KAPPA DELTA PI INITIATES NEW MEMBERS, ELECTS OFFICERS

Kappa Delta Pi is an international honor society in education. According to the national website for the organization, it “was established to foster excellence in education and promote fellowship among those dedicated to teaching.” In order to become a member of the Southeast chapter, you must have been accepted as a teacher candidate in the College of Education, and have at least a 3.0 GPA.

Earlier this semester, the Southeast chapter initiated 85 new members, 73 from the main campus, and 12 from the regional campuses. These include: Lana Altemeyer, Robin Ruth Aston, Amy Backer, Jacob Bagot, Samantha Beck, Heather Beck, Kristin Bey, Daron Bickel, Stephanie Blosser, Jessica Bollinger, Allison Bostic, Adrienne Breen, Emily Buettner, Tara Calkins, Christina Callahan, Lena Clark, Kimberly Cox, Tanya Dean, Mallory Droit, Elizabeth Elli, Casey Fancher, Matthew Farr, Katherine Farrell, Amanda Fitzgerald, Jill Griffin, Jessica Grimwood, Elizabeth Groceman, Chelsie Hargan, Emily Harris, Lindsey Hartle, Jessica Hecht, September Hinkle, Mackenzie Hooker, Mackenzie Hooker, Rhe’a Hunsaker, Betty Jo Hux, Melanie Johnson, Brittany Jost, Kelsie Kestler, Tiffini King, Kathleen Koppels, Stephanie Kula, Dominique Lacey, Dominique Lacey, Kristina Larsson, Rebecca Lutes, Kelsey Magee, Amy McGarry, Robin McIntyre, Kristen Miller, Amanda Nadler, Carissa Parham, Amanda Perry, Danielle Pettigrew, John Pierce, Kimberly Pokorny, Taylor Rackovan, Carley Ray, Gia Reeves, Kathryn Rivers, Amanda Roth, Sarah Schleper, Margaret Schmidt, Britney Schott, Vanessa Schwendemann, Cassie Selby, Karen Sellers, Krista Shands, Sydney Sneed, Linda Underdown, Mandy Vandiver, Melanie Vasel, Chelsea Weider, and Morgan Wessel.

The organization selected its officers, including: John Pierce, president; Casey Fancher, vice president; Kristen Griggs, secretary; Sydney Dzurny, treasurer; Renee’ Clark, Carissa Parham, and Chelsie Hargan, membership committee; Lauryn Hunt and Tanya Dean, publicity; Heather Beck and Adrienne Breen, fundraising; Margaret Schmidt and Stephanie Perryman, service; and September Hinkle, historian.

Members of Distinction were also honored, including: Kristen Griggs, Lauryn Hunt, Jessica Bendaal, Laura Kreke, Virginia Mahfood, Kelley Mallmann, Elizabeth Mee, Celeste Shape, and Kelli Williams (Level 3); Suzanne Alvarado, Tomisine Bazzell, Amber Bilyeu, Caitlyn Blanton, Leanne Correnti, Amy Dehler, Selma Delic, Sydney Dzurny, Heather Ferguson, Kathleen Harke, Courtney Jordan, Emily Jung, Kristen Maddern, Donna McClard, Rachel McCormick, Meghin McDevitt, Andrea Moellering, Stephanie Perryman, Shannon Pickett, Mollie Ray, Carrie Russell, Elizabeth Speicher, and Melissa Walker (Level 2); and Lana Altemeyer, Robin Ruth Aston, Heather Beck, Daron Bickel, Stephanie Blosser, Adrienne Breen, Emily Buettner, Julie Burgdorf, Christina Callahan, Renee’ Clark, Kimberly Cox, Tanya Dean, Mallory Droit, Sarah Easterle, Casey Fancher, Jill Griffin, Jessica Grimwood, Chelsie Hargan, Emily Harris, Jessica Hecht, September Hinkle, Angie Huckstep, Melanie Johnson, Kelsie Kestler, Linda McCune, Amy McGarry, Andrea McKay, Kristen Miller, Amanda Nadler, Carissa Parham, John Pierce, Kimberly Pokorny, Amanda Roth, Sarah Schleper, Margaret Schmidt, Alicia Sirtak, Melanie Vasel, Melissa Walker, Morgan Wessel, Brigitte Wiegert, and Marissa Wong (Level 1).

The group is advised by Dr. Alberta Sautter of middle and secondary education and Dr. Larry Bohannon and Dr. Sharon Gunn, both of elementary, early, and special education.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM DEAN RANDOLPH

As the semester draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our students, faculty, and staff for working together through this time of transition. We have had changes in processes, roles, and procedures. We have also had a great deal of decentralization within the college. While not all of these changes were initially understood, I believe we have all worked together for the benefit of our students toward my goal of making this the best college on campus. I hope this spirit of cooperation will continue, because we may not yet be done with change.

Those of you who attended the President’s Brown Bag Lunch on November 30 know that Southeast’s 2020 Committee and various sub-committees are working proactively to determine what changes need to be made now in terms of technology, pedagogy, globalization, academic programs, the role of faculty, and student services to keep pace with changes in student demographics and our ever-changing society. We, as a college, will want to be proactive, as well, and will want to see how the College of Education fits in with the larger University vision.

On a smaller scale, we will be preparing to temporarily relocate for Summer 2012 and Summer 2013 to allow for upgrades to the heating and cooling systems in the Scully building. This will be a short-term inconvenience for long-term benefit.

Finally, the budget remains an issue. We will continue to look at ways to reduce costs and increase revenues as much as possible while increasing efficiencies within the guidelines formulated by the administration. We have already made progress in this area, and I know we can continue to move forward.

Thank you for your efforts. Have a great break and a happy holiday season, and I look forward to a continued spirit of cooperation in the College of Education.
Adobe Connect License Purchased for College of Education

The Instructional Resources and Technology Center (IRTC) has purchased a copy of Adobe Connect for the exclusive use of the College of Education. This is the software the University has contracted to conduct webinar classes. It can also be used to hold online office hours or meetings over the Internet.

The software requires a webcam, microphone, and headphones or speakers. If you have this equipment available at home or in your office, the software can be used anywhere you have an Internet connection. If you do not have this equipment available, the IRTC has this equipment in the collaborative workspace/special needs lab (SC211). This room can be reserved if needed for you to utilize the software.

Since there is only one license available for use by everyone in the college, and only one webinar/online meeting can be scheduled at a time, please contact Dr. Lori Mueller in the IRTC at (573) 651-2401 or lmueler@semo.edu to schedule online meetings and use the software. Please also contact Dr. Mueller if you would like to see a demonstration or learn how to use the software.

“I think making this software available to the faculty and staff in our college can increase our efficiencies and our availability to our students, particularly place-bound students,” said Mueller. The license has been purchased through the end of this fiscal year. The IRTC will evaluate its usage and determine at that time if the license will be renewed.

Faculty and Staff Activities

Dr. Dixie McCollum of the Department of Elementary, Early, and Special Education, successfully defended her dissertation on November 8, 2011. Her dissertation was entitled “A Mixed Methods Study Identifying Recurring Themes in Policies and Processes in Grow Your Own Teacher Recruitment and Retention Programs.” Dr. McCollum is part of the statewide cooperative doctoral program with the University of Missouri.

The Transitioning Academy program developed by Susan Hekmat of the RPDC and Debbie Ebaugh of the Cape Public Schools and piloted and grown through the College of Education was the basis for a grant written by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education that will allow all state universities to replicate Southeast’s Transitioning Academy model on their campuses and submit for reimbursement from the state.

Dr. Lori Mueller of the IRTC has been appointed to the Carnegie Project on the Education Doctorate (CPED) Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) Research Project. Dr. Mueller will serve as co-investigator; travel to a CPED institution to interview the dean, faculty, students, and other key people; perform data collection and analysis; and write up, publish, and present findings with co-investigators for CPED and national conferences.

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How you can help: If you would like to help support the mission and vision of the College of Education, please feel free to contact Interim Dean Tamela Randolph (trandolph@semo.edu or (573) 651-2408) or Sam Duncan (sduncan@semo.edu or (573) 986-6815) to discuss how you can support scholarships for students or activities in the College of Education. Thank you!