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The Dean's Corner

It is with great honor and pride that we have the opportunity to serve in this noble vocation. It is equally exhilarating to have a positive impact on the lives of young people. Jackson State's College of Education and Human Development is the oldest academic unit on campus. It has grown to be a major producer of teachers, administrators and other school personnel in the United States. Lastly, I am tremendously proud of our faculty. They are excellent, dedicated, and here to serve this country. I give nothing but high marks to a faculty drawn from all parts of the world to provide the content and pedagogical services here at Jackson State University.

Daniel Watkins, Ph.D.

Dean of the College of Education and Human Development

College of Education 2010 Fall Retreat Features GEMSTONES Personality Assessment and Who Moved My Cheese Review

To the amazement of many of the faculty and staff of the College of Education, we can be characterized according to our specific behavior as a diamond, ruby,

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Secretary Arne Duncan and Dr. Marian Wright Edelman Visit JSU



Author and Children Defense Fund founder, Dr. Marian Wright Edelman; Dean, Dr. Daniel Watkins; and U.S. Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan, are pictured above.

Pictured below from left to right are: Dr. Daniel Watkins, Congressman Bennie Thompson, Senator Alice Harden, MS IHL Board Chair, Charles McClelland, and former Governor Ronnie Musgrove.



The panel discussion on the Freedom School and its many successes captivated the audience in the Lecture Room.

emerald, turquoise, sapphire, or opals. The characterizations were identified during the 2010 Fall Retreat as all participants completed a personality assessment by responding to situations in categories such as decision-making, quiet time, workplace, and parties. This derived scores that indicated dominant areas to identify the GEM and the GEMnasty in each of us. The activity was designed to increase our understanding of differences and use realized differences to increase productivity and tolerance on the job. The session was sponsored by DREAM, Inc. Ms. Glenda Crump (pictured below) was the facilitator.



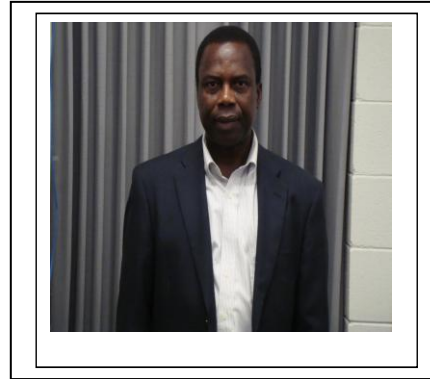
“Who Moved My Cheese?”

The second session focused on the group analysis and discussion of the book, Who Moved My Cheese? Dr. Donald Wheelock was the fortunate winner of the book as a door prize. Many door prizes were distributed during the Fall Retreat, but some prizes were held with higher esteem than others. For example, Mrs. Elisa Johnson (pictured below) was pleased to receive the JSU Tiger Throw.



Faculty Accomplishments

The College of Education and Human Development will feature various faculty and staff accomplishments. This issue highlights **Dr. Benjamin Ngwudike (pictured below) and Dr. Vivian Taylor.**



Dr. Benjamin Chimalu Ngwudike was trained as a Systems Appraiser for Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP) by The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA). **Dr. Ngwudike** has been serving as a Peer Reviewer for the Higher Learning Commission. He has also received an International Service Award from the Rotaract Club of Anambra State University in Nigeria. **Dr. Ngwudike** is also now a Notary Public for the State of Mississippi.

Dr. Vivian Taylor served as program evaluator for the Hoxie Public School District’s School Improvement Program in Hoxie, Arkansas. She also served as an external program evaluator for the City of Jackson’s AmeriCorps Program for youth development and she has served as a program evaluator for the local CHEER Program’s 21st Century Learning Center, an after-school program for at-risk students. Additionally, **Dr. Taylor** presented the topic, “Creating a Print Rich Environment in Early Childhood Classrooms” at the professional development activity for Head Start Teachers held in Booneville, MS on August 4, 2010, and on August 10, **Dr. Taylor** presented the topic, “Psycho-Social Environments: Motivating Children to Learn,” at the Pre-Service Professional Development activity for Head Start teachers. **Dr. Taylor** has co-authored two grant proposals along with JSU colleagues. One grant was submitted to MS Dept of Employment and the other to NIH.

SUMMER INSTITUTE FOR TEACHER QUALITY



Group Picture of Participants with Dean Watkins



Math Teachers



Language Arts Teachers



Science Teachers



Social Studies Teachers

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THE ALLIANCE FOR TEACHER QUALITY

During four weeks of professional development this summer, nineteen content specific teachers participated in learning pods on topics that included classroom management, differentiated instruction, literacy across the curriculum, response to intervention, assessment strategies, and incorporating innovative technology in the classroom. The time was spent learning new information and techniques, critiquing old techniques, and reading current literature to authenticate the techniques. College professors, consultants, and content specific teachers worked collectively to improve content knowledge, extend their professional learning community, and share book reviews from several noted authors such as Alfred Tatum, Carolyn Chapman, Gayle Gregory, Kelly Gallagher, and Bertle Kingore. Book reviews were developed and taught as instructional units. Plans are being made for 2011 by project director, Mrs. Amy Burks-Berry.

Freedom School Group



Pictured from left to right: Byron Carter, Nolan Carr, Catherine Coleman-Smith, L.J. Brooks, Zina Kelly, Arne Duncan, Justin Moorehead, Tramell Tillman, Allison Warnesley, Carolyn Coleman, Rodney Phillips, and Dr. Marian Wright Edelman

The picture above depicts the essence of the visit by the U.S. Secretary of Education to Jackson State University; the Freedom School and its success. The group picture represents the panel of presenters for the session that includes the interns that provided much insight to Mr. Duncan and the many other guests. Mrs. Carolyn Coleman and Mrs. Catherine Coleman-Smith hosted the session.

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

**TUESDAY, 12TH
ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING
10:00 A.M. ROOM 302**

**MONDAY-WEDNESDAY, 11TH-13TH
ELEMENTARY & EARLY CHILDHOOD
ADVISEMENT SESSIONS**

**MONDAY – SATURDAY, 11TH -16TH
MID SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS**

**TUESDAY, 19TH
DATA COMMITTEE MEETING**

**THURSDAY, 21ST
FOUNDERS' DAY CONVOCATION
10:00 A.M. ROSE E. MCCOY**

**THURSDAY, 21ST
PROFESSIONAL ED. COUNCIL
4:00 P.M. ROOM 100**

**FRIDAY, 22ND
FOUNDERS' DAY BANQUET
7:00 P.M. STUDENT LIFE BALLROOM**

**TUESDAY, 26TH
LAST DAY TO DROP A CLASS**

**THURSDAY, 28TH
COLLEGE OF ED. FACULTY
MEETING
12:00 NOON ROOM 100**

**FRIDAY, 29TH
COLLEGE OF ED. FALL CONVOCATION AND
ADVISEMENT ACTIVITY**

2010 Fall Retreat Pictures Captured by Dr. William Brown

Facilitator, Ms. Glenda Crump and Associate Dean, Dr. Ingrad Smith know who moved the CHEESE!



Dr. Gwen Dawkins and Dr. Patricia Kennedy poised for a GREAT year!



Dr. Locord Wilson (left) and Dr. Ruby Wiggins (right) listening attentively.



Dr. Zachariah Gaye seated at front of table and Dr. Jacquelyn Franklin shared a comment with the group.

Dr. Jean Farish presents artifacts from her summer excursions in Malaysia.



Fall Retreat Planners and Organizers are (from left to right) Mrs. Eugenia Scott, Mrs. Deborah Washington, and Mrs. Brenda Stewart.



Presenting a door prize is Dr. Glenda Windfield with the microphone and the happy recipient of the door prize is Dr. Ruben Gentry wearing the JSU cap.