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Message from the Dean

College of Education Faculty, Staff, and Friends:

On behalf of the College of Education, I would like to wish you a Happy Holiday Season and a Healthy New Year! As you read our Fall/Winter newsletter, I hope you can appreciate and be proud of the work that the students, faculty, and staff at the College of Education have done and are doing. It is an honor to serve as the Dean of the College and work with amazing individuals who are changing the way in which we prepare educators and deliver curriculum. It is also a pleasure to meet our donors and volunteers who support our continued efforts to produce quality educators who are prepared for the 21st Century. Please stay connected to the College of Education and to East Carolina University. Your support is so critical to the work we do!



— *Dr. Linda Patriarca, Dean*

Upcoming Events

Mary Lois Staton Reading/Language Arts Conference

The 2012 Mary Lois Staton Reading/Language Arts Conference (MLS Conference) is scheduled for Wednesday, February 22, 2012, from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at the City Hotel & Bistro, Greenville, N.C. This year's event represents our 30th anniversary conference! This day-long conference promises to offer an excellent keynote speaker and engaging concurrent sessions on a variety of literacy-related topics. Contact Kathy Misulis at misulisk@ecu.edu for more information.

Announcements

East Carolina University was SECOND in the NATION with 118 newly certified teachers

North Carolina leads the nation in National Board Certification of teachers—accounting

for nearly 20% of all newly board certified teachers in 2011. State Superintendent of the Public Schools of North Carolina, June Atkinson, applauded the effort and stated: "National Board Certification is an incredibly rigorous process that requires teachers to look deep into how they provide classroom instruction to meet the academic needs of all their students. It requires a serious professional and personal commitment. We are so fortunate that so many of our teachers continue to be willing to make this commitment. Our public school students are the ultimate winners as a result." Nationwide there are 97,291 teachers who have gone through this process. In 2011, 6,266 teachers and counselors received National Board Certification. For the first time ever, the organization revealed the top 50 public and private institutions leading the nation in the largest number of alumni who are newly certified. East Carolina University was second in the nation with 118 newly certified teachers. This is one measure of the quality of our graduates and their dedication to the profession.

Kappa Delta Pi Eta Chi Chapter

Kappa Delta Pi (KDP) is an international honor society in education, whose primary purposes are to promote fellowship among those dedicated to the profession of teaching, as well as to nurture excellence in education. Our local KDP Chapter, the Eta Chi Chapter, received a certificate from KDP Headquarters recognizing their chapter for outstanding recruitment this past year. With the leadership of Special Education student Courtney Sargent and Chapter Advisory Dr. Lori Flint, the chapter has also been approved as a registered member of Student Activities and Organizations at ECU. Members of this amazing organization enjoy benefits such as 24 hour teacher hot line, webinars on hot topics, regional and national leadership and service opportunities, classroom teacher grants, and scholarships. One notable scholarship is the William B. Martin East Carolina University Scholarship which is designated for one of our College of Education undergraduate students studying special education or middle grades. For more info, contact Lori Flint at flintl@ecu.edu.

New Professional Advisory Board

Over the summer, the College of Education expanded its Dean's Advancement Council to a Professional Advisory Board. This newly expanded board will keep the College informed on various business, legal, and financial trends that may affect it. Members serve on one of four committees: Advocacy, Legislative, and Communications, Stewardship, Scholarship and Student Support, and Volunteer Bureau. If you are interested in getting more involved with the College, contact Kendra Alexander at alexanderk@ecu.edu.



2011-2012 KDP Chapter Members

Marcy Romary's New Assignment

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.



Marcy Romary, Senior Major Gifts Officer

Faculty Accolades

Dr. Liz Fogarty and **Dr. Peggy Yates**, two Elementary Education professors, were finalists for the Board of Governors Distinguished Professor for Teaching Award. This award is designed to recognize and support excellent teaching at each of the 17 constituent universities in our system. Dr. Peggy Yates was one of six winners.

Dr. Diane Rodriguez-Luterbach, Associate Professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, 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.



Dr. Diane Rodriguez-Luterbach with Hilda Solís

Dr. David Siegel won a Fulbright award and spent six weeks in South Africa. He returned to campus with an increased appreciation for the value of student narratives in higher education. He said, "Educators must pay attention to individual students. They should learn and draw inspiration from students' individual stories of struggle and challenge and resilience." [To read more...](#)



Dr. David Siegel, Associate Professor
in the Department of Higher, Adult & Counselor Education

Staff Recognition

Lou Anna Hardee has been elected as Lt. Governor of Zone Three of the North Carolina East District of Optimist International. Hardee has been employed at East Carolina University since 1968. [To read more...](#)



Mrs. Lou Anna Hardee,
Administrative Support Staff Member in the Dean's office

Christa Monroe, in the Office of Professional Development and Student Outreach, planned and coordinated ECU's GEAR UP Partnership and Future Educators Academy summer enrichment program for 48 students. [To read more, see page four...](#)

Student Accomplishments

Lindsay Stump, Special Education undergraduate student was awarded a \$1,400 Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity project grant for her research on using

technology like VizZle and Tap-It with preschoolers who have autism. Lindsay Stump and her faculty mentor, **Dr. Melissa Engleman**, were also awarded one of the 2011 Fall Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Awards. 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.



Lindsay Stump with mentor, Dr. Melissa Engleman

Stacie Johnson, Adult Education student, was awarded the 2011 North Carolina Adult Education Association scholarship. Stacie has been a student in the Adult Education program since 2007, and plans to graduate in the spring of 2012.

Kellah Jarvis, NC Teaching Fellows Scholarship recipient and Elementary Education major, is a published author. Her book, *Miss Kathy Sailon*, is about a strong-willed, outspoken kindergartener who never overlooks a chance to get in trouble. As life would have it, Miss Kathy learns a few lessons about life and friendship that change her way of doing things.



Ken Hubbell, a graduate student in the Instructional Technology program, took first place in this year's Immersive Learning Awards competition. This is an international competition sponsored by the Association of Educational Communications and Technology. Ken Hubbell's entry won the first place award in the Linear Category. This is a very prestigious award given to the most gifted and talented students. The only

other winner this year was a professor at Harvard Law School. [To read more...](#)

Ashley Harrell has been selected as the Outstanding Mathematics Education Student from the Eastern Region of the state by the North Carolina Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCCTM). [To read more...](#)



Ashley Harrell, Mathematics Education student

Lee Olson, a 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 recently learned that some of her segments were included. Click [here](#) to see the video.

COE Masters of Teaching students blended technology and cardboard to engage learners. [To read more...](#)



Left to right: Beth Laughridge, Laura Wetherington, Sylvia Dieu and Stephanie Burress

Alumni Stories

Ron Clark '94, former NC Teaching Fellow and College of Education alumnus, visited

Greenville to promote his book, *The End of Molasses Classes*. [To read more...](#)



Ron Clark with Hannah Evans, Elementary Education major

Marian Dillahunt '09 received the 2010 Vance-Granville Community College Faculty of the Year Award. Marian has also been named as the recipient of the 2011 R.J. Reynolds Excellence in Teaching Award by the NC Community College System.

Karen Gardner '85 has been named the 2011 Media Coordinator of the Year by the North Carolina School Library Media Association.



Karen Gardner

Rick McMahon '74, '83, '86 was named Superintendent of the Year by the N.C. High School Athletic Association.

Marsha Moore Lewis '76 '85 was the recipient of the East Carolina Alumni Association's Outstanding Alumni Award during this year's Homecoming weekend. Lewis has also been honored as Business and Professional Women's Career Woman of the Year for North Carolina, Career Woman of the Year for Duplin/Wayne Counties Business and Professional Women, twice selected as Kenansville Elementary Teacher of the Year, and was nominated for the National Teachers Hall of Fame.



Marsha Moore Lewis with family and friends at the Alumni Awards Ceremony

Karen Quick '97 '09, was selected by the Kenan Fellows Program for Curriculum and Leadership Development at N.C. State as a Class of 2012 Fellow. The program develops innovative curricula for use in North Carolina classrooms.

Retirements

This fall, **Lynn Bradshaw, Joseph Ciechalski, Ruth Hough, Floyd Mattheis, Alfred Muller, Veronica Pantelidis, and Sue Steinweg** have retired from the College. Lynn Bradshaw was a professor in the Department of Educational Leadership for 15 years. Joseph Ciechalski was a Counselor Education professor for 24 years. Ruth Hough was a Grants Specialist in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction for 28 years. Floyd Mattheis retired with over 50 years of service to the College of Education. He was a Science Education professor, a Science Education department chair, and the Director of Summer Ventures. Alfred Muller was a professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction for 35 years. Veronica Pantelidis was a professor in the Department of Library Science and taught for 35 years. Sue Steinweg was a Special Education professor and taught for 9 years. Together, these individuals represent 196 years of service. Thank you for your dedication!

Development Report

The **Harold H. Bate Foundation** has pledged \$333,000 over five years to endow a distinguished professorship for Project STEPP, a program for students with learning disabilities. [To read more...](#)

Special thanks to **Wells-Fargo** for making a \$75,000 gift to Wells Fargo Partnership East program (formerly known as Wachovia Partnership East). This gift will support tuition for 47 Wells Fargo Partnership East students and five competitive \$750 stipends for students during their internship semester.

On October 15, **twenty educators and education advocates** were inducted into the Educators Hall of Fame. Each inductee was sponsored and a monetary gift of \$1,000 or more was contributed to the College of Education's Educators Hall of Fame Scholarship endowment on their behalf. Annual interest from the Educators Hall of Fame endowment is used to fund merit-based scholarships for College of Education students. To date, over \$390,000 has been raised for student scholarships. The goal is for the endowment to reach \$1 million. [To read more...](#)



2011 Educators Hall of Fame Inductees
To see more pictures from the ceremony, click [here](#).

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Whichard recently gave \$50,000 to the College of Education to fund a scholarship in honor of Katie Earle Owen Morgan. This fund shall be used to provide scholarship support for students who are residents of North Carolina pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in the College of Education.

Dr. Tom '80, '82, '10 and **Lisa Williams** of Raleigh recently finalized a planned gift to support outreach programs in the Department of Educational Leadership with North Carolina public schools. Tom is a retired public school superintendent and is the immediate past chair of the College of Education's Advancement Council.

Closing Remarks

We hope that you enjoy reading our newsletter and keeping informed on the wonderful things that are occurring in our College. We are certainly proud of our accomplishments and want to share the good news with our constituents.

If you are interested in staying connected, please continue to read our newsletters and send us your updated email address.

You can also visit our College of Education [Facebook](#) page. We update the page weekly with upcoming events and recent accomplishments of our students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

We have various volunteer opportunities available for those who want to give back to the college with their time and service. Contact Kendra Alexander at alexanderk@ecu.edu for more information.

If you are interested in supporting the College and our students, it's not too late to make a year-end gift and be eligible for a 2011 tax deduction! Online Giving is the easiest and fastest way to make a contribution. Click [here](#) to make a gift. For a list of the College's funding priorities, click [here](#).

Happy Holidays from the College of Education! Thank you for all that you do!



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