A Message from the Helm

Greetings to our partners in education! We hope this newsletter finds your semester going well. We are pleased to be able to reinstate our newsletter for the Latham Clinical Schools Network with its revamped format and new name, Flagship: News for the Pirate Education Nation. As the founding college of East Carolina University, the College of Education strives to be a flagship institution and a beacon in the east and beyond. We are committed to preparing quality candidates with real world, field-embedded experiences, and we cannot do this without you. We have several key initiatives underway that have the potential to change the way we prepare future educators. In future newsletters, we will share these initiatives as we pilot, research, and seek to implement the best results of our findings. This newsletter is for you to share your innovative work with us as well. Do not hesitate to contact us to highlight the great work happening in the Latham Clinical Schools Network. Thank you for all that you have done in partnership with the College of Education this academic year!

Sincerely,

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Creating a Community of Future Teachers

Maynard Scholars & Teaching Fellows

The Maynard Scholarship is a four-year $20,000 scholarship awarded to ten outstanding high school seniors each year. This scholarship is modeled after the NC Teaching Fellow Scholarship and as such, recipients will be expected to teach in a public, charter, or government school for four years in one of the fifty counties in eastern North Carolina following graduation. Recipients have up to seven years to complete this requirement. In order to be eligible to apply, applicants must meet the following criteria:

• Must reside in one of the fifty counties in eastern NC
• A minimum score of 1,000 on the SAT
• Unweighted GPA of 3.0 or better
• Must intend to teach K-12 after graduation
• Must complete an application and interview

The Teaching Fellows and Maynard Scholars office received a record number of applications this year and held interviews on Saturday March 2, 2013. The ten recipients were notified by the end of March. Maynard Scholarship recipients have programmatic responsibilities that are designed to make each recipient a better citizen and teacher. Community outreach is a critical component of the Maynard Scholars program and scholars provide free tutoring services for various non-profit organizations as well as in classrooms in schools throughout Pitt County. Our Maynard Scholars live together during their freshmen year and complete a special section of COAD 1000 as a group. These experiences and the support provided through the program help our scholars become successful future educators.

The Teaching Fellows and Maynard Scholars office, in cooperation with the Office of Teacher Education and the College of Education are very excited to announce the formation of an Education Housing Community for the 2013-2014 school year. The College of Education Housing Community (EHC) gives first-year education students a unique residential learning experience designed to connect College of Education faculty, staff, members and classroom learning with residence life. This eases the transition into the ECU community and contributes to their success within the College of Education and beyond. Students will enjoy the typical freshman experience of dorm life with the added benefit of living with other students who are also going into the education field. The Maynard Scholars will be housed with the EHC and the EHC members will have some of the same programmatic opportunities as the Maynard Scholars. The EHC will be housed in Umstead Residence Hall for the 2013-2014 school year. There are no additional costs associated with the EHC beyond the standard room and board rates. Applications for the EHC were due by Wednesday May, 1, 2013 and the application can be accessed online at: http://www.ecu.edu/educ/ehc. Questions and completed applications should be emailed to Dionna Manning, manningd@ecu.edu. We are very excited about what the 2013-2014 school year has in store for us!

2012-2013 Freshmen Maynard Scholars work on team-building skills at the ECU Ropes Course.
College of Education Students Honored for Academic Excellence

On February 1, 2013, 38 East Carolina University freshmen with an intended Teacher Education major were honored during the College of Education ECU EXCELS event. This event was a part of the annual ECU EXCELS program that recognizes students who are first time, full-time freshmen or on-campus transfers who earned a 3.0 GPA or higher during the fall semester.

There were a total of 98 people in attendance which included both honored students and their guests. Dr. Marilyn Sheerer, Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, brought words of recognition to the award recipients and Ms. Taylor Waters, an ECU Teaching Fellow and recent recipient of the TeenNick HALO Award, served as the keynote speaker. Students were individually recognized and received a Certificate of Academic Achievement, had an opportunity to interact with College of Education faculty, and were served light refreshments at the event.

Teaching Fellows:
Summer Enrichment

July 8-12, 2013: The ECU College of Education will be hosting five North Carolina Teaching Fellows from institutions around the state for their required Junior Enrichment Activity. The Office of Professional Development and Student Outreach is partnering with Ms. Tammy Lee, Teaching Instructor in the Department of Mathematics, Science, and Instructional Technology Education to provide this opportunity for these students.

Ms. Lee has partnered with several local school systems, working with their teachers on science curriculum development throughout the school year. During the summer, she hosts a week-long Summer Science Camp for students in grades 3-5 to implement planned lessons and evaluate their effectiveness. Teaching Fellows will spend a great deal of time learning about curriculum development, evaluation and lesson planning as they progress through the week.

The following institutions will be represented:

- East Carolina University
- UNC-Wilmington
- Campbell University
- UNC-Greensboro
- Western Carolina University

Need a Change? Consider Teaching!

Through the Office of Alternative Licensure, there are several options for those seeking to obtain their NC teaching license. With various programs designed to fit the needs of potential teachers, individuals are sure to find a program that fits their career goals and current educational needs. Whether you are seeking to change careers and move into the teaching profession, are seeking licensure as a lateral entry teacher, or are currently a teacher seeking additional areas of licensure, there is sure to be a program you can follow to meet your needs so you can move forward as a highly-qualified, effective teacher!

The programs offered within the Office of Alternative Licensure are:

- Master of Arts in Teaching
- Licensure Only
- NC Teach (Fast-Track Lateral Entry Program)
- Individual Lateral Entry
- Add-On Licensure

For more information on the programs listed above, please contact the Office of Alternative Licensure at (252) 328-6272 or alternativelicensure@ecu.edu. You can also visit www.ecu.edu/cs-educ/alternative_licensure/Index.cfm.

Clinical Teacher Training

Clinical Teachers play a vital role in helping ECU produce passionate and competent educators. Individuals who wish to become a clinical teacher and host an intern in their classroom must complete Clinical Teacher Training offered by the Office of Teacher Education. To attend training, teachers must hold a current SP II license and receive the recommendation of his/her principal to participate in the training. They must also possess the appropriate skills, knowledge and disposition to step into this coaching role.

Clinical Teacher Training is a one-day training session that includes an overview of the roles and responsibilities of the clinical teacher, intern, and university supervisor. These training sessions are offered over the summer on five separate days. This summer we are offering the training in five separate counties that are part of the Latham Clinical Schools Network. We are very excited to be able to distribute the training among five different partners!

The dates and locations for training are as follows:

- Craven County Board Room – Tuesday, June 25th
- Wilson County – Darden Alumni Center – Thursday, June 27th
- Lenoir County Central Office – Tuesday July 9th
- Nash County Teacher Resource Center – Thursday, July 11th
- Pitt County – Willis Building – Tuesday, August 13th

Any teacher who is interested in attending the upcoming training should talk to their principal who will register teachers via their school system’s Latham Clinical Schools Network liaison. If you have questions regarding Clinical Teacher Training, please contact Karen Singer at singerk@ecu.edu.