



### STROHMER NAMED APA FELLOW

**Dr. Doug Strohmer**, Chair, Counseling, Educational Psychology and Research, has received the endorsement of the APA Membership Committee, the APA Board of Directors, and the APA Council of Representatives. Effective, January 1, 2006 he became a **Fellow** of the American Psychological Association in the Division of Rehabilitation Psychology. This designation is a **mark of true distinction**.

**Fellow** status is an honor bestowed upon APA members who have shown evidence of unusual and **outstanding** contributions or performance in the field of psychology.

**Fellow** status requires that a person's work has had a **national impact on the field of psychology** beyond a local, state, or regional level. A high level of competence or steady and continuing contributions are not sufficient to warrant **Fellow** status. **National impact** must be demonstrated.

**Congratulations Dr. Strohmer!**

### JOHNSTON APPOINTED NAEYC MEMBER

**Dr. John M. Johnston** has been appointed to serve as a member of the National Association for the Education of Young Children's new Commission for Associate Degree Program Accreditation. **NAEYC** is developing a **new accreditation system** that will set a **standard of excellence for associate degree programs** that prepare early childhood teachers. The role of the Commission is to make accreditation decisions based on board of examiner team reports.

This accreditation system will **recognize early childhood programs** in colleges that meet NAEYC's associate degree standards. These standards are based on recent research in early childhood development and learning and they describe what well-prepared graduates of community college and other 2-year programs should know and be able to do. NAEYC is presently working with six states, Arkansas, Illinois (primarily the City Colleges of Chicago) Maryland, Massachusetts, North Carolina, and South Carolina, in the start-up phase of the system.

Colleges in each of these states will go through the **accreditation process**, refining and field-testing accreditation policies, procedures, and materials. When the system is fully operational, all programs that meet the eligibility criteria will be invited to seek NAEYC associate degree accreditation.

### WELL DONE!

**Well Done!** is a program designed to acknowledge and show appreciation to College of Education **staff** for **exceptional performance** in a specific area, function, or event within their assigned responsibilities in the department/unit. This program is on-going and is not an "award" program. It provides a **means of expressing appreciation** for the many contributions made by staff members as they team with faculty and administrators in the college's pursuit of excellence.

It is important that we all take time to recognize each other's contributions for work that is clearly extraordinary and **sets a high standard**. The program has no deadlines -- nominations may be submitted via e-mail ([richovda@memphis.edu](mailto:richovda@memphis.edu)) by faculty, department chairs, and administrative staff as the occasion arises. Individuals may receive multiple recognitions. For each, a small "gift" bag filled with candy and a special note from the Dean will be delivered to the recipient. Recent recipients include:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Dept</u>	<u>Project/Event/Function</u>
<b>Belinda Scott</b>	HSS	Contributions in managing financial accounts/contracts associated with 2005 NYSP
<b>Brenda Woods</b>	ICL	Outstanding job with the Masters Projects!
<b>Chad Beaumont</b>	HSS	Great job upgrading the HSS website
<b>Frances Frazier</b>	ICL	Developing an ICL Adjunct Faculty Handbook.
<b>Heather Murley</b>	NTC	Coordinating Faculty Research Poster session and New Faculty Orientation
<b>Janice Cook</b>	ICL	Assistance in developing an ICL Faculty Handbook
<b>Jim Harris</b>	Dean's Office	Outstanding work on the COE Futures Planning Website
<b>Lou Franceschini</b>	CREP	Enthusiastic participation in the TEP interview process
<b>Mary Tate-Evans</b>	HSS	Appreciation for producing/printing HSS posters for the FedEx Institute Perspective Series
<b>Melody Beacham</b>	HSS	Competent work on the self-study document for the CADE site visit
<b>Ora Taylor</b>	ICL	Developing a Grants and Contracts Resource Guide
<b>Rebecca Scott</b>	Campus School	Coordinating clinical practice site experiences for elementary reading methods students

### SANDRA SWINGER COORDINATES FOOD DRIVE

**Sandy Swinger**, in the COE Dean's Office and one of 3 staff senators from the College of Education, coordinated this year's Canned Food Drive for the **UM Staff Senate**.

According to the Memphis Food Bank, **1,100 pounds of food** was collected through the UM food drive. At a rate of four meals per pound of food, this will feed many **hungry and needy people** served by the **Memphis Food Bank**.