



Message from the Dean

Dear Colleagues,

I look forward to seeing all of you at Friday's final meeting of the 2013-2014 academic year. At this meeting I will be sharing a "**State of the College**" address, from my perspective of only one year. It has been a wonderful year! I have loved working with you and for you. I have learned so much and truly look forward to more work with you.

I do have some sad news. **Latricia Boone**, the editor of this newsletter and your communications director will be leaving us at the end of the semester. Latricia has served us so well since July and I will truly miss her. She will be moving into a terrific position in Washington, DC. Please congratulate her on her new job when you see her.

And now, for the news:

Congratulations...

To COED's own **Dr. Maryann Mraz** who has received the Educator Alumni Award from her BA and M.Ed. alma mater, John Carroll University in Cleveland, OH. This award is given to an alum who has "demonstrated significant and distinguished accomplishments in the field of education."

To **Dee Ellington** on the recent arrival of another new grandson. Kael Carter Ellington, born April 4, 2014, was 7lbs 13oz 22 inches.



Professional Development School Partnerships

We are pleased to announce the Professional Development School Partnerships for the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 years.

Albemarle Road Elementary School, Faculty Liaison: **Lan Kolano**

Central Cabarrus High School, Faculty Liaisons: **Paul Fitchett** and **Tina Heafner**

Community School of Davidson, Faculty Liaison: **Brian Kissel**

Cornelius Elementary School, Faculty Liaison: **Tracy Rock**

David Cox Road Elementary School, Faculty Liaison: **Amy Good**

Highland Creek Elementary School, Faculty Liaison: **Melinda McCabe**

Lake Norman Charter School, Faculty Liaison: **Mike Putman**

Mallard Creek High School, Faculty Liaison: **Jean Vintinner**

Oakdale Elementary School, Faculty Liaison: **Tehia Starker Glass**

Piedmont Middle School, Faculty Liaisons: **Adriana Medina** and **Michael Matthews**

Randolph Middle School, Faculty Liaison: **Rosslyn Crandell**

Rocky River Elementary School, Faculty Liaison: **Myra Deitz**

Shady Brook Elementary School, Faculty Liaison: **Ian Binns**

Sun Valley High School, Faculty Liaison: **Rebecca Shore**

University Meadows Elementary School: Faculty Liaisons: **Joyce Frazier** and **Sue Rebich**

Thanks to everyone in the PDS Network for all of your hard work!

Drew Polly and Marvin Chapman, PDS Co-Directors
Melba Spooner, Senior Associate Dean

More News

Dr. Susan Harden's research was recently highlighted in [Millennial Magazine](#), see p.13 and 15.

The College is proud to announce the launch of a new publication, the ***Journal of Applied Educational Policy Research (JAEPR)***. JAEPR is an open access, peer reviewed online journal published by the Center for Educational Measurement and Evaluation (CEME). The journal focuses on issues of importance to educational policy makers. Editor, **Dr. Chuang Wang**, would like to invite everyone in the college to visit the online site for the journal at <http://journals.uncc.edu/jaepwr>.

The Associate Editors of JAEPR are **Dr. Mark D'Amico**, **Dr. Richard Lambert**, and **Dr. Paul Fitchett**. The first issue of the journal will be released in the fall of 2014 and will be the proceedings issue from the 2014 NCARE conference. The editors are currently planning a special issue for winter of 2015 and a regular issue for spring of 2015. Please consider submitting a manuscript to our journal. We also welcome volunteers interested in serving as peer reviewers.

Dr. Gloria Campbell-Whatley performed a 4 hour strand; *Making the Common Core Standards Common for Special Education* at the Council for Exceptional Children National Convention in Philadelphia, PA. Two former UNC Charlotte graduates of the SPED doctoral program participated. **Dr. Irene Meier** acted as the strand co-leader and **Dr. Ozalle Toms** participated in two sessions.



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International Activities & Programs

News & Highlights

The U.S. Department of Education is conducting the following grant competitions related to international education in Fiscal Year 2014:

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships (FLAS) Program

- Awards allocations of fellowships to institutions of higher education or consortia of institutions to assist meritorious graduate and undergraduate students enrolled in modern foreign language and area or international training programs.
- Allocations include academic year fellowships and summer fellowships.
- Grants are awarded to institutions for a four-year project period.
- Visit:
<http://www2.ed.gov/programs/iegpsflasf/index.html>

The **Office of Education Outreach** recently hosted the Julia Robinson Mathematics and Computing Festival, which was a huge success! This event is held annually and is hosted by the Office of Educational Outreach, UNCC Computing & Informatics Department and the UNCC Mathematics Department. It was founded in 2007 to encourage middle schools girls to investigate math with **local STEM professionals!** This year the event hosted **a record number**, 352 middle school girls! Please see below for pictures of the event.



Congratulations to Department of Counseling 2014 National Honorees

Adam Carter, MS, NCLPC, NCC

A second year counseling doctoral student, Adam was awarded the **graduate student intern position within the Scholars-in-Residence Program of American Counseling Association**. This program offers two professionals an opportunity to gain practical experience in activities, special assignments, and/or research projects that support federal, state, and community-based programs, policies, and best practices in various counseling settings: Schools, Hospitals and Community Agencies.

James McMullen, MSED, LPCA, NCC

A third year counseling doctoral student, James was selected to receive the **Outstanding Service to Chapter Award by Chi Sigma Iota, the international honor society of professional counseling**. James is currently serving as president of UNC Charlotte's chapter, Mu Tau Beta. The purpose of this award is to recognize an individual CSI Chapter member who has excelled in scholarship, service to the chapter, extracurricular involvements, and evidence of excellence and commitment. Service to the Chapter must clearly be demonstrated.

James McMullen, MSED, LPCA, NCC and Bailey MacLeod, MA

Both third year doctoral counseling students, James and Bailey were selected to receive a **CSI Excellence in Counseling Research Grant of \$350 by Chi Sigma Iota, the international honor society of professional counseling**, for their research topic "*What does the public know about professional counseling? A study of public knowledge and perception of counselors*". The purpose of the CSI Excellence in Counseling Research Grant Program is to (1) Promote and recognize academic and professional excellence in counseling scholarship, leadership, advocacy, and practice, and (2) Support and enhance a strong counseling profession that fosters wellness and human dignity in an increasingly global society. It is intended to support and enhance the counseling profession through targeted support of research by CSI members.

The Mu Tau Beta Chapter of Chi Sigma Iota

Chi Sigma Iota, the international honor society of professional counseling, selected the College of Education graduate student organization **Mu Tau Beta**, to receive the Outstanding Chapter Award (Large Chapter). Mu Tau Beta was selected out of all large chapters in the country to receive this honor. The purpose of this award is to recognize outstanding Chapter activities (i.e. newsletters, other publications, individual programs, brochures, web pages, recruitment strategies, chapter growth, planning, programs, networking and/or evidence of professional development).

Upcoming Events:

The Office of Research Development and Management is pleased to invite you to a presentation by **Lesley Brown, UNC Charlotte's Director of Proposal Development**, on writing competitive grant proposals. The presentation will occur at Monday, April 28, 1-2 p.m., in COED 110. Specific topics will include...

- basic components of a grant proposal;
- characteristics of a fundable proposal;
- the process of writing for review panels;
- procedures for creating a timeline for proposal development;
- basic elements of proposal budgets;
- allowable costs, cost sharing, and the difference between direct and indirect costs; and
- the importance of writing a strong budget justification.

New Publications

Campbell-Whatley, G.D., & Meier, I. (2014, April). *Making the Common Core Standards Common for Special Education*. Four Hour Strand. Council for Exceptional Children Conference National Convention. Philadelphia, PA.

Matthews, M. S. (2014). [Review of the Expressive One-Word Picture Vocabulary Test—4: Spanish-Bilingual Edition by N. A. Martin]. Pp. 295-297 in J. F. Carlson, K. F. Geisinger, & J. L. Jonson (Eds.), *The Nineteenth Mental Measurements Yearbook*. Lincoln: The University of Nebraska Press

Peters, S. J., Kaufman, S. B., **Matthews, M. S.**, McBee, M. T., & McCoach, D. B. (2014, April 16) Gifted ed. is crucial, but the label isn't [Op Ed]. *Education Week*.

Polly, D. (2014). Developing an online mathematics methods course for preservice teachers: Impact, implications, and challenges. In T. V. Yuzer & G. Eby (Eds.), *Emerging Priorities and Trends in Distance Education: Communication, Pedagogy, and Technology* (pp. 308-317). Hershey: PA: IGI Global. DOI: 10.4018/978-1-4666-5162-3.ch021.