## 2008 UF COE Writing Contest Entry

(This is one of 27 entries submitted in the College's recent writing contest on the topic of "What's Good in Education?". Visit the <u>Writing Contest home page</u> for links to other entries, including the winner.)

## WHAT'S GOOD IN EDUCATION?

## PASSION! Yes, passion.

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There's plenty that's good in Education! I am reminded everyday that teachers are what's good in education today. Who gets to educate all the others? Teachers!

I'm excited knowing that I am helping to produce intelligent well-informed citizens. Being an elementary school teacher, I teach skills that can be used throughout the lives of children such as reading, writing and arithmetic. How unique! I get to teach moral values and rights and duties of citizenship as well.

Providing instruction for students who are learning disabled or gifted is awesome. There's nothing greater than watching my students purse their lips to form sounds and make words. I'm deeply touched when the 'light bulb' comes on and it's then and there that you recognize that learning is taking place.

It's great to have a system of public schools and universities: providing facilities for every level of education from early childhood through higher education.

There's so much good in education. Knowing that students can express their feelings and ideas and be able to study subjects that interest them is evidence that education is important.

Pre-elementary education is also encourages students to express themselves through building, playing, drawing, singing and speaking.

Education begins early!

To ensure equal opportunity, the federal government has set mandates and insisted that every state provide equal educational opportunities for all its citizens, including providing financial assistance.

I get a little carried away when a student looks up at me and says, "I love coming to school!" That's when I burst with pride. I know that I have arrived! Education is in every part of the world, and I am glad that it's a part of my world.

Ask me what's good in education? PASSION! Yes, passion.

I have a passion for teaching. It's my hobby, I try to be good at it because I expect nothing but the best for myself, and therefore I expect the very best for my students. They are my future. I want them to be the best, and for that reason I provide the best. What's so good about it? When you have given your best, you feel like a champion even if you don't win 1<sup>st</sup> place.

The importance of education has taken root in every country. It's used to provide economic and social opportunities for citizens. It's also used to promote bonds between people and a common commitment to society. Education develops awareness, confidence and independence. It's even learning by doing. Then, the teacher stops for a 'little while' and observe the results.

What's GOOD in education? The opportunity to empower others to become successful and embrace life's journey.

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