Exchange students from China, Guiyue (Angelina) and Weiya (Viya) celebrated Chinese New Year with first graders at Seaside Community Charter School. They wore their traditional dress and shared customs. As part of EEC4213, Teaching Beginning Reading and Writing, they will be working with first and second graders administering informal literacy assessments and teaching literacy lessons during the semester. First grade teacher Mrs. Pierce is a graduate of the UNF prek primary program and elementary ed/literacy graduate program.

Catherine McMurria presented a Total Physical Response (TPR) workshop at the Future Florida Educators of America Conference in Orlando, Florida this past January 25th. Catherine focused on teaching future educators on how to incorporate physical movements into the learning process, specifically focusing on English as a Second Language. The student attendees were really actively involved and seemed to thoroughly enjoy the workshop!

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

Dr. Larry Daniel was elected as an at-large member of the Board of Directors for the Mid-South Educational Research Association at its annual meeting held November 6-8, 2013, in Pensacola Beach. The term of office is for two years beginning January, 2014.

CENTER FOR URBAN EDUCATION AND POLICY

Dr. Sophie Maxis, Dr. Mary Rose, Ms. Ouida Powe (Educational Leadership doctoral student), and Mr. Phillip Simmons (Higher Education Administration master’s student, UNF Multicultural Recruitment Coordinator) received a research grant from the UNF Commission on Diversity and Inclusion to study supports for first generation college students at UNF.

Ms. Audrey Jennings, ESE Teacher at Lake Shore Middle School, was awarded for her proposal to support a life skills program for students with autism and learning disabilities, and involving a parent, Dr. Debbie Reed, and the Stanton Nutrition Club.
Mr. Mike Townsend (Educational Leadership master’s student and teacher at Frank H. Peterson Academies of Technology) presented the results of his work with DCPS school board member Hon. Jason Fischer to the school board finance committee on January 22nd. His research on school finance and school consolidation were conducted under the supervision of Dr. Jerry Johnson.

OneJax, CUEP, and the Office of Educational Field Experiences held four sessions to raise awareness about structural racism for UPDS interns on January 27th, February 14th, March 11th and April 11th. School Counseling master’s students Harmony Jo Allen, Claire Mott-Smith, Marixa Lopez Seiler, and Antoya Shuler were small group facilitators.

Center staff Dean Daniel, Dr. Mary Rose and Ms. Mercedes Trapp, along with Dr. Chris Janson, and Dr. Judy Poppell participated in the “ONE By ONE Convention: Moving Public Education Forward” held on January 18th at the Prime Osborn Convention Center. Ms. Trapp was a panelist discussing how her role as a featured student in the “One in Three: Let’s Solve our Dropout Crisis” exhibit has impacted her life. Dr. Rose served on the steering committee for the 6th Annual Urban Education Symposium: Reclaiming Young Black Males for Jacksonville’s Future held on February 1st at the Jacksonville Public Library. Dr. Rose, Dr. PeDro Cohen (CUEP Advisory Board member), and Mr. Phillip Simmons also participated in the UES Youth Forum held on January 31st at WJCT.

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DEPARTMENT OF LEADERSHIP, SCHOOL COUNSELING AND SPORT MANAGEMENT

Local university presidents discussed their leadership styles, challenges in education, and building successful programs, while maintaining community connections during the first annual Leadership, School Counseling and Sport Management (LSCSM) Presidents’ Panel. The panel was created for higher education administration students in the Educational Leadership master’s and doctoral program and for undergraduates in the Leadership minor.

From left to right: Tim Cost, Jacksonville University; Nat Glover, Edward Waters College; Dr. Luke Cornelius, UNF Associate Professor for Educational Leadership; Dennis Stone, FL Coastal School of Law; Dr. Joyce Jones, retired Professor of Educational Leadership and co-coordinator of the panel.
Monica Bolaños, a COEHS graduate student in Sport Management placed first in her age category in the 13.1 mile Run with Donna Half-marathon to Finish Breast Cancer. Monica dedicated her race to her niece, a breast cancer survivor. Way to go, Monica!

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, LITERACY, AND TESOL

Dr. Christine Weber directed the fourth year of Camp Composition with 32 students preparing for FCAT Writes 2.0 at the end of February. Amanda Laukitis from Advising assisted along with volunteers from UNF, including graduate research assistant Cassandra Santiago, undergraduate student Ciera Viner, and former undergraduate and first year teacher Erika Florez.

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

The College of Education and Human Services hosted its second “Strengthening Future Teachers’ Ability to be Effective and Supportive Teachers of Students from Military Families Workshop” on February 28. This semester, two half-day sessions were held for 140 UNF interns. Thanks to our donors Danny Berenberg and Ken Hecht, our students gained valuable information and resources to help them accommodate military-connected students in their future classrooms. Dr. Marsha Lupi, Project Director, would like to thank the following Advisory Panel Members who also served as presenters, facilitators, and assistants: Dr. Cathy O’Farrell, COEHS Office of Field Experiences Director, Dr. Nicholas Eastham, Coordinator, Educational Technology Center, Cassandra M. Santiago, Graduate Research Assistant, Ray Wikstrom, UNF MVRC Director, Richard Carey, UNF MVRC Transition Coach, Clainetta Jefferson, School Liaison Officer from NSB, Kings Bay, Georgia, Amie McKague, Fleet and Family Support Center, Dawn Mills, NAS Jax, and Judy Cromartie, NS Mayport.
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Dr. Nile Stanley has published a paper, “Perceptions about Storytelling in Teaching Chinese as a Second/Foreign Language: Opportunities and Challenges” in the proceedings of The Seventh International Conference on Education Reform, Hue, Vietnam. The paper will be presented by co-author and doctoral candidate, Nguyen Thi Hien, of Shaanxi Normal University, China, which has a scholar exchange program with UNF. In addition, Dr. Stanley presented assembly programs of poems, stories, and songs from his books, “Creating Readers with Poetry” and “Performance Literacy through Storytelling” which were adopted as professional development texts by teachers for Jacksonville Beach and Seabreeze elementary schools.

DEPARTMENT OF FOUNDATIONS AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Faculty in Foundations and Secondary Education, along with colleagues from Sandalwood High School, recently discussed the development and growth of their collaborative partnership at the 2014 Gulf-South Summit on Service-Learning and Civic Engagement through Higher Education at Auburn University on March 28. Their presentation, titled “Developing Mutual Capacity: Creating and Growing a School-Based/University Partnership,” highlighted key attributes that influence sustainability and address challenges in school-based teacher education contexts. Presenters included: Dr. Brian Zoellner, FSE; Dr. Richard Chant, FSE; Mr. Charles A. Willard, Sandalwood High Social Studies Teacher; and Dr. Wanda Lastrapes, FSE; and Mr. Ivan Matos, UNF College of Education graduate (Fall 2013) and Sandalwood High School teacher. The FSE/Sandalwood partnership was supported through the University’s CBTL Engaged Department initiatives.
Dr. Jason Lee was a guest on The Wharton Sports Business Show hosted by Ken Shropshire and Scott Rosner on SiriusXM Radio Ch.111 on March 4th. This show is part of Business Radio featuring shows hosted by the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School (www.siriusxm.com/business radio). They discussed branding strategies tied to sport. Additionally, Dr. Lee’s SPM 5308 Marketing and Promotions in Sport class helped put on the 3rd Annual UNF Sand Invitational. This is a collegiate sand volleyball event featuring UNF, Florida State, South Carolina, FAU, FIU, Georgia State, Louisiana-Monroe, and Jacksonville University. The event took place at the Pier in St. Augustine Beach on March 8-9. Dr. Lee also presented two presentations at the Sport and Recreation Law Association’s (SRLA) 27th Annual Conference on Sport, Physical Activity, Recreation and Law that was held February 26 - March 1, in Orlando, Florida: “‘Boston Strong’ but Not Trademark Strong” presented along with Dr. Susan Westcott Alessandri from Suffolk University and “The Super Bowl of Criminal Jocks: Investigating Criminal Incidents in the NFL” was presented along with Dr. Kristi Sweeney.

In March, Dr. Jerry Johnson presented the following webinar and papers at the Appalachian Studies Association Annual Conference in Huntington, West Virginia. The webinar was titled, “What is student engagement and how do we measure it?” The following papers were presented at the conference, as well. “Considering different facets of research generalization when determining how empirical findings might inform practice in Appalachian schools,” “An aura of truth?: Art as a mechanism for the validation of Appalachian stereotypes,” and “An overview of the U.S. Department of Education’s Regional Education Laboratory: Research and technical assistance agendas.” Additionally, Dr. Johnson was awarded the U.S. Department of Education, Institute for Education Sciences subcontract for $60,611 to conduct research and provide technical assistance on REL-Appalachia research projects in Kentucky and West Virginia from January to December 2014 as the Primary Investigator.

Dr. Terence Cavanaugh was a member of the conference committee for the Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education (SITE) conference which was just in Jacksonville over spring break (March 17-21). Along with helping to organize and run the conference, Dr. Cavanaugh presented three papers with other faculty at the conference: “The New University Press - the Library: Lessons Learned” with Dr. Luke Cornelius, Nick Michaud, and J. Bowen; “Student Trends with Digital Textbook Options in Preservice Education” with Dr. Nick Eastham; and “A Case Study of Digital Dissertation Self-Publishing” with Dr. Elinor Scheirer.
John Brown, a Senior majoring in Exceptional Student Education, received the Outstanding Student Contributions to Service-Learning in Higher Education award at the 2014 Gulf-South Summit in Auburn, Alabama. This year’s summit was titled, “Creating capacity collaboratively: Connecting learning and civic outcomes.” In addition to John’s outstanding academic achievements and commendable work with students with disabilities, he has worked closely with the UNF Center for Community-Based Learning. John spent the past three semesters working with Dr. Debbie Reed in one of the Urban Professional Development schools as an Osprey Community Ambassador. He also helped lead a group of student volunteers (Ospreys in Action) to Louisiana to help improve the living conditions for an elderly gentleman during Spring break, and most recently worked with three other students to plan and organize a river clean-up project in Jacksonville. John will be pursuing a Master’s in Higher Ed. Administration at UNF.

The Urban Professional Development School Partnership (UPDS) between UNF and Duval County Public Schools (DCPS) was well represented at the 2014 Professional Development School National Conference in Las Vegas, NV in March. Those who presented included Professors in Residence Drs. Debbie Reed and Susan Syverud, Resident Clinical Faculty Christie Stevenson and Maria Ramdas, former UPDS intern and now UPDS
directing teacher Mrs. Dana Klabacka, and undergraduate researchers Ashleigh Stowers and Brett Veneziale. All present participated in a conversation titled “Let’s Talk: The University of North Florida’s Commitment to Reflective Practices.” Dr. Debbie Reed gave a presentation titled “Teacher Preparation in a PDS Context: Service Learning Pedagogy Aimed at Enhanced Civic Outcomes for Future Special Educators.” Dr. Reed co-presented with Ashleigh Stowers on “Perspectives on Nexus 7 Tablets and Communication of Students with Disabilities: The Convergence of Community Collaboration in a PDS Context.” Ashleigh Stowers presented her research titled “Community-Based Transformational Learning Experiences: Future Educators Working to change a Middle School Culture. Brett Veneziale and Dr. Susan Syverud shared “To UPDS Classrooms and Beyond: A Commitment to Making a Difference.” “The Evolving Role of a Resident Clinical Faculty Member: Impacting Teacher Training and Retention, Cultivating Meaningful Corporate Partnerships, and Increasing Student Achievement” was presented by Christie Stevenson, Dana Klabacka, and Dr. Susan Syverud.

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, LITERACY, AND TESOL

Dr. Gigi Morales David participated as a local children's author at the Episcopal Children's Services and Duval County Schools literacy event at the Jacksonville Zoo on Saturday, March 1st. The event was called Wild Reading Safari. Also this month, Dr. David presented School Museum Exhibitions: A Collaboration between museums, university education students, and elementary school children at the Gulf South Summit hosted at Auburn University.

Dr. Nile Stanley received a gift of $45,000 from the Cummer Family Foundation to support the Digi Stars Science/Environmental Clubs and Film Festival project. The Digi Stars project will be designed to teach science skills by integrating digital storytelling and documentary film making skills into 5th and 6th grade children’s learning. Dr. Stanley will be partnering with two Duval County urban schools.

Dr. Kim Cheek presented a paper at the National Association for Research in Science Teaching Annual International Conference on 30 March in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The session was titled, “Relative Magnitude Estimations for the Durations of Geoscience Processes by 11-13-yr.-old Indonesian Learners.”
Drs. Marsha Lupi and Madalina Tanase shared the supervision of 12 students who participated in school and agency internships in Plymouth, United Kingdom during three weeks in March. This is the 11th cohort of students who have had the opportunity to student teach in Plymouth schools or intern at the Plymouth Argyle, a professional Football (soccer) team.
DEPARTMENT OF LEADERSHIP, SCHOOL COUNSELING AND SPORT MANAGEMENT

Tara Haley, a doctoral candidate in Educational Leadership, was recently chosen as a recipient of the 2014 David L. Clark National Graduate Scholar Award. She was nominated by Dr. Larry Daniel, Dean of the College of Education and Human Services for her research work on her doctoral dissertation. As a Clark Scholar, Tara presented her research at a seminar in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in April sponsored by the American Educational Research Association (AERA) and the University Council for Educational Administration (UCEA).

Dr. Jerry Johnson recently had a book and an article published. The book was titled, “Dynamics of social class, race, and place in rural education” by Information Age Publishing and co-authored with C. Howley and A. Howley. The article was published in the International Journal of Educational Leadership Preparation and co-authored with M. Hess and S. Reynolds, titled, “A developmental model for educational planning: Democratic rationalities and dispositions.” Here is the link to the article: http://www.ncpeapublications.org/volume-9-number-1-spring-2014.html. In April, Jerry presented a paper, along with J. Roush and J. Hitchcock, at the American Educational Research Association in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, titled “Educational assets, resources, and barriers in a semi-isolated community of Appalachia: Implications of social capital.”
Ellen Glasser, Ed.D. Doctoral Candidate, Visiting Instructor of Criminology and Criminal Justice, and retired FBI Special Agent, was awarded a research stipend under the Bette Soldwedel Gender Research Initiative, in connection with her ongoing research of female leadership in nontraditional occupations. Ellen’s dissertation is titled, "G-Women Since 1972."

In April, Drs. Terence Cavanaugh and Jason Lee presented “Premium blend: The benefits of hybrid/blended instruction” for an online colloquium hosted by Troy University.

Dr. Luke M. Cornelius presented two sessions on Creating and Growing New Programs at this year's Professional Development Forum and Presidential Awards Luncheon at UNF’s University Center. Dr. Cornelius co-presented with Dr. Jeffrey Harrison of the Brooks College of Health. The speakers were selected based on their involvement with recently successful new degree programs, including the M.Ed. track for Higher Education Administration in COEHS. In addition, Dr. Cornelius announced the publication of his latest text, The Costs of Education, co-authored by Dr. Betty A. Cox, University of Tennessee-Martin and Dr. Spencer C. Weiler, University of Northern Colorado. The book is the first to approach school finance from a cost basis. It is also the first finance text in decades to address the funding and costs of private schools as well as charter and public schools. Furthermore, Dr. Cornelius participated in the seventh annual Citizenship Day event which was held April 5 at Florida Coastal School of Law. Local attorneys and law students volunteered their time and knowledge to guide legal permanent residents seeking citizenship status. Volunteers counseled the applicants on properly filling out paperwork and what to expect during the naturalization process. The event helped 80 legal permanent residents to complete the naturalization application process. More than 100 immigrant residents received services, making Citizenship Day 2014 another resounding success.
DEPARTMENT OF EXCEPTIONAL, DEAF, AND INTERPRETER EDUCATION


The Northeast Florida Independent Living Center (ILRC) and the Independent Living Foundation hosted the Mystery Trip Suitcase Party on April 12, and a cadre of COEHS students, faculty, and alumni attended. The party was the annual fundraising effort of the ILRC, an organization that provides support and services to individuals with disabilities in NE Florida. The event was chaired by Tyler Morris, a UNF alumni from the COEHS. Attending the event were Susan Corse Adams, Tara Rowe, Briana Frazier, Kelsey Adams, Karin Hunt, Sean Pozin, Dr. Janice Seabrooks-Blackmore, Dr. Kris Webb, Brittany Perry, and Monica Bolanos.

Drs. Janice Seabrooks-Blackmore and Kristine Webb, along with COEHS graduate students Tara Rowe and Monica Bolanos, presented at the Florida Transition Institute and Visions Conference in Weston, Florida on April 30-May 2. The group presented information about the ACCESS Academy, a program that offers learning strategies to UNF students with disabilities. Dr. Webb and Matthew Silberstein, a business major, also presented about the Osprey Social Hour, a project that connects UNF Greek organizations with THRIVE, a program for UNF students with autism. Tara Rowe, Michelle Castanos (UNF alum), and Dr. Webb presented a session that described THRIVE.
Congratulations to Dr. Caroline Guardino who accomplished an amazing 70 mile Ironman race! Way to go Caroline!

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, LITERACY, AND TESOL

Drs. Nile Stanley and John Ronghua Ouyang have published an article, “Making Multilingual Movies,” in Language Magazine and can be viewed at this link: http://languagemagazine.com/?p=52065. The article encourages teachers to use the new literacies to inspire the next generation of filmmakers and was presented at the World Arts Film Festival, Jacksonville, May 15th.

Dr. Stacy Boote has two recent journal publications. The first one was previously published in an on-line version with Springer, but it now has its own volume, issue, and page numbers! It is titled, “Assessing and understanding line graph interpretations using a scoring rubric of organized cited factors in the Journal of Science Teacher Education. The second article describes her students' experiences
with an embedded tutoring model that she used in her Mathematics Methods for Elementary Teachers course (MAE 3312) while serving as Professor in Residence at Kings Trail Elementary. It is titled, “Who's tutoring who? Reflections from a field-based elementary mathematics methods course in the Florida Association of Teacher Educators Journal and can be viewed at this link: http://www.fate1.org/journals/2014/boote.pdf.

OFFICE OF EDUCATIONAL FIELD EXPERIENCES

Caroline Leone, daughter of Jean Leone, graduated Cum Laude recently from Suffolk University in Boston where she majored in History.