



College of Education

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News & Events

We appreciate **Dr. Jane Kirkpatrick** in KNES, **Dr. Linda Cundiff** in FCS, and **Ms. Wanda Gothard** in Elementary Education for their organizational skills in handling the pre-registration of our transfer students and new freshmen on July 20-22. Several other faculty and staff members assisted on those days as well. What an excellent example of collaboration for the good of our students! Thanks to all!

On July 28 **Dr. Carolyn Miller Kirby** attended a seminar at Protective Life Corporation: "Innovations in Health" presented by Virgin Health Miles, Inc. and ECHO Healthcare Education Foundation. Several corporations as well as three other universities were represented to hear the latest developments in the field of corporate wellness. We are grateful for Carolyn's presence at the seminar and her attempts to keep UM at the forefront of what's happening in health promotion!

Our thoughts are with **Michelle Mayfield** who will soon face another round of chemotherapy and radiation. Her positive spirit is encouraging to all of us!

We also send "healing thoughts" toward **Dr. Jack Nuby** who recently fell, re-injuring a knee on which she had previous surgery! Get well soon, Jackie!

Faculty, please note that **AUGUST 26** is the first official day for the 2009-2010 academic year!

Wednesday, Aug. 26

- *Move-in Day for Freshmen (Contact Housing & Residence Life to volunteer)*
- CEPC Extended Work Session (9:00-11:00, brunch included, Wills 200; Cundiff, Doebler, Whitsett, Walsh, Hagler, Richardson and/or Jinright; also attending, Gothard, Cost)
- Blackboard Peer Tutoring Session (1:00-3:00, Wills 215; We need COE faculty to serve as peer helpers! Contact Lisa Brown to volunteer or participate.)

Thursday, Aug. 27

- *University New Faculty Orientation (organized by Kathy King & Dr. Roberson; Bentley, Cook, Ratchford, Sumbry, + new hire in dietetics)*
- COE Program Coordinator's Meeting (9:00-10:00; Wills 229; Kirkpatrick, Moore, Bloom, Covington, Daughhete)

Friday, Aug. 28

- COE Opening Faculty-Staff Assembly (9:00-11:00; brunch included)
- COE Faculty Committees (11:00-12:00)
- *University New Faculty Luncheon with Student Affairs (11:30-1:00; Details will come from Kathy King; Bentley, Cook, Ratchford, Sumbry, + new hire in dietetics)*

- COE Dean's Orientation with New Faculty (1:00-3:00; Wills 229; Bentley, Cook, Ratchford, Sumbry, + new hire in dietetics)
- Teacher Education- Intern Supervisor Orientation (3:30-5:00)

Monday, Aug. 31

- Classes begin
- Teacher Education- Intern Seminar (Noon-3:30; meet with university supervisors 3:30-5:00)

In the Spotlight

Kudos to **Dr. Charlotte Daughhete** who was recently elected President-Elect of the Association of Marital and Family Therapy Boards (AMFTRB). AMFTRB is a national board that facilitates communication and collaboration among the 49 state Marital and Family Therapy Licensure boards. AMFTRB also researches and promotes best practice in MFT licensure and regulation, and works internationally with other nations to promote regulation of MFT mental health practitioners. We are proud of Dr. Daughhete's accomplishments in her field and grateful for the positive reflection her election has on the University of Montevallo.

Special recognition is extended to the following faculty members and students for their collaboration on 2009 summer research projects through the McNair Scholars Program:

Dr. Hollie Cost worked with **Candyce Osburn**, *Identifying Preferred Modes of Communication Between Parents and Their Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders*

Dr. Jenifer Moore worked with **Will Davis**, *An Analysis of Gender Differences and Performance in the Elementary School Classroom*

Dr. Elizabeth Thrower worked with **Erica Russell**, *The Role of Music Therapy: Rehabilitation of Verbal and Nonverbal Communication Skills of the Elderly*

A warm welcome to new faculty and staff members:

- **Dr. Tammy Cook**- Secondary Education
- **Dr. Don Ratchford**- Elementary Education
- **Ms. Kelli Davis**- Elementary Education Teacher-in-Residence
- **Dr. Courtney Bentley**- Teacher Leadership
- **Dr. JoAnn Sumbry**- Instructional Leadership
- *To be announced soon!! We think we've finally found someone!*- Dietetics
- **Wendi Hall**- AMSTI Elementary Math Specialist
- **Rachel Stockard**- AMSTI Elementary Math Specialist

Congratulations to **Mr. Dwight Jinright** who assumes a new professional staff role for 2009-2010 as Assistant Director of the In-Service Center!

Congratulations to **Ms. Rebecca Richardson** , **Ms. Deb O'Hara** and the entire In-Service Center and AMSTI staff for the recent award of a \$280,000 state grant to expand and sustain the Alabama Math, Science, and Technology Initiative for our in-service region. The award period is from August 1, 2009 through July 31, 2010!

Dates & Reminders

August 7 No classes

August 7 UM Board of Trustees meeting

August 11 COE Administrative Support Staff meeting

August 14 "Meeting with the Majors" discussion with Dr. Roberson (Elem Education only)

August 14 Summer Commencement