Director Lori Bird and the Center for Mentoring and Induction recently finished the "Cognitive Coaching 8-day Seminar" at which over 30 individuals participated, including teachers, mentors, instructional coaches, principals, superintendents, counselors, and other education professionals. Participants learned to build trust and support, utilize planning, reflecting and problem-resolution maps. "Studies have shown that Cognitive Coaching produces real, time-tested results including increased student learning and increased teaching effectiveness," said Bird. The seminar met a total of 8 days from October 2007 - February 2008.

CSP’s doctoral students, Audie Willis (front row, far left) and Leah Shanks (front row, 2nd from left) were interviewed about their experience as the first doctoral candidates in the College of Education. Course work, time demands and personal expectations were covered by the interview by KMSU’s Jim Gullickson. (Pictured: CSP Faculty, doctoral students and Dean Michael Miller)
Dr. Jasper Hunt of the Department of Educational Leadership was the Keynote Presenter at this year’s 2008 Association of Challenge Course Technology (ACCT) International Conference held in Portland, OR January 31st-Feb 3rd 2008. Hunt’s lecture was entitled “Ethical Foundations of Risk Management” and was presented to the entire conference audience of 800 registrants. Dr. Hunt’s long history with the Minnesota State University, Mankato Adventure Education Program (http://ed.mnsu.edu/adventure/) as founder and long time manager of the program and his background as a professor in the field of Experiential Education have helped MSU’s Experiential Education Master’s program achieve national acclaim.

Dean’s Office student employee Kadie Neuharth is spending the semester in South Africa on an internship. “Cape Town is very action-packed and vibrant so just being downtown is a lot of fun,” she writes. “I am in charge of putting on a trader’s market downtown and also working on some networking sessions. The people here are all very friendly and I generally feel pretty safe. There is a group of 45 interns, so we are always traveling in groups too.”
Dr. Linda Good, left on February 26 to begin a four-month teaching role in Korea at the Catholic University of Daegu where she will be teaching two early childhood education courses. “The college year starts in March,” she writes. “They have two semesters. Full load for faculty is 3 courses for 9 credits; advisee load is 15. No required office hours, just accessibility. The offices are huge---big enough for desk, several bookshelves, and a conference table. I have already been offered a position here!”

Yunhui Voelker, an Elementary Education major and a distinguished Cadet in the MSU Army ROTC program, was selected to represent the university at the 31st George C. Marshall Award Seminar. Cadets are selected by the cadre of their college or university Army ROTC Detachment as the outstanding Army ROTC cadet for the year. Cadet Yunhui Voelker is ranked #1 in her senior class of 19 cadets. Her goal is to be an elementary school teacher while fulfilling her commitment in the Army National Guard.

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