



Message from the Dean

Dear COED Colleagues,

Dean McIntyre is out of the office this week. The Dean's message will resume during the week of March 24.

*In the meantime, don't forget to mark your calendars for the **College of Education Honors and Awards Day, Friday, April 11, 2014 from 5-7 p.m.** This is another wonderful opportunity to recognize our colleagues and the great work taking place here in the College. We look forward to seeing you there!*

Here's this week's news:

Congratulations to...

COED's own **Patti Wilkins** and **Laura Hart**, for successfully defending their thesis dissertations -- completing the requirements for their doctorate degrees in Educational Leadership. Dr. Wilkins' thesis is entitled "A Comparison of Administrators' and Teachers' Perceptions of National Technology Standards" and Dr. Hart's thesis is entitled "An Investigation of the Impact of Single-Sex Classrooms on Self-Esteem in Middle School Girls." We wish them many congrats in reaching this milestone!

Alumnus **Bridget Correia**, who has been nominated as her school's **Outstanding First Year Teacher for 2013-2014** in Johnston County Schools. **Dr. Donna Dragon** was her university supervisor during her student teaching semester.

Alumnus **Kim Stout**, a third grade teacher at Cox Mill Elementary School, who was recently honored by Cabarrus County with an **Impact Through Education Award**. Kim earned her teaching license and her Master of Arts Degree in Elementary Education here at UNC Charlotte.

More News & Updates

UNC Charlotte master's students, **Rebekah Lonon, Jolene Graham** and **Lindsey Merritt** presented at the North Carolina Council of the International Reading Association in Raleigh this week. This event draws several thousand teachers from across the state. In their sessions alone there were over a hundred teachers with standing room only!

Also on the program were doctoral students **Brian Williams, Kyle Kester, Joyce Farrow, Rebecca Kavel** and **Erin Dononvan**; and master's graduate **Latoya Terry** as well as our own **Misty Hathcock**!

Upcoming Events

March 24, 2014 – 5:00 p.m.

Urban Education Distinguished Lecture Series

The Urban Education Collaborative is pleased to launch a new initiative entitled, ***The Urban Education Distinguished Lecture Series***. This series will take place each semester and bring to the UNC Charlotte Campus a distinguished scholar to enhance and engage the academic community on key issues in the field of urban education. The first guest will be **[Dr. Jerlando F.L. Jackson](#)**, Vilas Distinguished Professor of Higher Education and Director/Chief Research Scientist of the Wisconsin Equity & Inclusion Laboratory at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. To RSVP, visit **[The Urban Education Distinguished Lecture Series](#)**

March 27, 2014-5:00 p.m.

Department of Educational Leadership 2014 Distinguished Speaker Series

The Department of Educational Leadership is pleased to announce Dr. Heath Morrison, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Superintendent, as the keynote speaker for the 2014 Distinguished Speaker Series on March 27, 5:00 p.m., in the UNC Charlotte Cone University Center. Dr. Morrison will share his vision on academic achievement, graduation rates, and preparing students for post-secondary success in the 21st century technical society. To RSVP visit, **<http://oeo.uncc.edu/speakerseries>**. Please contact Ms. Jennifer Townsend at (704) 687-8998 or **ed.outreach@uncc.edu** if you have any questions.



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*Perspectives Highlighting
COED's International Activities & Programs*

News & Highlights

The **Office of Education Abroad** will hold an informational workshop on Friday, April 4th, from 11:00-12:30 in CHHS 207 for faculty members interested in learning how to develop and implement short-term study abroad programs.

If you are interested in this opportunity, you are encouraged to join the workshop. Faculty that plan to attend are asked to confirm their attendance online via the following website:

<http://edabroad.uncc.edu/calendar/2014-04-04/faculty-led-study-abroad-program-development-workshop>

Update: The Internationalization Committee is in the process of revising the submission and review procedures for faculty international travel grants. All future grant applications are to be submitted to the Chair of the Internationalization Committee who will then review the application with other members of the Internationalization Committee using a recently developed rubric. For more information contact Scott Kissau.

Research News: A study conducted by **Dr. Scott Kissau**, examining the plight of international teachers working in American schools, was recently published in ***Insights on Learning Disabilities***. The purpose of the study was to better understand how a teacher from French-speaking Africa, despite struggling with many language-related challenges commonly associated with second language learners and the learning disabled, was able to overcome these obstacles to become an award winning teacher. (*See publications for citation*)

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.

Did you know this week is Student Employment Week?

This past Tuesday, March 18, UNC Charlotte honored student employees at the ***Student Employee of the Year Breakfast Awards Ceremony***. COED is proud to share that three of the eight nominees were from our College. Congratulations to all the student nominees and to our COED students for their hard work and dedication. COED nominees were:

Tynia Avery, America Reads



Tynia is an America Reads Tutor and ReadWriteServe Program Coordinator. She divides her time between tutoring and helping support the ReadWriteServe programs at UNC Charlotte. In her role as a tutor, Tynia goes out each week to University Meadows Elementary School and works one-on-one with struggling readers. Tynia is an effective tutor who works to meet the needs of the students she tutors. She brings a positive attitude and is a wonderful role model.

Brittany Freeman, Reading and Elementary Education (REEL)



Brittany is a courageous, dedicated student who exceeds all expectations set before her. Brittany has worked in the department of Reading and Elementary Education (REEL) for the past year and a half. She is highly sought-after among faculty members for her strong work ethic, quality of work, creativity, and professionalism. Brittany often takes initiative in anticipating the needs of the faculty without being asked. She is a reliable, self-starter whose warmth and compassion for others cannot be matched.

Jacquaya Reel, Teacher Education Advising, Licensure, and Recruitment (TEALR)



Jacquaya has been an employee in the TEALR Office for 2 ½ years and plans to stay with us until she graduates in Fall 2014. During her time with us Jacquaya has impressed us with her ability to establish an excellent rapport with many different constituents including students, alumni, administrators, and staff. She is genuinely interested in helping others and provides service in a consistently positive and helpful manner. Jacquaya is self-assured and calmly handles the stress associated with busy times in the office.

New Publications

Kissau, S. (2014). International foreign language teachers in American schools: Lessons from Koffi. *Insights on Learning Disabilities: From Prevailing Theories to Validated Practices*, 11, 65-83.

Polly, D. (2014). Deepening pre-service teachers' knowledge of technology, pedagogy, and content (TPACK) in an elementary school mathematics methods course. *Journal of Computers in Mathematics and Science Teaching*. 33(2), 233-250.

Wiggin, G., Scott, L. M., Watson, M., & Reynolds, R. (2014). *Unshackled: Education for freedom, student achievement and personal emancipation*. Rotterdam, Netherlands: Sense-Springer Publishers.

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