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## The Dean's Corner

The College of Education and Human Development in accordance with American Education Week (11/14-20/10) salutes all teachers, school leaders, and other school personnel for all that you do.

The College of Education will host the Urban Education Conference on November 15th & 16th at the Jackson State e-Center. Times are from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We will showcase research by faculty and students; and professional development will be offered in many areas to include bullying, classroom management, and taking stress out of leadership. The keynote speakers will be Dr. Vivian Brown, a graduate of JSU and a nationally known meteorologist, and Dr. Leslie Burl McLemore, Interim President.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend all of our student teachers for the excellent job they are doing. Keep up the good work!

**Daniel Watkins, Ph.D.**

Dean of the College of Education and Human Development

## Fourth Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Conference



*In recognition of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the College of Education sponsored its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Conference on October 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> at the MS E-Center.*

*Pictured above from left to right are: Dr. Daniel Watkins, Dr. Ruby Wiggins, Dr. Locord Wilson, Representative Cecil Brown, Andrea Wilson, and Kim Simmons*



*The second day of activities was led by Dr. Locord Wilson, speaking into the microphone.*

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## Field-Based and Clinical Experiences

**Lennie Little, Ph. D.**  
Program Director



The teacher education program at **Jackson State University** is designed to provide a basic core of general studies courses, appropriate knowledge base in teaching core courses and professional studies, and modern methodologies in professional practice. Teacher candidates have many opportunities to participate in field experiences. Student teaching is considered to be the culminating experience where candidates are provided the opportunity to integrate theory and practice to demonstrate skills as a **responsive educator**.

Field experiences at JSU are challenging, exciting, and rewarding and are viewed as the apex of the career building experience that influences the kind of teacher professional that our candidates will ultimately become. As the culminating phase of the teacher preparation program, the student teaching experience is a twelve week experience in school districts across the state where candidates practice and sharpen their skills under direct supervision of cooperating teachers and college supervisors. Through this partnership with districts, students graduate from Jackson State University ready to enter the teaching profession with the knowledge, skills, and disposition to positively and effectively impact teaching and learning.

## 2010 Fall Student Teachers

**LaCourtney Aldridge, Joanna April, Deanne Austin, Brett Benson, Jamaal Bolden, Travis Brown, Keon Catching, Andrew Fisher, Ember Foster, Lisa Knowels, Jamie Lewis, Emmanuel Muhammad, James Nimox, Amber Patterson, Ronald Roundtree, Lindsay Ruffin, Patricia Smith, LaTosha Washington, and Sheuntay Winford.**



**Executive Ph. D. representatives visit the Puerto Rico Higher Education Council**

## Faculty Accomplishments

**Dr. Jianjun Yin**, along with two other JSU educators, was awarded a grant in the amount of \$500,000.00 from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to help attract African American students into science and engineering fields through service learning. The proposal entitled, ***“Investigation of Effects of Scaffolding Creative Problem Solving through Question Prompts in Project-Based Service Learning”*** is designed to investigate the effects of scaffolding Creative Problem Solving (CPS) through Project-Based Service Learning (PBSL) on the development of students' higher-order skills and their identity as engineers and innovators, especially for African-American students.

**Dr. Yin** was also one of the three faculty members from the EECE Department who were awarded a service learning grant from the University's Center for Committee Engagement. Most recently **Dr. Jianjun Yin** co-authored two research articles and they have been accepted for publication by peer referred professional journals.

## Announcements

Dr. Alberta Yeboah has written and published a book, **Wisdom 101: A Collection of Wise Sayings on Education, Humanity, Life, Love, and Religion**. Cost - \$30.00

Mr. Eltorry Ficklin is the director of Project Hope with the Jackson Public School District in Lanier High, Hardy Middle, and George Elementary schools.

## **ALLIANCE FOR TEACHER QUALITY**

### **FOLLOW-UP SESSION**



Ms. Shirley Williams  
Jackson Public School District



Mr. Jason Eifling  
Jackson Public School District



Ms. Maria Reed  
Canton Public School District



Mrs. Yolanda Allen-Jones  
Canton Public School District



Mrs. Rosie Jefferson  
Jackson Public School District



Mrs. Annie Love-Middleton  
Jackson Public School District



Mrs. Lillian Curry  
Jackson Public School District



Mrs. Ruth Gordon  
Jackson Public School District



Mrs. Janet Grishby  
Jackson Public School District



Mrs. Cindy Thomas  
Jackson Public School District



Dr. Lennie Little  
Jackson State University



Mrs. Amy Burks-Berry  
Jackson State University

## **THE ALLIANCE FOR TEACHER QUALITY**

### **FALL FOLLOW –UP SESSION**

On October 23, 2010, the fall follow-up session for the Alliance for Teacher Quality was held in the Jackson Education Building. During the session, participants shared back to school experiences that involved leading district and building level professional development sessions; providing innovational ideas to colleagues, changing grade levels and schedules; becoming identified as lead teachers, interventionist, and mentors for new teachers. A reflective survey was completed and data will be used to plan the activities for upcoming sessions. The next follow-up sessions are scheduled for February 19, and March 12, 2010.

Participants also used the follow-up as time to discuss, analyze, and begin the completion of group and individual assignments. The resource list in the right column represents the instructional resources identified and used by institute participants and colleagues.

## **Instructional Resource List:**

### ***Innovative Math for Middle School Teachers***

- <http://mathforum.org/dr.math/>
- [http://www.internet4classrooms.com/skills\\_7th\\_math.htm](http://www.internet4classrooms.com/skills_7th_math.htm)
- <http://www.aaamath.com/grade7.html>
- <http://illuminations.nctm.org/LessonDetail.aspx?ID=L583>
- [www.thatquiz.org](http://www.thatquiz.org)
- <http://www.mathsisfun.com/>
- <http://mathforum.org/dr.math/>

### ***Literacy Centers for Middle School Teachers***

- <http://www.blevinsenterprises.com/LearningStationsHandout.pdf>
- [http://www.lessonplanz.com/Lesson\\_Plans/Learning\\_Center/s/Literacy\\_Centers/index.shtml](http://www.lessonplanz.com/Lesson_Plans/Learning_Center/s/Literacy_Centers/index.shtml)
- <http://www.highbeam.com/doc/1G1-192258620.html>

### **CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES NOVEMBER**

**THURSDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup>  
SYMPOSIUM ON FEMALE ISSUES  
6:00 P.M. ROOM 100**

**FRIDAY-SATURDAY, 5<sup>TH</sup> – 6<sup>TH</sup>  
MAHPERD STATE CONFERENCE  
HEALTH, PHYSICAL ED. & RECREATION**

**FRIDAY, 5<sup>TH</sup>  
DATA MEETING  
12:00 NOON ROOM 100**

**TUESDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup>  
ADMINISTRATORS MEETING  
12:00 NOON ROOM 302**

**WEDNESDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup>  
TENURE AND PROMOTION MEETING  
10:00 A.M. ROOM 100**

**MONDAY – TUESDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> – 16<sup>TH</sup>  
URBAN EDUCATION CONFERENCE  
“AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK ACTIVITY”  
9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. MS E-CENTER**

**FRIDAY, 19<sup>TH</sup>  
CALL FOR PAPERS  
RUTH SEARCY CONFERENCE (JANUARY)**

**MONDAY – FRIDAY, 22<sup>ND</sup> – 26<sup>TH</sup>  
FALL BREAK/THANKSGIVING RECESS**

**MONDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup>  
CLASSES RESUME  
LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW**



## Breast Cancer Awareness Conference Captured by Dr. Donald Wheelock



Dr. Ingrad Smith enjoys the celebration of life.



Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Washington enjoy conference activities and monitor door prize distributions.

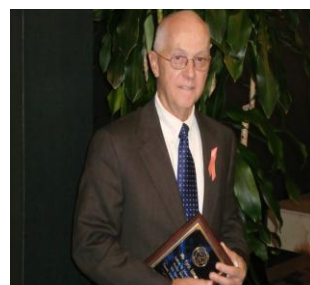


Dr. Daniel Watkins accepts certificate and words of appreciation from Dr. Locord Wilson.

Pictured are: Ms. Janice Diamond, Dr. Tracy Lackey, Ms. Jerrika Stimage, and Ms. Kim Simmons.



Dr. Glenda Windfield, a noted saxophonist, provided entertainment for the group as she played "Stand".



Guest speaker, Representative Cecil Brown, accepts plaque from the College of Education for his participation with the conference.



Ms. Andrea Wilson, Kroger Manger, accepts plaque for her continued participation.