Dean’s Message

The beginning of an academic year is always a time of new beginnings; however, the start of 2009-2010 is especially exciting. This is the first new academic year in our new College of Education and Human Services building! As we have adjusted to our new office, meeting, and classroom space, we are discovering new ways that this wonderful facility enables us to interact with our internal and external communities. We have already begun inviting external groups to campus for special learning opportunities in our College Conference Center, and our state-of-the-art classrooms are being well utilized by faculty and students from all over campus. The new building has also reminded me of how fortunate it is to be Dean of such an outstanding college. We now have facilities at a level of quality to match the level of quality of the work we do, and, as we begin this new academic year, we look forward to finding additional ways to impact the lives of adults and children through our excellent academic programs for preparing professionals in education and related disciplines.

The new academic year also gives us occasion to look toward the future. We celebrate the many partnerships we have formed with our schools and community agencies and look forward to expanding on these partnerships this year. We also look forward to strengthening relationships with the College’s many community friends. This newsletter includes information about the nearly 40 students who are receiving special scholarships or fellowships to support their education during 2009-2010. These scholarships and fellowships, made possible by generous friends of the College who are investing in the lives and future professional work of our outstanding students, embody the College’s commitment to forming bonds among faculty, staff, students, and community members for the betterment of our Northeast Florida community.

We also look forward to what the current year brings in terms of strengthening our already outstanding academic programs. We will be preparing documentation this year in support of the continuing state and national accreditation of our educator preparation programs. This process will allow us to track the outcomes of the work we have done and to set future goals for enhancing our work in educating, teachers, counselors, and school administrators. In the face of challenging economic times, and increasing competition among institutions, we strive to be leaders in our
When you walk in the main lobby of the new College of Education and Human Services building you’ll see the name of a long-time supporter of Jacksonville education initiatives, Frederick Schultz. “Fred Schultz has devoted much of his life to improving education and quality of life in Jacksonville,” said Larry Daniel, Dean of the college. “This gift from the Schultz Family Foundation honors Fred’s many contributions to the professional development of teachers. Fred’s passion for education and his support of so many key initiatives makes it difficult to quantify the overall impact he’s had on education in our community. He’s a true champion in this arena.”

The $250,000 gift from the Schultz Foundation Inc. has made it possible for COEHS to reach one of its strategic goals, establishing the Educator Preparation Initiative Endowment Fund. The new fund will provide ongoing support for the college’s program that provides intensive training to those entering teaching as a second career. Not only does the program give participants the tools needed to obtain certification, but it also gives them the experience and training needed to become successful teachers.

Betty Bennett directs the Educator Preparation Institute. “We are incredibly grateful for the Schultz Foundation’s generous gift,” Bennett said. “Not only will the endowment provide funds to support this program in perpetuity, but it will also give us the flexibility to add additional elements in the future. Enhancements could include inviting guest presenters to training sessions or increasing the amount of field experience participants receive.”

The Educator Preparation Institute at UNF began in fall of 2007. Since then, 92 teacher candidates have completed the program.
Congratulations!

**Scholarships (Undergraduate Students)**

- Carolyn Osburn Memorial Scholarship
  Valerie Valcourt, Major: Elementary Ed.

- COEHS Endowed Scholarship
  Anna Homan, Major: Pre-Kindergarten/Primary

- Community First Credit Union Endowed Scholarship
  Heather G. Wilson

- Dean’s Education Advisory Council Scholarship
  Emma Behnken, Major: Special Ed.

- Dorothy Johnson Family & Friends Endowed Scholarship
  Kelsey Alderfer, Major: Special Ed.

- Gary & Laine Silverfield Endowed Scholarship
  Kelly Davis, Major: Social Studies Ed.

- Kristin McCall Endowed Scholarship
  Erica Cave, Major: Elementary Ed.

  Veronica Celeste, Major: Elementary Ed.

- Luca Dee Soileau Endowed Scholarship
  Bettea Thompson, Major: Elementary Ed.

- Roy & Hazel Clarke Education Scholarship
  Lauryn Philpot, Major: Secondary Ed.

**Fellowships (Graduate Students)**

- COEHS Endowed Fellowship
  Jenna Senkowsky, Major: Counselor Ed.*

- D. Chanslor Howell Endowed Fellowship for Special Education
  Nicky Johnson, Major: Deaf Ed.*

- Florida School Book Depository Graduate Fellowships
  Kenneth Fraley, Major: Educational Leadership*

  Kathleen Hopson, Major: Elementary Ed.*

  Paige Mattox, Major: Educational Leadership**

- Gladys Roddenberry Graduate Fellowships for Teaching Excellence
  Theresa M. Cardillo, Major: Special Ed.*

  Marisa L. Guerrero, Major: Educational Leadership*

  John M. Jordi, Major: Educational Leadership*

  Alice B. Larson, Major: Educational Leadership*

  Adrienne C. Wakefield, Major: Counselor Ed.*

- Kraft/ Moore Family Fellowship
  Jennifer Ancelin, Major: Special Ed.*

  Terra Benton, Major: Special Ed.*

  Kathelyn Karantz, Major: Special Ed*

**Scholarships/Fellowships (Undergraduate or Graduate Students)**

- Dannehl & Kevin Twomey Endowed Scholarship/Fellowship
  Rima Elias, Major: Special Ed.

  Megan Garcia, Major: Elementary Ed.

  Sarah Jones, Major: Educational Leadership*

  Maira Martelo, Major: Educational Leadership**

  Elizabeth & Irwin Zekaria Deaf Education Scholarship/Fellowship
  Sarah Maurer, Major: Special Ed.

  Stephanie Moore, Major: Deaf Ed.*

  Ellis F. White Founding Faculty Scholarship/Fellowship
  Emma Behnken, Major: Special Ed.

  Kristi Wilder"Are You My Friend"Endowed Scholarship/Fellowship

  Philip Kinard, Major: Special Ed.*

  Marianne B. & Lehman Barnes Scholarship/Fellowship

  Elisa Ratliff, Major: Secondary Ed.*

  Robert & Peggy Ware Endowed Scholarship/Fellowship

  Rhonda Howell, Major: Special Ed.

  Elizabeth Sabedra, Major: Special Ed.

  Sir Colville Young Endowed Scholarship/Fellowship

  Ethel Hernandez, Major: Educational Leadership**

  St. Joe Company Endowed Scholarship/Fellowship

  Carrie Millican, Major: Math Ed.*

  Valerie Rigby, Major: Elementary Ed.

* Master’s Student

** Doctoral Student
Community First Credit Union Scholar, Heather Wilson

“I’ve Always Wanted to Teach”

Teaching has been in Heather Wilson’s blood from the very beginning. Heather has three siblings and has been around children her entire life. Born and raised in Jacksonville, she “always dreamed of being a teacher and played school all the time growing up. I LOVE children - - - everything about them.”

Currently, Heather lives in Callahan, Florida where she is very involved in children’s activities in her church and the community. Heather is also the neighborhood babysitter and is thrilled to help out when she’s not working, volunteering or going to school.

Heather is the first person in her family to attend college and will be the first to earn a bachelor’s degree. She is an Elementary Education major and plans to graduate in December 2010. “Being accepted into UNF was an honor, which provides me with a bright future and a new legacy for my siblings to follow.” Heather’s example is already having a positive effect: following in her footsteps, her brother has recently enrolled in college.

In addition to attending UNF, Heather works full-time, volunteers in her community and coaches children’s athletics. Over the past three years she has coached cheerleading (kindergarten - 5th grade) and helped prepare 3rd grade students at Bryceville Elementary to compete in the Adidas Junior River Run. Through her church, she has travelled to Portugal and Slovakia where she taught English to children in schools.

Heather has worked since she was fifteen years old to be able to attend college. “I have learned that hard work and determination pay off. However, without scholarships, attending college might not be possible for me. I am so grateful to the Community First Credit Union for providing these generous scholarship funds.”

When asked why she chose to come to UNF for her bachelor’s degree, Heather states enthusiastically, “I came to UNF because people told me that it was the best teacher education program anywhere in Florida. Several of my teacher / mentors graduated from UNF and loved it. I’m a family girl, so I was thrilled to be able to finish school and stay close to my family.”

What experience or experiences at UNF have had the biggest impact or been the most memorable?

“Heart work has had a HUGE impact. At UNF, teacher candidates get a variety of field experiences beginning in their junior year. I’ve always thought that I wanted to teach kindergarten. However, I was placed in a 3rd grade class for my first field experience. This opened my eyes, changed me and gave me confidence with older children. It made me realize that I would enjoy teaching children of any age. I’ve learned something new and useful in every class.”

What are your goals after receiving your degree?

“My goal in life is to impact at least one child. I want to make a difference. My dream was created by my kindergarten teacher. One of my high school teachers continues to push me and encourage me to reach for my dreams. After graduation, I’d like to become a national board certified teacher and earn a master’s degree.”
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Dean’s Education Advisory Council (DEAC)
Selects Wanda Petersen as 2009-10 Chair;
Awards First DEAC Scholarship

DEAC’s enthusiastic 2009-10 Chair has always had a heart for education. During her 28 years as an elementary and middle school teacher, Wanda Petersen began working in real estate on weekends and during the summer. Eventually, she made the decision to dive into real estate full time and has been equally successful in her second career, working for Re/Max Unlimited in Ponte Vedra Beach.

WANDA PETERSON

Regardless of career path, Petersen has made a point of giving back to students and teachers. When her children were in school she was involved with numerous extracurricular activities in organizations such as National Junior Honors Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Landrum Middle School Advisory Team, Landrum Parent/Teacher Organization, Junior Achievement, Nease High School Panther Boost PTA and various church groups.

Petersen joined the Dean’s Education Advisory Council in the spring of 2008 to “help teachers in any way I can and meet new people. Becoming involved at UNF was attractive to me because I still feel like I am working to help children with their education. I absolutely love meeting new people and tackling challenges.” Petersen’s goals for the coming year include:

• Refining the Council and setting strategic goals for the future
• Promoting the growth of Council members by finding meaningful, personal ways for them to become involved with the College and UNF
• Fully funding a DEAC scholarship endowment to provide scholarship funds in perpetuity

This summer, the Council achieved a milestone by funding and awarding an annual scholarship for the first time. Recently, members of DEAC’s Advancement Committee selected Emma M. Behnken as the inaugural recipient.

Ms. Behnken is currently working on her undergraduate degree in Special Education and hopes to go on to earn a Master’s degree in the same field. Ms. Behnken’s passion for teaching is evident in this excerpt from her application essay:

“...I grew up going to inner city schools and my three children attended many inner city schools. I know in my heart that I have what it takes to teach, not just from a book, but from within myself. Teaching to me is more than giving someone the knowledge that comes from a book; it is the love of seeing someone accomplish her or his dreams because of the support and love that is passed on to the student. There is more to a student than a brain; there is a heart, a soul, and an individuality that must be taken into account when assisting a child in learning. Each child that is given a chance to excel is a step towards ensuring the future of the world.”

According to Petersen, “The Dean’s Education Advisory Council allows members to contribute to the College’s transformational work in the community in areas such as urban education, providing scholarships and fellowships to deserving students, recognizing the area’s extraordinary teachers, and so on. It is simply awesome.”

EMMA M. BEHNKEN
A Winning Partnership

When Toni Porterfield, Main Street America Group’s Senior V.P. of Human Resources approached COEHS Dean Larry Daniel about the insurance company’s wish to adopt an urban school, he was quick to respond. Daniel suggested a meeting with the leadership of Pine Estates Elementary, located in northwest Jacksonville on Dunn Avenue. The enthusiasm for the collaboration was instantaneous.

The partnership began during the 2008-09 school year. Initially, Main Street America employees worked with Pine Estates children to help them with spelling, math, reading, etc. Then, since not all Main Street America staff members were able to volunteer on-site, the company decided to launch a supply drive at their corporate headquarters on Touchton Road. The result amazed Pine Estate’s teachers. It felt like a giant birthday party at the school, the day that over 25 boxes brimming with supplies arrived.

“The Main Street America Group’s partnership with Pine Estates has been very rewarding for our company.” said Mark Friedlander, Director of Corporate Communications. “Our volunteers truly feel like they are part of the Pine Estates family and gain so much from spending time with the students.

Main Street America volunteers listen to Connie Johnson, Fast Forward Computer Lab assistant. Ms. Johnson oversees the lab which provides support for K-5 students who are struggling academically.

It’s a win-win for everyone involved in the program. We are very excited that the new school year has begun so we can get back to class!”

For the past four years, Pine Estates has been a part of UNF’s Urban Professional Development School Partnership (UPDS) with Duval County Public Schools. UPDS schools are educational “teaching hospitals” where university faculty and teacher education students are on-site, working directly with school personnel and children.

Linda Dacks is the resident clinical faculty member at Pine Estates. In this specialized role, Dacks helps both Pine Estate’s teachers and UNF’s interns/pre-interns learn to thrive and become successful in urban school environments. “It’s not just about academics, it’s about relationships.” Dacks said. “Many of our children come from challenging environments. They eagerly look forward to spending time with their Main Street America mentor.”

Friedlander and Dacks’ goal for the coming year is to bring a group of Pine Estates children to Main Street America’s corporate offices. According to Dacks, “Many of these children have never been inside a corporate office. I want the children to have opportunities to broaden their horizons and see what possibilities are out there.”

To view a video about Main Street America Group’s partnership with Pine Estates Elementary: http://www.msagroup.com/cgi-bin/news.pl?display=328.
2009 Gladys Prior Awards for Career Teaching Excellence

Four Duval County public school teachers received the 2009 Gladys Prior Awards for Teaching Excellence, administered by UNF’s College of Education and Human Services. Each teacher received $15,000 to spend as they wish. These awards, among the largest in the nation, were established in 1998 by Gilchrist Berg, founder and president of Water Street Capital, a Jacksonville investment firm. Since 1998, Mr. Berg has given 48 teachers over $560,000.

The 2009 winners are Amber Amerson, drama teacher at La Villa School of the Arts; Patrick Gibbons, 5th grade literacy inclusion teacher at Beauclerc Elementary School; Beth Neece, kindergarten teacher at Sabal Palm Elementary School; and Robert Pierce, English teacher at Paxon School for Advanced Studies.

Amber Amerson has taught drama for 13 years at La Villa School of the Arts. To Amber, failure is a good word as it gives students room to explore the theatre process, learning to analyze their strengths and weaknesses. As they learn theatre, they learn life lessons about taking risks and supporting each other as they grow.

She is quick to call parents when she is concerned about their child, viewing education as an authentic partnership between the parent, the student and the teacher. As one parent said, “If you are ever at the end of your rope, Ms. Amerson is the one with whom you need to be connected. When your child is in her class, you become a student, too.”

Patrick Gibbons inspires all his Beauclerc 5th graders to love reading, even those with learning challenges who find reading difficult and uncomfortable. One such student was Darrius who died suddenly at the beginning of 6th grade. One of the first things his mother did was call Patrick to tell him what an important influence he had been in her son’s life. She said Darrius cried for three days at the end of the school year because Patrick wouldn’t be his teacher in 6th grade. Patrick delivered Darrius’ eulogy at the request of his mother.

Darrius wrote this to Patrick at the end of 5th grade: “Mr. Gibbons is like a father to me. He treats me like I’m one of his kids and that’s why I love him. ...We all love you, Mr. Gibbons.”
Robert Pierce, a UNF graduate and 18-year veteran, teaches 10th grade English at Paxon School for Advanced Studies. He is a modest and unassuming teacher. One of his students said, “He always spoke to the shy kids in class. He makes people who never speak come alive.” Another said, “From the moment I walked into Mr. Pierce’s class, I knew I had a place to express myself—a place to call home.”

Bob generously gives his time before and after school to tutor students for the challenging International Baccalaureate program in 11th grade. He meets with other teachers to be sure his lessons coordinate with theirs and sees teaching as a collaborative pursuit. He stays invested in his students through their senior year and beyond.

“The University is deeply appreciative for the generosity of Mr. Gilchrist Berg, who makes this annual recognition of outstanding teachers possible,” said Dr. Larry Daniel, dean of College of Education and Human Services at UNF. “This program recognizes teachers who have served as an inspiration to their students and have made a significant impact on children’s learning and development over the course of their career.”

Beth Woodell Neece, a UNF graduate and teacher for 30 years, inspired her former student Sarah Pelton to become a teacher. Sarah can still remember her first day of school when she reluctantly entered kindergarten and got her first hug from Mrs. Neece. “Mrs. Neece really made me feel special and helped instill a love of learning in me,” she said.

Today Sarah and Beth teach together at Sabal Palm Elementary School. Sarah teaches first graders who were in Beth’s class the previous year. These first graders come to Sarah loving school as she did 21 years ago when she was a little girl who didn’t want to leave her mother.

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 field, and our work this year will allow us to set the highest goals ever for our state-approved, nationally-accredited, and nationally-awarded academic programs. Our basic aim is to be the institution of choice for students in Northeast Florida and beyond who desire initial and advanced programs for educators and human services professionals. We are deeply indebted to our alumni, friends, and community partners who daily help us to make this goal a reality.
Dr. E. Newton Jackson Jr., is Professor and the new Chairperson of the Department of Leadership, Counseling, and Instructional Technology. Dr. Jackson earned his Ph.D. in Sport Administration from the University of New Mexico. Most recently, he held the administrative appointment as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the College of Education at Florida A&M University, and prior to that served as a department chair in the college. He also served as Program Coordinator of the Sport Management program at Florida State University, and at Howard University. He has held graduate faculty appointments at three different universities (Howard, FSU, and FAMU), and has published his scholarship in leading journals within his field. Dr. Jackson holds a solid record of teaching at the undergraduate, master’s, and doctoral levels; he has supervised clinical experiences of sport management students; and he has served on and chaired master’s and doctoral (30+) committees. He has extensive experience in collegiate coaching and served for a brief time as a university (NCAA D-1) athletic director, experience directly related to his field of sport management. His areas of expertise include hiring practices, socio-cultural aspects of global sport marketing, hazing, and sport management education preparation. Dr. Jackson and his wife, Dr. Annette S. Jackson, have two children, Adrianne (age 21), and Edgar Newton Jackson, III (age 2).

Dr. Kristi Sweeney joins us as an Assistant Professor of Sport Management in the Department of Leadership, Counseling and Instructional Technology. Dr. Sweeney holds a master’s degree from Loras College in Physical Education/Athletic Administration and a Ph.D. from the University of New Mexico in Health and Physical Education concentrating in Sport Administration. Dr. Sweeney has six years of experience in higher education teaching at Xavier University. Her research interests include work/life conflicts in women’s involvement in intercollegiate sports and service learning through sport philanthropy.

Cindy Hall-D’Angelo joins us as an American Sign Language (ASL) Instructor in the Department of Exceptional Student and Deaf Education. Cindy was born deaf to a deaf family in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She attended Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, Maryland School for the Deaf and graduated from
Model Secondary School for the Deaf in Washington, DC. She went to Paris, France for a year as an exchange student. She obtained a bachelor’s degree in communication arts from Gallaudet University and master’s degree in special education from University of North Florida. Her ten years of teaching experiences started in Sioux Falls, South Dakota as a Communication Specialist. Then she taught American Sign Language/Interpreting classes at Southeast Technical Institute and Dakota State University. In 2005, she moved to St. Augustine with her family and she started her own business, ASL Connections. She worked as an adjunct ASL Instructor at Florida State College formerly Florida Community College of Jacksonville. She has presented workshops related to ASL such as ASL/English Idioms, Regional Signs, Visual Discrimination, ASL literature, Deaf culture and history. She holds an American Sign Language Teachers Certification. Cindy is married 12 years to Tom, a high school sweetheart. Together they have three beautiful deaf children. Their children attend Florida School for the Deaf and Blind. In her free time, she enjoys doing interior design, going to the beach, shopping, traveling and spending time with her family and friends.
Urban Educator Donna Keenan

Receives 2009 EVE Award in Education

Dr. Cathy O’Farrell oversees UNF’s side of the professional development school partnership. “Donna is a tireless, passionate advocate for closing the achievement gap and raising the level of literacy in urban schools. She has the ability to take any disappointment and turn it into a triumph,” O’Farrell said. “Donna has spent many years on the front line at West Jacksonville Elementary. Her work along with that of other dedicated educators has helped that school go from an F to an A on the FCAT.”

Dr. Donna Keenan has been described by others as a talented, dedicated educator who never blows her own horn. However, thanks to COEHS professor emeritus, Dr. Lynne Raiser, Keenan’s work has recently received some well-deserved, community recognition. Raiser nominated Keenan for the EVE Award in Education and on June 5th at the awards luncheon at the Hyatt Riverfront, Keenan was named the 2009 recipient.

Although Keenan has officially retired as an associate professor, she has remained associated with COEHS as a vital member of the part-time faculty. Her work has been focused at West Jacksonville Elementary School for over a decade. Part of her role is mentoring and coaching UNF education students through real-world, hands-on classroom experiences in urban school settings. West Jacksonville is one of four professional development schools where an award-winning, UNF and Duval County Public Schools partnership focuses on teacher development in urban schools.

“This is a well deserved award and our sincerest congratulations go to Dr. Keenan and the West Jacksonville team. For more information about Keenan’s work and the EVE Award: http://jacksonville.com/lifestyles/2009-06-05/story/2009_eve_award_winner_in_education_donna_keenan.”

“Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go.”

~ by T.S. Elliot
COEHS Holds Open House for New Building

On June 24, 2009, the faculty and staff of the College of Education and Human Services welcomed over 200 alumni, students, community members and other friends to the college’s beautiful, new home. Guests toured the new facility and were treated to a short program, featuring:

*Dr. Pierre Allaire, Vice President of Institutional Advancement*
*John A. Delaney, President*
*Wanyonyi Kendrick, Board of Trustees*
*Dr. Larry Daniel, Dean of the College of Education and Human Services*
*Elizabeth Sabedra, Special Education major*

“Opening our new building is an outstanding accomplishment for the College of Education and Human Services,” said the Dean Larry Daniel. “It was an honor to be able to share our excitement about our new College home during the Open House. Spending the day with so many of our friends, alumni, faculty, staff, and students allowed us to renew acquaintances and discuss the many new possibilities for collaboration this new facility affords us.”

**Building information:**
The College of Education and Human Services’ three-story building comprises 107,000 gross square feet. The building houses classrooms, teaching labs, faculty offices, meeting rooms and support spaces. The new facility, which sits on the west side of the core of campus between the Thomas G. Carpenter Library and the new Student Union, enables COEHS faculty, staff and programs to be together in one location for the first time in years.

Among the many innovative features of the new education building are specially-designed rooms, teaching methods classrooms and a model technology classroom for preparing educators to work with technology in schools, as well as an American Sign Language lab and a large multi-purpose education conference center.

The design of the facility also capitalizes on Florida’s abundance of sunlight. With an influx of natural light, the building exudes an open and illuminated ambiance. The education facility will follow UNF’s other new buildings on campus as a certified “green” building, meaning it uses energy-saving measures, recycled materials and natural light to improve the work environment. The Social Sciences Building opened in the fall of 2006 as the first LEED-certified facility in Jacksonville and was the first “green” building on campus.

The new COEHS building took more than 21,000 man hours to complete; contains 800 tons of structural steel; 3,299 cubic yards of concrete; 1,158 tons of rebar; 240,000 bricks; 70 miles of copper wire; and more than 17,000 square feet of glass.

Baker Barrios Architects in Orlando designed the COEHS Building and Ajax Building Corporation was the construction management firm for the project.
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August 24  Fall Classes Begin
August 27  11:00 am  Student Union Grand Opening
September 7  Labor Day (UNF Closed)
September 18-20  Rosh Hashanah
September 20-23  Eid al-Fitr - Ramadan ends
September 27  7:30 pm  UNF Cummer Family Foundation Chamber Music Series (Recital Hall)
September 28  Yom Kippur
September 29  7:30 pm  World Affairs Council Lecture w/Ambassador Jeffrey Davidow (University Center)
October 5  7:30 pm  Trio Florida (Fine Arts Center, Recital Hall)
October 6  7:30 pm  Inquiry & Insight Lecture with Dr. Gary Lynch (University Center)
October 11  4:00 pm  UNF & Mayo Clinic Present the 5th Annual Upbeat Pink (Fine Arts, Lazzara Perf. Hall)
October 13  7:30 pm  World Affairs Council Lecture w/John Pomfret (University Center)
October 22  7:30 pm  Bob Bednar's "This Is Jazz" with UNF Jazz Faculty (Robinson Theater)
October 23-25  UNF Family Weekend
November 11  Veteran’s Day (UNF Closed)
November 17  7:30 pm  World Affairs Council Lecture w/Zanny Beddoes (University Center)
November 23  Open Registration for Spring 2010 Begins
November 26-27  Thanksgiving (UNF Closed)
November 27  7:30 pm  Virsky Ballet (Fine Arts Center, Lazzara Performance Hall)