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

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
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.

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.

NYAR CENTER RECEIVES CONTRIBUTION FROM GULFSTREAM

COE’s National Youth-at-Risk Center is one of the beneficiaries of a $225,000 contribution from Gulfstream announced last month. Gulfstream, manufacturer of the world’s most advanced business-jet aircraft, has a long relationship with Georgia Southern. The contribution supports research and education in several areas of the University. For COE’s NYARC, in its second full year of operation, the contribution will help in their interdisciplinary work focusing on such issues as retention rates, substance abuse, youth violence and other threats facing today’s youth. NYARC also coordinates efforts through the University and community to partner and provide outreach related activities to address current challenges facing today’s youth.

ALUMNI:
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Samantha May (*13 B.S. Child & Family Development)

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