

## Upcoming Events

May 3	9:30 - Dean's Council Meeting (DO)
May 5	9:30 - First Friday Celebration (DO) 11:00 - C & I Steering Committee (DO) 12:15 - Faculty Assembly (14/1601) Happy Birthday Charles Galloway!
<b>May 8</b>	<b>SUMMER A &amp; C BEGINS</b> Happy Birthday Marsha Lupi!
May 9	Happy Birthday Betty Bennett!
May 10	Happy Birthday Menia Stone! 11:00 - C & I Steering Committee (DO) 12:15 - C & I Faculty Meeting (9/1233)
May 14	Mothers Day
May 15	Happy Birthday Janet Bosnick!
May 16	1:00 - PreK Primary Program meeting
May 17	9:30 - Dean's Council Meeting (DO) 11:00 - Technology Committee Meeting (DO)
May 19	Happy Birthday Sharon Crutchfield!
May 21	Happy Birthday Thelecia Wilson!
May 22	Happy Birthday Jennifer Ascher!
May 24	12:00 - Tenure Earning Faculty (DO)
May 26	Happy Birthday Lunetta Williams!
May 28	Happy Birthday Gigi David!
May 31	9:30 - Dean's Council meeting (DO)

### SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Helen White who passed away on March 24. Helen was married to Ellis White, the first Dean of the college who passed away last December. A memorial was held on April 10 at the St. John's Catholic Church.

### First Friday Celebration

Please join us for refreshments on Friday, May 5, in the Documents Room for our First Friday Celebration from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. We will be celebrating the May birthdays of **Charles Galloway, Marsha Lupi, Betty Bennett, Menia Stone, Janet Bosnick, Sharon Crutchfield, Thelecia Wilson, Lunetta Williams, Gigi David.**

## Superintendent Joseph Wise Greeted by the College



Duval County Superintendent Joseph Wise, his Chief of Staff, David Sundstrom and the Chief of Staff's daughter, Lauren Sundstrom were welcomed to UNF by COEHS faculty and staff on April 17 at the University Center.

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## Dean's Message

**A**t various times in our professional careers, we are confronted with opportunities that give us the potential to grow professionally and to make a difference with the work we do. These opportunities include things like earning a degree, accepting a new professional position, or becoming part of a new initiative. The College of Education and Human Services is on the precipice of a special opportunity of this magnitude. On April 28, 2006, the COEHS Faculty Assembly, by an overwhelming majority, voted to approve a plan to reorganize the College. In a separate ballot, the plan was also unanimously supported by the visiting faculty and support staff of the College. Having this solid show of support for the future of our College is encouraging and evidences a spirit of collegiality that leads to outstanding results.

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The reorganization plan calls for the following changes to our organizational structure:

- formation of a new Undergraduate Core Council to assure the integrity of the undergraduate core curriculum;
- dissolution of the C&I Division and the subsequent formation of two new more tightly-defined departments—tentatively named the Department of Elementary and Literacy Education and the Department of Foundations and Secondary Education;
- the addition of programs to the existing Department of Counseling and Educational Leadership, and a subsequent name change for that department;

## Sir Colville Young Honored by the College



**T**he COEHS and the country of Belize have a long standing partnership in education. Each year several COEHS faculty members travel to work with Belizean teachers seeking advanced degrees in education. A scholarship program was established in 1998 by Dr. Betty Flinchum who is also the founder of the COEHS Belize partnership. The scholarship is named in honor of His Excellency Sir Colville Young, the Governor General of Belize. During the commencement ceremony on April 29, Sir Colville Young was on campus to receive an honorary doctorate as well as to witness the graduation of his granddaughter, Natasha Young who received a B.A. in music education. Thanks to the wonderful generosity of Belizeans and COEHS faculty and staff, the COEHS is now able to award the first Sir Colville Young Endowed Scholarship to a deserving Belizean student.

•renaming the current Department of Special Education to the Department of Exceptional Student and Deaf Education, the Office of Student Services to the Office of Advising, and the Office of Field Experiences to the Office of Educational Field Experiences.

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## CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

**Marianne and Lehman Barnes and Terry Cavanaugh** presented a session, "Inquiring Into Teacher Best Practices Through Action Research Partnerships" on April 12 at the FCCJ International Conference on College Teaching and Learning. On April 7, Marianne presented and participated in the "Teacher Researcher" Day at the National Science Teachers Assn. in Anaheim, CA and she also presented on sustainability in action research partnerships at the National Assn. for Research in Science Teaching annual meeting in San Francisco on April 5. She is a member of the NARST committee on practitioner research.

A paper written by **Cathy Cavanaugh, Jan Bosnick**, UNF alumnus **Kathy Gillan**, and USF colleague **Melinda Hess**, "Effectiveness of Online Algebra Learning: Implications for Teacher Preparation," was awarded an Outstanding Paper Award at the annual international Society for Information Technology & Teacher Education conference in Orlando on March 20.

**Cathy Cavanaugh** served as the Judging Captain for the Behavioral/Social Science projects at the State Science and Engineering Fair in Orlando in April. **Cathy and Terry Cavanaugh** did a workshop at the Ponte Vedra Beach cultural Center on April 18 called "Digital Story Telling with PhotoStory."

UNF is offering an educational technology course through the honors program, and the students have become involved in a service project through a refugee program sponsored by Lutheran Social Services (LSS). UNF has donated eight surplus college computers to be given to refugee families identified through LSS. UNF students in **Cathy Cavanaugh's** honors educational technology course have learned about each family's language and educational needs, so they could gather software, ebooks and dictionaries for the computers. A report on the story, including excerpts from an interview with Dr. Cavanaugh were aired on 89.9 FM Friday, April 21, between 9:30 and 10:00 AM on their IN CONTEXT program.

**Gigi David's** United Way Life Act literacy project and "The Little Red Envelopes (2nd in a series of Life Act 2 books) were featured on the Channel 4 Morning Show April 27. John Thomas, chair of the literacy committee, Nhon Le, senior citizen whose life experiences form the foundation for this story, and Gigi, author of the picture book, were interviewed about the wonderful educational project.

**Paul Eggen** in collaboration with **Don Kauchak** of the University of Utah, presented the paper "Interpretations of Constructivism: Clarifying Issues and Implications for Instruction" at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association in San Francisco in April.

**Katrina Hall's** "Gator's Adventures: A Lesson in Literacy and

Community" was accepted by the *Reading Teacher*. "Bob the Builder: Can We Fix the Stereotypes and Lack of Diversity?" was accepted by *Association for Childhood Education International Focus on PreK-K* for Fall 2006 issue. She also presented at the Florida Fund for Minority Teacher's Annual Conference on April 9. The session was "What's So Important about Children's Literature, Anyhow?" More than 50 college students attended the session.

UNF's Association of Childhood Education International (ACEI) Chapter coordinated more than 20 volunteers for five booths for the recent Child Development Research Center's Family Fest on April 9.

**Wanda Hedrick** presented a session called "Matching Appropriate Content Vocabulary Strategies with the Vocabulary Being Taught" at the Florida Secondary Reading Council Conference in Miami on April 22. Wanda with Janis Harmon and Karen Wood also had a book *Instructional Strategies for Teaching Content Vocabulary* published. This teacher-friendly resource provides 42 specific strategies that will tap students' curiosity, engage and empower them, develop their critical thinking skills, and help them make connections.

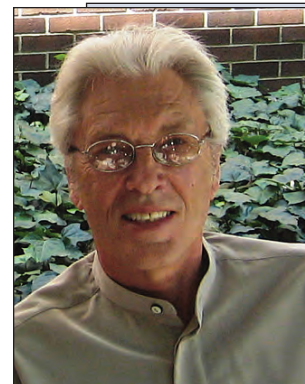
## COUNSELING & EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

**Betty Bennett** recently published an article in the online journal *Natural Forces School Leadership Journal*, [http://www.naturalforces.org/school\\_leadership\\_journal/index.htm](http://www.naturalforces.org/school_leadership_journal/index.htm), titled "Growth Infusion: Embedding Staff Development in a Culture of Learning."

**Betty Betty and Joyce Jones** have an article in press to be published in the next edition of the *Florida Educational Leadership Journal* titled "Preparing School Leaders: Need for Collaboration Between Practicing Principals and Educational Leadership Faculty."

**Betty Bennett** will present "Bullying 101 for Youth, Teachers & Parents: Working Together for a Less Violent Society" at the 2nd International Conference on Youth & Education for the 21st Century on May 30 – June 2 on the campus of Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi. She will also present "Creating a Moral Culture through Character Education" at the 32nd Conference of the Association for Moral Education on July 5 – 7 on the campus of the University of Fribourg in Fribourg, Switzerland.

**Shunda Brown** conducted a presentation entitled "Uncovering Your Spirit: Using the Spiritual Genogram in Counseling and Supervision" at the Annual World Conference of the American Counseling Association and the Canadian Counseling Association in Montreal, Canada, March 30th – April 2nd, she also conducted a presentation with former UNF colleague, **Rebecca Schumacher** entitled "Before and After: How Are School Administrators and Teachers Different as a Result of the School Counseling Program?"

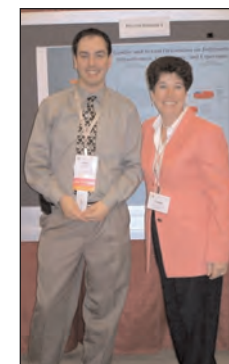


## Pritchly Smith Selected as Endowed Chair and Distinguished Visiting Professor at Seattle University

**Pritchly Smith** has been selected to serve as the William Allen Endowed Chair and Distinguished Visiting Professor in Education at Seattle University for the 2006-2007 academic year. Seattle University is a Catholic institution steeped in the Jesuit tradition of "the service of faith and promotion of justice" to address issues of poverty, injustice, discrimination, violence, and the environment in knowledgeable, committed, and effective ways.

## COUNSELING & EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP cont'd

**Andy Gauler, Jason Relph and Lynne Carroll** presented their paper entitled: "The impact on gender and sexual orientation of judgements of counselor's attractiveness, competence and expertise" at the Annual Convention of the American Counseling Association Montreal, Quebec, Canada in April. Andy received his Masters in Rehabilitation Counseling and Jason graduated from the Mental Health Counseling Program. Andy is now a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor and Instructor, Psychology, at Columbia College of Missouri (NAS Jacksonville branch). Jason Relph is a counselor at the College of Staten Island.



The spring 2006 issue of *Florida Educational Leadership* will include an article by **Dr. Kaye Thomas** of the Sevier County, TN Public Schools and **Russell Mays** entitled, "Strategies to Assist Highly Mobile Students". The article reports the findings of a nationwide Delphi study conducted to discover effective ways of assisting highly mobile students and their families.

## SPECIAL EDUCATION

**Kathryn Krudwig** hosted a focus session on April 2 at UNF for 25 special education paraprofessionals to support their transition from FCCJ to UNF's ESE Department. She developed and presented a plan at the Florida PDP Coordinators' Council meeting on April 18th to host a set of five focus sessions statewide for parents of children with disabilities to gather qualitative data for the Florida Department of Education related to school/family collaboration. With the plan now approved, Kathryn will facilitate its implementation at five SUS institutions over the next two months.

## DEAN'S MESSAGE CONT'D.

While we are awaiting final administrative approvals for the reorganization efforts, we are already beginning to think about implementation of the new plan and the opportunities that the plan will give to us. In the near future, I will be calling for the faculty in each of the newly proposed departments and the existing departments to meet to discuss several matters relative to these new changes. The departments may wish to determine final names for their units and begin to develop strategies for transitioning to their new structures. There is work ahead for all of us in implementing these changes. As we determine how to respond, we have the opportunity to define how we will be doing our work for several years to come.

All the best,

## STUDENT SERVICES

**John P. Kempainen and Cathy O'Farrell** presented at the 10th Annual Recruitment and Retention Conference of the Florida Fund for Minority Teachers. Their topic was, "Preparing and Presenting your Best Teacher Education Portfolio".

**Theleica Y. Wilson** presented at the 10th Annual Recruitment and Retention Conference of the Florida Fund for Minority Teachers. Her topic was, "Understanding the Importance of Diversity as a Teacher".

## DEAN'S OFFICE

On April 19, **Marsha Lupi** presented on "Women in Higher Education" as part of the Brown Bag lunch series held by the UNF Women's Center.

**Stacy Biwer**, Coordinator of Outreach and Recruitment submitted the winning marketing tool, a recruitment display board in this year's integrated marketing competition. She won \$1,000 to be used for further marketing efforts.

