

MS. DIANE MCWHORTER AT AYERS LECTURE

The 2013 Ayers Lecture Series was keynoted by Ms. Rebecca Diane McWhorter, a Pulitzer Prize winning journalist. Currently, Ms. McWhorter is an independent scholar at Harvard University's W.E.B. DuBois Center, an author, and an American journalist. Each year, the CEPS Department of Communication hosts the Ayers Lecture where it recognizes its outstanding students and brings communication practitioners to campus to interact with faculty and students.

Ms. McWhorter is the author of *Carry Me Home: Birmingham, Alabama—The Climactic Battle of the Civil Rights Revolution*, which was published by Simon & Schuster. The *Carry Me Home* won the 2002 Pulitzer Prize for General Nonfiction. The book is her personal account of the civil rights events in Birmingham, Alabama. *Carry Me Home* won many other awards including the J. Anthony Lukas Book Prize in 2002, *Time* Magazine's Ten Best Books of the Year, 2002, a New York Times Notable Book, the Los Angeles Times Best Book of the Year, 2002, and the Southern Book Critics Circle Award.

Ms. McWhorter's young-adult history of the civil rights movement, *A Dream of Freedom*, was published by Scholastic in the fall of 2004. It was one of *The New York Times'* nine Notable Children's Books of 2004 and



USA Today's Best Children's History of 2004.

Ms. McWhorter, a journalist contributor to *The New York Times* and *Harper's Magazine*, is on the *U.S.A. Today* Board of Contributors, writing for its op-ed page. Her articles on race, politics, and culture have appeared in *The Nation*, *Slate*, *The American Scholar*, *The Washington Post*, *Smithsonian*, *Legal Affairs*, *Harper's* and *Boston Magazine*. She has also worked at the *Boston Magazine* as managing editor.

Ms. McWhorter has taught as adjunct faculty at Columbia University's graduate School of the Arts. She is a member of the Society of American Historians and has held fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, the American Academy in Berlin, and the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard.

Ms. McWhorter was raised in Birmingham and graduated magna cum laude from Wellesley College. Her BA is in comparative literature.

During the fall of 2007, she was a Holtzbrinck Fellow at the American Academy in Berlin. She was a 2009 Guggenheim Fellow, a 2010 residential scholar at the Rockefeller Foundation in Bellagio, and a 2011-12 fellow at Harvard University's Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study.

Currently she is the 2012-2013 Caperton Fellow at

Harvard's W.E.B. Du Bois Institute for African and African American Research. Her current project is "Moon of Alabama: From Nazi Germany to Tranquility Base, via the Segregated American South." This project focuses on Wernher von Braun, and his team that were brought to the south from Nazi Germany at the end of WWII to build rockets. The project will focus on the cultural, racial, and social issues that occurred in Huntsville, Alabama.

CEPS SOFTBALL PLAYERS



Ms. HAYDEN CRAWFORD, ALL TOURNAMENT HONORS, 2013 OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to the JSU Softball team for winning the 2013 Ohio Valley Conference Tournament title while also maintaining a 3.668 grade point average, which led all JSU sports! Several CEPS students are members of the team.

Pitcher Ms. Tiffany Harbin, a junior from Hazel Green, Alabama, is an

early childhood/elementary education major and was named Most Valuable Player of the tournament. Outfielder Ms. Hayden Crawford from Madison, Alabama, received All-Tournament Honors. Ms. Hayden is a junior majoring in exercise science and wellness.

CEPS students on the team include: Ms. Savannah Hennings from Springville, Alabama, who is majoring in secondary education biology, Ms. Jessica Guy from Vancouver, Washington, who is majoring in exercise science and wellness, Ms. Savannah Sloan from Reynolds, Georgia, who is majoring in exercise science and wellness, Ms. Cara Longworth from Massillon, Ohio, who is majoring in exercise science and wellness, and Ms. Sara Borders from Alexandria, Alabama, who is majoring in exercise science and wellness.



Ms. TIFFANY HARBIN, MOST VALUABLE PLAYER 2013 OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT.

ERICA PAIGE HUDDLESTON

Ms. Erica Paige Huddleston, a CEPS senior majoring in early childhood/elementary education won "Miss Congeniality" at the Miss Alabama United States pageant in April. She represented her area as "Miss Etowah County." Ms. Huddleston, who participated in modeling and pageants from an early age. Ms. Huddleston maintains a 3.5 GPA, is regularly on the President's and Dean's List, and is a member of Pi Lambda Theta Honor Society. She participates in Relay for Life, Children's Miracle Network and Kiwanis Pancake Day. Ms. Huddleston hopes to be an inspirational teacher who can be effective in helping students achieve success in both academic and peer relationships. Ms. Huddleston is from Glencoe, Alabama.

*Erica Huddleston
Miss Etowah County*



DR. WEBB AND THE JACKSONVILLE GARDEN CLUB



DR. S. A. WEBB, PROFESSOR IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SECONDARY EDUCATION

Dr. Sheila Anne Webb, professor in the Department of Educational Resources, serves as president of the Jacksonville Garden Club (JGC). Dr. Webb holds the designations of Master Gardener and Master Conservationist. Her yard in Jacksonville is certified as a wildlife habitat.

The Garden Club of Alabama and the National Garden Clubs, Inc. recognized JGC as a charter member in Alabama. Established in 1931, the JGC has served the community for eighty-two consecutive years. The Jacksonville Garden Club was founded

by Miss Mary Forney and Mrs. Jessie A. Renick.

The Jacksonville Garden Club has a greenhouse and annual plant sale. Throughout the year, JGC members work on the Chief Ladiga Trail demonstration gardens, the Bluebird Trail (hanging bluebird boxes), container gardens on the Jacksonville Square and old Train Depot, Pocket Park and Farmer's Market, the Jacksonville Community Center and Pool Gardens, the Jacksonville Senior Center gardens, the Kitty Stone Butterfly Gardens, and assist with the Longleaf Botanical Garden. The JGC presents Beautification Awards to both residential and commercial properties and selects trees to feature for the Historic Tree of Distinction Awards.

Recently, the City of Jacksonville and Jacksonville City Council recognized the Jacksonville Garden Club and local Master Gardeners for "the talent to look for new and innovative ways to enhance and educate those who want to learn about beautification through gardening."

The JGC was asked to make the funeral wreath for the Lt. Col. John Pelham 150th Memorial reenactment.

The twenty-four year old Pelham was killed at the battle of Kelly's Ford. The wreath was made with spiraea, also known as bridal wreath or Pelham rose. Spiraea, a bush with long stemmed multi-clustered small white flowers, was a common choice for funeral wreaths at the actual time of Pelham's funeral (1863).

The Jacksonville Garden Club meets the third Wednesday of each month at the Jacksonville Community Center. At the meeting, attendees experience a program that includes speakers, refreshments, and a JGC business meeting. The JGC theme is "Gardening for Health and Happiness." Many of the JGC members are also Master Gardeners. Several have their yards certified by the National Wildlife Federation as "Wildlife Habitats."



PARKER AT NEW HAMPSHIRE MOTOR SPEEDWAY

By Mr. Keith Thomas
Production Coordinator, Television Services

TV Services former student-worker, Ms. Dalana Parker, is interning this summer with the New Hampshire Motor Speedway. New Hampshire Motor Speedway (NHMS), hosts two NASCAR Sprint Cup Series events each year, and is located in Loudon, New Hampshire. NHMS is the largest sports facility in New England and features a 1.058 mile oval speedway, a 1.6 mile road course, and a total capacity for 105,491 spectators,

The speedway hosts the only NASCAR Sprint Cup Series, NASCAR Nationwide Series, and

Global RallyCross Championship events held in the six-state New England region.

Ms. Parker stated, "I am loving this internship so far. One of my main jobs is going to be shooting and editing highlight videos of races, so everything I learned at TV Services is really going to come in handy."

Here is a link to a video that Ms. Parker did all the camera work and editing for, <http://www.nhms.com/media/headlines/granite-state-legends-cars-race-tripleheader.html>.



SPREAD THE WORD TO END THE WORD

Students in Ms. Valerie Gamble's class spread across JSU's campus in teams to support the national "Spread the word to end the word" campaign. Each group was supplied with flyers and a sign up sheet. After introducing themselves to people passing by, the students told them of this movement and that the word "retarded" should be replaced with the phrase "intellectually disabled," and further stated the R-word is unnecessary and hurtful. The students shared the campaign's request asking people to pledge to



stop saying the R-word as a starting point toward creating more accepting attitudes and communities for all people to pledge to use respectful, people-first language.

Dr. Gamble shared the "Spread the

word to end the word" with her class and the students wanted to be part of this worldwide movement.

"There is so much stigma attached to the R-word and it is used in such a derogatory manner now," said Ms. Valerie Gamble, instructor of special education in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction. "Language impacts attitude. To change attitude, we first need to look at changing language." For more information please visit <http://www.r-word.org>

DAILEY NAMED TEACHER OF THE YEAR AT LITCHFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mr. Malcolm Dailey, a Jacksonville State graduate, was awarded the Teacher of the Year for Litchfield Middle School, Gadsden City Systems. A luncheon honoring all Teacher of the Year recipients was held on May 1, 2013, at the Pittman

Theater in Gadsden. Mr. Dailey graduated in December 2010 with his undergraduate degree in dietetics and is currently a candidate in JSU's Alternative Fifth Year Program in Secondary Education with a concentration in the Department

of Family and Consumer Sciences. He was elected by his colleagues to be Teacher of the Year at Litchfield Middle School. Mr. Dailey stated, "Success is measured by your output in life. You are only as successful as your last student."

JSU'S CHAPTER OF PDK INTERNATIONAL INDUCTS FORTY-EIGHT

In its thirty-ninth year at JSU, Phi Delta Kappa (PDK) chapter #0211 held an induction ceremony for forty-eight new members at Houston Cole Library on April 25. PDK is a diverse group of professional educators. The membership of this local chapter includes teachers, preservice teachers, administrators, counselors, community college and university administrators, specialists, literacy program advocates, and professors/instructors. Chapter

#0211 has been recognized as a worldwide leader in new and retained memberships and support of the PDK Educational Foundation. PDK members are involved with public school students at all levels of their academic studies. PDK International has over 600 chapters and tens-of-thousands of members worldwide.

Mr. Mitch McKay, retired principal of Jacksonville High School and one of the founders of the JSU chapter,

spoke to the group.

Also during the initiation two high school seniors received a \$500 Dr. Dennis Zuelke Service Award scholarship to JSU and Ms. Jill Scott was recognized as the Thornburg Award winner. Four forty year members were recognized.

Next fall, the association has plans to celebrate its fortieth year at JSU. All members past and present will be invited to attend.



PDK LEADERS

JSU'S TEACHER HALL OF FAME



MS. TRACY PRUITT, MONTANA STREET ACADEMIC SCHOOL, INDUCTED INTO THE 2013 JSU TEACHER HALL OF FAME ELEMENTARY DIVISION



MR. PHILIP JENKINS, B.B. COMER MEMORIAL SCHOOL, INDUCTED INTO THE 2013 JSU TEACHER HALL OF FAME MIDDLE SCHOOL DIVISION



MS. BARBIE NELSON, NORTHVIEW HIGH SCHOOL, INDUCTED INTO THE 2013 JSU TEACHER HALL OF FAME SECONDARY DIVISION

The forty-fifth Annual Jacksonville State University Teacher Hall of Fame banquet was held on May 10, 2013, to honor the fifteen nominees and three inductees into the Jacksonville State University Teacher Hall of Fame.

The speaker was Ms. Dilhani Uswatte, 2009 JSU Teacher Hall of Fame Inductee and the 2009-2010 Milken Family Award Winner. Dr. Rebecca O. Turner, provost of Jacksonville State University, announced that a \$1,000 stipend for use by the inductees to enhance their professional development was mailed to the principal of their respective schools.

Mr. Jerry Burfitt, president of the Scottish Rite Foundation of Alabama made a presentation of a certificate of recognition by that organization and also indicated that a check would be mailed to the inductees.

The Jacksonville State University Teacher Hall of Fame was founded in 1969 by then university president, Dr. Houston Cole. Dr. Cole created this award to honor teachers, who not only teach, but also exemplify the profession. Jacksonville State University and Dr. William A. Meehan, the current president, are proud to carry on this legacy.

The process of selecting the candidates involves every school district in Alabama. Each school system may nominate teachers from three divisions: elementary, middle, and high school. From all the nominations, fifteen candidates are interviewed by the selection committee in Birmingham, Alabama. Here the selection is narrowed to the three inductees.

The selection committee members were: Mr. Lamar Sims, vice president

of Cheaha Bank, Jacksonville, Alabama; Dr. Jeff Goodwin, superintendent of Oxford City Schools in Oxford, Alabama; Dr. Gena Thornburg, professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction; Dr. Emily Sims, assistant professor in the Department of Educational Resources; Dr. Kelly Ryan, director of the Teacher Service Center; and Ms. Dilhani Uswatte.

The 2011-12 inductees were: in the Elementary Division, Ms. Tracy Pruitt, Mountain Street Academic School in Dothan City School System; in the Middle School Division, Mr. Philip Jenkins, B. B. Comer Memorial School, Talladega County School System; and in the Secondary School Division, Ms. Barbie Nelson, Northview High School, Dothan City School System.

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES PROGRAM ACCREDITED BY AAFCS

By Ms. Robbie B. Boggs, Instructor in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences

The Council for Accreditation of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) met on April 5, 2013, and voted to grant accreditation to the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences at Jacksonville State University. This news came in letters addressed to Dr. Meehan, Dr. Hammett, and Dr. Goodwin. The accreditation process involved careful review and consideration of a Self-Study Report composed by the faculty, the report of the site visit team which included strengths of the programs and recommendations, and the department's response to that site visit report. The AAFCS council commended the faculty members for the high quality programs that they provide to their students.

Noteworthy strengths of the department were cited in the letter as follows:

- University and college administrators are committed to the department and responsive to the needs of the unit. As a note, Ms. Jeannie Frazier became a full-time instructor in the fall of 2013 due to the growth of the programs and the department benefited from the additional full-time position.
- Dr. Goodwin was commended on her professional skills in her leadership role as department head and professor. She has been progressively leading the department

and keeping up with new industry trends and national standards in both dietetics/nutrition and family and consumer sciences. As a note, the department is seeking re-accreditation in dietetics (ACEND).

- The faculty members have excellent backgrounds and are student-oriented and caring.
- The department has many concentrations of study, yet the students and alumni understand the integrative, synergistic nature of the FCS discipline. One discipline builds on the other to support life skills necessary to succeed on individual, family, community, and/or global levels.
- The department has been innovative in meeting the needs of the workforce with highly qualified employees as well as increasing the number of students majoring in FCS concentrations. They have collaborated with community professionals to expand opportunities and improve the programs offered.

The Council made the following recommendations to further comply with national standards and advance the programs in the department:

- Instructional and laboratory equipment should be updated with an emphasis on technology. The facilities should include state of the art laboratories with special emphasis on compliance with ADA standards.

- The council recommended the licensing of the Harper Child Study Center and that all lab experiences for students should be within licensed child care centers.
- The department needs more tenure track faculty since the number of student majors is increasing.
- The Council finally advised that FCS faculty increase their scholarly activities related to their area of specialization.

The next interim report, containing the department's actions taken in response to the recommendations of the council, will be submitted in year three of accreditation. Accreditation is granted for a period of ten years and the department can use the AAFCS Seal of Accreditation. This seal indicates that the department has met or exceeded stated criteria and it can be used on all forms of communications. This accreditation expires in Spring, 2023.



FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES DIETETICS PROGRAM REAFFIRMED

The dietetics program, part of the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, has received its reaffirmation letter awarding full accreditation from ACEND (Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics). ACEND is a governing board recognized by the United States Department of Education in

overseeing education standards for students studying to be registered dietitians or dietetic technicians. "As the dean of the College of Education & Professional Studies, I am proud of the reaffirmation of our dietetics program in the Department of Family & Consumer Sciences," says Dr. John B. Hammett. "Maintaining

an endorsement from an accrediting agency such as the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics over the past ten years speaks to the quality and rigor of the program and is an indicator to employers that our graduates are well prepared."

TWO FROM JSU RECOGNIZED AT ALDA CONFERENCE

By Ms. Robbie B. Boggs, Instructor in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences



Ms. MORGAN COX RECEIVES THE OUTSTANDING JSU DIETETICS SENIOR FROM Ms. MOLLY B. KILLMAN, MS, RD, LD, PRESIDENT OF ALDA

Attending the Alabama Dietetics Association (ALDA) annual conference in Huntsville, Alabama, on March 6-8 were Dr. Debra Goodwin, head of the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) and registered dietitian, and Dr. Tim Roberts, associate professor of nutrition in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences and registered dietitian. In addition students from JSU's Department of Family and Consumer Sciences that attended were Ms. Morgan Cox, Ms. Zethun Abus, Ms. Lauren Collins, Ms. Norma Newman, and Ms. Cassie Glidewell. The conference was sponsored by Southeast United Dairy Industry Association. .

The Alabama Dietetic Association (ALDA) is an affiliate of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. The association holds a yearly conference

where its over 1,000 members can share information about the dietetics profession and earn CEUs. ALDA members are recognized as nutrition experts and their influence improves the health of Alabamians.

The JSU FCS students contributed a basket for the ALDA scholarship raffle. This year's conference had a record number of student poster sessions at the conference with twenty-eight presenters. Mr. Zethun Abus of JSU presented a research poster about instructing local schools on the concepts of "MyPlate."

Ms. Morgan Cox was named Outstanding JSU Dietetics Senior.

Dr. Tim Roberts was chosen as this year's recipient of The ALDA Dietetics Educator of the Year Award. Dr. Roberts was selected by ALDA organizational board members from a pool of nominees submitted for review.



DR. TIM ROBERTS, THE ALDA0 EDUCATOR OF 2013, IS PRESENTED A PLAQUE BY Ms. MOLLY B. KILLMAN, MS, RD, LD, PRESIDENT OF ALDA

ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOR ALAFCS

By Ms. Robbie B. Boggs, instructor in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences



Alabama Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (ALAFCS) and state cooperative extension agents met jointly for their annual state conference held in Birmingham on February 21-22.

Two instructors and seven students attended from the JSU Department of Family and the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS). Ms. Robbie Boggs, FCS merchandising chair, served as vice president of operations in ALAFCS during the past year. Ms. Jeannie Frazier, FCS human sciences chair, served as chairman of university/college research.

FCS Club members held several

fundraisers and were eligible for allocation money from the Office of Student Life to help with conference expenses. Students attending were; Ms. Laura Gallagher (merchandising), Ms. Najsha Corbett (merchandising), Ms. Shay Dobbins (child development), Ms. Tammy McWilliams (FCS ED & \$1000 scholarship recipient), Ms. Jazmine Mudiam (culinary & hospitality management), Ms. Haley Irons (dietetics), and Ms. Shelley Cantrell (FCS ED).

Among ALAFCS scholarships awarded during Thursday's luncheon, Ms. Tammy McWilliams received a \$1,000 scholarship in FCS Education

from ALAFCS. Ms. McWilliams has been a student worker in the FCS department office and will be beginning her senior year in the fall.

The conferences moved to The Club atop Red Mountain for Friday's brunch featuring an informal fashion show by J Jill and a guest speaker from the American Heart Association.

During the conference, ALAFCS executive board members and officers were installed. Ms. Boggs was installed into her second term as vice president of operations for ALAFCS and Ms. Frazier was installed into the first of a two-year term as vice president of program development. These terms begin in June.



Ms. TAMMY McWILLIAMS IS PRESENTED WITH THE 2013 FCS EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP BY Ms. JOANN WISSINGER, PRESIDENT OF ALAFCS

FCS SENIOR RECEPTION

By Ms. Robbie B. Boggs, Instructor in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences



Ms. MORGAN COX, DR. VIRGINIA YOCUM AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE



Ms. BELINDA HEATH, DR. VIRGINIA YOCUM SCHOLARSHIP



Ms. ELIZABETH MCFATE, OUTSTANDING STUDENT IN DIETETICS

The Jacksonville Train Depot was filled to capacity as Dr. Debra Goodwin welcomed seniors, parents, and guests to the annual Senior Reception on April 10. Dr. Rebecca Turner and Dr. John Hammett presented opening remarks.

During the reception, the outstanding student awards were conferred by FCS faculty members. Ms. Ashley Bearden was recognized with the Family and Consumer Sciences Education Award and Ms. Brooke Sears received the Outstanding Student in Merchandising Award. Three certificates were given to outstanding Child Development students: Ms. Kenyetta Wilson, Ms. Adrienne Hollman, and Ms. Dorthea Lawson. Ms. Rachel Raubolt received the Outstanding Student in Human Sciences Award. Ms. Elizabeth McFate was recognized as the outstanding student in Dietetics and Ms. Jazmine

Mudiam was recognized with the Award for Culinary & Hospitality Management.

By a consensus vote of FCS faculty members, the following scholarships were awarded: The Dr. Virginia Yocum Award for Excellence, Ms. Morgan Cox; the Dr. Virginia Yocum scholarship, Ms. Belinda Heath; The Hazel Matthews scholarship, Ms. Alicia Pigue; The Dr. Elizabeth S. Sowell Scholarship, Ms. Rebecca Easterwood; the Dr. Louise Rhodes Clark scholarship; Ms. Jazmine Mudiam; and the Winna Faye Maxwell scholarship Ms. Tammy McWilliams.

There were twenty-two inductees into Alpha Eta Epsilon, the honorary organization in FCS. To be eligible for membership, the student must be a senior with a 3.0 overall GPA, a 3.0 GPA in the major concentration, and a minimum of fifteen hours completed in FCS coursework.



Ms. DORTHEA LAWSON, Ms. KENYETTA WILSON, AND Ms. ADRIENNE HOLLMAN, OUTSTANDING CHILD DEVELOPMENT STUDENTS



DR. TIM ROBERTS PRESENTS THE DR. LOUISE RHODES CLARK SCHOLARSHIP TO Ms. JAZMINE MUDIAM

MS. KIM TOWNSEL RECEIVES EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

By Ms. Robbie B. Boggs, Instructor in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences



DR. DEBRA GOODWIN, DEPARTMENT HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES RE-PRESENTS THE PLAQUE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA TO MS. KIM TOWNSEL, INSTRUCTOR OF FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

Every year at the end of the school term, the University of Alabama's Office of Research in Teaching in the Disciplines recognizes Alabama teachers, from Pre-K through undergraduate college levels, who excel in making learning engaging and memorable for their students. Awards are given in English/language arts, mathematics, social studies, special education, technology, and undergraduate education.

This year a plaque for Excellence in Teaching in Undergraduate

Education was awarded to Ms. Kim Townsel, FCS education instructor. Ms. Townsel submitted her project-based Global and National Issues assignment from FCS 371, Family Resource Management. The Global and National Issues project allows students to demonstrate competencies in identifying concepts in the management process, including problem identification, decision-making, choices and outcomes, alternatives, resources, goals, and values.

Lesson plans were evaluated by a disciplinary committee using a rubric. Ms. Townsel's project is considered outstanding because it is interactive and engages students, while teaching them to be responsible for their own learning.

As is customary, the awards are presented by either the teacher's principal or dean. Dr. Hammett awarded Ms. Townsel with her plaque of excellence at the PDK initiation in April.

CEPS PROMOTIONS AND TENURE

This year faculty earning a promotion were: Dr. Gaucio Scremin, in the Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation to associate professor and tenure; Dr. Jimmy Barnes in the Department of Educational Resources to associate professor and tenure; Dr.

Melinda Staubs in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction to associate professor and tenure; Dr. Melanie Wallace in the Department of Educational Resources to associate professor and tenure; Dr. Joseph Akpan in the Department of Secondary Education to professor;

and Dr. Edwin Bellman in the Department of Technology and Engineering to associate professor.

Their new ranking will be effective October 1, 2013. Congratulations and thank you for all the work you contribute to the university, the CEPS and most importantly to students.

CORE

More than 250 teachers, faculty, and administrators visited the Jacksonville State University campus on June 4-6, 2013, as attendees of the CORE Academy.

CORE's mission is to fuel transformation in K-12 and higher education classrooms through professional development, project and challenge-based learning, technology, classroom support, change management and partnership building, evaluation and research, dual enrollment, and innovative teacher preparation.

Invitations were sent out to public schools statewide. Educators from CEPS presented at the workshop

sessions. Dr. Nina King, Dr. Emily Sims, and Ms. Valerie Gamble shared how they used iPads in the classroom to create problem-centered curriculum.

Keynote speaker for the academy was Dr. Mark Milliron, chancellor of WGU Texas, a nonprofit university founded by the state of Texas. Dr. Milliron is an award-winning leader, author, speaker, and consultant well known for exploring leadership development, future trends, learning strategies and the human side of technology change. He addressed the CORE Academy on "Stepping Up to the Challenge of Education and the Road Ahead."



MR. MARK MILLIRON, KEYNOTE SPEAKER FOR THE CORE ACADEMY



DR. NINA KING, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION



MS. VALERIE GAMBLE, INSTRUCTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION



iPad Apps, Tech Tips and Tools

By Dr. Nina King

Associate Professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction

There are many apps that generate concept maps (e.g., webs, mindmaps, etc.), all offering slightly different functions and visual options. Here are a few of my favorites.

- **Popplet:** The beauty of this app is its simplicity and ease of use. Double-tap the screen to add a “popplet”—a box or bubble into which text and/or a picture may be inserted. To add connecting boxes, simply select the popplet and drag out from the edge. Popples are easily resized by pinching in or out, and some style options (colors and shapes) are included. Exporting options include emailing it (as a jpeg or a pdf) or saving it to your photo library as a jpeg. The free version only allows the creation of one popplet.
- **Idea Sketch:** I like Idea Sketch because it is just as user-friendly as Popplet, but it also allows you to (with a tap of the appropriate icon) view your concept map as an outline with the ability to add notes. Additional features of Idea Sketch include a variety of text box shapes and font sizes, the ability to copy text from another app, and the capacity to share with Facebook.
- **Mindmeister for iPad:** This app creates concept maps with options such as adding a link or email address to a box, including a hidden note, setting a priority level, and inserting special icons. Mindmeister, allows syncing with the online version and exporting in multiple formats. The paid version allows the addition of images.
- **Mindomo:** This application creates concept maps with several of the same features as Mindmeister, but with the additional option to record screen activity. Unlike Mindmeister, however, the free version does allow the insertion of images.
- **Inspiration Maps:** This may become a personal favorite. This app offers over twenty-five templates with built-in examples of how to use them to boost comprehension, organization, and critical thinking. Users can not only add an image from the photo library, but also take a photo and add it immediately. The user may change background and outline colors, or even the style of the lines that link ideas. Flipping the map over allows the user to see an outline of the concept map. In this view the user can easily slide items up or down to change their order. Exporting is allowed only via email in the “lite” version. The free edition allows only five maps. Deleting an entire map is not allowed except in the full version. Added features in the paid (\$9.99) version include the ability to save to Dropbox, share editable documents, and transfer items to other iPad apps such as Apple’s word processing software, Pages.



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