

State of the College:
"The WOODSTOCK version"

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Where We Are

"Take another little piece of my heart"

– Janice Joplin

- ▶ UF and COE endure 3rd budget callback in three years by state
- ▶ This cut translates into reduction for COE of \$955,000 in 2009-10, resulting in demoralizing loss of people, positions and programs
- ▶ Three cuts combined have cost COE more than \$2.6M since 2007.



How we responded: The Year in Review

"We shall overcome" – Joan Baez

- ▶ Faculty facilitate consolidation of 5 departments effectively into 3 schools
- ▶ Faculty and administration work together through FPC to develop budget reduction plan



How we responded: The Year in Review

"With a little help from my friends" – Joe Cocker



- ▶ Protesting students, with faculty support, help save ProTeach undergraduate programs
- ▶ Despite hard times, all faculty, staff and students pull together to log an amazingly successful year

Here's how . . .



The Year in Review:

2008-09: Selected Highlights

"I want to take you higher" – Sly & The Family Stone



- ▶ COE commemorates 50th anniversary of integration with event (last week) recognizing positive impact of African American alumni and faculty in education
- ▶ 25 practicing teachers from high-poverty schools in S. Fla. become first graduates of COE's free, job-embedded, TLSI graduate degree program



The Year in Review:

2008-09: Selected Highlights

- ▶ P.K. Yonge commemorates 75th anniversary as college's partnering laboratory school
- ▶ PKY school earns an A grade for 7th straight year and receives accolades for exemplary music, sports and volunteer programs.



The Year in Review:

2008-09: Selected Highlights

National Rankings



- ▶ **3rd** Counselor Education
- ▶ **5th** Special Education
- ▶ **26th** Educational Administration
- ▶ **25th** COE, among public education schools of elite AAU institutions
- ▶ **54th** COE, overall nationally

The Year in Review:

2008-09: Selected Highlights

- ▶ 2 COE programs, in science and math education, are cited by President Obama and his White House team as model success stories in education:
 - 'Schoolyard Wildlife' program (Linda Jones)
 - UTeach, the parent program of UFTeach



The Year in Review:

2008-09: Selected Highlights

PASSING PERFECTION

- ▶ Counselor Ed students recorded a pass rate last year that even Tim Tebow can't top:

CE students posted a 100 percent pass rate on three major certification and licensing exams



The Year in Review:

2008-09: KEY INITIATIVES

4 major centers
extend reach . . .



- ▶ **UF Alliance** – promotes college access and exposure to more than 1,500 first-generation minority high school students each year
- ▶ **Lastinger Center for Learning** – connects more than 250 Florida schools with UF education scholars, forming powerful professional learning communities

The Year in Review:

2008-09: KEY INITIATIVES

Major centers
extend reach . . .



- ▶ **Center for School Improvement** – in 2009 had to switch from 1 annual “teacher inquiry” showcase to 8 regional showcases to meet the statewide demand.

The Year in Review:

2008-09: KEY INITIATIVES

Major centers
extend reach . . .



- ▶ **National Center to Inform Policy & Practice in Special Education Professional Develop (NCIPP):**

-- Under co-direction of Mary Brownell and Paul Sindelar, UF special education researchers at this new center are introducing new strategies for helping states and local school districts to improve the retention and quality of novice special education teachers.

The Year in Review:

2008-09: KEY INITIATIVES

Early childhood studies (highlights)



- ▶ Patricia Snyder, first holder of the David Lawrence Jr. Endowed Chair in Early Childhood Studies, and colleagues have launched several cross-disciplinary initiatives to address the need for quality early-learning experiences during the infancy and toddler years.

The Year in Review:

2008-09: KEY INITIATIVES

Early childhood studies (highlights)



- ▶ **Ready Schools Florida**—promises to help public schools across Florida connect with early learning centers, families and community groups to support improved learning, health and development in young children.

The Year in Review:

2008-09: KEY INITIATIVES

Early childhood studies (highlights)



- ▶ UF early-learning students—the next generation of scholars and leaders in the field—now receive more field experiences in early intervention settings . . .

The Year in Review:

2008-09: KEY INITIATIVES

Early childhood studies (highlights)

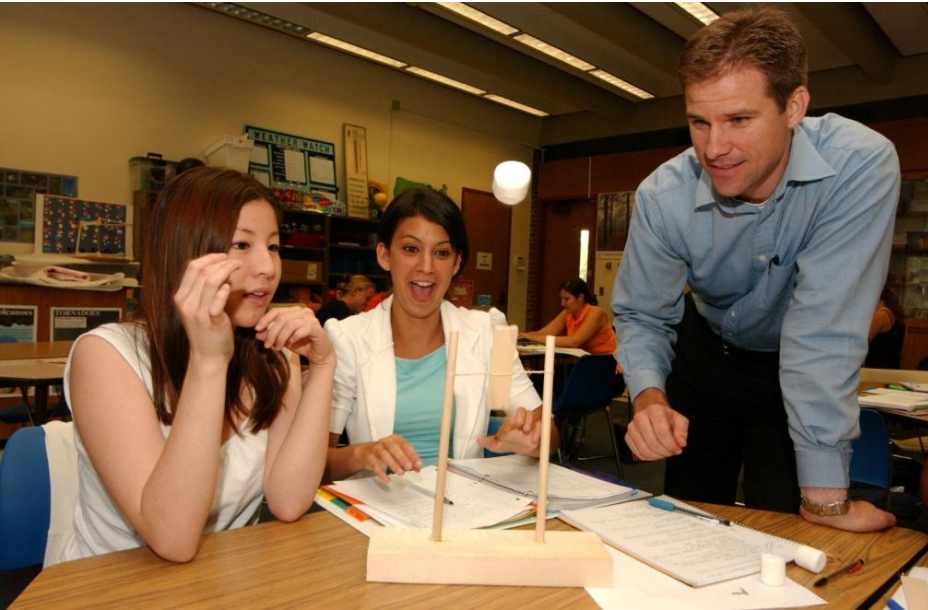


- ▶ . . . while new doctoral programs generate more research in areas such as early literacy and language, family support, and the social and emotional influences on young children's learning and development.

The Year in Review:

2008-09: KEY INITIATIVES

Science for Life



- ▶ In this HHMI-funded, 10-college UF initiative to close the critical gap in science education, COE faculty lead a mentorship program that prepares advanced graduate students in the life sciences for academic teaching positions, and also have developed novel assessment tools.

The Year in Review:

Academics in Action

Distance education growth

- ▶ COE distance-learning enrollment last year topped 2,600 students from 51 Florida counties, 37 states and 11 nations worldwide.
- ▶ Our online menu now includes eight comprehensive degree programs.

The Year in Review:

Academics in Action

Distance education growth

Academic Year	# Courses Offered	Student Enrollments	School Credit Hours
▶ 2004-05	12	209	627
▶ 2005-06	29	536	1,608
▶ 2006-07	54	1,029	3,087
▶ 2007-08	70	1,749	5,247
▶ 2008-09	106	2,621	7,863

The Year in Review:

Academics in Action

UFTeach: Closing the math-science gap



- ▶ *UFTeach* last year enrolled 56 UF math and science majors, all in-state residents from 19 Florida counties.
- ▶ By 2012, *UFTeach* expects to graduate 80 students every year into the math and science teaching ranks.

The Year in Review:

Academics in Action

Educator Preparation Institutes

... fast-track alternative teacher certification

- ▶ EPI programs in Duval and Alachua counties offer yearlong apprenticeships to put college graduates who have *non-education* degrees on the fast track to teaching jobs and learning the skills they need to thrive at high-poverty elementary schools.



The Year in Review:

Academics in Action

Couple and Family Clinic

. . . Clinical training and free counseling



- ▶ Besides serving as a clinical training site, the counselor education program's free Couple and Family Clinic has offered more than 7,000 hours of supervision and counseling to more than 300 couples and families since 1992.

The Year in Review:

Research / Discovery (Highlights)

External funding



- ▶ Enduring America's worst economy in decades, faculty scholars at the College of Education and P.K. Yonge still combined for nearly **\$29 million** worth in externally funded research projects and training grants last year.
- ▶ That is the second highest total over the past four years.

The Year in Review:

Research / Discovery (Highlights)

Ready Schools Florida



- ▶ This Lastinger Center initiative is funded by a shared \$10 million grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.
- ▶ All 200 elementary schools in Miami-Dade are now participating in this massive school-readiness program.
- ▶ Schools in Collier, Duval, Pinellas and Alachua counties also have joined the effort.

The Year in Review:

Research / Discovery

CAPEs: Collaborative Assessment & Program Evaluation Services

- ▶ Run by faculty specialists in research methods and evaluation, CAPEs provides vital assessment and research support for grant programs within the college, across campus and even in local school districts . . .

The Year in Review:

Research / Discovery

CAPEs: Collaborative Assessment & Program Evaluation Services

- ▶ . . . In its first year, CAPEs wrote more than 20 research proposals, garnering funding for seven projects with others still in review.
- ▶ One project, for \$111,000, calls for CAPEs to evaluate children's intervention services of the Jacksonville Children's Commission

The Year in Review:

Research / Discovery

Virtual schooling can save \$\$\$



- ▶ UF education technology researchers, led by Cathy Cavanaugh, have reported some of the first hard evidence that virtual schooling in K-12 classrooms can save school districts money.

The Year in Review:

Research / Discovery

Managing anger in the classroom



- ▶ Under a \$1.6 million IES grant, Stephen Smith and Ann Daunic in Special Education have been field-testing a promising curriculum in several Florida school districts to help students deal with aggressive behavioral issues in the classroom.

The Year in Review:

Research / Discovery

PKY: Student-run garden, farmer's market



- ▶ Ninth-grade biology teacher Mickey MacDonald received a \$10,000 Toyota Tapestry grant to develop a student-run community garden and farmer's market.
- ▶ Teachers will guide students from garden-planning to selling their food crops at the on-campus farmers' market, with proceeds going to a local homeless shelter. Students will also compile a book of essays—"Giving Voice to the Homeless."

The Year in Review:

Engaged scholarship: a sampling

Teaching English language learners



- ▶ Under a \$1.2 million federal grant, ESOL education researchers are assessing the effects that UF's own graduates from its elementary teacher preparation program are having on English language learners in elementary school classrooms.

The Year in Review:

Engaged scholarship: a sampling



- ▶ The Lastinger Center has secured over \$34M in funding since 2002 to support innovative partnerships with more than 250 schools across Florida.
- ▶ Over past 6 years, PKY has hosted 230 professional development days for 1,800 teachers & administrators from 27 Florida school districts.

The Year in Review:

Engaged scholarship: a sampling

Boosting civics instruction

- ▶ Under a Helios Education Foundation grant worth more than a half-million-dollars, UF social studies education professors launched a series of summer institutes for more than 150 Florida middle-school social studies teachers to help them prepare to teach the new state-mandated civics content.



The Year in Review:

Engaged scholarship: a sampling

Literacy for students with learning challenges



- ▶ Faculty teams are introducing research-based models of professional development for early childhood educators and practicing teachers to advance their literacy-instruction skills for students with learning challenges.

The Year in Review:

Where we go from here . . .

"Born to be Wild" -- Steppenwolf



The Year in Review:

Where we go from here

"Dance to the music" – Sly & the Family Stone



- ▶ Accomplishments highlighted are only a small fraction of all the good things that happened last year
- ▶ Easy to forget what has been achieved when struggling with current problems
- ▶ Vision for this and future years will build upon and extend these new directions

