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### **Around COE**



(I-r) John Luque, Marcela Ruiz-Funes, Christina Abreu, Alma Stevenson, Antonio Gutierrez, Alejandro Gallard, COE Dean Koballa, Carlos Martinez, Angela Pinilla-Herrera, and Martin Gendelman.

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#### 2014 COE Film Series

Standardized: Lies, Money and Civil Rights; How Testing is Ruining Public Education, September 16. American Promise, October 14. Bully, November 11.

Admission is free. Screenings begin at 5 p.m. in COE Room 1115 with informal discussion led by COE faculty. The College Middle Level Association will be selling food and beverages at each screening.



(I-r) Keynote speaker Catherine Wyatt-Morley with conference chair COE Assistant Professor Fayth Parks and attendees at the recent Rural HIV Research and Training Conference.



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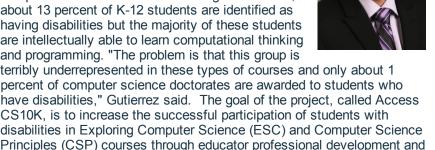


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