OFFICE OF EDUCATIONAL FIELD EXPERIENCES

In March, Dr. Susan Syverud, Gina Gannon and Dr. Debbie Reed from the Department of Exceptional, Deaf and Interpreter Education, along with Dr. Stacy (Keller) Boote from the Department of Childhood Education, Literacy, and TESOL, and Maria Ramdas and Christie Stevenson from the Office of Educational Field Experiences went to Las Vegas, Nevada to present at the National Association of Professional Development Schools (NAPDS) Conference. Their presentation was titled, “A Continuum of Clinical Preparation: The Urban Professional Development School Model of the University of North Florida.” Dr. Susan Syverud and graduate researcher, Gina Gannon also gave a presentation at the same conference titled, “Urban Professional Development School Partners Impacting Early Literacy Achievement.”

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The ninth group of students to participate in a short-term international internship to Plymouth, England returned to Jacksonville on March 25. The students, nine teacher education students, and two sport management students were placed in Plymouth primary schools and the Plymouth Argyle Football Club
respectively for two weeks. The trip began with a three day stay in London. Dr. Marsha Lupi and Dr. Jacque Batey served as faculty team leaders and by all accounts it truly was, once again, a transformational learning experience.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Outstanding Graduate Teaching Awards:
- Christopher A. Janson (College of Education and Human Services, Department of Leadership, School Counseling and Sport Management)

Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Awards:
- Otilia L. Salmon (College of Education and Human Services, Department of Foundations and Secondary Education)
- John W. White (College of Education and Human Services, Department of Foundations and Secondary Education)

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, LITERACY, AND TESOL

Dr. Christine Weber has served as a guest editor for the January 2012 issue of Gifted Child Today on Teacher Professional. She has also published two articles in the journal. They are “Teacher professionalism” and “A lack of awareness and emphasis in pre-service teacher training experiences: Preconceived beliefs about the gifted and talented.”

Dr. Nile Stanley and Yue Meng, a Chinese graduate technology education exchange student, have published an article titled, “Recognizing the Learner: the Effect of Culture on the Learning Process” in the March issue of Language Magazine. It can be viewed at this link: http://languagemagazine.com/?page_id=3508. Also, Nile has been invited as a visiting scholar to teach a graduate seminar on learning theory this summer at Shaanxi Normal University, X’ian, the People’s Republic of China.


In March, Dr. Liu and Principal Zhang from Sunrise Bilingual Preschool in Nanjing, China visited the College of Education and Human Services to develop collaborative programs and fundamental research in bilingual early childhood.
education. UNF/COEHS is in a partnership with Sunrise Bilingual Preschool (Nanjing) offering a study abroad teaching opportunity in China for graduate students admitted to the M.Ed. program in Elementary Education or Graduate Certificate programs in Early Childhood Education and TESOL. The students will receive tuition, room and board, airfare and a stipend while teaching in China.

This semester, students in Dr. Gigi Morales David’s Arts-Integration course worked with students at Ortega Museum Studies Magnet School to create museum quality exhibits that were open to the Jacksonville community. One class worked on Patterns in Nature with kindergarten students and the other class worked with second graders on Body Systems. Below are a few photos documenting the arts-based projects.

In March, Dr. Katie Monnin’s “Katie's Korner” on Action News focused on summer beach reading and writing for you and your family. To watch the video clip, go to this link: [http://www.actionnewsjax.com/mediacenter/local.aspx?videoid=3382965](http://www.actionnewsjax.com/mediacenter/local.aspx?videoid=3382965). Also on Action News, Katie talked about the reading phenomenon “The Hunger Games.” To watch the video clip, go to this link: [http://www.actionnewsjax.com/mediacenter/local.aspx?videoid=3366164](http://www.actionnewsjax.com/mediacenter/local.aspx?videoid=3366164). Katie also presented to a university-wide audience at the UNF’s Carpenter Library. Her topic was "Why all Educators Should Care About Teaching Comics and Graphic Novels.” In June, Katie will lead an elementary-based summer camp about the values of teaching and reading with graphic novels at the Discovery Montessori school. She is also helping to form an after-school reading group with comics and graphic novels at Discovery, as well.
The 2\textsuperscript{nd} Annual UNF Sport Management Meet & Greet was held on Thursday, March 29, from 1:00 – 3:00 PM in Room 1100A of Building 57 on the campus of the University of North Florida. This event was designed to provide a valuable opportunity for interaction between identified sport organizations and students interested in working in the sport industry. Various organizations from Northeast Florida took part in the event (e.g., Jacksonville Jaguars, Jacksonville Suns, Daytona International Speedway, PGA TOUR, SMG, First Coast YMCA). The purpose of this event was twofold. First, it was to provide UNF sport management students the opportunity to practice their networking and interpersonal communication skills. The second purpose of this event was to provide an atmosphere that showcases internships and other work experience opportunities, including practicum (pre-internship experiences) and volunteer opportunities.

\textbf{Dr. Kristi Sweeney} and \textbf{Janet Withers}, and several UNF students attended the Muscular Dystrophy Association's Muscle Walk on Saturday, March 31.

"Sport Branding: From Linsanity to The PGA Tour" was presented by \textbf{Drs. Jason W. Lee \& Kristi Sweeney} from the UNF Sport Management program (LSCSM) along with Ric Clarson, Vice president of Marketing Development for the PGA TOUR at the Sport Management and Medicine Conference at Jacksonville University on April 11. \textbf{Drs. Lee and Sweeney} will also be presenting two sessions at the 2012 Alabama State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (ASAHPERD) Spring Conference. The sessions are titled:
"Movies as Motivators: Facilitating Learning through Film" and "Made You Look-ESPN The Magazine's Body Issue: Diversity, Body Image and Beyond."