National Board Certification

Teachers interested in National Board Certification for Initial, Retake, and Renewal Candidates Registration [Link]

Upcoming Events

January 15, 2015
5:00-7:00 PM
Partnership Teacher Orientation

January 20, 2015
4:00-5:30 PM
Site Coordinator Meeting

January 22, 2014
4:00-5:30 PM
Site Coordinator Meeting

January 24, 2014
9:00-1:00 PM
National Board Support Workshop

Professional Learning Day Fall 2014

The PDS Office hosted a Professional Learning Day for fall partnership teachers and site coordinators on Friday, October 17, 2014. There were 51 partnership teachers in attendance. James E. Ford, a World History teacher at Garinger High School in Charlotte, North Carolina, delivered the keynote presentation. Ford is the 2012-2013 Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Teacher of the Year, 2013-2014 Southwest Regional Teacher of the Year, and 2014-2015 Burroughs Welcome Fund North Carolina Teacher of the Year. When asked about his teaching philosophy, James remarked, “For me, teaching is so much more than simply a job. It is a calling, connected to a much greater life purpose. There is nothing like the satisfaction of knowing exactly what you were put on earth to do.” Featured workshops were facilitated by UNCW faculty, staff and students, as well as local community members. A special thanks to our presenters: Jeff Ertzberger, Salena Rabidoux, Chris Gordon, Larry Bonney, Katie Schlichting, David Gill, Candace Thompson, Jale Aldemir, Shelby Morge, Michael MacGovern and Lynn Sikma. To see a copy of the program and details of the featured workshops [click here].

Pictured right: James E. Ford, NC Teacher of the Year, delivering a morning keynote at the Fall 2014 Professional Learning Day.

Pictured left: Dr. Candace Thompson talking with partnership teachers during a breakout session at the Fall 2014 Professional Learning Day.
PDS Fall Intern Job Fair

On Friday, December 5th, ten district and school partners gathered for the first fall intern job fair hosted by the Professional Development System Office in the Watson College of Education. The job fair provided regional partners and WCE fall graduates an opportunity to meet and discuss potential job opportunities in our local schools. The job fair took place in the Atrium of the Education Building and offered 84 fall graduates a chance to ask questions, learn about beginning teacher support, and work with Diane Reed, Assistant Director of UNCW Career Services, to discuss resumes and cover letters.

Fall Site Coordinator Meetings and Partnership Teacher Workshops

This fall the PDS office hosted two site coordinator meetings that included 52 site coordinators from our partnering districts. In the meetings, the PDS Director and site coordinators discussed program updates and logistical information regarding new electronic site seminar forms, as well as lesson planning and leadership opportunities for interns. Site Coordinators were also able to log into the Watson College of Education Collaborative Portal and discuss new updates based on feedback from Site Coordinators and Partnership Teachers. The PDS Office would like for the Portal to become the go-to spot for up-to-date information and resources for our PDS partners. Partnership Teachers also received a hands-on tour of the Portal during their face-to-face refresher trainings. During 2014, 109 teachers completed the online partnership teacher preparation modules and, during the fall semester, 96 partnership teachers attended a face-to-face refresher workshop. The PDS office has established web pages for site coordinators and partnership teachers. The site coordinator page is located at http://www.uncw.edu/ed/pds/sitecordinfo.html and the partnership teacher page is located at http://www.uncw.edu/ed/pds/orientation.html.

CESTEM Featured Workshops

UNCW’s Center for Education in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (CESTEM) strives to improve the quality of pre-college science and mathematics education in the schools of North Carolina through programs designed for in-service and pre-service teachers, as well as students. CESTEM hosts a variety of STEM-based Professional Development throughout the year as well as provides area teachers with STEM equipment through the Technology Loan Program, including a StarLab portable Planetarium and over $10,000 worth of Vernier probe ware!

Over the summer months, CESTEM provided several PD workshops and also worked with Pender and Onslow County Schools on two Math-Science Partnership grants. In addition, CESTEM hosted their Fall Workshop Series with workshops on topics including: Biomimicry, Population, Raspberry Pi, Recycling, and SeaPerch Underwater Robotics. Currently, CESTEM is busy preparing for the STEM Leadership Summit and 1st Annual PreK-12 STEM Education Conference scheduled for Jan. 8 and 9, 2015. For more information visit http://www.uncw.edu/cestem/.
Fall 2014 Partnership Teacher Celebration

On Thursday, December 4th, the Professional Development System Office celebrated the dedication of our Fall 2014 partnership teachers and their unwavering support for our interns! Thank you to our Watson faculty, staff and students who gave their time to present an inspiring program: Dean Kenneth Teitelbaum, Dr. Katie Schlichting, Ms. Cindy Wiseman, and Ms. Gabrielle Barrows. And thank you to the 60 faculty, staff, partnership teachers, university supervisors, and interns who took the time to attend!

Fall 2014 Roy E Harkin Teacher Recognition Award Recipient

Congratulations to Katherine S. McLam, site coordinator for Whiteville Primary and Edgewood Elementary School in Whiteville City Schools! Katie is the fall 2014 recipient of the Roy E. Harkin Teacher Recognition Award. The award was established in 2008 in memory of Dr. Roy E. Harkin who served as the chair of the Education Department at UNCW from 1976 to 1979, and then as Dean of the School of Education until 1991. This award is funded by the family and friends of Dr. Harkin in recognition of his commitment to partnerships with public schools and his appreciation for the contributions of public school educators to the preparation of prospective teachers. Nominations for this award are accepted on a rotational basis from our 12 PDS partnership systems and charter schools. The award is designed to recognize a public school educator who has contributed to the preparation of future teachers by demonstrating excellence as a partnership teacher and/or site coordinator.

Katie’s nominators describe her as demonstrating “a true support of our programs and teacher candidates” and as someone who “always seeks to improve her internship supervision skills and regularly attends our professional development activities on campus. Her enthusiasm for the Watson College of Education makes her a valued partner and I can't think of anyone more deserving of this award.” In addition, Katie’s teacher candidates have described her as “very helpful and encouraging” and as “a wonderful supervisor” who “made the internship less stressful.”

The PDS Office extends our deepest congratulations to Katie and her Whiteville City Schools family! The Office would also like to extend a special thank you to Ms. Sandra Harkin for her attendance as we honor her late husband’s legacy.
Spotlight on Select PDS Partners

Brunswick County
The NC State Board of Education recently recognized Brunswick Early College High School as a NC STEM school for their exemplary leadership and instruction in STEM education.

Carteret County
Congratulations to Carteret County Schools math teacher Katie Salter! Katie is a state finalist in the annual Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teacher Program.

Clinton City Schools
Beginning teachers in Clinton City Schools are partnering with faculty in the Watson College of Education to pilot a community-based beginning teacher support program titled BT Matters. The program has been funded by an IEI grant awarded for the 2014-2015 academic year.

Columbus County
Congratulations to the Columbus County School Board for being the 2014 recipient of the NC School Boards Association Leadership Award, and congratulations to East Columbus High School teacher Mariel Barker Sellars, Region IV Teacher of the Year!

Duplin County Schools
Duplin Early College English Teacher Monet Hardison, a WCE graduate and NC Teaching Fellow, has been named WITN Teacher of the Week and is the recipient of the 2014-2015 WCE Beginning Teacher Promise of Leadership Award!

Island Montessori School
Congratulations to Island Montessori teacher Yvonne Sacewicz for being named WWAY’s Teacher of the week!

Onslow County Schools
Congratulations to WCE graduate Bridget Grady, assistant principal at Sand Ridge Elementary School for being selected as the 2014-2015 NC Outstanding Elementary AP of the Year!
PDS Office Upcoming Spring 2015 Workshops

Site Coordinator Meetings (spring site coordinators please plan to attend one)

January 20\textsuperscript{th}  EB 266 (online or f2f)    4:00-5:30 PM
January 22\textsuperscript{nd}  EB 162 (f2f only)    4:00-5:30 PM

School Board Meeting

February 18th  EB 162    5:00-7:00PM

Partnership Teacher Orientations

January 15\textsuperscript{th}  EB 162 & 266    5:00-7:00 PM
April 14\textsuperscript{th}  EB 162 & 266    5:00-7:00 PM

Professional Learning Days

March 20\textsuperscript{th}  Elementary/EYC  EB 162 & Atrium    8:00 AM-5:00 PM
March 25\textsuperscript{th}  Secondary  EB 162 & Atrium    8:00 AM-5:00 PM

Master Teacher Workshop

March 24\textsuperscript{th}  EB 162    5:00-7:00 PM

Beginning Teacher Professional Development Days

February 27th  EB 162    8:00 AM -3:30 PM
May 15th  EB 162    8:00 AM-3:30 PM

National Board Support Workshops

January 24th  EB 162 & 229    9:00 AM -1:00 PM
February 21st  EB 162 & 229    9:00 AM– 1:00 PM
March 14th  EB 162 & 229    9:00 AM-1:00 PM
April 25th  EB 162 & 229    9:00 AM-1:00 PM
For more information regarding these events and other opportunities for professional development offered by the Watson College of Education at UNCW, please visit http://www.uncw.edu