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Upcoming Events



Oct. 23-25 Rural HIV Research and Training Conference

Oct. 31 Halloween Howl Forum

Nov. 5-7 National Youth at Risk Conference- West (Las Vegas, NV)

Nov. 26-27 Thanksgiving Holidays, University Closed

COE Alumna Named 2015-2016 Distinguished Educator Fellow

COE alumna, Cristal Jones-Harris (Ed.D. Curriculum Studies, 2010) was recently named one of the 2015-2016 Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship Awardees by the

U.S. Department of Energy. Dr. Jones-Harris was one of only 11 educators selected nationally for this distinguished honor. Dr.

[See full calendar here.](#)

Georgia Southern vs. UGA Football Game Tickets- Enter Now for Chance to Win



Keep in touch with COE and have a chance to win 4 tickets to watch Georgia Southern vs. UGA on November 21, 2015. All COE graduates are eligible. Enter the drawing by filling out the Alumni survey at the end of the newsletter. The winner will be announced on November 5, 2015.

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Jones-Harris has 20 years of teaching experience educating high-need secondary student populations in robotics, information technology and Advanced Placement Computer Science. She is a computer science and robotics teacher at Creekside High School, Fulton County Schools, in Fairburn, Georgia.



COE Alumna, Cristal Jones-Harris in Washington, D.C.

As a fellow, she will spend 11 months working at a federal agency to bring her knowledge and expertise to the education program. Dr. Jones-Harris is serving her fellowship at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) in Greenbelt, MD and NASA Headquarters in Washington, DC.

COE Dean Thomas Koballa on this accomplishment, "I am pleased to see one of COE's doctoral graduates honored by the U.S Department of Energy. Dr. Jones-Harris' commitment to STEM education is recognized locally, and now nationally. We wish her the best in the fellowship program this year."

COE Hosts *Halloween Howl*- Community Educational Forum



*Maria Voles Ferguson, Executive Director,
Center on Education Policy*



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On Saturday, October 31 from 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m., COE and the Bulloch County Schools, in collaboration with the Democratic and Republican Parties of Bulloch County, will host a panel discussion, "Common Concerns: Education, Testing, and Accountability." Maria Voles Ferguson, Executive Director of the Center for Education Policy, will provide opening remarks for the panel. The panel discussion will take place in the COE Auditorium. We hope you will make plans to join us.

COE Faculty Awarded Research Grant



COE Faculty, Michael Moore and CHHS Faculty, Christina Gipson

The National Youth-At-Risk Center (NYAR) has awarded a research grant to two Georgia Southern University professors for a study titled "The Impact of CrossFit Intervention for Youth-At-Risk at the Boys and Girls Club of Bulloch County."

In an effort to explore how an afterschool intervention program can impact middle-school-aged youth who have been identified as at-risk, Christina Gipson, Ph.D., assistant professor of Sport Management in the College of Health and Human Sciences' School of Health and Kinesiology, and **Michael Moore, Ed.D., professor of Curriculum, Foundations and Reading in the College of Education**, will partner with the Bulloch County Boys and Girls Club and CrossFit Boro. In addition, Glenn P. "Trey" Burdette III, Ed.D., associate professor of Coaching Education and Charles "Hal" Wilson Jr., Ph.D., assistant professor of Coaching Education, will add their expertise to form a solid research team for

the program called Crossfit Boro Prepared for Anything - Youth Edition.

More information about this grant and its activities can be found [here](#).

Inaugural Global Education Summit

The Center for the Study of International Schooling (CSIS), under the directorship of Dr. Brenda L. H. Marina, hosted the inaugural 2015 Global Education Summit on September 18 at the Coastal Georgia Center, Savannah, Georgia. The purpose of this endeavor was to facilitate the exchange of ideas about global education awareness, research, and global citizenship in P-12 and higher education as well as in our communities. The theme of the conference was, "Think Global. Act Local. How We Impact the World of Education and our Societies".

The summit opened with a welcome message from Dr. Grigory Dmitriyev, the founder and first director of the Center for the Study of International Schooling. Following, there was a keynote presentation by Dr. Antoinette S. Mitchell, Assistant Superintendent of Postsecondary and Career Education in the Office of the State Superintendent (OSSE) of Education in Washington, D.C., on the importance of global thinking and education.

Throughout the day, presentations were geared towards the impact of globalization on teaching, research, and service efforts. Concurrent sessions covered a variety of topics, such as global sustainability, the value of study abroad programs, and internationalization efforts through educational programs. The Global Education Summit created a medium for educators, professionals and students to network through sharing information and ideas. We invite you to be on the lookout for information about the next Global Education Summit!



Scenes from the Summit



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