FACULTY AND STAFF WELCOMED BY THE DEAN

On August 19, 2015, Dean Terence Hicks welcomed the new faculty and staff to the Clemmer College of Education with a luncheon at Café Lola in Johnson City. Later in the week, the full College gathered at the Visitors Center in historic Jonesborough to meet Dean Hicks and hear his vision for the College. Main Street Café catered the College luncheon.

WELCOME BACK!!!

It is a time of new beginnings at the Clemmer College of Education. I am delighted and excited about serving as the new Dean for the College. As Dean for the College, my leadership style is grounded in transparency, accountability, mutual trust, integrity and good faith. My vision for the Clemmer College of Education is to continue to be recognized as one of the Top Colleges of Education in the State of Tennessee and the United States and to remain an innovative leader while transforming the lives of the students that we serve. My immediate vision and commitment is to prepare highly qualified undergraduate and graduate students through the development, administration, supervision and evaluation of the programs that are offered in the College of Education. I am very proud of what the College has accomplished in recent years. Our research activity for the College of Education has been good; we were awarded $1.6 million in project expenditures for the past academic year (2014/2015) and the total amount of funds/endowments for the College as of August 2015 is $3,354,003.35. The sum of the interest earned from these investments is $135,742.80 and this sum is devoted to scholarships for our students for academic year 2015/2016. During the academic year 2014/2015, the conferred degrees for the College of Education consisted of the following: 346 Baccalaureate, 172 Master and 45 academic doctorate degrees. Read on for the many faculty, staff and student accolades enjoyed by the College this past year.
Kobe University Delegation visits the Tri-Cities

The Education Consumers Foundation (www.education-consumers.org) and its President Dr. J. E. Stone along with Dr. Pam Evanshen, Chair of Teaching and Learning, and Sonia Yoshizawa, Doctoral Student, Clemmer College of Education, welcomed a research delegation from Japan’s Kobe University on May 11-12, 2015. The Kobe representatives came to the ECF to learn about how to use value-added assessment as an educational accountability tool and its impact on student achievement in Tennessee schools. Led by Professor Koichi Yamashita, the group included doctoral fellow Keiko Enoki and Michiyo Kojima, Research Fellow of Japan Society for the Promotion of Science. All are affiliated with Kobe’s Graduate School of Human Development and the Environment. Dr. Stone offered an extensive brief on Tennessee school performance data and graphics and Dory Creech, Assistant Superintendent, Kingsport Tennessee Schools, discussed district and school-level TVAAS data use. Dr. Doyle Brinson presented information on the use of accountability data at University School. The group also visited Liberty Bell Middle School where it was briefed on the role of TVAAS data in the school’s ongoing academic improvement program by Principal Tammy Pearce and key members of the Liberty Bell faculty. ETSU President, Dr. Brian Noland, briefly discussed Tennessee’s education reform efforts from the perspective of his tenure at the THEC and his years as Chancellor of the West Virginia Higher Education Commission.

MAT PICNIC
Faculty and students in the MAT program, along with their families, enjoyed a spring picnic. The Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program enables individuals with a bachelor's degree to obtain initial teacher licensure at the graduate level in elementary (K-6), middle grades (5-8), or secondary (7-12, K-12) education. Faculty include Master Clinician Janice Cloud, Program Coordinator Dr. Aimee Govett, and Clinical Instructor Terryl Rock.

Highlights from the Department of Exercise and Sport Science, Center of Excellence for Sports Science and Coach Education and the Olympic Training Center:

Faculty Awards: Dr. Kimi Sato has been awarded the prestigious 2015 Hans Gros Emerging Researcher Award from the International Society of Biomechanics in Sport.

Students/Athletes in Competition: Alex Harrison competed with the Men’s U.S. National Bobsled team in the 2014/15 Bobsled World Cup Series in Europe.

Weightlifters Megan Poole, Abby Barron, Jessica Kinsler, and Kaleb Sargent won a total of 10 medals at USA Weightlifting Regional Championships.

Paralympic Powerlifter Dennis Clemons won gold at Endeavor Games in Oklahoma.

Olympic Training site athletes Michal Smolen and Casey Eichfeld (Canoe/Kayak) won three golds at Pan-American Games in Toronto.

Interns around the Sports World: Mike McCullough with the Oakland Raiders, Takahiro Unebasami with the UNC Basketball program, and Mark Swartz with the Evert Tennis Academy.
Power of Performing (POP) Arts

Founded by Dr. Cynthia Chambers, Associate Professor of Special Education, and ETSU College of Education alumnus Kathleen Buttolph, POP Arts is an inclusive performing arts program for individuals with and without disabilities. POP Arts held its Spring 2015 showcase The Wonderful World of POP Arts, a Disney-themed performance, at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church. McKenze Wiseman, Special Education program undergraduate, and Josh Salyer, an ETSU alumnus, wrote and directed the project. POP Arts provides a place for students like McKenze to gain additional experience in working with individuals with a variety of disabilities. McKenze has excelled in her leadership through POP Arts, which will continue yearly programming in the fall. POP Arts is proving to be a wonderful example of faculty, students and the community partnering to meet a community need.

Hands on Science!

“Integrating Science Learning with Literacy using Informational and Fictional Texts in Grades 6-12,” a Math Science Partnership program (MSP), conducted a summer institute for Science and ELA teachers from Hawkins County (Lead LEA), Bristol City, Carter County, Greene County, Greeneville City, Kingsport City, Sullivan County and Washington County who met with STEM and ELA faculty from ETSU. Eighty-four Science and ELA partners worked together to create integrated lessons that incorporated hands-on science learning with close reading, accountable talk, and argumentative writing about hands-on science activities. Dr. Chih-che Tai (PI), Assistant Director of the Center of Excellence in Math and Science, and Dr. Karin Keith (Co-PI) led the project. ETSU Curriculum and Instruction faculty included Dr. Huili Hong, Dr. Keith, Dr. Renee Moran, Dr. Laura Robertson, and Dr. Chih-Che Tai and also English, Biology, Chemistry, and Geosciences faculty. The MSP project is sponsored by the Tennessee Department of Education; Hawkins County served as the fiscal agent on the $435,597.43 project.

Early Childhood Education

TECTA @ ETSU in 2015

- 58 providers completed orientation classes
- 8 CDA Candidates awarded the national credential
- 39 students awarded tuition support at Northeast State, Walters State, Milligan, and ETSU totaling $24,358.38
- 48 students assisted during spring/summer semesters with either tuition support or borrowing of textbooks
- 6 TECTA-supported students graduated with a Technical Certificate, AS, AAS, or BS degree in Early Childhood

TECTA’s mission is to expand opportunities for early childhood professionals through career development and higher education support. TECTA @ ETSU is funded by the Center of Excellence for Learning Sciences at Tennessee State University through a contract with the Department of Human Services.

Annual Early Childhood Conference – Julia Herwig, Conference Coordinator

The Center of Excellence in Early Childhood sponsored the 2015 Annual Early Childhood Conference on July 16 -18 at the Millennium Centre. Participants included over 800 teachers from public schools, Head Start programs, and child care centers including teachers of children with special needs. ETSU faculty led participants from as far away as Wyoming in numerous workshop sessions. Dr. Rosemary Geiken organized a STEM track while Dr. Jane Broderick organized the track for Reggio-inspired Programs.

News from Little Bucs and Child Study Center

Little Bucs welcomes new staff members Laura Barnett, Jennifer Haney, and Beth Huber to the team! With new grant support from the Center for Early Childhood, Little Bucs now offers evening child care two nights per week this semester. Little Bucs and CSC look forward to supporting student field placements, class tours, and observations over the next few weeks which provide opportunities for students to observe quality early childhood experiences.
Department of Counseling and Human Services Programs Continues to Provide Valuable Services to the Community

Over the last academic year, the ETSU Community Counseling Clinic (CCC) served over 135 clients and completed 1826 free counseling sessions as part of its community outreach in a two-year period. Opened in 2008, the clinic provides graduate students in the counseling program with valuable supervised counseling experience while also meeting a community need by offering free counseling sessions to ETSU students and members of the community. Individual counseling for adults, adolescents, and children is available, as well as couples counseling and family therapy. Our counselors and graduate students are prepared to work with a broad array of individual, couple, and family concerns. All potential clients participate in a brief phone screening to determine if their needs are able to be served through the clinic and, if not, referrals are made to appropriate agencies. To find out more information please check out our website at www.etsu.edu/coe/chs/counseling/clinic.aspx.

Educational Leadership & Policy Analysis (ELPA) Celebrates the Naming of Presidential Fellows

Dr. Bethany Flora, ELPA Assistant Professor, and Dr. David Linville, Associate Dean of Graduate Medical Education in the Quillen College of Medicine, and ELPA doctoral candidate (dissertation defense scheduled October 2015), were among the four Presidential Fellows named recently by university President Dr. Brian Noland. The Presidential Fellows program provides highly focused enrichment opportunities to qualified employees who desire to enhance and expand their knowledge in academic leadership. As a Presidential Fellow, Dr. Flora will be gaining unique perspectives and experiences as she works with key administrators across the institution. These experiences will allow her to bring an expanded knowledge back to the Clemmer College of Education in the areas of governmental relations and university advancement.

From the CCOE Associate Dean: Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program

Dr. Karen Schetzina, Pediatrician in the Quillen College of Medicine, and Dr. Kim Hale, Associate Professor in the Clemmer College of Education, received funding in the amount of $250,000 from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to expand parent training in the areas of literacy and language development, safety, nutrition, and physical activity. Over the past two years, physicians at ETSU Pediatrics have obtained funding to provide training opportunities for expectant parents and families with young children in the areas of healthy lifestyles, nutrition, family activities, and early literacy and language development. The Healthy Tomorrows Partnership grant will allow Schetzina and Hale to extend the parent training opportunities across the region, develop additional training materials, and impact additional families and pediatric practices. Medical residents from the Quillen College of Medicine and students from the Clemmer College of Education are involved in bimonthly support groups for parents and have the opportunity to apply their knowledge and skills in a real-world setting.
On November 17, 2015, the Clemmer College of Education will host Dr. Jack Thomas, President of Western Illinois University, who will be the first scholar to present scholarly research in the field of education under Dean Hicks’ new Research Lecture Series. Dr. Thomas, a nationally renowned scholar in higher education, is the author of *Within These Gates: Academic Work, Academic Leadership, University Life, and the Presidency* published earlier this year. He is also the author of numerous scholarly publications, is a frequent presenter at professional conferences, is a noted lecturer, and is an invited keynote speaker for regional and national meetings and events. His research agenda focuses primarily on Black males in literature, and he is the former editor and founder of "Image: The Scholars Release Journal, Men and Women of Color." As a strong proponent of mentoring young faculty from diverse backgrounds, Dr. Thomas has established under-represented dissertation and post-doctoral fellowships, visiting professorships, young scholar initiatives, and other programs that support their professional development. A native of Lowndes County, Alabama, Dr. Thomas earned his Ph.D. from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, his master's degree from Virginia State University and his bachelor's degree from Alabama A & M University.

Dr. Thomas’ lecture will be in Brown Hall Auditorium from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., November 17, 2015. The public is invited to attend.

The Spring 2016 Research Lecture Series will feature Dr. Michael Miller, Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and professor of higher education, University of Arkansas. Dr. Miller has authored nearly 300 publications, including three books and seven edited books, and has written nearly $1 million in grants. Dr. Miller’s scholarly research focuses on university governance and institutional policy. Dr. Miller holds a doctorate in Community and Human Resources from the University of Nebraska.

Dr. Miller’s lecture will be given in the Culp Auditorium on March 3, 2016, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.
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Save the Date for Upcoming CCOE Events:

✓ Brown Bag Research Lunch; November 11, 2015; at noon in Warf-Pickel Room 315
✓ Research Lecture Series featuring President Jack Thomas, Western Illinois University, November, 17, 2015; 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Brown Hall Auditorium
✓ Research Lecture Series featuring Dr. Michael Miller, University of Arkansas March 3, 2016; 6:00 -8:00 p.m., Culp Auditorium