Dear Alumni and Friends:

This is my third year of serving as president of the College of Education Alumni Chapter Board of Directors. I am so proud to be a part of a board that is so dedicated and committed to supporting the college’s initiatives. Although the board only meets four times a year, in addition to being ambassadors for the college, we are instrumental in facilitating projects that make an impact on the lives of current students.

This year the young alumni on the board decided to take on a project of renovating and furnishing a new study lounge in the college for our current students. They began by seeking partnerships with local businesses and ultimately established a relationship with IKEA, which has agreed to sponsor the renovation of the student lounge. The lounge, located in the lower level of the Benjamin Building, was open for tours as part of the Maryland Day festivities on April 30. Visitors were able to see how the decorators transformed the room into a pleasant and inviting place where our students can relax, have a snack, or catch up on their studying.

Representatives of IKEA of College Park were presented with a special plaque on April 28 during the College of Education’s Showers of Thanks recognition luncheon. One of the most significant roles of board members is to attend our alumni events and meet and greet our alumni and guests. As a result of our engagement with alumni, we have been able to reconnect with graduates, gather information on how their College of Education degree made an impact on their careers, and provide them with updated information about our programs as well as opportunities for them to become more involved with the college. Through these connections we have learned so much about the successes of our alumni and have even honored some of them at our annual College of Education Alumni Awards ceremony.

In February I hosted a full day retreat for the alumni board at my home. Our theme for the day was to continue our role as “Door Openers” for the college. We evaluated past alumni events, discussed the potential of new and different activities to sponsor, and the need to provide alumni events that are more engaging. Our Board Members have been more involved in supporting the college and participating on a committee, Pat Costantino, director of Alumni Relations, will be happy to hear from you. She can be reached at 301.405.5607 or pcost@umd.edu. Please feel free to contact Pat, we appreciate and value support from our alumni.

Despite the gloomy and wet weather, Maryland Day on April 30 was a success. This full day of activities draws thousands of visitors and alumni to campus. We visited with prospective students and their families. Our children’s events were held in the Benjamin Building, so the rain wasn’t a problem. It’s not too early to plan next year’s Maryland Day on your calendar; it’s usually held the last Saturday in April.

In closing, I want to thank all of our alumni and friends for their gifts to the College of Education. There are many different ways for alumni to demonstrate their appreciation to their alma mater. Each and every gift makes a difference. GoTerps!

Jean Mallon
Class of 1968,
President, College of Education Alumni Chapter

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National Aquarium Event Attracts Baltimore Area Alumni and Friends

Over 80 alumni and friends of the college enjoyed a lovely evening of camaraderie and thought-provoking discussion at the Baltimore-Area Alumni Event held March 3 at the National Aquarium in Baltimore.

After receiving a hearty welcome from Dean Edna Mora Szymanski, guests were treated to a viewing of the college’s new promotional video—“Teaching Grounded in Research”—as well as a presentation by Associate Professor Patricia Campbell, Department of Curriculum and Instruction. The evening’s proceedings were ably hosted by Robert Ramin, treasurer of the Alumni Chapter Board of Directors.

Many thanks to the Baltimore-Area Alumni Event Sponsoring Committee and the College of Education Alumni Chapter Board of Directors for making this wonderful event possible.

Showers of Thanks

Sue Small, ’85; Joel Carrington, ’70; Edna May Merson, ’61; George Hohl, ’60. Not pictured: Marsha Guenzler-Stevens, ’93 and Glenwood Cecil Brooks, ’72. (Photos by Lisa Helfter Photography)

College of Education Gains Two More Top 10 Program Rankings

T he College of Education now has seven programs ranked in the Top 10 in the nation, and for the sixth consecutive year the Department of Counseling and Personnel Services is ranked first, according to the 2006 U.S. News & World Report survey of graduate programs. This year’s edition of the “Best Graduate Schools” by U.S. News ranked the college 22nd in the nation. Five programs—elementary education, higher education administration, administration and supervision, education policy and secondary education—improved their rankings.

The college holds 10 rankings in the Top 15, including the rehabilitation counseling program (9), which falls under another category and was last ranked in 2004.

- Counseling and Personnel Services department (1)
- Special Education department (8)
- Educational Psychology (9)
- Rehabilitation Counseling program (9)
- Higher Education Administration (9 – last year, ranked 10)
- Educational Policy (9 – last year, ranked 13)
- Elementary Education (10 – last year, ranked 17)
- Secondary Education (12 – first time in the top 15)
- Administration and Supervision (14 – last year, ranked 17)
- Curriculum and Instruction department (14)

“No other college of education in the greater Baltimore-Washington area offers ten programs ranked in the Top 15,” said Edna Mora Szymanski, Dean of the College of Education. “These rankings reflect the stellar achievements of our faculty, staff, students, and alumni.”

In comparison to the university’s national peers, Szymanski noted that the college has more programs ranked in the Top 15 than all of the university’s stated peer institutions: University of California-Los Angeles, University of California-Berkeley, University of Michigan, University of Illinois, and the University of North Carolina. In addition, the College of Education holds more rankings in the Top 10 than any other college at the University of Maryland, College Park.


Beau Brogley and Anja Hohl chat with Michele Zuehl, Alumni Chapter board member.

Torney-Purta Receives Decade of Behavior Research Award

The December of Behavior initiative has named Professor Judith Torney-Purta, Department of Human Development, as one of five recipients of its 2005 Research Award. The Decade of Behavior is the project of a consortium of 70 professional associations in the behavioral and social sciences, including the American Psychological Association, American Political Science Association, and the National Communication Association. The consortium designated the 2000-2010 decade as the Decade of Behavior to advance its overall goals and to highlight how behavioral and social science research provides insights and solutions to pressing social concerns. As an extension of this goal, the consortium works to educate the public, policy-makers, educators, and scientists about the importance of behavioral and social science research. Torney-Purta was nominated by the American Psychological Association (APA).

“The College of Education congratulates Dr. Torney-Purta on this award and acknowledges her highly regarded research contributions to the field of civic education and impact on public understanding of the education process,” said Edna Mora Szymanski, Dean, College of Education. “We are fortunate she is part of our college faculty and are pleased her work is being recognized by her peers and colleagues.”

The 2005 Research Award commends Torney-Purta’s research on adolescents’ political knowledge and attitudes for meeting the consortium’s highest standards for rigor. At the same time, the award recognizes her efforts to bring her research results to bear on public policy in the area of civic education. The particular focus for the 2005 research award is “The Promotion of DemocraticCitizenship.” To symbolize the desired linkage between research and public policy, the Decade of Behavior was launched in 2000 in Washington, in a Congressional meeting room, with members of Congress and the educational establishment present and actively endorsing the project. The 2005 awardees will further the purposes of the Decade of Behavior through presentations at a Congressional briefing and events within their respective state governments.

The other recipients of the 2005 Research Award are Kathleen Hall Jamieson (University of Pennsylvania), James Gibson (Washington University), Sharpay O’Halleran and David Epstein (Columbia University), and William Clark (UCLA).

AACTE Outstanding Writing Award Presented to Rice

A associate professor Jennifer King Rice was the 2005 recipient of the Outstanding Writing Award from the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education (AACTE). Rice is a faculty member in the Department of Education Policy and Leadership and is a research associate with the Economic Policy Institute.

Rice was honored as part of the association’s annual meeting meeting the 20-23 in Washington, D.C. The award is sponsored by the AACTE Committee on Publications and Journal of Teacher Education. Rice’s article, “Teacher Quality: Understanding the Effectiveness of Research on Teacher Effectiveness,” discusses her research regarding high quality teaching.

College of Education Dean, Edna Mora Szymanski states, “This research is part of our college faculty and are pleased her work is being recognized by her peers and colleagues.”

McEwen is Recipient of USM Regents’ and ACPA Awards

A prel has been a remarkable month for associate professor A Marylynn K. McEwen, Department of Counseling and Personnel Services, whose contributions to academics were recently recognized by both the American College Personnel Association (ACP) and the University System of Maryland (USM).

The USM Board of Regents paid tribute to McEwen during an April 8 ceremony held at the University of Baltimore’s Moot Court Room. She was recognized for excellence in mentoring with the prestigious Board of Regents’ Faculty Award—the highest honor presented by the board to acknowledge distinguished performance by faculty members. Up to 16 awards are bestowed annually to the categories of scholarship/research/creative activities, collaboration, mentoring, public service, and teaching. Each honoree receives $1,000 and a plaque of recognition.

An ACPA member since 1975, holding various leadership positions in the organization throughout the years, McEwen was honored for her lifetime of scholarship with the ACPA Contribution to Knowledge Teaching. The award, which was presented during the association’s annual, April 2-6, in Nashville, Tennessee, recognizes a member of the profession for outstanding contributions to the profession’s body of knowledge through publications, films, speeches, instructions, tapes, and other forms of communication. The ACPA is the leading student affairs association that supports and fosters college student learning through the generation and dissemination of knowledge, which informs policies, practices, and programs for student affairs professionals and the higher education community.

“The ACPA Contribution to Knowledge Award and the USM Board of Regents’ Faculty Award are an acknowledgment of the profound impact that Marylynn’s theoretical and empirical contributions have made on the college student personnel profession,” said Dennis Kerlighan, Jr., chair of the Department of Counseling and Personnel Services. “She has brought an important diversity perspective to student development theories, and has been an outstanding mentor for our students and continuing student affairs professionals. We, in the department, are truly pleased that this well-deserved recognition is being bestowed on Marylynn.”

The Department of Counseling and Personnel Services was ranked first in the nation for the seventh consecutive year in the 2006 U.S. News & World Report survey of graduate programs.
We Remember...
The College of Education mourns the passing of these colleagues:


Thomas M. Magee, retired professor of psychology and former director of the University Counseling Center, passed away in January 2005.

Darvin M. McConkey, special education professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, passed away in November 2004.

Arnold "Hal" James MCVeigh, retired professor of art education in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, passed away in April 2004.

Carol A. Swafford, retired professor in the Department of Human Development/Institute for Child Study, passed away in January 2005.

Leonard Ubbott, retired professor and former director of English Education in the Department of Secondary Education as well as Curriculum and Instruction, passed away in January 2005.

These deceased faculty and staff members were honored with special memorial resolutions offered at the Feb. 5 College of Education faculty/staff assembly, and were officially read into the College of Education Senate proceedings.

、“There’s nothing more difficult and challenging than being a teacher, but there’s also nothing more rewarding,” said Montgomery Blair High School government teacher, Kevin Shindel, addressing students in his workshop with whom he reviewed different scenarios involving at-risk students in difficult home situations.

The speakers also showcased various schools of thought regarding education. In one session dedicated to democratic education and the model of the Sudbury school, Fairhaven School staff outlined an alternative to traditional education by teaching students in difficult home situations.

Although the speakers ranged from second-year beginner teachers to seasoned educators of 30 years, all with different experiences and stories to share, one resounding message was clear throughout the conference: Teaching is hard.

“Sometimes, you have to take your foot off the accelerator and just drive a little slower,” added Amber B. Miller, the college’s director of state relations. “It’s a matter of taking a step back and reevaluating what you’re doing.”
Following is a list of upcoming events of interest to College of Education alumni and friends. For information on any of these events, please contact Pat Costantino, ’66, ’69, Director of Alumni Relations, College of Education, at 301.405.5607, or send an email to pmc4@umd.edu. You can also visit our web site: www.education.umd.edu.

Friday, May 20, 2005
Silver and Gold Anniversary Celebration
1955 and 1980 were both very good years. Alumni who graduated in those years will be invited to reminisce on the 25th and 50th anniversary of that momentous event in their lives by once again donning in special “silver and gold” graduation regalia, participating in a special ceremony, and enjoying a reunion with their classmates.

www.education.umd.edu/alumni

Sunday, May 22, 2005
College of Education Spring 2005 Graduation
The College of Education graduation ceremony is scheduled for 4 p.m., Sunday, May 22, at the Comcast Center, University of Maryland. (University commencement will be held at 7 p.m., Saturday, May 21, at the Comcast Center).

www.education.umd.edu/studentinfo/graduation_ceremonies/

Tuesday, September 20, 2005
Baltimore Alumni Event
5 – 9 p.m.
Camden Yards
Tour of the Stadium, Dean’s reception, dinner and feature presentation.
www.education.umd.edu/infofor/alumniandfriends.html

Saturday, October 1, 2005
College of Education Alumni Homecoming Tailgate
Three hours before the game in front of the Riggs Alumni Center. Stop by the College of Education Tent for a fun activity and special treat!
www.education.umd.edu/infofor/alumniandfriends.html

Thursday, November 17, 2005
College of Education Alumni Awards Dinner and Ceremony
5:30 – 9 p.m.
Samuel Riggs Alumni Center
www.education.umd.edu/infofor/alumniandfriends.html

Alumni Board Meetings for Fall 2005-2006
Thursday, September 8, 2005
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Benjamin Building
Thursday, November 3, 2005
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Samuel Riggs IV Alumni Center
Saturday, January 21, 2006
Alumni Board Retreat
8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 13, 2006
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Benjamin Building

Special Education Student Leader Selected for MEE Award

Special Education major, Erin Clark, is the recent recipient of the Maryland Extraordinary Educator (MEE) Award. This honor is awarded periodically by the Undergraduate Student Assembly in conjunction with the College of Education Dean’s office, to recognize students who exhibit leadership and commitment to the field of education.

Clark, a junior with a concentration in Secondary Special Education, currently serves as the president of the University of Maryland, College Park Chapter of the Student Council for Exceptional Children. She is also a peer advisor for the Department of Special Education, a member of Kappa Delta Pi Honorary, and has volunteered for the Lakeland STARS program at Paint Branch Elementary School.

“Erin is a dedicated student with a strong commitment to both the university and the local community,” said Derek Furukawa, advisor to the Undergraduate Student Assembly. “We feel it is important and are quite pleased to recognize her accomplishments as a great student leader.”

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- Are you able to make a gift of $5,000 or more using cash or appreciated securities?
- Do you own stock or cash assets yielding 5% or less annually?
- Are you over 50 years of age?

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For more information or a no-obligation gift annuity illustration tailored to your age and circumstances, contact Danielle H. Wilson, Assistant Dean for Development, College of Education, 301.405.6644 or visit www.urhome.umd.edu.