

ALUMNI ACCOLADES – M.S. IN EDUCATION PROGRAM

Alumni of Walden University's M.S. in Education program are being recognized for their contributions to their schools, communities, and profession.

Here are a few recent examples of their accomplishments.

Lorna Maxwell, '06, who specialized in Integrating Technology in the Classroom, had a story published in *Chicken Soup for the Breast Cancer Survivor's Soul*.

Sally J. Aschim, '05, who specialized in Elementary Reading and Literacy, was chosen to appear in the ninth edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*.

John W. Fischer, '05, wrote *At Your Service: A Hands-On Guide to the Professional Dining Room* for the Culinary Institute of America and published by John Wiley & Sons.

Sally Lutz, '05, who specialized in Elementary Reading and Literacy, was named Charlotte County (Fla.) Teacher of the Year. In her first year as a classroom teacher, Lutz was recognized out of a field of 1,400 teachers. She was a school speech-language pathologist for 17 years before changing careers.

Kimberly Madison, '05, who specialized in Elementary Reading and Literacy, was recognized in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*. She teaches first grade at Oak Grove Elementary in Peachtree City, Ga.

AmyLou Simerly, '05, who specialized in Middle Level Education, was recently promoted to exceptional student education specialist at Crystal River High School in Crystal River, Fla. "I'm ready to be an 'agent of change' and utilize the education obtained in my degree program," says Simerly. "I hope to impact and change the perception of success students with disabilities can achieve in the classroom."

Julie A. Culverwell, '04, who specialized in Elementary Reading and Literacy, received her school district's staff recognition award of Elementary Teacher of the Year. Culverwell has taught grades 2–5 and currently facilitates Washington state's Learning Assistance Program (grades K–5) in the Camas School District at Dorothy Fox Elementary.

Cheryl Hefty, '04, who specialized in Integrating Technology in the Classroom, was awarded a Cora Anson Memorial Scholarship from the Mu Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Jennifer Koontz, '04, who specialized in Integrating Technology in the Classroom, received a teacher fellowship from the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation. She and two colleagues traveled to Peru to study the culture. They plan to create an educational Web site.

Amanda McCall, '04, who specialized in Elementary Reading and Literacy, was named Anderson School District (S.C.) Teacher of the Year for 2006–07. She teaches first grade at Starr Elementary School.

Dana Clolinger, '03, who specialized in Elementary Reading and Literacy, was named director of operations for four Sylvan Learning Centers in Cincinnati.

Vicky Panasuk, '03, who specialized in Elementary Reading and Literacy, received the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award for furthering excellence in education. Panasuk developed an intervention reading program for first- and second-graders at Sidney Elementary School in Sidney, Mont. The award included \$25,000 in unrestricted funds.

Bryan MacDonald, '99, was promoted to vice president of the Education Systems Division of MAXIMUS, Inc. MacDonald now leads the team that defines, builds, and documents the company's educational software offerings, including the SchoolMAX Student Information System. This software is used by more than 60,000 educational professionals to manage more than 2 million students on a daily basis.