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Hello Education Majors –

Like you, my life is hectic right now, which explains why my weekly letter is just now arriving. Last week was our annual College of Education Alumni Award Recognition event, as well as the MU National Alumni Awards, and I spent lots of time hosting our remarkable award winners. **Our COED award recipients appear below**, and if you get a chance, you should examine their full biographies, because they're very impressive. And no kidding, *one day you could be a member of this elite group.*

Dr. Mary Mundt is Dean of the College of Nursing at Michigan State University; **Dr. Carol Ott** is an Associate Professor of Nursing at UWM; **Dr. Sara Larsen** is Superintendent of the Oak Creek School District; **Dr. Bonnie Nicholson** is an Associate Professor of Counseling Psychology at the University of Southern Mississippi, and **Jim and Janet Hartman** are the benefactors of our outstanding *Hartman Literacy and Learning Center.*



Distinguished Alumna of the Year Award

[Mary H. Mundt](#), Ph.D., Nurs '71, Grad '84

Following a childhood dream led Mary into a life of service, first in medicine and now in academia.



Counseling and Educational Psychology Achievement Award

[Carol Hunt Ott](#), Ph.D., R.N., L.P.C., Nurs '67, Grad '74, '98

The loss of Carol's first husband 25 years ago inspired her to explore meaningful new ways to guide others through their own experiences of grief.



**Educational Policy and Leadership
Achievement Award**

[Sara Kremer Larsen](#), Ph.D., Grad '97

A lifelong learner, Sara seeks to instill the same joy of discovery in children through her work as a superintendent of schools.



Young Alumna Award

[Bonnie C. Nicholson](#), Ph.D., Grad '98, '01

From classroom work to clinical supervision, Bonnie gives burgeoning psychologists clear-headed counseling so they, in turn, can counsel others.



Friends of the College Award

[James and Janet Hartman](#)

Their debt of gratitude, the Hartman Literacy and Learning Center, continues to enrich the lives of inner-city students and Marquette student-teachers.

This information is available at our website: <http://www.marquette.edu/education/> under **What's New?** I would encourage you to **check out this feature on our website every once in a while** to keep up to date on all the great things that are happening at the College. Currently some of the items that are germane to you as undergraduate Education majors include the Student Leadership Award winners, the Hunger Clean-Up effort, and the new Biology licensure. Other current news includes the fact that our own **Coreen Bukowski**, who many of you will know from working in the Hartman Center, has won an *Excellence in University Service Award*. To learn more about happenings in the College, just visit the following URL directly at: <http://www.marquette.edu/education/pages/resources/news/news.shtml>

Soon we will be running other stories, one of which will announce our **#91 national ranking for graduate Education programs** from *US News and World Report*. Given the small size of our Education faculty and the particular set of criteria this periodical uses to do its rankings (like grant funding), our top third position among the 271 schools that are rated is very commendable.

Other future items will announce that **Father Andy Thon, S.J., Ph. D.**, former Vice President of Student Affairs, will be joining our Educational Policy and Leadership faculty to provide leadership to our College Student Personnel program, and that **Demetrice Williams** recently joined our College of Education staff full-time after having worked in the Hartman Center as a Parent Coordinator.

Also I wanted to let you know that **a new mailbox has been created for your use:** deanhenk@marquette.edu You can send messages to me at that address any time, and I'll try hard to respond promptly. So maybe in the future, you'd like to react to one of my letters or let me know about various developments related to the College or your own education, and this address will allow you to do so. Please know that I want to give you real voice in your experiences here and open access to me. My hope is to develop a stronger climate of trust and community, and establishing this communication link should help in that regard. In other words, **I want to be present to you.**

Finally, I wanted you to know that the Pecha Kucha presentation I created (20 PowerPoint slides at 20 seconds apiece) on the *Links Between Love, Learning, and Leading* is available as a YouTube clip at:

http://www.marquette.edu/education/pages/resources/news/PKucha_MAR09.shtml It tells the story, through images and narration, of how my professional life changed as a result of having my daughter. If you want to find out a little bit more about me as a person, then you might enjoy what was clearly a labor of love for me.

I hope you find this information to be helpful. Please accept my best wishes as you gear up for the remainder of the semester.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Henk". The signature is written in a cursive style with a blue highlight effect behind the text.

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