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## ABSTRACT

This final report describes activities and achievements of a 3-year personnel preparation project of the University of Florida and the Northeast Florida Education Consortium. The project recruited, trained, and offered a bachelor's degree in special education to 12 paraprofessional teacher assistants. An additional 21 teachers without special education certification completed courses toward certification through the program. Participants received courses at no cost and received a stipend to supplement their income during the summer. The clinical component of the program was offered during the school year in the settings where the teacher assistants worked. A graduate satisfaction survey indicated that graduates felt confident in demonstrating Florida's Accomplished Practices. Consideration of the program's impact stresses the University of Florida's continuing commitment to offer courses toward certification for paraprofessionals. Dissemination activities including presentations and publications are listed. Attached is a copy of the University of Florida's College of Education quarterly publication featuring this project. (DB)

**Final Grant Performance Report  
The NEFEC/UF Collaborative Teacher Education Program  
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## Executive Summary

In this three-year personnel preparation project, the University of Florida and the Northeast Florida Educational Consortium (NEFEC) collaborated to offer a bachelor's degree in special education to 30 paraprofessional teacher assistants in order to ease critical teacher shortages in north Florida. NEFEC is a regional, non-profit educational service delivery system established in 1976 by small and rural districts in Northeast Florida to provide cooperative services to schools and member districts. These districts are typically rural with limited resources and include Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Flagler, Gilchrist, Lafayette, Levy, Nassau, Putnam, and Union Counties.

UF and NEFEC personnel worked together to identify and recruit qualified teacher assistants for this project. Paraprofessionals who had earned A.A. degrees (or better) and were employed in programs for students with disabilities in NEFEC counties qualified for participation. Upon completion of the project, these paraprofessionals became eligible for certification to teach students with mild disabilities.

Recruitment for the project took place in Fall 1998; admission applications were reviewed and processed in Spring, 1999. Courses began in Summer, 1999 and were taught year-round by UF faculty. Courses were offered at no cost to participants. In addition, participants received a stipend to supplement their income during the summer when they attended classes full-time.

The junior and senior year of the UF special education curriculum was offered at a centrally located site in a NEFEC county. The clinical component of the program was offered during the school year, in the settings where the teacher assistants worked. The Project Director supervised the clinical component of the program.

## Goals of the Project

The primary goal of the project was to increase the quantity and improve the quality of special education teachers in rural north Florida. The teacher assistants formed a cohort of prospective teachers who would increase the number and quality of special educators in rural north Florida. The recruitment goal was to admit 30 qualified paraprofessional teacher assistants to the project. Attrition from the project was expected to be minimal because the participants (a) were familiar with the nature of work with students with disabilities, (b) were highly motivated to step up from paraprofessional status, and (c) had no ready alternative routes for entering teaching.

Fifteen paraprofessionals representing seven counties in North Florida participated in the project. Demographic information on the paraprofessional participants enrolled in the project is provided in Table 1.

Table 1

### *Paraprofessional Program Participants*

<b>Student</b>	<b>Race</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>County of Employment</b>
01	White	Female	Clay
02	White	Female	Lafayette
03	White	Female	Nassau
04	White	Female	Baker
05	White	Female	Clay
06	White	Female	Alachua
07	White	Female	Alachua
08	White	Female	Bradford
09	White	Female	Bradford
10	White	Female	Nassau
11	White	Female	Duval
12	White	Female	Nassau
13	African-American	Female	Bradford
14	White	Female	Nassau
15	White	Female	Lafayette

## **Modifications to the Project**

Although we conducted two recruitment drives and admitted students to the project in June, 1999 and January, 2000, we did not meet our target enrollment goal of 30 paraprofessionals. We believe there are two interrelated reasons for this. First, teacher shortages exist in rural communities because the pool of qualified individuals is sparse. The irony of this project is that we had difficulty identifying a pool of paraprofessionals with the appropriate qualifications (i.e., an A.A. degree) to pursue a Bachelor's degree. Second, paraprofessionals receive very low wages and are asked to take on a variety of responsibilities. Most districts in our project paid paraprofessionals minimum wage. Individuals with A.A. degrees typically seek employment in higher paying positions with opportunities for advancement.

Many paraprofessionals working in rural schools involved in this project are high school graduates who have skills and abilities that make them attractive prospective teachers. However, they often lack the means and opportunities to enter college. In the future, we might consider a program that offers all courses required for the A.A. as well as the Bachelor's degree in Special Education. This program would also include preparation to meet college entrance requirements plus mentorship by college faculty and paraprofessionals who have "stepped-up" to professional status.

After concluding that we had exhausted paraprofessional recruitment possibilities, we considered alternatives that would fulfill the project goal of increasing the number of "qualified" special education teachers in North Florida. Following conversations with our project officer, we extended the opportunity for project participation to teachers currently working in NEFEC special education classes with out-of field certification. In Florida, teachers are considered out-of-field if they have a Bachelor's degree but do not have the appropriate certification to teach in

a particular field. Teachers who enrolled in courses in May 2000 had the opportunity to complete the necessary coursework and practica enabling them to apply for certification in Learning Disabilities and Emotional Handicaps. Courses were available to these teachers at no cost. In addition, teachers received a stipend of \$250.00 per course to cover the cost of books and travel.

From Summer 2000 through the no-cost extension period ending in December, 2002, seventeen out-of-field, special education teachers participated in courses offered by this project. Demographic information plus the number of course credits completed by the participants is provided in Table 2. Because we advertised course offerings every semester, the out-of-field participants enrolled at various times during this period depending upon their certification needs and personal availability. Courses continued to be offered in the evenings, on weekends, and in the summer to be more accessible to teachers.

Table 2.

*Out-of Field Teacher Participants*

<b>Student</b>	<b>Race</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>Course Credits</b>	<b>County of Employment</b>
16	White	Female	10	Clay
17	African-American	Male	03	Putnam
18	White	Female	03	Putnam
19	White	Male	10	Putnam
20	White	Female	06	Putnam
21	White	Female	06	Putnam
22	White	Female	09	Putnam
23	White	Female	12	Putnam
24	White	Male	03	Columbia
25	White	Male	12	Duval
26	White	Female	06	Putnam
27	White	Female	03	Putnam
28	White	Female	06	Putnam
29	White	Female	06	Putnam
30	African -American	Female	06	Putnam
31	White	Female	03	Putnam
32	White	Female	10	Clay
33	African-American	Female	07	Hamilton

In summary, 33 individuals enrolled in courses offered through the UF/NEFEC Collaborative Teacher Program. Out-of-field teachers completed courses toward certification in special education. Paraprofessionals who completed the program received their Bachelor's degree in August 2001. Of the fifteen paraprofessional participants, twelve graduated. Attrition was relatively low; three individuals left the program for personal reasons.

### **Program Evaluation**

The twelve students who graduated from the program are now teachers in the districts where they worked as paraprofessionals. In fact, nine of the graduates are teaching in the schools where they worked as paraprofessionals. Two of the students who left the program before graduation are still working as paraprofessionals and the third is working as an out-of-field teacher in a NEFEC school district. The school district that hired the program graduates plus the level at which they teach is summarized in Table 3.

Table 3

#### *Program Graduate Hirings*

<b>Student</b>	<b>County of Employment</b>	<b>Teaching Level</b>
01	Clay	Middle
02	Lafayette	High
03	Nassau	Elementary
05	Clay	Middle
06	Alachua	Middle
07	Alachua	Elementary
08	Bradford	Elementary
09	Bradford	Middle
10	Nassau	Elementary
11	Duval	Elementary
12	Bradford	Middle

Although we did not produce the number of teachers targeted, we did fulfill our goal of reducing critical shortages of special education teachers in the NEFEC school districts.

Furthermore, one of our outcome evaluation measures, the *Graduate Satisfaction Survey* summarized in Table 4 provides evidence that our graduates feel confident they are prepared to demonstrate Florida's Accomplished Practices and further develop professional competencies.

Table 4  
*Graduate Satisfaction Survey*

Question	Range of Scores	Mean Score	St. Deviation
<b>How confident are you that you can demonstrate Florida's Educator Accomplished Practices?</b> <b>1 = Not at all confident</b> <b>5 = Very confident</b>			
1. Use assessment strategies (traditional and alternate) to assist the continuous development of the learner	3 - 5	3.75	.59512
2. Use effective techniques with students and all other stakeholders.	3 - 5	4	.57735
3. Engages in continuous professional quality improvement for self and school.	4 - 5	4.42	.49793
4. Use appropriate techniques and strategies which promote and enhance critical, creative, and evaluative thinking capabilities of students.	3 - 5	3.41	.49301
5. Use teaching and learning strategies that reflect each student's culture, learning styles, special needs and socioeconomic background.	4 - 5	4.25	.43301
6. Adheres to the Code of Ethics and Principles of Professional Conduct of the <i>Education Profession in Florida</i> .	4 - 5	4.58	.49301
7. Uses an understanding of learning and human development to provide a positive learning environment which supports the intellectual, personal, and social development of all students.	4 - 5	4.66	.4714
8. Demonstrates knowledge and understanding of the subject matter.	3 - 5	4.08	.6401
9. Creates and maintains positive learning environments in which students are actively engaged in learning, social interaction, cooperative learning and self-motivation.	4 - 5	4.66	.4714
10. Plans, implements and evaluates effective instruction in a variety of learning environments.	3 - 5	4.25	.6872
11. Works with various education professionals, parents, and other stakeholders in the continuous improvement of the educational experiences of students.	4 - 5	4.41	.49301
12. Use appropriate technology in teaching and learning process.	3 - 5	3.58	.49301

**How confident are you that you can develop the following professional competencies?**

**1 = not at all confident**

**5 = very confident**

1. Write and speak in a logical style with appropriate grammar and sentence structure?	4 - 5	4.58	.49301
2. Recognize signs of students' difficulty with the reading and computational process and apply appropriate measures to improve students' reading and computational performance?	4 - 5	4.33	.4714
3. Use and integrate appropriate technology in teaching and learning processes?	3 - 5	3.6	.62361
4. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the Sunshine State Standards?	3 - 4	3.66	.4714
5. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of ESOL students and their needs?	2 - 4	3.08	.76923

### **Program Impact**

In this section, we briefly describe the impact of the project by discussing efforts to institutionalize the project and dissemination activities.

The University of Florida offers a five-year teacher education program culminating in a Master's Degree in Education, therefore institutionalization of the Bachelor's degree program we offered is not possible. However, the paraprofessional to professional model of alternative certification is proving to be successful, so the Comprehensive System of Personnel Development (CSPD) project in the Special Education Department at UF is offering courses toward certification to paraprofessionals. In doing so, our institution is continuing the effort to reduce critical teacher shortages.

In addition, descriptions and results of the project have been disseminated at national conferences and through publications. In Fall 2002, the project director was invited to speak on the impact of alternative certification programs at the Council of Learning Disabilities national conference in Denver, CO. In order to examine the instructional practices of alternative program graduates, the project director and a project instructor examined the language arts instruction of four graduates in a qualitative study conducted during their first year of teaching. A manuscript

of this study is nearing completion. Dissemination activities including conference presentations and articles about the project are listed below.

***Presentations***

Carpenter, S. & Corbett, N.L. (Fall, 2002). *Preparing paraprofessionals to become qualified special educators*. Invited presentation at the annual meeting of the Council of Learning Disabilities. Denver, CO.

Corbett, N.L. & Sindelar, P.T. (2001, April) *The perspectives and practices of paraprofessionals in a special education teacher preparation program*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Council for Exceptional Children. Kansas City, MO

Corbett, N.L.; Sindelar, P. T. (2001, November). *Paraprofessional to professional: The NEFEC/UF Collaborative Teacher Education Program*. Paper presented at the Twentieth Fourth Annual meeting of the Teacher Education Division (CEC). Tampa, FL

Corbett, N.L. & Sindelar, P.T. (1999, November). *Project CAP: Examining the entering beliefs of paraprofessionals participating in a special education teacher preparation program*. Paper presented at the Twenty Second Annual Meeting of the Teacher Education Division (CEC), Palm Springs, CA.

***Publications***

Corbett, N. L., & Sindelar, P.T. (2000). The NEFEC/UF collaborative teacher education program. *Education Times*, 5,2;3-5.

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*Cover Photo – Tracy Congdon, elementary PROTEACH intern with students from Lawson Brown's 4th grade class at P. K. Yonge.*

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## DEAN'S MESSAGE

**A**s a College of Education in a land-grant university, we take seriously our mission to provide meaningful service to children and teachers in the schools of Florida. During the past year and a half, with the encouragement of the Provost and the active participation of our faculty, we have redoubled our outreach efforts. Let me give you some snapshots of the kinds of activities in which we are engaged.

◆ **Bright Futures** is a ten-year partnership with the Gainesville Housing Authority and the Alachua County Public Schools. It has provided mentors for more than 2,200 children, ages 4-14, in local housing communities. Furthermore, it offers education majors a chance to work with children and families whose cultures are different from their own and has provided research topics for doctoral students and faculty. Professor Elizabeth Bondy has directed this program since its inception.

◆ The work of Professors Nancy Corbett and Paul Sindelar with the Northeast Florida Educational Consortium's **UF Collaborative Teacher Education Program** is featured as the lead article in this edition of **Education Times**. This program trains paraprofessionals to become certified special education teachers, fulfilling a vital and critical need in today's public schools.

◆ During 1999-2000 fall, spring, and summer sessions, 82 UF work-study students were trained and employed under the auspices of **America Reads** to spend four to twelve hours per week tutoring children in basic reading. Over 500 children at 26 sites, including schools, community centers, hospital and Headstart programs, have participated in **America Reads**. This program is now housed in the Department of Educational Psychology and is the subject of continuing research under the direction of Professor David Miller. Beginning in January, it will be funded for the next two years with a \$173,331 grant from the Jessie Ball duPont Foundation.

◆ As noted in this issue of **EducationTimes**, Professor Ellen Amatea, of the Department of Counselor Education, has worked closely with teachers, parents and students in the **SAIL** (Summer Adventures in Literacy) program at P. K. Yonge. Her involvement with the guidance staff in their weekly meetings has brought focus and an "outside" perspective to the daily work of school.

◆ Under the leadership of Professor Linda Lamme, **Project Booktalk** serves some 75 licensed day care homes with up to five children in each home. Each Proteach student enrolled in a children's literature class (about 225 students a year) provides ten hours of service a week. Besides reading with children and talking about good books, they leave bags of books from the public library each week so that each home has access to books during the week.

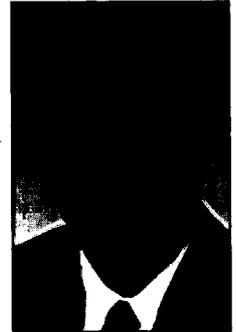
◆ **Professors-in-Residence** work for the equivalent of one full day a week at five elementary schools to bridge the gap between the university and the school community. In this issue of **EducationTimes**, our Professors-in-Residence are featured. Their work has greatly influenced student academic achievement.

◆ **Project SITE** (Site-based Implementation of Teacher Education), directed by Professor Lee Mullally, is a program in which men and women earn their master's degrees and initial teaching credentials while spending each weekday for a school year working in a local elementary school. Twelve interns are now at Chiles Elementary School and six are at Williams Elementary School.

◆ As my predecessor reported to you in this column last spring, the College of Education is taking the lead in UF's **Opportunity Alliance** program. Working in partnership with teachers and administrators at Raines and Ribault High Schools in Duval County and Miami Senior High in Miami-Dade County, our faculty are exploring ways to improve student performance and to encourage capable students to pursue higher education. Thirty-four teachers from these three schools joined 19 of their university colleagues July 30 through August 1, 2000 in a Leadership Institute to define goals and plan collaborative strategies. The group is focusing on the improvement on reading, writing, and math skills; implementing educational technology; and developing readiness for college.

The mission statement of the College of Education commits us to "collaborate with others to solve critical educational and human problems in a diverse global community." As Professor Bondy has said, "The problems facing children and schools are staggering, and the consequences of leaving them unsolved represent an unforgivable loss of human potential as well as mounting costs of future remediation." Where challenges are great, opportunities are greater. The College of Education welcomes both the challenges and the opportunities.

Interim Dean Ben F. Nelms



## Mission Statement

The mission of the College of Education is to prepare exemplary professional practitioners and scholars; to generate, use, and disseminate knowledge about teaching, learning, and human development; and to collaborate with others to solve critical educational and human problems in a diverse global community.

# THE NEFEC/UF

## *Collaborative Teacher Education Program*

BY NANCY L. CORBETT & PAUL T. SINDELAR

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) promises to provide every student with a disability a free, appropriate public education. Inherent in this promise is the right of every student to work with fully qualified professionals. The shortage of fully qualified special education teachers is severe. In 1996, nearly 10% of the teaching force - 29,000 special education teachers - were needed to fill vacancies and replace less than fully certified teachers (Boe, Cook, Bobbit, & Terhanian, 1998). Although traditional pre-service teacher education programs fill the demand for a portion of qualified teachers, the supply of special education teachers from traditional preparation programs is less than one quarter of the need (Boe, Cook, Kaufman, & Danielson, 1996). As a result, school districts often have no alternative other than to hire less than fully certified teachers for their Exceptional Student Education programs.

To fill the unmet need for fully prepared special education teachers, state departments of education, local school districts, and colleges of education have developed alternate routes to certification. Many alternate route programs target subgroups of potential teachers, including general education teachers, content experts, and paraprofessionals to supplement the supply of qualified special education teachers. Proponents of these programs argue that such subgroups possess the dispositions and foundational skills to become proficient teachers.

In January, 1999, the Department of Special Education at the University of Florida, in collaboration with the Northeast Florida Educational Consortium (NEFEC), was awarded a three-year grant by the Office of Special Education Programs of the U.S. Department of Education to provide a collaborative alternative personnel preparation program. NEFEC is a regional, non-profit

educational service delivery system established in 1976 by small and rural districts in Northeast Florida to provide cooperative services to schools and member districts. The districts that make up the consortium (Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Flagler, Gilchrist, Lafayette, Levy, Nassau, Putnam, and Union counties) are rural and have limited resources. They often have difficulty recruiting and retaining qualified teachers. The goal of the NEFEC/UF Collaborative Teacher Education Program is to increase the quantity and improve the quality of teachers of students with mild disabilities in NEFEC. The objective of the project is to recruit paraprofessionals with A.A. degrees employed by NEFEC in programs for students with disabilities to earn a degree in special education.

Recruitment and retention of qualified special education teachers is a perennial problem for many rural school districts. Turnover is often high, and the availability of appropriately prepared personnel is correspondingly low. Traditional teacher education programs often fail to prepare future special educators for

the realities of living and teaching in rural areas. Cultural and geographical isolation abounds, and support services are often lacking (Adelman, 1986; Helge, 1983; Helge & Marrs, 1982; Storey, 1993; Theobald, 1991). School districts in NEFEC are experiencing similar dilemmas. In some counties, up to 20% of mild disabilities positions were filled by "out-of-field" teachers (Critical Teacher Shortages, 1996), and it does not appear that this condition is likely to change.

The advantages of recruiting paraprofessionals for this project are many. The participants currently reside and are most likely to remain in these rural communities. In addition, they currently work as teacher assistants with students with disabilities and have authentic experiences working in rural special education settings. One principal described the paraprofessional-to-



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professional program as a way to “grow our own” teachers. “Paraprofessionals are aware of the school culture and instructional practices. If we can help them get through a program, we can hire them.”

The concept for this program is similar to a project that UF conducted a decade ago in collaboration with Volusia County. In that project, 18 paraprofessionals graduated and were employed as special education teachers. The design for this project is the same: the University of Florida offers the junior and senior year of the special education curriculum in a NEFEC district, in collaboration with NEFEC schools. Students complete 61 hours of UF’s three-year teacher education curriculum, attending classes taught by University of Florida faculty and district adjunct faculty for three intensive summer sessions and two school years. During both school years, participants complete two semesters of practica in the classrooms where they work receiving supervision from the project director. Graduates earn a Bachelor’s degree in special education and can be employed by the districts. With two years of successful teaching, graduates become eligible for special education certification upon recommendation of the employing district. Courses are offered at no cost to the participants, and they receive a stipend in summers to offset the loss of income due to full-time school attendance.

Recruitment for the NEFEC/UF Collaborative Teacher Education Program (also known as the Career Advancement Project or CAP) took place during spring semester, 1999. Flyers and letters advertising the project were sent to key stakeholders throughout north Florida and recruitment meetings were held for potential participants. The commitment to participate in this project is immense. Students must meet UF’s rather stringent admission requirements, continue their jobs as paraprofessionals, and engage in coursework for three years. In April, 1999, 10 paraprofessionals qualified for admission to UF and the project. This cohort of paraprofessionals began taking courses in May, 1999. A second cohort of five students entered the program in January, 2000. These students must take additional courses during fall and spring semesters to enable them to complete the program on time.

Paraprofessionals in Project CAP represent seven counties in north Florida: Alachua, Bradford, Baker, Clay, Duval, Lafayette, and Nassau. All of the participants are female. One is African American; all others are white. The students range in age from 23 - 54. Most are married with families, although two students are single. The demands on these women are great. They work full time, raise families, participate in their communities, and attend classes year-round for three years. Classes are held in Starke, Florida, a two and one-half hour round-trip commute for some. The students’ reasons for entering this program are similar. All intended to complete their

undergraduate education, but work, marriage, and families forced them to put plans on hold. Project CAP provided these women the opportunity to continue their education and achieve professional goals some have held since childhood:

“I’ve always wanted to be a teacher. I couldn’t afford [to go to college] right after high school because I was raising my brother. As a paraprofessional, I taught reading to at-risk kids and I loved it. I always said, ‘Someday, I’ll be a teacher.’ Now I have the opportunity.”

“Ever since I was little, I wanted to become a teacher. One of my favorite pastimes was playing school. I’d pretend to teach lessons my teacher had taught. I refocused on teaching when my kids were in school. I started volunteering and then became a paraprofessional.”

The transition from paraprofessional to professional is logical. Paraprofessionals know the school and classroom routines, and are familiar with the curriculum; most teach small groups

of students following the teacher’s lesson plans. Project CAP participants have worked as paraprofessionals for an average of five years and are eager to make the transition. Several express a desire to step-up from a paraprofessional to professional role to have greater influence in the classroom and take on more instructional responsibility:

“As a paraprofessional, you don’t always have that much input. I’d like to teach more social/personal [skills] and help kids understand that one person is good at

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*Most important of all, the paraprofessionals had a strong desire to “make a difference” in the lives of children with disabilities.*  
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*Paraprofessionals participate in group projects.*

something and maybe not at another.”

“There’s a different relationship between teacher and student and paraprofessional and student. I’d like to take the lead. Instead of wiping down tables and getting ready for the next activity, I’d like to teach students what they need to know.”

“With more education I have more opportunities to help kids set goals and work with them over the long

term. I'm not in this program just to get a diploma and make more money. I will be able to make a difference in a child's life."

Teachers and principals working with project participants believe as we do that CAP students have real potential to become qualified professionals: "[She's] able to handle spur of the moment decisions, she's self-motivated and committed. She's developing her own math activities. She'll be an outstanding teacher. I can't imagine her not being offered a position at our school."

"She plans with the other teachers, knows effective practices and uses the school's curriculum. She makes instructional decisions."

"They possess patience and understanding of the children they work with. They know the kids; they know interventions. The only thing they need is more confidence in their ability to be the teacher."

Because of the paraprofessionals' extensive classroom experience, instructors realized the need to adapt coursework. The students had valuable knowledge about school procedures and curriculum, and seemed comfortable within the classroom milieu. Perhaps most important of all, they had a strong desire to "make a difference" in the lives of children with disabilities. They needed more experience with instructional planning and decision making and expressed concern about being responsible for whole-group classroom management. They also worried about juggling the demands of student assessment, instruction, and ESE paperwork requirements. So the instructors considered the students' strengths and needs in planning courses; they were also faced with the unusual challenge of teaching off-campus.

To accommodate the summer schedule, instructors repackaged courses for two-week summer institutes, lasting six to seven hours a day. We took advantage of the paraprofessionals' full-time status in the classroom in fall and spring and designed projects that included observation, assessment, instruction, and monitoring progress of their own students. We also capitalized on our collaboration with NEFEC's Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource Services (FDLRS) to offer workshops in areas including Behavior Management, IEP and Matrix training, and Crisis Prevention Intervention. Guest speakers from NEFEC including classroom teachers, a school psychologist, an ESE director, and a Child Find specialist, provided us a local perspective and assisted us in bridging the gap between research and practice.

As the students progressed through the program, they formed close bonds of support and friendship. They've carpooled to class, met on weekends to complete projects and to study for tests, attended workshops, celebrated birthdays, shared their families' successes, and supported each other through personal problems and maintained a positive attitude throughout. As one student stated, "The first time I walked into this class I had no idea



Preservice teachers make classroom presentations.

how close we'd become."

Teachers and administrators working with students in the project have been highly supportive. Administrators have commented:

"It's a win-win situation for the kids and the school. What better way to find teachers than with paraprofessionals. They have maturity and an understanding of the kids. The classroom they work in is their proving ground. This is a great program."

"With the shortage of certified ESE teachers continuing to be a major concern for special education programs throughout the state, the NEFEC/UF paraprofessional program has been a light at the end of the tunnel. Project CAP helps districts secure certified ESE teachers. I can only hope that this type of program will be able to be replicated in other parts of the state."

At present, the students have taken half of their required coursework and anticipate completing the program in August, 2001. They see the "light at the end of the tunnel" when their sacrifices and hard work will pay off in the achievement of goals some have long deferred. They have developed a network

of colleagues that spans north Florida and formed enduring friendships. The participants in this alternate route program to teacher certification are also on their way to fulfilling the promise of IDEA- a promise that assures the right of all students with disabilities to be taught by a professional appropriately prepared to meet their needs.

*It's a win-win situation for the kids and the school. What better way to find teachers than with paraprofessionals?*

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# Marchman Named Teacher of the Year

P. K. Yonge's 2000 Teacher of the Year is Brian K. Marchman. Selected for this honor by fellow members of the school faculty, he represented the school May 17th-19th at the 13th Annual Burdines Florida Teacher of the Year Roundtable and Award Ceremony. A member of a family of longtime educators, Marchman serves as a teacher because he believes educators have the greatest opportunity to foster social justice and social change.

Marchman teaches 9th grade Civics. He joined the P. K. Yonge faculty in the Fall of 1997 after teaching for three years at Gulf High School in New Port Richey where he was selected the District School Board of Pasco County's Rookie Teacher of the Year.

Marchman's students have participated in the United States Youth Senate Program, the Florida Legislature's "Close-Up" Program, the Florida Mock Election, Great Florida Clean-Up, Alachua County Legislative Day, and have presented their class projects to local elected officials. He is especially proud of the work he has done with P. K. Yonge's ACTIONN! (Active Citizens Taking Initiative on Nature's Needs) project, as well as the Big Wave/Little Wave program. A group of ACTIONN! students was nominated for a Keep Alachua County Beautiful "Topping Off the Millennium" Award for their

work surrounding the environmental quality of Tumblin' Creek on the P. K. Yonge campus.

A member of the School Advisory, High School Restructuring, Code of Conduct, and School Improvement Committees, Marchman has worked to improve the quality of teaching and learning at P. K. Yonge. In addition, "Coach" Marchman is also a member of the Blue Wave Boys Basketball coaching staff.

Marchman has delivered presentations at state, national, and local conferences including Florida Learn and Serve, the Coalition of Essential Schools, and the National Service-Learning Conference. He is also active in the American Education Finance Association. He serves on the Board of Directors for two Boys and Girls Clubs and volunteers as often as possible.

Marchman received a B.A. in Political Science in 1993, a "PROTEACH" M.Ed. in Social Studies Education in 1994, and an Ed.S. in Educational Leadership in 1998, all from the University of Florida. He plans to complete a Doctorate in Educational Leadership this fall, concentrating on education policy and finance. His teaching interests include the Learn and Serve Program and providing students with the necessary understanding and skills to actively participate in a representative democracy.



*Brian Marchman, P. K. Yonge Teacher of the Year.*

## P. K. Yonge Student Citizens Take ACTION



A group of 9th grade students at P. K. Yonge Developmental Research School have received the "Gold" award at the Keep Alachua County Beautiful (KACB) "Topping Off the Millennium" Awards Ceremony. Stacy Dyson, Leah Deese, Robert Egberts, Jenny Gottschalch and Marie Sedlacek were selected based on their research and volunteer work on the water quality of Tumblin' Creek which flows through the P. K. Yonge campus.

As part of an ACTIONN! (Active Citizens Taking Initiative On Nature's Needs) project in Brian Marchman's Civics class, the students conducted water quality tests and

identified possible sources of contamination. The students also participated in the April 8th KACB Great American Clean-up by removing over 750 lbs. of trash in and around Tumblin' Creek.

The P. K. Yonge student ACTIONN! team was nominated for the award by Gainesville resident Dr. Richard Fry in the "Club and Community Organization" category. Marchman and his students received the first place KACB award at the new University of Florida Hotel & Conference Center on May 19th. A six-foot commemorative black obelisk will be placed in Gainesville's Downtown Plaza along with a walkway of brick pavers featuring the names of the award recipients. A replica of the award has been placed in P. K. Yonge's main office.

The KACB award recognizes the achievements of successful Alachua County individuals, programs, public and private organizations who are taking greater responsibility for enhancing their community environment. Programs and activities which most sustain individual responsibility, positive citizen action, community revitalization, and public/private partnerships for environmental improvement were selected for the KACB "Topping Off the Millennium" Awards.

# Collaboration Strengthens Programs

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There is much to be gained when K-12 practitioners and higher education faculty work together. It is an opportunity for practice to inform instruction at the college level and for the expertise of college faculty to enhance practice at the school level. This is the reason our university has a developmental research school and this was the motivation that led to the collaborative program now in place between P. K. Yonge and the Department of Counselor Education.

When a guidance counselor position became open at P. K. Yonge for the 2000-01 school year, the options were to fill the position with another guidance counselor or create a new paradigm for the counseling office. We decided to develop a new structure and were eager to work with the college's Department of Counselor Education, one of the top programs in the country. Our faculties had already collaborated on our summer reading program, SAIL, Summer Adventures in Literacy, and we knew that this was the time to further our collaboration. Harry Daniels, professor and department chair, had been an important contributor to the SAIL program both in the organizational phase and in the actual implementation of the program. Our shared beliefs that student success is greatly increased when students' affective needs are acknowledged and when families are involved in relevant ways guided our work. These beliefs helped us design a program that focuses on a K-12 developmental guidance approach and an emphasis on helping faculty develop skills for collaborative problem solving that invites participants to listen to teacher, student, and parent perspectives.

Ellen S. Amatea, professor of Counselor Education, had also worked with our teachers, parents and students in the SAIL program and was interested in continued collaboration to inform her own work as well as see how theory "played out" in a real school setting. Daniels' enthusiastic support for this program and for Amatea's involvement in it, has been instrumental in making the ideas become reality. The skills that Amatea brings to our school have enabled us to look at conferencing differently, and she has provided us with models and materials to make the work easier. Her involvement with the guidance staff in their weekly meetings has brought focus and an "outside" perspective to the daily work of school.

The salary savings gained from Amatea's 30%

assignment to P. K. Yonge has enabled Daniels to offer two three-year graduate assistantships. This allows graduate students to develop "on-the-job" skills and experiences while they are immersed in the doctoral program. Nancy Bringman and Rew Woodruff are the first two students to be involved in this program. Bringman's experiences as an elementary school counselor and Woodruff's work as a counselor at the secondary level are a nice fit in our K-12 school. They are an integral part of our counseling staff, and we are fortunate to have them as part of our faculty. We will be exploring ways to integrate their research agendas with the work they are doing at P. K. Yonge. Making significant connections between their doctoral work and their practical experiences in a K-12 setting is a primary goal of our collaboration. This will strengthen their doctoral studies and provide relevant research to P. K. Yonge. Additionally, Amatea's experiences at P. K. Yonge are informing her own work regarding the dynamics of parent, student, and teacher interactions.

This new program has provided us with an opportunity to scrutinize the organization of our K-12 guidance services to accommodate the new staff and to refocus our efforts. David Capaz, our guidance director, along with our counselors, Delphene Jackson and Norma Spurlock, have worked diligently to make this an effective transition. We are encouraged by the positive interactions that are taking place as we develop this cooperative program. We are already benefiting by the staff development opportunities we have had through Amatea's involvement with this program. The P. K. Yonge faculty has the opportunity for small group work with Amatea as they focus on developing new ways to work effectively with parents and students. The graduate students help deliver the developmental guidance program throughout the school and are involved in providing staff development for the faculty.

The positive integration of the K-12 setting as a real laboratory for doctoral work and the collaborative efforts of our faculties to find new ways to effectively involve families in school success is encouraging. This collaborative effort has already enriched our thinking and our actions both at the school and within the Department of Counselor Education. Additionally, we are hopeful that this program will serve as a model for further collaborative work within the college and throughout the UF campus.

# *New Administrative Team Leads College of Education*

July 1, 2000 brought a new leadership team to the College of Education. Ben F. Nelms, formerly director of the School of Teaching and Learning, accepted the role of interim dean at the beginning of the new fiscal year. Nelms has been a faculty member since 1990 in the field of English education; previously, he was professor of English education at the University of Missouri. He assumed directorship of the School of Teaching and Learning in 1998.

Rodman B. Webb, a faculty member in the Department of Educational Psychology, was appointed associate dean for academic affairs in August 2000. Webb joined the faculty in 1971 and has taught courses in social foundations and qualitative research. The associate dean for academic affairs has primary responsibility for the ongoing operations of the College. He serves as a resource for the faculty, works with department chairs on issues of tenure and promotion, and serves as liaison to select external groups.

M. David Miller, professor in Educational Psychology, was appointed chair of the department in June, 2000. Miller had served as interim chair since 1998. Dorene D. Ross was appointed interim director of the School of Teaching and Learning in July, 2000. Ross has been a faculty member since 1979.

## **Alumni Board News**

Following elections in September, the Alumni Board has welcomed new officers and members. David DeRuzzo was elected president, and he is joined by Kathy Mizereck, the new vice president, and Maria Sorli, the new secretary. The following board members were also elected to three-year positions, which will end in 2003: Jim Brandenburg, Adrienne Garcia, Thomas Hagler, Scott Rose, Sue Street, Diane Thompson and Theresa Vernetson.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be Saturday, December 9 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## **Seventh Annual Critical Issues in Education Conference**

The College of Education Alumni Board of Directors invites all alumni, educators, and students to attend its seventh annual conference, to be held February 2-3, 2001, at the University Hotel and Conference Center. This year's topic is "Improving Literacy Across the Curriculum: The Challenge of Standards-Based Reform." The featured speaker for Friday's workshop session is Dick Allington, professor in the School of Teaching and Learning at the University of Florida's College of Education. Keynote speakers for Saturday's conference are Gerald Duffy of Michigan State University and Susan Ohanian, educator and author. Concurrent sessions topics include fostering fluency in struggling readers, using discussion in literature, and inclusion issues in literacy. One hour of graduate credit can be earned for attending Friday and Saturday, and completing an outside assignment.

*Conference registration fees are as follows:*

Friday workshop, dinner and breaks	\$75.00	
Saturday conference, continental breakfast, lunch, and breaks	\$90.00	
Friday and Saturday	\$150.00	
Graduate credit tuition	\$151.67	In-state
	\$530.43	Out-of-state
Hotel room at conference hotel	\$107.00	

For more information about the conference and registration, contact Barzella Papa, bpapa@coe.ufl.edu, 392-0726, extension 248. Hotel phone number: (352) 378-0070.

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# FACULTY NEWS

## NEW FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

### **Mary Ann Clark, Assistant Professor, Counselor Education**

Mary Ann Clark received her Ph.D. in counselor education, specializing in school counseling, at the University of Florida in 1998. She earned her M.Ed. in guidance and counseling at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and her B.A. in psychology from Wake Forest University. She is a National Certified Counselor.

Clark was an assistant professor in the Department of Educational Leadership and Counseling at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia from August 1998 to July 2000. She taught school counseling and internship courses, and was involved in a number of initiatives with the Norfolk public schools. Her research interests include working with preservice teachers and counselors in professional development schools and examining social learning as a variable in influencing classroom climate. Prior school-based experiences include school counseling, being a high school assistant principal, and working as coordinator of pupil services.

### **Lamont Flowers, Assistant Professor, Educational Leadership, Policy, and Foundations**

Lamont Flowers attended the University of Iowa, where he received his M.A. in social studies education in 1998, and his Ph.D. in higher education in 2000. Flowers also has a B.A. in accounting from Virginia Commonwealth University, where he graduated magna cum laude. He was a visiting assistant professor at Indiana University in summer 2000 and was the manager of the Afro-American Cultural Center at the University of Iowa from 1998 - 2000. Prior to completing his doctorate, Flowers taught secondary social studies in the Iowa public schools.

For his doctoral dissertation, Flowers studied cognitive effects of college and differences between African American and Caucasian students. His other research has focused on African American college students' learning for self-understanding, and higher education curriculum. Flowers has made presentations at the Association for the Study of Higher Education conference, the National Conference on Student Retention, and Holmes Partnership Conference, and has publications in *Educational Research Quarterly*, *The Journal of College Student Development*, and *The Professional Educator*.

### **Holly B. Lane, Assistant Professor, Special Education**

Holly Lane completed her undergraduate and graduate studies in special education at the University of Florida. A member of the advisory board of FDLRS-Springs, she has also served as a professor-in-residence at Williams Elementary School. While teaching courses related to reading acquisition and reading disabilities, Lane, who trains students to be reading tutors in public schools, works with Gainesville Reads, the university's answer to the America Reads Challenge.

Lane has been the supervisor of a work adjustment program for adults with developmental disabilities, a resident ad-

viser in a community-based group living facility, an educational assessment specialist, and a tutor/consultant for students with learning disabilities at the elementary through postsecondary levels. Her current research interests include the prevention of reading problems through appropriate early instruction, the issues facing college students with learning disabilities and the role of field experience in teacher education.

### **Tracy Linderholm, Assistant Professor, Educational Psychology**

Tracy Linderholm graduated from the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis with a Ph.D. in educational psychology in the summer of 2000. She also holds an M.A. in psychology from California State University in Sacramento and a B.S. in journalism from the University of Kansas.

Before appointment at the University of Florida, Tracy was a fellow at the National Institute of Mental Health, University of Minnesota Center for Cognitive Sciences. Her research interests include the cognitive processes underlying reading comprehension, the effect of purpose on reading strategies, text structure and reader inference, and the relation of reading skill differences to working memory capacity. Linderholm has made presentations at the Annual Meeting of the Psychonomics Society, the Annual Meeting for the Society for Text and Discourse, and Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association.

### **Randall Penfield, Assistant Professor, Educational Psychology**

Randall Penfield received his Ph.D. in educational statistics and measurement from the University of Toronto in 2000. He also holds a B.S. from the University of Toronto and an M.A. from York University. Before coming to the University of Florida, Penfield was a senior statistician and psychometrician at the Education Quality and Accountability Office in Toronto, and a statistician at both the Datahost Research Group and the Center for the Advancement of Measurement, Evaluation, Research, and Assessment at the University of Toronto.

Penfield has made presentations at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society for the Study of Education, the Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Educational Research Association, and the Annual Meeting of the Society for Neuroscience. He currently has a book in press, *Assessing Differential Item Functioning Across Multiple Groups: A Comparison of Three Mantel-Haenszel Procedures*.

### **Rose M. Pringle, Assistant Professor, School of Teaching and Learning**

Rose Pringle received her Ph.D. in science education from Florida State University. Pringle's research interests include working with in-service and pre-service teachers in reframing assessment from only a value judgment to a tool for continuous improvement. She is also a reviewer of the *Electronic Journal of Science Education (EJSE)*.

# FACULTY NEWS

## Diane Y. Silva, Assistant Professor, School of Teaching and Learning

Diane Yendol Silva is a 1999 graduate of The Pennsylvania State University's College of Education. Prior to returning to doctoral studies, Silva taught elementary school for 13 years in a variety of urban, suburban, and rural contexts, grades pre-k through 6. Throughout her tenure in the public schools, Silva focused on elementary social studies curriculum writing efforts and presented at many state and national social studies meetings.

Her doctoral work focused on teacher professional growth in the areas of supervision, staff development, teacher leadership, mentoring, teacher research, and creating schools as learning organizations. Her dissertation entitled "Mentor Teachers' Ways of Being and Knowing in a Professional Development School" examined the ways mentors construct their work with interns and grow professionally within a professional development school. She is also the primary investigator for the Baltimore City Public Schools Mentoring Evaluation which is an intensive three year effort to recruit and retain new teachers in Baltimore City.

## Sevan Terzian, Assistant Professor, Educational Leadership, Policy and Foundations

Sevan G. Terzian received his B.A. cum laude in history at Cornell University in 1991. He then earned an M.A. in history at Indiana University in 1993. In December 2000, he will receive the Ph.D. degree in history of education and American studies from Indiana University. His dissertation is titled, "The Emergence of a Comprehensive High School: Ithaca High School in Ithaca, New York, 1874-1941."

Professor Terzian's scholarly interests include the history of schools and popular culture, and the nature and history of intellectual communities. He is a member of the History of Education Society.

## Campbell Winner of American Association of Community Colleges' National Leadership Award

Dale F. Campbell, professor in Educational Leadership, Policy, and Foundations and director of the Institute of Higher Education at the University of Florida, is the winner of this year's American Association of Community Colleges' National Leadership Award. Representing the leadership of over 1200 colleges, the AACC honored Campbell at the opening session of its annual convention in Washington, D.C. The award is given to persons who demonstrate a long-term and significant contribution to community colleges.

## Howard-Hamilton Receives S. Earl Thompson Award

Mary Howard-Hamilton, associate professor in Educational Leadership, Policy, and Foundations, received the S. Earl Thompson Award from the Association for College and University Housing Officers - International at their meeting in Pittsburg on July 8, 2000. This award was in recognition of her contributions to the field of student affairs, particularly housing.

## New Publications

Art Sandeen, professor in Educational Leadership, Policy, and Foundations, is the author of a recently published book entitled *Improving Leadership in Student Affairs Administration: A Case Approach*. The book provides 18 cases on very diverse issues that are intended to provide learning opportunities for those who aspire to become student affairs leaders. The book was published by Charles C. Thomas, Publisher, Ltd.

Ruth Lowery, assistant professor in the School of Teaching and Learning, has just published *Immigrants in Children's Literature*. The book reviews the way immigrants are represented in 19 children's literature books that were used in one school district in a social studies/language arts unit on immigration.

## In Memoriam

### David Lane

David Lane, a retired professor of counseling and educational psychology, died following complications from heart surgery in September. He was 82. Lane received his bachelor's degree in English from the University of Maryland. He later earned a master's degree in guidance and a doctorate in counseling psychology from Columbia University. During World War II, he also served in the U.S. Army Air Force. Before coming to the University of Florida in 1954, Lane worked as an instructor at Columbia University and an assistant professor at Clark University in

Massachusetts. His work was included in publications like *The Vocational Guidance Quarterly* and *The Education Digest*.

Lane left UF in 1975 and began working in a private practice, which he retired from in 1994. Lane's wife, Esther Porter Lane, preceded him in death. He is survived by his daughters, Jennifer Alice Lane of Gainesville, and Susan Porter Lane of Blacksburg, Virginia; Susan Lane's husband, Dilip K. Shome; a sister, Barbara Lane of New York; and one granddaughter, Shonali Shome, of Arlington, Virginia.

# *Dissertations Completed in the College of Education*

## *Fall, Summer, and Spring 1999-2000*

Student	Dissertation Title	Department	Chair
Virginia Abernathy	<i>A Descriptive Case Study of a Florida School District's Human Resource Management Development Plan: Preparing New Principals Program</i>	Educational Leadership, Policy, and Foundations	James Doud
Narendra Anopchand	<i>The Impact of Expressive Writing on Prospective Teachers' Sense of Efficacy, Stress, Burnout, and Satisfaction with Teaching</i>	Educational Psychology	Patricia Ashton
Preetha Bhat	<i>Phonological Awareness Instruction for Middle School Students with Reading Problems</i>	Special Education	Paul T. Sindelar
Judith Hornyak Bilsky	<i>Student Satisfaction among Select Demographic Groups at a Florida Community College</i>	Educational Leadership, Policy, and Foundations	Dale F. Campbell
Barbara Bush	<i>Factors that Support or Impede Full Institutionalization of the Middle School Concept</i>	Educational Leadership, Policy, and Foundations	Phillip M. Clark
Tina Calderone	<i>Incident Rates of Sexual Harassment of Female Instructional Staff Members in the Florida Community College System</i>	Educational Leadership, Policy, and Foundations	Philip Clark
Anna-Marie Cote	<i>Leadership Orientation Frames of Florida Elementary Principals in Relationship to School Context and Principal Characteristics</i>	Educational Leadership, Policy, and Foundations	James Doud
Steven Davis	<i>White Preservice Teachers' Dilemmas in Mentoring African American Children and Youth</i>	School of Teaching and Learning	Elizabeth Bondy
Sara-Maria Deese-Becht	<i>Modeling the Effects of Multicontextual Physics Instruction on Learner Expectations and Understanding of Force and Motion Systems</i>	School of Teaching and Learning	Roy Bolduc
Nancy Demopoulos-Roberts	<i>Teachers' and Principals' Perceptions of Principal Influence on Teacher Learning</i>	Educational Leadership, Policy, and Foundations	James Doud
Tashawna Kay Duncan	<i>Preservice Teachers' Beliefs about Developmentally Appropriate Practices and Behavioral Techniques and Practices in Early Childhood Teacher Preparation Programs</i>	Educational Psychology	John Kranzler
Lisa Eaton	<i>Effectiveness of TransCen Developed Workshops: School/Business Partnerships</i>	Special Education	Stewart Schwartz
Brenda Fetrow	<i>An Assessment of the Condition of Instructional Facilities in Florida's Community Colleges</i>	Educational Leadership, Policy, and Foundations	David Honeyman
Sean Alan Forbes	<i>Acculturation, Family Characteristics, Gender and Identity Development of African American, Hispanic, and Caucasian Adolescents</i>	Educational Psychology	Patricia Ashton
Emily Goldstein	<i>The Validity of the Slosson Intelligence Test-Revised with Children Referred for Psychoeducational Assessment</i>	Educational Psychology	John Kranzler
Tiffany Hamilton	<i>Effects of Transition-grade Placement on Young Children's Perceived Academic Competence</i>	Educational Psychology	John Kranzler
Theresa Harrison	<i>Educational Due Process and the Adjudicated Youth: A Legal Analysis of School District Policy, Procedures, and Practices in Florida</i>	Educational Leadership, Policy, and Foundations	R. Craig Wood
Elizabeth Hodge	<i>A Study of the Implementation of State Policies Related to Distance Education</i>	Educational Leadership, Policy, and Foundations	David Honeyman
Diana Kay Joyce	<i>Temperament-Based Learning Styles of Children with Conduct Disorder and Oppositional Defiant Disorder</i>	Educational Psychology	Thomas Oakland
Tanice Y. Knopp	<i>The Role of Beliefs in Effecting Change in Classroom Practices: A Case Study of Four Teachers of Students with Serious Emotional Disturbance</i>	Special Education	Stephen W. Smith
Dawn M. Kutza	<i>The Role of Prior Beliefs, Refutational Text, Intrinsic and Extrinsic Goals, and Extrinsic Reward Structure in the Conceptual Change of Preservice Teachers</i>	Educational Psychology	Gordon Greenwood
Sarah Martin	<i>The Influence of Outdoor School Year Experiences on Elementary Students' Environmental Knowledge, Attitudes, Behaviors and Comfort Levels</i>	School of Teaching and Learning	Linda Cronin-Jones
Janet McNellis	<i>Pregnancy and Paradigms: Possibilities for Empowerment</i>	Educational Psychology	Rodman Webb
Paige Cullen Pullen	<i>The Effects of Alphabetic Word Work with Manipulative Letters on the Reading Acquisition of Struggling First-Grade Students</i>	Special Education	Cecil D. Mercer

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Rose Raska	<i>An Examination of the History of Immigration and Education Legislation, Emphasizing Plyler v. Doe and California's Proposition 187 with Education Policy Implications for Undocumented Immigrant Students in the State of Florida</i>	Educational Leadership, Policy, and Foundations	David Honeyman
Mary Duram Sarver	<i>A Study of the Relationship between Personal and Environmental Factors Bearing on Self-Determination and the Academic Success of University Students with Learning Disabilities</i>	Special Education	Vivan Correa
Jason Brian Storch	<i>The Relationship between Neutralization Theory and Academic Dishonesty: A Comparison of Athletes and Non-Athletes</i>	Educational Leadership, Policy, and Foundations	Phillip A. Clark
Matthew Wanzenberg	<i>The Fiscal Paradox of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (PL 101-476): A Federal Policy Analysis</i>	Educational Leadership, Policy, and Foundations	R. Craig Wood
James Watson	<i>The Impact of Attending a College Orientation Class Upon Retention, Persistence, and Time to Degree Completion of First-time Community College Students</i>	Counselor Education	Gerardo Gonzalez
Sharon Betty Whigham	<i>Performance-Funding Indicators at Two-year Postsecondary Institutions: Developing a Value-added Model for Equitable Funding</i>	Educational Leadership, Policy, and Foundations	David Honeyman
Veronica White	<i>Racial Identity Development among Black Students at an Historically Black and Predominantly White University of Florida</i>	Educational Leadership, Policy, and Foundations	Mary Howard-Hamilton
David Whittinghill	<i>Identification of the Initial Curriculum Components for the Preparation of Graduate-Level Substance Abuse Counselors</i>	Counselor Education	Larry C. Loesch
Hon Keung Yuen	<i>The Impact of Multiple Imputations on the Estimation of Coefficient Alpha</i>	Educational Psychology	M. David Miller
Stan Zabetakis	<i>The Relationship Between Organizational Culture and Job Satisfaction for Community College Chief Business Officers</i>	Educational Leadership, Policy, and Foundations	David Honeyman

## **College of Education** *Forms Opportunity Alliance Partnerships*

MARY ARCHITZEL

Lessons from the College of Education are not limited to Norman Hall. In fact, thanks to Opportunity Alliance, a statewide initiative pairing universities with selected public schools, the college's influence spans from Jacksonville to Miami.

This spring marks the end of the first year of a partnership between UF and Miami Senior High School and Jacksonville's Raines Senior and Ribault Senior High Schools. It is a university-wide effort spearheaded by the college that continues to produce innovative responses to today's educational issues.

"It offers us an opportunity to learn about issues of urban school settings," said Mickie Miller, the UF liaison for the partner schools.

There are more than 30 such partnerships around the state. These are mutually beneficial relationships where university students can serve as interns and faculty can conduct research while the public schools reap the benefits of on-site training and special programs.

"One of the benefits of the partnership will be strengthening our teacher-education program," Miller said.



*Opportunity Alliance partners engage in reflection about teaching.*

Last summer, 19 UF faculty and administrators from the college, P. K. Yonge Developmental Research School and Academic Affairs participated in the Summer Leadership Institute. More than 30 teachers and administrators from UF's three partner schools traveled to Gainesville to participate in programs dealing with everything from teachers as counselors to using technology in the classroom. Plans for next year's institute are already being made.

# EDUGATOR NEWS

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1948

**Charles H. Hamblen, Jr., MAE '48**, selected for the basketball "Team of the Century" at Carson-Newman College, is professor emeritus of political science at DeKalb College.

1960

**Ora Jean (Wiggins) Henry, MEd '60**, retired in 1994 from the Pine View School for the Gifted after 24 years. On June 20, 2000, a donation of \$1,000 was made by the JCPenney Golden Rule Awards in Henry's name to the Education Foundation for her exemplary volunteer service with the Edge of Excellence Classroom Grants program and to the community of Sarasota County, Florida. Henry was also awarded the Good Heart Award in April of this year.



1961

**Virginia A. (Rhoads) Rothstein, BAE '61**, taught elementary level students at Sunland Training Center in Gainesville (1961-1962) and in the Salt Lake City public school system. She earned her MS '80 in special education from the University of Utah and taught self-contained learning disabled and communication disordered elementary and junior high students. Rothstein earned a gifted and talented certification and currently teaches an accelerated fifth grade class in a public magnet school.

1970

**Harris Green, EdS '70, EdD '71**, retired from teaching a few years ago to operate his Leisure Learning Company. Recently Green created an educational service for the mountain resort where he lives with his wife entitled Expanded Horizons, a program offering short courses ranging from "sacred geometry" to the "intangibles" of golf. More information is available on the following web page: [bigcanoe.com/ehorizons](http://bigcanoe.com/ehorizons).

**Robert J. "Bob" Stahl, MEd '70, EdD '75**, serving as a "Special Scholar" for the U.S. Department of State, was the keynote speaker in Singapore at the first International Social Studies Conference held in Southeast Asia. He conducted seminars at the National Institute of Education in Singapore before conducting seminars or lectures for faculty and students at the Hong Kong Institute of Education and consulted with members of the Ministry of Education on instructional and curriculum reform. In January 2000 the Chulalongkorn Education Review in Bangkok published his article on cooperative learning. Stahl also traveled to Geneva, Switzerland and Oxford, England in August of 2000 to work with faculty members there on several joint research and authorship projects.

1971

**Madeline G. (Shwake) Siegel, BAE '71**, teaches at Norland Elementary in Miami, Florida.

**Judy (Pofahl) Skinner, MEd '71**, is executive director and resident choreographer of DANCE ALIVE!, a professional ballet company based in Gainesville, Florida that serves as Florida's State Touring Company. Skinner is also the owner of Pofahl Studios, a forty-six-year-old Gainesville dance studio. She was recently awarded her third Florida Individual Fellowship in Choreography from the State of Florida. One of her works that resulted in the award, *Incertezza*, was performed in Sophia, Bulgaria in June of 2000. On June 27, 2000, Skinner was also awarded the 2000 Nancy Smith Award by the Florida Dance Association "for an individual who has consistently demonstrated outstanding leadership and excellence in dance in Florida."

1974

**Thomas V. Gammon, BAE '74**, is a teacher of 9th grade leadership development and law studies and department chairperson at Miami Springs Senior High School as well as a member of the Florida League of Teachers. Formerly receiving the 1990 Milken National Educator Award and the 1997 Miami-Dade County Teacher of the Year award, Gammon was selected in June 2000 to meet with President Clinton during the White House Strategy Session on Educating Hispanic Students.

**Annella L. (Buckmaster) Martin, BAE '74**, is assistant principal at Sunray Elementary School (opening in the Fall of 2000) in Holiday, Florida.

1975

**Samuel L. Wright, BA '74, MEd '75**, a founding member of the Zeta Phi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Pi Fraternity, Inc., is the director of Multicultural Admissions at the University of South Florida in Tampa, Florida and also the Minister of Music at the Temple Terrace Community Church. Wright is the father of two children: Samuel Lamar, Jr., age 10, and Samaria Elizabeth, age 8. Email at USF: [slwright@admin.usf.edu](mailto:slwright@admin.usf.edu). Email at home: [res03fgu@gte.net](mailto:res03fgu@gte.net)



1976

**Deborah L. Green, BAE '76**, is a full-time RN with Acton Medical Associates in Massachusetts and also a single adoptive parent of a boy, Matthew, in 1997.

1978

**Linda Gail Hendrick, MAE '78**, has now retired due to disability suffered as a result of an attack by a student.

**Roberta "Robin" (Ellingham) Seavey, BAE '78, MEd '80**, in her 24th year of teaching, is a Reading Specialist in the Fairfax County Public Schools (Virginia) and the mother of two.

1980

**Donald J. D. "Jay" Mulkerne, PhD '80**, joined Coastal Neurological Institute's Physical Medicine Division in Mobile, Alabama as Director of Behavioral Medicine. A son, "Jack," was born on July 18th of this year. Currently, Mulkerne is working on a novel.

**Christina M. (Garwood) Vogler, BAE '80**, is a school community specialist at Benito Middle School and a five star school coordinator for the Hillsborough County Schools, Tampa, Florida. Vogler was named 1999 PTA President of the Year for Hillsborough County and also New Tampa Citizen of the Year.

1986

**Jeffrey R. Welsh, BAE '86**, teaches 4th grade at Antioch Elementary School in Florida. Welsh obtained an MEd this year in educational leadership and was named Florida District Teacher of the Year 2000-2001.

1988

**Laurie Gottry Young, MEd '88**, was the recipient this year of the Award of Excellence in Classroom Teaching given by the Education Foundation of Indian River County, Florida. A cash award was given as well as a matching cash award to her school, Fellsmere Elementary.

1989

**Carolyn E. Poole, PhD '89**, Director of Library Services at Chipola Junior College in Marianna, Florida, was elected to the Executive Committee of the College Center for Library Automation (CCLA), a two-year advisory role reporting to the Florida State Board of Community Colleges on statewide progress of automating library systems. Poole was also selected to serve on the Delivery Council for the Florida Distance Learning Library Initiative (DLLI), representing the resource sharing interests of all Panhandle public and academic libraries that participate in a statewide document delivery courier system.

1991

**Karol L. (Brockhouse) McGinn, EdS '91**, is a psychotherapist in private practice at Pathways Counseling Center in Spring Hill, Florida.

1992

**Tammy J. (Beauchamp) Cohen, BA '92**, is a teacher at Westside Elementary in Palm Bay, Fla.

**Kimberly A. Sheffield, BAE '92**, is a registered nurse at Hand Surgery Associates in Denver, Colorado.

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# EDUGATOR NEWS

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**1993**

**Glenn Buck, EdD '93**, an associate professor of education and human development at Lynchburg College (Virginia), has been appointed the Elizabeth M. Forsyth Professor in Education and Human Development, an endowed professorship which became effective in July of this year. The professorship supports the involvement of a college faculty member with Elizabeth's Early Learning Center of which Mrs. Forsyth was a founder. Buck is also the 1999 recipient of the Elsie E. Bock Faculty Citizenship Award for campus and community service subsequent to joining the Lynchburg College faculty in 1993.

**1995**

**Crosby, Matthew J., MEd '95**, is a technology program trainer for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Crosby works for the "U. S. Library Program" within the "Libraries and

Public Access to Information" initiative, a department that trains librarians and system administrators how to use and sustain the public access computer systems that the foundation grants to them.

**1996**

**Barbara V. (Vanderhoek) Pepper, PhD '96**, currently works as a guidance counselor in Florida.

**1997**

**Erin A. (Kennedy) Fredd, BA '97, MEd '98**, teaches first grade at Moody Elementary in Bradenton, Florida.

**1999**

**Kristina Kelly, BA '99, MEd '00**, teaches second grade at Golden Terrace Elementary in Naples, Florida and is currently planning her own wedding for November 18, 2000, while

also coordinating two other weddings.

**2001**

**Michelle Norman, MEd '01**, was named Outstanding Sophomore by Inroads, an organization that sponsors internships for college students. Norman is a student in the Unified Early Childhood ProTeach program.

**Athena West, MEd '01**, received a Gates Millennium Scholarship for academic year 2000-2001. West is a student in the Elementary ProTeach program.

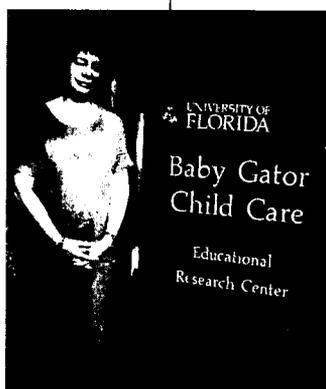
**Correction:**

**Bonnie S. Kramer, MEd 69**, has edited several publications for GIE Publishing, but she has not written for the company, as previously noted in the Spring, 2000 issue. Her husband, Richard (PhD, Entomology) writes for GIE Publishing.

## BABY GATOR

### Gains Continued Accreditation

Baby Gator Educational Research Center for Child Development at the University of Florida was recently granted continued accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). This is the third time that Baby Gator has been accredited. Included in this accreditation is the Infant and Toddler Center. "I think this is quite an achievement for a program that has been open for less than a year. The Commission commended us on nine out of ten areas of consideration," said Ruth Elswood, Baby Gator director. This prestigious recognition has been achieved by approximately 7% of early childhood programs nationwide - some 7,448 programs as of June 2000, service 684,103 children. NAEYC accreditation is a rigorous, voluntary process by which early childhood programs demonstrate that they meet national standards of excellence. Child care centers, preschools, kindergartens, and before and after school programs are eligible to seek NAEYC accreditation. Approximately 15,000 programs are engaged in seeking accreditation. Programs seeking accreditation undergo an intensive self-study, collecting information from parents, teachers, administrators, and classroom observations. They receive on-site visit, conducted by early childhood professionals



Ruth Elswood at Baby Gator.

especially trained by NAEYC, to validate their self-study results. All of this information is independently reviewed by a team of national experts who grant or defer accreditation. When awarded, accreditation is valid for three years. "The heart of NAEYC accreditation focuses on the child's experience," said Elswood. The process carefully considers all aspects of a program including health and safety, staffing, staff qualifications, and physical environment. The greatest emphasis is on the children's relationships with the staff and how the program helps each child grow and learn intellectually, physically, socially, and emotionally. NAEYC accreditation began in 1985, with the first program accredited in 1986. NAEYC is the nation's oldest and largest organization of early childhood professionals dedicated to improvement of quality early childhood education. NAEYC established accreditation in response to the growing number of American children spending large amounts of time in group settings away from home, and the uneven and often inadequate consumer protection afforded by state licensing of child care facilities. Baby Gator is a Center in the College of Education and is located on the campus of the University of Florida.

# Professors-in-Residence: Renewing the Connections

MARY ARCHITZEL

Hundreds of colorful handprints dance across the front hall of Lawton Chiles Elementary School. Chiles, which first opened its doors last year, seems similar to schools across the nation; yet something is different there—something new and exciting.

Standing by a bulletin board covered in faculty pictures, Lee Mullally has something to do with that excitement. Mullally, an associate professor in the School of Teaching and Learning at the University of Florida, is also a professor-in-residence at Chiles. His position there is part of an initiative started two years ago to link the theories taught in UF classrooms to practical applications found only in elementary school classrooms.

“What we’re doing is spending the majority of our time actually in the school,” Mullally explained.

The goals of the Professor-in-Residence program are specific. By placing themselves in an area school one day a week, the professors hope to bridge the gap between the university and school community. Elementary education undergraduate and graduate students, local school personnel and students and the professors themselves are benefiting from the program, Mullally said.

Four college faculty members are working as professors in residence this year. They are in schools where their expertise is needed most, which allows them to focus on topics they enjoy teaching.

For Mullally, his focus remains decidedly upon graduate students. At Chiles, Mullally coordinates a site-based master’s program that gives students the chance to attend graduate-level classes while working full time in an elementary school as an intern. Initiated last year with 12 graduate students, the program extended this year to include Joseph Williams Elementary and six beginning interns. The project has generated a favorable response and its effect has been far-reaching, Mullally said.

“We’re able to recruit people to the College of Education,” he said. “The impact here [at Chiles] is that we’ve got students learning the newest techniques and then

coming out here and actually employing them.”

Holly Lane, a professor-in-residence last spring at Williams and an assistant professor in the Department of Special Education at UF, agrees that the benefits of the program are multifaceted.

“It’s really a two-way street,” Lane commented. “The more time I spend in schools, the more grounded I stay, which makes me more credible with my [UF] students.”

At Williams, Lane’s main focus was increasing literacy among primary-grade students. Williams already had a school-wide program to increase literacy, but Lane’s presence helped reinforce those efforts. Among her proudest achievements was the placement of 30 to 45 tutors at Williams.

“It was really nice to have one location where I could place a lot of students,” Lane said.

Lane also helped prepare school programs, including a parent “make and leave,” which gave parents a chance to make decorations for their children’s classrooms. That program brought in about 60 parents on a weekday night. Successes like that convince Lane of the program’s bright future, she said.



*Holly Lane helps a kindergartener at Williams Elementary with a class project. Lane spent much of last year working to increase literacy at Williams.*



*Lee Mullally discusses different ways to present a social studies lesson with Rachel Hohman, a graduate teaching intern. Hohman works at Chiles Elementary with Aimee Pricher, a third grade teacher.*



*John Gregory holds up a clock as Natalie Turner, a student at Prairie View Elementary, eagerly volunteers the answer. Gregory specializes in teaching mathematics, but he has taught a variety of subjects while working as a professor-in-residence.*

"It would be nice if every school could have someone to work with," she commented. "It creates a lot of goodwill between the university and local schools."

Ruth Lowery, a professor-in-residence at the Caring and Sharing Learning Center Inc. and an assistant professor in the School of Teaching and Learning, also said she saw a strong future for such programs. The beginning of the fall semester marked Lowery's first experience with the Professors-in-Residence program.

"We are heading toward that involvement of university-public school," she explained. "I think as the semester expands, my role will expand."

Lowery's specialty is children's literature and she especially works with multicultural characters and themes. Her time at the school allows her to introduce her graduate students to the experience of reading to children and the practical application of things like reader-response theory.

"They're having a wonderful time," she said. "You find yourself going extra days."

For John Gregory, a professor in the School of Teaching and Learning, his Wednesdays at Prairie View Elementary offer a refreshing change of pace. He keeps a pocket-sized card filled with teachers' daily schedules so that he can approach them with ideas or questions when they are not busy. Offering advice is most easily done in informal settings, and such opportunities abound at Prairie View, he explained.

"I really love...teaching the kids and their teachers, and I've done both," he said. "I love to do inservice with the elementary level so this was a godsend to me."

Gregory specializes in teaching mathematics, a topic that, in his opinion, many teachers are "not excited about." His time at Prairie View, however, has allowed him

to teach special education and at least one class in every level from kindergarten to fifth grade. He also coordinates after-school workshops for teachers.

"It works out really, really nicely," he said.

Gregory will travel to Albuquerque, N.M. in January to present the program to the Fifth Annual Holmes Partnership Conference. Elizabeth Bondy, an associate professor in the School of Teaching and Learning, also will be among the delegation going to New Mexico.

Bondy is a professor-in-residence at Charles Duval Elementary where her primary concern is working with the school's leadership team to identify both problems and solutions. Bondy has helped implement and run programs like Learning for All, a year-long staff development effort for Duval teachers. She also works with after-school tutoring sessions that match UF elementary education majors with struggling students.

"I link the school to resources that can help them address some of the problems they have," she explained. Bondy's relationship with Duval spans about four years. During that time, she has carefully integrated her work at the university with her time at Duval. One of the most successful examples of this effort was a classroom management class at UF that she co-taught with Donna Bergen, a first-grade teacher at Duval, last semester. Bergen had more than twenty-five years of classroom experience, and Bondy felt this was an invaluable asset to her students.

"There's 'college knowledge' and then there's real, school-based practical knowledge," she said. "We're really making a contribution to the field."



*Elizabeth Bondy receives a golden apple in recognition of her Teacher of the Year award from former Dean Rod McDavis in 1996. Bondy also received the award in 1991 and 2000. Bondy's work with Duval Elementary spans about four years.*



## Academic Leadership Program Begins Third Year

The Academic Leadership Program (ALP III) continues its tradition of success this year with 30 new participants. The program is an orientation for department chairs or people in similar leadership roles in one of Florida's 28 community colleges. The course, taught by James L. Wattenbarger, covers diverse topics ranging from Florida history to workforce development. It was developed in response to requests made by presidents of community colleges in Florida. Wattenbarger said the program continues to set a high standard for the development of academic leadership. "Not much has changed," he said, "except for the people."

*Left-to-right, First row: Barbara Entwistle, Idel McLaughlin, Judith Deterle, A. Fuad Khan, Jon Steele, Kris Williams. Second row: Al Tweedy, Alison Adderly-Pittman, Barbara Glowaski, Susan Dooley, Sonia Nieves, Sharon Jefferson. Third row: Bettye Parham, Mark Billiris, Bonnie Clark, Lee Barrow, Jacqueline Rodgers. Fourth row: Jim Wattenbarger, Marilyn Hixon, Rosemarie Long, Flossie Jackson, Laurie Hurner, Lori LaCivita. Fifth row: Joel Harris, Lee Thomas, Paul Hutchin, Charles Carroll, John Holdnak, Tom Bush. Missing: Mary Bendickson and Cindy Cameron.*

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