Thursday, April 27 is tee shirt day

With a generous gift of $15 or more made from the laptops in The Hub, you will receive a College of Ed tee in acknowledgement of your support.

Laptops will be available for online donations Thursday from 9:30am-4:00pm in the Hub.

All donations allocated to the College of Education will go to the Pay It Forward Scholarship Fund. The College of Education will match the first $1,000! A scholarship recipient will be acknowledged at our annual scholarship celebration.
STUDENTS AND FACULTY:

Please come to learn about...

Progress in Holyoke
Soria will update members of the college community on the most recent changes in the district, which is now in its second year of receivership by the state.

Job Possibilities
Students, especially those graduating soon, are encouraged to attend to hear about job opportunities and the support the district has to offer new employees.

The Holyoke Public Schools Turnaround and Job Opportunities

Soria began his journey as an educator in 1992 as a teacher of English Language Learners (ELLs) in the Little Village community in Chicago. As Chief of Schools, he led administrators and staff in the Network of Chicago Public Schools and was responsible for the achievement of 30,000 students.

In Holyoke, Soria works to provide direct support to schools around the design and effectiveness of their curricula, instruction and professional development.

Tuesday, May 2, 2017
6:45-7:30 pm
UMass Amherst
Furcolo 101

Contact information for event: Rebecca Woodland, EPRA, Holyoke Public Schools Partnership Task Force (Rebecca.Woodland@educ.umass.edu) and Ann Stephany, P12 Educator Preparation (stephany@umass.edu)
Inspire the next generation
Become a MATHEMATICS TEACHER MENTOR

S²TLC-II
Supporting STEM Teaching & Learning through Communities

Seeking 8 exceptionally qualified teachers for this one time only competitive opportunity—ideally two mentors per building (not required)

Benefits
- Paid tuition for 9 UMass graduate credits (Su 2017, F 2017, Sp 2018)
- Stipend of $5,000 for successful completion
- Development as a STEM Teacher Leader
- Membership within a vibrant group of STEM educators
- Advanced degree potential
- Contributions to improving student opportunity to engage in STEM learning
- Potential professional conference travel funds (i.e., NCTM)
- Professional licensure courses
- Collegiality and FUN!

Join a community of STEM educators who...
- Shape STEM teaching and teacher preparation in Western Massachusetts
- Participate in sustained professional learning opportunities
- Build community partnerships and curriculum resources that support community-connected learning and culturally responsive teaching
- Develop the next generation of STEM educators
- Facilitate professional learning communities (PLCs)
- Co-develop and lead a virtual community of practice (VCoP)
- Support and explore collaborative and reflective teaching practices
- Grow and learn together

Requirements
- Professional licensure in grades 8-12 Mathematics
- Mathematics teacher in high need western Massachusetts school district
- Support of school principal
- Demonstrated success in improving student achievement in mathematics
- Commitment to implementing inquiry-based practices in the classroom
- Commitment to mentor new teacher for entire school year
- Complete three required graduate courses
- Participate in ongoing S²TLC face-to-face and virtual communities of practice focused on reflective practice and improvement of student learning
- Complete all project evaluation components

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COLLEGE of EDUCATION
University of Massachusetts Amherst
UMass Gives begins at 12:01 am April 27 and ends at midnight April 28.

How is the College of Education participating in UMass Gives this year?
We created a new scholarship fund - inspired by our students and designed for all of us who care about benefitting another person in an altruistic way.

Announcing the Pay It Forward Scholarship Fund
a fund through which you can positively impact others in acknowledgement of the ways in which others have supported you.

The Pay It Forward Scholarship Fund
During UMass Gives, donations of any amount allocated to the College of Education’s Pay It Forward Scholarship Fund will support a College of Education student who demonstrates his or her desire to pay it forward.

The recipient of the Pay It Forward Scholarship will be acknowledged at the college’s annual Scholarship Celebration.

Be a part of UMass Gives and Pay It Forward. Beginning on February 27, go to
https://umass.scalefunder.com/gday/giving-day/1173/department/1505
Here’s how our doctoral student Alicia Gonzales described her pay it forward philosophy:

“I am the recipient of the C. Lynn Vendien Professional Scholarship for 2016-2017. I hope that this brief story relays how important and what an impact this scholarship has had on me. A few weeks ago, Russell, my partner, and I were on a hike, and we were imagining our future after graduate school, and in this vision we have income!

He shared with me a few organizations and businesses that he plans on repaying for what they have paid him in resources and information. He asked me what I would love to give back to and I said without hesitation: ‘I would love to give to a scholarship fund, because of what they have done for me.’

Without scholarships, I wouldn’t have had the opportunity to work on a doctoral degree, and I know that repaying what so many people have payed to me will further the education of others- which I believe is so important!

So I thank all of you who have invested in us, and I hope that we use our gifts to one day turn them into gifts for others, both monetarily and non!”

UMass Gives is for students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of the college.
Starting on Thursday, Feb. 27 it’s easy to make your gift here
https://umass.scalefunder.com/gday/giving-day/1173/department/1505

Why pay it forward?
Because you can.
Because you have the ability to positively affect someone’s life.
Because it encourages an attitude of kindness.

UMASS GIVES
www.umass.edu/umassgives
Announcements

Congratulations to Brian Horrocks and Torrey Trust who have had their manuscript “The Six Key Elements of an Active and Thriving Community of Practice” selected by the Instructional Technology special interest group (SIG-IT) selected for the group’s Best Paper Award for 2017!

The Office of Research and Engagement (ORE) updated office hours. The office will be open from 8:30am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday. Additional times to meet with ORE staff are available by appointment. Please contact us at educore@educ.umass.edu if you would like to make an appointment outside of our normal office hours.

Presentations, Workshops, and Seminars


Presentations, Workshops, and Seminars, Cont.


Engagement

Daniel Morales Morales was selected to participate in the AERA Division B (Curriculum studies) Vice Presidential Graduate Student Seminar, Inspiring Curriculum Inquiries into Life in Schools, Communities, and Neighborhoods - Liberating Dissertation Writing.

Please send your information for the next issue of Spotlight on Research to educore@educ.umass.edu by Friday April, 28
Catherine Griffith, student development, was named the recipient of the 2017 College of Education’s College Outstanding Teaching Award. This award honors individual faculty members for teaching accomplishments within their own colleges. While classroom teaching is the fundamental criterion, this award also actively values supervision of field/clinical experiences, supervision of research, and mentoring professional publications and presentations. The COTA was instituted as a complement to the Distinguished Teaching Awards given by the Graduate School.

Meg Gebhard, teacher education and curriculum students, was named the recipient of the College’s Distinguished Graduate Mentor Award. This award recognizes the graduate teaching and advising work that faculty do outside the classroom. In particular, it honors faculty for supporting the development of graduate students as scientists, scholars, teachers, artists, or practitioners of the professions; positioning students to succeed in graduate school and beyond; contributing to the growth of students who may not be their advisees; and implementing an innovative or transformative vision of graduate education that positively impacts students.
TWO College of Education graduation events

Thursday, May 11
It’s our Graduation Celebration!
Campus Center Auditorium 5 p.m.
All College of Education graduating students are invited - family and guests welcome. Faculty and staff attend, too! Wear party clothes!

AND

Saturday, May 13
Senior Recognition Ceremony
Goodell Building 8:30 a.m.
For our graduating undergraduates, their families and guests. Caps and gowns. Reception following the ceremony
ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATIONS

CHARLES ESTUS, May 2, 2017, 2:00 p.m. room S125 Furcolo.
Chair: Dr. Theresa Austin

KRISTINE PLASSE, May 2, 2017, 11:00 a.m., room N113 Furcolo.
Chair: Dr. Denise Ives

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL ORAL EXAMINATION

HANIFE ECE UGURLU, May 23, 2017, 12:00 p.m. room S115 Furcolo. “Inclusion of Students with Learning and Behavior Problems: Knowledge, Attitudes, and Inclusive Practices in Turkey.”
Chair: Dr. Michael Krezmien

Updated ORE Office Hours

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Early Grade Reading Graduate Certificate Approved

The College of Education’s Early Grade Reading in Developing Countries Graduate Certificate has just been approved by the Faculty Senate!

The Early Grade Reading Graduate Certificate is the first university program that focuses specifically on early grade reading in developing countries.

This 15-credit, fully online program was developed by the College’s Center for International Education and the international education concentration. It consists of 5 courses and offers professional development for practitioners and policymakers working on early grade reading projects around the world.

All courses are offered via UMass Amherst Continuing & Professional Education. The program is coordinated by Cristine Smith and Kate Hudson. For more information, see http://blogs.umass.edu/egrcert or email egrcert@umass.edu.

Karen Harrington, senior research fellow, student development, is the 2017 recipient of the Fredrickson Staff Appreciation Award, an endowment in the College started by Ron and Patricia Fredrickson. The award recognizes the importance of staff contributions to faculty members in their academic work. Harrington was selected based on nominations from faculty and recognized for her high-quality work.

“Karen is one of the most exceptional, diligent, insightful, and talented individuals I have had the pleasure of working with,” said Dean Robert S. Feldman when asked about Harrington’s selection as recipient of the award. “Not only have her contributions been first-rate, I have also been deeply impressed by her professionalism and ability to navigate complex tasks and relationships, and I have learned so much from her skillfulness in these areas.”

Seeking nominations for CAM

Jennifer Randall is seeking nominations for an at-large position on the College Academic Matters Committee. Please self-nominate by contacting Jennifer at jrandall@educ.umass.edu
We Celebrate Adoption

WHAT: Celebration of Adoption

WHERE: Campus Center Room 168 1 Campus Way, Amherst, MA 01003

WHEN: Thursday, April 27th 2017 6-8:30PM

DESCRIPTION: We will explore various adoption related topics in an Open House forum

- Foster care
- Mental health
- Loss and adoption
- International and domestic adoption
- Stigma
- Race, ethnicity, and identity
- Law and adoption

Light refreshments will be served

ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED

Students from UMass Adoption Mentoring Partnership
UMass Student Adoption Advisory Board
In collaboration with the Rudd Adoption Research Program

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