Message from the Dean

Dear Colleagues,

This week I participated in our NCATE pre-visit meeting with the Board of Examiners chair from University of Kentucky, the state liaison, and several members of the NCATE team. We reviewed how the November 3-5 on-site meeting will go. This pre-meeting went extremely well thanks to the planning by Melba and Laura and several others. Please give them your full support over the next ten weeks so we are assured a successful visit. And remind your students of our conceptual framework. You don’t need to use that phrase, but do ask them what sort of professionals we are preparing them to be.

This week I also had the honor of seeing TEAL-R, under the excellent direction of Ms. Amanda Macon, receive the Provost’s Award for Academic Advising. I was so proud of the whole group. They do much more than I realized. Please take a moment to congratulate them on this recognition.

Don’t forget our GIVING GREEN campaign! Misty Hancock, Co-Chair for the campaign, said the university is on track for having the biggest giving year ever. Let’s try to make this the year COED sets a record. I learned that when you give you can choose between giving to the Arts and Sciences Council, the SECC, or the university. Or all three. So giving is very easy and there are many worthwhile reasons to give.

Keep the news coming! I enjoy seeing the achievements.

COED Welcomes...

Ms. Kendra Alston, New Teacher Support Coach who starts Monday, October 7. Kendra has experience as an elementary and middle grades teachers in low performing schools and as a beginning teacher facilitator at Kennedy Middle School. We are excited about her joining our team!
As most of you are aware, the Giving Green Campaign is officially underway, and it will run through Tuesday, Oct. 22. There was a fantastic turnout at Tuesday’s kickoff event. With the strong show of support we’ve already received, UNC Charlotte is well on the way to meeting or exceeding our goal for this year. As the COED Champions, we want to encourage each of you to participate in this year’s campaign. At your convenience, please consider making your gift online. If you’ve already joined in support of Giving Green, we want to personally say thank you.

Beyond financial support, please consider taking part in the Giving Green Volunteer Week. A number of community service projects have been organized, and they all are approved for use of our community service leave – an annual benefit that all permanent employees receive. Learn more about the projects and sign up to volunteer online at http://givinggreen.uncc.edu/volunteer-week.

Lastly, be on the lookout for details on the Giving Green Eight-in-Eight raffles. We know that with your support and participation – this will be our greatest drive yet.

Sincerely,
Susan Harden
COED Giving Green Champion

Misty Hathcock
Co-Chair, 2013 Giving Green Campaign

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.
In July 2013, **Drs. Sandra Dika** and **Brenda McMahon** (EDLD) organized a symposium entitled “**Cross-Cultural Perspectives on the Internationalization of Education**”, held at the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (PUCP) in Lima. Symposium contributors included three faculty members from PUCP, five faculty members from UNCC, and one representative from the international aid sector. This initiative builds on an engineering study abroad collaboration between the two institutions. Papers presented at the symposium will be published in a book or journal publication in 2014. Travel to Peru was funded in part by College of Education international travel grants. COED faculty members interested in making connections with PUCP Department of Education faculty and students should contact Dika or McMahon for more details.
“North Carolina’s Education Governor,” James B. Hunt, Jr. is nationally recognized for leading the state through two decades of educational reform. His early childhood education program, Smart Start, has been a model for the nation and has received the prestigious Innovations in American Government Award from the Ford Foundation and the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard.

Under Governor Hunt’s leadership (1977-1985, 1993-2001), North Carolina consistently ranked at the top of the nation in economic growth, job creation and capital investment, and was nationally recognized for its business climate. Governor Hunt spearheaded the transformation of North Carolina’s economy from traditional industry to knowledge-driven industries – biotechnology, pharmaceuticals and IT.

In 2006, Governor Hunt was named one of the ten most influential people in American education, along with Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates and former Presidents George Bush and Bill Clinton.