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.

**Ludwigsburg Symposium on campus next week.** Sunday evening, June 3, we will welcome 13 colleagues from Germany for our 18th annual German-American Faculty Symposium. Later today, I will send out a draft of the agenda and encourage you to think about paper sessions that would be of interest to you and/or your students. Paper sessions will be held Monday, June 4 - Wednesday, June 6 in COED 065. There will be room for full class participation should that be your desire. Feel free to drop in any time yourself; no notice required. If you wish to bring a group of students to a session, it would be helpful for Kathie to know in advance. All are welcome.

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**New publications:**


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**Great alumni news**

- **Jim Watson** (EDLD) shares this great news about a graduate and a current student:
  - Dr. Terry Griffin has been named the new superintendent of Stanly County Schools, replacing Dr. Sam DePaul. Dr. Griffin received the Ed.D. from us and was serving as assistant superintendent for curriculum & instruction in SCS.
  - Stuart Blount has been named superintendent of Clinton City Schools. Stuart is a currently enrolled in our Ed.D. in Educational Leadership and was previously assistant superintendent for administration in Scotland County.
- **Tina Heafner** (MDSK) shares this report:
  - Kasey Dellisanti who completed the History major and the Minor in Secondary Social Studies Education, was one of five teachers awarded the Impact through Education Award in Cabarrus County. Kasey chairs the social studies department at Northwest Cabarrus High School. The Impact through Education awards honor individuals who exemplify the qualities of initiative, hard work, and respect for others.

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**It’s official!** We have received word from the Faculty Governance Office in the Division of Academic Affairs that the request to establish the Minor in Urban Youth and Communities has been approved for implementation in Fall 2012. As you may recall, this minor was developed with support from a grant from the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities, with the goal of increasing the civic engagement of undergraduates with urban schools. The minor, which will be housed administratively in the College of Education, is an interdisciplinary one, open to all majors in the university, with strong partnerships with faculty in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences. This will be a great chance for our own teacher education candidates to delve deeply into urban schooling and for not-yet-sure prospective teacher education candidates to explore the possibility. Stay tuned for more information as we move toward the Fall semester.

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**CSTEM is a happening place!** Check out the *Charlotte Observer* story on the Science Olympiad, held on campus on Saturday, with elementary students engaged in rockets, pasta towers, and homemade cars!

http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2012/05/26/3269391/elementary-students-compete-with.html#storylink=misearch

*I hope you’ll find a way to connect to the Ludwigsburg Symposium next week ~ ml*