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Upcoming Events

- Nov. 2 Democracy and Education Research Group Meeting
- Nov. 9-11 HOMECOMING WEEKEND
- Nov. 11 Annual Art Extravaganza
- Nov. 12 MAT Information Session
- Nov. 13 Donuts with the Dean
- Nov. 13 Conversation with the Dean
- Nov. 15 Writing Group, Center for International Schooling
- Dec. 12 Education Career Fair

[More announcements.](#)

Upcoming Conferences

[February 15-16 12th Annual Cross-Cultural Issues in Counseling & Education Conference](#)

[March 3 24th Annual Youth-at-Risk Conference](#)



Online Learning Research Earns Top Award for COE Faculty

Dr. Kathryn Kennedy, Department of Leadership, Technology and Human Development, has won the International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL) Online Learning Innovator Award for Outstanding Research in K-12 Online Learning Award. Kennedy, and co-author Dr. Leanna Archambault, assistant professor at Arizona State University, conducted a national survey of teacher education programs to explore how preservice teachers are prepared for K-12 online and blended learning environments.

The study found that only 1.3 percent of teacher education programs prepare teachers for teaching online classes despite the increasing number of these classes being offered nation-wide. COE offers an an Online Teaching and Learning Endorsement Program provided by the Instructional Technology Program (ITEC) through the Department of Leadership, Technology and Human Development.

[Read more about Kennedy's research here.](#)

NCATE Seeks Comments

The College of Education is hosting an accreditation visit by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) April 14-16, 2013. Interested parties are invited to submit third-party comments to the visiting team. Please note that comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of professional education programs offered, and should specify the party's relationship to the institution (i.e., graduate, present or former faculty member, employer of graduates).

We invite you to submit written comments to: Board of Examiners
NCATE 2010 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 290036-1023 or by email to: callforcomments@ncate.org

Correspondence, which must be received by NCATE no later than three months prior to the visit, will be submitted to the institution for response via NCATE's Accreditation Information Management System (AIMS). NCATE will not upload anonymous comments to the BOE team or institution. For questions, please contact Monica Siengo at: msiengo@ncate.org



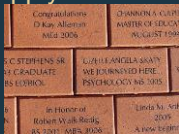


COE Announces Georgia Power New Teacher Award Winners

COE's Georgia Power New Teacher Award winners for 2012 are from the middle grades and MAT programs. The award winners are Brooke Grogan, middle grades English and science teacher in Barrow County at Russell Middle School, Winder, GA, and John Pope, MAT English, an English teacher at Effingham County High School in Springfield, GA.

New Graduate Scholarships Announced

Thanks to the sale of Commemorative Bricks, COE is able to offer a new graduate scholarship. This year two scholarships will be awarded for \$1000 each. Full-time graduate students in COE with at least a 3.5 GPA and who are active in a professional organization can apply.



Give a gift that keeps on giving. Purchase a Commemorative Brick for an alumnus, friend or loved one and help fund COE Scholarships. [Click here to find out more about giving to COE.](#)



Honors Students Share Research

COE Honors Students shared their research at the annual Georgia Educational Research Association conference in Savannah in October. Their research concerns the characteristics of a good teacher. The students also participated in a

symposium on how their past experiences with teachers has helped shape their professional identity. Pictured above are (l-r) Dr. Michelle Reidel, faculty advisor, Amanda Arasmith, Katrina Vader, Alexa Lowery, Taylor Roberson, Rachel Dunn Sabine, Courtney Smith and Dr. Meca Williams-Johnson, faculty advisor.



Graduate Center Staff Present at Conference

COE's Graduate Academic Services Center Director Lydia Cross and Academic Advisor Theresa Duggar presented at the National Academic Advising Association's annual meeting in Nashville, TN, this fall. Their presentation was one of only two related to graduate students sponsored by the Commission for Advising Graduate and Professional Students.

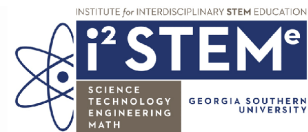
Center staff have also attended recruitment events at the University of West Georgia, University of Georgia and Savannah State University. [Click here for more information on COE's graduate programs and the Graduate Academic Services Center.](#)

COE Faculty Brings More Than \$1 Million to Middle Georgia Mathematics Teacher Development



With the announcement of a 2012 grant award, mathematics education professor Dr. Gregory Chamblee has received more than \$1.1 million in funding for middle grades mathematics teacher professional development in the Heart of Georgia Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA) area. [Read more about this story.](#)

STEM Institute Names Affiliates, Includes 13 COE Faculty



Georgia Southern's new Institute for Interdisciplinary STEM Education recently named its Affiliate Faculty, a group of 67 faculty representing 6 different colleges across campus.

Affiliate Faculty act as a liaison between their college and the institute

More Scholarship News

- Jennifer Dunbar, Ed.D., Educational Administration received the 2012-2013 John Suddath Hall Memorial Scholarship.
- Laurie Mascolo, Ed.D. Educational Administration, received the 2012-2013 Dr. Malcolm Katz Memorial Scholarship.
- Lisa Heusel, Ed.D. Curriculum Studies is this year's recipient of the Bryan Deever Memorial Scholarship
- PAGE announced undergraduate special education major Brittani Elizabeth Shaw as the recipient of the SPAGE John Robert & Barbara Moore Lindsey Scholarship.

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while receiving support from the institute as they work to further STEM teaching, learning and research.

Faculty members were nominated by the Vice President of Research, College Deans and Associate Deans, the STEM Institute Advisory Board, Department Chairs and STEM Institute Fellows. These faculty were then asked to apply and their applications were reviewed by the Advisory Board and Faculty Fellows. Of the 67 faculty members named, 13 are from the College of Education. [Read more about the STEM Institute affiliates.](#)



Around COE

COE's first Alumni Tailgate party attracted alumni from around the region who enjoyed a catered meal from Big Bad Wolf BBQ while cheering the Georgia Southern Eagles to victory over the Wofford Terriers. More photos are on COE's facebook page. ["Friend" COE today!](#)



Clinical Associates met at COE in October to discuss field experience topics, program data and updates, and to offer input into program improvements. Clinical Associates are partner school principals, assistant principals and teachers who serve as a liaison for the College of Education working with Clinical Supervisors, teacher

candidates, and university faculty.



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COE Alums Named Teacher of the Year

Jemelle Nurse Coes, a special education teacher at Langston Chapel



COE's Dr. Deborah Thomas congratulates Coes while Superintendent Charles Wilson and LCMS principal Bonnie Gamble-Hilton look on.

Middle School, was recently named the Bulloch County Teacher of the Year. Coes is a 2008 graduate of COE with a degree in special education and received her M.Ed. in 2010 in Teaching and Learning, Instructional Improvement.

Linsey Strickland McEntee, a fifth grade teacher at Beulah Elementary School, has been named the Douglas County Teacher of the Year. McEntee received her undergraduate degree in 2008 from COE with a degree in early childhood education.



Douglas County Teacher of the Year Linsey Strickland McEntee.