College meeting this Friday, January 13, 9:30 a.m., COED 010: Meet new colleagues! Discuss Professional Dispositions! Revise the RPT document! Have tasty breakfast snacks at 9 a.m.! Looking forward to seeing you at our first meeting of 2012.

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Welcome, Australian preservice teachers! Seventeen teacher candidates from Australia arrive at UNC Charlotte for a three-week exchange program to learn about schooling in the United States. This year, each visitor has been paired with a UNC Charlotte student in a similar program with whom they’ve been in contact. The “pen pals” will meet in person on Wednesday. Faculty members who will be providing instruction include Barbara Edwards (Associate Dean Emeritus), Rebecca Shore (EDLD), Joyce Frazier (OFE), Lan Kolano (MDSK), Liv Davila (MDSK), Corey Lock (EDLD), Bob Audette (REEL), Kelly Anderson (SPCD), Laura Hart (OFE), Patti Wilkins (EDLD), Sherell Fuller (REEL), Tehia Starker (REEL), Crystal Glover (REEL), and Spencer Salas (MDSK). Susan Lambert (OIP) directs the program.

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New publications:

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Honors:
- Scott Kissau (MDSK) received a mini-grant of $500 from the Foreign Language Association of North Carolina to cover some of the costs involved in sharing his research about the beliefs of North Carolina foreign language teachers at the next conference of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages.
- Melissa Hudson, doctoral candidate in special education, has received the 2012 Council for Exceptional Children’s Division for Research Student Research Award in the area of Single-Subject Methodologies for her study Effects of peer-delivered system of least prompts package and adapted academic read-alouds on listening comprehension for students with moderate intellectual disability.

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New project to support Beginning Teachers: UNC Charlotte is honored to be selected by the UNC General Administration to be one of three sites in the state to provide intensive coaching and support to first year teachers in our region who are working in challenged schools. The three-year project is funded at $359,453 and is part of North Carolina’s Race to the Top initiative. Amanda Macon (TEALR) will direct the project which will bring two new staff – Teacher Coaches – to our College.

The happiest of New Years to you all – Mary Lynne

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