Greetings on behalf of the College of Education Alumni Chapter. Our goal this year is to build on the effective agenda so ably established and advanced by our previous president, Jean Mullan. We will miss her leadership, but are happy that she will share her talents as the chair of the college’s Campaign Cabinet.

As we begin another academic year, let me introduce to you the highly accomplished new additions to our college’s Alumni Chapter Board. By way of introduction, there are Ramin (M.A. ’92, secondary education), and Vice-President, Christine Zarad (M.Ed. ’88, math education), Jane West (Ph.D. ’88, special education), and Michele Kivlighan, (Ph.D. ’79, human development), Jody Olsen (Ph.D. ’00, elementary social studies education, M.S. ’71, comparative educational measurement and statistics), Jim DeGeorge (B.S. ’68, education), Noah Jampol, a 2004 graduate in English, and Irene M. Zoppi, Ph.D., earned her Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Maryland, College of Education.

These talented board members work with the executive team leadership, Secretary Jennifer Roland (B.S. ’01, elementary education), Treasurer Robert Ramia (M.A. ’92, secondary education), and Vice-President Carl Anderson (Ed.D. ’09, counseling and personnel services). To read brief bios of all the board members, visit www.education.umd.edu/InfoFor/AlumniBoard.

Finally, it is an honor to serve as president of the college’s Alumni Chapter Board. By way of introduction, I am an associate dean in the School of Professional Studies, co-director Business and Education at the Johns Hopkins University. With great humility I will follow in Jean’s very capable footsteps.

The board hopes to continue efforts to reconnect with our alumni We will work to provide opportunities to engage with your alma mater by attending networking events. Together we can mount strong support for the College of Education as it advances in status and recognition. I look forward to working on your behalf.

Toni Ungaretti, Ph.D. ’92
President
College of Education Alumni Chapter

Kivlighan Named College of Education Interim Dean; Szymanski Assumes Provost Position at the University of Maine, Orono

D r. Dennis M. Kivlighan, Jr., was named Interim Dean of the College of Education in June following the announcement that Dean Edwin Mota Szymanski had accepted the position of Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost of the University of Maine at Orono.

Kivlighan was chair of the Department of Counseling and Personnel Services, a position he has held since coming to Maryland in 2001. Szymanski has served as the dean of the college since July 1999.

“I want to acknowledge how grateful I am for having the privilege of working with the many outstanding faculty, staff, alumni, students, and university colleagues over the last seven years at the University of Maryland,” said Szymanski, the 29th dean of the college.

“I am proud of what we have accomplished together.”

During his tenure, despite budget cuts of approximately 10 percent, the number of U.S. News & World Report specialty rankings at the college increased from one Top 10 and four Top 15 programs in 1999 to five Top 10 and 10 Top 15 rankings, according to the survey released in April. In addition, external sponsored research grants expenditures increased from $10.2 million in 1999 to $11.5 million in 2005-06. “I am leaving the College of Education in an excellent position for continued growth,” said Szymanski. “It has outstanding academic programs and a strong fiscal infrastructure that will support its success. I have enjoyed my work here at the university and wish the college and my successor, Dennis Kivlighan, all the best.”

Calling All College of Education Alumni and Baseball Fans…

I f you’re looking for a fun-filled evening with good food and great friends, the famed Camden Yards at Oriole Park is your ideal destination on Thursday, Sept. 14, as the College of Education Baltimore-Area Alumni group hosts a picnic and night at the park.

Guests will be treated to a catered picnic at the ball park including barbeque brisket of beef, keisher hot dogs, pasta salad, watermelon, cookies, soda and even popcorn! There will be prize giveaways and everyone attending will get a free commemorative T-shirt. At 7 p.m., it’s time to "play ball" with the Orioles on the Boston Red Sox—there’s sure to be a lot of excitement when this team comes to town. Guests will see the game from great reserved seats. Fans note: Terrace Box Sections 11 and 13 (overlooking first base.)

“The annual Baltimore-Area alumni events have been very successful and we are looking forward to this picnic and baseball event,” said Pat Costantino, Director of Alumni Relations. “Previous events including receptions and dinners at the National Aquarium and last year’s dinner and reception with the Oriole Bird and Terrapin at Camden Yards were a lot of fun, so adding a baseball game at historic Oriole Park will be a real draw for our alumni.”

Guests will have the chance to meet the new Interim Dean, Dennis M. Kivlighan, Jr., several college faculty, and members of the Alumni Board.

The annual Baltimore-Area Alumni Event is planned by a special Sponsoring Committee on behalf of the College of Education Alumni Chapter. The committee provides feedback about each event and offers suggestions for different venues that would be of interest to our alumni and guests.

Tickets for the alumni picnic/baseball game are available at $25, but are limited and going fast. Each College of Education alumni may bring up to three guests. To place your name on the reservation list, contact Maria Sam at 301-405-2324, or send an email to msian@umd.edu. Once payment is received, your tickets will be mailed to you before the game.

(Nomination forms and information on how to prepare the materials are available on the College’s Alumni and Friends website: www.education.umd.edu/infoFor/alumniandfriends.html. For consideration for the 2006 ceremony, materials must be submitted by Sept. 1. A committee of Alumni Chapter board members, department chairs, and college leadership will review the nominations and select the honorees. For further information on the nomination process or the Alumni Awards Ceremony, contact Mr. Paul Kivlighan, Director of Alumni Relations, at pkiv@umd.edu or 301-405-3607.}

N omination materials are now available for individuals who wish to nominate college alumni for recognition as part of the 2006 College of Education Alumni Awards event, ‘A Celebration of Achievement.’

Now 16 awards continue to be held at the Samuel Ogden IV Alumni Center, will honor College of Education alumni who have made outstanding contributions in their fields through teaching, research, leadership, or service. The annual event is part of the college’s commemoration of American Education Week. The awards are sponsored by the Office of the Dean, the Alumni Chapter Board of Directors, and Phi Delta Kappa.

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

It is my pleasure to introduce myself as the new Interim Dean of the College of Education. In the past five years, you have read this column to become informed about your College of Education—its outstanding faculty and students, highly regarded academic programs, and the wide array of activities sponsored by the Education Alumni Chapter.

I consider myself fortunate to assume the leadership of a vibrant, engaged enterprise that values the role of its alumni. I have observed alumni functions since I joined the college in 2001 as chair of the Department of Counseling and Personnel Services. I appreciate the important role alumni have played in building a legacy that reflects our outstanding contributions to the educational enterprise. From my conversations with alumni from my own department, Counseling and Personnel Services, I have learned firsthand that our graduates are proud to be from a program that has ranked first in the nation for seven consecutive years by U.S. News & World Report. Pride in the program we serve from strong rankings is but one measure of our stature and reputation. Our shared sense of pride and community will support us as we participate in the university’s upcoming fundraising campaign.

Dean Dennis M. Kivlighan has talked about the campaign in previous editions of Endeavors. As we near the completion of the silent phase of the campaign, we are gearing up for the public launch in October. We have assembled a core group of leaders to serve on our Campaign Cabinet—you can read more about these volunteers in the Endeavors story on page 3.

The good news is that under the guidance of our executive director for development, Andrew Sheehy, we have secured commitments for several high-level “leadership” gifts which will help us build momentum in the campaign and inspire others to make gifts.

Our gifts to date will enhance the outreach of the Maryland Institute for Minority Achievement and Urban Education through the addition of an Executive Director. We will expand our programs to neighboring counties so we can address the issue of lagging achievement among minority students and confront the challenges faced by educators in urban schools. Our work in the Institute targets the education crisis in the K-12 environment.

Another leadership gift has been pledged to name the college’s first endowed position—a professorship. These commitments serve as cornerstones of the college’s first endowed position—a distinguished educator in urban schools. Our work in the Institute and in the Campaign Cabinet—you can read more about these volunteers in the Endeavors story on page 3.

I look forward to an exciting and productive year for our department, because it represents the support and trust of my treasured colleagues in the department,” said Fassinger. “My main goal is to maintain our strength in the traditional areas in which we excel, while simultaneously enhancing our adaptability to the changing university and communities we serve. I look forward to an exciting and productive year for our department!”

Fassinger earned her doctoral degree in counseling psychology from The Ohio State University in 1987. She joined the College of Education in 1988. A valuable contributor to counseling psychology literature, her research interests focus on issues of diversity (particularly gender and sexual orientation) and career development. Fassinger’s professional activities include serving as president and executive director of the American Psychological Association. She also served as director of the College of Education undergraduate Honors Program, and as co-director of the College Park Scholars Advocates for Children program.

Fassinger has been an active member of the college and campus communities. She has received numerous professional and university awards for her scholarly, teaching, and service contributions, including being named a University of Maryland Distinguished Scholar-Teacher. Fassinger assumes leadership of the highly regarded department, which has been ranked first in the nation by U.S. News & World Report for the past seven consecutive years.

Dean Dennis M. Kivlighan, Jr.
Interim Dean, College of Education

Ruth Fassinger

Rebecca Oxford Honored as Distinguished Scholar-Teacher

Professor Ruth L. Oxford, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, is one of 30 faculty honorees receiving the University of Maryland Distinguished Scholar-Teacher Award for 2006-07. Oxford will be recognized during the 23rd Annual Faculty and Staff Convocation, scheduled for 3 p.m. on Sept. 26, in the Memorial Chapel.

Sponsored by the Office of Faculty Affairs, the Distinguished Scholar-Teacher Award recognizes faculty for outstanding scholarly accomplishment combined with excellence in teaching. The honorees participate in campus programs to share their expertise in establishing productive research programs as well as developing successful teaching methods and approaches. The University also hosts a Distinguished Scholar-Teacher Lecture Series showcasing presentations by the award recipients.

Oxford will present her lecture, “Students in Cities: Factors in Failure, Resilience, and Success,” at 4 p.m., Nov. 9, at the Newman Cultural Center.

A respected scholar and author, Oxford has published numerous books about language learning motivation, learning strategies, and instructional methods. She is also authoring two editions of a popular textbook series for university-level English language learners. Oxford is the senior unit leader for Second Language Education and Culture in her department, and is involved in a study of technology in teacher education.

In addition, she is coordinating a cross-cultural team to conduct research on technology-enhanced reading for the International Children’s Digital Library at the University of Maryland.

Silver & Gold Anniversary Event Honors Classes ’56, ’81

The “Bash at Benjamin”—a celebration of the college’s history and its future. Clad in silver and gold regalia, the group concluded their nostalgic weekend on May 22 by welcoming the Class of 2006 to the alumni fold at the college’s commencement ceremony.

The 2007 Silver and Gold Anniversary Celebration will recognize graduates from the Class of 1982 and the Class of 1957. Alumni from these years will receive an invitation and additional details will be announced in a future issue of Endeavors. If you are a member of the Class of 1982 or the Class of 1957, and want to contact us before the celebration, please call Pat Commins, Director of Alumni Relations, at 301-405-5607, or send an email to pmc4@umd.edu.

For more information, visit http://www.umd.edu/awards. END

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McKennon College of Education students clad in period costumes added historical flare to the ’Bash’ celebration. www.education.umd.edu and guests in a toast to the College’s success. (Photo: Lisa Helfert Photography)

The evening opened with a reception in the lobby of the Benjamin Building, featuring displays of historical photos and reflecting each decade since the college’s founding in 1919. University, the state, and the nation. The evening’s program paid tribute to the outstanding contributions the College of Education has made over the last 86 years to the university, the state, and the nation. Guests mingled with nine students dressed in costumes reflecting each decade since the college’s founding in 1919. The evening opened with a reception in the lobby of the Benjamin Building, featuring displays of historical photos and artifacts. Many of the photos and artifacts were discovered as part of a two-year project to collect and assemble the history of the college for a comprehensive, web-based timeline, “Landmarks and Legacies.” After the reception, guests snuggled to a huge tent on Tawes Plaza for special music, dinner, program, and dancing under the stars. The Bash featured the debut of a new video about the college which drew on the theme, “Celebrate Our Past, Embrace Our Future.” The black-tie evening concluded with a champagne toast with Dean Edna Morris Seyedsadr, Marie Smith Davison, University President C.D. Mote, and Jim DeGeorge—event emcee and member of the college’s Alumni Board. Among the goals of The Bash at Benjamin was to recognize the college’s legacy and to help build momentum for the university and college fundraising campaign, which will be launched in late October.

Volunteer leaders who serve as advocates for the College of Education are one of the most important components of a successful capital campaign. The college is preparing for its role in the Great Expectations campaign by forming an outstanding cadre of volunteers to serve as the college’s Campaign Cabinet. According to Andrew Sheehy, executive director for development, the college is fortunate that long-time friend and supporter, Jeann Mullan, agreed to chair the Campaign Cabinet. Mullan has experience working on capital campaigns. She has served as president of the Alumni Chapter board of directors for over five years and has worked closely with college and university leadership and alumni to increase understanding of the value of investing in the college’s excellence, he explained. The goal of the campaign is to increase significantly the level of philanthropic support for the College of Education to a level comparable to other top public research institutions. “The upcoming campaign will generate several million dollars to support the college’s most pressing priorities,” Sheehy said. “We have critical needs that can only be addressed through philanthropy.” The Campaign Cabinet will raise funds for scholarships and fellowships, expanding the scope of our interdisciplinary research and enhancing teaching.

Mullan earned her bachelor’s degree from the college in 1968 and was a classroom teacher before she left the field to raise her family. She has stayed active as a civic volunteer, serving in a leadership capacity on a number of the college’s Campaign Cabinet and want to thank each of them for their service to the College of Education,” Sheehy said. Following is a list of the members of the Campaign Cabinet. More information about the members can be found on the college’s web site, www.education.umd.edu.

Mary Ann Beatty is a devoted member of the College of Education community and an alumna; she recently retired from a long career at Montgomery College. Following the passing of her husband, college administrator Chuck Beatty, she established a scholarship fund to help students who want to transfer to the college. She earned her Ph.D. from the Department of Counseling and Personnel Services.

Charles H. Flatter is the Chair Emeritus of the Department of Human Development. An alumnus of the college and member of the faculty for more than 38 years, his research interests focused on young children, parent education and educational materials. He is presently working on special projects for the Office of the Dean.

Marilyn A. Harris is Vice President of Federal and International Government affairs for Marathon Oil Company, and heads the Washington, D.C. office. She earned her Ph.D. from the college’s Department of Human Development.

George Marx was Dean of the college from 1980 to 1985, and served from 1965 until 1980 as the first department head of the Counseling and Personnel Services department. He served as the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs for the University System of Maryland. He is an active civic volunteer and continues his association with the college working on special projects for the Office of the Dean.

Marie Smith Davison retired in March 2010 after more than 30 years at the University of Maryland, including 11 years as chief aide to two university presidents. She came to College Park as a graduate student in 1968 and earned her doctorate in 1971 from the Department of Human Development. She taught in the department before being named acting associate dean for graduate students and research in 1978. During her career, she served as assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs, was executive associate to former university president and current system chancellor, William E. “Bill” Kirwan, chief of staff and member of the President cabinet and Administrative Council.

Jan Pottker is a prolific author of several books, most recently being Sara & Elena – The Story of Sara Delano Roosevelt and Her Daughter-in-Law, Eleanor. She is an alumnus of the college, an active civic volunteer, and has worked for more than 20 years as an analyst for the Office for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Education.

Richard (Toni) Ingram retired from a long tenure as President of the Association of Governing Boards of University and Colleges. This national non-profit organization is dedicated to advancing volunteer trusteeship as a viable alternative to government control of American colleges and universities. He is an alumnus of the Counseling and Personnel Services department.

Rachael Petty is Dean of the College of Arts and Science at the University of the District of Columbia in Washington. She has demonstrated leadership in campaigns on behalf of the Cathedral School in the District of Columbia and other non-profits. She earned her Ph.D in Human Development from the University of Maryland.

Kathleen Rosenberg earned her Ph.D from the University of Maryland. She is a long-time supporter and active campus volunteer at both the alma mater and the University of Maryland Alumni Association (UMAA). She is a past president of UMAA. She retired from the Maryland State Department of Education.

To learn more about ways to support the college’s funding priorities, contact Sheehy at sheehyeh@umd.edu, or call 301.405.1938. For more information about making gifts, please visit: www.umd.edu/ed/giving/
University President C.D. Mote and Provost William Destler. The celebration included remarks by several of the Dean’s colleagues, presentation of gifts from the College Senate and faculty and staff plus a champagne toast of appreciation and wishes for success. She assumes her new position in August. (Photo by Terra Gargano)

Counseling and Personnel Services Recognizes Kruger, Hernandez

Kevin Kruger, Associate Executive Director for the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA), is the 2006 recipient of the Thomas M. Magsoon Distinguished Alumni Award. The award was established in 1989 to recognize College of Education Department of Counseling and Personnel Services graduates who work in higher education and are highly regarded as scholar-practitioners.

Kruger earned his Ph.D. in College student personnel administration in 1992. He was also awarded his master’s degree from the program in 1981. Kruger’s impressive record in the field includes numerous publications, professional presentations, and teaching assignments. He is editor of Technology in Student Affairs: Supporting Student Learning and Services (Jossey-Bass, 2005), and co-editor of Using Technology to Promote Student Learning Opportunities for Today and Tomorrow (Jossey-Bass, 1997). Kruger serves as director of the National Center for Technology in Student Affairs. He is also senior editor of the quarterly management magazine, Leadership Exchange, and NetResults—NASPA electronic magazine for student affairs professionals.

The Magsoon Distinguished Alumni Award was established in honor of Professor Emeritus Thomas Magsoon on the occasion of his retirement from the University of Maryland. Magsoon was a co-founder of the Department of Counseling and Personnel Services’ College Student Personnel graduate program and director emeritus of the Maryland Counseling Service.

John C. Hernandez, Vice President of Student Services at Santiago Canyon College, Calif., is the 2006 recipient of the William L. “Bud” Thomas, Jr. Mentoring Award. Since 2003, the College Student Personnel (CSP) graduate program has bestowed the award to outstanding members of the profession who exhibit excellence in mentoring between higher education professionals and graduate college student personnel students. Hernandez earned his Ph.D. in 1999 in college student personnel administration. He has encouraged many students to join the student affairs profession over the years, and was recognized for his dedication to mentoring master’s graduate students. Special acknowledgment was also given to his work with first generation Latino students. In addition to being a trained mentor, Hernandez is an association leader and a published author.

The CSP Mentoring Award is named for William L. “Bud” Thomas, Jr., who was vice president for Student Affairs at the University of Maryland for over 25 years until his retirement in 2001. Thomas was a professor in the CSP graduate program’s doctoral capstone seminar and mentored scores of doctoral students.

U.S. News Releases Survey Results: 10 College Programs Ranked in Top 15

For the seventh consecutive year, the College of Education maintained its Top 25 ranking and is home to the nation’s number one program in Counseling and Personnel Services, according to the most recent rankings conducted by U.S. News & World Report. The 2007 rankings were released in April 2006 as part of the magazine’s annual “Best Graduate Schools” edition.

The college has 15 programs ranked in the Top 15, with five programs in the Top 10. The 2007 U.S. News & World Report survey ranked the college 24th in the nation. Free college programs—Educational Psychology, Higher Education Administration, Rehabilitation Counseling, the Department of Special Education and the Department of Counseling and Personnel Services—are ranked in the Top 15 in the nation. Three of those programs won positions in those rankings.

The Special Education department moved up to 7th, in, it was ranked 8th last year. Educational Psychology moved up from 9th last year to 10th this year, as did Higher Education Administration. Rehabilitation Counseling was last ranked in 2004, and retains its 9th place rating.

Other programs in the college ranked in the Top 15 are the Curriculum and Instruction department and the Elementary Education programs, both ranked 11th. Educational Policy is ranked 13th, and Administration and Supervision is ranked 15th.

To read more about the 2007 rankings, visit the college’s website: www.education.umd.edu

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Graduation Year_____    Department/Program Major___________   Degree __________

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A RECEPTION FOR COLLEGE OF EDUCATION ALUMNI

In conjunction with the Maryland State Teachers Association Annual Conference, the College of Education at the University of Maryland is sponsoring acocktail reception for its alumni. 

Friday, October 20, 2006 – 4 to 6:30 p.m. 
Hosted by alumnus, Pat Gronkiewicz ’71, ’77 
1433rd Street, (Contemporary 1, 3rd floor) 
OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND 
Serving tasty food and spirited libations!

Dine, pri ce-free, Snack, and a Drawing for Featured Maryland Terrapin Giveaways

TOP PRIZE: two sets of tickets for University of Maryland men’s basketball games—a set of four tickets and a set of two tickets!

Use the Ocean City Shuttle or carpool with friends — parking available on street.

Take advantage of this opportunity to meet and reconnect with your fellow Terp alumni. You’ll hear what’s going on at the College of Education and have a chance to learn how to get involved. Meet our Associate Dean for Teacher Education, Donna Wiseman, and pick up information on opportunities for professional development and continuing education.

Additional Education (school, degree, year) ___________________________________

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College of Education Alumni Board Meeting
6 p.m.
0368 Benjamin Building
www.education.umd.edu

Thursday, Sept. 14, 2006
Close to Your Heart – Close to Your Home (Base!)
Baltimore-Area Alumni Events
Alumni Picnic and Baseball Game
5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Baseball game: Oriole vs. Red Sox
Oriole Park at Camden Yards, Baltimore
Join College of Education alumni, faculty, staff and friends for a classic night in “Baltimore” featuring a catered picnic at the ballpark followed by baseball, when the Orioles take on the Boston Red Sox. The annual Baltimore-Area Alumni Event is open to all and sure to be a sell out, so reserve your seats right away. The $25 fee includes a catered picnic at the park, a great reserved seat for the game, and a free commemorative T-shirt. Seats are limited, but we still have tickets available, so put your name on our reservation list today. To make your reservation, contact Maria Sun at 301-405-2334, or send an email to mrsun@umd.edu.

Fall Colloquium Series 2006: Sept. 20, Oct. 11, Nov. 1, Nov. 15 (Tentative)
Celebrating the Fifth Anniversary of the Founding of the Maryland Institute for Minority Achievement and Urban Education
Theme: Embracing Urban Education: Transforming the Future
4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
2220 Benjamin Building, University of Maryland
The Institute’s celebration of its fifth anniversary continues. Fall colloquia will feature panel discussions with outstanding practitioners, focusing on reform in urban schools and efforts in improving achievement. Sessions are open to all. For updates on this semester’s topics and speakers, or to view summaries of past colloquia, visit www.education.umd.edu/IMIAUE.

Thursday, Oct. 5, 2006
Maryland Alumni Association Presentation
Brain Power: How Understanding Aids Thinking
Featuring Professor Nathan Fox, College of Education
6 p.m.
Samuel Riggs IV Alumni Center, University of Maryland
Join Professor Nathan Fox, Department of Human Development, as he explores how knowledge about brain development can help educators create appropriate curriculum for your children and policy-makers formulate informed decisions for the education system. RSVP online at www.alumni.umd.edu (click on Calendar). For more information, contact the Alumni Association at 800.336.8627.

Thursday, October 19, 2006
Fear the Turtle Showcase and Auction
6 – 9 p.m.
Samuel Riggs IV Alumni Center, University of Maryland
As part of the year-long commemoration of its 150th Anniversary, the University of Maryland initiated the Fear the Turtle Sculpture Project to extend the anniversary celebration into the community. The Terrapin sculptures, which are on display until Sept. 2006, boast a variety of fun, antithetical themes. The statues were positioned at various points throughout campus as well as across the state and region. On Oct. 19, a grand showcase takes place at the Riggs Alumni Center highlighting all 50 sculptures, including the College of Education’s own “Tuxudo.” Unsold sculptures will be auctioned off to raise money for student scholarships. Please save the date! This is a wonderful opportunity to support the aspirations of students in need. For further details, visit www.feartheturtle.umd.edu/ftssculptures/

Thursday, Nov. 9, 2006
Distinguished Scholar-Teacher Lecture Series
Featuring Professor Rebecca L. Oxford, College of Education
7 p.m.
Nyumbaru Cultural Center, University of Maryland
Join 2006-07 Distinguished Scholar-Teacher Award recipient, Professor Rebecca L. Oxford, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, for her lecture presentation entitled “Students in Crisis: Factors in Failure, Resilience and Success.”

Thursday, Nov. 9, 2006 (Tentative)
College of Education Alumni Board Meeting
6 p.m.
0108 Benjamin Building, University of Maryland
www.education.umd.edu

Thursday, Nov. 16, 2006
College of Education Alumni Awards Dinner and Ceremony: “A Celebration of Achievement”
5:30 – 9 p.m.
Samuel Riggs IV Alumni Center, University of Maryland
This annual College of Education event recognizes alumni who have made significant contributions in the field of education. Honorees will be presented with an award in such categories as outstanding leader, scholar, professional, and new professional. The ceremony will be held at the Samuel Riggs IV Alumni Center. To learn more, visit www.education.umd.edu/alumniawards.html.

Now through November 2006
University of Maryland 150th Anniversary – Annapolis Exhibit
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Miller Senate Office Building, Annapolis
Installed as part of the year-long celebration of the university’s sesquicentennial anniversary, the exhibit communicates the importance and value of having one of the nation’s top public research universities in the state, highlighting the university’s history while looking toward the future. Visit www.150years.umd.edu.

Thursday, Dec. 21, 2006
College of Education Winter 2006 Graduation Time: TBD
Cole Student Activities Center, University of Maryland
www.education.umd.edu/studentinfo/graduation_ceremonies/
(University commencement is on Wednesday, Dec. 20, Comcast Center)

Now through Spring 2007
Landmarks and Legacies: A History of the College of Education, 1920 to Present
South Lobby, Benjamin Building, University of Maryland
Archival photos, documents, and artifacts depicting the history of the College of Education are displayed in the Benjamin Building as part of the college’s Landmarks and Legacies history project, celebrating the college’s role within the 150-year history of the University of Maryland. The college also hosts a comprehensive web site, featuring interviews with retirees and former College of Education deans, photos from the University of Maryland archives, and information on significant events in the college’s history. Visit the Landmarks and Legacies web site at www.education.umd.edu/Colleges/Engravings