

Faculty Accomplishments

Dr. Cindy Johnson-Taylor

(Department Chair, Associate Professor of Education) has been elected President of the South Carolina Association of Colleges for Teacher Education. She will lead this organization, which represents all of the teacher education programs in South Carolina, through a year of transition and rebuilding.

Ms. Becky Pugh

(Associate Professor Science) received the 2008 Catalyst Award at the South Carolina Science Council conference, which recognized her efforts in the elementary and early childhood programs at the college and for her novel approaches that better equip students to teach science. She has worked with the science coach at Gallman and Boundary Street Elementary Schools in Newberry County to involve pre-service teachers in an authentic assessment of students after completing the Foss Science Kit: Mixtures and Solutions. This program not only helps prepare NC students to be science teachers, but also performs a valuable service to local schools.

Dr. Karl Rohr

(History/Social Studies Education) was one of only 35 professors selected nationwide for participation in the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History's seminar, Slave Narratives, Yale University, June 2008. The seminar director was Dr. David Blight, the Bancroft-award winning author and director of Yale University's Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance and Abolition.

Dr. Glenna Zeak

(Associate Professor of Early Childhood Education) was awarded a Diverse Pathways grant to explore the articulation between the technical colleges and Newberry College in helping Early Childhood Technical College graduates come to Newberry College to complete their four-year degrees leading to teacher certification. Her report on this topic will be presented to State Superintendent Jim Rex along with the reports of other faculty members from other institutions across the state.

Student Accomplishments



Jessica Alayne Beam is Miss Union 2008-2009. She is an 18-year-old freshman at Newberry College seeking a degree in early childhood education. She was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis on December 13, 2007 at the age of 17. Jessica takes one shot once a week to help stop the progression of her illness and has become an advocate for this disease. Jessica's platform is Multiple Sclerosis Awareness and she works with ACES (Adoption Coalition for Education and Support) to promote adoption awareness.

Jessica is from Greenville, SC and a graduate of Berea High School. She will be representing Union County at Miss South Carolina 2009 in July.



Casey Faulkenberry, a senior history major with a minor in secondary education from Camden, SC, attended the "Surviving History: Lessons from the Holocaust" conference hosted by the South Carolina Council on the Holocaust. The conference was held on Friday, October 17th, 2008 at Columbia College. Casey was also able to meet and eat dinner with the keynote speaker, Inge Auerbacher, Holocaust survivor and author of *I Am a Star*. Currently, Casey is a student intern at Mid-Carolina High School with plans

to graduate in December 2008 and pursue a career as a high school social studies teacher.

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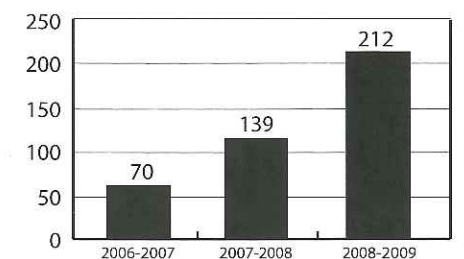
TEACHER EDUCATION NEWS

FOR FRIENDS OF THE NEWBERRY COLLEGE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM



Teacher Education Faculty work together to prepare outstanding teachers for South Carolina Schools.

Record Enrollment



Education Department

Greetings From The Chair Of The Department

As the pages of this newsletter will attest, the Teacher Education Program (TEP) at Newberry College is experiencing much success. What is particularly noteworthy is the fact that the accomplishments within this newsletter represent only a fraction of the impact the TEP is having throughout our state. Newberry College excels in the preparation of highly qualified teachers for South Carolina schools. We gain our strength through a network of outstanding faculty, staff, candidates, alumni and friends.

We take pride in the following successes:

- Revision of the Conceptual Framework to include the new graphic featured below
- Establishment of a program in Early Childhood Education
- Creation of a new course which all teacher candidates take during the sophomore year, "Working With Exceptional and Diverse Learners"
- New classroom furniture in all 3 of the education classrooms paid for by gifts from an alumnus of the program
- State-of-the art technology in all 3 of the education classrooms paid for by gifts from an alumnus of the program, the School District of Newberry County and a grant from the State Budget and Control Board of SC
- The highest ever enrollment in the TEP in the history of the college

With these important accomplishments behind us, we now look forward to completing our Program Reviews, writing numerous grants to obtain additional funding, starting teacher preparation programs in Middle Level Education and Chemistry Education, implementing an evening program in Early Childhood Education for working adults, and preparing for an National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) continuing accreditation visit in September 2011. The loyalty of alumni and friends has enabled the Teacher Education Program to meet the demands of the twenty-first century. We humbly ask for your continued support as we strive to make the Teacher Education Program bigger and better.

Best Wishes,

Cindy Johnson-Taylor
Chair and Associate Professor



What Is A South Carolina Teaching Fellow?

This is a question the Education Department at Newberry College hears from both alumni and prospective students.

Recognizing the shortage of teachers in our state, the SC General Assembly funded the Teaching Fellows Program in 1999. The mission of the program is to recruit talented high school seniors into the teaching profession and help them develop leadership qualities. Each year, the program provides Fellowships for up to 175 entering freshmen who have exhibited high academic achievement, a history of service to their school and community, and a desire to become a teacher.

During the interview process the student must write an essay, be interviewed by a panel of four teachers, and give a three-to-five minute speech on why he or she should be chosen. If the student is selected to receive the scholarship, he or she may choose from eleven institutions in the state which receive funding for Teaching Fellows scholarships, Newberry College being one of them. The student receives \$6,000.00 per year for up to four years. In exchange for the award, the Fellow agrees to teach in South Carolina one year for each year he or she receives the scholarship.

This year, Professor Renée Stubbs (Newberry College Teaching Fellows Campus Director) and Dr. Cindy Johnson-Taylor (Chair of the Department of Education) are excited to announce that Newberry College has a record high of 24 Teaching Fellows enrolled: 6 seniors, 2 juniors, 7 sophomores, and 9 freshmen. These students are considered to be some of Newberry's finest, and the Education Department is proud of them.

Not only must these students maintain high grades and complete 15 hours of service to the education program, the fellows are expected to participate in professional development functions. These activities include attending the Future Educator's Association meetings

and joining South Carolina Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (SCASCD) and Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD). Fellows have attended several conferences and met the nationally-known presenters, Tom March and Marcia Tate. In the spring of 2009, junior and senior fellows are planning to attend the national ASCD conference in Orlando and a state-wide conference on Brain Based Learning strategies. In the summer, sophomore fellows will attend a technology conference.

Along with meeting the requirements to keep their scholarship, the Fellows at Newberry have a lot of fun. Each year a group of Teaching Fellows travels to Columbia to be a part of the Freshman Teaching Fellows orientation, have a party at Lake Murray in the fall and participate in a fun-filled Christmas Party. Newberry College Fellows meet on the second Tuesday of each month for two hours and usually invite a speaker. To coordinate with the theme of the Fellows program, "Living in a Digital Age: Responding to Change," a local teacher worked with Fellows on how to incorporate the Promethean Board into their lessons.



If you have any questions about the South Carolina Teaching Fellows program visit www.cerra.org.

If you would like to learn more about Newberry College's Teaching Fellows program feel free to email Mrs. Renee Stubbs at renee.stubbs@newberry.edu or Dr. Cindy Johnson-Taylor at cindy.johnson-taylor@newberry.edu.

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Teacher Cadet College Day: Fueling The Future

More than 200 high school teacher cadets from 10 local schools (Airport, Chapin, Columbia, Dutch Fork, Eau Claire, Irmo, Lexington, Lugoff-Elgin, Mid-Carolina, and Newberry) participated in Teacher Cadet College Day. Planned by the NC Future Educators Association (FEA) and hosted by the Newberry College Department of Education on October 3, 2008, the theme of the event was "Do You Have What It Takes to Fuel the Future?"

The morning began with registration and a buffet breakfast in Eleazer Arena. The official opening ceremony featured Newberry College education students Chauncey McElheney and Joseph Morris running an Olympic-style torch from Wiles Chapel to Eleazer Arena to light the "Flame of Knowledge."

"Carrying the torch was a great experience," said Chauncey McElheney, a senior history major with a minor in secondary education. "I was glad to be a part of Teacher Cadet Day."

During the day, teacher cadets heard an Admissions and Financial Aid presentation given by Amanda Richardson (Director of Admissions) and Lesley Simpson (Admissions Counselor). Cadets also participated in an ice-breaker session with Dr.



L-R, Junior Jessica Hook and Professor Renée Stubbs spend time with potential students on College Day.

Peggy Barnes-Winder (Chair of Department of Physical Education) visited two mock college classes, toured the campus, and ate a catered meal in Eleazer Arena.

FEA President Craig Wheatley led the closing ceremony on Holland Hall's Yost Portico that afternoon. A representative from each high school lit a candle from the "Flame of Knowledge" and carried it back to their group. Their action symbolized empowering the teacher cadets to fuel the future.

The Teacher Cadet Program is implemented state wide through the Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention and Advancement (CERRA). The program's primary goal is to encourage academically

able students who possess exemplary interpersonal and leadership skills to consider teaching as a career. An important secondary goal of the program is to provide these talented future community leaders with insights about teachers and schools so that they will be civic advocates of education.

This year's Teacher Cadet College Day was planned by Newberry College Future Educators Association (FEA) officers Craig Wheatley, Paige Derrick, Tara Burton, Jeremy Rinder, Kayla Knight and Libby Martin.

Paige Derrick Receives Award From SCICU

Newberry College senior Paige Derrick was named the 2008 J. Lacy McLean Independent College Student of the Year. South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities (SCICU) selected Derrick from a group of nominees from 20 independent colleges and universities across South Carolina.

SCICU recognized Derrick at their annual meeting held September 30, on the Newberry College campus. As the award recipient, Derrick received a \$2,000 scholarship for the 2008-09 academic year.

As a student at Newberry College, Derrick is involved in many

activities and has received many awards. While maintaining a 4.0 grade point average, she is a member of Kappa Delta Pi, Omicron Delta Kappa, Sigma Tau Delta, Phi Alpha Theta honor societies and is also a South Carolina Teaching Fellow.

Derrick plans to graduate in May 2009 with a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education with an early childhood add-on and an education concentration in English with minors in both history and communications.

With her degree, she plans to teach at a local elementary school and hopes to attend graduate school to earn her master's degree and doctoral degree in the field of education.



Paige Derrick receives award for Independent College Student of the Year, 2008-2009.