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The Dean's Corner

The College of Education welcomed Dr. Carolyn Meyers to our prestigious Center of Excellence. Dr. Meyers shared her expectations and responded to questions and comments from the faculty. In addition, Dr. Quinton Williams, Interim Provost, gave inspiring words and challenged us to reach higher heights. Our faculty commended the President and shared ideas for the future. The highlight of the meeting was the College's commitment to connecting with alumni that catapulted this great university and college to levels that some thought was unattainable. The President challenged the College of Education to produce its own leadership institutes. In appreciation, Dr. Meyers was given three resources: *To Survive and Thrive* and *How We Got Over – Selected Speeches* by Dr. John A. Peoples and *The First Hundred Years 1877-1977* by Dr. Lelia G. Rhodes.

In celebration of Black History, an outstanding program was presented and we are indebted to Attorney Isaiah Madison for his splendid narration. Ms. Emma Sanders was awarded for her diligence during the Civil Rights Movement. We give special thanks to the 2011 Black History Committee.

To the faculty and staff, let's continue to go forward together and thanks for all you do for our future teachers.

A Visit from the President, Dr. Carolyn Meyers



Dr. Watkins introduced the President and she shared preliminary information with us; but more importantly, she listened, took notes, and responded to information shared by members of the faculty and staff of the College of Education and Human Development.



Dr. Quinton Williams, Dr. Carolyn Meyers, and Dr. Daniel Watkins (pictured from left to right) stop for a photograph after the visit with faculty and staff.

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Teacher Education Seminars



Seminars are a vital part of teacher preparation and approximately eight seminars are presented each semester. Teacher candidates are engaged in professional development sessions covering topics such as classroom management, special education, curriculum framework, differentiated instruction, protocol and professionalism, and legal issues. This year's presenters included Ms. Joanne Shepherd, attorney for the Jackson Public School District, Mrs. Kymona Burk of the Mississippi Learning Institute, Ms. Falanda Addison with Special Education and Drs. Lennie Little and Ingrad Smith of the College of Education.

Dr. Lennie Little, Director of Professional and Field-based Experiences, is leading the responses to the inquiries of the Process and Performance Review from the MS Department of Education. The visit is scheduled for April 4, 2011.

2011 Spring Student Teachers

The College of Education currently has thirty-six teacher candidates working with cooperating teachers in classrooms throughout the city and state. The candidates are: Michael Adams, Stephanie Bailey, Regina Carpenter, Danielle Cooper, Jeremy Dawson, Adriane Dobson, Lakisha Esco-Watkins, Kiara Franklin, Minnie Gibson, Tanisha Gladney, Jasmine Gholston, Markela Griffin, Corey Griffith, Amanda Grable, Lindsey Keen, Brionna Knighten, Kiara Moore, Lekeyla Norris, Felicia Pinkston, Alexandria Provall, Tiffany Rozier, Janet Salisbury, Katrina Sartin, Mark Spooner, Corrandra Scott, Jasper Smith, April Tate, Allie Taylor, Tori Thompson-Davis, Apryl Trimble, Kimberly Varnell, Jarnovian Washington, Randy Williams, Amme Wilson, Amber Wicks, and Whitney Young.



Dr. Rodney Washington and Dr. Lennie Little (pictured above from left to right) discussed program goals and expected outcomes with teacher candidates.

Accomplishments



Dr. Alberta Yeboah, pictured above, has been appointed to the Board of Program Reviewers by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education. Dr. Yeboah will serve a term established for membership until August 31, 2013, with the possibility of renewals based on refresher training. As a member of the Board of Program Reviewers, she is expected to participate in at least one cycle of program reviews annually, complete program reviews in accordance to deadlines assigned by NCATE and SPA, be fair and consistent, work collaboratively, keep information and results confidential, and respond to reviewer evaluation activities.

Announcements

Dr. Gwendolyn Dawkins has been awarded Parent of the Year for Hinds County from Bryam Middle School.

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

Dr. Zachariah Gaye sponsors the Liberia Project.

Dr. Ingrad Smith will be providing Praxis professional development sessions beginning March 5th from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Dr. Patricia Vandecar is actively working with the JSU peace builders to continue to raise funds for the Micro-Lending as Global Service Learning Program.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION HOSTS THE URBAN EDUCATION CONFERENCE

The College of Education and Human Development has traditionally organized and implemented the annual Urban Education Conference in celebration of American Education Week. The legacy continued this year under the auspices of the 2010 theme, "Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility for Both Urban and Rural Settings." The conference showcased the research of professors, graduate students, and professionals by presenting information on the following topics. The primary topics included dropout prevention, classroom management, diversity, disabilities, bullying, globalization, recruitment and retention, stress management, and lifestyles and metabolic variables of African American girls. Keynote speaker and Fox 40 News Co-Anchor, Ms. Kathy Times (pictured below in the center picture) challenged attendees to continue to serve the obvious and obscure needs of the people in our community.



COLLEGE OF EDUCATION HOSTS THE RUTH SEARCY LITERACY CONFERENCE

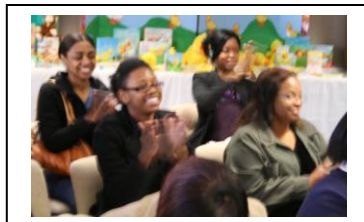
Following the tradition of excellence established with the inception of the Ruth Searcy Literacy Conference, the 2010 conference, "Developing an Education Nation through the Power of Literacy," was the application of skill and knowledge put forth by the collective efforts of college professors, graduate students, and education professionals throughout the state.

Graduate students presented current research in literacy.

Undergraduate students learned best literacy practices.

In the center picture below from left to right are:

Dr. Daniel Watkins, Dr. Buddy Fish, Dr. Martha Alexander (keynote speaker), and Dr. Rodney Washington.



Literacy Keynote Speakers

- Dr. Martha Alexander, Deputy Director of Operation Shoestring
- Dr. Ally Mack, Dean of International Studies

Literacy Topic Strands

- Early Literacy
- Effective Literacy Strategies
- Effective Literacy Strategies that Incorporate Technology
- Global Literacy
- High Stakes Assessments
- Reading Across the Curriculum
- Response to Intervention



Celebrating Black History “A Legacy of Action: Achieving the Dream”

Through oratory expressions from the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the College of Education celebrated Black History. The program narrator was Isaiah Madison, Attorney of Law and Professor of Political Science, while the orators were members of the metropolitan education community. Each orator shared prolific moments in the Civil Rights Moments through the life of Dr. King. Although the program had many highlights, the most memorable was a tribute to Ms. Emma Sanders, Civil Rights Activist, presented by Dr. Carrine Bishop. Pictured from left to right are: Dr. Bishop, Ms. Sanders, and Dr. Watkins.



CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES MARCH

**TUESDAY, 1ST
ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING
10:00 A.M. Room 302**

**TUESDAY, 1ST
TEACHING TUESDAY
LIBRARY AUDITORIUM**

**WEDNESDAY, 2ND
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
PROMETHEAN BOARD
10:00 A.M. Room 307**

**WEDNESDAY – SATURDAY, 9TH - 12TH
MID SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS**

**THURSDAY, 10TH
SEMINAR FOR STUDENT TEACHERS
4:30 P.M. Room 100**

**MONDAY – SATURDAY, 14TH – 19TH
SPRING BREAK**

**MONDAY, 21ST
CLASSES RESUME**

**TUESDAY, 22ND
SOPHOMORE TESTING DAY - EPE**

**THURSDAY, 24TH
FACULTY AND STAFF MEETING
2:00 P.M. Room 100**

**THURSDAY, 24TH
LAST DAY TO DROP COURSE**

Celebrating Black History

“A Legacy of Action: Achieving the Dream”

Photo Gallery by Dr. William Brown

