COE Graduates Nearly 500 Students at Spring Commencement

COE graduated nearly 500 students during Georgia Southern University’s 84th spring commencement ceremonies held Friday, May 11 and Saturday, May 12, 2012. More than 2,200 undergraduates and 400 graduate students were awarded Georgia Southern degrees during the ceremonies. There were 165 undergraduate COE degrees conferred. The 323 COE graduate degrees awarded this spring represents 80 percent of all graduate degrees awarded by Georgia Southern.

Honors Students Present Capstone Projects

Two College of Education honors students presented their capstone projects at the fifth annual University Honors Research Symposium, April 29, at the Nessmith Lane Conference Center. The Honors Program is designed to “foster the development of a critical sense of inquiry, a spirit of creativity, a global perspective and an ethic of civic responsibility,” according to university documents. As part of that process, honors students are encouraged to use experiential learning, service learning and research to bring their ideas to life. As seniors, honors students present Honors Thesis/Capstone project. Read more about COE’s Honors Students.

Retired Faculty Honored at Luncheon

COE held its first Retired Faculty Luncheon May 8, at the Eugene M. Bishop Alumni Center. Attending were Lella Bonds, Charles Bonds, Dale Grant, Bill Cheshire, Cherry Brewton, and Paul Dixon. Current faculty attending included Ronnie Sheppard, Marti Schriver, Fayth Parks, Deborah Thomas, Tracy Linderholm, Randy Carlson, Cordelia Zinski and Kent Rittschof.
Diane Teel Wood, a COE alumna, has spent a lifetime in schools. Now, after 18 years of doing this work as a volunteer, Wood is working fulltime at Robert McQueen High School in Reno, Nevada. She continues to volunteer, however, and is currently president of the McQueen Boosters Guild (PTO), on which she has served for five years. For 17 years she has held local and district level positions in both Cub Scouting and Boy Scouting, and for the past two years has been a member of the Blue Star Mothers of America. She is a registered nurse and received her BSED degree from Georgia Southern College and her MED from the Savannah Graduate Center at Armstrong Atlantic State.
Kudos to Matt Kempton, senior Middle Grades Education major for being named Peer Leader of the Year, First-Year Experience.


COE Receives Final Approval for Graduate Degree Certificate Upgrades

The Board of Regents on May 8, 2012, gave final approval for changes the College of Education has made to some of its M.Ed. and Ed.S. programs to ensure that upon completion teachers qualify for certificate upgrades. Although there are minor curricular changes, some of the names of programs will change and all of them will move to a 100% online format as of Fall 2012. Click here for more information on the upgrades.