

received a commendation in 2006 from Gov. Sonny Perdue for her outstanding work in launching the new GACollege411 program, a state-wide initiative that helps high-school students and their families plan for and select a college, and apply for admission and financial aid online. The program is used by hundreds of thousands of Georgians.

“Kris has been a true pioneer supporting the enhancement of the learning experience through instructional technology,” said Jim Wolfgang, director of The Georgia Digital Innovation Group at Georgia College and State University.

Torres (M.Ed. '86, Ph.D. '97) is president-elect of the American College Personnel Association (ACPA), the largest professional association in the student affairs administration field. ACPA has recognized her contributions to the field with the Wise Woman Award in 2005 and Outstanding Service Award in 2001. She also received the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators Outstanding Faculty Award in 2006.

“With her work, Dr. Torres has provided a model that is based on empirical research that can help professionals understand, guide and enhance the academic and professional development of the emerging Latino/a popula-

tion,” said Edward Delgado-Romero, associate professor in counseling and human development services and former faculty member at Indiana University with Torres.

### Lifetime Achievement Award



Lappan

#### Glenda Lappan,

University Distinguished Professor in the department of mathematics at Michigan State University, was recognized with the Lifetime Achievement Award for her outstanding success and significant impact in her field.

A native of Douglas, Ga., Lappan served

as the program director for the teacher preparation program for the National Science Foundation from 1989-91. She was president of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) from 1998-00.

Lappan (M.Ed. '63, Ed.D. '65) was awarded the NCTM Lifetime Achievement Alumni Award in 2004. She received the Louise Hay Award for Contributions to Mathematics Education by the Association for Women in Mathematics for her work as a mathematics teacher, researcher, and national leader in 1996.

“Dr. Lappan has had a long and distinguished career and has made important contributions at the national level in instruction, research, and service. Her research into the theoretical and practical problems of teaching middle school mathematics continues to influence both curriculum development and instruction,” said Denise Mewborn, professor and head of the department of mathematics and science education.

*2007 COE Distinguished Alumni Award winners: (from L-R) Vasti Torres, David Ragsdale and Kris Biesinger. Not pictured: Joan Berryman and Glenda Lappan.*

