UNF Honorary Doctorate Sir Colville Young, Governor General of Belize, with Dr. Betty Flinchum, Professor Emeritus, and Drs. John Kemppainen, Susan Syverud, and Debbie Reed at the Consortium for Belize Educational Cooperation Summer Conference at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.
Kelly Lindsey, Graduate Assistant accompanying several undergraduate students from the Interpreter Education Program who volunteered with the Silent Surfers assisting students from the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind. More information about the event here: http://floridasurfing.org/event/silent-surfing/.

UNF interpreting students volunteer at the "Silent Surfers" surf camp for FSDB kids!

Drs. Janice Seabrooks-Blackmore and Kristine Webb were invited to serve as facilitators for the Ninth Annual Capacity Building Institute sponsored by the National Secondary Transition Technical Assistance Center. The week-long event was held in Charlotte, North Carolina.
Dr. Rebecca A. Schumacher, faculty in the School Counseling (SOAR) Program, was honored at the 46th EVE Award Luncheon on June 5th at the Hyatt Regency Downtown. She was selected as one of four finalists in the category “Education” for her accomplishments to improve the quality of education, specifically for her work in college and career readiness for low-income urban students in the Jacksonville community. Additionally, Dr. Schumacher presented in June at the 2015 Florida Association of School Administrators Summer Conference held at the Coronada Springs Resort. Later that month, at the American School Counselor Association’s National Delegate Assembly held in Phoenix, the state of Florida was spotlighted, along with Arizona, New York, and Virginia, for the work of the First Lady’s Reach Higher Initiative, an initiative from the White House that is devoted to increasing the number of traditionally underserved students prepared for entering and succeeding in postsecondary education. Dr. Schumacher presented to the Delegate Assembly and Board of Directors on the status of Florida’s work and progress of the First Lady’s Reach Higher Initiative.

Dr. Terence Cavanaugh presented at the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) Conference, Philadelphia, PA with Drs. C. Anderson, K. Anderson, E. Dalton, C. Southard. The topic was on mobile technology with the title of “My School is in My Hoodie: The Potential of Ubiquitous Technology.” Dr. Cavanaugh has also been working with the Florida Reading Association to distribute new picture book collections from FRA to Hubbard House, the Ronald MacDonald House, and the Hilltop Community Center.

Dr. Christine Weber recently published "Professional development for implementing differentiation in U.S. independent schools" in the Journal Für Begabtenförderung (Journal for the Advancement of the Gifted).
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Please welcome Nicole Pece as our new Director of Development. Nicole started at UNF six months ago as the Director of Development for the Carpenter Library, and joined the College of Education and Human Services on June 22nd. Prior to coming to UNF, Nicole most recently worked as the Director of Development at Flagler College. While her career has focused on development in higher education, Nicole moved to Jacksonville in 1992 to obtain her master’s degree in elementary education from Jacksonville University and later took doctoral courses at UNF. She has a bachelor’s degree in psychology from Boston College. On a personal note, she lives in St. Augustine with her husband and two middle school aged children and enjoys playing tennis, jogging on the beach or doing anything outside.

The 2015 London Study Abroad group departed Jacksonville on June 26 for a two week educational experience. The group, led by Interim Dean Marsha Lupi along with graduate assistants Cassandra Santiago and Leticia Turner, consisted of eight undergraduate students—six elementary education majors and two secondary English majors. The College partners with Kingston University (KU), which is located about 20 minutes south of central London in Kingston-upon-Thames, a royal borough of London. The KU faculty placed our students in London’s primary and junior schools. While at their placements, students were able to gain a comprehensive understanding of the British school system as well as teach a lesson on Florida to their classes. An exciting highlight of the experience consisted of meeting the Mayor and Mayoress (pictured with the group) of Kingston-upon-Thames.