Dear Colleagues,

It is time for us to celebrate our achievements made in 2012. May you all have a wonderful holiday season and a productive 2013!

2011-2012 was the year to “Make a Change — Work Collaboratively for an Innovation.” In 2012-2013, we are “Launching a Drive — Working Collaboratively for a New Journey.”

In 2012, with a collaborative effort, we made a successful change of the department name from “Childhood Education” to “Childhood Education, Literacy and TESOL,” revised our department operational Bylaws that began to be effective in fall 2012 and updated department vision and mission statements. Supported by UNF graduate school and CIRT Center, we had changed and launched graduate Childhood Education certificate program into Distance Learning, and had graduate DL TESOL Certificate program approved for DL development in 2013. In teaching, we aligned all syllabi with new FEAPs standards, new reading endorsement and TESOL standards; had two faculty members nominated for UNF undergraduate outstanding teaching awards. In research, we achieved 59 publications and scholarship activities, in which include 13 international/national/state refereed journal articles, one book chapter, one book review, 9 international/national/regional/state conference proceeding papers, 31 refereed and invited professional presentations, and four research grants with a total of $34,550. In service, we were represented well at national, state, and university levels, and in the college, department and community as well. We made connections and collaborations with other educational organizations and agencies, such as the St Johns River Water Management, Jacksonville Zoo, the Cummer Museum of Art, and the Jacksonville Museum of Contemporary Art, Florida Reading Association, UNF Children’s Center, institutions in Peru, England, Korea, India, and China, and PDS schools. Our dedicated services were highly appreciated by UNF and the community. Overall, we had a very productive 2012.

At the end of 2012, we are celebrating our achievements; we have launched a drive for the new journey in 2013. We should continuously enhance our collaborative effort to recruit more students, renovate your curriculum/instruction, and be more productive in research and professional services.

Thank you!
John Ouyang

Dept. of Childhood Ed.

Highlights of Achievements (2012)
Dec. 2, 2012

Happy Holiday Season and Happy New Year!!

Achievements in Teaching

Dr. Stacy Boote currently serves as Professor in Residence at Kings Trail Elementary, a Professional Development School; she has successfully implemented a tutoring project in which students use 30 minutes of class time to tutor 3rd-5th graders who are scoring below grade level on Mathematics FCAT and DBTs.

Dr. Candice Carter, a Fulbright Specialist in Education, taught courses in curriculum, TESOL and research methods in University of Cordoba, Montería, Colombia.

Dr. Katrina Hall held a LAE4312 class on-site at Windy Hill Elementary.

Dr. Katie Monnin, Dr. Nile Stanley, Dr. Jin-Suk Byun and Dr. Candice Carter were nominated for 2012-2013 Outstanding Undergraduate/Graduate Teaching Awards.

Dr. Nile Stanley was a visiting scholar and taught two graduate psychology classes at Shaanxi Normal, Xian, P.R. China in the summer 2012.

Graduate Early Childhood Education Certificate Program was launched to DL in fall 2012.

Graduate TESOL Certificate Program received DL development awards and will be effective in fall 2013.

Achievements in Research

Dr. Katie Monnin signed her fifth book contract, with the book titled Get animated! Teaching children’s cartoons in grades 1 – 6.

Dr. Christine Weber was awarded with a sabbatical, Fall 2012 for completing a book contract with Prufrock Press and possible co-publication with NAGC. She is also on the UNF Office of Research & Sponsored Programs’ Newsletter because she was selected as Researcher of the Month.

Dr. John Ouyang received a Research Publication Award for the edited book “Education” at ACPSS 17th International Conference.

Dr. Lunetta Williams was a co-recipient of the 2012 Albert J. Harris Research Award.
Publications:

Dr. Stacy Boote (2012) published “Assessing and Understanding Line Graph Interpretations Using a Scoring Rubric of Cited Factors” in the Journal of Science Teacher Education.


Dr. Kim Cheek (2012) had an article published, “Students’ Understanding of Large Numbers as a Key Factor in their Understanding of Geologic Time” in the International Journal of Science and Mathematics Education.

Dr. Elizabeth Fullerton and Dr. Caroline Guardino (2012) have published two articles, “Tired of repeating yourself? Design your classroom to speak for you” and “The classroom infrastructure and the early learner: Reducing aggression during transition times” in Children our Concern Online and Journal of the American Academy of Special Education Professionals, respectively.


Dr. Katie Monnin (2012) got two books published, Teaching content area graphic novels: A guide for middle level educators, by Maupin House in 2012; and Teaching Reading comprehension with graphic texts: And illustrated journey by Maupin House in 2013. She also got a curriculum guide published by Maupin House, Teaching the Constitution: Teacher Resource Guide. She also got her editorial published, “Why get comics into schools and schools into comics?”


Dr. Nile Stanley and Ms. Yue Meng (exchange student from Shaanxi Normal University) have recently published an article, “Recognizing the learner: Nile Stanley and Yue Meng explore the effect of culture on the learning process”, in Language Magazine.

Dr. Christine Weber (2012) published “A comprehensive plan for differentiating the training of teachers of the gifted online at the state, district and university level in Florida, USA” in Gifted Education International; and “Educating parents of gifted children: Designing effective workshops for changing parent perceptions.”, “Teacher professionalism”, and “A lack of awareness and emphasis in pre-service teacher training experiences: Preconceived beliefs about the gifted and talented” in Gifted Child Today.

Dr. Lunetta Williams (2012) published an article “Addressing Summer Reading Setback among Economically Disadvantaged Elementary Students” in Reading Psychology.

Presentations:

Dr. Stacy Boote (2012) presented (along with Dr. Sue Syverud and Dr. Debbie Reed) A Continuum of Clinical Preparation: The Urban Professional Development School (PDS) Model of the University of North Florida, at the National Association of Professional Development Schools (NAPDS) in Las Vegas, NV. She also presented a 90-minute Gallery Workshop, No More “Monkey Moves:” Bundling Craft Sticks to Understand Division, at the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics’ (NCTM) Regional Conference.


Dr. Georgina David and Dr. Elizabeth Fullerton (2012) presented at the FLAEYC on Promoting School Friendships. Dr. Georgina David and Dr. J. Cross also presented at the NAEYC on “Project-based learning: a collaboration between a local art museum, university education students and elementary school students”. She also presented a workshop on the academic value of the block play at the Early Learning Institute.

Dr. Nile Stanley (2012) presented a paper, “Culturally responsive performance literacy” at the 17th European Conference on Reading, Mons, Belgium.
Presentations (Cont.)

Dr. Candice Carter (2012) presented Peace education in a global context at Fulbright forum, Universidad de Córdoba, Montería, Colombia; Conflict resolution in higher education at Florida Organization of Women in Higher Education, Jacksonville, Florida; and Standards and guidelines for peace education at the biannual meeting of the International Peace Research Association, Tsu, Japan.

Dr. Katrina Hall, Dr. Lunetta Williams, Dr. Wanda Hedrick, and Dr. D. Boller presented Earth Matters Book Club: Engaging students in reading nonfiction texts at the Florida Reading Association Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida.

Dr. Christine Weber (2012) presented Decision making strategies in professional development, and Enhancing professional development using case studies at the 12th Asia-Pacific Conference for Giftedness, Dubai, United Arab Emirates; and Implementing differentiation: A school’s journey, What’s the plan? Designing a teacher support system for developing model lessons for gifted learners, and Exploring case studies in professional development at the Florida Association for Gifted Children Annual Conference, Sarasota, FL.

Grants:

Dr. Christine Weber & Dr. Katie Monnin (2012) received a grant for “2012 Camp Composition Florida Writes! A writing camp for 4th-10th graders.”

Dr. Katrina Hall, Dr. Lunetta Williams, and Dr. Wanda Hedrick were awarded a UNF Environmental Center 2011-2012 SEED grant for their “Earth Matters Book Club: 3rd Graders and UNF Students.”

Dr. John Ouyang (2012) received the UNF International Faculty Study Aboard Project Grant ($2500).

Dr. Nile Stanley (2012) received a gift of $30,000 from Cummer Family Foundation of Boston for support of the arts for high risk students in inner city schools.

Research In progress:

Dr. Stacy Boote’s research presentation proposal, Roles of Mathematics and Science Knowledge During Line-Graph Interpretation, was accepted for the School Science and Mathematics Association’s (SSMA) Annual Convention and her 90-minute Gallery Workshop proposal, Making our Base-10 System Concrete and Comprehensible, was accepted for the 2013 National Council of Teachers of Mathematics’ Annual Conference.

Drs. Katrina Hall, Lunetta Williams, and Wanda Hedrick (2012) had a manuscript accepted for publication by ACEI’s Childhood Education. Dr. Katrina Hall also will present at the Beyond School Hours XVI conference in February 2013.

Dr. Katie Monnin’s monthly graphic novel and lesson plan column for Diamond Bookshelf can be found at this link: http://bit.ly/zc6nPK. She has two books in process and one book accepted for 2013 by Kendal Hunt, Get animated! Teaching children’s cartoons in the elementary classroom.

Dr. Lunetta Williams has a book chapter “Book Selections: Discovering what will entice struggling readers to say, ‘I want to read that one!’” to be published in A. McGill-Franzen & R. Allington (Eds.), Summer reading setback and what we can do about it. NY: Teachers College Press.

Achievements in Service:

Dr. Stacy Boote (May 2012) served as panel reviewer for the 2013 Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association (AERA) for Div. K, Teaching & Teacher Education; reviewed manuscripts for four journals: Journal of Mathematical Behavior (JMB), School Science and Mathematics (SSM), and NCTM’s Teaching Children Mathematics (TCM) and Mathematics Teaching in the Middle School (MTMS). In addition she was interviewed with Action News Channel 30 (Fox) & Channel 47 (CBS), Busy Brains, highlighting science ideas that parents could use during the summer with their children to increase motivation and curiosity; May 16, 2012. http://www.actionnewsjax.com/mediacenter/local.aspx?videoid=3496677

Dr. Candice Carter and Dr. Katie Monnin participated in the review process for the 2012 Research Grants.

Dr. Candice Carter chaired Peace Education Special Interest Group at the American Educational Research Association.

Dr. Kim Cheek served as a critical stakeholder reviewer for the National Research Council’s Next Generation Science Standards and a reviewer for the Academic Affairs summer teaching grants proposals.
Dr. Georgina David (2012) served in the Early Learning and Elementary School Community. She also served on the Board of Trustees for Episcopal Children’s Services, board for UNF Child Development Research Center, writing team for museum unit curriculum at Ortega Elementary, Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens annual Children’s book fair, Episcopal Children’s Services Wild Reading Safari book fair event at the Jax local zoo, and the Marywood Children’s Festival. Dr. Georgina David also received the Teaching Online scholarship and will be participating in the summer.

Dr. Elizabeth Fullerton was selected to participate in the Summer 2012 familiarization trip to Morocco, Egypt, and Turkey. This trip will be led by Dr. Adel El Safty, Leader of the Middle East Regional Council (and Associate Professor in the School of Engineering, CCEC), and Dr. Tim Robinson, Director of the International Center.

Dr. Katrina Hall served on the JCCI Children 1-2-3 task force implementation subcommittee, UNF clinical field education task force, Seaside Playgarden Preschool board of trustees as president, Seaside Community School public charter school steering committee, Jacksonville Early Learning Institute committee hosted conference, University P&T committee, university faculty enhancement committee, and the university faculty association executive committee. She also participated in the FDOE FCAT 2.0 writing panel.

Dr. Katie Monnin was invited by San Diego International Comic Con to be one of six judges for the 2013 San Diego International Comic Con Eisner awards. She was also featured on Osprey Update for Katie’s Korner: Bridging Past to Present. She was also nominated for the Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award and was selected as a Finalist.

Dr. John Ouyang served as an external reviewer for two P&T Candidates from Ohio University and the University of South Florida Polytechnic. He also served on a doctoral dissertation evaluation committee for the SRM University in India.

Dr. Nile Stanley was interviewed by Education News; “An Interview with Nile Stanley: Poetry, Poets, Poems and Promises”: http://bit.ly/T5HX8i

Congratulations to Dr. Christine Weber, Dr. Katrina Hall, Dr. Lunetta Williams and Dr. Wanda Hedrick for the projects being selected by The UNF Foundation Board Advancement Committee for full proposals.

Dr. Christine Weber was interviewed by First Coast News Jax on “Florida Writes”. She was also elected as the FLAG Secretary on the Board of Directors for the Florida Association for the Gifted and Talented. Currently, she is a NAGC Awards Committee member, a CELT Awards Committee member, co-director of the 2012 Composition Camp Florida Writes!, and was elected as a member of the SAC at Bartram Trail High School. She was also nominated and certified by Dean’s office for 2012 Distinguished Professor Award.