Spring coursework is underway, and there is a lot happening at the Kalmanovitz School of Education. Our spring 2018 newsletter highlights grants that KSOE faculty have been awarded, distinguished invitations faculty have received in service to their disciplines, and much more. I invite you to read about the wonderful work of the KSOE community, but first, I’d like to share a bit about the Centers housed in KSOE.

This year, the Center for Environmental Literacy’s River of Words received 839 poems and 405 pieces of art from around the world. To celebrate, a community event for families, educators, and alumni will be held on Sunday, April 29 at 1 p.m. in Claeys Lounge. More information will follow, but be sure to add this date to your calendar.

Also, did you know that the Leadership Center has a blog? It includes reflections on and information about leadership and learning. The latest post includes a reflection on leadership and professional sports.

Finally, here is one tidbit of information about KSOE’s Reading Recovery Center. Saint Mary’s College is one of only 17 North American university sites for Reading Recovery training. Reading Recovery is an early intervention program for first grade children who are at risk for learning to read and write, and those being trained come from multiple western states.

Be sure to stay in touch.

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KSOE to Host Fourth Annual Better Together: California Teachers Summit

On July 27, the fourth annual Better Together: California Teachers Summit will bring new and seasoned teachers together at 30+ locations across the state—including Saint Mary’s—to strengthen our teacher network, share resources and experience what it looks like to personalize learning for ourselves. The Summit will feature TED-style EdTalks presented by teacher-leaders and a choice of discussions led by teachers, for teachers.

KSOE and Mount Diablo Unified Partner on Credentialing

The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing has awarded the Mount Diablo Unified School District a $400,000 grant for district teachers to earn their special education credentials through the Kalmanovitz School of Education. The Area Schools Special Education Teacher (ASSET) program is an expansion of a 2016 pilot special-education teacher preparation program with the district.

JCL Professor Monica Fitzgerald Appointed to California Commission

Associate Professor Monica Fitzgerald was recently appointed to the Californian Children and Families Commission by the state Senate Rules Committee, also known as First 5 California. This commission is dedicated to improving the lives of children and families through a tailored and comprehensive system of education, health services, childcare, and other important programs.
New Degree and Credential Pathway

The College has approved a new pathway for students to earn their BA and their teaching credential in four years! The Justice, Community and Leadership (JCL) Program and the Teacher Education Department have collaborated on creating a JCL major pathway which will replace the existing TFT 4+1 program in addition to an accelerated pathway for teaching high school.

Social Justice Leadership in KSOE

Serving as co-chairs of the Black Lives Matter Committee, KSOE Marketing Director Tammy Appling-Cabading and Associate Professor Bedford Palmer worked in partnership with Chief Diversity Officer Gloria Aquino Sosa to initiate the process for Saint Mary’s first Black History Celebration which included a talk by “Me Too” movement founder, Tarana Burke (pictured above).

SPOTLIGHTS: FACULTY & COMMUNITY

Bedford Palmer on Men and the #MeToo Movement

In Psychology Today commentary, KSOE Counseling Professor Bedford Palmer examines how men can end #MeToo experiences by addressing their privilege while exploring the intersections of social justice and psychology. Palmer encourages men to become more aware of the privilege they take for granted in order to become better allies to women.

Aquino and Pascua Dea Publish Chapter on DSDM

Gloria Aquino Sosa, associate professor of counseling, and Tracy Pascua Dea (pictured), assistant vice provost for student success, recently published a chapter in The Dynamic Student Development Metatheodel (DSDM), a meta-theory based on inferences drawn from a national survey entitled the University Learning Outcomes Assessment.

Professors Fitzgerald and Spencer Named CA State Reps

Associate Professors Monica Fitzgerald and Tamara Spencer (pictured) were named the CA state representatives for the Association of Independent Liberal Arts Colleges for Teacher Education (AILACTE). The mission of AILACTE is to focus teacher education on the moral dimensions of schooling and education.
Professor Adria Klein Partners With Scholastic Publishing

Professor of Education Adria Klein, who directs the KSOE’s Reading Recovery Program, has partnered with Scholastic Publishing in the development of Scholastic Edge, a collection of educational resources that assist teachers working with striving student readers achieve classroom learning goals.

2018-19 Faculty Research Grant Awards

On Friday, March 16, KSOE professors Luz Casquejo Johnston (pictured), Elizabeth Montaño, and Elizabeth Abrams were among eleven tenure-track faculty members who received research grants from former Provost Bethami Dobkin. Grants were awarded for a diverse array of disciplines and projects.

SPOTLIGHTS: STUDENTS AND ALUMNI

Jacqueline Alvarado Presents at Two Conferences

Jacqueline Alvarado, MA ’19 is an adult learner in the Counseling Program—in both School Counseling and MFT specializations—recently participated as a speaker at two conferences sponsored by the Counseling Association of School Counselors (CASC). Alvarado spoke on mindfulness as preventative care and lesson planning using the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) Mindsets and Behaviors Standards.

UPCOMING EVENTS  |  view all >

The “Upside-down” Brain

Saturday, April 21, 1-4 p.m.
Faculty/Staff Lounge | Saint Mary’s College

The Leadership Department is hosting special event for all KSOE alumni to attend on campus. Professors Kathleen Taylor and Taj Johns (pictured) present on new discoveries in neuroscience which show that feelings and emotions are essential to understanding.

Distinguished Speaker Series Presents - Pedro Noguera

Saturday, April 21, 8 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.
Orinda Room | Soda Activity Center

Pedro Noguera is a Distinguished Professor of Education at the
Graduate School of Education and Information Studies at UCLA. His talk, "Excellence Through Equity," discusses how to place equity at the center of education reform, and support effective teaching in schools.

2018 River of Words Award Ceremony

**Sunday, April 29, 1-4 p.m.**
Claeys Lounge | Soda Activity Center

Hosted by the Center for the Environmental Literacy. The ceremony will feature a gallery of artwork from 2015 to 2018 River of Words winners and finalists; a young people's poetry reading emceed by River of Words founder and US Poet Laureate, **Robert Hass**; and the release of the 2016-18 anthology, *River of Words: The Natural World as Viewed by Young People*.

Reading Recovery 25th Anniversary Celebration

**Tuesday, May 22, 5:30-7:30 p.m**
Claeys Lounge | Soda Activity Center

On May 22, the Reading Recovery Center will host its annual certificate ceremony for newly trained teachers. This year we are also celebrating the 25th anniversary of Reading Recovery at Saint Mary’s.