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# College of Education CONNECTIONS



## Message from the Dean

### Share Your Views on Teaching, Leading or Counseling

Dear Faculty and Staff,

It is already mid-semester. So much has happened since I arrived in July; I have learned about some amazing work and fabulous initiatives. But sometimes, it seems that the most important work we do gets the least attention, and that is, of course, teaching. Nothing is more important than how we train teachers, principals, and counselors. (I use the word *train* purposely, despite some people's aversion to it.) I believe there are some aspects of teaching, leading, and counseling that involve training, and if we don't train professionals to become automatic at some routines and activities, our graduates may not be as prepared as they should for some of the more difficult challenges they might face. Teaching a struggling reader to decode, speaking to a teacher about her poor performance, or guiding a student to uncover his strengths are routines that involve specific actions that can be learned through training. Having some automatic routines allows professionals more time for the myriad of other decisions they must make every minute.

What do *you* think? I would like to invite you to write a brief view on teaching, leading, or counseling that might be of interest to your colleagues. We can print one or two views in each newsletter. It might be fun, and it might start some conversations about teaching and learning. If you choose to write one, send it to me by 5pm on Tuesday and I will send it to Latricia. If you send something too long, you must be ok with my edits. They must be short viewpoints!

Don't forget to be sure to give some sort of mid-semester feedback to your students. We know that is important.

And now, here's the news from the College...

## Grants and Financial Awards

**Dr. Susan Harden** has received a \$5,000 grant award from the Chancellor's Diversity Challenge Fund for research entitled, *Understanding the Impact of UNC Charlotte's k-12 Community Based Partnerships on Advancing the Goals of the UNC Charlotte Diversity Plan*. **Dr. Heather Coffey** (MDSK) and **Dr. Bruce Taylor** (REEL) are co-researchers.

## A message from **Dr. Jack Piel** and the **REEL Team**

“Our students are adapting to being in a different culture, not knowing the language, and being international travelers. As we approach our midway point they all seem to be coping with being the ones who are different. Hope all is well in Charlotte. Go Niners!”

Here are a few pictures shared from their experiences thus far.



## Upcoming Events

### **October 8-10**

Pursuing Extraordinary Outcomes in Public Education Conference

<http://education.uncc.edu/oeo/publiceducation>,

**Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Chance Lewis**

### **October 24-25**

Dr. Bob Barret Lecture Series and Multicultural Issues in Counseling Conference,

<http://education.uncc.edu/oeo/mic>

**Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Susan Furr**

### **November 14-15**

Attachment Security Intervention with Caregivers,

<http://education.uncc.edu/oeo/caregivers>,

**Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Phyllis Post**

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