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Upcoming Events

- Sept. 4 SoTL Workshop Series Organizational Meeting
- Sept. 12 i2Work, STEM Careers, part of STEM Fest
- Sept. 13 i2Research, Networking on STEM research, part of STEM Fest
- Sept. 14 i2Explore, Community opportunity to experience STEM activities, part of STEM Fest
- Sept. 19 COE Graduate Student/Assistant Professional Development
- Sept. 20 Rural Based HIV Education and Training (see below)
- Sept. 27 Eagle QuaRC's 2nd Annual Speaker Series and Workshop
- Sept. 28 Fall Family Weekend
- Sept. 28 COE Board of Advisors Meeting

[More announcements.](#)

Conference Information

[STEM Fest, September 12-14](#)

[Rural Based HIV Education and Training, Sept. 20, 2013](#)

[Youth-At-Risk Conference - Las Vegas, Oct. 9-11, 2013](#)

[Cross-Cultural Counseling and Education Conference for Research, Action and Change, Feb. 7-8, 2014](#)

[25th National Youth-At-Risk Conference, March 2-5, 2014](#), Keynote Speakers:
Ron Clark
Crystal Kuykendall
Keith Brown

College Names 2013 Jack Miller Award Winners



(l-r) Teaching Award Winner Sabrina Ross with 2012 winner Scott Beck, Scholarship & Creative Activity Award Winner Sally Brown with 2012 winner Bob Lake, Service Award Winner Terry Diamanduros with 2012 winner Julie Maudlin, Yasar Bodur, TPW Committee with Educator of the Year Award winner Greg Chamblee.

At its annual faculty and staff meeting kicking off the 2013-2014 academic year, four College of Education faculty received Jack Miller Awards.

The Jack Miller Faculty Awards are given annually to recognize and reward faculty for demonstrated excellence in the areas of teaching, service and scholarship/creative activity. The awards are determined by a faculty member's performance based on specific criteria. Jack Miller was a former dean of education at Georgia Southern and in 1994 endowed the award. He is now President of Central Connecticut State University.

Professor Greg Chamblee, Department of Teaching and Learning, received the Jack Miller Educator of the Year Award. The award for Scholarship and Creative Activity was given to Associate Professor Sally Brown, Department of Curriculum, Foundations and Reading. Associate Professor Terry Diamanduros, Department of Leadership, Technology and Human Development, received the Jack Miller Award for Service. The award for Teaching went to Associate Professor Sabrina Ross, Department of Curriculum, Foundations and Reading. [Click here to read more about the award winners.](#)

Three COE Faculty Honored with University "Focus on Excellence" Awards

Burns Wins Annual Staff Award

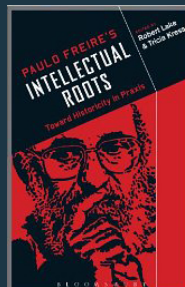


The Betty-Ware Wray Staff Award went to Eamestine Burns, academic advisor in the Student Success Center. The award annually recognizes a COE staff member who has excelled in job performance and university service. The award was established in memory of Betty-Ware Wray by her in-laws. She was a loved and respected member of the COE family for many years.

Faculty News

Associate Professor in the Department of Curriculum, Foundations and Reading, Robert Lake, has two new books. The first, "An Imaginative Dialogue with Maxine Greene and Paulo Freire, is part of the *A Curriculum of Imagination in an Era of Standardization, Landscapes of Education* edited by William Shubert, University of Illinois and Ming Fang He, Georgia Southern College of Education.

The second book is *Paulo Freire's Intellectual Roots: Toward Historicity in Praxis*, edited with Assistant Professor Tricia Kress, University of Massachusetts, Boston.



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The College of Education faculty has distinguished itself among an already highly distinguished field of nominees to claim three of Georgia Southern's university-wide Focus on Excellence awards. The annual awards are given to two faculty in each of three categories: instruction, service, and contributions to research/creative scholarly activity.

Faculty won two awards in Excellence in Contributions in Service and one in Excellence in Contributions to Instruction. All three of COE's award winners are from the Department of Teaching and Learning.

Yasar Bodur, associate professor, and Julie Maudlin, also an associate professor, each won the Award for Excellence in Contributions in Service. Associate Professor Scott Beck was awarded for Excellence in Contributions to Instruction.

All three recipients will make presentations in the subject area of their award during the 2013-14 academic year. Bodur will present on "Personal Benefits of Service." "You Are What You Do: Service as Self-Knowledge," is the title of Maudlin's presentation. Beck will present on "FYE 1410 Global Citizens: Immigration, Migrants and Farming."



(l-r) Focus on Excellence Award winners Yasar Bodur, Julie Maudlin and Scott Beck.

Educational Leadership Ed.D. Redesigned



The first cohort of students in the College of Education's newly redesigned Educational Leadership Ed.D. program began this fall. The program focuses on preparing senior-level administrators who use their knowledge of educational theory and research as a basis for taking on the contemporary challenges of education and to leverage change in P-12 and higher education institutions. Using the recommendations of the Carnegie Project on the Education Doctorate (CPED), faculty began a three-year project to redesign the Ed.D. The result is a program that defines what CPED calls a "Dissertation in Practice" as a project that exhibits the doctoral candidate's ability "to think, to perform, and to act with integrity."

Recently, Educational Leadership Program Associate Professor Teri Melton attended the annual conference of the National Council of Professors of Educational Administration (NCPEA) and participated in a roundtable presentation with 49 universities involved in the CPED. Melton said COE's redesigned program not only is in line with CPED recommendations but is "blazing new trails for educational leadership doctoral programmatic design." For more information on the redesigned Educational Leadership Ed.D., contact Devon Jensen, Doctoral Program Coordinator at devonjensen@georgiasouthern.edu or the Graduate Academic Services Center at gasc@georgiasouthern.edu. [Click here for the Ed.D. website.](#)

Georgia Teacher of the Year Encourages New Teacher Candidates to "SOAR"

Georgia Teacher of the Year and College of Education alumna Jemelleh Coes encouraged more than 100 new teacher candidates to "SOAR" during the annual fall orientation for teacher candidates. Coes is a special education English language arts and reading teacher at Langston Chapel Middle School, one of COE's partner schools. As the 2014 Georgia TOTY, Coes speaks to groups throughout the state, but she said she was



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honored to be able to talk to COE teacher candidates and inspire them as new teachers. It was little more than five years ago that Coes was in their position as a teacher candidate. Coes told the students to:

- **S** - Save your tears for your pillow at night. There will be ups and downs during student teaching, use them to learn from not to cry about.
- **O** - Observe everything that is happening in the classroom and school.
- **A** - Ask for help when you need it, but ask the appropriate source that can assist you.
- **R** - Reflect on everything you do as a teacher.



Throughout the year, Coes will give talks, conduct staff development activities for teachers in her area of expertise, serve on statewide committees and attend numerous state conferences.

A Day for Southern

For more than 35 years, contributions to the Georgia Southern University Foundation for academic programs and to the Eagle Fund for athletics have been indispensable in building a greater Georgia Southern.



Georgia Southern President Brooks Keel (l) with COE ADFS representative Elizabeth Edwards, 2012 representative Dawn Tysinger and COE Dean Thomas Koballa at kick-off to 2013 A Day for Southern.

At the COE we deeply appreciate the support received from alumni and friends like you. Whether through A Day for Southern, endowed giving, or planned giving, every gift makes a difference and helps us continue our leadership role in preparing those who will teach, lead and serve future generations.

If you're thinking about making a gift, you can designate your dollars to support a program or department that is meaningful to you, or you can give to COE's general fund, which

allows the college to put the money where it's needed most. [Click here to find the COE fund that's right for you.](#)