



Armstrong Teacher Newsletter
 May 2008

On April 24th we welcomed nine new Armstrong Teacher Educators at the annual Celebration of Teaching. The 2008-2009 cohort includes (left to right, starting at the back) James Schmidt from Penn High School (Mishawaka), Kharon Grimmet from Garden City Elementary School (Indianapolis), Chris Bundy from Floyd Central High School (Floyd Knobs), Connie Frazier from Madison Consolidated High School (Madison), Brian White from Lawrence North High School (Indianapolis), Angela Moreman from Creekside Middle School (Carmel), Michelle Greene from Fall Creek Valley Middle School (Indianapolis), Bev Staub from Washington Woods Elementary (Westfield) and Carol Lutz from Darrough Chapel Elementary School (Kokomo).



More pictures and autobiographical information about each can be found at: www.indiana.edu/~atea.

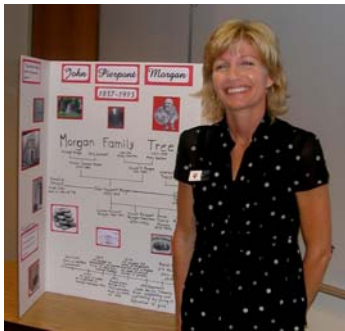
The 2007-2008 cohort were among the large number of attendees at the celebration that began with a reception in the atrium followed by the awards ceremony in the School of Education auditorium. Jeff Rudkin (2005- 2006) was the keynote speaker for the ceremony. Jeff was recently selected to receive the national Milken Award (<http://www.mff.org/mea/mea.taf?page=overview>).



The evening celebration continued as Armstrong teachers and their guests became better acquainted at one of Bloomington's newest restaurants, the FARM, which focuses on local produce.



REMINDER! Armstrong Summer Retreat!
 June 27 (afternoon) – June 28 (all day)
 For ALL Armstrong Educators (current and Alum)
See enclosed form for information
 RSVP's required by June 6
We certainly hope you can join us!



Friday morning three of the newly selected Armstrong teachers showcased a portion of the work they do in their classrooms. Connie Frazer described the individual research projects her high school social studies students submit and displayed several of these projects for our viewing.

Next, Kharon Grimmet had everyone up and moving as she focused on literacy. Kharon highlighted literacy



because she believes that it is something that all teachers are responsible for.



Brian White finished out the morning by giving us insights into the fascinating chemistry experiments that happen in his class.

When we learned that Hillary Clinton was speaking at IU Assembly Hall during our morning session, the group agreed to send a representative to hear what the presidential candidate had to say. Social studies teacher Connie Frazier eagerly volunteered.

IU faculty and student members of the Dean's Advisory Council socialized with the Armstrong teachers during lunch.



After lunch the 2007-2008 cohort shared what they had done during their active year as Armstrong teachers, and then all discussed future plans for the upcoming year. The 2007 – 2008 cohort participated in five School of Education discussion panels this year as well as individual collaborations with IU faculty.

The day concluded with a walking tour of the IU campus which included the famous Thomas Hart Benton Murals in the IU Auditorium and Woodburn Hall as well as delicious cookies found at Indiana Memorial Union.

Check out the Armstrong Website for additional information, pictures and news: www.indiana.edu/~atea/news.html

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