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leadership in our nation been so great to equip and unite our students for meeting the challenges that await them. Leadership that commands excellence from a team of individuals -- including everyone from parents to teachers to



counselors to community members to university professors -- is required to meet the needs of Texas and our nation. The Department of Educational Leadership and Counseling provides such leadership through its training programs for leaders who are at the levels of teachers, counselors, supervisors, coordinators, assistant principals, principals, central office professionals, and superintendents. These leadership programs are not accomplished in isolation; rather, they are nurtured in partnerships that bring together theory and practice.

The employers of our students state time and again that our graduates are prepared to step into leadership positions. They are equipped with the tools needed to lead in such a tumultuous time as this. Our faculty members -- leaders in the field of educational administration, counseling, marriage and family therapy, and play therapy -- are very well-known in the state, nation, and internationally. They take great pride in the Sam Houston State University tradition of teaching, while also contributing to the knowledge base through their original research and publications.

It is my hope that you will be a part of a graduate program that prepares the best leaders for today. You can make a difference in the life of a child or a teacher. Allow the Department of Educational Leadership and Counseling and Sam Houston State University to assist you in fulfilling your calling as a leader. I invite you to join us in our Masters or Doctoral programs and be a part of the greatest leadership team in Texas.

Sincerely,
Dr. Beverly J. Irby
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