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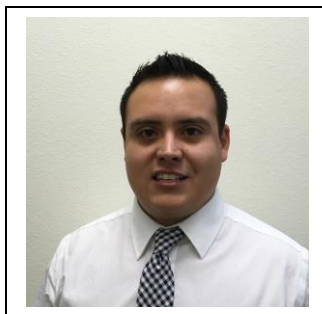
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2017 DISTINGUISHED EDUCATORS OF LUBBOCK COUNTY: The Knowledge Center, Inc. and the LCU School of Education partnered to recognize the Distinguished Educators of Lubbock County and recognize the two recipients of the Lubbock Christian University Award for Excellence in Teaching. Teachers from districts with attendance areas within Lubbock County were eligible for nomination by their superintendents. The CH Foundation and the Community Foundation of West Texas provided funds for this initiative, and City Bank sponsored the Blue Ribbon Community Panel luncheon. All nine nominees received an engraved brass teacher hand bell and \$100. The two recipients of the Lubbock Christian Award for Excellence in Teaching received \$1,000.

Stephanie Rogers
Abernathy ISD



Luis Martinez
Frenship ISD



Daniela Torres
Lubbock ISD



Katy Gooch
Lubbock-Cooper ISD



Whitney Dunn
New Deal ISD



Mika Damron
Roosevelt ISD



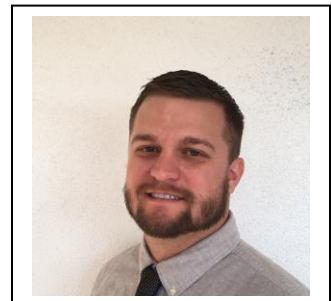
Janabeth Cannon
Shallowater ISD



Sherri Rodriguez
Slaton ISD



LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING: The third annual recipients of the top award as selected by the Blue Ribbon Community Panel were: **Daniela Torres**-Bean Elementary-Lubbock ISD and **Sherri Rodriguez**-Slaton Junior High School-Slaton ISD. **Daniela Torres** earned a bachelor's degree at Texas Tech University and has taught at Bean Elementary School since graduating. **Sherri Rodriguez** earned a bachelor's degree at West Texas A&M University and STEM certification at Texas Tech University. She taught math at Lockney and Childress before joining the faculty at Slaton Junior High School. All of the nominated teachers were congratulated by LCU President Tim Perrin and Texas Tech University President Lawrence Schovanec.



Gregory Johnson
Southland ISD



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS: The Summer/Fall 2017 Helen DeVitt Jones Scholarships were awarded to four LCU students: **Garrett Luft, Annie Doyle, Katie Dunn** and **Claudia Sanchez**.

Garrett Luft earned two bachelor's degrees in history and exercise and sports science and a master's degree in history at Texas Tech University. Mr. Luft taught social studies classes and coached at Monterey High School before serving as history department chair and athletic director at Kingdom Preparatory Academy. He returned to Monterey High School to teach social studies and work with Academic Decathlon. He currently serves as the Advanced Academics Coordinator for Lubbock ISD. Mr. Luft earned a master's degree in educational leadership at LCU.



Annie Doyle earned a bachelor's degree in early childhood education at Texas Tech University. She taught various elementary grades in Amarillo ISD and 2nd grade at Wheelock Elementary School before serving as a literacy coach at Ervin Elementary School. She currently serves as a reading interventionist at Upland Heights Elementary School in Frenship ISD. Mrs. Doyle is completing a master's degree at LCU in educational leadership.



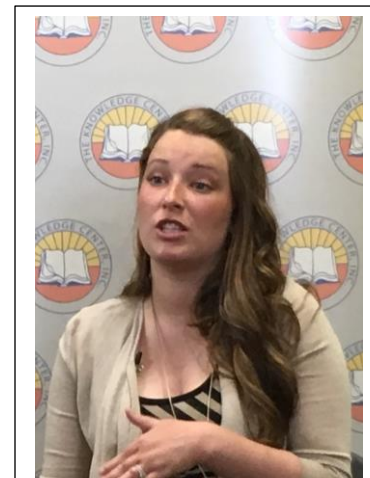
Katie Dunn is a graduate of Post High School where she was a member of National Honor Society, Student Council, varsity athletics, and student athletic training. She is a senior majoring in Early Childhood Education and is a member of Kappa Delta Pi (education international honor society). Miss Dunn plans to graduate in May 2018 and teach in the Lubbock area.



Claudia Sanchez graduated from Monterey High School where she was a member of the varsity soccer team and active in student council and FCA. She is a member of the LCU Women's Soccer Team and Kappa Delta Pi (education international honor organization). Ms. Sanchez is a senior majoring in early childhood education. She plans to graduate in May 2018 and teach in the Lubbock area.

Additional Fall 2017 scholarships were awarded to LCU graduate students **Haley Bilberry** (Miller Elementary), **Jamie Brazell** (Cooper South Elementary/Texas Tech), **Annie Doyle** (Upland Heights Elementary), **Heather King** (McWhorter Elementary) and **Whitney White** (Crestview Elementary).

KNOWLEDGE NUGGETS VIDEO SERIES: Knowledge Nuggets is a series of professional development videos for preservice teachers and new teachers intended for individual and group viewing. The original series was funded with a grant from the South Plains Foundation. Twenty-two videos were created and posted for viewing. The videos feature experienced educators and administrators addressing specific skills and topics in 3-5 minutes. Topics address resume writing, interviewing skills, classroom management, student responses, and legal issues. The **CH** Foundation provided a grant to expand the series. Phil Christian of Apple Pie Digital serves as the videographer for the project. The Knowledge Nuggets video series, including the new segments to be added throughout the fall, may be viewed on The Knowledge Center website www.theknowledgecenter.org or on YouTube https://www.youtube.com/my_videos?o=U.



LUBBOCK AFRICAN AMERICAN FIRSTS: A new reference book highlighting the achievements of African Americans in Lubbock is being researched and prepared for publication. The book will include a photo and background information on the contributions and achievements of individuals who made Lubbock their home. A grant from The **CH** Foundation will provide complimentary copies of the reference book to all Lubbock public libraries and Lubbock school libraries. The 32-page reference book is scheduled for distribution in February 2018 in conjunction with African American History Month.