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Welcome to the 2009 issue of the College of Education & Professional Studies' Passport to Success. The Publication's Committee and Mr. Mike Zenanko, editor, have done an outstanding job of highlighting some of the accomplishments of our students, faculty, and staff over the past year.

The lead story is bitter-sweet for the College. Dr. Kathleen Friery has decided to retire. She will do so effective June 1, 2010. I wish I could pen the appropriate words to express my admiration and gratitude for what she has meant to CEPS over the past thirty-six years. I am especially appreciative of what she meant to me during my tenure as associate dean and now dean of the college. Her professional insight and wisdom are remarkable, and will be sorely missed. Kathleen, we in the CEPS wish you all the joy and happiness retirement should bring.

On a positive note for the college, please join me in welcoming Dr. Jordan Barkley as our new department head for Secondary Education. Dr. Barkley is not new to JSU; he has served as an assistant professor in Secondary Education for the past five years. However, he is new to administration. I am confident in Dr. Barkley's leadership skills and in the quality of faculty that make up the department of Secondary Education. The future looks extremely bright!

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate the faculty and staff of our counseling programs (Counselor Education and Community Counseling). Over the past year these professionals have work extremely hard to secure national accreditation through the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). The site visit by representatives of the national organization took place in November of 2009. The evaluation resulted in a stellar review, with no areas of improvement sighted. In the exit interview the team commented on what an excellent job the faculty and staff had done in putting together the counseling programs and preparing the institutional report. They went on to comment that all the accreditation material from JSU was presented in such a matter it was as if JSU was applying for continuing accreditation and not its initial application. All I can say is, a job well done Drs. Kathleen Friery, Nancy Fox, Jerry Kiser, Tommy Turner, Melanie Wallace and Jan Chandler. You are the BEST!

A final word is in regard to our pursuit of renovations of and additions to Ramona Wood Hall. You may be interested to know that not a single brick has been laid in the name of education at JSU since 1968. Yet most programs at JSU, some in the CEPS, have been afforded new or renovated facilities over the past ten to twenty years. Given the current economic climate and the focus on facilities at JSU, there doesn't seem to be much hope for this to change, at least not in the immediate future. Because of this, we in the college are venturing into the world of institutional development that will require us to secure funding from external sources. Hopefully through naming rights for the building as well as naming rights for individual units and programs, we can raise the necessary funds. Although we have been afforded much of the infrastructure, mainly technology, necessary to provide exceptional teacher education programs, the facility we work in is woefully behind the times. I want you to note that although a large sum is necessary to realize our dream, every dime is meaningful, so please support your college by including us in your philanthropic plans for the future.

I hope you enjoy this issue of the *Passport to Success*. Best wishes for a prosperous new year!

John B. Hammett II, Ph.D. Professor & Dean



## Dr. Kathleen Friery Announces Her Retirement After 36 Years of Service to JSU



Dr. Kathleen Friery, professor and department head of the Department of Educational Resources, will be retiring June 1, 2010 after thirty-six years of service to Jacksonville State University. During that time, she has



served as professor, the coordinator of academic advisement for five years, and department head for the past ten years.

"As department head — I love technology and strive to model the use of technology in my teaching and duties as a department head. I have been told that I am on steroids when it comes to using technology and LiveText and I'm proud of that label!" said Dr. Friery.

Dr. Friery has served as the Alabama Counseling Association Chapter V president and president-elect for two terms, as well as the offices of secretary and newsletter editor. She has consistently presented at international, national, regional, and state conferences in the areas of counseling and educational technology. For her a highlight was being selected as the first Counselor Educator/Mentor of ALCA Chapter V in 2001.



Dr. Friery recalls, "A special experience for me was to be involved in a three year program called Readiness Education for Achieving Career Heights (REACH). This was funded by a \$50,000 grant and directed by the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Marvin Jenkins and I co-chaired this initiative with five to seven graduate assistants. Information was gathered about





businesses and industries in Calhoun County and delivered to area schools using technology and creative teaching techniques. I loved the opportunity to first learn about what was going on in our own community and then having the wonderful experience of going into classrooms throughout the Calhoun County, Jacksonville, Oxford, and Piedmont school systems."

Other wonderful experiences that Dr. Friery recalls include leading group sessions of parenting instruction and counseling with the Parent Project which is part of the LIN=C of Calhoun County. Dr. Friery is also proud of her service as co-chair of the Appalachian School of Alcohol and Drug Studies – Annual Conferences from 2001-2006.

"Jacksonville State University has been a great place to work! I have been fortunate to have had a career at such a wonderful institution with so many special people. I will definitely miss it!" said Dr. Friery.

When Dr. Friery was asked her plans after retirement they included visiting family and friends, remodeling her house, cooking, and a little gardening.

Dr. Friery said, "Spending time with my granddaughter will be a major priority. But I also hope to continue to teach counseling courses in the Department of Educational Resources and stay current with new technology."

## Dr. Jordan Barkley Named Department Head of Secondary Education



Dr. Jordan Barkley, a native of Limestone County, joined the faculty at Jacksonville State University in the fall of 2005. He began as an assistant professor of secondary education after leaving his position with Opelika City Schools as a seventh-grade English and history teacher. He, his wife, Susan, and two sons, Harrison and Jack, have made Weaver, Alabama their home since arriving in Calhoun County. Dr. Barkley received his undergraduate degree in English and history education in 2000. In 2001, he earned his master's degree as a reading specialist with a public school administration credential. In 2005, he graduated from Auburn University with his Ph D in reading education. His emphasis was in middle and secondary literacy instruction.

Since joining the faculty at JSU, Dr. Barkley has taught courses in secondary and middle grades literacy, methodology for secondary teachers, research in education, intervention strategies for reading specialists, and he has also

supervised practica at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. His primary teaching interests lie in the areas of literacy instruction and the teaching of English language arts in the secondary setting. He has also presented literacy workshops to multiple schools in the surrounding area. Dr. Barkley's publications while employed at JSU include seven scholarly articles, and the publication of his doctoral dissertation as a trade book in 2009. He has presented at the

local, state, regional, and national levels, focusing on topics that range from literacy in the classroom to co-teaching and collaboration. In addition to his publications and presentations, Dr. Barkley has also been a part of a state improvement grant concerning the collaboration between special education and secondary education faculty. In December of 2009, he and Dr. Jan Case, professor of mathematics, were awarded a \$150,000 ACHE grant for the implementation of TIMES 3, a third installment of the Technological Integration of Mathematical Environments Studies project which involves education and the arts and sciences faculty.

In addition to teaching and scholarship, Dr. Barkley has served JSU as a Gamecock Orientation advisor, program chair for undergraduate secondary education programs, a member of the Jacksonville State University Writing Project, both a sponsor and cosponsor of Kappa Delta Pi honor society, a member and chair of various college and university committees, and most recently as the interim department head for secondary education and the NCATE coordinator for the College of Education and Professional Studies.



Dr. Jordan Barkley, Dr. Mary Montgomery, and Dr. Kathleen Friery

## 41<sup>st</sup> Jacksonville State University Teacher Hall of Fame

The 2009 elementary school division nominees were from the left; Ms. Stacie Wells, Valley Grande Elementary, Dallas County Schools, Ms. Sandra Sorrow, Cleveland Elementary, Blount County Schools, Ms. Darlene Machen, B.B. Comer Elementary, Talladega County Schools, Ms. Elizabeth Knight, W.E, Striplin, Gadsden City Schools, and Ms. Sabrina Lynch , Thompson Intermediate, Shelby County Schools (JSU TEACHER HALL OF FAME ELEMENTARY SCHOOL **DIVISION INDUCTEE 2009**).





The 2009 middle school nominees were from the left; Mr. Micheal Ingram, Munford Middle, Talledega County Schools, Mr. Williams Flowers, University Place Middle, Tuscaloosa City Schools, Ms. Nancy Caffee, Cleveland High School, Blount County Schools, Ms. Dilhani Uswatte, Berry Middle, Hoover City Schools (JSU TEACHER HALL OF FAME MIDDLE SCHOOL DIVISION INDUCTEE 2009), and Ms. Pam Smith, Pleasant Valley, Calhoun County Schools.

The 2009 secondary school nominees were from the left; Ms. Victoria Skelly, Fairview High School, Cullman County Schools, Ms. Elizabeth Williams, Southside High School Dallas County Schools, Ms. Kina Teaford, Ohatchee High School, Calhoun County (JSU TEACHER HALL OF FAME SECONDARY SCHOOL DIVISION INDUCTEE 2009). Ms. Wanda Mount, Bibb County Career Academy, Bibb County Schools, Mr. David Trubett, Central High School, Tuscaloosa City Schools.



The Jacksonville State University Teacher Hall of Fame awards banquet was held on May 22, 2009 to honor the fifteen nominees and three inductees for the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual 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 believed in honoring those who not only teach, but also exemplify the profession. Jacksonville State University and Dr. William A. Meehan, JSU President, are proud to carry on this legacy.

In the Elementary Division, Ms. Sabrina Lynch of Thompson Intermediate School was inducted. In the Middle School Division, Ms. Dilhani Uswatte, of Berry Middle School was inducted. In the Secondary Division, Ms. Kina Teaford of Ohatchee High School was inducted. Each of the inductees will be honored by having their names inscribed on a plaque located in Houston Cole Library.

## Dana Henson Webb and Brenard Howard 2009 Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation **Outstanding Alumni Recipients**

Ms. Dana Henson Webb earned a Bachelor of Science in Physical and Health Education with a certification in Adaptive Physical Education, a Masters of Science in Physical Education and Educational Administration, and an Educational Specialist Degree in Administration from Jacksonville State University. She has been employed as a physical education teacher in the Oxford City School system at Oxford High School for 18 years. Ms. Webb also coaches varsity softball, volleyball,

cross country, and

cheerleading. She coached the 2000 6A State championship cheer team, a team that also placed 1st runner-up in the national cheer competition in that same vear.

Ms. Webb became a coach of the 1991 Special Olympic Athletes. She was the site-based Special Olympic Coordinator for the 2007 Cleburne and Calhoun Counties meet. She advises two service-based organizations: Key Club and Gancel. Ms. Webb also serves as JSU adjunct faculty, advisory

The Calhoun County Hispanic American Association (CCHAA) hosted its annual Health Education & Wellness Fair at the Jacksonville First United Methodist Church on October 10, 2009.

Dr. Jeffrey Hedrick of the JSU Communication Department helped coordinate the festivities. Student nurses from the JSU School of Nursing provided free health screenings, including blood pressure and diabetes



Ms. Dana Henson and Mr. Brenard Howard

committee member for JSU Pedagogy Program in Physical Education, and Master L.I.F.E. instructor for the State Department of Education. Ms. Webb resides in Oxford and has two children, Emory, age 10, and Clay, age 9.

Mr. Brenard Howard graduated from JSU in 1981, he began working for the Anniston City School System at Cobb Junior High School, teaching science and physical education. Mr. Howard was also the IV basketball coach and assistant football coach at Anniston High School.

# **Hispanic Wellness Fair**

testing, while local doctors offered free dental exams. Ms. Gina Mabrey, director of the JSU Wellness Center, brought three groups of students to give presentations and provide bone density scanning to attendees. Attendees were invited to partake of refreshments provided, including an outdoor barbecue of hamburger and hotdogs, along with a variety of beverages and snacks.

In 1987, he moved to the new Anniston Middle School and became the interim head football coach (later he became the assistant coach) and the head basketball coach at Anniston High School. Mr. Howard served as head basketball coach at AHS until 1997. From 1987-1997, AHS's basketball team boasted a 198-44 record. The team won eight area championships and five Calhoun County Basketball Tournaments.

Mr. Howard was named Coach Calhoun County of the Year three times. As an assistant football coach, his team won the 6A State Championship in 1989 and 1994. In 1997, he transferred full time to AHS and taught physical education and Alabama history. One of the highlights of his teaching career

was in 1994 when he was nominated from Anniston School Systems as National Teacher of the Year.

In 1999, Mr. Howard accepted a job at Alexandria High School as a physical education teacher and coach. He currently serves as the assistant football coach, 7th and 8th grade basketball coach, and the boys and girls golf coach. The Alexandria High School girl's golf team is presently the 1A-5A State Champion.

Translation services, along with a variety of free literature and complimentary items, such as free toothbrushes, toothpaste, and alarm systems, were available from organizations such as the American Red Cross, the Sarrell Dental Center, the Alabama Department of Health in Calhoun County, the Regional Medical Center, and the Calhoun Emergency Management Agency.

# The Center for Advanced Educational Instruction

Ramona Wood Hall has served the College of Education and Professional Studies well. Times have changed and the needs of programs housed in the facility have also changed. To meet current needs and to look toward an environment designed to meet future needs of programs, instructors and students. The Center for Advanced Educational Instruction is being developed from the ground up.

The Center for Advanced Educational Instruction and Technology Committee met last year. Dr. Marsha Zenanko, chair, Dr. John Hammett, Dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies, and the committee worked to gather input from the faculty and staff of all the departments in the Ramona Wood Hall.

The planned structure and renovation will include the principles of universal design and green technology as used in architecture.

The current design concept draws on current research about learning to respond to individual learner differences. The Center for Advanced Educational Instruction classrooms are conceived to be flexible. The design also increases the availability of a multitude of available resources for all students.

The Center for Advanced Educational Instruction will:

- Provide technology to allow instructors to present information in multiple formats and media
- Provide environments for students to demonstrate knowledge of material
- Provide resources to engage students' interest and motivation

The committee will work with the architectural firm to incorporate into the design current alternative energy resources to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions in the built environment, to lead in the adoption of renewable energy technologies, and to develop adaptive strategies for the future. The building will create opportunities for the college to strengthen community impact of JSU,



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demonstrate innovation, and advance environmental conservation in creating buildings.

Ms. Andrea MacArgel, coordinator of the Teaching/Learning Center, said the Center for Advanced Educational Instruction will provide the tutoring program at the Teaching/Learning Center (T/LC) much needed space. Currently, the present tutoring room can only accommodate approximately ten student-tutor pairs, when typically there are at least twenty-five pairs per day. Instead of spreading the students and tutors across the building, they can now be kept together, making the T/LC safer and more efficient. Additionally, the new building will offer transparent private rooms, so tutoring sessions are not disturbed by other sessions in progress. Students and tutors will also

have access to laptops and wireless Internet to enhance their tutoring experience without having to relocate to other rooms.

Dr. Teresa Gardner, Assistant Professor of Special Education, says that the collaborative program is looking forward to an early childhood or elementary design classroom and a secondary or adult design classroom. Some of the uses for these classrooms would be a sensory stimulation room intended to model instruction for students with autism, an advocacy and parent training center, an assessment library, and an assistive technology demonstration site.

The Department of Secondary Education has designed subject specific classrooms (science, math, English language arts, social science) for the 21st century. A state-of-the-art science lab will feature advanced technology and environmentally conservative green building features. All secondary classrooms will be furnished with advanced technology/computers accessible to all students. Subject specific classrooms will model the most current and effective instructional materials and resources available for JSU preservice secondary teachers. In sum, these classrooms will serve as working models for best instructional practices in secondary education.

Dr. William Kiser, Assistant Professor of Instructional Leadership had students take the faculty's wish list for the complex and create a building design. The students' culminating project was formally presented in a visual presentation to Dr. Hammett, Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, Dr. Becky Turner, and committee members.

Dr. Hammett's goal is that the new building reflects collective faculty input in terms of curriculum needs that will be served through the building design. Mr. Phil Dean, Department of Technology, is creating a 3-D first draft model based on the faculty, staff, and student work. This flexible model will allow a basis for ongoing development.

#### Elementary Education

Elementary Education majors were able to participate in two different economics education events held this summer. These experiences were made possible through the joint efforts of the Alabama Council on Economic Education (ACEE), Dr. Cynthia McCarty from the College of Commerce and Business Administration, and Dr. Melinda Odom Staubs from the College of Education and Professional Studies.

The first professional development experience was the Economics Extravaganza, a two day conference, held in Birmingham during June. Steven Rapp, Terry Griffin, and Wanda McAbee from ACEE worked diligently in securing sponsors for six JSU students to attend. The students were provided housing, food, conference registration, and an evening of entertainment. They were able to participate in various economics education workshops. LaBranda Lingerfelt, Stacey Holcolm, Dondeana Hayes, Erica Black, Shicarra Smith, and Alyssa Lowery from the elementary education program left with great strategies for implementing economics education, valuable resources, and a better understanding of professional development opportunities available for teachers.

The second professional development experience was an economics workshop, "Seas, Trees, and Economies," sponsored by Dr. McCarty and conducted by Dr. Staubs here at JSU in July. Dr. McCarty has worked with and for educators in supplying valuable resources for implementing economics education into the classroom at all levels. The students were able to enjoy handson activities, learn great strategies, get door prizes, and go home with a free curriculum guide.





On April 15, 2009, the students in Ms. Phyllis Taylor's Science for Children class and the new inductees of Kappa Delta Epsilon led the entire kindergarten at Kitty Stone Elementary School in the Kindergarten Tree Walk. Students in Ms. Taylor's class planned and executed ten different station activities from the AMSTI (Alabama Math, Science, and Technology Initiative) Kindergarten Tree Unit and led 140 kindergartners through outdoor



Ms. Phyllis Taylor and Ms. Lynn Newell

science explorations involving trees, leaves, and seasons. The explorations were also integrated into art, music, and drama.

The collaborative event was organized by Ms. Lynn Newell, a kindergarten teacher, and Ms. Taylor, who worked closely getting materials together, selecting specific explorations, and then fine-tuning the event logistics. JSU students and kindergartners alike were excited about the outcome of the event, but for different reasons. JSU students received first-hand experience planning and teaching hands-on, inquiry based science explorations, putting to practice skills learned in the classroom while kindergartners had fun with

trees and tree parts as they learned basic concepts surrounding the tree content material.





Ms. Lauren Davis of Union Elementary School

Ms. Lauren Davis was awarded The New Teacher of the Year award by Union Elementary School, Paulding County, Georgia on March 27, 2009.

In a letter written to nominate her, Ms. Stephanie Leathers stated, "Ms. Davis challenges her students to do the very best of their ability. She has made a memorable mark on several young minds in her first year of teaching. She is dedicated to each student on an individual level."

Ms. Marsha Davis, Lauren's mother says, "We are thankful for the Educational Staff at Jacksonville State University. Dr. Elizabeth Engley had a direct impact on her success. Lauren states that she feels she was prepared to meet the challenges of a first year teacher because of the education she received."



Ms. Haley Arrington

#### The Department of Secondary Education

Ms. Haley Arrington, a senior music education and voice major at Jacksonville State University, completed her student internship in choral conducting at Emma Sansom Middle School and Gadsden City High School in December. She will receive her bachelor's degree from JSU and plans to pursue her master's degree.

Ms. Arrington was crowned Miss Birmingham on November 8. The title is Ms. Arrington's fifth Miss Alabama/ Miss America open preliminary title, which seals her qualification to compete for the state crown next summer.

Ms. Teresa Stricklin has coached Ms. Arrington for several years. She states emphatically that Ms. Arrington is not your typical beauty queen. "Haley is flesh and blood, a real person, who sings like a diva. She would make a fabulous Miss Alabama," said Ms. Stricklin, a former Miss America first runner-up and JSU alumna.

Ms. Arrington says she is "very grateful" that scholarship money she has received along with her crowns has funded her entire college education. The Miss Alabama scholarship pageant will take place during the second week in June, 2010.

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Dr. Linda Mitchell, assistant professor in the Department of Secondary Education, directed the 21st Century Learning Summer Camp 2009 on July 13–17, 2009. The camp was funded by a competitive grant received from the Truman Pierce Institute in Auburn University. This year's camp was the second year that Dr. Mitchell and JSU have been awarded the grant and hosted the camp.

The goals of the camp are to prepare high school students to serve as tutors in 21st Century tutoring centers throughout Alabama; to strengthen students' academic engagement, specifically in math and science; to allow low income students to experience college life and possibly consider college as a viable path after high school; and to introduce students to the idea of education as a possible future career.

During the camp, eighteen students from across North Alabama came to JSU and, along with four counselors and Dr. Mitchell, lived in the Curtiss Hall dorms for the week. Activities included both learning and enrichment activities.

During the camp students went kayaking, a first for most of the campers and counselors. They also took younger students from Boys and Girls Clubs in the area on tours of the Anniston Museum of Natural History, the Berman Museum, and the Birmingham Zoo. At ISU the students were able participate in a tutoring workshop by Dr. Teresa Gardner from the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, a robotics workshop by Mr. Terry Marbut, Dr. Noureddine Bekhouche, and Mr. Phil Dean from the Department of Technology and Engineering, and a science workshop by Dr. Virginia Cole from the Department of Secondary Education. The younger students also toured the campus while older students had a presentation concerning the advantages of attending JSU.



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# The Department of Health Physical Education and Recreation

The Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER) hosted PE2theMax Workshop in Stephenson Gym in February, 2009. The workshop featured Mr. J.D. Hughes, the author of No Standing Around in My Gym and PE2theMAX: Maximize Skills, Participation, Teamwork, and Fun. Mr. Hughes presents the PE2theMax Workshop throughout the United States. He is a national board certified physical educator who is also the 2005 Georgia Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year. Mr. Hughes currently teaches at Mirror Lake Elementary School in Villa Rica, Georgia.

At this workshop, Mr. Hughes demonstrated new and innovative games. The games are designed to help physical education teachers safely manage large numbers of students. Workshop participants experienced games that allow students to safely perform skills and activities in an active and purposeful setting, to incorporate educational games and ideas that focus on student participation, and to use existing PE equipment in new, safe and innovative ways. Over seventy-five physical education teachers from across the state attended, as well as over one hundred Health, Physical Education and Recreation students from Jacksonville State University.



At the Alabama State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (ASAHPERD) annual fall conference, Building Bridges, held in Birmingham, the JSU HPER majors club was awarded the overall Majors Club Champion trophy for 2009.

The JSU HPER members interpreted the Building Bridges theme by showing how in their professional life they can help by encouraging physically active lifestyles, bridging the gap for their students between childhood and adulthood. They demonstrated how teaching children at an early age to learn and to participate in activities like tennis, golf, weight lifting, and jogging can form a value that can affect adult attitudes and activities.

Not only was the JSU HPER Club the overall Majors Club Champion, Ms. Kirbey Wilson, HPER Club president, won a future professional development award.

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#### Special Education

Eight undergraduate Student Council for Exceptional Children members and one graduate member from JSU attended the Alabama Federation of the Council for Exceptional Children (AFCEC) Superconference in Birmingham on February 6-7, 2009. Christy Crosson, Krystin Smith, Amy Crowe, Kristy Barnes, Wendy Woodfin, Ashley Smith, Ashton Spinks, Michael Richardson, Lori Gilbert, along with Sapheria Postell (Family and Consumer Sciences) and DeAnna Highfield (Fall 2008 graduate, 2007-2008 president) attended conference sessions, worked registration, and participated in two poster sessions. Ashley Smith's poster, "Assistive Technology for Children with Autism," won first place in session II and Christy Crosson's poster, "Therapy Animals," won first place in Session III at the undergraduate level. Lori Gilbert's poster, "Chromosome 22.11q2 Deletion: Meeting the Needs of a Syndrome You Have Never Heard About," won first place in Session III at the graduate level. For 3 years in a row, a JSU student has won first place in the student poster contest.

Ms. Christy Crosson and Ms. DeAnna Highfield participated with Dr. Teresa Gardner, JSU chapter advisor, in a panel presentation entitled Organizing a Student Chapter at the Post Secondary Level, on February 6, where students discussed their individual roles in promoting SCEC chapter membership, participation, service activities, fundraising activities, and conference attendance.

Posters presented by students at the Alabama Federation of the Council for Exceptional Children Superconference



Ms. Christy Crosson



Ms. Lori Gilbert



Ms. Ashley Smith

#### Family and Consumer Sciences

Ms. Erin Cunningham Gossett, a Family and Consumer Sciences graduate in merchandising, attended as a wardrobe assistant with NBC the XXIX Olympiad Games in Bejing, China. Ms. Gossett has worked as a merchandise runner at the last two Olympic Games that were held in Greece and Torino, Italy.

As a wardrobe assistant, Ms. Gossett's flight and lodging were paid for by NBC. She was paid for each day's work and also allowed per diem. She worked every day in shifts that ranged from eight to fifteen hours. Many of her workdays started at 5:00 a.m. Sometimes she worked all night long which allowed time for sightseeing in the daytime hours.



Ms. Erin Cunningham Gossett

During prime time schedule, five to six people worked hair, makeup, and outfits for the commentators. The wardrobe assistants were responsible to see that no outfits were duplicated during the coverage. A wardrobe assistant also had to see to it that the commentators' ties were straight. Dust and makeup were a major priority since this can be easily seen due to the high definition television broadcast. Ms. Gossett dressed people including Bob Costas, Jim Lampley, Cris Collinsworth, and Bela Korolyi. The wardrobe assistants had to be in the studio anytime someone appeared on television. Ms. Gossett flew back home on airline seats reserved for NBC and was treated like royalty.

#### Educational Leadership

JSU alumnus Shannon A. Flounnory (Ed. S., '07) and his faculty at Stonewall Tell Elementary School in College Park, Georgia, have embarked on a ground-breaking effort in professional development. Forty teachers at Stonewall Tell submitted initial portfolios to the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards for evaluations pursuant to full National Board Certification.

Mr. Flounnory came to education via a non-traditional route. He began his career as a Naval Flight Officer flying the S-3 Viking. After leaving the Navy, he worked in law enforcement as a Metro-Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) officer assigned to gang crime. In his off-duty hours, he actually became a substitute teacher and found that he was teaching many of the students that he had formerly arrested. Wanting to impact youth in a proactive manner, Mr. Flounnory used the degree in mathematics to obtain a position as a mathematics teacher. Mr. Flounnory had phenomenal success as a classroom teacher and wanted to continue proactive involvement with children as an instructional leader. To this end, he earned the Master's Degree in Educational Administration and Supervision from The State University of West Georgia. He then entered the educational leadership program at JSU and earned the Educational Specialist Degree. While enrolled at JSU, Mr. Flounnory was selected as the CEPS Department of Educational Resources Student of the Year in 2007.



Mr. Shannon A. Flounnory, principal Stonewall Tell Elementary School

#### Library Media

College of Education and Professional Studies library media students attended the 14<sup>th</sup> National Conference and Exhibition of the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) in Charlotte, North Carolina in November, 2009.

Students attending were: Ms. Susanna Williams, Ms. Amanda Jacobs, Ms. Glenda Rogers, Ms. Lisa Robinson, Ms. Suzanne Limberis, Ms. Elizabeth Chambers, Ms. Sherrie Taylor, and Ms. Lindsey Green. Dr. Betty J. Morris, professor of library media in the CEPS Department of Educational Resources and program chair of the library media program encouraged their attendance. Dr. Morris had shared an invitation to attend the AASL conference which



From the left, front row Ms. Lindsey Green, Ms. Glenda Rogers, Dr. Betty Morris, Ms. Lisa Robinson, Ms. Susanne Limberis, and Ms. Sherri Taylor. Second row Ms. Mandy Jacobs, Ms. Elizabeth Chambers and Ms. Susanna Williams

was extended to all library media students. The students, who did attend, confirmed that it made them feel more professional. They also shared their intent to attend future conferences.

The theme of the conference, Rev Up Learning @ Your Library, was highlighted by concurrent sessions that the students could attend, an Exploratorium to discover new innovations in the field, an array of meals, and a final celebration that was held appropriately in a children's and young adult library. Dr. Morris presented an exploratorium entitled, "Linking 21<sup>st</sup>-Century Standards to Brain Research."



#### Technology and Applied Engineering

From June 16-20, 2009 fifteen high school students participated in JSU's first Technology Summer Institute. Young men and women from high schools within a seventy-mile radius of JSU had the opportunity to learn about careers in science, technology, and engineering related fields. Mr. Phil Dean, pro-rata instructor in the Department of Technology and Engineering, was the program's coordinator.

Participants in the program were either recent high school graduates or rising seniors. The fifteen participants visited Honda Manufacturing of Alabama in Lincoln and Parker Hannifin in Jacksonville to learn more about these local manufacturers. Faculty members from the Department of Technology and Engineering gave a brief presentation to the students about his or her subject area. The participants learned through a number of hands-on activities about different engineering and technology concepts such as basic programming, computer-aided design (CAD), and introductory robotics.

The program was sponsored by Honda Manufacturing of Alabama and Parker Hannifin. One of the interesting things about offering an online degree is having a class roster with students from a variety of locations, working in many interesting fields. Currently, Christopher Langley is the student who resides the farthest from Jacksonville in the Manufacturing Systems Technology graduate program. Living and working in San Diego, California, Mr. Langley is a product support engineer for Illumina, a biotechnology company that creates products and tools for DNA sequencing and analysis.

Mr. Langley makes business trips to foreign locations such as Singapore and Japan, he values the flexibility of the online program format. "By understanding the constraints and flexibilities of various manufacturing systems I feel like I am better equipped to facilitate these transfers."

I really like the convenience of the classes. As a full-time worker it is rather difficult to accommodate scheduled meeting times. By being able to work on the classes at the hours and locations that I choose I feel like I have plenty of time in my day to fit in the readings, discussions, and assignments."

Mr. Langley would like to continue to take on additional responsibility within his company and transition to a staff or managerial position once he has completed his master's degree



Mr. Christopher Langley, product support engineer Illumina, with his nieces at the zoo

#### JSU Wellness-Annisto

This summer, JSU Wellness-Anniston hosted the senior aerobics class at the Carver Community Center senior citizen program. The class has grown both in levels of participation and in weekly attendance. The class is taught by JSU Wellness-Anniston graduate assistant, Mr. Greg Green.

Mr. Green, a member of the 2003-2004 JSU OVC championship football team, played defensive end until his graduation in 2006. He received a bachelor degree in exercise science and wellness.

His parent's love for teaching influenced him choosing the teaching profession. He is currently in the fifth year alternative program seeking a master's degree in physical education.



Mr. Greg Green, graduate assistant JSU Wellness-Anniston

Mr. Green works at JSU Wellness-Anniston as a graduate assistant. His assignment is aerobics instructor and instructor in fitness education.

Mr. Green's educational philosophy is to teach with passion so his students can understand him and really feel where he is coming from. He loves the being a teacher and hopes to be a positive role model within the community. Mr. Green says that if he's able to help one person improve physically or morally, then he has done his job.

# **CEPS Staff Excellence Recognized by JSU**



Ms. Penny J. Lane JSU Employee of the month in March, 2009

Ms. Penny J. Lane, secretary in the Instructional Services Unit, was selected as JSU's Employee of the Month for March, 2009. Ms. Lane's responsibilities include the Learning Resource Center in room 102 Ramona Wood Hall. In this role Ms. Lane receives many positive

Dr. Donna Herring and daughter, Ms. Heather Walker, along with team members Ms. Ivey Harrison and Ms. Debbie Greeson, walked sixty miles in three days on October 23-25, 2009, to raise money for Breast Cancer research. In Atlanta the 3-Day walk was a sixtymile trek from Lake Lanier to Turner Field.

The Breast Cancer 3-Day, is held in fifteen cities across the United States. This year the event drew 2,200 walkers and raised \$5.6 million. Each participant had to raise at least \$2,300.

"Atlanta has always been one of our most supportive events, and we were really pleased with what our participants did this weekend," said Ms. Jenne Fromm, national spokeswoman for the Atlanta Breast Cancer 3-Day. "It just shows how passionate they are."

The 2009 Atlanta Breast Cancer 3-Day began with an inspiring Opening comments on the Learning Resource Center Student Survey praising her and the student staff. Her positive spirit and helpful manners have helped the Learning Resource Center be a valuable resource for students working on projects, finding appropriate classroom materials, and finding psychological testing materials. Many of the letters supporting her nomination mentioned the courage that she has shown as she faced personal health challenges. Ms. Lane has been employed at JSU since August of 2003.

Ms. Lori Reid was JSU's Employee of the Month for April, 2009. Ms. Reid came to JSU in May of 2007. Her previous experience at Alexandria Elementary as a Title I Aide made her a perfect match for all the former Early Childhood, Elementary, and Special Education teachers in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction. Ms. Reid assists and supports the faculty and the many students who come through the C&I office. Her ready smile and sense of humor, as well as her determination to find the answers to



Ms. Lori Reid JSU Employee of the month in April, 2009

their questions, make her a favorite with the students. Ms. Reid's family, former colleagues from Alexandria, and JSU staff and faculty celebrated with her at a reception in her honor on May 21st in the Gold Room.

## **Sixty Miles in Three Days**



From the left Ms. Heather Walker and Dr. Donna Herring

Ceremony at Lake Lanier Islands Resort. Highlights of the route included cheering stations where friends, family, and members of the community showed support and encouragement for the walkers. Students from Sugar Hill Elementary School, Brownie and Girl Scout troops, and high school cheerleading squads kept the walkers spirits high and cheered them on to completion.

The final day of walking featured more community support, including Moms on a Mission, the Parrot Heads Club with faux margaritas and their own tiki hut and local Brownie troops at Atlantic Station. It all ended with a celebratory closing ceremony at Turner Field. Money raised through the fifteen city walks benefit the Susan G. Komen for the Cure and the National Philanthropic Trust Breast Cancer Fund.

## Dr. Jeff Chandler Named Fellow of the North American Society of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Sport, and Dance Professionals

Established in 1999, the North American Society (NAS) recognizes outstanding professionals from within the allied professions of health education, physical education, recreation, sport and dance in North America. Dr. Jeff Chandler, Department Head of Health, Physical Education and Recreation at ISU, was inducted as a Fellow of the NAS at the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance 2009 Annual National Conference in Tampa, FL. Fellowship in the

North American Society of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Sport, and Dance Professionals acknowledges professionals who demonstrate competence in the field through



Dr. Jeff Chandler, professor and department head of the Department of Health , Physical Education, and Recreation

professional involvement over a period of at least twenty years.

Dr. Jeff Chandler has served as Professor and Department Chair of Exercise Science, Sport, and Recreation

at Marshall University, Huntington, WV. He served as the Director of Sports Medicine Research at the Lexington **Clinic Sports Medicine** Center. Dr. Chandler is the current Editor in Chief of Strength and Conditioning Journal, a position he has held since 1988. He is a Fellow of the American College of Sports Medicine and a Fellow of the National Strength and Conditioning Association. He is a certified strength and conditioning coach with distinction (CSCS\*D), and a certified

personal trainer with distinction (NSCA-CPT\*D) through the National Strength and Conditioning Association. Dr. Chandler has numerous publications and presentations in the field.

# Faculty Recognized for Teaching, Service, and Scholarship

The following CEPS faculty were promoted on October 1, 2009. Receiving tenure were Dr. Tommy Turner, Educational Resources, and Dr. Dana Ingalsbe, Technology. Four faculty received promotion to associate professor: Dr. Celia Hilber, Curriculum and Instruction; Dr. Dana Ingalsbe, Technology; Dr. Nina King, Curriculum and Instruction; and Dr. Tommy Turner, Educational Resources.

Dr. Glaucio Scremin, assistant professor in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, was the recipient of the Earlon and Betty McWhorter Outstanding Teacher Award.

Service Pins were awarded to: Dr. Marsha A. Zenanko for twenty years; Dr. Judy McCrary, Dr. J. Gordon Nelson,



Dr. Glaucio Scremin, Earlon and Betty McWhorter Outstanding Teacher of the Year 2009, is an assistant professor in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Ms. Lynetta Owens, and Ms. Sandra Sudduth for fifteen years; and Dr. Larry Beard and Dr. Janell Wilson for ten years.

College of Education and Professional Studies Faculty Research Award recipients were: Stephen Armstrong; Jordan Barkley; Larry Beard; Noureddine Bekhouche; Dale Campbell; Virginia Cole; Charlotte Eady; Isreal Eady, Jr.; Elizabeth Engley; Nancy Fox; Teresa Gardner; Debra Goodwin; John Hammett; Kingsley Harbor; Slenda Haynes; Donna Herring; Celia Hilber; Augustine Ihator; William Kiser; Patricia Lowry; Judy McCrary; Betty Morris; Gordon Nelson; Charles Notar; Mary Montgomery-Owens; Tim Roberts; Roland Thornburg; Melanie Wallace; Marsha Zenanko; and Mike Zenanko.

## **Award Winning Television Services**

Television Services serves the College of Education and Professional Studies and Jacksonville State University by providing promotional, technical, and educational support to the college and the university. Television Services produces commercials, recruiting videos, and other promotional material. Interviewing guests, shooting special events and concerts, and covering athletic events keeps TV Services pressed for time. TV Services produces all of the JSU sporting events that are aired on the Alabama Cable Network (ACN) and WIXS-TV24.

In 2009, JSU TV Services won two Telly Awards. These are the fifth and sixth Telly wins for TV Services. The Tellys are one of the most prestigious awards in advertising and video and film production.

The TV Services production of *JSU Toda*y received a Telly for the episode that featured JSU employee Ms. Connie Thompson. The story told of Ms. Thompson's donation of a kidney to a Heflin man she did not know at the time and the changes in both of their lives.

The second Telly was for a public affairs program "The Night I Died" edited by former TV Services student worker Len Jackson. While Mr. Jackson graduated in May, his work will take an honored place in his portfolio. "The Night I Died" was a project produced for Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD). It was entered in the student



Mr. Mike Hathcock, director of TV Services

category of the Telly Awards. Mr. Jackson is now working full-time for TV24.

The staff of TV Services consists of a team of highly qualified people. The director, Mr. Mike Hathcock, has worked in the broadcast industry since 1975 and has worked at JSU since 1987. He acts as the engineer for the university and his radio voice is used for university sound bites. It is his voice heard on many JSU promotional videos and commercials, on the university's telephone registration system, on on-line registration, and on the Human Resources "new employee" orientation multimedia program. He serves as the announcer for Commencement ceremonies where he calls every graduating student's name to receive their diploma. "From the start of football in September until basketball season ends in March or April, I usually work seven days a week on JSU productions," he said.



Mr. Keith Thomas, production coordinator

According to Mr. Hathcock, most people do not realize how much work is involved in a live TV broadcast. He says that it takes six to eight hours to set up all the equipment and then another two hours after the event to strike, which results in many 12 to 14 hour days. In his spare time, Mr. Hathcock works as a freelance engineer on television production trucks. On Sunday, Mr. Hathcock hosts a morning radio show on WGAD AM 930 in Gadsden.

Mr. Keith Thomas began at JSU in 1989 and since then has directed and produced numerous award winning videos. As the Production Coordinator, he manages all areas of production including producing, directing, scripting, lighting, editing and shooting. He also supervises the production staff, interns, and student workers. Mr. Thomas

directs live broadcasts of JSU's graduation ceremonies for television and the internet as well as serving as Technical Director for JSU Sports broadcast.



Mr. Ted White, assistant engineer

Mr. Ted White is officially the TV Services assistant engineer, but serves the department in many capacities. He was hired in 2002, and brought with him over twelve years of broadcast production experience with Harvest Media along with a background in industrial electronics, computer repair, and networking. Mr. White does most of the repair of electronic equipment used by Television Services. Mr. White also does everything associated with live video streaming of graduation services. On the television production truck during a graduation broadcast he is the Engineer In Charge and with so much computer equipment piled into his small space he can barely move. Mr. White does the live streaming of a graduation and then updates the graduation files for archival purposes. Mr. White also



Ms. Stephanie Morgan, departmental secretary

maintains the TV Services Internet site at http://tv.jsu.edu.

Ms. Stephanie Morgan joined Television Services as Secretary in May 2003. She has worked at JSU since 1987. Ms. Morgan has many years of experience in layout/design and public relations. One of her responsibilities is the design and scheduling of content on



Mr. Bobby Mikel, production assistant

the new electronic LED message boards located on Highway 21 and Highway 204. Ms. Morgan also oversees the large TV Services audio/video archives.

Mr. Bobby Mikel began working with Television Services as a student worker in 2005 and was officially hired as Production Assistant in February 2007. He was actually hired before he graduated. In

August 2007, Mr. Mikel graduated JSU and he was honored with the John C. Turner Student of the Year award from the JSU Department of Communication. Mr. Hathcock said, "I wanted to hire Mr. Mikel before he graduated to make sure no one else had a chance to offer him a job." Mr. Mikel works closely with the Communication students serving as administrator of their Final Cut Pro™ non-linear editing systems. He also creates most of the animations that are used on the large video screen at the football stadium. In addition, Mr. Mikel works as a freelance audio technician for WJXS-TV24, CrossCreek Television Productions, and others.

Mr. Steve Kines was hired in August 2007 as production technician. Mr. Kines has more than twenty-five years of video production experience. He operated his own production company in this area where he gained a strong foundation as a professional producer. Mr. Kines' duties include producing and editing "JSU Today" and "Inside Gamecock Athletics." He is the programmer and operator of the Daktronics ProStar<sup>™</sup> Video Display Screen at Paul Snow Stadium.

Television Services also employs Department of Communication students. The students are asked to do everything Television Services employees do including shooting remote video, non linear editing, studio productions, working on a full size production truck to televise live events, and even learning to repair equipment.

"TV Services has trained many students that are now working around the country as television production professionals," said Mr. Hathcock.



Mr. Steve Kines, production technician

## Scholarships Awarded for 2009-2010

This year the College of Education and Professional Studies was able to award \$25,298.00 in scholarships to students. The funding came from a variety of sources and each department in the college was allowed to choose among applicants provided through the JSU Scholarship Web page.

A new committee created by Dr. John Hammett, Dean CEPS, was assigned the scholarship oversight responsibilities. The committee members were Dr. Bill Kiser, Dr. Melinda Bolgar, Dr. Melinda Staubs, Dr. Virginia Cole, Mr. Chris Waddle, Ms. Paula Napoli, Ms. Teje Sult, and Mr. Mike Zenanko, Chair. These



members worked with their individual departments and Mr. Martin Weldon, the JSU Scholarship Coordinator, to review the applications and determine the amount offered to recipients. The committee members will also be meeting with the scholarship recipients and monitoring their progress.

Graduate and undergraduate students in the CEPS are encouraged to look at the scholarships offered and to apply for the scholarships when they qualify. The application period opens October 1 and closes March 1 each year. Please visit www.jsu.edu/finaid/ scholarships for more information.

# **Nationally Accredited Department of Communication**

The Department of Communication is proud of its success in securing initial accreditation by the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications (ACEJMC). Not only did the department meet the accreditation requirements, it did so on its first attempt. The Department of Communication was found to have all accrediting standards in compliance. There were only five schools—out of the twenty-one that were evaluated for accreditation or re-accreditation in 2007-2008 academic year—that achieved 100% compliance.

The Department of Communication wants our students, their parents, and our alumni to know that they have a good reason to, respectively, choose JSU as a place to obtain their communication training, to send their children, and to be proud of having JSU as their alma mater.

It is important to note that JSU is one of only three universities in the state to hold full ACEJMC accreditation. For students, this means a communication degree from JSU meets the same standards as programs at The University of Alabama and Auburn University.

A student completing the communication degree at JSU can work in many diverse fields. JSU's communication alumni are currently working in radio, television, magazine and other print media, public



Mr. Chris Waddle, Ayers chair of communication



Dr. Kingsley O. Harbor, professor of communication and bead of the Department of Communication

relations, and several other areas of communication. Students are aware that the Internet has affected communication by being both a new medium for communication majors and a killer of some older forms of media. The department has been revising its curriculum and practices to meet this evolving communication revolution.

The Department of Communication has a diverse, experienced faculty. Dr. Harbor believes that the department was so successful because of a combination of factors, one of which was a cohesive faculty and staff unit.

Dr. Kingsley O. Harbor, head of the department, is a communication generalist with backgrounds in both print and broadcast journalism. He teaches mass communication research, media ethics, and communication theory. He brings to the department nearly fifteen years of administrative experience. Before coming to JSU, Dr. Harbor served as the founding chairman of a department of communication at another university. He has received numerous teaching and research awards, and has been cited in numerous Who's Who. Dr. Harbor says, "I am excited about the future of the Communication Department at JSU: we like where we

are going."

Mr. Chris Waddle is Ayers Chair of Communication. He is president of the Avers Family Institute for Community Journalism and coordinator of the Knight Community Journalism Fellows, a graduate program of the University of Alabama. The Birmingham-Southern College graduate has a journalism master's from Columbia University. His long career in media includes two Pulitzer Prize awards to the Kansas City newsroom he managed. He joined The Anniston Star in 1982, traveled on a Fulbright professorship in 2001 and won a Nieman Fellowship at Harvard University in 2005.

Dr. Augustine Ihator, has provided PR service to national and international organizations. He has served as Public Affairs Adviser, United States Department of the Army and PR consultant for the World Bank in Washington, D.C. He participated in the training of foreign journalists with a project funded by the U.S. Congress and administered by the USAID. Dr. Ihator was fellow of the American Society of Newspaper Editors' Institute of Journalism, American Press Institute, C-Span, Dow Jones Newspaper Fund, and Poynter Institute for Media Studies. Dr. Ihator has also worked as reporter, feature writer, and copy editor for the Jackson Sun, Tennessee.

Jerry G. Chandler is a twenty-two



Dr. Augustine Ihator, professor of communication



Mr. Jerry Chandler, assistant professor of communication

year veteran of JSU's Communication Department. A working journalist, the assistant professor specializes in investigative aviation writing. Mr. Chandler is a two-time winner in the Best Maintenance Submission category at the Aerospace Journalist of the Year competition. He's the recipient of sixteen Associated Press Broadcast Journalism Awards. Most of all, Mr. Chandler is a true-believer in studentstheir views, their ambitions, and their abilities.

Mr. Mike Stedham is Manager of Student Media for JSU, serving as faculty adviser for *The Chanticleer* (the campus newspaper), WLJS-FM (the campus radio station) and *The Mimosa* (the university yearbook). During his time at the university, JSU campus media have won several top awards from the Southeastern Journalism



Mr. Mike Stedham, manager of student media, instructor of communication and English

Conference's annual radio and newspaper competition. Mr. Stedham is a veteran journalist with more than twenty-five years of experience writing for newspapers, radio stations, television stations and magazines. He is a founding member of Community Actors Studio Theater in Anniston, and he has written and produced four dinner theater productions for local charities.

Ms. Tammy Mize came to JSU in the fall, 1998 where she joined the College of Education & Professional Studies as a clerical assistant. In February 2001, she transferred to the Department of Communication as their departmental secretary. Ms. Mize has been married to her husband Mike for twenty-one years and they have three boys, Jarred, Corey, and Tanner.



Ms. Tammy Mize, Secretary of the Department of Communication

Dr. Jeffrey Hedrick is now beginning his fourth year in the JSU Communication Department. Dr. Hedrick's first career involved quality assurance in the electronics industry. He received a B A in Public Relations from California State University Dominguez Hills, a Master of Journalism degree from Temple University, and a Ph D from Bowling Green State University. His scholarly interests range from constitutional and media law to Internet Web design. Dr. Hedrick uses his public relations background to actively work with the Calhoun County Hispanic American Association and design skills to serve as a department Webmaster. His eclectic taste in music has led to his accumulation of over several hundred classic rock and R&B/soul Cds, a wide



Dr. Jeffery B. Hedrick, assistant professor of communication

range primarily from the 60s and 70s. His love of music prompted him to serve as a volunteer DJ at the campus radio station, WLJS-92J, hosting a weekly soul music show on Sundays.

Dr. J. Patrick McGrail has been a critic, scholar and practitioner of media. He has produced a film that was the feature selection at the 2000 Boston Underground Film Festival and is currently working on a documentary about mine fires in Pennsylvania. In the 2004 election, he was a regular reportorial source to national media (USA Today, LA Times, Philadelphia Inquirer) on issues in politics, television and the press. In 1995, Dr. McGrail worked for Voice of America directing a radio drama about journalists. Currently, McGrail is writing his fourth scholarly paper on copyright reform.



Dr. J. Patrick McGrail, assistant professor of communication

# The Victoria Restaurant of Anniston as a FCS Practicum Site



The Victoria Hotel of Anniston has become a resource for Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS). In December of 2008, Earlon and Betty McWhorter placed the bed and breakfast in the care of the Jacksonville State University Foundation. This newly forged partnership between JSU and The Victoria benefits both institutions. The Victoria is maintained as a beautiful bed and breakfast. The JSU Foundation



Ms. Lindsay Waits and Dr. Tim Roberts of the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences

can use the property's net income to provide scholarships for JSU students. For FCS the restaurant will be a site for practicum internships.

JSU Family and Consumer Sciences students will have the opportunity to work at The Victoria restaurant to earn school credit and learn real-world lessons.

As Dr. Debra Goodwin, department head of Family and Consumer Sciences says, "Students will learn the principles and theory at JSU then apply their learning at this premier restaurant."

The Hospitality and Culinary Management Concentration (HCM) in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences curriculum was revamped to offer academic background and field experience in the hospitality industry. The curriculum is planned for individuals interested in management positions in the culinary arts. This curriculum is designed to assist students in applying classroom learning of the culinary arts, tourism industry, and hospitality productionoperations management to real world experiences. During the senior year, culinary students complete internships in which they work with professionals within the industry to develop a greater understanding and appreciation of the hospitality profession. The Department of Family and Consumer Sciences also offers a minor in Hospitality and Culinary Management. Both programs will benefit from using The Victoria's restaurant as learning lab.

The Hospitality and Culinary Management Concentration offered through the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences has developed a valuable relationship with Chef Alan Martin, proprietor of The Victoria Restaurant. Chef Martin and his staff have graciously agreed to provide culinary learning experiences for HCM students. This affiliation between The Victoria and Family and Consumer Sciences was initiated on December 3, 2009 when the FCS Advisory Committees met for dinner and discussion. HCM and Dietetic students, to whom Chef Martin and his staff provided service training prior to the event, participated as servers to the twenty-five attendees.

Additional collaborative experiences are planned for the spring of 2010 semester at The Victoria including food preparation lab components for a culinary science course (FCS 132) and a high school dual enrollment course (FCS 122), both taught by adjunct instructor Lindsay Waits. The Hospitality and Culinary Management dual enrollment program offers high school students interested in the culinary field up to twelve hours of college credit before high school graduation.

Dr. John Hammett, dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies said, "Dr. Debra Goodwin and Dr. Tim Roberts of the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences have developed a strong curriculum for the HCM program. Their efforts, coupled with the vast array of benefits offered through an authentic learning laboratory setting such as The Victoria, will no doubt produce outstanding graduates from this program."



Chef Alan Martin of the Victoria Restaurant

# **JSU Campus Wellness Center's Activities**

The JSU Campus Wellness Center is involved with evaluation, education and events to promote healthy lifestyles for JSU faculty, staff and students.

The JSU Campus Wellness Center and Jacksonville State University's administration sponsored the National Employee Health & Fitness Day for the second consecutive year. This day is an effort to increase awareness of the benefits of healthy eating and regular exercise. National Employee Health & Fitness Day included participation from local vendors such as Body Kneads Massage, YMCA, County Extension Agency, and Curves for Women. These sponsors offered coupons and information on health and fitness.

ROTC's Master Sergeant Jerry Laitinen and the Gamecock Battalion led participants in a few warm-up exercises and stretches. Participants were then led on a fun one-mile walk around campus by students majoring in Exercise Science and Wellness. The event concluded with healthy snacks and door prizes donated by Get Personalized, Stoney Brook Golf Course, ROTC, JSU Wellness Center, Body Kneads, Strut's, Curves for Women, Club Fitness, Heirloom's, Java Jolt, and JOY Christian Book Store.

The JSU Campus Wellness sponsored two heart healthy events in October. The ninth annual Gamecock Gallop 5K was held on October 24 at Pete Mathews Coliseum. The Wellness Center also supported the American Heart Association's Heart Walk on JSU's campus.

The Campus Wellness Center has a new GE Lunar DXA (dual energy X-ray absorptiometer) to measure bone mineral density (BMD). The Lunar DXA's findings may be used by the participant as a means of identifying osteoporosis. The Wellness Center began taking appointments for BMD testing on October 1.



The Wellness Center also offers Polar Tri-Fit Body Age tests. These fitness tests evaluate a variety of physical components including cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, flexibility and body composition. Health risk appraisals are also a part of the exam to evaluate risk of cancer, heart disease, diabetes, stress levels and other chronic or metabolic diseases. Once an exam is completed, the participant will be given a physiological age based on the results of the tests. It is a useful motivator for participants who discover their chronological age is less than their body age.

The Wellness Wednesday lunch presentations, a collaboration between Exercise Science & Wellness and Family & Consumer Sciences, started in September. Wellness Wednesday provides an opportunity to purchase a nutritional lunch and listen to a short presentation on a wellness topic.

Wellness Wednesday has inspired the JSU Culinary Blog, http://jsuculinary. wordpress.com/2009/10/. Here are some examples from the class associated with the Wellness Wednesday meals.

"My name is David Stanton. I am taking FCS 325 this semester. Our first event was a fiesta theme. The decorations for the event were great, and I think the people who worked on it did a great job. I am not big on decorative creations. Our first event was a good event. I thought at first we would have problems with people not understanding how to use certain equipment, and felt that people would be confused on what to actually do in a kitchen."

"OMG..... Event 3 was fantastic. I was so amazed at how all of the students came together and put on a great show. It seems as if everyone has had previous culinary training. We are all amateurs, but our work is far from the beginning stages." This entry was written by Malcolm Dailey. "My name is Vanessa Harris and I am studying dietetics at

JSU, and will probably finish up in the spring of '11. Although I have more experience both with planning events and with working in commercial kitchens than I care to admit– I was a little daunted by the notion of feeding 50 people in a tiny, ugly, fluorescent-lit classroom. And the idea of somehow creating enough of a product to transport to a nearby town and feed fifty disadvantaged people the next day? On a budget of WHAT??? And healthy TOO? \*Faints"



"Hi, my name is Lauren Collins, and I would like to share my experiences in regard to our second event—Home Cooking for Homecoming. Our objective for this event was to take a traditionally southern cooked meal and make it healthier. My team members nominated me as team leader, so I had the responsibility of making sure all tasks were completed. Even though I had more responsibility, this event was not as intimidating as the first event, because I had an overall idea of what to expect.

For the complete blog entries please visit http://jsuculinary.wordpress. com/2009/10/.



## The Successes of JSU Wellness-Anniston



Mr. Fred Smith, director of JSU Wellness-Anniston and Ms. Miriam Gaines of the Alabama Department of Public Health

The Alabama Department of Public Health awarded a Balancing Intake and Expenditure (BITE) grant to JSU Wellness-Anniston. To receive the grant, JSU Wellness-Anniston had to demonstrate successful partnerships to effectively plan and implement physical activity and nutrition projects that potentially can reduce community risks for obesity.

As a result of being selected for this competitive grant, JSU Wellness-Anniston's Director, Mr. Fred J. Smith will represent JSU Wellness-Anniston on the State of Alabama's Obesity Task Force.

Mr. Fred Smith said, "Since the JSU Wellness-Anniston program began just over a year ago, the BITE grant is a great milestone for our program. The grant affirms that JSU Wellness-Anniston's programs are benefiting the community and the programs can be a model for other communities. Receiving the grant is an honor."

This summer JSU Wellness-Anniston found ways to reach children during their summer vacation and provide information about healthy lifestyles. The center participated in the Anniston City School's Summer Enrichment program, and Gadsden State Community College Ayers Campus Kid's College. JSU Wellness-Anniston conducted the Kids' Day at the Farmers' Market and The Youth, Empowerment, Education Summit (Y.E.E.S.). All events were very successful and benefited many children.

At the Anniston City Schools Summer Enrichment Program and the Gadsden State Community College Ayers Campus Kid's College, JSU Wellness-Anniston provided health, wellness, and physical activity education.

JSU Wellness-Anniston, in conjunction with JSU Nursing, provided wellness screenings to the adult public and nutrition information to the children at Anniston's Zinn Park Farmers' Market. JSU Wellness-Anniston hosted the first Y.E.E.S. event on July 22, 2009. This event is produced in partnership with local community centers, volunteers, and



Mr. Jeremiah Castille, founder of the Jeremiah Castille foundation Community Development Center in Birmingham, Alabama

other contributing organizations. The summit provided education and physical activity. The summit ended in an award ceremony for youth participants and other youth in the community.

JSU Wellness-Anniston hosted its second annual Calhoun County Community Wellness Walk on September 12, 2009. Members from the walkers club, community partners, and participating JSU departments came together for a very successful event. The day started with a one mile walk throughout the community followed by an awards ceremony.

The JSU Wellness-Anniston Walkers Club was recognized with a commendation from Governor Bob Riley's office for the great collective accomplishment of the walking teams. The presentation was made by Representative Randy Wood.

Ms. Miriam Gaines, Nutrition and Physical Activity Director at the Alabama Department of Public Health, attended the walk representing the BITE grant program.

On November 5, 2009, JSU Wellness-Anniston hosted the first annual Boys to Men program. This initiative of JSU Wellness-Anniston seeks to provide positive mentoring to young men by providing role models and a forum for discussion of successful living. The five pillars of the Boys to Men program are leadership, citizenship, character, education, and faith.

At the beginning of the program, JSU Wellness-Anniston was awarded a proclamation from the Calhoun County Commission in recognition of its positive impact and valuable services to Calhoun County and the surrounding community. The proclamation was delivered by Commissioner Rudy Abbot.

Mr. Jeremiah Castille, former Alabama Crimson Tide Star and NFL standout was the keynote speaker.

"The JSU Wellness-Anniston has been a successful program. I credit the success to the leadership of Mr. Fred Smith and President William A. Meehan's foresight in allowing this program to become a reality," said Dr. John Hammett.



Coach Rudy Abbott, Calhoun County Commissioner and Dr. John Hammett, Dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies.

## **The Successes of Professors**



Dr. Isreal Eady. assistant professor of Educational Administration

Dr. Isreal Eady, assistant professor in the Department of Educational Resources and Dr. Larry Beard, associate professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, lived their dreams this summer. While Dr. Eady performed and recorded his first CD, Dr. Beard represented the United States in the 11th annual World Masterathlete Judo Championships.

"Is-real" by Isreal Eady was recorded in the FAME Recording Studio, Muscle Shoals, Alabama. In this top-rated studio, Dr. Eady was able to creatively

put his own singing style to popular songs such as "One in a Million," and "Unforgettable." To Dr. Eady singing and recording in the FAME Studio was meaningful. "What a great day it was making my music in the same studio where Aretha Franklin, Alabama, and Lou Rawls recorded," he said.

Dr. Isreal (Is-Real) Eady CDs are available from Dr. Eady inperson. Or, they may be purchased through his personal e-mail: Isreal@aol.com

Dr. Larry Beard, a 6<sup>th</sup> Degree black belt with the United

States Judo Association,

went to the World Masterathlete Championships in Atlanta, Georgia. The competition drew approximately 1,500 competitors from more than fifty countries. Dr. Beard's judo division contained representatives from five different countries, including Russia, Brazil and India. Dr. Beard's first match was against the Russian delegate. After trading attacks, Beard wound up being thrown on his shoulder and was pinned, giving the match to his opponent who was the eventual bronze medalist. "It felt as if my feet scraped the ceiling of the Georgia International Convention Center," he recalled.

In the third round, Dr. Beard faced a fellow American. With an injured right shoulder and a numb right hand from the previous match, Dr. Beard was unable to fight off the onslaught of attacks of his opponent. He succumbed to a beautiful right shoulder throw, which gave Dr. Beard a tie for 7<sup>th</sup> place at this global competition. You can see the bouts at http://www.martialartsusa. com/2009 world championships.html. Dr. Beard shares his expertise in martial arts by teaching PE 106, Introduction to Judo.



Dr. Larry Beard, associate professor of Special Education

## Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs

The Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Education Programs (CACREP) visitation team evaluated the community counseling and school counseling programs of the Department of Educational Resources. In the exit interview, with Dr. William A. Meehan, President of Jacksonville State University, Dr. Rebecca Turner, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr., John Hammett, Dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies and the counselor education faculty , the team indicated that all CACREP standards had been met. According to the team, the report submitted by JSU resembled a re-accreditation report rather than an initial report. The next CACREP Council meeting is in early January of 2010. Decisions on accreditation of these programs will be considered at this meeting.

## New Faculty in the College of Education and Professional Studies



Dr. Debra Weingarth's Fall EED 300 Reading Diagnosis class

Dr. Debra Weingarth is an assistant rofessor of elementary education in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction. "I have a passion to pass on the experience and knowledge of an educator, who has been in the profession since 1975," said Dr. Weingarth.

Dr. Weingarth has a wide range of experience having taught children preschool through sixth grade in public, private and parochial schools. She has taught in inner city and suburban, Chicago, Detroit, and St. Louis. Her experience includes teaching adults through the state department in Missouri and teaching at the University of Missouri, where she specialized in literacy studies.

Dr. Weingarth expressed her feeling that teachers need to work together to lift up the profession of teaching. She said that through purposeful collaboration, and relying on best practice research all teachers can have success in the classroom.

"All teachers must also be lifelong learners," said Dr. Weingarth.

Her latest adventure in life is being a cattle rancher. Interestingly to Dr. Weingarth, cattle ranching and teaching have parallels. She explained that each cow has its own personality and, like children, each has special needs. She finds that paperwork in ranching is also a challenge. She raises Angus cattle and keeping records on a cow's lineage,



Dr. Debra Weingarth, assistant professor of elementary education, Department of Curriculum and Instruction

shots, feed, growth, and breeding becomes as complex as assessment in education. Dr. Roben Taylor is an assistant professor of special education in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction.

"My goal has always been to learn more about working with children academically," said Dr. Taylor. "I started my professional work as an elementary education teacher. I saw a need to be better at working with children that faced challenges. I continued my education and expanded my area of expertise by earning a master's in counseling. After graduation, I chose not to return to teaching immediately and I worked at a hospice. I had many great personal experiences as a counselor to the dying and their families, but I was not comfortable working in an end of life program. I ended that career after working with a patient who was close to my age and



Dr. Roben Taylors's Fall SPE 300 Survey of Exceptional Students class

had children that were my own child's age. That experience touched me deeply."

"Luckily, I had a former professor that encouraged me to work on my doctorate in special education. My education was enhanced as I worked with Dr. Mary Beirne-Smith, whose book on mental retardation with Dr. James R. Patton is in its seventh edition. While her style differed from mine, I was able to better my skills in working with mentally challenged children. My own research focused on deviant behavior in adolescents and the links to a violent childhood."

After completing her doctorate, Dr. Taylor began teaching in higher education. She taught instructional management courses for a college. This experience served her well, as shortly she returned to public education. This teaching assignment involved a school that had ability grouping. Dr. Taylor found that she was given the challenge of working with the lowest track of students.

"I did not have any significant behavior problems and these children experienced success. I treated the students with respect and they responded in kind," said Dr. Taylor. "I had students that were in the class gain two reading levels."

Dr. Taylor returned to higher education in a research focused university. She gained experience in conducting quantitative research and managing large grants, but she was not happy. When Dr. Teresa Gardner told



Dr. Roben Taylor, assistant professor of special education, Department of Curriculum and Instruction

me of the chance to work full time at JSU, she was thrilled. "The emphasis at JSU on teaching is a good match for my personality," she said. Currently Dr. Taylor is interested in teacher quality measures and best practices in multicultural classes.



"It is great to be here at JSU," says Ms. Kim Townsel. "It's home to me." Ms. Townsel is an instructor of family and consumer sciences in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences. "Both my mother and I are graduates of JSU's Department of Family and Consumer Sciences. Last year, I worked at JSU pro-rata, and I am thrilled to be here full time."

It did not start out that way for Ms. Townsel. "When I first went to college,

I wanted to pursue something other than education, but events showed me mv heart and mind were that of a teacher," said Ms. Townsel. "I began my professional career at Sardis High School, and then took some time to be a stay-at-home mom. I returned to teaching at Litchfield High School. When my family moved to

California, I taught at Burbank High School, which had over 2,400 students. With thirty-six students in each class, I quickly honed my organizational skills. At the school, sixty-six languages were spoken, and we were the hub for the deaf and hard of hearing students. To help learners, I was trained to communicate using body language. I still use gestures and a lot of props when teaching. In California, I also learned cultural awareness through a combination of experience and my UCLA coursework."

"Learning should be fun for the teacher and the students," she said. Recently she submitted a paper on "Study Strategies" for *Techniques*, the *Journal of the Association for Career and Technical Education*, and has been asked by the editor to submit an article on teacher training.

Ms. Townsel's favorite area of study is resource management. This involves such varied topics as efficiently using time, money, and skills. "I enjoy helping people set goals, as well as make and implement plans," said Ms. Townsel.

Ms. Townsel's main area of teaching at JSU is preparing students to certify in Career Technical Education. She prepares CTE students who are seeking certification in four different areas: Family and Consumer Sciences Education, Business Marketing Education, Technical Education, and Career Technologies Education.



Ms. Kim Townsel, instructor of family and consumer sciences, Department of Family and Consumer Sciences



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## Dr. Judy hale McCrary and Dr. Rita Boydston Retired in May of 2009



Dr. Judy McCrary, professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction

Dr. Judy Hale McCrary, professor of elementary education and Dr. Rita Boydston, associate professor of elementary education retired in May of 2009

Dr. McCrary received her Bachelor of Arts degree from David Lipscomb University in Nashville, Tennessee, her Master of Education from Alabama A & M University, and her Doctor of Philosophy from Mississippi State University. She was born October 16 in Tuscaloosa where she lived before moving to Florence when her father took a job with the Tennessee Valley Authority. It seemed that TVA was not very family oriented as they kept him on the road all the time. So, after three years the Hale family moved to Scottsboro where her father established an electrical repair business. Roots grew quickly and Scottsboro is still her home today.

The year before graduating from Mississippi State, Dr. McCrary began her job hunt for an elementary education position in higher education. At that time, there were good and interesting positions all over the southeast. Interviews were in abundance followed by job offers. Finding the right fit was top priority. She chose to wait for the perfect fit. Jacksonville State

University proved to be that perfect fit for her and the University as well.

When asked to tell about her time at JSU, Dr. McCrary had some things to share. "It has always been such a joy to work with the faculty and staff here. Everyone is friendly, caring, and hard working. By the time undergraduates reach the College of Education and Professional Studies, they are extremely focused. They see themselves as teachers and are searching for the methods that will help them be the best teachers possible. The last several years I have worked solely with the Ed S program. I have always loved doing action research, especially with young children. This program offered me the opportunity to share that love with graduate students as they completed their capstone projects, an action research project."

Just like everyone else, she too has big retirement plans. Mainly she plans to do the things that she was never able to do while working. Things like attending Tuesday morning ladies Bible class, keeping a spotless house, and gardening from sun up to sun down. Although her garden will benefit from having her she will be greatly missed here. Dr. Boydston, the youngest of ten children, is one of JSU's own, graduating from JSU with her B S degree in Elementary Education in 1977. She continued her education here, completing her M A degree in Early Childhood Education in 1980 and her Ed S degree in 1984. She then attended UAB to complete her Ph D in 1994.

Prior to joining the faculty at JSU, she taught kindergarten for ten years and second grade for six years at Kitty Stone Elementary School. She began adjunct teaching at the Gadsden campus in 1980 and taught at Wesleyan College for one year and at Berry College for two vears.

In 1997, she came to JSU as a full time faculty member in Elementary Education as an assistant professor. In 2002, she earned associate professor and was tenured.

When asked what made her decide



Dr. Rita Boydston, associate professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction

to work in higher education, she had several amusing anecdotes most of us can relate to concerning the mind-set of an early childhood teacher. For example, she discovered one day that when she had guests in her home, she would only fill their juice glasses half full and made them finish it off before she gave them more. But what really decided it for her was one day as she sat in an airport waiting for a plane, she reached over and tied a stranger's shoe for him.

Dr. Boydston is looking forward to retirement where she can spend time with her two sons, John and Jacob, and her two grandchildren, Kaleb, sixteen months, and Kolbi, four months, where she will once again happily regress to giving half glasses of juice and tying shoes spontaneously.

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