

# THE INFORMANT

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## LCU TEACHER EDUCATION STUDENTS PRESENT RESEARCH AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE:

Four LCU teacher education majors conducted research on effective teaching practices and developed instructional materials for use in elementary and secondary classrooms. They then presented their research at the National Council for the Social Studies Conference in Washington, DC. LCU and The CH Foundation assisted with student travel to the conference, and the South Plains Foundation provided support for the historical photographs obtained from the Southwest Collection. Sydney Kennedy and Katie Turnipseed developed a simulation focusing on the qualifications of presidential candidates. Claire Bruffey and Brooke Pendergrass created local history resources highlighting life in Lubbock and national events during The Progressive Era and World War I. The instructional resources are available for teachers to download on The Knowledge Center website under resources: (<http://www.theknowledgecenter.org/resources.html>).



## INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES PUBLISHED IN PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION JOURNAL:

LCU education undergraduate students Sydney Kennedy and Katie Turnipseed worked with Dr. Sam Ayers to develop an educational simulation for use in social studies classrooms. The research project was sponsored in part by The CH Foundation. The research resulted in development of two simulations that could be used with upper elementary or middle school students. The materials require students to consider personal and professional qualities when evaluating candidates for political office and to focus on these qualifications. “Qualified to be President: Identifying the Best Candidate” was printed as a lesson plan in the Summer 2016 issue of *The Social Studies TEXAN*, the official publication of the Texas Council for the Social Studies. The instructional resources are also available to teachers on The Knowledge Center website at: <http://theknowledgecenter.org/Resources.html>.



**TEACHER AWARD NOMINATIONS:** The Lubbock Christian University School of Education has again partnered with The Knowledge Center to recognize the Distinguished Educators of Lubbock County. The CH Foundation and The Community Foundation of West Texas are also partnering to support this initiative. Public school districts with attendance areas located within Lubbock County were eligible to nominate one outstanding teacher. Nomination materials were provided to area superintendents. The Distinguished Educators of Lubbock County each receive an engraved brass teacher hand bell and \$100. The top two teachers as selected by the Blue Ribbon Panel receive the 2017 Lubbock Christian Award for Excellence in Teaching and \$1,000 each. The deadline for completing all nomination and reflection materials was December 2, 2016. A reception honoring the nominees is scheduled for March 21, 2017 at the LCU Baker Conference Center.

**LCU EDUCATION STUDENTS RECEIVE FALL SCHOLARSHIPS:** The Fall 2016 Helen Jones Knowledge Center Scholarship was awarded to three LCU education students. Recipients included Callie Chisum, Britni Cantu & Kasey Porr.



**Callie Chisum** is a 2013 graduate of Coronado High School where she participated in choir and competed in volleyball and basketball. She is an EC-6 early childhood education major at Lubbock Christian University. Ms. Chisum serves as president of Kappa Phi Kappa sorority. She plans to graduate in December 2017 and teach in the Lubbock area.



**Britni Cantu** is a 2011 graduate of Sundown High School where she was a member of the State qualifying cross country and track teams and advanced to State in Band. She attended South Plains College before transferring to LCU as an EC-6 early childhood major. Ms. Cantu has been recognized on the Dean's List and the President's List. She plans to graduate in December 2017 and teach in the West Texas area.



**Kasey Porr** is a 2015 graduate of Talkington School for Young Women Leaders where she participated in Academic Decathlon. She is a secondary education composite social studies major at Lubbock Christian University. Ms. Porr has conducted undergraduate research and presented at the LCU Scholars Colloquium, CSOTTE, and National Conference for Undergraduate Research (NCUR). She plans to graduate in May 2019 and teach in the Lubbock area.

## KNOWLEDGE CENTER WEBSITE UPDATED:

The Knowledge Center website was recently updated. The refreshed look of the website is easier to navigate. The Videos section contains the *Knowledge Nuggets* professional development series for educators. The Resources section contains Power Point resources and instructional materials. There are plans to continue expanding these two sections for teachers and their students.



## HISTORY IN PERSON PERFORMANCES

**SCHEDULED:** Bill Perryman of History In Person (<http://www.historyinperson.us/>) will return to Lubbock in February 2017 to portray historical characters at seven elementary schools. A former award winning elementary teacher, Bill Perryman now travels the state bringing historical figures to life for students. While in Lubbock, he will make presentations at Bowie, Stewart, Waters, Roscoe Wilson, Whiteside, Oak Ridge and Lubbock Christian elementary schools. The performances are sponsored by The CH Foundation, The Texas Commission on the Arts and The Knowledge Center.

**SPORTS HISTORY BOOK:** In an effort to identify outstanding Lubbock athletes and coaches of the past one hundred years, Sam Ayers created a reference resource – *Lubbock Sports: A Century of Champions 1916-2016*. Complimentary copies of the hardback reference book were distributed to Lubbock public libraries and librarians at Lubbock public and private schools. Funding for the project was provided by The CH Foundation, The Knowledge Center, the Staked Plains Council for the Social Studies, and the Texas Council for the Social Studies. Readers will enjoy learning about some of their favorite local sports heroes and may even discover a few new sports heroes worthy of emulation.

