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### Jo Gusman to Keynote at Migrant Ed Conference

"Back to Our Roots" is the theme of the 2004 State Conference for Migrant/ESOL/Bilingual Refugee Education in Kansas. The conference is sponsored by the Kansas Association of Migrant Directors, the Kansas Department of Education -- State and Federal Programs, and KATESOL/BE. The Migrant Ed Conference will take place at the Mid-Continent Airport Hilton Hotel, Wichita, Kansas, June 9-11.

The objective of the conference is to provide participants with practical experiences in effective teaching methods, current research and

technology regarding Migrant/ESOL/Bilingual and Refugee education. There are workshops for everyone working with English language learners, in regular and migrant ed settings.

The keynote speaker is Jo Gusman, who has been featured on national television and is the recipient of numerous awards for teaching excellence for her work with English language learners. Jo Gusman's workshops are fast-moving, energetic and centered around scores of practical ideas and materials that can be used immediately.

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### State Board Approves P-12 ESOL Standards

On April 14, 2004, at their monthly meeting, held at a special location in St. Francis, the Kansas Board of Education voted 8-0 to approve the new P-12 ESOL Standards. The English Language Proficiency Test, which is aligned to the new standards, will now be used.

[See page 5 for more on ESOL and the ELP.]

### KATESOL Conference in Hays a Big Success

Fort Hays State University, in Hays, Kansas, was the site of this year's KATESOL/BE Annual Conference, with the theme "Advocating for Language Learners in the Era of No Child Left Behind." There were 300 attendees this year--by far the most ever at a meeting of the Kansas Association of Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages.

Conference participants from all parts of Kansas, as well as across the border from Colorado, Arizona, Wyoming, Nebraska, Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Illinois, California, Utah, Minnesota, Maryland, the District of Columbia, Massachusetts, and representatives from the countries of Peru and Spain, enjoyed a line-up of keynote speakers which will not soon be matched.

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