iMovie, a program that allows them to shoot video on a digital video camera, then load it to the computer where they can edit and add graphics. Teachers say it’s giving them technology life skills. The class project is a partnership with MSU. Students are able to borrow cameras from the university and get help with any questions they might have. The project is part of the oral communications class at Dakota Meadows Middle School.
COUNSELING AND STUDENT PERSONNEL - continued

- Betty Busby and Bev Raimann were nominated as “Women of Courage & Vision” and were recognized at the March 28, 2008 ceremony.

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

- Jasper Hunt gave the keynote address in November 2007, in Little Rock Arkansas at the Association for Experiential Education International Conference. The title of his address was "Unity and Diversity in Experiential Education"

- Jasper Hunt gave the keynote address in January 2008, in Portland, Oregon at the Association for Challenge course Technology International Conference. The title of his address was “Ethical Foundations of Risk Management”

- Jasper Hunt gave the keynote address in March 2008, in Country of Singapore, Ministry of Education, Division of Character and Citizenship Education at the Conference of Character Education. The title of his address was “Character Education and Experiential Learning”

- Jerry Robicheau was elected to the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Association of School Administrators. His term of office is three years.

- Scott Wurdinger was the keynote presenter at the 17th Annual AEE Heartland Region Conference in March 2008. Wurdinger’s presentation was “Stop Talking and Start Doing: Reforming Classroom Based Learning” and discussed by experiential learning should be mainstreamed into more traditional settings. Teaching approaches that promote experiential learning can help motivate and inspire learners to stay in school and maximize their educational experience. The conference, Programming with Passion: Current Trends in Experiential Education was hosted by the School of Experiential Leadership and the Outdoor Wisconsin Leadership Synergies (OWLS) program at the George Williams College of Aurora University, in Williams Bay WI.

ELEMENTARY AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

- EEC student Ashley Milewski, President of the Early Childhood and Elementary Education Club, has been selected to receive a Student Activity and Leadership Award from the Division of Student Affairs, the Student Leadership Development and Service Learning Department. She will receive an individual student award, given to top student leaders for leadership to the University and/or community. Ashley will receive her award at the annual awards ceremony on Sunday, April 27 in the CSU Hearth Lounge.
Faculty/Staff Activities

OFFICE OF FIELD EXPERIENCE

- Several faculty involved in teacher preparation took part in the Mankato Career Expo on April 4th. MSU provided the leadership for the Careers in Education community. Approximately 1,200 sophomore high school students took part in the event. Those participating from MSU included: Laura Bemel, Sandra Jessen, and Carol Werhan from COE; Jeff Pribyl and students from Science; Jill Conlon and students from Family and Consumer Sciences.

K-12 AND SECONDARY PROGRAMS

- Vicky Hudson was awarded $400.00 from HR’s Classified Professional Development Fund to attend the Energizing our Front Line Network Conference in Alexandria, May 20-21, 2008.


- Deb Jesseman was chosen to serve on the Laura Bush 21st Century Grant panel in Washington DC. On March 13-14, 2008, the panel reviewed grants in Library Science at the Master’s degree level and had representation by librarians, library directors, library science university faculty and library media school district directors.

- Deb Jesseman and the K-12 & Secondary Programs Department launched the Center for Classroom Technology Integration (CCTI). The mission of the Center for Classroom Technology Integration is to provide professional development opportunities in classroom technology integration for teachers in school districts throughout the state and neighboring regions.

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Scott Page attended The Renaissance Group conference “Closing the Achievement Gap through University and Community Partnerships” at California State University, Fresno, April 9-11, 2008. the conference included visiting with local school teachers/administrators, attending presentations and discussions with faculty and students at CSU.