**Name Change!**

Effective January 1, 2021, the TEC has been renamed to the Council of Educator Preparation Programs (CEPP)

**2020-2021 CEPP Meeting Dates**

August 12, 2020

September 9, 2020

October 14, 2020

November 11, 2020

January 2021

**(Program Meetings)**

February 10, 2021

March 17, 2021

April 14, 2021

Meeting documents are available in Onedrive

**Greetings from the Dean**

Greetings,

I hope the winter holidays provided time for replenishing your spirit and rejoicing with loved ones. Welcome back to another calendar year with all the symbolism that the marking of the New Year brings.

There is much we have to be grateful for in our private and professional lives. There is also much in the air that begs us to not repeat the past but to find a way to imagine and create a New America, grounded in our common humanity. As we celebrate Martin Luther King’s vision, let’s reflect upon what that means for us in 2021. We all share responsibility to address this unfinished business. We must evaluate our programs and systems and commit to ensuring that they truly deliver. Perhaps even more importantly, we need to evaluate our hearts and values, for upon these, honest actions are grounded.

Our faculty and staff are dedicated and loyal to our institution. I thank you sincerely for all you’ve done. I have faith in the individuals who make up our Educator Preparation Programs and their sense of duty, high standards, inquiring minds, collaborative spirits and commitment to ensuring we continue to provide quality teachers, social workers, school counselors, and school administrators. Each of our achievements shines and underpins one another.

Wishing you all a happy and productive new year!

Loury O. Floyd Dean

**CEPP Data Institute**

We held our first Data Institute Monday, November 30, 2020. Thanks to all who participated. We examined our new Data Notebooks for discussion on unit-wide and program level data. Data Notebooks are located in the CEPP OneDrive and have been updated with annual reporting, edTPA, and licensure exam data. Data Notebooks will be updated monthly

**School of Education Appointments**

Dr. Lisa Mitchell, Associate Dean

Dr. Amy Van Buren, Technology & edTPA Coordinator

Dr. Mabel Rivera, Director of Accreditation and Reporting

Dr. Leslie Locklear, Student Success Coordinator

Dr. Joe Sciulli, Coordinator of Strategic Initiatives

Dr. Bryan Winters, MSA Program Director

Dr. Keri Sullivan, STEAM day Coordinator

**Brave Educator Alumni Spotlight**

Zach Jones serves on the CEPP as our Teacher Representative

Greetings! My name is Zach Jones and I am a two-time graduate of UNCP. I achieved my B.S. in Elementary Education in 2013 and M.A.Ed. in Reading Education in 2017. I am currently pursuing an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership with a concentration in Curriculum and Instruction from UNCW. During my teaching career, I have taught first, second and third grade within the Public Schools of Robeson County (PSRC). I am currently service as the K-2 Literacy Specialist for PSRC and at UNCP serve on the Council for Educator Preparation Programs and the Young Alumni Council. Go Braves!

**Brave Educator for a Day**

Partnering with our school districts, UNCP will host high school students through a virtual event connecting with future educators! Stay tuned for more information and follow us on social media.

**Check Canvas EDN 2040 & EDN 5460 for additional information**

January 12- simSchool Instructor Onboarding: 12 - 1pm or 4 - 5pm (make-up session)

January 13- University Supervisor Training 1 - 4pm All University Supervisors are required to attend <https://uncp.webex.com/meet/kayonna.pitchford>

January 14- Clinical Teacher Orientation (Clinical Teachers, University Supervisors and Program Coordinators/ Directors) 4:30 - 6:30 pm go to <https://uncp.webex.com/uncp/k2/j.php?MTID=tc6d6332e22ce26fdc65bfebdc1759579>

no later than January 13 to register

**Field Experience and Clinical Practice**

**Spring 2021 Field Experience**

Field Experience Information Sessions for candidates February 4th 4-5pm or February 5th 10-11am Webex links are available through Canvas EDN 2040 or EDN 5460 <https://uncp.webex.com/meet/kayonna.pitchford>

February 16: Spring 2021 Field Experience Placement Requests due in Braveweb

February 22: District Background Forms due in Canvas EDN 2040 or EDN 5460

**Fall 2021 Internship**

Fall 2021 Internship Informational Meetings

February 4th 3-4pm or February 5th 11am-12pm Webex links are available through Canvas EDN 2040 or EDN 5460

Fall 2021 Internship Applications due in Taskstream by February 16, 2021. Pre-Interns need to know where they would like to be placed for their internship to complete the application. Also due in Taskstream:

• FERPA form

• Advisor/Program Director Recommendation Form

• Resume

• Transcript/Audit

• Prior to Pre-Internship EDA

All Fall 2021 Internship Out-of-Area Requests due by March 1, 2021.

Fall 2021 Internship Health Exam Window: February 24 – March 24, 2021

**NCDPI**

Welcomes State Superintendent Catherine Truitt As the new state superintendent for the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, Catherine Truitt will work to be a consensus builder for the state’s education community by listening and learning – to its leaders, educators and families Posted on <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/>

**School District Updates**

• Dr. Robert Taylor, Deputy State Superintendent at the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, former Superintendent Bladen Count Schools

• Dr. Jason Atkinson, Interim Superintendent Bladen County Schools

• Dr. Debra Dowless, Superintendent Hoke County Schools

• Dr. Freddie Williamson, Superintendent Public Schools of Robeson County

• Dr. Takeda LeGrand, Superintendent Scotland County Schools

**Strategic Priorities**

Please review our propose SOE/CP strategic priorities. There will be several opportunities for you to provide feedback.

**Individual Program Meetings**

Individual Program meetings are currently being scheduled connecting Program Coordinators and Directors with EPP leadership review assessments.

**Strategic Priorities**

**Diversity, Equity and Social Justice** DRIVE Taskforce Findings [4.5] Current & Projected Enrollment [1.1, 1.2, 4.1] Faculty Recruitment & Retention [3.2, 4.2] Curriculum Redesign [4.5]

**Student Success** [1.3, 1.4, 2.1, 2.3, 2.4]Undergraduate & Graduate

**Public School Partnerships** [5.1, 5.2, 5.3]Regularly ScheduledEngagement & Feedback,Advisory Board, #BraveTeach,UNCP Brave Academy, ClinicalPractice and Internships

**Curricula Redesign** [1.1, 1.2, 2.2, 4.5]Literacy, Enrollment, Retention,Assessment, Diversity, CoursePrerequisites

**Faculty and Staff Support** [1.5, 2.2, 2.3, 3.1, 4.5, 5.1]Training and Professional Development, Digital Literacy/Technology, Diversity,Increase Morale, Mental Health and Wellness, Graduate Assistants and StudentWorkers

On December 9, 2019, Governor Roy Cooper issued Executive Order 113 to establish the DRIVE Task Force which standards for Developing a Representative and Inclusive Vision for Education. With representation from parents, educators, administrators, education advocates, state and local government, UNC system and community college representatives, and employers, the task force submitted a final report to Governor Roy Cooper in December 2020. The report sought to share ways to achieve greater equity and inclusion in the field of education.

**DRIVE Task Force**

THANK YOU to Ms. Clere Morrison who has stepped in to assist with Taskstream accounts. Students can reach Clere at clere.morrison@uncp.edu or 910-775-4217

**DRF Changes Coming Spring 2021**

• Undergraduate Checkpoint #1 – Unit-Wide Admission to the EPP no longer requires an admission interview

• Admission items submitted to Michelle Locklear

• EDA implementation

• New DRF (Out of Area Placement Request

• Changes to Checkpoint #2 –

• Student Teacher observations added for Spring 2021

To request assistance with Taskstream, please complete this help ticket and someone will be in touch within 24 hours. <https://tinyurl.com/taskstreamuncp>

**Future Teachers of North Carolina**

Walk Toward Your Purpose: Becoming a Teacher of Color

The School of Education was recently granted funds for UNCP and UNCW to host a combined event in Summer 2021. This FTNC event will introduce students to university faculty, teacher education students and resources, campus life, financial aid, campus support. This program offers an excellent opportunity to impact the future growth of teachers of color in North Carolina at cultivate relationships with and retain our teacher candidates from entry to completion. Please contact Dr. Kay Pitchford with any questions you might have.

**#BraveEducator Academy**

January 26- Classroom Management

February 9- Assessment and Feedback for P-12 Learners

March 9- Digital Learning Tools

April 13- Culturally Responsive Pedagogy & BraveEducator Academy Celebration

Contact Dr. Karen Granger, [karen.granger@uncp.edu](mailto:karen.granger@uncp.edu)

**#BraveEducator Academy**

We look forward to seeing participants later this month when we resume our #BraveEducator Academy series! We will have the series resource available for new participants, but quantities are limited!

**Spring 2021 Kickoff**

Tuesday, January 26, 2021 Building Positive Community in the Classroom 5:00pm on Zoom

Students can register here: <https://forms.gle/PeDKLvTDXY4PPkqz8>

Once students are registered, a Zoom link will be shared the week of January 18.

Through Covid-19 funds provided by the NC Legislature, the UNCP NC New Teacher Support Program will add Richmond County and the Public Schools of Robeson County to our region. The UNCP team is currently providing induction support in Bladen County, the Innovative School District and Scotland County Schools. In addition to our regional work, the UNCP team is involved in the following NC NTSP initiatives: Content Knowledge Groups, Pod Cast and Blog and the upcoming SCALE training.

Twenty-five graduate students and fourteen undergraduate students were among the recent initiates into the Chi Zeta Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, the international education honor society. Kappa Delta Pi members make up the top 20 percent of those entering the field of education, and include award winning and outstanding practicing educators.

**Congratulations to our UNCP Kapp Delta Pi initiates!**

Haleigh Baker Alicia J Mansfield

Melissa Bius Bryan McAllister

Serbia Boyer-Perry Gabrielle McClain

Megan Bullard Amy McDonald

Tanner Bullard Gwendolyn McMillian

Lexie Caulder Carolyn Mitchell

Payton Chavis Victoria Norton

Keschia Daussy Matthew Poston

McKenna Dodson Hallie Ross

Sarah Dull Akea Roudy

Margaret Falk Arlene Sims

Lashonda Flood Lakisha Steele

Sara Freeman Ashley Tkachenko

Raymond Gilbert Christina Townsend

Shakemiah Jacobs Camille Wallace

Ami Leon Jasmine Walters

Brianna Livengood Charlene Washington

Rose Lloyd Jessica Webb

Sayward Locklear Laurie Williams

Laneika Wright