Dear Colleagues,

The semester is almost over, Christmas is around the corner. May you all have a wonderful holiday season and another productive new year!

2009-2010 is the year of “Facing Challenges--Work Collaboratively for a Success.” At the end of the semester, we are here celebrating our achievements in teaching, research, service and professional development:

With a collaborative effort, we have successfully made a revision on our M. Ed. Professional Education Concentration and P-12 TESOL Programs. Four of our colleagues are nominated for outstanding undergraduate or graduate teaching awards. Three of our colleagues’ two research projects have been selected as one of four finalists for the UNF Foundation Grants, and six of our colleagues have been awarded with internal or external project grants. Four of our colleagues have featured excellent international, national and community service. Thank you all for representing this department well.

We are still facing great challenges. NCATE review preparation still needs our continuous collaborative effort to make a success; our students are still expecting us to provide excellence in teaching and facilitation of learning.

Thank you!

John Ouyang
Prof. and Chair

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**Achievements in Teaching**

Dr. Katrina Hall, Dr. Lunetta Williams, and Dr. Jacqueline Batey were nominated for 2009-2010 Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Awards. Dr. Candice Carter was nominated for 2009-2010 Outstanding Graduate Teaching Awards.

Dr. Gigi David organized opportunities for arts-integration students to participate in an Orff Music Workshop and a Kennedy Center World Music Workshop.

Dr. Jin-Suk Byun developed ESOL on-line method development for his ESOL methodology course. UNF students were matched with Pai Chai students in Korea developing online learning activities; incorporated into the ESOL methodology course a teaching presentation component for graduate students to develop lesson plans and actually applied it to teaching Pai Chai students in TESOL/TEFL certificate program.

**Achievements in Research**

**Publications:**


**Presentations:**

Dr. Nile Stanley Featured speaker at IRA Regional Conference, New Orleans: Performance Literacy through Storytelling (also had new book signing).

Dr. Katrina Hall, Dr. Lunetta Williams and Dr. Larry Daniel received the 2009 Mid-South Educational Research Association (MSERA) James E. McLean Outstanding Distinguished Paper Award for the paper entitled, “Effectiveness of an after-school program for economically disadvantaged youth: Perceptions of students, parents, and staff.

Dr. Christine Weber and Dr. Laurel Stanley (2009, August) presented “Designing Effective Workshops for Educating Parents of Gifted Children”; Dr. Christine Weber (2009, August) presented “Issues and dilemmas: Two states move toward curricular reform” at World Council for Gifted and Talented Children International Conference, Vancouver, B.C.

Dr. Christine Weber and Dr. Laurel Stanley (2009, August) presented “Designing Effective Workshops for Educating Parents of Gifted Children”.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

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Achievements in Research—cont.

Presentations (Cont.):

**Dr. Christine Weber** (2009, August) presented “Issues and dilemmas: Two states move toward curricular reform” at World Council for Gifted and Talented Children International Conference, Vancouver, B.C.

**Dr. Christine Weber** (2009, November) presented “Implementation of Statewide Professional Development Supporting Curriculum Reform” at National Association for Gifted Children Annual Conference, St. Louis, MO.

**Dr. Christine Weber** (2009, July) presented “Providing quality information to parents about raising gifted children” at SENG Summit/FLAG Strand, Orlando, FL.

**Dr. Katie Monnin**, **Dr. Gutierrez, P.**, & **Dr. Powers, J.** (2009, November) presented “Using Comics and Graphic Novels to Teach Media Literacy” at the National Council of Teachers of English Annual Media Gallery, Philadelphia, PA.

**Dr. Katie Monnin**, **Dr. Menger, L.**, & **Dr. Stanley, N.** (2009, November) presented “Reading Between the Lines and the Panels: Graphic Novels Retell Middle and High School Literary Classics” at the annual National Council of Teachers of English, Philadelphia, PA.

**Dr. Katie Monnin** (2009, November) presented “Breaking through and Engaging Tweens with Graphic Novels” at the Miami International Book Fair, Miami, FL.

**Dr. Katie Monnin** (2009, September) presented “Redefining Reading in Florida’s Schools During a New Media Age: Graphic Novels as Reading Rockets to the Future” at the annual Florida Reading Association Conference, Orlando, FL.

Grants:

**Dr. Christine Weber** (2009.) received a grant of $132,066 for “Working on gifted issues 2009-10” from Florida Department of Education.

**Dr. Nile Stanley** received another $10,000 gift from the Cummer Family Foundation to support arts-based literacy in urban schools.

**Dr. Elizabeth Fullerton and Dr. Gigi David:** “Promoting Pre-Kindergarten Friendships”; and **Dr. Katrina Hall and Dr. Sue Syverud:** “a project at Woodland Acres PDS” were selected as one of four finalists for the UNF Foundation Grants.

**Dr. Katrina Hall**, **Dr. Gigi David** & **Dr. Lunetta Williams** were awarded $5,000 for their 2009-2010 Transformational Learning Opportunity Grant for the project “ABC Literacy- Arts, Books, Community: Enhancing the home learning environment of underserved children to promote literacy and school success”

**Dr. Jacque Batey** and **Dr. Marsha Lupi** were awarded $13,000 for their TLO project: “Plymouth, England International Short-term student teaching internship”.

**Dr. Elizabeth Fullerton** was awarded $9,000 for her TLO project: “Inclusive Education in Cuzco, Peru.”

In progress:

**Dr. Wanda Hedrick** has a conference presentation in progress.

**Dr. Candice Carter** has two paper presentations accepted, one book in progress.

**Dr. Katie Monnin** has several papers, presentations and one book in progress.

**Dr. Katrina Hall** has a conference presentation in progress.

**Dr. Ronghua Ouyang** has a conference paper accepted, one book in progress.

**Dr. Lunetta Williams** has a conference presentation in progress.

**Dr. Christine Weber** has another conference presentation in progress.

Achievements in Service:


**Dr. Gigi David** continued her work organizing and implementing UNF Family Fest- a collaboration of the DCE students and the CDRC; was invited to participate in Voice of the People an ongoing outreach arts-literacy initiative at MOCA and participated as a children’s author in the Florida Heritage Book Festival.

**Dr. Nile Stanley** featured in new UNF Video, Transforming Schools.

**Dr. Jin-Suk Byun** developed TESOL/TEFL certificate program for Pai Chai University, Korea.

Professional Development:

**Dr. Wanda Hedrick** (Oct. 4-5, 2009) participated in the workshop for qualitative software training (NVivo 8) in New York.

**Dr. Katrina Hall** (July 16-19, 2009) attended NBPTS Conference in Atlanta.

**Dr. Gigi David** attended a seminar on good teaching at FSU.

**Dr. Ronghua Ouyang** (Dec. 2, 2009) attended a 4-hours Dreamweaver Level II training at UNF.