

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES SENIOR RECEPTION

The senior reception for all, 2011 graduate seniors with majors or minors in Family and Consumer Sciences was held on March 30 on the 11th floor of Houston Cole Library. Dr. Debra Goodwin welcomed everyone and introduced administration, faculty, and special guests. Dr. Rebecca O. Turner, JSU provost and academic vice president, and Dr. John Hammett, dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies, addressed the graduating seniors and their guests.

Outstanding Seniors

The recipients of the Outstanding Senior Awards in Family and Consumer Sciences were: Ms. Merri Blankenship in FCS Education, Ms. Miranda Pearce and Ms. Candice Crow in Child Development (not pictured), Ms. Sara Jones in Hospitality and Culinary Management, Ms. Debra James in Human Sciences, Ms. Karie Gottwald in Merchandising, and Mr. William Pertet in Dietetics.



Hospitality and Culinary Management: Sara Jones



Dietetics: William Pertet

The Department of Family and Consumer Sciences offers a diverse, challenging, and rewarding field of study to help individuals improve personally, to make informed consumer decisions, to enhance the quality of life for families and consumers, and to prepare for exciting professional careers.

Degree programs include:
Bachelor of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences with a concentration in

- ✿ Child Development
- ✿ Dietetics
- ✿ Human Sciences
- ✿ Merchandising
- ✿ Hospitality and Culinary Management

Bachelor of Science in Education with a teaching field in Family and Consumer Sciences.

Minors offered within the department include:

- ✿ Family and Consumer Sciences
- ✿ Fashion Merchandising
- ✿ Nutrition and Foods
- ✿ Hospitality and Culinary Management



Human Sciences: Debra James



FCS Education: Merri Blankenship



Merchandising: Karie Gottwald

FCS SENIOR RECEPTION (CONTINUED)



ALPHA ETA EPSILON INDUCTEES



SEVEN OF THE ALABAMA DIETETIC ASSOCIATION RESEARCH AWARD RECIPIENTS



LAUREN COLLINS, YOKUM AWARD, CHANTE MILES, THE SOWELL SCHOLARSHIP AND KRISTEN JORDAN, MATTHEWS SCHOLARSHIP

During the reception four FCS scholarships were awarded. These scholarships are funded by alumni, faculty, and retired faculty to honor past faculty and department heads. The Dr. Virginia Yocum Scholarship was awarded to Lauren Collins, the Ms. Hazel Matthews Scholarship was awarded to Kristen Jordan, the Dr. Elizabeth S. Sowell Scholarship was awarded to Chante Miles, and the Dr. Louise Rhodes Clark Scholarship was awarded to Kanani Miller (not pictured).

To apply for one of these scholarships please complete the online application form on <http://www.jsu.edu/finaid/scholarships/> which accepts applications between October 1 to March 1 each year.

Alpha Eta Epsilon

Alpha Eta Epsilon is an honorary scholastic organization for junior and senior majors/minors in Family and Consumer Sciences. To qualify for membership, the student must have a 3.0 overall GPA and 3.0 GPA in the major concentration. The following FCS students were inducted: Merri Blankenship, Monique Bradley, Emily Campbell, Jeanette Castillo, Kasi Daugherty, Ashley Eliasson, Caitlin Freeman, Brittany Freeman, Emily Glaser, Janice Glaze, Cassie Glidewell, Katie Holcomb, Kristen Jobst, Kanani Miller, Chante Miles, Norma Newman, Amanda Pannell, William Pertet, Justin Pitcock, Connie Ramsey, Lauren Spicer, Anthony Stricklin, and Nicole Widerski.

ALDA Research Award

Ten graduating dietetic seniors, who received the Alabama Dietetic Association Research Award given at the ALDA conference in March, were recognized: Jada Murray, Kathryn Hindman, Mandy Corbin, Cindy Moon, Sharonna James, Debbie Matich, Kimberly Hammond, Katrina White, Leah Couch, and Marcus Malone (not pictured). The students' work was awarded first place in the student research poster competition



DR. DEBRA GOODWIN, HEAD OF FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES AND JADA MURRAY, RECIPIENT OF THE VIRGINIA YOCUM AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

VISUAL MERCHANDISING

BY ROBBIE BOGGS

Students enrolled in Visual Merchandising in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences collaborated with local retailers to get “real life” experience in constructing store visuals and displays. Students were assigned to different businesses to build visuals and were graded on usage of elements and principles of design, the impact of the display, and professionalism.

Participating retailers included Deja Vu, an upscale consignment boutique located in Jacksonville, Alabama, Willow Tree, a woman’s clothing



and apparel business with locations in Centre, Gadsden, and Jacksonville, Personally Yours of Jacksonville, and Dillards of Oxford. Each store helped the student to understand their particular needs and limitations.

The goal of visual merchandising is to promote sales in these retail stores. Students were required to develop the visual merchandising of the front windows, side walls, or island displays. Students were allowed to work with the store’s merchandise and using color, texture, form, value, lighting and space, create displays to promote

certain items. They quickly found out that it takes planning to construct a display effectively and in a timely manner. They had to work with obstacles that retailers must face such as glare, lack of space, the sun fading of products in windows, visual restrictions on where products can be placed, lack of supplies and budget, or lack of time. It

was a “win-win” situation as students gained valuable ‘hands on’ experience and these retailers got a display ‘face lift’ and much needed time to do business.



ALAFCS CONFERENCE

“Connecting Professionals.... Touching Lives” was the theme of the 2011 annual conference of the Alabama Affiliate of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (ALAFCS) held at the Perdido Beach Resort at Orange Beach on February 17-18.

Special keynote speaker for the Awards Luncheon on Thursday was Ms. Chrissie Schubert, daughter of Chrissie “Sister” Schubert Duffy, and founder of Chrissie Schubert’s Homemade Treats in Andalusia, Alabama. During the luncheon, Ms. Merri Blankenship, FCS Education senior, was recipient of the \$1,000 scholarship given to a student majoring in FCS Education. Ms.

Hollie Patterson was recipient of the \$1,000 scholarship given to a graduate student in Family and Consumer Sciences.

Ms. Robbie Boggs, merchandising chair, presented in one of the afternoon workshops on “Smart Garments: New Technology in Fibers, Fabrics, and Fashion Engineering.”

Mayor Robert Craft of Gulf Shores, Alabama, was speaker at the General Session on Friday and explained the impact of the oil spill on the coast and the teamwork (local, state, and national) that is crucial for coastal recovery. He assured the conference attendees that the beaches are now clean and safe for swimming and are continuously being monitored.



MERRI BLANKENSHIP, SENIOR IN FCS EDUCATION, RECEIVED A \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP FROM ALAFCS.

PHI DELTA KAPPA SPRING INITIATION

The Jacksonville State University Chapter # 0211 of Phi Delta Kappa (PDK) initiated seventy-five new members. Phi Delta Kappa International is the premier professional association for educators. For more than 100 years, it has focused its work on the tenets of service, research, and leadership. The ceremony was held on the eleventh floor of Houston Cole Library on April 21, 2011.

The keynote speaker was Ms. Mary White of Anniston City Schools. Ms. White was the 2010 recipient of the Thornburg Outstanding Teacher Award and was inducted into the JSU



professor and former dean of the College of Education, led the initiation ceremony. Dr. Hymer has been an active member of PDK for fifty-five years. He congratulated the new members on their choice to join PDK.

Dr. Gena Riley, Chapter # 0211

Student Teacher, Ms. Lynn Batey. Dr. Roland Thornburg, president of PDK Chapter # 0211 and Dr. Charlotte Thornburg, professor emeritus presented the 2011 Outstanding Cooperating Teacher, to Ms. Farrah Kilgo. Ms. Kilgo teaches at Ivalee Elementary in Etowah County. She was nominated by her intern, Ms. Brooke Camp. Dr. Celia Hilber, Chapter #0211 Foundation representative and Dr. John Hammett, Chapter # 0211 advisor, presented two prospective educator scholarships, one to Mr. Kaleb Crowe of Oxford High School and the other to Ms. Julia Dupre of Springville High



MS. MARY WHITE AND DR. DEBRA WEINGARTH



DR. GENA RILEY WITH MS. LYNN BATEY



DR. CHARLOTTE THORNBURG, MS. FARRAH KILGO AND DR. ROLAND THORNBURG, II

Teacher Hall of Fame in 2010.

During the ceremony, Dr. William A. Meehan, president of Jacksonville State University, presented a plaque to the Peacock family recognizing their contributions to the College of Education and Professional Studies. Dr. John Hammett, dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies also spoke on the importance of gifts like the Peacocks' that help the CEPS maintain high standards in teacher preparation. The plaque will be hung in Ramona Wood Hall.

Dr. Robert Hymer, emeritus

vice president of membership, presented the PDK Graduation Medallion to the Outstanding



DR. DENNIS ZUELKE AND MS. WHITNEY TOWNS

School. Dr. Dennis Zuelke, professor emeritus presented the Zuelke Award for Outstanding Community Service to two high school seniors; Ms. Whitney Towns of Sardis High School, and Mr. Zachary McNair of Springville High School.

Dr. Roland Thornburg then called a business meeting. Dr. Nina King was recognized for her service to PDK Chapter # 0211 with a plaque acknowledging her service as president in 2008-2010. The elections were held for the new executive board. Please visit <http://pdk.jsu.edu>.

SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED TO EDUCATION STUDENTS

In 2011-2012, over \$2,254,730 in scholarship funds are available to JSU education majors. Of this amount \$772,344 has been accepted by entering freshman and returning and transfer students have accepted \$114,542.

Each academic department in the college has a representative on the CEPS Scholarship Oversight Committee, who puts forth the department's selection. The each committee member is charged to work with the faculty in their department to identify qualified students and forwarding those results to Mr. Martin Weldon, JSU's coordinator of scholarships.

The departments chose deserving students from applications entered on the JSU Scholarship web page that met the criteria of eligibility for the scholarship. The departments' choices were brought to the CEPS Scholarship Oversight Committee by

their committee representative.

Scholarship Oversight Committee members are Dr. Melanie Wallace of the Department of Educational Resources, Dr. Melinda Bolgar of the Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, Dr. Melinda Staubs of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Virginia Cole of the Department of Secondary Education, Mr. Chris Waddle of the Department of Communications, Ms. Paula Napoli of the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, Ms. Teje Sult of the Department of Technology and Engineering, and Mr. Mike Zenanko of the Instructional Services Unit. The goals of the committee include providing departments with the names of qualified students who applied for CEPS scholarships, working with the departments to select appropriate scholarship recipients, monitoring the scholarship recipients' progress

and their continuing to meet the scholarship requirements, and meeting with scholarship recipients.

The committee and JSU students benefit from the work of Mr. Martin Weldon. Mr. Weldon takes the online scholarship applications and creates spreadsheets of information concerning scholarships, funds available, and scholarship applicants. This year Mr. Weldon was able to find scholarship monies for ninety-six percent of the students recommended through the Scholarship Oversight Committee.

Graduate and undergraduate students in the CEPS are encouraged to look at the scholarships offered at Jacksonville State University and to apply for scholarships for which they qualify. The application period opens October 1, and closes March 1, each year. Please visit <http://www.jsu.edu/finaid/scholarships> for more information.

BILL AND CATHERINE PEACOCK SCHOLARSHIP

At the PDK Spring Initiation, Dr. William A. Meehan recognized the contributions of Bill and Catherine Peacock to JSU. Mrs. Peacock grew up on a farm in Riverside, Ala., and earned her teaching certificate from Judson College in Marion, Ala. She taught for six years in Pell City before deciding to enroll at JSU to earn her bachelor's degree in teaching. Mr. Bill Peacock, grew up in Rockmart, Ga., and played football for the University of Alabama before coming to JSU. They met while attending JSU in 1950. They considered JSU as the starting point for their marriage and their educational career of thirty-seven years.

"We had such a great life being able to teach and feel that we earned a great education at JSU," said Mrs. Peacock in a 2006 interview.



DR. JOHN HAMMETT, II, DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES, MR. GUY RUTLAND, FORMER EDUCATOR AND FRIEND OF THE PEACOCK FAMILY, AND DR. WILLIAM A. MEEHAN PRESENTING THE PLAQUE TO BE HUNG IN RAMONA WOOD HALL HONORING THE BEQUESTS OF BILL AND CATHERINE PEACOCK



In 2007, Mrs. Peacock donated a total of \$300,000 to JSU to pay for a CEPS student's education and provide an endowment so the scholarship could be offered every four years. In 2010, her estate contributed another \$167,000 to scholarships.

Ms. Erin Barkwell is the first recipient of this scholarship. She is majoring in elementary education and also plays clarinet in the Marching Southerners.

"Without this scholarship, I may not have had the chance to further my education and better myself," said Ms. Barkwell.

This fulfills Mrs. Peacock's aim when she said, "I wanted to be able to provide the same opportunities for students today to earn their degree in education from such a great institution."

JSU TEACHER HALL OF FAME BANQUET



Ms. DEBORAH BLALOCK INDUCTEE IN THE **JSU TEACHER HALL OF FAME ELEMENTARY DIVISION** RECEIVES PLAQUE FROM **DR. WILLIAM A. MEEHAN**

The forty-third Annual Jacksonville State University Teacher Hall of Fame banquet was held on May 20, 2011 to honor the fifteen nominees and three inductees into the Jacksonville State University Teacher Hall of Fame.

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,



Ms. PATRICIA COOK INDUCTEE IN THE **JSU TEACHER HALL OF FAME MIDDLE SCHOOL DIVISION** RECEIVES PLAQUE FROM **DR. WILLIAM A. MEEHAN**

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 Riley, head of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction; Dr. Kelly Ryan, director of the Teacher Service Center; and two former Teacher Hall of Fame inductees, Mr. Jeff Denny (2007-08) and Dilhani Uswatte (2008-09).

Dr. William A. Meehan president of Jacksonville gave the keynote address. He spoke on the challenges facing



Ms. SCOTTIE WILSON INDUCTEE IN THE **JSU TEACHER HALL OF FAME SECONDARY DIVISION** RECEIVES PLAQUE FROM **DR. WILLIAM A. MEEHAN**

educators to meet the academic and social needs of students.

The 2010-11 inductees were: in the Elementary Division, Ms. Deborah Blalock of Rocky Ridge Elementary School in the Hoover City School System; in the Middle School Division, Ms. Patricia Cook of McKenzie Middle School in the Butler County School System; and in the Secondary Division, Ms. Scottie Wilson of Spain Park High School in the Hoover City School System.

Each of the inductees will be honored by having their names inscribed on a plaque located in Houston Cole Library, a check of \$1,000 from JSU to be used in their classroom, a wall plaque and certificate from JSU, and a framed recognition certificate from the Scottish Rite Foundation of Alabama.

CEPS FACULTY CHANGES

Dr. Jordan Barkley, in the Department of Secondary Education and Dr. Teresa Gardner, in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction have received promotion to associate professor and tenure. Dr. William Kiser in the Department of Educational Resources received promotion to associate professor. These promotions are effective

October 1, 2011.

Retiring this year are Dr. Gordon Nelson, professor in the Department of Educational Resources, Dr. Marsha A. Zenanko, professor in the Department of Secondary Education, Ms. Phyllis Taylor, instructor in Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Isreal Eady, associate professor, in the Department of Educational

Resources, and Dr. Dale Campbell, associate professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction.

Faculty leaving the CEPS: Dr. Melinda Bolgar, in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, Dr. Charlotte Eady in the Department of Educational Resources, Dr. Virginia Cole in the Department of Secondary Education.

JSU WELLNESS ANNISTON'S SINGLE MOMS SEMINAR



MR. FRED SMITH, DIRECTOR OF JSU WELLNESS- ANNISTON

On April 13, 2011, JSU Wellness-Anniston conducted its fifth Single Moms Seminar. The program started with the mayor of Anniston, Mr. Gene Robinson presenting a proclamation recognizing the Single Moms Program for its contribution to unwed mothers in the city of Anniston. "I want to congratulate this worthy program, and its support of single mothers. It is so important to help these mothers to make it in the world as they are raising the future community," said Mayor Robinson. Dr. John Hammett, dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies accepted the plaque.

Mr. Curley Davis, supervisor of the Community Employment component of the Alabama Department of Human Resources JOBS Program,

Ms. Shakirra Law, 2010 Single Parents Scholarship winner, and Ms. Leah Williamson, RN from Calhoun County Health Department, spoke to the audience and offered support and encouragement to the single mothers in attendance.

Ms. KaSandra Russaw, PHR, manager of benefits and human resources information at Jacksonville State University delivered the keynote address to the gathering. In her address she spoke of the challenges and the blessings involved with raising children as a single parent. "I was delighted when asked to speak at the Single Moms Seminar. It's important that single mothers realize there is no one size fit all. We **may** not come from the same income or education levels, but at the end of the day we must all



MS. KASANDRA RUSSAW, PHR, MANAGER OF BENEFITS AND HUMAN RESOURCES INFORMATION



MR. GENE ROBINSON, MAYOR OF ANNISTON, ALABAMA

realize that our most important role is that of a mother," said KaSandra Russaw.

"JSU Wellness-Anniston's Single Mom Seminar Program would like to thank all guest participants for their involvement and contribution. Our goal through this program is to offer empowerment, education, encouragement, recognition, and support. Through offering this support to single mothers not only are we benefiting them but also their children and their entire households. We would also like to thank Ms. Ashley Morrison, JSU Wellness-Anniston Social Emotional Wellness educator and JSU social work student for her contribution to this event," said Fred Smith, director of JSU Wellness-Anniston.

JOANNA COX NAMED TEACHER OF THE YEAR BY MARIETTA CITY SCHOOLS



MS. JOANNA COX, MUSIC TEACHER AT SAYER ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On May 31, 2011 Ms. Johanna Cox, was named Teacher of the Year for the Marietta City Schools system in Marietta, Georgia.

Ms. Cox earned a BS in music education from State University of New York, a MEd in special education from Jacksonville State University and an EdS in educational administration from Lincoln Memorial in Tennessee.

Ms. Cox attributes her teaching success to her ability to individualize

instruction. She says her knowledge of the many music teaching strategies allows her to take from each and tailor instruction to help students progress.

Her advise to new teachers is to set high standards for the classroom and to work with each child individually

Ms. Cox has taught in Georgia for seventeen years Ms. Cox and her husband, Christopher live in Kennesaw and have two children.

COMMUNICATION WEEK

BY MIKE STEDHAM



JSU's Communication Week 2011 brought area media professionals to the campus of Jacksonville State University to meet with aspiring broadcasters, news writers and public relations specialists.

Recent JSU graduate Ms. Hollie Thrasher, who now works as a reporter and producer for TV- 38 in Warner Robbins, Georgia, told students about the hard work required to find and keep a job in the competitive world of television news. Mr. John Alred, publisher of *The Jacksonville News*, talked about

the important role of community journalism. Mr. Brandon Glover, a spokesman for Alabama Power Company, explained his role in the field of corporate communication.

The keynote speaker for JSU's Communication Week was Geni Certain, managing editor of *The Daily Home* newspaper in Talladega. She told the communication students that she rejects the notion that newspapers are a dying medium, and she stressed the important role that print journalism continues to play in American society.

Another feature of the annual program was a visit by JSU alumnus Mr. Mike Sandefer, who was one of the students responsible for putting WLJS on the air in 1975. He told students about the challenges he and his colleagues faced as they brought the FM radio station to the JSU campus.

Also during Communication Week, several of the Communication Department's top students were honored. Winners of the top academic awards were: Broadcast Student of the Year, Mr. Steven Daniel Beck; Print Journalism Student of the Year, Ms. Stephanie Lama; and Public Relations Student of the Year, Ms. Chelsea Pelletier.

Four students received the department's annual Character Awards: Ms. Alexis Tyson, Mr. James Isaac Godwin, Mr. Joshua Singer and Mr. Logan Huggins.

The Price-Montgomery Scholarships for the upcoming academic year were awarded to Mr. Steven Daniel Beck and Ms. Emily Glaser.

The winner of the department's overall top honor, the John C. Turner Award, was student Ms. Karie Gottwald.



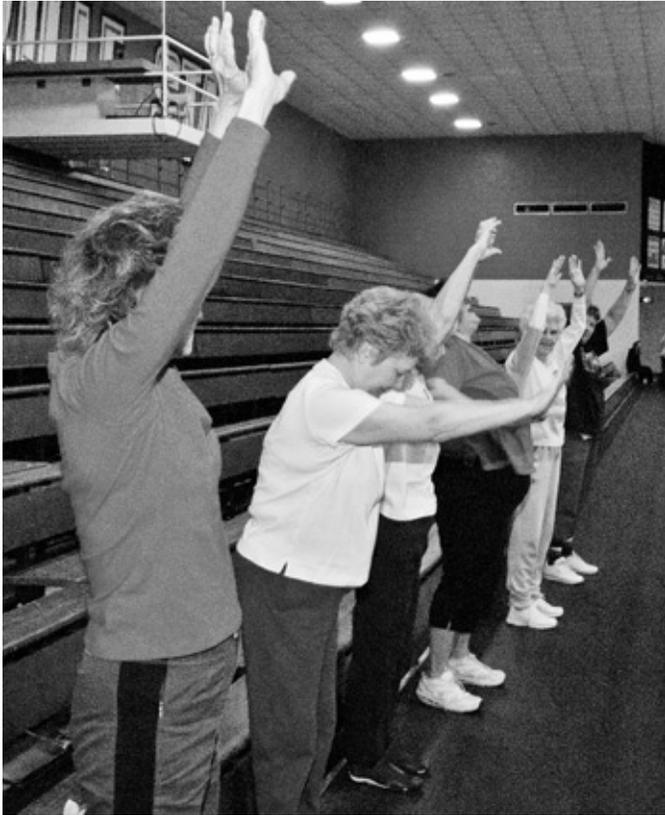
MS. KARIE GOTTWALD, RECIPIENT OF THE JOHN C. TURNER AWARD



MS. GENI CERTAIN, MANAGING EDITOR OF THE DAILY HOME NEWSPAPER IN TALLEDEGA, ALABAMA

SENIOR ADULT WELLNESS PROGRAM KEEPS SENIORS MOVING

BY ABBY FLEETWOOD



The Senior Adult Wellness Program at JSU has been an integral part of the lives of many senior adults in the East Alabama region for many years. Staying physically active as well as socially active is very important for senior adults to maintain their health and quality of life. JSU offers the program as a “fee-based” community service program, but makes no profit on the program. Any surplus funds generated go back to purchasing equipment for the senior adult program.

The program consists of water aerobics, therapeutic yoga, and floor fitness classes offered every week during the JSU fall, spring, and summer semesters. The program is for adults ages fifty-five and older, and currently has eighty-five adults active in one or more of the programs. Currently the oldest participant in the program is ninety-five years old!

Water-based exercise programs are ideal for seniors. They can work at their own pace in a “semi-weightless”

environment. Water exercises are great for individuals with hip and knee problems including arthritis and joint replacement. The decreased stress on the joints allows the individual to continue to exercise when they might not be able to outside of the pool.

There is no chance of “falling” in chest deep water, so there is an added safety component. Because they are supported by water, the participants can do things i they could never do on land. The

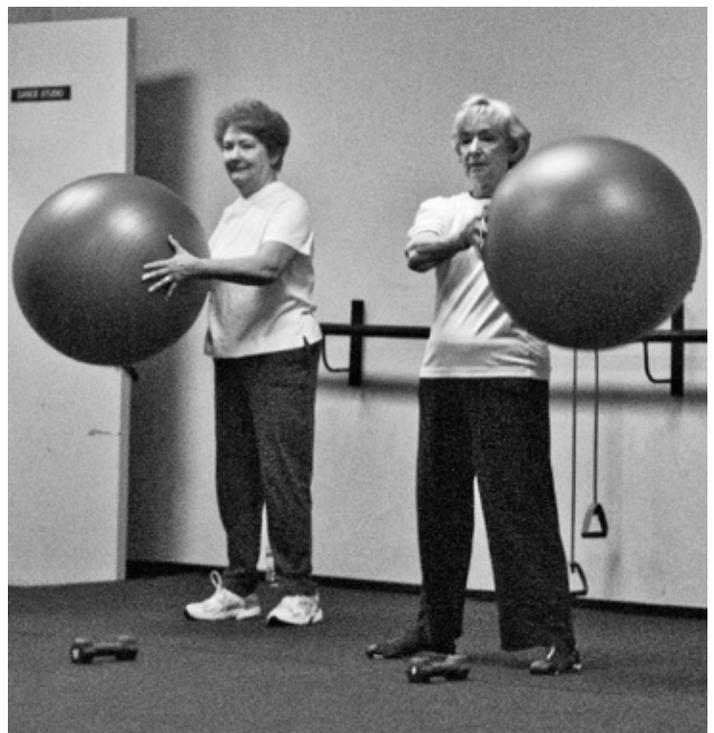
strength and endurance the seniors gain in the pool helps them out of the pool as well. They feel better, they can do more with less fatigue, and their chance of injury due to falling is decreased. Injuries that do occur are less severe, and most participants look forward to returning to exercising as soon as possible after an injury.

Water is not for everyone, and some seniors prefer the floor aerobics and therapeutic yoga classes. Whatever mode of exercise is chosen by senior adults, remaining physically active as you grow older will improve your

health and ability to move with less pain and disability. Several studies report increased independence, less back pain, improved sleep, lower bad cholesterol, as well as better cognitive (brain) function.

The social aspect of group exercise in this age group may be almost as important as the actual exercise program. Most of the participants will tell you this is the highlight of their day. Even though the programs generally start around 8:00 AM, it is not unusual for people to start showing up at 7:30 AM or sooner! The group holds several social events during the year, including an annual Christmas party.

The message is clear. Senior adults who want to maintain their independence benefit from being active in a regular exercise program. Keeping active as they grow older helps individuals maintain a higher level of physical, mental, and social function.



TORI GADDY JSU EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH IN APRIL

Mrs. Tori Gaddy was named Employee of the Month for April 2011. Mrs. Gaddy is a certification advisor in the Teacher Service Center (TSC) She has been employed since July 2001, first as secretary for the TSC and then for HPER before moving to her current position. Mrs. Gaddy was very involved in JSU's transition to the Banner system. She is still involved with the testing upgrades and maintenance of various aspects of the student side of the Banner system. The student side covers the catalogue, registration, degree evaluations, and class scheduling.

"Tori Gaddy has been one of the most helpful people I have interacted with during my time at JSU. She is knowledgeable and always ready to help any way she can. Her generous and selfless spirit makes her a priceless asset in the TSC," said Dr. Kelly Ryan director of the TSC.

Originally from Lauderdale County, Alabama, Mrs. Gaddy came to JSU as



MRS. TORI GADDY, CERTIFICATION ADVISOR, IN THE TEACHER SERVICE DEPARTMENT OF THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

a student and graduated with a BA in communication and English in 1996. She is married to Craig, and they have two children, Ashton, fourteen, and Cole, ten. Both children are involved

in sports, and the entire family is active in their church. In her free time, Tori likes to read and occasionally daydream about the activities she will pursue when she has more free time.

SINGLE PARENT SCHOLARSHIP

Alabama Power gave \$1,500 in support of the JSU Wellness-Anniston Single Mom Seminar program. The goal of the Single Mom Seminars is to address some of the unique challenges faced by single moms throughout Calhoun County. The Single Parent Scholarship program was established to assist single parents who have completed high school or obtained a G.E.D. and are interested in improving their quality of life through education.

"At Alabama Power we believe in giving back and making a difference in the communities that we serve. We are impressed with the success of the Single Mom Seminar program and we are pleased to be able to invest in a program that will produce tangible change in the life of a single mom and her family," said Jim Friend, Division Area Manager of Alabama Power.



FROM THE LEFT: MS. LINDA SHELTON, MR. JIM FRIEND, AREA MANAGER OF ALABAMA POWER, MR. FRED SMITH, DIRECTOR OF JSU WELLNESS-ANNISTON, MS. ASHLEY MORRISON, MRS. DEBBIE TAYLOR. OTHER SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PICTURED MS. VICKI TRAMMELL, MS. BECCA TURNER, AND DR. JOHN HAMMETT, DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

CEPS SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSORTIUM

The College of Education & Professional Studies holds a biannual meeting with superintendents from the JSU service area and CEPS administrators and selected faculty. The aim of the annual meetings is to provide an opportunity for exchange on topics of mutual interest as we (school systems and JSU teacher preparation programs) work toward a seamless P-16 experience for our students. The May 23, 2011, meeting agenda consisted of a number of items. A synopsis of those items is noted below.

Dr. Kevin Walsh of the Greater Alabama Council of the Boy Scouts of America presented a proposal on a character education program for high school students. The program titled "Learning for Life" provides training in positive, ethical leadership. The program is active in the Birmingham area and is looking to expand to East Alabama. The current proposal lists JSU as the home site for the expansion into East Alabama. The program process asks area school administrators, counselors, and teachers to identify male and female students who have the potential to develop into leaders in society. Once identified, these individuals will attend monthly leadership meetings and training at JSU. One of the additional benefits of participation is the scholarship program. Numerous scholarships are awarded at the end of the program to students who have fulfilled specific criteria. The plan is scheduled to begin the JSU program in fall 2011.

Dr. Tommy Turner, department head of Educational Resources, informed the group of the online degree programs offered by the CEPS. He noted that by the fall 2011 semester, the college will offer online programs in two undergraduate majors, one undergraduate minor, seven master's level degrees, and three educational specialist degrees. Plans are underway

to offer a fourth online EdS program in Teacher Leader starting the fall 2012 semester. Degrees identified were BS degrees in Family & Consumer Sciences (concentration in Child Development) and a BS in Industrial Leadership; an undergraduate minor in Community Health; master's degrees in Manufacturing Systems Technology, Library Media, Instructional Leadership, Early Childhood Education, Collaborative/Special Education, Sport Management, and Physical Education (concentrations in Pedagogy, Human Performance, and Nutrition); and educational specialist degrees in Library Media, Instructional Leadership, and Counseling (concentrations in School and Agency Counseling).

Dr. Jordan Barkley informed the superintendents of the pilot program in secondary education that will involve a placement of students in a year-long internship. The intent is to get students involved in more extensive clinical experiences. The pilot program is scheduled for the fall 2011 semester. The pilot group will consist of Secondary Education students majoring in English Language Arts.

Ms. Ronda Ray introduced an innovation in student teaching gaining popularity around the country, the co-teaching model. The model was developed from teaching strategies used in collaborative/special education teacher preparation. It is typically based on seven levels of instruction organized by the student teacher and the cooperating teacher. The first level requires that one teaches (cooperating teacher) and one observes (student teacher). At this level the observer gathers information about the students' response to instruction. At level two the student teacher assists the cooperating teacher with instruction; level three is Station Teaching; level four is Parallel Teaching; level five is



DR. KEVIN WALSH, DIRECTOR OF THE IN-SCHOOL CHARACTER EDUCATION, YOUTH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM OF THE GREATER ALABAMA COUNCIL OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Supplemental Teaching; level six is Alternative or Differentiated Teaching; and level seven is Team Teaching.

The benefits to the co-teaching model include: allowing the student teacher more time to teach, by helping to develop effective co-teaching strategies in the student teacher, and resulting in improved test scores for P-12 students. The model JSU is looking at is from the St. Cloud State University. For more information you may visit the St. Cloud State University website at <http://www.stcloudstate.edu/coe/tqe/coteaching/>.

The meeting closed with the superintendents expressing their challenges specific to funding and personnel issues. One superintendent was proud that a one cent sales tax in Calhoun County had helped his school system avoid increasing the teacher pupil ratio. All of the superintendents were concerned about current legislation involving hiring and dismissal issues (tenure legislation).

THE NBC ARCHIVE STRUTS ITS STUFF FOR JSU

The peacock and I go way back.

I grew up with NBC-News on my television.

So I now delight in applying the network's video to my journalism classes via Blackboard.

Fan out those tail feathers, baby!

The Distance Education folks at JSU keep coming up with enhancements that make my hybrid-taught courses in communication more, well, more hybridized.

The addition of NBC LEARN isn't just for news junkies, though. Archives of the TV network comprise a treasure of history, science, government, literature — a liberal arts curriculum.

Think of everything captured by television cameras in our lifetimes: The culture, the counterculture, the economy in good times and bad, the great social movements, the changing racial-gender-social relationships, the wars, the rise of communism and its fall, environmental promise and threat, religious experience, space exploration and on and on in video array of everything humanity knows or imagines.

No wonder the NBC bird-symbol stands for pride.

Clicking a very few keys brings the collections to students as quick as a (computer) mouse.

If NBC LEARN doesn't have what a professor wants to show a class, the helpful men who run it promise to



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locate and add the clip. They paid the campus a visit in spring at the Blackboard Symposium sponsored by Jacksonville State.

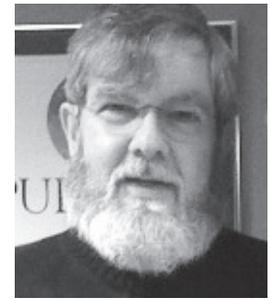
Their slick demo of the program isn't what sold me on the app, however. I sold myself by sitting in front of my terminal and paging my way through the times of my life.

I admit to having to remind myself the whole point is to enhance learning for students rather than my personal recall of so much the cameras witnessed.

While preparing a lecture in Community Journalism, there sat the perfect introduction for my needs: Tom Brokaw went to Emporia, Kansas home of The Gazette, which is known for its legendary editor of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, William Allen White.

A fourth generation-married couple runs the community newspaper now. And there was Tom walking and talking with the proprietors in their offices and pressroom about the journalism craft.

The famous broadcaster talked about the more renowned editor of the past. White built his reputation as progressive spokesperson for Middle America and friend to presidents who visited his Kansas base.



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But the modern inheritors of The Gazette's legacy remembered aloud the Kansas sage's advice on a purely practical level of the journalism business: People make the news, so put lots of names in your paper to keep it lively and alive.

That's the essence of community journalism, by the way, explaining why the art form never tires and why a Tom Brokaw would make a record of the enterprise as if he knew instinctively the lesson he would provide my students.

Since then I've found video illustrations for grammar, taste and good storytelling as well as content areas such as sports, public affairs and obituaries. But, again, I think the opportunities for using NBC LEARN are much greater than in journalism classes, especially for education teachers looking for material that notches a state rubric.

The peacock deserves its strut.

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