College of Education Connections
April, 2015

College of Education Election Results:
Here are the results of the College of Education election for the 2015-16 academic year.

Faculty Academic Policy and Standards Committee
Adriana Medina (REEL), Representative
Mark D’Amico (EDLD), Alternate

Faculty Employment Status Committee
Bob Rickelman (REEL), Representative
Jeanneine Jones (MDSK), Alternate

Faculty Info. & Tech. Services Advisory Committee
Teresa Petty (MDSK), Representative
Florence Martin (EDLD), Alternate

Faculty Research Grants Committee
Jae Hoon Lim (EDLD), Representative
Erik Byker (REEL), Alternate

Graduate Council
Kelly Anderson (SPCD), Representative

Honors Council
Amy Good (REEL), Representative
Paul Fitchett (MDSK), Alternate

Dates:
edTPA College-wide TPALS Meeting (all invited), Monday April 13, 1-2:30 p.m., COED 110
College of Education Faculty Meeting, Friday April 24, 9:30 – 10:50 a.m., COED 010
College Scholarship and Awards Event, Friday May 8, 5- 6:30 p.m., COED
College of Education End of Semester Party, May 8, 6:30- 8, COED
Professional Development Week (Details forthcoming), May 11 – 15, COED

College Professional Development Opportunities
The College of Education is hosting a few Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) workshops in the next few weeks. The full calendar is here- http://teaching.uncc.edu/calendar.

Congratulations to:
Tracy Rock (REEL) was awarded the 2015 Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching.
Elizabeth Coleman (REEL) for receiving funding for her Faculty Research Grant entitled, “Facilitating Elementary Teachers’ Identity Development Through Science Curriculum Design.”
Lisa Merrileather (EDLD) and Sandra Dika (EDLD) received a Chancellor's Diversity Challenge Grant in collaboration with colleagues Min Jiang (Communications) and Jane Dalton (Art Education) for their project "JustUs: Breaking Boundaries with Images." The project featured photography exhibits by internationally renowned North Carolina human rights artist Todd Drake (http://www.the-equalist.com) at both UNC Charlotte campuses, an artist lecture at Center City (March 10), a photography workshop on the main campus (March 11), and a selfie contest encouraging participants

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Teachers from Albemarle Road Elementary School, one of the College’s Professional Development Schools attended 2 on-campus events as part of their Developing Multicultural Self-Efficacy Project. The first event speaker was Dr. Jane Hamilton-Merritt, journalist, photographer and expert on Southeast Asia. The second speaker was Melissa Harris-Perry who discussed "Mommy, Mammy and the Maid: Race, Class and Women’s Political Power” during UNC Charlotte’s ninth annual Women’s and Gender Studies Speaker Series.

Students in Heather Coffey’s LBST course, Citizenship and Education, recently participated in the West Charlotte Greenhouse workdays. The class is partnering with Ms. Erin Burns, a biology teacher at West Charlotte (and one of Heather’s former service-learning students) to restore this old structure to a fully functioning aquaponics greenhouse. There will be more opportunities to help out on Friday, April 17 and Saturday, April 18 from 9am-12pm. If you have any interest in serving, please join Heather’s students…bring your garden gloves, shovels, etc! For more information contact Heather at heoffey@uncc.edu.

In March the Center for STEM Education hosted a Mathematics Super Competition, a Chemistry Contest, and a Physics Contest. The Mathematics Super Competition is a qualifying site for state and national competitions. The UNC Charlotte Super Competition is an outreach event consisting of a day of academic competitions for high school students, held annually in cooperation between the Departments of Mathematics and Statistics, Chemistry, Physics and Optical Science, and the College of Education’s Center for STEM Education. The event is coordinated by Dr. Ian Binns (REEL) and the C-STEM Staff.

Florence Martin (EDLD) and Patti Wilkins (EDLD) presented "Research on Gaming in Education" at a day-long technology training in Charlotte Mecklenburg schools on Thursday, April 2nd.

Publications:

“Good teachers know how to bring out the best in students.” Charles Kuralt

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