

College of Education

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About the College of Education

The College of Education at East Carolina University delivers the highest level of preparation to future educators and leaders. We understand the vital role they play in shaping the future of our state and nation.

The College of Education was the recipient of the "Best Practice Award for Collaboration with Community Colleges" from the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education. The award recognizes the College of Education's collaboration with community colleges to respond to the demand for more rural teachers.

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The College of Education produces more educators than any other school in the state. We offer a variety of programs that ensure the quality of educators graduating from ECU. In addition to our reputation for providing excellent teacher education programs, the College of Education also offers other educational programs of study such as adult education, counselor education, educational leadership, library science, and instructional technology.

Educators and administrators who receive their training at East Carolina University are ready to step into their professional careers with the newest techniques and the latest computer technology. The College of Education also offers professional development opportunities and a number of options for people seeking masters and doctoral degrees, including online programs. Thanks to offerings such as these and the support and dedication of our staff, faculty, and friends, the College of Education continues to be one of the best in the country.

Alumni and Friends Reception

The College of Education held the second annual Alumni and Friends Reception on October 17, 2008. The special event honored 14 individuals who selflessly dedicated their careers and volunteered their time to the field of education. Each outstanding individual is connected to the College of Education as an alumna or alumnus, or as an invaluable friend. All honorees contributed in significant ways to making the College of Education at East Carolina University the leader in preparing professional educators for North Carolina schools.



The 2008 alumni and friends honored were Jeffery Alejandro, June Atkinson, Tony Banks, Linda Brunson, Alisa Chapman, Mary Fowler, Virginia Joyner, W. Bryan Latham, Marian McLawhorn, John Parker, Horace Robertson, Thomas and Elizabeth Taft, Sr. and Beth Ward.

Educators Hall of Fame Ceremony

The tenth annual Educators Hall of Fame induction ceremony was held on October 18, 2008. Each year, the Educators Hall of Fame recognizes the service of those whom East Carolina alumni and friends are most grateful. This permanent recognition was inaugurated in the fall of 1999, and is displayed prominently in the Speight Building on the ECU campus.

This year's speaker, State Superintendent June St. Clair Atkinson, has served as the North Carolina State Superintendent of Public Instruction since August 2005. Dr. Atkinson is the first woman elected to the post of State Superintendent. She oversees more than 1.4 million students in over 2,300 public schools.

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Charles E. Long, Dorothy Pruitt, Rita Reaves, Wheatley Strickland, John Swope, Jerry Tolley, Sarah Williams and Ted Williams.

Inductees in the Educators Hall of Fame are university professors, teachers, counselors, school board members, or other persons whose service made an impact in the lives of those recognizing them through a monetary gift. All gifts received go to the Hall of Fame Scholarship endowment and annual interest from the \$1 million endowment funds merit-based scholarships for College of Education students. This prestigious merit scholarship program attracts more of the best and brightest students to the College of Education at ECU.

Wachovia Partnership East

ECU's collaboration effort, known as Wachovia Partnership East (WPE), prepares individuals to become teachers where they live and work. The degree completion partnership focuses on preparing teachers who will help meet the demand for well-trained professionals in the classrooms of North Carolina and beyond. This endeavor involves partnerships with community colleges and public schools across eastern North Carolina. Students graduate with a four-year degree in elementary education, special education, or middle grades education from the Department of Curriculum and Instruction at ECU. In the fall of 2009, seven new cohorts, with a total of 145 students enrolled in Elementary Education, Special Education or Middle Grades Education, joined Wachovia Partnership East.

Highlights **SPRING 2009**

NC Teaching Fellows and Maynard Scholars Programs

The North Carolina Teaching Fellows and Maynard Scholars provide tutoring for local students, enabling agencies and public schools to have free tutors and the ECU students to have valuable experiences working with children in real world settings. Each freshman, sophomore and junior Teaching Fellow and Maynard Scholar is required to tutor a minimum of one hour each week during the fall and spring semesters. Fellows and scholars are placed with a variety of non-profit agencies, after-school clubs, and public school classrooms. Students receive no compensation for their tutoring time; their work is strictly voluntary. These ECU students provided 3600+ hours of tutoring for local students each year. Costs of tutoring are typically \$15.00/hour; thus fellows and scholars provided approximately \$55,000.00 worth of services to the region yearly.

Project STEPP

Project STEPP began its second year by admitting 13 new freshmen for Fall Semester 2008. Additionally, all students from previous cohorts returned for the new school year, bringing the total student enrollment in Project STEPP to 21. Mrs. Emily Johnston, previously with the Office of Disability Support Services at the Citadel, joined Project STEPP as a Transition Specialist. She began to assist with the transition process for students who will be in the fall 2009 cohort. She will eventually begin transition planning with the first group of students who will graduate in 2011.

Department Highlights

The **Department of Business and Information Technologies Education (BITE)** developed and implemented three professional development modules for Career and Technical Education Teachers in North Carolina. These modules are designed using state of the art technology including artificial intelligence.

The adult education program in the **Department of Counselor and Adult Education (COAD)** is proud to continue collaboration with U.S. Department of Defense (Army) through an interdisciplinary collaboration with Instructional Technology and with Pitt Community College through "Continuing Education Journal Club". COAD is also excited about a new counselor education cohort began at Craven County Community College. Students from Carteret, Craven, Jones, Onslow and Pamlico counties are participating in the first distance education offering for counselor education for a Master in Science at ECU.

The **Department of Curriculum and Instruction** held the 27th Annual Mary Lois Staton Reading/Language Arts Conference in February. The Mary Lois Staton Reading/Language Arts Conference is a professional development opportunity for teachers and educators who want information relative to improving the teaching of reading and Language Arts also held in February.

The **Department of Educational Leadership (LEED)** received confirmation of the Educational Leadership Constituent Council (ELCC) National Recognition. The ELCC conducts rigorous peer reviews of departments of educational administration to determine which programs are deserving of "National Recognition." Currently, the College of Education's Department of Educational Leadership is the only program in North Carolina to receive and maintain ELCC National Recognition.

The North Carolina Distance Learning Association presented the **Department of Library Science (LS)** with the Excellence in Distance Learning Teaching award. Several LS faculty members were recognized for their outstanding accomplishments in the field of distance learning. The department has applied for Candidacy consideration from the Committee on Accreditation as part of the process to become accredited by the American Library Association. Graduates are eligible for application for North Carolina public library certification.

The **Department of Mathematics, Science, and Instructional Technology Education (MSITE)** collaborated with the Provost Council and the Department of Mathematics and held an intensive summer mathematics "camp" for middle grades mathematics teachers from north eastern North Carolina. The focus of this effort was a course in numbers and algebra with attention paid to student thinking and ways to engage students in mathematics.

Outreach Programs

The College serves the region through various outreach programs including Summer Ventures in Science and Mathematics, The Summer Learning Center (SLC), Academically and Intellectually Gifted (AIG) Summer Camp, NC GEAR-UP, NC Legislators' School for Youth Leadership Development, NC Teacher Cadet Partnership, and Summer Science Camp. Hundreds of students from across the region attended student outreach activities on the ECU campus, focusing on teacher recruitment and college access. In addition, ECU's College of Education also serves educators through professional development continuing education programs, workshops, online modules, and conferences.