From the Dean’s Office

Congratulations on a successful 2020 Fall semester!

As we round out the semester, the School of Education is working to continue creating opportunities for students, faculty, and staff. We are working to deepen relationships with local education agencies, community colleges, and community partners.

In recent weeks, I’ve had the opportunity to meet with both undergraduate and graduate educator preparation students. It has been a pleasure meeting with and getting to know them.

Great news! We are planning a virtual American Education Week celebration. Join us during the week of November 9th – 13th as we honor great educators and support personnel. Stay tuned on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for events.

During the summer of 2021, the School of Education plans to offer professional development. We will offer sessions aimed to support teachers in enhancing their perspectives of teaching in a diverse America. These workshops will be open to the public and I hope you will consider joining us and taking part in these valuable conversations.

Best wishes for a fun and restful winter break. I look forward to welcoming many of you back to campus this spring!

Loury Ollison Floyd, Ph.D.
Dean, School of Education

UNCP celebrates American Education Week November 9-13

Join Us!
Data Institute
tentatively scheduled
Monday, November 23, 2020

Post all week and tag #AEW2020 #BraveEducator for a chance to win!

Monday, November 9th Future Educators Day – post a picture sharing MATH in the real world #MathIsEverywhere

Tuesday, November 10th Brave Educator Day – post your UNCP selfie wearing Black and Gold, Brave Educator Academy 5pm via Zoom

Wednesday, November 11th What is your Why? Superhero Day – post a selfie in a superhero pose and share #MyWhy

Thursday, November 12th School Partners Day & Educators at Work Day – post a selfie of your remote work or remote learning

Friday, November 13th Alumni Day & Random Act of Kindness Day – celebrate World Kindness Day by throwing kindness around like confetti!

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Changes to Admission to Teacher Education

Due to a change in TEC policy, the Interview for Admission to Teacher Education Programs will no longer be required. This action will be effective beginning January 2021.

Additions to Formal Admission Deadlines

• November 1, 2020 — Spring 2021 admission at November TEC meeting
• January 11, 2021 — Spring 2021 admission at February TEC meeting (due to Winter term)
• April 1, 2021 — Summer 2021 admission at April TEC meeting
• June 29, 2021 — Admission June 30 due to SL2020-3 waivers (see below)
• August 1, 2021 — Fall 2021 admission at August TEC meeting

Taskstream Checkpoint #1

Taskstream Checkpoint #1 should be used for all undergraduate candidates. All materials must be uploaded in Taskstream no later than the deadlines above. Program Coordinators must check that all submissions meet the requirements and email eligible names by the deadline to Michelle Locklear michelle.locklear@uncp.edu. Keep in mind notes or any extenuating circumstances must be included:

• Pending successful completion of EDN 2100
• Currently completing General Education
• Retaking a course
• No Praxis Score required in compliance with SL2020-3 students do not need a 2.7 GPA or passing Praxis Core scores for admission May 4, 2020 – June 30, 2021

Alumni Spotlight

Tianna O’Brien
UNCP Teaching Fellows Alumna named Cumberland County Schools Assistant Principal of the Year

Tianna O’Brien at Bill Hefner Elementary School
Good News! Congratulations to our Fall 2020 Interns!

35 out of 41 interns successfully submitted their edTPA portfolios by October 22, 2020.

THANK YOU to all who supported and encouraged our student teachers during internship and into their teaching careers.

Field and Clinical Experience

Join us for our Virtual Education Fair on Friday, November 6, 2020
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Register online https://uncp.webex.com/uncp/onstage/g.php?PRID=1677abea6a89ce0a6f5a3584342f54ba

Mandatory Spring 2021 Internship Orientation Meeting
All candidates registered to complete their student teaching internship in Spring 2021 are required to attend one of the following meetings via webex
https://uncp.webex.com/meet/kayonna.pitchford
Thursday, November 12, 2020 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
or
Friday, November 13, 2020 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Interns will receive important information about the internship calendar and expectations that are essential for success. All requirements in Checkpoint #2 for Field Experience and Admission to the Internship Semester are due in TaskStream by November 20, 2020.

SAVE THE DATE! The School of Education will hold a virtual Pinning Ceremony to celebrate with our student teachers this semester.
Thursday, November 19, 2020 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

KUDOS! In the News…

Our Educator Preparation Programs have recently shared in the news Dean Loury Floyd’s Vision for the School of Education https://www.pineneedlenews.com/single-post/2020/10/16/New-Dean-Shares-Vision-for-School-of-Education and our Elementary Education program was recognized by NCTQ’s 2020 Teacher Prep Review: Clinical Practice and Classroom Management https://www.uncp.edu/news/unc-pembroke-teacher-prep-program-earns-top-marks
Our FATE and FAEL programs were featured on Tar Heel Teachers at Home with Marlow Artis. https://www.tarheelteachers.com/
Congratulations!

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#BraveEducator Academy

The #BraveEducator Academy is a year-long virtual professional development series created to engage students in a community of learners. Designed by the UNCP NC NTSP coaching team, this series will explore personal reflection and growth, classroom management, digital learning tools, assessment and feedback for P12 learners, and culturally responsive pedagogy. These sessions are aligned to the NC Professional Teaching Standards. Our first session was held on October 13, 2020 and twenty-seven students attended. Participants will receive a complimentary resource focused on reflective practice. A celebration will be held in April 2021 for students attending 5 of 7 sessions.

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#BraveEducators
October 13, 2020