The SCHOOL OF EDUCATION’s
GRADUATION CELEBRATION!!!

Thursday, May 10, 2012
Campus Center Auditorium
5 p.m. Social hour   6 p.m. Program   Appetizers and cash bar
All SOE 2011-12 graduates and Minor in Education graduates and their guests, and SOE faculty are welcome!

RSVP to jtutun@educ.umass.edu

Our graduation celebration is festive and fun! There is always good food (including cupcakes!) and camaraderie, and opportunities to have candid photos taken of you with your friends and family, have a professional graduation photo taken by Grad Images, and to thank faculty. Let us know if you plan to attend and how many guests you will bring with you by calling us at 545-2705 ASAP. Remember to tell us your name and the number of guests accompanying you, if any, when you RSVP! Thank you.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR GRADUATES: When you arrive at the celebration, please stop by the School of Education registration table at the bottom of the elevators. You will need to complete both sides of a reader card: one side is for your concentration coordinator to use in announcing your name; the other is for the photographer to know how to contact you. If you don’t fill out the card, your name will not be read. During the program, each concentration will be announced and you will line up to the right of the stage. Your name will be read, you’ll cross the stage and shake hands with the Dean, then continue across to exit the stage. At the bottom of the stairs you’ll stop at the photographer’s location to have your photograph taken.

See you there!
FORMATION OF DISSERTATION COMMITTEE

PATRICIA E. MACKAY

Proposed Dissertation Title: “The Effect of ‘Tools of the Mind’ on Kindergarten Reading and Math.”

Statement of the Problem: While current research supports the relationship between self-regulation and achievement, and supports the relationship between tools and development of self-regulation, there is an absence of research connecting tools and achievement.

Chairperson: Dr. J. Kevin Nugent.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL ORAL EXAMINATIONS

HABIBULLAH WAJDI


Chairperson: Dr. David R. Evans.

A. LYNN STEPHENS

June 8, 2012, 10:00 a.m., Room 230B, Furcolo Hall. “Student Recognition of Visual Affordances: Supporting Use of Physics Simulations in Whole Class and Small Group Settings.”

Chairperson: Dr. John Clement.

Two Project Assistantships

Department of Educational Policy, Research, and Administration

10 hours/week, project assistant, Fall 2012, for the Department Chair of EPRA.

Description:

Works with the concentration coordinators on the timely submission of academic course scheduling and requests for other data.

Assists in planning department meetings; take notes at those meetings.

Supports strategic planning and other School- and University-wide initiatives.

Any other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

Excellent written and oral communications skills

Excellent organizational skills

Excellent skills in Word, Excel, and other software

Strong library and internet research skills

Ability to work with various campus constituencies including faculty members, administrators, and students

To apply, please send a resume and one-page letter of interest to: Sheila Seuffert at seuffert@educ.umass.edu. In the subject line of the email, please note “EPRA Department PA position.”
Faculty, students, staff & alumni share what they are doing

Denise Ives, assistant professor, Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies, received a 2012-13 Mellon Mutual Mentoring Micro Grants through the Center for Teaching and Faculty Development. These grants are intended to encourage early-career faculty to identify desirable areas for professional growth, and to develop the necessary mentoring relationships to make such opportunities possible.

Grace Harris, a master’s degree candidate in the Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies, language, literacy and culture concentration, received a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to teach in Indonesia. Harris said that she “applied to go to Indonesia because I was there last winter and I observed a widespread desire and need to learn English because of its ability to aid employment.…. Because Indonesia is large, diverse and sits geographically and politically between many nations and their languages, English is used as a middle ground due to its title as ‘the global language’. I felt that Indonesia is a place I could offer a lot and because of my connection to my friends there it is dear to my heart.” Harris said that she will write a blog that will address in part her experiences teaching English and learning Bahasa Indonesian and other Indonesian languages.

Durryle Brooks, a doctoral student in the social justice education concentration and Simone Gugliotta, doctoral student in the language, literacy and culture concentration, have each received a 2012-12 Graduate Diversity Assistantship from the UMass Amherst Graduate School. The Diversity Assistantship Program represents the second phase of a long-term and multi-faceted Graduate School initiative designed to grow and sustain the inclusiveness and excellence of the UMass Amherst graduate community.

Please send items of interest to dms@educ.umass.edu

The Beacon will not be published on May 24, May 31, or June 7. Then, beginning with the June 14 issue, it will be published every two weeks instead of weekly throughout the summer. If you are planning to send submissions, please plan accordingly. Thank you.
ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATIONS

KEIKO KONOEDA     May 17, 2012,  1:00 p.m.,  Room 219, Furcolo Hall.
Chairperson:  Dr. Theresa Y. Austin.

KRIS NELSON       June 12, 2012,  10:00 a.m.,  418 Hills North.
Chairperson:  Dr. Elizabeth Williams.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL ORAL EXAMINATION

PHILILP J. HARAK    June 8, 2012, 1:00 p.m.,  Room 151, Hills South. “Supporting Public High
School Teachers in a Context of Multiple Mandates: A Social Justice Approach to Professional Learning
Communities.”
Chairperson:  Dr. Maurianne Adams.

Congratulations
SOE Graduates!