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DEAN'S MESSAGE

Troubling national reports on education provide opportunity for UF to shine
Dean Catherine Emihovich offers her take on Arthur Levine's "Educating School Teachers" report, the recent findings of the Commission on the Future of Higher Education and challenges to the validity of college rankings. ([more](#))

TOP STORIES

IHE gets \$1.6 million grant to help community colleges improve data use

UF's Institute of Higher Education, headed by Educational Administration and Policy Chair Linda Serra Hagedorn, has been awarded a \$1.6 million grant from the Lumina Foundation for Education for an innovative program that will teach community college administrators to make better use of the data they collect on student achievement. ([more](#))

UF survey: Florida needs more bilingual school counselors

Administrators in 8 of every 10 school districts say Florida needs more bilingual school counselors to meet the needs of the state's growing Hispanic population, according to a recently published survey by Professor Harry Daniels and Associate Professor Sondra Smith-Adcock in Counselor Education. ([more](#))

NEWS AND NOTICES

Why get sick? Flu shots available soon.

Flu season peaks in January and February, so unless you want to be out of action during one of the busiest parts of the school year, you'd better get your flu shot. Shots will be available in the Terrace Room Nov. 3 from 9-11 a.m. The charge is \$5 for students, \$20 for faculty and staff. You must present a Gator One card to get a shot. Only cash or checks will be accepted – no debit cards. Supplies are limited, so RSVP to Rosie Warner at rwarner@coe.ufl.edu.

COPIS to meet, chart future course in Gainesville

Researchers and education leaders from around the country will converge on Gainesville Oct. 27-29 to map out the next decade of research in the field of instructional supervision. The Council of Professors of Instructional Supervision will hold its annual fall conference here, with the goal of setting a research agenda for the next 10 years. ([more](#))

Go global with International Education Week

Do you want to learn more about international education? Perhaps you have had an international experience that has changed your perspective enlightened your life? You're invited to share your interests, experiences and research through posters and/or manuscripts during COE's International and Comparative Education Event, to be held Nov. 14 from 2-7 p.m. in recognition of International Education Week. Participants and visitors can also enjoy a panel of speakers, free food and music. For more information, contact Dr. Linda Serra Hagedorn at 392-2391 or Susan Herrera at 392-2391 ext. 268. Guidelines for submission of posters and manuscripts are available [here](#).

WARNING – Haunted Norman Hall – WARNING

If you are planning to attend the Haunted Norman Hall event, please be advised that the College of Education cannot be held responsible for any cross-dimensional kidnappings, zombifications, vampire bites or other supernatural mishaps that occur during the event. If you have a heart condition, please stay away from Norman Hall between 6:30-11 p.m. Oct. 29. If the sight of blood makes you cringe, do NOT go to the Student Services office and pay \$3 for one of only 400 advance tickets to the creepiest haunted house in

Gainesville. If you have questions, or wish to report an apparition or gremlin-related theft, contact Jodi Mount at jmount@coe.ufl.edu or click [here](#).

Parents: “Chomp and chat” with COE experts

Associate Professor Tina Smith-Bonahue will discuss “Dealing with Problematic Behaviors in Your Child” in this month’s installment of the Baby Gator “Chomp and Chat” lecture series, to be held from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18, in the faculty dining room at the Levin College of Law, across the street from Baby Gator. Established this year, “Chomp and Chat” allows local residents to discuss early childhood parenting issues with faculty and researchers from UF. Anyone involved with parenting or child care may attend. Drinks and dessert will be provided, but attendees should bring their own lunch. This month’s lecture includes a drawing for a free one-month gym membership and giveaways of children’s puzzles.

Heartbreakers and art-makers

Maybe you didn’t get a chance to see hometown favorite Tom Petty perform at the O’Connell Center last month – but you just might have caught a glimpse of the “Welcome Home Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers” mural that appeared on the 34th Street wall before the Heartbreakers arrived. Mike Carter, a senior fiscal assistant in COE’s business office, is the person to thank for that. On the Sunday before the concert, Mike and his sons Kris (now majoring in English at UF) and Andru (a Gainesville High sophomore) spent 6 hours painting the panel. A photo of the mural was included in the plaque presented to Petty during his pre-concert press conference by UF first lady Chris Machen.

FACULTY/STAFF APPOINTMENTS/HONORS

FASD honors Vernetson

Assistant Dean for Student Affairs Theresa Vernetson received the Distinguished Service Award from the Florida Association for Staff Development at its annual conference Sept. 26 in St. Petersburg. Vernetson is on the board of directors of FASD, an organization that promotes and encourages the work of staff development contacts at the state’s various school districts. She was honored for her many years of work in organizing the group’s annual Staff Development Leadership Conference and for compiling a history of that conference.

STUDENT HONORS

Doctoral student named FEA Teacher of the Year

Trent Daniel, a doctoral student in Educational Administration and Policy, has been named the Teacher of the Year by the Florida Education Association. Daniel, who teaches chemistry and chairs the science department at Hagerty High School in Seminole County, is one of five Florida finalists for the National Education Association’s Teacher of the Year award. ([more](#))

Doctoral student, recent graduates publish in *Elementary School Journal*

Congratulations to doctoral student Jacqueline Love Zeig, recent Ph. D. graduate Courtney Zmach and M.E. graduate Katie Solic, whose paper, “The confluence of two mandates: Core reading programs and third grade retention in Florida,” was published in a recent issue of *Elementary School Journal*.

UF names Holmes Scholars

Six UF education doctoral students have been named as Holmes Scholars for 2006. Evelyn S. Chiang and Katherin E. Garland are receiving the award for the first time, while Nicole Fenty, Sophie Maxis, Jyrece McClendon and Tyran Wright were awarded the scholarship for the second year in a row. ([more](#))

IN MEMORIAM

Arthur Lewis, a former professor in Curriculum and Instruction who helped found the college’s ProTeach program and traveled the world as an educational consultant, died Sept. 10 at age 89. ([more](#))

Vincent McGuire, a former professor best known for his crusading work on school accountability in Florida in the 1960s, died Sept. 4 at age 87. ([more](#))

P.K. YONGE NEWS

Third Golden School Award for PKY

For the third year in a row, P.K. Yonge Developmental School has won the Florida Department of Education’s Golden School Award, which recognizes schools with exemplary volunteer programs. This year the school had more than 360 volunteers logging a total of 7,500 hours of volunteer work. That’s roughly 20 hours per volunteer – and one volunteer for each day of the year.

PKY logs excellent graduation rate – in all demographic groups

According to PKY’s soon-to-be-released annual report, the school logged a 98 percent graduation rate in 2005-06, up 2 percent from the previous year. The rate has the school far above the statewide average (69 percent for 2004-05).

Teachers open classrooms for Exchange Day

Middle and high school teachers at PKY opened their classrooms to their colleagues in this year’s first Teacher Exchange Day last month. Teachers shared the strategies they are incorporating into their instruction. ([more](#))

IN THE NEWS

A recent sampling of “media hits” from the College of Education:

***Daytona Beach News Journal* – Dean Catherine Emihovich (9/17/06)**

Dean Emihovich was quoted in a story about a mentoring program that pairs black professionals in Flagler County with black students who are struggling academically. Emihovich said black students are “highly vulnerable to being labeled” in the educational system.

***Orlando Sentinel* – Associate Professor Holly Lane (10/8/06)**

Lane was quoted in a story about a Rotary Club drive that provided dictionaries to third- and fourth-graders in Volusia County. Lane said children are more likely to use a book if they own it. The story is available [here](#).

CALENDAR

OCT. 18

Baby Gator Chomp and Chat

11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m., faculty dining room, Levin College of Law

OCT. 18

Brown Bag Lunch

Speaker: B.O. Smith Research Professor Maureen Conroy

Topic: “A Functional Approach to Social Skills Assessment and Intervention for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders”

Noon -1 p.m., 158 Norman

Contact: Ana Puig, 352-392-2315, ext. 235 or anapuig@coe.ufl.edu

OCT. 27-29

COPIS Conference

Paramount Plaza Hotel

For more information: <http://www.doce-conferences.ufl.edu/copis/default.aspx?page=81>

OCT. 27

Development and Alumni Affairs event

Jacksonville Princess Dinner Cruise

Contact: Jodi Mount, 392-0728, ext. 250 or jmount@coe.ufl.edu

OCT. 29

Norman Hall Haunted House (Open to the public, adults only)

6:30 p.m. – 11 p.m., Norman Hall

Tickets: \$3 (advance)

Contact: Jodi Mount, 392-0728, ext. 250 or jmount@coe.ufl.edu

NOV. 2-4

UF College of Education Centennial Conference

Closing the Achievement Gap through Partnerships

St. Petersburg, FL

Register Now! <http://www.doce-conference.ufl.edu/gap>

NOV. 2

Gator Gathering in conjunction with the Centennial Conference
7-9 p.m., St. Petersburg Hilton
R.S.V.P. to Jodi Mount, 392-0728, ext. 250 or jmount@coe.ufl.edu

NOV. 8-11

Teacher Education Division of Council for Exceptional Children Conference
San Diego, CA
contact: Shaira Rivas-Otero, 392-0701, ext: 242 or srivas@coe.ufl.edu

NOV. 10

VETERAN'S DAY OBSERVED

NOV. 13

Faculty Policy Council Meeting
2 p.m., Norman Hall, Rm 158
Contact: Buffy Bondy, bondy@coe.ufl.edu

NOV. 14

International and Comparative Education Event
2-7 p.m., Norman Terrace Room
Contact: Linda Serra Hagedorn, 392-2391 or Susan Herrera, 392-2391 ext. 268

NOV.14

Retired Faculty Reception
6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Keene Faculty Center
RSVP to: Jodi Mount, 392-0728, ext. 250 or jmount@coe.ufl.edu

Nov. 15

Brown Bag: Topic and Speaker TBA
12:00pm-1:00pm, 158 Norman
Contact: Ana Puig, 352-392-2315, ext. 235 or anapuig@coe.ufl.edu

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Go get your 15 minutes of fame. Go Gators!

If you've been keeping up with Gator football, you've probably seen those eye-catching "Go Gators" commercials that air at halftime. Now you have the chance to get in on the act – and possibly win something. Visitors to www.goGatorNation.com are encouraged to upload both photos and videos inspired by the commercial (see the website for examples). Four lucky video participants will win tickets to the Jan. 31 basketball game – and will see their video played on the Jumbotron screen during the game. Entrants may be employees, students, alumni or anyone who wants to affiliate with the Gator Nation.

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