

Message from the Dean

Dear Colleagues,

Last week I visited Piedmont Middle School, an International Baccalaureate (IB) School near Uptown. Thanks to the school principal and **Adriana Medina**, I was given a splendid tour of a first-rate school. This school serves nearly all children of color with about 40 percent of students served by free and reduced lunches. Since it is an IB school, the students must be academically talented to qualify. Some of the highlights of the visit were seeing the students' art displayed throughout the building, hearing the students' conversations about engineering concepts, and seeing one of our star graduates teaching science in his lab. It was also wonderful to see that everyone in the school seemed to know and love Adriana.

Last week, our chancellor, provost, many others in the UNCC senior cabinet, and **Melba Dawson**, and I met with CMS Superintendent Heath Morrison and about ten of his senior cabinet members. Along with a review of our impressive array of partnership activities and an analysis of how well-prepared CMS students are as freshman here at UNCC, we also heard a fabulous presentation by UNC Charlotte's **Michelle Howard** on the progress of the STEM Early College High School. If you would like to participate in the design team of the school or in conversations about professional development and research related to the school, please let me know.

I also attended the meeting of the North Carolina Education Deans in Chapel Hill last week. We heard the latest on teacher quality research. The most recent iteration, focused on principals' perceptions of graduates, showed that teachers prepared in North Carolina university-based teacher education programs were *more* highly rated across the state than teachers prepared in other programs. No surprise to the deans, but it was nice to get this data. Eric Guckian, Governor McCrory's Senior Education Advisor, also met with us. He spoke of the importance of raises for K-12 teachers. Unfortunately, we did not get to some critical items on the agenda: edTPA implementation and responding to the latest requests by NCTQ. But it is ok; we have fine leadership on our campus on both topics.

And now, the news of the community...

Congratulations

To **Dr. Peggy Ceballos**, who welcomed a baby GIRL, born Friday November 15, 2013 at 7:50pm. She weighed 7 pounds and 5 ounces and the length was 20 inches. Best wishes to Peggy & Carlos!



Dr. Jim Bird recently shared that **Dr. Mark D'Amico** will be the new coordinator for the educational leadership doctoral program. Please join us in welcoming and supporting Dr. D'Amico in his new role.

New Publications

Correa, V. I., Baughan, C. C., Fries, K. M., Thompson, M., & Algozzine, B. (2013). Evaluation of the effects of *Read It Once Again* instruction across two groups of students. *Dialog*, 16(4), 30-47.

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Hutchison, C.B. (2013). Internationally-inclusive science education: Addressing the needs of migrants and international students in the era of globalization [\[U1\]](#). In M. Atwater, M. Russell, & M. B. Butler (Eds.), pp. 233-270. *Multicultural Science Education: Preparing Teachers for Equity and Social Justice*. Dordrecht, The Netherlands: Springer.

McMahon, B. & Armstrong, D. (2013, November). Answering the challenges of integrating anti-racism within transformational leadership preparation paradigms. *University Council for Educational Administration (UCEA)* Indianapolis, IN.

Featured Upcoming Events

November 22

[Faculty Promoting Global Education in the University Classroom](#)

presented by Dr. Elmer Poe, Vice Chancellor of Emerging Academic Initiatives, East Carolina University

Join Dr. Poe as he shares innovations in global connections in the classroom. Based on his collaborative development of a world cultures course that uses real time video and chat to bring students from around the world together, the program will offer faculty information from lessons learned as well as the opportunity to conceive and implement in-course activities.

Location: CHHS 122 (1-3 p.m.)

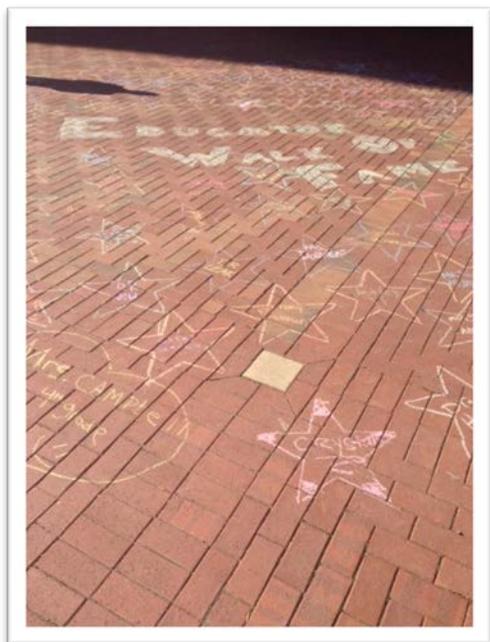
Faculty Sponsor: Pam Shue, COED
Internationalization Committee

~Visit the [Office of Educational Outreach](#) for a full listing of upcoming events and professional development and K-12 Initiatives.

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Highlights from the COED “Educator” Walk of Fame

Nearly 100 came out on Wednesday, November 20, to participate in the Educator Walk of Fame event sponsored by TEALR. Many students stopped by to draw a star in appreciation of outstanding educators (teachers, counselors and administrators) who have made a world of difference in their lives. Thanks to Team Teach, the college's recruitment committee, and advisors in TEALR for facilitating and sponsoring this wonderful event.



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