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WSU Clinical Faculty Wins Award

Congratulations to one of WSU partnership clinical faculty--Eric Combs, social studies teacher at Fairborn High School for winning "Ohio Teacher of the Year." Eric was honored on December 14, 2005 by the honorable Gov. Bob Taft, State Superintendent of Instruction Susan Tave Zelman, and other dignitaries. The announcement was made at a surprise school assembly at Fairborn High School.

Gov. Bob Taft presented Eric with a proclamation and praised him for his dedication to the teaching profession. "Good teachers are the key to student success," Taft said. "Today, I am proud to honor Eric Combs as one of Ohio's most outstanding educators for his extraordinary commitment to the students he serves." Susan Tave Zelman, superintendent of public instruction, also praised Combs for his outstanding work in the classroom. "The most important factor in student achievement is the quality of the teacher in the classroom," Zelman said. "Eric's passion for the classroom and devotion to his students is setting the standard for teaching at Fairborn High School and throughout the state."

Eric has taught at Fairborn High School for three years and he began a "school within a school" initiative called Delta Team, which focuses on the school's most at-risk students. "When a student knows that you set high standards, and when they know you care about them, I have found them to be magnificent achievers," Combs said. Mr. Combs has mentored numerous Wright State University preservice teachers during his time at Fairborn High School, and we are very fortunate to have him as part of our partnership.

*adapted from Fairborn City Schools website

Important WSU and RCCS Dates

January 3—First day of Winter Quarter for WSU

January 4—First day back for RCCS

January 19— Network Steering Committee Meeting—
WSU's Berry Room, 9:30-12:00

January 27—2006 NNER Conference Planning
Meeting—Cincinnati Marriott North, 1:00 p.m.

February 17—Teacher Education Council—WSU's
Berry Room, 12:00-2:00

February 23—CEHS Partnership Committee—WSU's
Berry Room, 2:30-4:00

February 24 & 25—Pathwise Training—WSU Nutter
Center, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

March 14-18—WSU Finals Week

March 20-24—WSU Spring Break

April 10-17—RCCS Spring Break

WSU to co-host 2006 NNER Annual Conference

Wright State University, along with Miami University will be co-hosting the National Network for Educational Renewal 2006 annual conference. This conference will take place October 18-21, 2006 at the Cincinnati Marriott North hotel. WSU's partnership districts will have the opportunity to participate in this national conference by sharing best practices, unique collaboration, and outstanding examples of educating today's youth in a democratic society. Please mark these dates on your calendar today and contact WSU's

The Reading Community City Schools Partnership mission is to guarantee student success and the simultaneous educator renewal through a collaborative network of interdependent, innovative, and diversified instructional services.

--From Partnership agreement signed; October 2002

Winter 2006 Wright State University Placements in Reading Community City Schools (as of 12/20/05)

RCCS School	RCCS Teacher's Name Grade/Subject	WSU Student's Name	WSU Student's Program	WSU Field Supervisor
Central Elementary	Patty Vollman, 3 rd	Amanda Lux	Phase II—Part II, ECE	Colleen Finegan
Central Elementary	Jennifer Zale, 1 st	Nathalie Bolin	Phase II—Part II, ECE	Colleen Finegan
Hilltop Elementary	Mary Beth Fosse, 2 nd	Allysa Gum	Phase II—Part II, ECE	Colleen Finegan
Hilltop Elementary	Jennifer Karst, 1 st	Emily McCabe	Phase II—Part II, ECE	Colleen Finegan
Hilltop Elementary	Kim Mahan, 2 nd	Allison Lochard	Student Teaching, ECE	Colleen Finegan
Reading Junior/Senior High School	Tammy Barnes, 9 th Math	Andrea Abbott	Graduate Intern, Middle Childhood	Allen Riley
Reading Junior/Senior High School	Michael Day, Math	Jessica Dillingham	Graduate Intern, Middle Childhood	Allen Riley
Reading Junior/Senior High School	Beverly Doyle, LA	Brandi Robertson	Graduate Intern, AYA	Allen Riley
Reading Junior/Senior High School	Kathy Renner, 9 th Science	Andrea Abbott	Graduate Intern, Middle Childhood	Allen Riley