Online and Innovative

The past several months we've had the privilege of bringing you news about some of the **accolades COE has received for our graduate online programs.** Providing a high-quality online option for the many professionals seeking to expand or update their skills is a priority for our College. As the public school year moves into its final stretch, this is a good time for educators and educational professionals at all levels to consider enrolling in one of our programs. To help you decide which program is right for you, click here for more information on our online and hybrid offerings.

As a dynamic institution prepared to meet the changing needs of future and current educators and educational professionals, innovation doesn't stop with online degree programs. We're also always exploring ways we can use our expertise in online learning to provide inservice educators with opportunities to continually improve their knowledge and skills. **Continue reading.**
Luncheon

COE recently honored both scholarship recipients and those who have endowed scholarships at a luncheon at the Bishop Alumni Center. COE Board of Advisors members also attended the event and later gathered for their spring board meeting.

Visit Day Includes History Lesson

Bringing together the expertise of COE faculty and the unique needs of partner schools, COE's Partnership Council this spring awarded seven grants to help improve teacher effectiveness and student success. The grants included creating a professional learning community at Marlow Elementary School in Guyton, Georgia, with 22 classroom teachers and 3 teacher candidates around the subject of differentiated instruction. Under the direction of Assistant Professor Melony Allen, participating inservice teachers not only gain insight into their own teaching, they also have the opportunity to create novel approaches to differentiated learning. Participating teachers will be eligible for professional learning credits.

"This is just one example of how we're working together to improve learning," said Partnership Council Coordinator Christine A. Draper. "We're excited by the opportunity to offer grants and to create an open dialogue through the council," Draper added. Click here for information on the Partnership Council.

Grant funds are available and may be requested to support school partnership activities. Beginning fall 2015, there will be two funding deadlines at the September and February meetings. Click here for funding protocol and procedures.

COE Student News & Accolades

A sampling of student activities and awards:

COE counseling student Morgan Lynn, of Glennville, Georgia, was awarded a $5,000 scholarship from the National Board for Certified Counselors, Inc. The award goes to counseling program students who commit to practicing in rural areas after graduation. The NBCC Foundation also awarded a $5,000 military scholarship to counseling student Rachel Harris, Pooler, Georgia. The military scholarship is awarded to service members, veterans and their
High School seniors interested in pursuing an education degree got a history lesson as part of their tour when they visited The Oak Grove School, a late 19th/early 20th century schoolhouse now located at Georgia Southern. The school was donated by COE Board of Advisors Member Jan Anderson and serves as a reminder of how far education has progressed in rural Georgia. The high school students and their families toured campus and met with COE faculty during their visit.

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COE Associate Professor Robert Lake, Department of Curriculum, Foundations and Reading, received a Georgia Southern Sustainability Fee grant for his proposal, "Solar Patio Table Charging Stations."

Assistant Professor Antonio Gutierrez, Department of Curriculum, Foundations and Reading, has been selected to receive a two-year Research Assistantship position through the RA Investment
Assistant Professor Daniel Calhoun, Department of Leadership, Technology and Human Development, was selected as an editor for the Spring 2016 special issue of The Journal of College and University Student Housing.

Alumni: We want to stay in touch with you. Don't forget to fill out our alumni survey form.

Click here for our Survey.