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Message from the Dean

"Joint Doctoral Program is Approved"

It's true....finally! After years of hard work by many people in the College, the Board of Regents approved the joint doctoral program in educational leadership for Southeastern and the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Southeastern must still apply for SACS approval because the program represents a substantive change to our degree offerings. We hope to gain SACS approval by June and begin offering our first doctoral courses this fall. SACS approval will require another visit by a team of reviewers within the first 12 months of the program; however, this time their focus will be on the College of Education and the Department of Educational Leadership and Technology. The team will review faculty credentials as well as how well we are implementing the program.

If you are not in the Department of Educational Leadership and Technology you might be asking yourself, "How does this new degree impact what I am doing?" First, it raises the level of recognition, not only of the College but also of the University. Secondly, specializations within the degree will be developed in programs in other departments. Thirdly, it means that we will all have to look and act the part of a doctoral granting College, i.e. more scholarly work, increased visibility, and increased recruitment of



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graduate students for **all** graduate programs. I believe that we are up to the challenge!

A special thank you goes to the following people who have been a part of this process: Fred Dembowski, Nan Adams, Ann Nauman, Cindy Elliott, Martha Thornhill, Edie Slaton, Bill Neal, Flo Winstead, John Trowbridge and Rebecca Day.

Regards,

Diane

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Student Showcase *Social Work Exhibition* March 21st (3:30 — 4:30 p.m.); *Family & Consumer Sciences Exhibition: March 20—24*, White Hall
- Coffee with the Dean: 3:30 p.m.— 5:00 pm, March 21st — *White Hall*
- Early registration: March 20-23 for summer, April 3-7 for fall
- Students Teaching and Reaching (STAR): April 7, University Center
- Child Welfare Program— Annual Foster Parent Workshop, (SLU University Center) March 31
- Kappa Delta Pi Initiation: April 8
- Family Life Conference — April 11
- New Faculty Forum: 1:45 am—1:00 pm. April 12
- Honors Convocation (TEC Kiva): 11:00 a.m — 12:15 p.m. April 27
- Chi Sigma Iota (Counseling Honor Society) Banquet — April 28).

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Upcoming Events

- GRADUATE HOODING CEREMONY (TEC KIVA): 7:30—9:00 A.M. MAY 13
- SPRING COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY (UC): 10:00 A.M., MAY 13



College Partners with Virtue Foundation and Hammond Westside Upper

Virtue Foundation, a public charitable organization with affiliates throughout the US and abroad, is contributing to Louisiana's post-hurricane recovery by providing laptop computers — and curricula to go with them — for students displaced by Hurricane Katrina. Fifty Apple laptop computers on mobile carts were delivered to Hammond Westside Upper during the week of March 6. Through this partnership Southeastern students enrolled in Dr. Jacob's MAT class will

work with Westside students on the laptops. The Southeastern students collaborated with students at MIT via an Internet web cast on March 7, to brainstorm ideas to use with the elementary students and will continue to work with MIT students to develop the full curriculum. The program has been featured in local media such as The Advocate and The Daily Star. The Virtue Foundation has also issued a press release to national media outlets.



At Hammond Westside Upper School, Southeastern Louisiana University Master of Arts in Teaching graduate students participate in a web cast with students at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The Southeastern and MIT students will work together to develop curriculum for laptop computers donated to Westside Upper by the Virtue Foundation.

NCATE Update

The National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) Task Forces continue to work on items identified in the action plans submitted at the beginning of the year. A report of actions completed, artifacts identified that must be compiled for the exhibit room, and an end of the year report is due May 2006. These will become the basis of the Institutional Report (IR) that will be submitted before the scheduled NCATE visit in 2008.



Registration Dates

**Early Registration for
Summer 2006**

Monday, March 20-Thursdays, March 23

**Early Registration for
Fall 2006**

Monday, April 3-Friday, April 7

New Department Head

The Department of Counseling and Human Development has a new (interim) department head. Dr. Mary Ballard, an associate professor in counseling, assumed her new position on January 30, 2006. I know everyone will welcome and support Mary! A national search will be conducted to name a permanent department head.

Strategic Planning

The Dean's Advisory Council (DAC) has begun the five year strategic planning process. The DAC met with Dr. Bea Baldwin who led us in exercises to identify opportunities and threats to the College. We are happy that there are more opportunities than threats! In fact, apparently the sky is the limit for opportunities. At our next meeting we will identify strengths and weaknesses in the College. During the summer the DAC will use these ideas to review the College's mission, vision, and values and to draft strategic priorities. We will share all of these with the faculty in the fall through various venues to gather input and to develop the action items to go with the priorities. Strategic planning can be an arduous process, but it will be worth all of the effort.

Preston Allison Distinguished Graduate Scholar Award

Dr. Preston Allison was Dean of the College of Education from 1963-1970. He returned to faculty full-time in 1971 and retired in 1974. After his retirement, the College established the Preston Allison Award for Academic Achievement. Dr. Allison died last year, and his family donated his academic hood to Dr. Bill Neal. The hood was framed and now hangs in the reception area of the Dean's office. The DAC decided to honor Dr. Allison's service by reviving the award but to reconstitute it as a graduate student award, since the original criteria could not be located. The first award will be presented at this Spring's hooding ceremony.

The Preston Allison Distinguished Graduate Scholar Award will be:

- given to one master's degree graduate in the College of Education and Human Development for each graduating class and awarded at the appropriate hooding ceremony. Therefore, in the Fall Hooding Ceremony, one award will be presented to both the summer graduate and to the fall graduate. We will recognize the spring winner during the Spring Hooding Ceremony.
- given to a graduate who has been nominated by his/her academic department with no limit to the number of candidates that can be nominated by a department. The nominating department will fill out a standardized form listing the graduate's name, undergraduate degree, previous employment, and master's degree along with graduate GPA earned. The nominated student will submit to the department an essay describing his/her contribution to his/her profession.
- selected by the Dean's Advisory Council. The nominating department will submit all documents to the Dean of the College of Education and Human Development and may speak in behalf of the student(s) they have nominated. In a collegial manner, the DAC will select the winner by consensus.

Preston Allison Distinguished Graduate Scholar Award Nomination Form

Contact Information

Name:

Home Address:

Phone Number(s)

Educational Information

Undergraduate degree:

Institution and Year:

Graduate degree:

Institution and Year:

Academic Department:

GPA:

Nominated Student is required to submit an essay describing his/her contribution to their profession. Include the essay with the nomination form. Nomination materials must be submitted to the Dean of the College of Education and Human Development by the following dates:

For Fall Graduation: *Last Monday in November*

For Spring Graduation: *Last Monday in April*

Award will be presented at the College of Education and Human Development Hooding Ceremony preceding graduation.

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The College Initiates the Educator's Honor Roll

The *College of Education and Human Development* has established the **Educators Honor Roll** as a way for family members, current or former students, colleagues, or friends to recognize the significant contributions of the educators in their lives.

The names of those honored, and the individuals who honor them, will be prominently displayed in the lobby of the Cate Teacher Education Complex. Please consider making a gift of \$500.00 to the Educators Honor Roll in honor or memory of a special teacher and help us to continue to enhance the education environment for future generations.

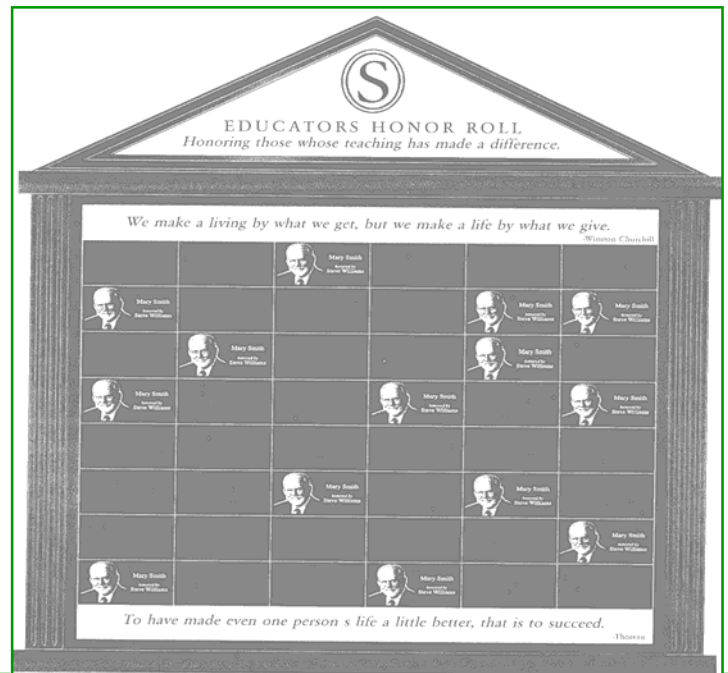
Contact the Dean's office for more Information.

New Faculty Forum

New faculty members have a myriad of opportunities and responsibilities burst upon them which can be both exhilarating and overwhelming. The New Faculty Forum (NFF) in the College of Education and Human Development (COEHD) instituted the NFF to provide new faculty members with accurate information on expectations regarding teaching, research, and service and their new community.

The NFF is for all new faculty members in the College and for selected experienced faculty members who serve as an Advisory Board. The NFF meets six times a year and provides the members the opportunity to participate in a community of learners early in their career and to receive guidance and support from advisory board professors.

Some of the invited presenters for 2006 have included department heads and the Dean of the College, the Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, the Assistant to the Vice President of Student Affairs, the Director of the Office of Sponsored Research and Grants, the Coordinator of Library User Education, the IRB representative, professors, and Advisory Board members. The agenda for March included a presentation by Dr. Danilo Levy, Director of the International Initiatives Office.



Coming Soon... **SPRING BREAK!!**

April 14 — April 21

