

Grant Highlights

Fiscal Year 2003 - 2004

June Taylor's (College of Basic Studies) program, TRIO Dissemination Partnership, was funded for \$199,924 for a second cycle. Only 17 projects in the U.S. were funded.

Drs. Kyle Piller and Volker Stiller (Biological Sciences) were awarded \$133,692 to study "Adaptive Radiation in *Chirostoma* (Atherinopsidae: Teleostomi): A Test of Morphometric Diversification and Trophic Specialization." In addition, Drs. Piller and Stiller were awarded \$112,978 to investigate "Novel Refilling of Embolized Xylem Conduits in Rice (*Oryza Sativa* L.) Varieties With Contrasting Root-Pressure Characteristics."

Dr. Wynn Gillan (Kinesiology and Health Studies) received funding for the fifth year from the Louisiana Department of Education for his "Team Nutrition Grant" of \$98,074 and \$68,807 for "HIV/AIDS Prevention Education and Title IV Safe and Drug Free Schools and Community Program."

Gary Keown and John Valentino (Visual Arts) received \$92,000 from the Louisiana Board of Regents Undergraduate Enhancement Program for "Expansion of Digital Technology Course Offerings into a Visual Arts Curriculum."

Dr. Sanichiro Yoshida (Chemistry and Physics) received \$83,268 from the National Science Foundation for his "Investigation of Suspended Optics' Motion of the LIGO Detector and Its Influence on the Detector's Performance."

Dr. Mike Jones (College of Business and Technology) received \$50,000 from the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry for "Keeping Up the Urban Forest," a study of the urban forest in small communities. This project is in collaboration with Dr. Bonnie Lewis of the Florida Parishes Social Science Research Center.

Dr. Cathie Koss (Teaching and Learning) received \$31,322 from the Board of Regents for "Certification Outreach to Uncertified Rural Special Educators," a collaborative Distance Education Initiative with Northwestern State University of Louisiana.

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