Dr. JoAnn Canales Appointed to Board of Communities in Schools

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas—Dr. JoAnn Canales, associate dean of Graduate Studies and professor in the College of Education at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, has been appointed to the board of Communities in Schools (CIS).

CIS, the largest stay-in-school network in the nation, is funded by the Texas legislature to help young people stay in school and successfully prepare for life by coordinating the connection of community resources in school settings. In 2008-2009, among students tracked by the CIS, 86.7 percent improved attendance, behavior or academic performance, 84 percent of eligible seniors graduated and 97.5 percent stayed in school and were promoted to the next grade.

Canales has more than 25 years experience working with school districts, regional entities and state, national and international organizations and institutions of higher education. She has presented at international conferences and has authored or co-authored numerous textbooks, articles and reports/handbooks on second language learning and teacher preparation.

Canales earned her bachelor’s degree in speech pathology and audiology from the University of Houston in 1973. She received a master’s degree in bilingual education with an emphasis in Spanish from Laredo State University, and in 1985, was awarded a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Texas.

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