



Message from the Dean

Dear Colleagues,

I want to say a huge Thank You to all search committee chairs: **Ya-yu Lo, Michael Matthews, David Test, Ian Binns, Drew Polly, Tracy Rock, Patti Wilkins, Dawson Hancock, and Phyllis Post**, for your outstanding work leading our searches. Thanks, as well, to the committee members who spent so much time on this important work. And kudos to those of you who showed up at the talks and voiced your opinion about these candidates. Special notice goes to the Department of Counseling because the entire faculty came to every presentation. The success of these searches is tremendous. We are 6 for 6 in terms of getting our first choices so far. We have 3 more to go....

Here's the news:

From Inside UNC Charlotte **College of Education building atrium named for former dean**

University leaders, colleagues and members of the community recently gathered for a formal ceremony to dedicate the atrium in the College of Education in honor of dean emeritus **Mary Lynne Calhoun**.

Ellen McIntyre, current dean of the college, presided over the ceremony and spoke of the indelible mark Calhoun left on the college and her role in advancing the College of Education's reputation and impact within the field of education. Under Calhoun's leadership "Professional educators transforming lives" became the conceptual framework of college programs in teaching and research. Additionally, the college served as a national model, receiving distinguished reviews from the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education and the N.C. Department of Public Instruction.

Chancellor Philip L. Dubois, reflecting on Calhoun's legacy, stated, "I've always thought of Mary Lynne as the happiest dean. She always extended a great deal of optimism... always the can-do dean. This honor forever links her legacy to the future of this campus." [More...](#)

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Congratulations to our students, current and former...

Dr. Lina Soares, graduate from REEL, on a recent promotion to Associate Professor with Tenure at Georgia Southern University.

REEL doctoral student **Erin Donovan** who has accepted a position at Coastal Carolina University in Conway, SC.

Dr. Chance W. Lewis is featured in the most recent edition of *Diverse Issues in Higher Education* magazine... the article, titled, "Five Brothers: A Passion for Research on the Black Male Experience draws 'Dream Team' Together" is featured in the February 13, 2014 issue. [Click here](#) to read more.

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Under the supervision of **Dr. Lan Kolano**, several graduate students in the Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) program have been trained to serve as tutors for the Southeast Asian Coalition (SEAC) Youth Program. This youth mentoring program involves weekly tutoring sessions and provides first-generation refugee and immigrant students with the opportunity to build relationships with adults within their communities. The program also serves to better prepare students in the TESL program to work with linguistically and culturally diverse populations. To learn more about this program contact Dr. Kolano.

The mission of the College of Education at UNC Charlotte is to prepare highly effective and ethical professionals who have a positive impact on children, youth, families, community, and schools and who are successful in urban and other diverse settings. This mission is accomplished through teaching, research, and community engagement that lead to improved practice and by working in partnership with schools, communities, and university colleagues.