Upcoming Events

April 29  COE Partnership Council Meeting at Mattie Lively Elementary School

May 8  Graduate Commencement

May 9  Undergraduate Commencement

June 7‐9  Southeast Conference on Positive Behavior Interventions and Support

June 10‐13  Curriculum Studies Summer Collaborative

See full calendar here.

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.

College Holds Scholarship

Partnership Council Awards Grands
**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.

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.

**Visit Day Includes History Lesson**

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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spouses who are pursuing a counseling education degree and commit to serving fellow military personnel, veterans and families upon graduation. COE's **honors students** did an outstanding job presenting their capstone research projects at the 2015 Honors Research Symposium. Kristen Tillman presented on "Parental Influences on College Students' Career Aspirations," and Stephanie Dorminey presented on "Arts-Integration in a Middle Grades Social Studies Classroom."

Other honors students participated in the fall Undergraduate Research Conference and at the Georgia Educational Research Association annual meeting. In addition to the students mentioned above, other honors students participating in the events were Courtney Hartman, Micheala Kennedy and Jessica Davis. **Special Education Program** undergraduates Cynthia Jersey and Tawanda Bennett were selected to present their research at the Phi Kappa Phi Research Symposium. **The National Black Graduate Student Association** announced the re-election of Ed.S. candidate John O. Nwosu, Jr., as National President. Nwosu is in the Ed.S. counseling program.

**Faculty News**

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.
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