

# Connexus

Connexus ~ Latin ~ bound together by ties of friendship, kinship, etc.

Summer 2008

## From the Dean

**A**s you will see in this issue of *Connexus*, this past year has been one of excitement, new opportunities and challenges. We have been quite busy preparing for an accreditation visit by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) in October 2008. It has also been a time of intense strategic planning, not only for the College of Education and Human Development (EDHD) but also for the University as a whole and the entire University System of Ohio.

In what would normally take an entire year, all the faculty and staff within EDHD participated in creating a strategic plan for our college. We reviewed existing strategic plans and benchmarked our basic criteria through a "compact" reporting process to the Office of the Provost. As prescribed by the Provost, our compact addresses several key questions such as what is our core mission, what support goals are essential for this core mission and what are we engaged in that does not directly relate to this core mission?

Through this process, we have identified the following seven goals for our college.

1. Reinvigorate our collegial environments to optimize collaboration and interdisciplinary teaching, research and service within and across disciplines;
2. Highlight and strengthen the college's productivity in research and creative inquiry by obtaining and investing fiscal resources from both internal and external sources;
3. Expand the development and use of innovative technologies by college faculty, students and staff;
4. Continue the college's commitment to equity and diversity through social action;
5. Actively engage in efforts to enhance student success;
6. Contribute to the promotion of BGSU as a premier learning community through engagement with local, national, and international schools, businesses, community agencies and others; and
7. Maintain and improve program integrity with regard to enrollment, curriculum and accreditation.

As we prepare to celebrate BGSU's centennial, I am so glad that you have been a part of this great college, and I look forward to sharing our future accomplishments with you as we move forward with our goals. I hope you will continue to join me in following the college and its successes into our next century as part of this great university in Ohio.



D. Rosalind Hammond

## Alumna named 2008 Ohio Teacher of the Year

Deborah Wickerham, who obtained a bachelor's degree in elementary/deaf education from BGSU in 1976, has been named Ohio's 2008 Teacher of the Year. Wickerham currently teaches a fifth-grade inclusion class for both deaf and hearing students at Chamberlin Hill Intermediate School in the Findlay City School District where she has taught for 16 years.



Governor Ted Strickland presents Deborah Wickerham the 2008 Ohio Teacher of the Year Award.

As Ohio Teacher of the Year, Wickerham serves as a spokesperson for Ohio teachers; makes public appearances and speeches across the state; attends statewide education meetings; provides state or local workshops in her area of expertise; and responds to educational issues from education groups, policymakers and the media while continuing to serve as a classroom teacher.

For additional information about Wickerham and the award, refer to [www.ode.state.oh.us/GD/Templates/Pages/ODE/ODEDetail.aspx?Page=3&TopicRelationID=527](http://www.ode.state.oh.us/GD/Templates/Pages/ODE/ODEDetail.aspx?Page=3&TopicRelationID=527).

## Chancellor creates plan for University System of Ohio

In August 2007, Governor Ted Strickland directed the creation of the University System of Ohio, Ohio's network of public colleges and universities including 13 universities with 24 branch campuses, a public medical school and 23 two-year technical and community colleges working in a collaborative, cooperative environment across the state. At the same time, the Governor charged Eric Fingerhut, Chancellor of the Board of Regents, with creating a 10-year strategic plan for the growth and success of higher education in Ohio by March 31, 2008.

Fingerhut's plan builds upon the principles the Governor put forth in creating the University System of Ohio. Strickland said, "This 10-year plan for Ohio's institutions of higher education will ensure not only that we dramatically expand educational opportunities for Ohioans but that we do so in a way that makes our state a world-class economic competitor."

For additional information about the University System of Ohio and the Strategic Plan for Higher Education 2008-2017, refer to [www.universitysystem.ohio.gov](http://www.universitysystem.ohio.gov).

## Provost and president call for planning across University

With calls for changes in higher education at the state, national and international levels and a new appointment as provost and vice president for academic affairs at BGSU, this past fall Dr. Shirley Baugher set out to help BGSU in an intense period of strategic planning.

"This is a significant time in the life span of Bowling Green State University," she said. "In the next few years, we will shape the next century of this great University as we prepare to celebrate our centennial."

Baugher asked each dean to review his/her existing strategic plans and to begin to benchmark basic criteria through a "compact" reporting process—a uniform way of presenting the strategic agenda and goals of each college and academic service unit within the University.

At the spring EDHD faculty meeting, Baugher explained the work of the newly formed University Strategic Planning Group—appointed by President Sidney Ribeau to guide the process of developing a realistic and achievable plan to shape BGSU's directions and operations over the next 10 years. Ribeau charged the team with creating a university-level strategic plan that will align all major areas to foster cooperation in achieving common purposes and help advance BGSU toward attainment of its shared vision, continue to evolve in response to changing conditions and keep the University on course, and be implemented in a phased process over several years.

All of these efforts have been aimed at engaging in careful strategic thinking and focus so that we may maintain a coherent instructional vision and implement it in an efficient and effective way as part of the University System of Ohio.

For additional information about BGSU compacts, refer to [www.bgsu.edu/offices/provost/StrategicPositioning/planningANDaccountability.html](http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/provost/StrategicPositioning/planningANDaccountability.html). For more information about the work of the University Strategic Planning Group, refer to [www.bgsu.edu/strategicplanning](http://www.bgsu.edu/strategicplanning).



Dr. Shirley Baugher with Eric Fingerhut, Chancellor of the Board of Regents

## Focus on an Advocate: The connection continues for John Harrington



**J**ohn Harrington's connection to the College of Education and Human Development (EDHD) may not be obvious at first glance, but it runs deep into his childhood. With his father serving as associate dean, assistant dean, dean and professor from 1959 to 1984, Harrington grew up with a close association to EDHD, and that link continues today as he serves as an advocate for our college.

Still living in the house in which he grew up, Harrington remembers his childhood with great fondness. "There were college meetings in our living room and dinner parties for BGSU faculty quite regularly. My dad took me to BGSU concerts and sporting events every week," Harrington said. "My life was positively affected by BGSU. I serve on the Advocates Board because it is now my turn to pay it back."

After almost 20 years working for other companies in human resources and sales, Harrington started his own business in 1997 and continues to perform all the functions necessary (e.g., finance, sales, marketing, etc.) for Evergreene Equipment Co, Inc. with \$3 million in annual sales. He holds a bachelor of arts degree from Baldwin-Wallace College with concentrations in business, public address, education and history with miscellaneous post-graduate work in business from BGSU and Cleveland State University.

In his spare time, Harrington enjoys sailing on Lake Erie with a 5' by 8' BGSU flag on the mast and spending time with his three children—Dave who graduated from BGSU last May, Sarah who is currently attending BGSU, and Rob.

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## Still time to be a part of the Building Dreams Campaign

As of May 2008, the College of Education and Human Development has raised almost \$8 million (of a \$7 million goal) to support projects, programs and scholarships within the college. University-wide, the Building Dreams Centennial Campaign (July 2002 to December 2008) has raised more than \$132 million (of a \$120 million goal).

There is still time to be a part of the campaign by making a donation; please contact the BGSU development office at 1-888-839-2586 or visit [www.giving.bgsu.edu](http://www.giving.bgsu.edu), select "Make a Gift," and select the College of Education and Human Development as your desired donation fund.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and investment in the future. Your contributions make a huge difference. Each and every dollar helps us maintain and enhance the reputation we have earned for high-quality programs and top-notch graduates. Thank you so much for your help!

## Faculty congratulated

The college is proud to announce the recent promotions of several faculty members. Congratulations are extended to:

- **Dr. Lynn Darby** (HMSLS), **Dr. Jodi Haney** (STL) and **Dr. Patricia Kubow** (LPS) for their promotion to full professor.
- **Drs. Timothy Murnen** and **Nancy Patterson** (STL) and **Dr. David Stodden** (HMSLS) for receiving tenure along with their promotion to associate professor.
- **Dr. Audrey Ellenwood** (SIS) for her promotion to associate professor.
- **Dr. Fiona MacKinnon** (higher education and student affairs) for being designated associate professor emeritus.

## Newsletter by email reduces costs, saves the environment

In our efforts to continue improving our stewardship of resources, we want to start sending Connexus to as many alumni as possible via email rather than the postal service. In order to accomplish this, we need your help.

If you received this *Connexus* via the postal service but would like to help us reduce costs while reducing our effects on the environment, please send an email to [ayziggy@bgsu.edu](mailto:ayziggy@bgsu.edu) with the phrase "email Connexus" in the subject and your contact information in the text. Contact information should include your P# (if known), name (maiden and married, if applicable), email address, postal address, phone number and graduation year.

Thank you for enabling us to send Connexus to you via email. The savings you are helping to create will be used to fund scholarships, initiate and expand community outreach efforts, and update teaching and research methods to ensure that we remain on the cutting edge. As with every contribution, every dollar saved enables us to maintain and enhance our reputation for high-quality programs and top-notch graduates. Thank you again for your help.

## Service-learning programs honored

BGSU's commitment to service-learning and civic engagement has earned it a place on the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for 2007. Launched in 2006, the honor roll is the highest federal recognition a college or university can receive for such a commitment.

In its application, BGSU identified five exemplary programs that demonstrate the range of ways its students are engaged in the community, and EDHD faculty lead two. "There are many other BGSU programs we could have chosen," said Dr. Jane Rosser, BGSU's director of service-learning, "but these five represent some outstanding models and forms of student engagement."

The two EDHD-led programs are:

- the **Parent/Professional Empowerment Project** which takes the innovative approach of embedding parents of children with disabilities as co-teachers in an EDHD class and
- a **BGSU collaboration with the Perrysburg Heights Community Association** (PHCA) involving oral histories, online presences and a community mural.

For additional information about these projects, refer to the spring and fall 2007 Connexus, respectively, at [www.bgsu.edu/colleges/edhd/connexus](http://www.bgsu.edu/colleges/edhd/connexus).

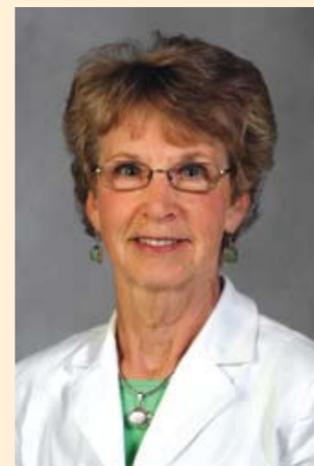
For additional information about the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, refer to [www.learnandserve.gov/about/programs/higher\\_ed\\_honorroll.asp](http://www.learnandserve.gov/about/programs/higher_ed_honorroll.asp).



**Alumni, friends and families will gather  
the weekend of Oct. 4, 2008  
for this year's Homecoming festivities.**

MAKE PLANS TO RETURN TO CAMPUS TO  
REDISCOVER AND RECONNECT WITH BGSU.

## Alumna named Outstanding College/ University Supervisor of the Year



The Ohio Association of Teacher Education (OATE) has named Janet Cellio this year's recipient of the Outstanding College/University Supervisor Award. Cellio earned a bachelor's and master's degree in elementary education from BGSU in 1969 and 1986, respectively. She currently serves as a Praxis III assessor for the Ohio Department of Education as well as a field experience representative and university mentor for student teachers at BGSU. For more information about the OATE and the award, refer to [www.oate.ate1.org](http://www.oate.ate1.org).