College Honors 12 Remarkable Alumni at the Annual Awards Ceremony

Outstanding career educators, distinguished public servants, entrepreneurs and professional scholars were among those honored by the College of Education at its annual Alumni Awards Ceremony held on Nov. 20, 2003.

“We have a remarkable group of outstanding alumni that we are pleased to honor,” said Edna Moto Szymanski, Dean of the College of Education.

“We owe our success and excellence in part to the foundation these alumni have provided by being part of our history. It is a privilege to recognize their achievements.”

Szymanski and college officials were joined by nearly 130 friends, colleagues and family members to recognize the honorees at the event, "Celebrating Education: A Tribute to Teaching and Learning.”

The event, held at the University Inn and Conference Center, was sponsored by the College of Education Alumni Chapter Board of Directors, along with a generous contribution from Pla Delta Kappa. Emcee for the evening was Bob Ramun, senior director of development from the National Aquarium of Baltimore and treasurer of the Alumni Chapter’s board.

Among the highlights of the evening was the presentation of the Dean’s Award for Lifetime Achievement, which was presented to Rose Wiseman, Class of 1951. (Editor’s note: A feature story on Mrs. Wiseman’s life experiences will be highlighted in the next edition of Endeavors.)

Following is a brief biography of each award recipient:

**Rose S. Wiseman**

Dean’s Award for Lifetime Achievement

The College of Education presented its inaugural Dean’s Award for Lifetime Achievement to Rose S. Wiseman. Now 88 years old, Wiseman’s life’s work was a remarkable testament to her courage and perseverance. With the support of her late husband, Dr. Joseph Alexander Wiseman, she was among the first three African-Americans to attend the University of Maryland.

Wiseman was named the Distinguished Alumnus of the Year by the College of Education at its annual Celebration of Excellence Gala on April 17, 2004.

The University of Maryland faculty productivity ranking first out of 342 national and international institutions to earn a “covetous” degree, with Gov. Theodore McKeldin and A. Harry Alexander, Jr., in attendance.

The College of Education is also pleased to announce that Rose S. Wiseman has been named the Distinguished Alumnus of the Year for the College of Education. She will be honored by the University of Maryland Alumni Association at its Awards Gala on Saturday, April 17, 2004.

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In order to continue to excel in both instruction and research, we need adequate facilities. The H. B. W. Benjamin Building, which many of you will remember, was built in 1965 and named in 1985–86 for Harold Benjamin, (1901–1969) dean of the College from 1938 to 1947 and from 1947 to 1952. Although this facility has served us well, it is past due a new addition and “facelift.”

Currently ranked 21st in the nation by U. S. News & World Report, we plan to be top 10 ranked College of Education. Our strategy includes a facility that supports the excellence of our nationally recognized faculty, our highly ranked academic programs, and our talented students.

That the College of Education has achieved eminence in the national arena while occupying an outsized, limited, and ill-equipped building is indeed amazing.

We believe that our current success is a good predictor of the excellence that may yet be achieved by the college, given a worthy facility. Consider that the Benjamin Building contains no auditorium, no student services lounge, no adequate science or technology laboratory, and no large multi-resource education library, and yet the college is one of the nation’s best. What could yet be achieved? The potential is indeed astounding within our current building.

We have developed preliminary design plans for a 85,000-square-foot addition to the existing building that conforms to the current campus plan. It will occupy available space adjacent to the current Benjamin building and is highly compatible with the traditional campus architecture. The new addition, as well as renovations to the current building will create state-of-the-art instructional and research facilities with specially designed research space, technology enhanced classrooms, a much-needed lecture hall, modular teaching labs, seminar rooms, and classroom support areas.

In surveys and focus groups conducted by the College of Education Alumni Chapter, we learned that students and alumni recognize the need for a student services center to accommodate undergraduate and graduate students.

Such an area is necessary to create a welcoming environment for students as well as to attract and retain outstanding students. For that reason, your Alumni Chapter is assuming responsibility to raise $3 million for a student center in the new wing that will include study areas, a career information center, student organization office space, advising offices, a reception area, a computer lab, an alumni volunteer lab, a private room for police, and classrooms.

Jean Mullan, ’68, president of the College of Education Alumni Chapter Board of Directors, says: “The student lounge is indeed a priority for both alumni and students, which makes it a priority for the alumni chapter…we will make this happen.”

We plan to launch a broad capital campaign in the coming months, but in the meantime it is important for you, as alumni, to be aware of the dreams and aspirations for your college.

In closing, I want to thank our alumni and friends for their continued interest and support of the College of Education. In the months to come, you will learn more about our plans to invite our alumni to be part of this exciting project. Until then, I want to share with you the college’s mission statement: It embodies the essence of our excellence, and supports our goal to raise funds to complete the project.

The College of Education at the University of Maryland is committed to excellence in research, leadership development, teaching, and service that influence policy and practice to education, assessment, counseling, and human development in Maryland, nationally, and internationally.

Edna Mora Szymanski, Dean
College of Education

Enhancing Education:
Excellence: A Benjamin Building Addition

A Message from the Dean:

Awards Ceremony Honorees

Edward Root, Ed.D.
Outstanding Leader

Edward Root has provided outstanding leadership to public education in Maryland through his various appointments. Root has served as professor, department chair, and dean, from 1987 to 1995, of the School of Education at Frostburg State University.

Root was appointed by the governor of Maryland and served 10 years as a member of the Professional Standards Board, from 1995 to 1999. Gov. Parris Glendening named him State Board of Education. Now in his second term, he currently serves as president.

Root’s career has been noted for administrative and curricular innovations as well as his service to the state of Maryland. Frostburg State University, he developed free undergraduate programs in a variety of fields and seven graduate programs spread across four departments and the university’s general education program. Root, a member of Frostburg’s Long-Range Planning Committee, developed Frostburg’s first professional development center, and was a member of the free-person that proposed and developed the Hagertytown Center. Root received his Ph.D. in 1976 from the University of Maryland Department of Education Policy and Leadership. He earned his bachelor’s and masters degrees from Frostburg State University.

Linda Gambrell, Ph.D.
Outstanding Scholar

The many contributions of Linda Gambrell to both theory and practice in literacy distinguishes her as an outstanding scholar. Dr. Gambrell currently serves as a professor and director of the Eugene T. Moore School of Education at Clemson University. Prior to her position at Clemson, Dr. Gambrell served as program officer and associate dean for research at the University of Maryland.

In her career, Gambrell has conducted research on the development of students’ reading ability and achievement. She was a principal investigator with the National Reading Research Center from 1992 to 1997. She has conducted research on the influence of book reading and motivation on students’ achievement for Reading is Fundamental. In addition to being published dozens of research articles in refereed educational journals, she has authored and edited numerous books in the fields of reading and literacy education.

Gambrell has also served as the editor of the Journal of Reading Behavior and on the Board of Directors of the International Reading Association. Her most recent publications include Improving Comprehension Instruction, co-authored with C. Collins and M. Pressey and published in 1998. Joe-Way. Tice, Good News White will publish Best Practices in Literacy Instruction, co-authored with L. Morrow and M. Pressey.

Gambrell received her Ph.D. in 1973 from University of Maryland Department of Curriculum and Instruction. She also earned her graduate degree and her M.Ed. from the university.

Norman Phillip Ross, Ph.D.
Outstanding Scholar

Norman Phillip Ross has spent his professional career associated with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and currently serves as the chief statistician, the first person to be appointed to this position. His government service has been consistently recognized with many educational and professional performance awards, including the Award for Excellence in Management and several Bronze medals.

In his role at the EPA, he has contributed to the mission of safeguarding the environment. He is widely recognized as a leader in establishing statistical reporting and analysis policy for the EPA, as well as coordinating these efforts across other government agencies.

Ross is a visiting lecturer in public health at the Cornell University Medical School and has held lecturer positions at American University and George Washington University. His work has been widely cited and has been published in various professional journals. He was co-founder and chair of the American Statistical Association’s Section on Environment and Statistics. Ross received his Ph.D. in 1973 from the University of Maryland Department of Measurement, Statistics and Evaluation. He earned his M.S. in biology and chemistry, and a B.S. in zoology and chemistry, also from the university.

Patricia Green, Ph.D.
Outstanding Professional

Patricia Green’s career reflects a remarkable record of school transformation and leadership. She serves as the superintendent of schools for the North Alleghany School District in Pittsburgh, Penn. Green has received many awards for her work in schools Maryland and in the field of education, including:

1988, Outstanding School Administrator of the Year by the Maryland, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia Superintendents Association. She received the Leadership Award from the American Planning Council, 1999.

In 2000, she received the State Certificate of Excellence in 1988 for the implementation of the Cooperative Discipline program, the Peer Mediation Program, Project G.O.D. L, the Annapolis Road Middle School for Disruptive Youth, and the Alternate High School for Expelled Students, all within Prince George’s County.

Before assuming her current position, Green held a variety of positions in Prince George’s County Public Schools, including acting depute superintendent, associate superintendent, assistant superintendent, principal, elementary instructional administrative specialist, and classroom teacher. Green is nationally recognized for her work in school reform efforts and her initiatives on social and emotional learning. She has served as a national consultant to school districts throughout the United States, and many major educational agencies across America.

Green received her Ph.D. in 1994 from the University of Maryland Department of Education Policy and Leadership. She earned her M.Ed. in human development and education, and is in elementary education, also from the university.

Nancy Jo M. Scheers, Ph.D.
Outstanding Professional

Nancy Jo M. Scheers has pursued a distinguished career of public service that directly impacts the health and well-being of all children who are denied education, and a senior statistician at the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).

Throughout her research, Scheers is largely responsible for identifying soft bedding as a major risk factor for both sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) and unintentional infant suffocation. She served as a consultant to the American Academy of Pediatrics Task Force on Infant Sleep Position and SIDS, and was a major contributor to the “back-to-sleep” campaign, a public health effort to reduce SIDS that included recommendations against soft bedding use.

This campaign has been critical and is primarily responsible for the 60 percent decline in the SIDS rate since 1992. She received three Distinguished Services Awards from her agency for her work and is widely recognized as a leading researcher on SIDS and infant suffocation.

As director of the Office of Planning and Evaluation since 1999, she reports directly to the politically appointed executive director of the agency. She is an adjunct faculty member at Loyola College, Md., a board member of Healthy Kids, Inc., and a board member of the National Network of Depression Centers. Green received her Ph.D. in 1981 from the University of Maryland Department of Measurement, Statistics, and Evaluation. She also earned her M.A. from the university, and received her B.A. in psychology from Rutgers University.

Morris Tischler
Outstanding Entrepreneur

Morris Tischler is an experienced teacher, research scientist, writer, inventor, and seasoned international educational consultant. Tischler is currently the president of Overseas Marketing Group Company. After serving as a radio instructor in Vietnam during his teaching experiences range from the elementary to the university level, including adult education, teacher education, and comprehensive school improvement.

Tischler’s research work in the medical field resulted in the development of the first solid-state pacemaker which is exhibited at the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. He is the holder of nine patents covering his research in both the educational and medical field. He has also served as a medical consultant in over 40 countries, presenting lectures in more than 92 countries. In November 2003, he was honored as New York as the recipient of the Armstrong Award, the highest honor bestowed by the Radio Club of America, Inc. This honor that has not been awarded since 1994.

Tischler received his M.A. in 1955 from the University of Maryland Department of Curriculum and Instruction. He earned his B.S. degree from The Johns Hopkins University.

Glen Asela
Outstanding Professional

David Glen Asela has devoted his career to the welfare of future students and families and is a nationally recognized expert in quality child development programs. Glen is currently the president of the Bright Horizons Foundation for Children (establiished early learning center in homeless shelters), president of the World of Work in Early Care and Education, treasurer of Corporate Voices for Working Families, board member of the High/Scope Educational Research Foundation, and founder/board member of Ten Thousand Villages, a non-profit store that sells crafted arts and crafts from Third World countries.

During his career, he has served as executive director of the National Child Development Associate program and a commision for the National Association for the Education of Young Children’s accreditation program. He formerly served as vice president of Children’s World Learning Center of Colorado.

Glen Asela has been a policy analyst and consultant with the U.S. Department of Health Education and Welfare on child care issues and requirements.

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A Very Special Event for College of Education Terp Twosomes

You and your Terp Twosome mate are cordially invited to a Valentine’s Eve celebration in honor of your heartfelt University of Maryland connection.

Friday, February 13, 2004
4:30 to 6:15 p.m. ~ Narrated Shuttle Bus Campus Tour
6:30 p.m. – Dinner’s Reception
7 to 9 p.m. ~ Dinner and Entertainment
RSVP Required for this Invitation-only Event
Cost: $45 per couple

Contact Patricia Costantino 690, Director of Alumni Relations – College of Education, at 301.405.5676, or via email p.costa@umd.edu.
We Would Like to Hear From You!

Please take a moment to fill out this form and return it to the College of Education. You can also use this form to request information about our College of Education: Alumni Chapter activities.

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Is your spouse a University of Maryland graduate? [ ] Yes [ ] No [ ] Grad Year(s) ______________

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Employer ______________________________
Title _________________________________

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Check here if you would like additional information on:

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Tuesday, February 10, 2004
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301.405.5607, or send an email to Director of Alumni Relations, College of Education, at College of Education alumni and friends. For information Following is a list of upcoming events of interest to C.D. Mote, Jr., and Terps football coach Ralph Friedgen ’70, ’72. Be sure to wear Maryland red. For more information and to register, visit: www.statgouv.umd.edu

Friday, February 13, 2004
College of Education Terp Twosome Event
4:30 to 6:45 p.m. – Narrated Shuttle Bus Campus Tour
6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. – Dean’s Reception, Dinner and Entertainment
University of Maryland Golf Course Clubhouse
If you are a College of Education alumnus married to another University of Maryland graduate, please contact Pat Costantino, Director of Alumni Relations, 301.405.5607. We would love to invite you back for the college’s first Terp Twosome Event to be held on Valentine’s Eve. $45 per couple.

March 16-19, 2004
FLORIDA ALUMNI EVENTS

If you are a College of Education alumnus who winters in Florida, please contact Pat Costantino, Director of Alumni Relations, 301.405.5607, or by email: pc34@umail.umd.edu. We would like to invite you to attend any events are welcome to contact Pat Costantino, Director of Alumni Relations, College of Education, at 301.405.5607 or via email: pc34@umail.umd.edu.

Tuesday, March 16, 2004
St. Petersburg Alumni Event
3:30 to 6:15 p.m. – Nancy Schleisberg presentation
6:15 to 8:30 p.m. – Dean’s Reception and Dinner
Don Cesar Beach Resort (3400 Gulf Blvd., St. Petersburg Beach)
Alumni are invited to the Don Cesar Beach Resort for a special presentation titled: “What’s Next: Lifelong Transitions,” and book signing with Nancy Schleisberg, Ph.D., professor emeritus. This will be followed by a reception and dinner hosted by College of Education Dean Edna Mora Sermynski, Ph.D.

Wednesday, March 17, 2004
Orlando Alumni Event
6:30 to 9 p.m. – Dean’s Reception and Dinner
Christian’s Restaurant (7600 Dr. Phillips Blvd., Orlando)
This event will be held at Christian’s Restaurant, where alumni will gather for a reception and dinner with Dean Seymour.

Thursday, March 18, 2004
Naples Alumni Event
6:30 to 9 p.m. – Dean’s Reception and Dinner
Balisecom Restaurant (La Playa Beach and Golf Resort, Naples)
The Balisecom Restaurant in the La Playa Beach and Golf Resort will be the setting for an alumni gathering featuring a reception and dinner with Dean Seymour.

Friday, March 19, 2004
Fort Lauderdale Alumni Event
12:30 to 3 p.m. – Dean’s Reception and Luncheon
Diplomat Country Club, Royal Palm Room
The Diplomat Country Club, Royal Palm Room has been chosen for a reception and special luncheon hosted by Dean Seymour.

Thursday, April 1, 2004
College of Education Alumni Chapter Board of Directors Meeting
6:30 p.m.
3237 Benjamin Building, University of Maryland

Saturday, April 17, 2004
University of Maryland Alumni Awards Gala
6 to 10:30 p.m.
University Inn and Conference Center
College of Education alumna Rose Wiemken will receive the college’s Distinguished Alumnus Award. She was the 2003 recipient of the Dean’s Award for Lifetime Achievement (See Endeavors story, page 1). Also being honored is Jane McCarl, 1952 education alumna, who will receive the 2004 Abram Z. Gottwals Award in honor of her service to the university and the Alumni Association. For ticket information, visit: www.umd.edu/alumni

Thursday April 22, 2004
College of Education Donor Appreciation Luncheon
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
University Golf Course Clubhouse
The College of Education will invite and honor donors and benefactors who help support the college’s goals. In addition to recognizing donors, student recipients of scholarships and assistantships will have the opportunity to meet with their benefactors.

Saturday, April 24, 2004
Maryland Day: Explore Our World
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
McKeldin Mall, Benjamin Building
Stop by the College of Education tent on McKeldin Mall to meet the Dean and learn more about the College of Education as part of Maryland Day events on the university campus. Visit the University of Maryland as it opens doors to alumni and their families, parents, prospective students, the business community and residents of the surrounding Baltimore-Washington area. College of Education alumni will receive a special gift just for stopping by! Find a complete schedule of events for children and adults at: www.marylandday.umd.edu

Thursday, May 20, 2004
Silver and Gold Anniversary Program
1954 and 1979 were both very good years. Those of you who graduated in those years will be invited to reminiscence on the 25th and 50th anniversary of that momentous event in your life and participate in a reunion with your classmates as part of spring graduation festivities.

Friday, May 21, 2004
College of Education Graduation and Reception
4 p.m.
Cole Field House, University of Maryland
The College of Education graduation ceremony has been scheduled for May 21. Alumni Board President Jean Mullin ’88 will greet the college’s newest alumni at reception following the ceremony. (University Commencement will be held on Thursday, May 20, at the Comcast Center.)

Monday, August 30, 2004
First day of classes for the 2004-05 academic year.

November 15-20, 2004
American Education Week Events
Sponsored by the College of Education Alumni Board of Directors
Special presentations and the annual College of Education Alumni Awards Ceremony will be held as part of the commemoration of American Education Week. Watch for more information in the next issue of Endeavors.

Sunday, December 19, 2004
College of Education Graduation and Reception
Time and location: TBD

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