ADVANCE Joins the Teaching Academy

The Teaching Academy and the ADVANCE Program continue to move closer together, both programatically and physically. Funds have been obtained to remodel the office space so that Pam Hunt can relocate to the Teaching Academy next summer. On the programmatic side, Tara Gray is now Co-Principal Investigator of ADVANCE/PAID (Partnerships for Adaptation, Implementation and Dissemination) along with Tracy Sterling, who is PI. Through PAID, NMSU shares its expertise in achieving a diverse faculty with three New Mexico research institutions: the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, the University of New Mexico, and Los Alamos National Laboratory. Another state-wide effort coming out of the Teaching Academy is the legislative initiative that will go forward next spring, seeking to provide start-up funds for underrepresented science and engineering faculty. All of these projects carry forward the ADVANCE goal of furthering a diverse faculty.

Guatemala Workshops

Last year, a contingent of several Guatemalan educators visited the Teaching Academy. Subsequently, Tara Gray and Jean Conway were invited to speak before 60 faculty at Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala, where they gave several workshops.

Fast facts about the Teaching Academy

- The Academy presents some 60 events a year.
- The Academy serves some 700 educators a year.
- 7,000 hours of professional development are offered annually, the equivalent of seven 3-credit courses a year.
- The Academy is the most advanced teaching center in the State of New Mexico.

http://www.teaching.nmsu.edu
Backers, Builders, and Founders!

Some 80 members and friends are helping to support the Academy financially. This represents a 25% increase over last year! These gifts will assist the Academy as it provides scholarships to teaching conferences, purchases new materials for the Library, and brings nationally known speakers to our campus.

For information about how you might contribute to the Teaching Academy, please contact Mark Hohnstreiter at 646-3625 or mhohnstr@nmsu.edu.

Library’s New NMSU Plagiarism Web Pages

For faculty, these pages offer a worksheet to facilitate student learning, and a quiz on the basic concepts of plagiarism. There are also tips on how to prevent plagiarism and on how to create assignments.

For students, the site gives a definition of plagiarism, explains the basic dos and don’ts, gives examples of correct citation practices, and offers links to tutorials, practice quizzes, and more.

The fourth annual Teaching Academy Gala was held Thursday, May 3, to honor 204 Teaching Academy members. Teaching Academy members participated in at least ten hours of training during 2006–2007.

The most distinguished graduate students participated in the most hours of training at the Teaching Academy in 2006–2007. Susanna “Sana” Clason and Nadezhda “Nadya” Shalamova, both from the Department of English, tied for the award.

The most distinguished faculty member participated in the most hours of training at the Teaching Academy in 2006–2007. The award was won by Muhammad Dawood, Assistant Professor in the Klipsch School of Electrical and Computer Engineering. Muhammad participated in 101 hours of programming.

The most distinguished departments had the highest average participation in training at the Teaching Academy in 2006–2007. The Departments of Criminal Justice and Geography tied for the award. Each of these departments averaged 25 hours of participation per faculty member.

The Outstanding Workshop Award was won by the workshop presenters who gave the workshop rated highest by participants. James Caufield and Mardi Mahaffy, both from the University Library, won the award for Designing and Managing Student Research Assignments.

The Innovation Award was won by the teacher who puts an idea from the Teaching Academy to best use. The 2006–2007 award was won by Laura Madson, Department of Psychology, for the impact her implementation of team-based learning has made in teaching introductory Psychology courses.

Two honorary members were inducted for their contribution to professional development at NMSU: Herb and Joan Zuhl. The Zuhls have helped the Academy establish its first endowment, in addition to being long-term contributors to the University. Their gifts include the Zuhl Library, and over 2,000 pieces of priceless minerals and fossils, which are housed in the Zuhl Library and the Zuhl Collection at the NMSU Visitor’s Center.

The short awards ceremony was followed by a reception, Champagne and Chocolate. Frank “Pancho” Romero graciously provided trumpet music for the fourth year in a row.

"I touch the future. I teach."   • Christa McAuliffe