Rogers-Adkinson Named Dean of the College of Education

Dr. Diana Rogers-Adkinson, chair of the Department of Special Education at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, has been named dean of the College of Education at Southeast Missouri State University.

Rogers-Adkinson has served as chair of the Department of Special Education at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater since May 2006. Previous to this she served as the Coordinator of the Emotional Behavioral Disorders Program within the department. She has served as a professor since 2004, having previously served as an associate professor from 1999 to 2003 and being awarded tenure in 2001.

During much of this time, Dr. Rogers-Adkinson also served as director of University Learning Communities and facilitated their growth and function as freshmen retention program on campus. She also has started the first learning community “Live&Learn” education community and has been an active member of the campus Undergraduate Enrollment and Retention Services Committee, Committee on First Year Student Programs and Concerns and was a Residence Life Faculty Partner holding faculty office hours in the residence hall.

At the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, Rogers-Adkinson also has served on a variety of governance and personnel committee including the Campus Communications Committee; Institutional Review Board; the Faculty Appeals, Grievances and Disciplinary Hearings Committee; and the University Standards and Promotions Committee. She has been an athletics ambassador, a member of the University Conflict Resolution Team and the Department Chair Handbook committee. She has also served on numerous College of Education and Department committees.

Rogers-Adkinson has received numerous honors while serving at Whitewater, including the College of Education Service Award, the Residential Education Faculty Partner and the You Make the Difference Award from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Integrated Programming Team. She also has earned the W.P. Roseman Excellence in Teaching Award, the highest award given to any faculty member at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, the Audrey Z. McClelland Teacher of Distinction Award and the Outstanding Faculty Award from the Student Wisconsin Education Association. Finally she has received the College of Education Research Award and the Outstanding Young Alumni Circle of Achievement Award from Ball State University.

Prior to serving at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, Rogers-Adkinson was an assistant professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction at Wichita State University; a teaching fellow and part-time faculty member at Kent State University; a doctoral intern and Marriage and Family/Child Therapist at Portage Children’s Center in Ravenna, Ohio; a part-time faculty member at the University of Akron (Ohio); and a counselor intern at Beechbrook in Cleveland, Ohio.

She is currently president of DRA Educational Consulting, providing support to schools and parents regarding issues in special education. She is also currently serving as president of the Council for Children with Behavior Disorders, a subdivision of the Council for Exceptional Children. She also has provided leadership at the national level Praxis Special Education: Teaching Students with Behavioral Disorders/Emotional Disorders National Advisory Committee for the Educational Testing Service and the International Council for Exceptional Children Program Advisory Committee. She is also a NCATE/CEC Accreditation Reviewer. A teacher of moderate to severe disability conditions, Rogers-Adkinson has an extensive publishing and presentation record.

“Southeast Missouri State University has a strong history of leadership in teacher education as noted by past recognition of the Christa McAuliffe Award among other awards,” Rogers-Adkinson said. “The strength of the most recent NCATE accreditation speaks to the quality of the faculty, staff and programs in the College of Education.” Through strategic planning, Rogers-Adkinson says she plans to create a shared vision of the role of the college in the region. “I hope to assist the college in addressing the state of Missouri’s new licensure standards and outcomes assessments,” she said. “I also hope to support the college in furthering the integration of technology into and across the curriculum to ensure students can demonstrate 21st century skills.”

Relocating with her will be her husband Greg and son Zachary. Her eldest son Alex will remain in Wisconsin as a senior at UW-Eau Claire. Rogers-Adkinson will begin her new duties at Southeast July 1. She replaces Dr. Tamela Randolph, who has been serving as interim dean.
The mission of the College of Education is to prepare and sustain leaders in teaching, counseling, and educational leadership. Candidates from the College are prepared to be educational leaders who are competent, reflective, and caring professionals through a carefully designed program of study. Incorporating effective use of technology and through placements in diverse settings, we prepare life-long learners through literacy.

The College of Education seeks to be the College of Education of First Choice for candidates, faculty and staff, employers in schools and public service agencies, and first in the hearts and minds of our alumni.

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PARTICIPANTS IN “GROW YOUR OWN” PROGRAM PREPARE TO GRADUATE

The “Grow Your Own Teacher” (GYOT) program at the Fort Zumwalt School District was recently featured in an article in the St. Louis Suburban Journals. As we featured in our December 2010 issue, Southeast students Robin Aston and Kelsie Kestler are both participating in the program. These students are currently participating in their student teaching experiences, and are preparing to graduate this spring. Both are special education majors. To read the full article by Raymond Castle, visit http://www.stltoday.com/suburban-journals/stcharles/education/fort-zumwalt-growing-its-own-teachers/article_e77b5fc-7fa6-51ec-881d-c2e02ff0f59.html.

STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Administrative assistant Meredith Tally of the Department of Educational Leadership and Counseling received a promotion to the position of Billing Assistant for the Southeast Missouri State University Autism Center for Diagnosis & Treatment. We wish Meredith the best of luck in her new position!

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