

University of North Texas College of Education Alumni

# Where are they now?



'99, **Dr. Marielle Brandt**, Sacramento, CA is on faculty at CSU, Sacramento. She was awarded Outstanding Teacher of the Year in 2008 and played a key role in establishing a clinical license for professional counselors in California.



'90, **Lynn Hobson**, Killeen, TX, is the art teacher and Primary Years Program Coordinator at Peebles Elementary School in the Killeen ISD.



'75, '78, '86, **Dr. Elva Concha LeBlanc**, Fort Worth, TX, recently received the James T. Rogers Distinguished Leadership Award from the Commission on Colleges, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, 2009. Dr. LeBlanc is President of the NW Campus, Tarrant County College District.



'49, '52, **Dr. W. Robert Houston**, Houston, TX is a Moores Professor of Education and Executive Director of the Institute for Urban Education, University of Houston. He was instrumental in the Competency Based Education movement and has received numerous awards for his accomplishments.



'74, '80, '03, **Dr. Virginia Cotton**, McKinney, TX is the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction for the McKinney Independent School District. She has more than 30 years of experience in the field of education.



'92, **Lori Jordan-Rice**, Saginaw, TX is the author of a new children's book series designed to teach American history in an engaging manner to children ages 6-12. *Miss Trimble's Trapdoor* and *Miss Trimble's Trapdoor: The Perseverance of Christopher Columbus*, were released in October 2009.



'49, '50, **Dr. O.L. Davis Jr.**, Georgetown, TX, is Professor Emeritus of Curriculum and Instruction at the University of Texas at Austin, where he holds the Catherine Mae Parker Centennial Professorship. He also edits the *Journal of Curriculum and Supervision*, the world's largest in its field.



'83, **Deborah Merki**, Denton, TX is the Principal of Roanoke Elementary in the Northwest ISD. She has 25 years experience in public education as a teacher and administrator and was named the Texas Communities in Schools Principal of the Year in 2009.



'05, **R. Patrice Dunn**, Frisco, TX was recently named the 2009 Texas MS Counselor of the Year. She works with the Frisco ISD as a Parental Support Coordinator and is in private practice with I Choose Change. She is an invited presenter for adolescents, parents, and educators.



'73, '76, '96, **Dr. Andra Penny**, Coppell, TX is the principal at Cottonwood Creek Elementary. She is the current president of the TX Elementary Principals & Supervisors Association and an adjunct professor at UNT teaching Post-Baccalaureate Initial Teacher Certification courses on-line.



'94, **Dr. Rebecca Garcia**, Dallas, TX, is the Chief Prevention Officer of the Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas. She provides strategic direction to the prevention division of the agency with a goal of awarding grants that lead to early detection of cancer and a decrease in cancer related deaths.



'92, **Dina Rowe**, Rockwall, TX is the counselor of Dobbs Elementary School, rated as one of the 100 best in Texas by *Texas Monthly*. She co-authored the Rachel's Challenge National Elementary Program, which motivates students to positive change in the way they treat others.

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