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**WELCOME** to the first edition of **coE-NEWS**, an electronic newsletter—produced by the College of Education Dean’s Office/News & Publications—to keep faculty and staff up to date on college news and activities. We aim to publish **coE-NEWS** at least once a month during the academic year. Your feedback and suggestions for helping us better serve your collegewide communication needs are welcome.

*-- LARRY LANSFORD, DIRECTOR, COE NEWS & PUBLICATIONS*

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**TOP STORIES**

[\\$750,000 grant boosts UF’s statewide school-improvement network](#)

A statewide, school-improvement partnership between the University of Florida and 14 high-poverty elementary schools—in Jacksonville, Gainesville, and Miami-Dade County—has enlisted five more schools in south central Florida in its no-holds-barred crusade to improve student learning and teacher retention at at-risk schools. Expansion of the so-called Florida Flagship Schools network was made possible through a three-year grant worth \$750,000 awarded by the Wachovia Foundation to the Lastinger Center for Learning at the UF College of Education.

[New dean’s staff aims high as college nears 100<sup>th</sup> year](#)

As the College of Education approaches its 100<sup>th</sup> year of preparing teachers, counselors, school administrators and other educators for their life’s work, several new academic leaders and top administrators will be on hand to help lead the college’s efforts to reach the top tier of American education schools. Dean Catherine

Emihovich's new "cabinet" includes a new associate dean for research, two new academic department chairs, and three new directors for programs in graduate studies, informational and instructional technology, and a novel university-schools alliance created to improve educational opportunities for inner-city high school students.

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## DEPARTMENT ROUNDUP

### EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY

#### **New chair, new name**

To borrow a phrase from pop funk singer Prince, the department *formerly known as* Educational Leadership and Policy is no longer. To reflect its new direction and focus under new chair Linda Serra Hagedorn, the department is now known as the Department of Educational Administration and Policy.

#### **Campbell to "chat" in live webcast Oct. 11**

Professor Dale F. Campbell will participate in a webcast on "Recruiting and Retaining Talented Adjunct Faculty" through Innovative Educators from 1-3 p.m. on Oct. 11. It will be available online 30 days after the live event at [www.innovativeeducators.org](http://www.innovativeeducators.org). Speakers include Campbell and Desna Wallin from the College of Education at the University of Georgia. They will discuss recruitment and hiring processes, enculturation of adjunct faculty, professional development, valuing and motivating adjunct faculty, online adjunct training and faculty relationships. Campbell directs the UF-based Community College Leadership Consortium and teaches in the COE's higher education administration doctoral program.

#### **Alumnus is National Distinguished Principal**

Patrick Galatowitsch, a UF alumnus in the Department of Educational Administration and Policy, was recently selected as Florida's National Distinguished Principal by the Florida Association of Elementary and Middle School Principals. The award, co-sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education and the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP), recognizes principals' accomplishments and reinforces their leadership in teaching children. Galatowitsch earned his Ed.S. at UF in 1995 and has been principal of Rolling Hills Elementary for the past nine years. Seven years ago, Rolling Hills was a critically low performing school, but today, it's an "A" school.

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## HONORS & APPOINTMENTS

### COUNSELOR EDUCATION

#### **Torres Rivera elected CSJ president**

Associate Professor Edil Torres Rivera was elected president-elect of the national Counselors for Social Justice organization. Torres Rivera will hold the CSJ presidency in 2006 to 2007 and will serve as a CSJ executive board member from 2005 to 2008.

### **Loesch named ACA fellow**

Professor Larry Loesch was named a fellow of the American Counseling Association at its recent annual convention in Atlanta. This honor recognizes ACA professional members for their significant contributions in professional practice, scientific achievement and governance, or teaching and training.

### **Daniels appointed to revise standards**

Dr. Harry Daniels, professor and chairman of counselor education, was appointed to the board of directors of the national Committee for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Education Programs (CACREP). He is one of six counselor educators who will evaluate and update the existing accreditation standards of the profession. The new standards will apply from 2007 to 2012.

## **SCHOOL OF TEACHING AND LEARNING**

### **Professors publish book on teacher education reform**

Professors Elizabeth Bondy and Dorene Ross are co-editors of the new book, *Preparing for Inclusive Teaching: Meeting the Challenges of Teacher Education Reform*. The 319-page book, written by UF COE contributors involved in the reform process, is a resource to the challenges and successes of the teacher education reform. It includes descriptions of efforts at UF to unify general and special education in its teacher education program in the mid-1990s and provides strategies and structure for reforming teacher preparation programs. UF education faculty contributors include Alyson Adams, Ellen Amatea, Patricia Ashton, Anne Bishop, Mary Brownell, Vivian Correa, Catherine Emihovich, Zihui Fang, Sharen Halsall, Holly Lane, James McLeskey, Colleen Swain, Theresa Vernetson and Rodman Webb. COE doctoral students contributing were David Hoppey, Joanna Jennie, Cynthia McCallum, Rhonda Nowak, Gail Ring and Lynee Stafford.

### **Distance education project cited**

Associate Professor Colleen Swain was part of an award-winning distance education project titled Roadmap to Effective Distance Education Instructional Design. The online course won a 2005 American Distance Education Consortium (ADEC) Excellence in College and University Distance Education Award. Swain collaborated with UF faculty members from the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences and from five other universities. She created the curriculum dealing with the teaching aspects of distance teaching and learning. Funded by a U.S. Department of Agriculture higher education grant, the online course develops effective materials and innovative approaches in distance education at universities with agricultural academic programs.

### **Ed tech professor receives national appointments**

Education technology specialist Richard Ferdig is the new associate editor of the *Journal of Technology and Teacher Education*, the official journal of the Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education. Ferdig, an associate professor, has also been elected into the International Digital Media and Arts Association (iDMAa). He and his UF educational technology colleagues have been instrumental in the college's efforts to develop online education courses at the high school, undergraduate and graduate levels. Over the past several months, he has received three education technology-related grants worth a combined \$106,000.

### **Doctoral student writes “best essay” on library history**

Don Boyd, a doctoral education student in social foundations (School of Teaching and Learning), won the 2005 Justin Winsor Prize for the best essay on library history, awarded by the American Library Association. He received the award for, “The Book Women of Kentucky: The WPA Pack Horse Library Project, 1935-1943,” an essay he researched and wrote as an independent study under the supervision of Assistant Professor Sevan Terzian. Boyd received a certificate and cash award recently at the ALA’s Library History Roundtable Conference in Chicago for “telling the story of a neglected part of library history.” His essay is being considered for publication in the ALA’s *Libraries and Culture* journal. Boyd’s award is particularly noteworthy since the competition drew entries from both graduate students and faculty.

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## **CALENDAR**

### **SEPT. 22**

#### **COE Office of Graduate Studies Open House**

(for Education graduate students)

2-4 p.m., 186 Norman Hall

Contact: *Thomasenia Adams, 2-0728, x306*

### **SEPT. 26 – OCT. 7**

#### **UF Community Campaign: “Gators Give in a Million Ways”**

For details, click on the UFCC website: [www.ufcc.ufl.edu](http://www.ufcc.ufl.edu)

Contact: *Jeri Benson, COE Campaign Coordinator, 2-0728, x224*

### **SEPT. 28**

#### **COE Distance Education Open House**

4-5 p.m., 158 Norman Hall (Dean’s Conference Room)

Contact: *Diane Depuyt, 2-0728, x238*

### **SEPT. 28**

#### **Ice Cream Social**

(for students, faculty, staff)

3-5 p.m., Norman Hall Courtyard

### **SEPT. 30**

#### **Retired Faculty Reception**

6:30 – 8:30 p.m., UF Keene Faculty Center

Contact: *Margaret Gaylord, 2-0728, x290*

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## **WEB WATCH**

Click on the college website front page at [www.coe.ufl.edu](http://www.coe.ufl.edu) and you’ll also find these news stories about college activities and faculty-staff honors and appointments:

-- [College welcomes students affected by Hurricane Katrina](#)

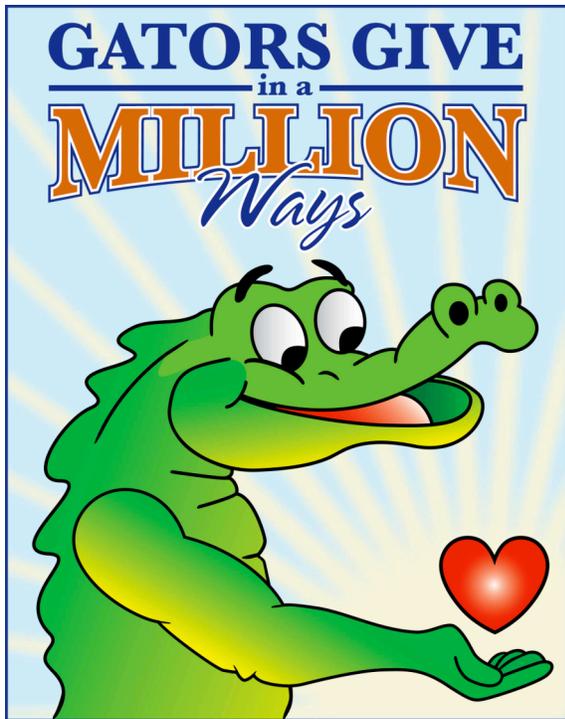
- [Welcome New Faculty](#)
- [Technology grants boost distance learning](#) (R. Ferdig, STL)
- [Governor enlists UF Lastinger Center for statewide family literacy effort](#)
- [Middle schools league names award for UF education professor](#) (Paul George, STL)
- [UF special ed scholar garners national research award](#) (Anne Bishop)

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## QUICK LINKS

- UF: [www.ufl.edu](http://www.ufl.edu)
- College of Education: [www.coe.ufl.edu](http://www.coe.ufl.edu)
- COE News: [www.coe.ufl.edu/web/files/22/newsreleases.php?pid=212&dc](http://www.coe.ufl.edu/web/files/22/newsreleases.php?pid=212&dc)
- UF Community Campaign: [www.ufcc.ufl.edu](http://www.ufcc.ufl.edu)

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The [University of Florida Community Campaign](#) supports 76 local charitable agencies providing services that directly benefit people residing in the Alachua County region. Through support from UF employees like you, these providers of services and programs can continue to assist those in our community who are in need.

Once you receive it, please take a moment to

complete your pledge card and return it to your unit campaign coordinator. Supporting the UF Community Campaign couldn't be easier with payroll deduction. Your contribution will join others who share a commitment to the quality of life in Gainesville, proving that Gators really do give in a million ways!

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