Dear Alumni and Friends,

Our October issue of Southern Educator is here and I’m personally sending you a copy in this email. Keeping in touch with you, our education family, is extremely important to me. We are at the midpoint of the semester, and our alumni and faculty are busy as you will see in the newsletter. Also, the Georgia Southern vs. University of Georgia football ticket drawing is next week, so I encourage you to update your alumni profile on the survey at the bottom of the newsletter. I’m always interested in feedback from our alumni and friends so please feel free to contact me at any time.

With warm regards,

Thomas Koballa, Ph.D., Dean, COE

COE Alumna Named 2015-2016 Distinguished Educator Fellow

COE alumna, Cristal Jones-Harris (Ed.D. Curriculum Studies, 2010) was recently named one of the 2015-2016 Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship Awardees by the U.S. Department of Energy. Dr. Jones-Harris was one of only 11 educators selected nationally for this distinguished honor. Dr.
Georgia Southern vs. UGA Football Game
Tickets- Enter Now for Chance to Win

Jones-Harris has 20 years of teaching experience educating high-need secondary student populations in robotics, information technology and Advanced Placement Computer Science. She is a computer science and robotics teacher at Creekside High School, Fulton County Schools, in Fairburn, Georgia.

As a fellow, she will spend 11 months working at a federal agency to bring her knowledge and expertise to the education program. Dr. Jones-Harris is serving her fellowship at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) in Greenbelt, MD and NASA Headquarters in Washington, DC.

COE Dean Thomas Koballa on this accomplishment, "I am pleased to see one of COE's doctoral graduates honored by the U.S Department of Energy. Dr. Jones-Harris' commitment to STEM education is recognized locally, and now nationally. We wish her the best in the fellowship program this year."

COE Hosts Halloween Howl- Community Educational Forum

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Maria Voies Ferguson, Executive Director, Center on Education Policy
On Saturday, October 31 from 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m., COE and the Bulloch County Schools, in collaboration with the Democratic and Republican Parties of Bulloch County, will host a panel discussion, "Common Concerns: Education, Testing, and Accountability." Maria Voles Ferguson, Executive Director of the Center for Education Policy, will provide opening remarks for the panel. The panel discussion will take place in the COE Auditorium. We hope you will make plans to join us.

COE Faculty Awarded Research Grant

COE Faculty, Michael Moore and CHHS Faculty, Christina Gipson

The National Youth-At-Risk Center (NYAR) has awarded a research grant to two Georgia Southern University professors for a study titled "The Impact of CrossFit Intervention for Youth-At-Risk at the Boys and Girls Club of Bulloch County."

In an effort to explore how an afterschool intervention program can impact middle-school-aged youth who have been identified as at-risk, Christina Gipson, Ph.D., assistant professor of Sport Management in the College of Health and Human Sciences' School of Health and Kinesiology, and Michael Moore, Ed.D., professor of Curriculum, Foundations and Reading in the College of Education, will partner with the Bulloch County Boys and Girls Club and CrossFit Boro. In addition, Glenn P. "Trey" Burdette III, Ed.D., associate professor of Coaching Education and Charles "Hal" Wilson Jr., Ph.D., assistant professor of Coaching Education, will add their expertise to form a solid research team for
the program called Crossfit Boro Prepared for Anything - Youth Edition.

More information about this grant and its activities can be found here.

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**Inaugural Global Education Summit**

The Center for the Study of International Schooling (CSIS), under the directorship of Dr. Brenda L. H. Marina, hosted the inaugural 2015 Global Education Summit on September 18 at the Coastal Georgia Center, Savannah, Georgia. The purpose of this endeavor was to facilitate the exchange of ideas about global education awareness, research, and global citizenship in P-12 and higher education as well as in our communities. The theme of the conference was, "Think Global. Act Local. How We Impact the World of Education and our Societies".

The summit opened with a welcome message from Dr. Grigory Dmitriyev, the founder and first director of the Center for the Study of International Schooling. Following, there was a keynote presentation by Dr. Antoinette S. Mitchell, Assistant Superintendent of Postsecondary and Career Education in the Office of the State Superintendent (OSSE) of Education in Washington, D.C., on the importance of global thinking and education.

Throughout the day, presentations were geared towards the impact of globalization on teaching, research, and service efforts. Concurrent sessions covered a variety of topics, such as global sustainability, the value of study abroad programs, and internationalization efforts through educational programs. The Global Education Summit created a medium for educators, professionals and students to network through sharing information and ideas. We invite you to be on the lookout for information about the next Global Education Summit!
Alumni: We want to stay in touch with you. Don’t forget to fill out our alumni survey form.

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