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Faculty, Staff, Students, and COE Alums, Friends and Stakeholders:

I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a prosperous New Year! As we usher in 2008, I encourage each of you to take time to reflect on the achievements and impact of our College over the past year. In 2007, several programs and individual faculty members were recognized nationally for their excellence. Alums were recognized with awards for their work, students were selected to present their studies at prestigious professional conferences, and the College continued its nationally recognized outreach efforts to positively impact the quality of life in the greater San Diego region and to provide programs of the highest academic quality. In addition, our impact internationally continued to expand as opportunities to provide educational services reached new audiences. Publications in highly regarded journals, grants to support research and development initiatives, and service in the community remained consistently high in both number and quality. The College remains committed to "Learn • Discover • Engage" in 2008 to **make a difference in the lives of those we serve.**

Ric A. Hovda, Dean

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MATH/SCIENCE EDUCATION FACULTY AND STAFF!

San Diego State University is ranked by Academic Analytics as 2nd nationally in mathematics education. This ranking was obtained through the Faculty Scholarly Productivity Index:

<http://www.academicanalytics.com/TopEdu2006-07.html>

We can all be proud of this accomplishment and the recognition it brings to our College and its programs. Well done!!

COMPACT FOR SUCCESS GARNERS "PRACTICES WITH PROMISE" DISTINCTION

The Campaign for College Opportunity recently released a report highlighting fifteen "Practices with Promise." Included in this prestigious list of programs that seek to improve college access and success is the SDSU Compact for Success. "What is exciting is the degree to which educators are breaking down barriers between their schools, colleges and universities," according to Abdi Soltani, Executive Director of the Campaign for College Opportunity. "What these programs have in common is they simplify the process of going to college, they forge connections between high schools, community colleges, and universities, and they clear a path for student success." The Campaign for College Opportunity is a nonprofit organization devoted to ensuring that the next generation of college-age students in California has the chance to go to college as promised by the state 1960 Master Plan for Higher Education.

CSP CHAIR ADDRESSES CONFERENCES AT TSUKUBA AND BUNKYO UNIVERSITIES, JAPAN

In September, Dr. Carol Robinson-Zañartu delivered keynote addresses to two professional associations in Japan, visited schools, and began discussions about exchanges with SDSU. Her first address at Tsukuba University introduced the Japanese Association of School Psychologists to dynamic assessment and the mediation of thinking and learning skills using home language and culture as an initial bridge to curriculum. Her second keynote address, delivered at Bunkyo University to the Japanese Association of Educational Psychology, focused on the development of programs in school psychology using systemic perspectives, building on unique program strengths and national standards. Her graduate student Maiko Ikeda accompanied her for part of the trip and helped translate. Dr. Robinson-Zañartu is pictured here with Dr. Masamitsu Fujihara, President of the Japanese Association of Educational Psychology, Dr. Toshinori Ishikuma, Chair of the National Certification Board for School Psychology and former President, Japanese Association of School Psychologists (and her conference translator), and Dr. Nobuhiko Aizawa, Conference Organizer.



ALLISON ROSSETT TO BE HONORED



Allison Rossett (Educational Technology Department) will be honored as a "Legend" at the ASTD International Conference in San Diego, June 1-4, 2008. ASTD, the American Society for Training and Development, is the world's largest association dedicated to workplace learning and performance professionals. ASTD's membership includes participants from more than 100 countries. As a "Legend," Dr. Rossett is being recognized as a distinguished contributor to the field of workplace learning and performance. Criteria for selection for this recognition require wide, international name recognition, lasting impact and influence on the field, originality of ideas, a career of sustained currency, and a contribution that raises visibility, credibility, and stature of the field.