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Message from the Chair



On behalf of the faculty and staff of the ASU Department of Counseling & Educational Leadership, it is my pleasure to write this introduction to the latest issue of our newsletter. We are particularly pleased to welcome Dr. Shawn Davidson to our staff. He joined us in September 2014 and you will read more about him later.

Educational Leadership has been and continues to be busy with many initiatives – NCATE, CAEP research, recruitment, attendance and presentations at conferences, teaching classes, program review and more.

Currently, we are redesigning both the master's and specialist in leadership. The new masters will be a 36 semester hour program with a heavy emphasis on instructional leadership-not management. If approved, we will offer our first classes during the summer of 2016. You'll be pleased to know that, unlike the last five years, students completing the master's program will

receive certification from Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC). We'll tell you more about the specialist in our next newsletter.

The Educational Leadership program at ASU has a key position throughout southwest Georgia, the state, region and country as over 300 of our graduates over the past 10 years have assumed positions as superintendents, principals, assistant principals, supervisors, athletic directors, vocational directors and , central office personnel, as well as other leadership positions and roles in educational leadership. We always strive to continue our program of quality, productivity, viability, and centrality. Productivity as shown by the number of educational leaders produced; viability by meeting a need in Georgia and the country for all educational leaders, and especially to meet an acute need for minority educational leaders; centrality as the ASU Educational Leadership philosophy is congruent with the ASU Mission and Strategic Plan.

The greatest impact of the ASU Educational Leadership program in Georgia and the entire country is helping develop quality educational leaders and through those leaders, affect the lives of many. We remain poised for greater contributions in the future – the best is yet to come. Read on...

Deborah E. Bemby

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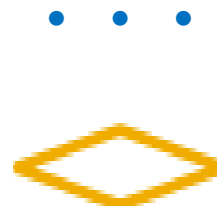
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NCATE NEWS

The Continuous Improvement Commission of the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) at its April 26-30, 2015 meeting in Bethesda, Maryland, approved NCATE re-accreditation for the College of Education at Albany State University at the initial teacher preparation and advanced preparation levels. This accreditation decision indicates that the unit and its programs meet rigorous standards set forth by the professional education community.

The Commission also made a distinct decision to recognize that ASU is moving toward its designated target.

All Educator Preparation Units are required to choose one of six standards to reach target level and ASU chose Standard 2, which addresses, "Having an assessment that collects and analyzes data and uses data for program improvement."

Thanks to all who helped us reach this milestone. This was a collaborative effort with our faculty, staff, advisory councils, local and state school partners and many more too numerous to name.

Special thanks goes to Dr. Kimberly Fields who led us to this magnificent victory!



Our Programs

The Educational Leadership program offers graduate programs leading to the following degrees/certification or endorsements in four areas.

Admission requirements for each are listed below:

Master of Education

Educational Administration and Supervision

1. 2.5 grade point average
2. Bachelor's degree
3. Teaching certificate or 150 GRE score or 44 MAT score
4. Three years of professional educational experience
5. Three letters of recommendation with one from immediate supervisor

Educational Specialist

Building or District Level in Administration and Supervision

1. 3.0 GPA
2. Master's degree
3. Level 5 or above GaPSC certification
4. Three letters of recommendation with one from immediate supervisor
5. Superintendent's Assurance Form
6. Minimum of 3 years of professional education experience

Educational Leadership

Certification Only

Building & District

1. 3.0 grade point average
2. Specialist or doctorate
3. Level 6 or above GaPSC certification
4. Three letters of recommendation with one from immediate supervisor
5. Superintendent's Assurance Form
6. Minimum of 3 years of professional education experience

Teacher Leader Endorsement

1. 3.0 grade point average
2. Master's degree
3. Level 5 or above GaPSC certification
4. Three letters of recommendation with one from immediate supervisor
5. Minimum of 3 years of professional education experience



Faculty Accomplishments

Drs. Bembry & Carthon attended the Fall GAEL Conference in Athens, GA. The focus was on Legal Issues in Schools.

Dr. Deborah Bembry served as a reviewer of proposals for the Georgia Association of Teacher Educators (GATE) Fall Conference.

Dr. Deborah Bembry completed a 7 year term on the GAPSC Evaluation Review Panel-a statewide panel that reviews and makes recommendations to the commission on accreditation for institutions of higher education.

Drs. Shawn Davidson & Deborah Bembry sponsored a Superintendent's Forum at the Educators's Summit where present leaders shared their experiences, wisdom and knowledge with aspiring school leaders.

Drs. Bembry, Carthon and Grimsley completed requirements for mental Health First Aid USA.

Leadership faculty hosted the Georgia Educational Leadership Faculty Association (GELFA) for faculty who teach leadership at Georgia Institutions. Dr. David Hill, Director of Educator Preparation Division for Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC), was one of the guest speakers.

The Leadership faculty participated in a Wallace-Foundation "Quality Measures" grant with leadership faculty across the state.

Drs. Abraham Andero and Bembry submitted an Affordable Learning Georgia Textbook Transformation Grant proposal to assist students with the cost of textbooks.

Drs. Davidson and Bembry are completing a project on Dropout Prevent Strategies of African American Males in a Rural Southwest School Community.

Dr. Janis Carthon presented, *Preparing critical faculty for the future: Agents of change to promote student engagement and student learning*. University System of Georgia Teaching & Learning Conference: Best Practices for Promoting Engaged Student Learning. Athens, GA. April 8-9, 2015.

Dr. Janis Carthon, presented a Poster on *Increasing Student Engagement and performance using high intensity high impact practices (HI-HIPS): Activities of the STEM Faculty Learning Community*. AAC&U—Transforming STEM Higher Education. Atlanta, Georgia. November 6-8, 2014.

Dr. Alan Grimsley remained a Consultant for the Georgia High School Association.

Dr. Grimsley represented ASU at the Georgia Council on Graduate Schools at Savannah State University.



Leadership Graduates

Did you know that more than 60 % of the principals in Dougherty County are graduates of ASU's educational leadership program? Approximately 30% of school leaders (assistant principals, principals, curriculum directors, human resource directors, etc.) in southwest Georgia are graduates of the program.

- ❖ **Rodney Bullard**, Principal, Albany High School
- ❖ **Vontressa Childs**, Principal, Martin Luther King Elementary School
- ❖ **Kenosha Coleman**, Principal, Lake Park Elementary School
- ❖ **Matthew Cooper**, Superintendent, Habersham County School System
- ❖ **William Chunn**, Principal, Westover Comprehensive High School
- ❖ **Vinson Davis**, Principal, Monroe Comprehensive High School Featured on the Steve Harvey Show and awarded the "Best School" Principal Award
- ❖ **Kevin Dowling**, Principal, Lee County High School
- ❖ **Barbara Harvey**, Principal, Albany Early College
- ❖ **David Hamilton**, Principal, South GA Regional Achievement Center
- ❖ **Ufot Inyang**, Associate Superintendent, Dougherty County School System
- ❖ **Monica McCrary**, Assistant Principal, Lillie Cooper Primary School
- ❖ **Jason Miller**, Superintendent, Lee County Schools
- ❖ **Fredric Polite**, Principal, Southside Middle School
- ❖ **Jose Roquemore**, Principal, Lillie Cooper Primary School
- ❖ **Angela Shumate**, Principal, Lamar Reese Elementary School.

More to be listed in our next newsletter.

Charlice Noble-Jones

New position of Instructional Specialist. Serving as one of twelve instructional specialists to support the Dougherty County School System. Duties include developing curriculum materials and specific instructional strategies that integrate technology; serving as a member of district committees for the development of activities, training materials, and programs to disseminate technology information and promote cooperation among schools; and modeling effective technology integration in the standards-based classroom. Additionally, working directly with school administration teams to oversee the implementation of the one-to-one computing environment at two schools.

Timothy Conner

Approved by the Wilcox County BOE as Assistant Principal at Wilcox Middle/High School for the upcoming 2015-2016 school term.

****Please send your news to
Geraldine Cochran at
geraldine.cochran@asurams.edu so we
can include your accomplishments in our
newsletter.***

CONGRATULATIONS

Customer Service
Certification Awarded



Mrs. Geraldine Cochran, (left) receives customer service certification from Mrs. Connie Leggett

The concept of excellent customer service is a must for the success of our department and University. My philosophy is to **treat others as I would like to be treated**. "I enjoy going the extra mile to help someone achieve their task or accomplish their goals." Customer Service Certification in Albany State University's Customer Service Training Program is based upon the completion of eight customer service courses (16.5 hours) and a score of 85 or better on the Customer Service Certification Exam. Thank you Albany State University for affording me the opportunity to better serve.

Welcome to Our New Faculty Member



Dr. Shawn A. Davidson is a graduate of Winston-Salem State University, with a B.A Degree in Business Administration. Prior to arriving at ASU, he worked in banking management for eight years before pursuing a Masters in middle grades Education (Language Arts, Math, and Social Studies).

While completing his Masters and certification program at Clark Atlanta University, he worked part-time as a Paraprofessional within the DeKalb County School System. After completing the two year Masters and certification program, he accepted an elementary teaching position. Additionally, he completed an add-on in Educational Leadership at Clark-Atlanta completing all certification requirements. "I've had ten successful years of teaching experience within DeKalb County Schools and Henry County Schools in a variety of positions". Dr. Davidson has served as an elementary teacher, EIP math specialist, and a middle grades study skills teacher within both DeKalb County and Henry County Schools.

After completing his tenure as an elementary and middle school teacher, he embarked upon an educational leadership career as an assistant principal, principal, and a district staffing coordinator. Dr. Davidson completed his doctorate at Georgia Southern University. He has also worked as the Education Quality Monitor for the Department of Human Services within the Educational Programming Assessment and Consultation Unit (EPAC). Currently, he is an Assistant Professor within the Department of Educational Leadership of Albany State University's College of Education.

Attention all public schools, full time teachers, media specialist and counselors!!!

Visit Teacher's Harvest in Valdosta, Georgia. Teacher's Harvest is a FREE school supply store for educators, offering them an assortment of brand new and gently used supplies and equipment donated by local and national businesses and the **Kids in Need Foundation**.

Visit www.teacher'sharvest.org to get more information.

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Recommended Reading

Getting Teacher Evaluation
Right by Linda Darling

Hammond. "This book is a must
read for anybody who wishes to
understand the complexity of
teacher quality and evaluation".
Paul Sahlberg.

Reading and Teaching Students
in Poverty by Paul C. Gorski

Gorski gently but firmly
redirecting teachers away from
damaging ways of seeing student
and families who live in poverty
toward a vision of respect that
champions equity and enables
young people to "bloom in the
classroom". Christine Sleeter.

**IMPORTANT DATES
TO REMEMBER**

Fall Graduate Orientation
August 15, 2015

August 12-16
Late Registration for all
Students-late fee applied

August 17-21 Drop/Add for
Full Term

August 21 -Fee Payment
deadline

August 22 -Weekend Classes
Begin

August 24-28
Reinstatement for Fall 2015
\$300 reinstatement fee will
apply

September 7
Labor Day Holiday

September 8
Traditional Classes Resume

September 15
Deadline to apply for Spring
2016 Graduation

October 7-9
Midterm Exams

October 17
Homecoming

November 2
Deadline to
remove "I & IP" grades

November 2-13
Advisement for
Spring 2016

November 16
Registration for Spring 2016

November 25-27
Thanksgiving Holidays

December 3
Classes End

December 4-9
Final Exams

December 5
Leadership Forum

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