Back to School 2005
The National Academies perform an unparalleled public service by bringing together
leaders from science, technology, and the arts to advise on possible legislation that could enhance America's international competitiveness in
technology and education. Dean Ron Marx attended this meeting of the
National Research Council, was appointed to the National Research Council's
Committee on Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Education. Mr. Marx
represented Arizona, along with fourteen other states. He was among eleven
people chosen to develop a public charter school in New York City. This charter
school will be non-profit and will be operated by the National Academies.

I Did Not Know That!

Dean Lowery: One of the biggest problems facing our nation is the
current National Science Foundation report on science education. We need to
improve our science education in public schools. The American Academy of
Arts and Sciences has identified four key areas for improving our science
education: (1) Science inquiry, (2) Science literacy, (3) Science education,
and (4) Science research.

Volunteer Opportunities for Students

Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano asks Dean Marx to serve on a newly
created committee, the Governor's Committee on Teacher Quality and Support. The
Governor's Committee will work with the Arizona Department of Education
to improve the quality of our public schools.

Our Busy Alumni

Kris Bosworth and Garry Walz, was published in June.

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This is especially so in developing countries. Many students
despite "retirement" — are in great demand as speakers.

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Our Busy Dean

Look for the August 2005 Back to School issue of The National Education
Week magazine to read more about the efforts of the Governor's Committee
on Teacher Quality and Support.

Our Busy Students

And Speaking of Busy Faculty...

Angie Poulin, Professor of Learning, Teaching and Teacher Education, will be
contacted by the Arizona Board of Education to advise on possible legislation that
could enhance America's international competitiveness in
technology and education.

The study was commissioned by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources to
assess the impact of K-12 education on the nation's competitiveness.

He was asked to be a member of a focus group on K-12 education for a study conducted
by the National Academies.

He was the keynote speaker for Pima Community College's All-College Day, the kickoff
event for the Back to School initiative.

You need to have at least 24 semester credits in the area you
are interested in teaching in order to be eligible for the
Teach for Tucson Master's Program.

None of Dean Marx's other activities this summer?

Andersen notes that "Literacy Development of Students in Urban Schools" is
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