

# College of Education and Professional Studies Alumni Awards

## **CEPS Rising Star**

The recipients of the CEPS Rising Star Award are within 10 years of graduation from Eastern Illinois University. They must have excelled in their field or career for which the CEPS degree prepared them.

## **CEPS Leadership and Service Award**

The recipients of the Leadership and Service Award have had a significant impact in their chosen field, community, or society.

## **CEPS Hall of Fame Lifetime Achievement Award**

The recipients of the Lifetime Achievement Award have attained distinguished professional success and prominence. These honorees are living role models in their disciplines within the College of Education and Professional Studies and will be inducted into the College's Hall of Fame.

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Professional Studies  
Alumni Awards**

**Welcome**

Dr. Diane Jackman, Dean

**Introduction of Honorees**

Ms. Mary Bower, Assistant to the Dean

**Presentation of Awards**

Dr. Diane Jackman, Dean

**Closing Remarks**

Ms. Lori Richardson, President of the CEPS  
Alumni Board

**2011-2012**

**College of Education and  
Professional Studies  
Alumni Board members:**

Chad Burgett

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John Hasten

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Misty Rhoads

Lori Richardson

Scott Smith

LaDonna Talbert

## **2010 CEPS Alumni Award Recipients**

### **CEPS Rising Star**

Colleen Coffey

Rebecca Minkwitz

### **Leadership & Service**

Mark Drone

Roger Eddy

Susan Friend

### **Lifetime Achievement**

Noelle Greathouse

John McNary

Mike Metzen

Sue Payton

Mike Rylko

## **2012 CEPS Alumni Award Recipients**

### **CEPS Rising Star**

Lea-Ann Domanski

Christy Hild

Rodney Ranes

### **Leadership & Service**

Diane Beedy

Lisa Dieker

Richard Elghammer

Suzanne Hahn

Ryan Jastrzab

David Pankau

### **Lifetime Achievement**

Kathy Augustine

Tim Dimke

Linda Moulton

Debra Vogel

# **Lea-Ann Domanski**

## **CEPS Rising Star**



Lea-Ann Domanski is co-owner of Progressive Sports Performance (PSP). Her commitment to sports performance, fitness and health led her to pursue a career that would allow her to help others be their best and to help build strong communities dedicated to healthy practices. Through PSP, Domanski has hosted free Strength Training and Conditioning clinics for area youth sports teams.

She has also become active with GLASA (Great Lakes Adaptive Sports Association) to help train individuals with physical special needs and has been involved in the start up of "fitness summer" to help kids stay active. PSP also hosts AAPF/APF powerlifting meets as Domanski is an avid competitor who has set several state and national records in powerlifting.

Domanski holds many certifications in the industry including ACE-CPT and NSCA-CPT, AFAA, YMCA-PT and as well as certifications in Poliquin Strength Institute Level 1 Sports Performance and BioSignature Analysis. She currently writes regular articles for the PSP website and newsletter regarding exercise, nutrition and wellness.

She has organized charity drives for "Life for the World", a charity that runs a school and orphanage in Haiti as well as helping to raise funds for a number of local charities. Domanski has a master's degree in physical education from Eastern Illinois University and a bachelor's degree in kinesiology from the University of Illinois.

## **2011 CEPS Alumni Award Recipients**

### **CEPS Rising Star**

Drew Campbell

### **Leadership & Service**

Mark Koepsell

Donna Martin

William Smith

Michael Sterba

### **Lifetime Achievement**

Larry Closson

Morrie Reece

# Debra Vogel

## Lifetime Achievement



Deb Vogel is a retired teacher who taught health, physical education and adaptive physical education and coached Varsity tennis and badminton for 32 years at Lake Park High School in Roselle, Illinois. She was also the department facilitator for Health, Physical Education and Driver Education.

Vogel has been involved in professional activities at the local, state and national level. The Illinois Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (IAHPERD) presented her with its Teacher of the Year Award, Service Award and a Presidential Citation. She has also received the DuPage County Health Educator Excellence Award, a Coca-Cola Educator of the Month award, and the West Suburban Department Chairmen Teacher of the Year in Physical Education.

She has presented sessions at numerous conferences and conventions, including the National School Board Convention (Hall of Excellence), Midwest AHPERD convention, Coalition of Essential Schools National Convention and numerous IAHPERD conventions.

On the national level, Vogel worked several summers for the National Youth Leadership Conference, was a Sport for Understanding tennis coach and was on the staff of an International Environmental Technology conference. At the present time, her main professional involvement is serving on the IAHPERD's Governmental Affairs committee as well as being the chairperson for Shape-Up Illinois.

She holds a bachelor's degree in physical education as well as a master's degree in instructional media from Eastern Illinois University.

# Christy Hild

## CEPS Rising Star



Christy Hild is an administrator in the Mattoon, Illinois schools. In addition to working as an Assistant Principal at Williams Elementary School, Christy is a district co-coordinator for Response to Intervention. She is also a national consultant for MAX Teaching, having worked with districts in Oklahoma, Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, New Mexico and Kentucky on strategies to improve student literacy.

Hild also works on various committees for the Illinois State Board of Education, focusing mainly on student assessment and consults with colleagues on various initiatives to improve student learning. During her teaching career, she taught students in grades 3-8.

She has presented on a variety of curricular topics and worked with local districts on various literacy initiatives, as well as conversion to the Common Core Standards.

Hild holds a specialist in educational administration from Eastern Illinois University in addition to a master's degree in education from the University of Illinois and a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Eastern Illinois University. When she isn't at work, Hild is likely spending time with the two men in her life: her husband and her 10-month old son, Beckett.

# Rodney Raney

## CEPS Rising Star



Rodney Raney assumed the position of President of Olney Central College on March 1, 2011. Previously, Raney served as Interim President and Dean of Instruction at Olney Central College.

Before joining OCC, he served as Director of Graduate Admissions at Eastern Illinois University. His earlier service to the Illinois Eastern Community College District includes Director of Educational Talent Search and an advisor for the Upward Bound program.

As a graduate of Olney Central College (associates in science), Rodney has come full circle. His passion for the role of community colleges in opening doors for students is evident.

Raney holds a master's degree in college student affairs from Eastern Illinois University and a bachelor's degree in psychology from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. He is currently pursuing an Ed.D. in education and organizational leadership at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

His community service activities include the Rotary Club of Richland County, Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission, Olney Chamber of Commerce, and the Richland County Development Corporation.

# Linda Moulton

## Lifetime Achievement



Linda S. Moulton retired last year after more than four decades working in athletics. Moulton received her bachelor's degree in physical education from Eastern Illinois University, where she was a four-year multisport athlete. She later earned a master of education in athletic administration and curriculum from Boston's Northeastern University.

Moulton's early career focused on teaching physical education and coaching at the elementary and prep school levels., continuing into athletic administration at the university level. In 1987, Moulton was hired as the first female athletic director at Clark University in Worcester, MA where she remained for 24 years. During her tenure, Clark's athletic department saw improvement in several areas, including team and individual grade-point averages, and involvement in community service.

She was tapped to serve on the NCAA Council and Division III Steering Committee as well as the NCAA's Management Council, Committee on Women's Athletics, Division III Nominating Committee, and Division III Restructuring Task Force.

During her career, Moulton received several honors including the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletic Administrators (NACWAA) Jostens District Administrator of the Year Award and the Jeanne Rowlands Merit Award for outstanding service by the Massachusetts Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (MAIAW).

# Tim Dimke

## Lifetime Achievement



Tim Dimke is the Executive Director of the Rockford Park District. Dimke is a Rockford native who has been an employee of the Rockford Park District for 39 years (as of 2012). He has held a variety of leadership positions over the past twenty years, including Deputy Director, Chief Operating Officer, and since 2006, Executive Director.

Dimke maintains active membership in the National Recreation and Parks Association, Illinois Association of Park Districts, Illinois Park and Recreation Association, Natural Land Institute, Pheasants Forever, National Wild Turkey Federation, Jo Daviess Soil and Water Conservation District, and Eastern Illinois Athletic Alumni Association; and serves on the Board of the Rockford Area Convention and Visitors Bureau .

He was appointed by the Governor of Illinois to serve on the non-partisan Mississippi River Coordinating Council and was a contributing author to a recently published hardcover book, *Building A Lasting Dream 1909-2009: A History of the Rockford Park District*.

Dimke received a bachelor's degree in recreation administration from Eastern Illinois University, and earned a master's degree in business administration from Rockford College. Dimke has been married for 33 years to his high school and college sweetheart, Dr. Debra Dimke, also a graduate of Eastern. Their son, Derek, is a senior at the University of Illinois and a member of the Illinois football team.

# Diane Beedy

## Leadership & Service



While Diane Beedy's teaching career has included first grade through eighth grade, middle school science is her passion. After her teaching career, she was Director of School Improvement and Professional Development with the Macon Piatt Regional Office of Education. In 2011, Diane was named Statewide Professional Development Coordinator with the Illinois State Board of Education. She is a liaison between ISBE and the Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents.

Beedy also found time to be the lead project coordinator for the development of an innovative and engaging professional development program, the Gifted Education Seminar, which was produced by using a computer assisted technology that reflects best practice in gifted education strategies.

She serves on the Illinois State Gifted Advisory Committee and the Illinois Association of Gifted Children's Board chairing the IAGC Liaison Committee. In the past, she served on the National Association for Gifted Children's Committee for Professional Development for Administrators and on numerous educational professional development committees.

Beedy holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Eastern Illinois University, a master's degree in educational administration from Eastern Illinois University and a master's degree in gifted education from University of Connecticut.

# Lisa Dieker

## Leadership & Service



Dr. Lisa Dieker is a Professor and Lockheed Martin Eminent Scholar at the University of Central Florida (UCF). She coordinates the doctoral program in special education and is Director of the Lockheed Martin Mathematics and Science Academy.

She proudly received her bachelor's and master's degree in special education from Eastern Illinois University and her Ph.D. from the University of Illinois. Her primary area of research focuses on collaboration between general and special education at the secondary level and how technology and specifically virtual classrooms can be used to impact teacher preparation.

Dieker is one of three co-creators of the TLE TeachLivE™ virtual classroom used by 10 universities to train teachers using avatars. This technology received the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education Innovative Technology of the Year Award in 2012. Prior to UCF, she served for 9 years on the faculty at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee where she chaired the secondary education program.

Dieker is the Associate Editor for *Teaching Exceptional Children* and past co-editor of the *Journal of International Special Needs Education*. She has been awarded the Council for Exceptional Children: Children Advocacy Network Advocate of the Year Award, the UCF Graduate Student Mentor of the Year Award and Eastern Illinois University Outstanding Graduate Alumni Award. She is the author of *The Co-Teaching Lesson Plan Book* and featured presenter for two videos *7 Effective Strategies for Secondary Inclusion* and *Winning Strategies for Inclusive Classrooms*.

# Kathy Augustine

## Lifetime Achievement



Kathryn S. Augustine has been an educator for thirty-five years. She served students in the Chicago area before moving to Charleston Illinois, where she taught for over thirty years. She was a strong influence over the transition of Charleston Junior High to Charleston Middle School and served as a team leader for many years. She served AIMS (Association of Illinois Middle Schools) by evaluating outstanding Illinois middle schools. Augustine was also involved in higher education as a mentor for numerous EIU practicum students and student teachers.

Her accomplishments and reputation resulted in her earning special recognition including several *You Make the Difference* awards from Community Unit #1, a *Teacher Recognition Award* from the Illinois Math and Science Academy, an *Education is the Key Award* from her Regional Office of Education, and a *Secondary Education Service Award* from Eastern Illinois University.

Though recently retired, Augustine is a member of the Advisory Board of Catholic Charities of Coles, Edgar, and Douglas counties and is also a volunteer for Lincolnland Hospice. Her passion for teaching has also found her back in the classroom as a substitute teacher. She holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Illinois State University and a master's degree in elementary education from Eastern Illinois University.



# David Pankau

## Leadership & Service



David Pankau serves as president and CEO of BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina. During his 19 years with the company, he has served in a variety of positions including Chief Operating Officer, President of the BlueCross BlueShield division, and President of BlueChoice® HealthPlan of South Carolina.

Established in 1946, BlueCross now employs 12,000 people in twenty-two states and is comprised of more than 45 companies and affiliates involved in insurance and technology services, and a philanthropic foundation that funds programs to improve health care and access to health care for South Carolinians.

Pankau has a bachelor's degree in health studies from Eastern Illinois University and a master's degree in public health administration from the University of South Carolina School of Public Health.

He is active in the community and serves on the boards of directors of Midlands Housing Alliance, Junior Achievement, Midlands Business Leadership Group, Palmetto Business Forum, South Carolina State Chamber of Commerce and the National Institute for Health Care Management. David is married and he and his wife have two sons, ages 11 and 9.

# Richard Elghammer

## Leadership & Service



Dr. Richard Elghammer is a Clinical Psychologist and Director of the Elghammer Family Center, a group psychology practice providing outpatient services in Danville and Champaign, Illinois, and Crawfordsville, Indiana. Dr. Elghammer is one of only 1000 psychologists in America who has earned an advanced certification in the diagnosis and treatment of addiction. This certification is the highest level of specialization in addiction treatment for psychologists in America.

Dr. Elghammer earned his master's degree in guidance and counseling from Eastern Illinois University and earned his Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Utah State University where he received a fellowship and then graduated with highest honors.

He received specialty training in child, adolescent and family psychology at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis where he was elected as chief psychology intern, and completed his psychology internship at the Indiana University School of Medicine in 1989. Dr. Elghammer also completed advanced training in psychiatric medications in 2004, and earned a master's degree in clinical psycho-pharmacology from Nova University.

Dr. Elghammer is also a columnist for the Commercial News in Danville, IL, and the Journal Review in Crawfordsville, IN. His presentations on Channel 3 television and Channel 12 have focused on helping children with behavioral problems. His dedication to helping those who struggle with mental health issues is apparent in his weekly columns, which provide a broad range of information on mental health issues.

# Suzanne Hahn

## Leadership & Service



In the East Richland School District in Olney, Illinois, Suzanne Hahn has served as both principal and as assistant superintendent. She began her administrative career in 1988 as a principal and in 1994 became the assistant superintendent. In the fall of 1999 she returned the principalship with the opening of East Richland Elementary School (ERES).

She loves being the leader of this school which has over 1,000 students in prekindergarten to fifth grade. She taught for two years in special education and five years as a third grade teacher in the Eureka, Illinois school district before coming to Olney.

Hahn is an instructional leader who sets high standards for instruction, student achievement, character, and climate for students, families and staff in their learning communities. Her “whatever it takes” attitude inspires students, faculty and staff to succeed.

She has been honored to be recipient of the 2003 Innovative Education Award and 2011 Elementary School Principal of the Year by the Illinois Principals Association and a 2011 National Distinguished Principal.

Hahn earned her specialist degree in educational administration from Eastern Illinois University. She received her master’s degree in educational administration from Illinois State University and her B.S. in elementary and special education from MacMurray College in Jacksonville Illinois.

# Ryan Jastrzab

## Leadership & Service



Ryan Jastrzab is the Deputy Director of the Lemont Park District in Lemont Illinois. His passion and belief in the power of recreation and its effects on individuals and families has led him to continue his growth in the field of Parks and Recreation. He has been in the field for just under 13 years with previous positions held at Batavia, Park Ridge, and Itasca Park Districts.

Jastrzab has presented at numerous local conferences and IPRA (Illinois Park and Recreation Association) state conferences. He has served a variety of IPRA committees and boards and was awarded the IPRA Facility Management Community Center Manager of the Year in 2007 and the Young Professional of the Year in 2008.

He has volunteered in his hometown of Woodridge by serving on the Celebrate Woodridge 40<sup>th</sup>/50<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee to help honor the anniversaries of the Woodridge Park District and the Village of Woodridge respectively. Jastrzab also served as the community co-chair for the Hobson Park Redevelopment Committee.

In addition to his community work, he has served on the EIU Recreation Administration Advisory Board and as the Chair for the EIU Recreation Administration Student Symposium for the past 5 years which involves coordinating current professionals to come back to EIU to mentor students.

Jastrzab graduated from Eastern Illinois University with a bachelor’s degree in recreation administration. He has also earned his CPRP (Certified Parks and Recreation Professional) Certification.