

College of Education News & Notes

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Message from the Dean

College of Education Faculty, Staff, and Friends:

During this holiday season, I want to be among the first to wish you a Happy Holiday Season and a Healthy New Year. I also want to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to each and every one of you who works so diligently to provide the very best educational experience for our students, supports our quest to continuously improve programs and services, donates to the college, and stays true to our commitment during these challenging times. I don't always get to thank each of you in person, but please know that I sincerely appreciate all that you have done and are doing for our college.

I hope that you can join us at our holiday party on December 9, so that I can have the opportunity to thank you in person and show my gratitude for your hard work and dedication to our students and College.

— *Dr. Linda Patriarca, Dean*



Upcoming Events

December 9: COE Holiday Open House, 12:30 p.m.

Please plan to attend the Second Annual COE Holiday Open House at the Dean's home. Come and visit with Colleagues, Professional Advisory Board members, and COE donors! Celebrate the joy of the season! Light refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP to Barbara Little at littleb@ecu.edu.

December 16: College of Education Graduate Recognition Ceremony, 2:00 p.m.

Join us in Minges Coliseum as we celebrate and extend our warmest congratulations to the Fall 2011 COE Graduates, their families, and friends.

Announcements

NCATE and TEAC are transitioning to become **CAEP**, the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation. [To read more...](#)

Click [here](#) to read the latest issue of the *Journal of Curriculum and Instruction*. Special congratulations to **Dr. Diane Kester**, Editor-In-Chief, and the entire editorial team for receiving the Edward C. Pomeroy Award for Outstanding Contributions to Teacher Education.



A national study of student debt called the Project on Student Debt, which analyzed tuition, financial aid and loans for universities across the nation, showed that ECU students rank 11th overall and 4th in the UNC system with an average debt of \$17,243. [To read more...](#)

The fall issue of *Beyond the Stacks!*, published by the Department of Library Science, is now available. To read the full version of this issue, click [here](#).



In case you did not know, the College of Education has a Facebook page. We update the page weekly, if not more, with COE trivia, upcoming events, and recent accomplishments of our alumni, faculty, and staff. If you would like to include information on the page, email Kendra Alexander at alexanderk@ecu.edu.



On Saturday, November 12, the Center for Science, Mathematics, and Technology Education (CSMTE) organized a unique opportunity for over 25 teachers and administrators from six underprivileged counties to be trained in deploying the ASSISTments program free within their school systems. This technology is an intelligent tutoring system that provides students with individualized and personalized assistance while providing formative assessment data to teachers to help in instruction. Teachers across the region interested in utilizing the ASSISTments training system can visit [here](#) to register to utilize the system in their schools free. Online training is available as well as future on-site professional development opportunities.



The second issue of *PURPLE!* Magazine is now available. [To read more...](#)

Staff Recognition

Marquerite Latham, from the Department of Business and Information Technologies Education, will be graduating from the BITE Department in Vocational Education Information Technologies this fall with a Master's Degree!

Faculty Accolades

Dr. Steven W. Schmidt and **Dr. Vivian W. Mott** recently presented a paper entitled "A Case Study in Graduate Education for U. S. Army Interns" at the 60th annual conference of the American Association for Adult and Continuing Education (AAACE), held in Indianapolis, Indiana. Dr. Vivian W. Mott also facilitated a roundtable discussion entitled "Re-examining the Classic Texts in Adult, Continuing, and Higher Education."



Dr. Diane Rodriguez hosted a Latino Leaders Forum with Secretary of Labor **Hilda Solís** to address a number of issues pertinent to the Latino community in North Carolina. The event was held November 10, 2011 in Raleigh at the North Carolina National Guard Joint Forces Command Center. Two of our students, **Esmeralda Rodriguez and Ryan Cobey**, attended the events with Dr. Rodriguez.



Congratulations to **Dr. Kristen Cuthrell** in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, **Christa Monroe** in the Office of Teacher Education, **Jessica Miller** in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, and **Dr. Eric Kisling** in the Department of Business and Information Technologies Education for receiving the Treasured Pirate award! Thank you all for what you do for the College of Education!

Student Accomplishments

The Fall Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity (URCA) Awards were recently announced for 2011. These awards are to

fund faculty-mentored research and creative activity by undergraduate students. Winners represent students from 22 different majors carrying out projects in seven colleges across ECU. A panel of discipline-specific faculty reviewed sixty-five completed applications and thirty awards were made. Congratulations to **Lindsay Stump**, Special Education student, and her faculty mentor, **Dr. Melissa Engleman** for prevailing over a very competitive pool of applicants.



Dr. Cheryl McFadden and HACE doctoral students **Maria Pharr, Katrina Arnold, Greg Prince, Catrina Davis, and Levy Brown** co-presented at the International Society for Exploring Teaching and Learning (ISETL) Conference in San Diego, CA. The title of their presentation was "Out with the Old and In With the New: Stop the Lectures, Throw Out the Textbooks and Create Student-Engaged Learning." The presentation resulted in an article co-authored with **Dr. Cheryl McFadden** which has been submitted to the *Academic Exchange Quarterly* for consideration.

Brandi Newell has been named Outstanding Elementary Mathematics Teacher for Cumberland County. She is a student in our MAEd program.

With the leadership of Special Education student **Courtney Sargent** and Chapter Advisor **Dr. Lori Flint**, our local Kappa Delta Pi (KDP) Chapter has recently been approved as a registered member of *Student Activities and Organizations* at ECU.



Lee Olson, second year student in Project STEPP, sought an opportunity this summer to participate in a U.S. Department of Education Special Education Teacher Recruitment video. She just recently learned that some of her segments were included. Click [here](#) to see the video.

Alumni Stories

Karen Gardner '85 has been named the 2011 Media Coordinator of the Year by the North Carolina School Library Media Association. Ms. Gardner is also the media coordinator at Ayden-Griffon High School in Pitt County.

Sherri Spencer Cox '02, '10 was named Mattamuskeet Elementary School Teacher of the Year, as well as Teacher of the Year for Hyde County Schools. She led the initiative to improve the grading scale for kindergarten through second grade and the Personalized Education Plan Policy for Hyde County Schools.

Development Report

It is bittersweet to announce that **Marcy Romary**, our Major Gifts Officer (MGO), has taken on a new assignment as the Major Gifts Officer for the College of Human Health and Performance here at ECU. During her tenure in the college, Marcy has helped raised millions of dollars of support for College of Education students, programs, and services. In 2009, Marcy was promoted to Senior Major Gifts Officer and Director of Women's Philanthropy where she manages the Women's Roundtable program. Although we hate to see her go, we certainly understand her need to make this move and we wish her all the best in this new endeavor.



If you would like to submit information for our next issue, would like to get more involved with or donate to the College, please contact Kendra Alexander, Director of Development and Communications at alexanderk@ecu.edu.



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