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HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM GEORGIA SOUTHERN COLLEGE OF EDUCATION



Warmest wishes to all of our College of Education alumni and friends for a new year filled with inspiration and dedication to your work as educators and leaders. We look forward to keeping you informed about our work, and are always excited to share your successes with your fellow COE alumni.

With warm regards,

Dean Thomas Koballa
and the faculty and staff of the
College of Education

Upcoming Events

- January 16** COE Faculty & Staff Meeting
- January 24** Southern Conference on Children
- January 30** Social Media: Applications to Teaching and Research
- February 8** Annual Art Extravaganza

[More announcements](#)

[26th Annual National Youth-At-Risk Conference, March 1-4, 2015](#)

Fall COE Graduates Number Nearly 250

December graduation can't come soon enough for the nearly 250 undergraduate and graduate students receiving diplomas this fall.



Nearly 20 of those graduates are from the College of Education's educational doctorate program. Over 100 students will be graduating with an M.Ed.

University System of Georgia Vice Chancellor for Educational Access and Success will be the

EMPOWERING YOUTH FOR SUCCESS IN SCHOOL AND LIFE: OVERCOMING POVERTY, VIOLENCE, AND FAILURE

March 1-4, 2015 Hyatt Regency Hotel On The Historic Riverfront in Savannah, GA

26th Annual NATIONAL YOUTH-AT-RISK CONFERENCE

HOSTED BY College of Education's National Youth-At-Risk Center & The Division of Continuing Education at Georgia Southern University

SUNDAY - MARCH 1	MONDAY - MARCH 2	WEDNESDAY - MARCH 4
MARCIA L. TATE Founder and Executive Director of Opportunity for All <i>Workshops: Don't Give Up! 20 Instructional Strategies That Engage the Brain</i>	GEOFFREY CANADA Former Undersecretary of State for Global Education <i>The Crisis Facing Youth: What Adults & Communities Can Do to Save Our Children</i>	JANE BRUESTEN Executive Director of the National Center for Learning Disabilities <i>The "Year" of the Mother: Creating a Community for Making Children Love School</i>

Details @ www.nationalyouthatrisk.org or Call 1.855.478.5551

Fourth Annual Scholarship of STEM Teaching and Learning Conference, March 5, 2015



commencement speaker for the Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies, College of Education, College of Business Administration and the Jiann-Pin Hsu College of Public Health. Anderson, who recently received a doctorate at the University of Georgia's Institute of Higher Education, has focused his scholarly work in the areas of student access and financial aid policy with a particular interest in merit aid programs and their impact on institutional and student outcomes.



Parsons Receives COE Staff Award

Patricia Parsons, COE's director of field experiences and partnerships, was this year's recipient of the Betty-Ware Wray Staff Award. The award annually recognizes a COE staff member who exhibits excellence in job performance and university service. The award was established in memory of Betty-Ware Wray by her in-laws. She was a much loved and respected member of the COE family for many years.



Parsons has been the director of field experiences for over nine years, and has worked in other capacities in COE. She was also an elementary school teacher. The Office of Undergraduate Teacher Education and Accreditation coordinates student teaching and all other field experiences at the undergraduate level in collaboration with the various programs, public schools and international partners. Parsons also facilitates the Clinical Associate Program, Clinical Supervisor Program, the Partner School Program.

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NYAR Center Receives Contribution from Gulfstream

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Centennial Plaza Bricks

Alumni News

Teresa Caldwell ('08 B.S.Ed. Early Childhood, '11 M.Ed. Reading) has been named to Gov. Nathan Deal's Education Advisory Board. Carver is a fifth-grade teacher at Dr. George Washington Carver Elementary School in Richmond Hill. In 2013 she was the school's Teacher of the Year. The advisory board provides input on education policy issues affecting the state.



Natalie Chase, who is pursuing her Ed.S. at COE, received a \$1,000 PAGE Foundation scholarship awarded. Awardees must be pursuing an advanced degree in education and agree to teach in Georgia for three years. Chase teaches at Windsor Forest High School and was the Savannah-Chatham Public School System's Teacher of the Year in 2014.

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Samantha May ('13 B.S. Child & Family Development)

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