University’s “Great Expectations” Campaign Launched Oct. 20

A break wind and cool evening did little to dampen the enthusiasm of the 500 plus guests who attended the Oct. 20 public kickoff and launch of the University of Maryland’s “Great Expectations” campaign.

The festive event was held under a large tent on the lawn of President C.D. O’Neill’s home. Alumni celebrities, special guest Kermit the Frog, and students performers were among the entertainers for the gala event. “Great Expectations: The Campaign for Maryland” is a landmark effort to raise a record $1 billion in private support, the largest goal ever pursued by a public institution in the state of Maryland and the Washington, D.C. area. The College of Education’s goal for the campaign is $20 million.

“As a part of our goal we plan to strengthen and reward our committed faculty by creating endowed positions within the College of Education,” said Dennis M. Kivelghan, Jr., interim dean. “Endowed faculty positions help us to retain and attract scholars who are considered leaders in their field. The benefits of having such leaders on our faculty are numerous, but most importantly, our students receive the greatest benefit from direct engagement with top people in their field of interest.”

The college’s effort is off to an outstanding start, according to Andrew Sherby, executive director for development. “We are very fortunate that one of our most dedicated volunteer leaders, alumnus Jean Mullan, has agreed to serve as chair of our Campaign Cabinet,” Sherby said.

In her role as chair, Mullan chose to make her leadership gift to support outstanding faculty by establishing the college’s first endowed position—the Jean Mullan Professorship in Literacy Education. Mullan, a 1968 graduate of the college’s elementary education program and was a classroom teacher’s decision to support the work of the Maryland Literary Research Center is a natural outgrowth of her advocacy for children.

The gift is the capstone that will allow the college to retain and recruit the best faculty in literacy to direct the work of the Maryland Literary Research Center, Kivelghan said.

The first recipient of The Jean Mullan Professorship in Literacy is John T. Godfrin, Ph.D., director of the Maryland Literacy Research Center and a professor in the Department of Human Development. (See related story in this issue of Endeavors.)

Alumni Achievements Honored at Nov. 16 Awards Ceremony

On Nov. 3, we recognized and celebrated the new Jean Mullan Professorship in Literacy at the University of Maryland, College of Education. The inaugural holder of the position is Professor John T. Gallagher of the Department of Human Development. The professorship is endowed in perpetuity thanks to Jean’s generous leadership gift of $500,000. As many alumni know, Jean served as President of the college’s Alumni Chapter from May 2002 to July 2006, when she accepted an invitation to chair the College of Education Campaign Cabinet for the Great Expectations campaign.

Jean has created a lasting and highly visible link between herself and the University of Maryland. The value of her gift is incalculable; it is a contribution that benefits students, future teachers, scholars and innovators, who ultimately will touch countless lives of children today and tomorrow, and for generations to come. This is a historic moment for the college because Jean’s gift helps build momentum for our fundraising efforts.

I will conclude my thoughts with best wishes to all in the New Year and with a promise that we will keep our alumni and friends updated on our progress in the Great Expectations campaign. I invite you to consider how you can support the College of Education. The benefits of these investments will yield more shade than we can even imagine.

Dennis M. Kivelghan, Jr. President, College of Education

“Return to Learn” is Theme of Alumni College Events on May 19

A day of professional development, personal discovery, and new experiences awaits those who attend Alumni College on Saturday, May 19, 2012, sponsored by the College of Education Alumni Chapter. “Return to Learn,” is the theme for the day-long event featuring presentations by top faculty, outstanding teachers, and education policy experts.

Look for your special “Save the Date and Return to Learn” postcard this January in the mailer; students who would like more information should contact Pat Contantino, director of Alumni Relations, at 301-405-5607, or send an email to pmk4@umd.edu.

Sessions begin mid-morning on Saturday, May 19, in the Benjamin Building. Faculty, alumni, and guest presenters will cover a wide variety of topics in multiple sessions: There will be a special presentation by a distinguished guest, and popular associate professor emeritus, John Spline, will speak during lunch. Morning refreshments, lunch, and other activities in the afternoon will be included as part of “Return to Learn.”
Dear Alumni and Friends:

The academic year is in full swing and your College of Education Alumni Chapter is working hard to serve you! This year we continue to advance our successful initiatives and forge new paths to connect, reconnect, and deepen relationships with all of you.

Let me update you on some things that have happened and projects that are being planned. At our September Alumni Chapter board meeting we were delighted to hear our interim dean, Dennis M. Kilbride, Jr., share his commitment to the mission of the Alumni Board and his vision to build deep connections with our partner school systems. Dennis participated in the thoughtful discussions and supported the ideas that were presented. Under his leadership, we have a true partner and are poised to make a difference.

As part of this, I serve on the College’s Alumni Awards Committee. This gave me an opportunity to meet with the faculty and staff members of the committee to review the many qualified nominees. What a difficult task to choose from among those incredibly accomplished alumni both in professional achievement and in service to the college! It was a pleasure to represent our alumni body and celebrate with the honorees, their families, and guests at the Alumni Award Celebration banquet at the impressive Samuel Rags IV Alumni Center on Nov. 16. You can read more about our honored honorees in this edumagazine.

I am also privileged to represent you on the University of Maryland Alumni Association Board of Governors, which consists of representatives from all the college and affinity group chapters as well as alumni relations staff. I found it interesting that board members have extensively researched approaches to websites and selected an approach for the university’s alumni site that will be centered on the individual alumni—similar to what is found on MySpace.com. Alumni will see the new site in the near future. The association also hopes to improve connections between itself and college chapters to create opportunities and synergies for the benefit of all.

Your College of Education was well represented at the University of Maryland Great Expectations gala on Oct. 20 that launched the public portion of the new campaign with a target goal of $1 billion. It was a great evening hosted by Kermit the Frog and included an appearance by many prominent alumni, including Connie Chung.

That same evening, our alumni who attended the Maryland State Teachers Association convention in Ocean City were welcomed to attend a special reception hosted by our alumni, Pat Gonenkiewicz, and her husband, Earl. This successful first alumni event tagged to an existing meeting was exciting and illustrates the demand that exists for all of us at all stages of our careers and beyond.

Finally, we are always looking for additional alumni to join us in this work. Please contact our director of alumni relations, Pat Costanzino (pwc@umd.edu), if you are interested in being nominated for the College of Education Alumni Chapter Board of Directors. Pat has been a tireless force for establishing and supporting an effective board. She is supported in her work by members of the alumni, development, and external relations staff, including Andrew Skerby, Danielle Wilson, Deborah Hudson, Jennifer Manning-Scherhafer, Rochella McCoy, and Mara Sun. This team, under Dennis’ leadership, strives to make our alumni chapter a stellar among its peers on the Board of Governors.

Toni Ungaric, Ph.D. ‘92
President, College of Education Alumni Chapter

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Raymond V. “Buzz” Bartlett has been appointed Executive Director for Corporate Foundation Development and Partnerships within the Office of the Dean. Bartlett is responsible for providing leadership for the college’s relationships with school districts, and developing collaborative partnerships with businesses and foundations that will benefit K-12 education initiatives.

Before joining the College of Education, Bartlett was Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations at the University of Maryland. He joined the university in 2004 after serving as president and CEO of the Council for Basic Education—K-12 education policy and service non-profit organization in Washington, D.C., that advocated for support of liberal arts education for children. Prior to that, he was Director of Corporate Affairs for Lockheed Martin, where he was responsible for corporate-wide community relations, the Lockheed Martin Foundation, and contributions programs. Bartlett has served on numerous boards, including the Maryland State Board of Education, the National Business Roundtable’s Education Working Group, and the education committees of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the Conference Board. He served on the steering committee for the Maryland Business Roundtable for Education, Americans for the Arts, the Baltimore Museum of Art, the Baltimore Chamber Orchestra, and Communities in Schools of Maryland. He has been awarded the Public Relations Society of America’s Silver Anvil for excellence in public affairs. Bartlett holds a bachelor’s degree in history from Colgate University, served in the United States Air Force and is a Vietnam veteran. He serves presently on the Institute for Educational Leadership and DCVoice.

New Endowed Professorship in Literacy Established

Improving literacy in American schools is a complex and challenging issue. Research in this critical field will be further advanced with the establishment of the Jean Mullan Professorship in Literacy at the College of Education. This is the first endowed professorship within the college, bringing a new level of prestige to our highly ranked college. The professorship was endowed through a generous $500,000 gift by Jean Mullan, a College of Education alumna (’58) and chair of the college’s Campaign Cabinet. The fund provides significant support each year for an esteemed scholar to conduct literacy-related research to improve education throughout all grades in American schools.

Professor John T. Guthrie, Ph.D., is the inaugural Jean Mullan Professor of Literacy. An endowed professorship is one of the highest honors a college can bestow, and is reserved for an eminent scholar whose work substantially advances the discipline.

“A gift like this supports the College of Education’s goal to retain great faculty and attract outstanding graduate students, who want to conduct research with a remarkable scholar like Dr. Guthrie,” said Interim Dean, Dennis M. Kilbride, Jr., president of the Department of Human Development, director of the Maryland Literacy Research Center at the University of Maryland. His research emphasizes children’s motivation for reading. Guthrie is a recipient of the Oscar Caney Award for Outstanding Reading Research, a member of the International Reading Association Hall of Fame, and the 2004 recipient of the University System of Maryland’s Regents Award for research/scholarship/creative activity.

“To be named the Jean Mullan Professor in Literacy is extremely special, it is a real culmination and recognition of the research I’ve done with many outstanding colleagues,” Guthrie said. “I recognize the power of this gift—research into reading and literacy is my way to advance the cause to help others, especially children.”

As a former classroom educator, civic volunteer, and mother, Mullan is passionate in her conviction that support for the college has a lasting and positive impact on the lives of children. “My investment in the College of Education and its faculty is anchored in my belief that education truly transforms lives and opens many doors for kids,” Mullan said. “I understand from firsthand experience the value of literacy, especially in young children. My hope is that my gift will help the college to remain at the forefront in research that addresses motivation and engagement in reading and that many generations of students will benefit from the good work of Dr. Guthrie and his colleagues.”

Mullan is the former president of the College of Education’s Alumni Chapter Board of Directors. In her current leadership position as chair of the College of Education Campaign Cabinet she works with a volunteer group of alumni and friends to increase understanding and awareness of the value of investing.

The Jean Mullan Professorship in Literacy in the college. The University’s senior vice president and Provost, William Doxeter, welcomed the establishment of the endowed professorship and Guthrie’s appointment at a special luncheon on Nov. 3.

“The gift from Mullan is among several significant donations to the college in support of the “Great Expectations” campaign. The philanthropic investments will provide funding for student scholarships, recruiting and retaining top faculty, enhancing research capacity and technology resources, and reinforcing excellence and innovation in academic programs. This support will help make the University of Maryland a truly great research university, an institution with global reach and impact.”

Bartlett is Named Executive Director for Corporate and Foundation Development and Partnerships

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**Outstanding Leader**

Challene Cooper Boston has over 40 years experience in the field of education and is currently Interim Chief Executive Officer of the Baltimore County Public Schools System. She has the distinction of being one of the first African-American women public school superintendent on Maryland’s Eastern Shore. Her accomplishments in these roles have had a positive impact on student achievement, with student performances on many measures exceeding national and state averages. Boston has received numerous recognition for her work, including being selected as a member of the Wisconsin County Public Schools and the first African-American woman public school superintendent on Maryland’s Eastern Shore. Her accomplishments in these roles have had a positive impact on student achievement, with student performances on many measures exceeding national and state averages. 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MIMAUE Appoints Stephanie Timmons Brown as First Executive Director

Stephanie Timmons Brown, Ph.D., has been named the first Executive Director of the Maryland Institute for Minority Achievement and Urban Education (MIMAUE) at the College of Education, effective Oct. 4, 2006. The Institute established Brown’s position through the support of PepCom Inc., several business leaders in the Prince George’s area, NAI The Michael Companies, Inc., Giant, and Doctors Community Hospital.

Having a person who can devote 100 percent of her time to establishing and developing the Institute’s goals is great for the College,” said Martin L. Johnson, associate dean for Urban and Minority Education and director of MIMAUE. Johnson noted the Institute at this point has many opportunities to develop infrastructure to enable in pursuit of research grants, create outreach programs and activities, and to impact both policy and practice in K-12 schools. “Dr. Brown will have a major influence in the continued development of the Institute and we welcome her aboard.”

As executive director, Brown assumes operational leadership of MIMAUE. Her responsibilities include development of an organizational plan for the Institute that supports its mission and objectives. She will also collaborate with MIMAUE’s various stakeholders on expansion and implementation of programs and research that work toward improving student achievement.

“It is with great enthusiasm that I join the Institute,” said Brown. “MIMAUE’s growth will afford us the opportunity to expand partnerships and apply research to establish action-based collaborations, effectively addressing urban education issues.”

Brown earned her M.Ed. and Ph.D. in education policy from the University of Virginia. She also holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of California, Berkeley. Prior to her work in education, Brown was a financial analyst and a senior auditor. Her most recent appointment before joining the Institute was as State College Coordinator at the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

Brown says the focus of her efforts is policies and services that impact children from low-income families. “As a team, we will cooperatively work with school district administrators, university faculty and staff, state administrators, and community leaders to reduce the minority achievement gap,” said Brown. “Most importantly, it is my expectation the Institute’s efforts will improve the academic performance of minority students throughout Maryland and make significant contributions to the national discourse.”

College of Education Seniors Named Philip Merrill Presidential Scholars

Once again, two outstanding students from the College of Education—Stasia Levin and Mindy Levine—were among the 23 undergraduates selected annually at the University of Maryland for their outstanding academic achievement, leadership ability and potential to contribute to society. The successful seniors, who are conferred the designation of Merrill Presidential Scholars, were honored along with their mention at a special ceremony on Oct. 6.

The Philip Merrill Presidential Scholars Program highlights the important link between academic achievement, scholarship, and mentoring the next generation. Scholars are chosen by academic Colleges and Schools with undergraduate major programs. The students are also asked to identify the K-12 teacher and university faculty whose mentorship had a lasting impact on them.

For her faculty mentor, Levin singled out Lisa Block, Ph.D., a lecturer in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction. She credits Block’s guidance with giving her the confidence and the experience needed to excel as a teacher. Levine selected director of the College of Education K-16 Partnership Development Center, James Greenberg, Ph.D., as her most outstanding teacher. He encouraged me to further my studies in international education, and helped me to further appreciate the impact that one person can have on a child in the classroom, said Levine.

The honorees carry the Merrill Presidential Scholar designation throughout their senior year. The program is named for Philip Merrill, who was a long-time university supporter, chairman of the Export-Import Bank of the United States and namesake of the journalism school.

Alumni Event at Camden Yards Draws Fans

The Oriole Bird took time to welcome Junior Drew Davis, M. Krielkamp, Jr. to Camden Yards. (Photo by Hahakko Photography)

D reary skies and persistent drizzle didn’t dampen the fun for more than 60 College of Education alumni and friends who turned out for the annual Baltimore–Area Alumni Event held Sept. 14 at Camden Yards.

Hot dogs and cold drinks were part of a catered pre-game picnic that set the mood for a great night of camaraderie and baseball when the Baltimore Orioles hosted the Boston Red Sox. Prize drawings and free T-shirts added to the fun, along with an appearance by the famed Oriole Bird.

Dennis M. Krielkamp, Jr., the college’s interim dean, and members of the Alumni Chapter board of directors took advantage of the gathering to meet and greet alumni and guests.
Rudolph DePaola (B.A.), Woodstock, Md., is the author of the novel, Wings of a Bullet, which chronicles the lives of teenagers drafted into World War II.

Joy Hauser Carol (M.A.), New York, N.Y., is an author, speaker, and retreat/workshop leader throughout the country. Her most recent publication, The Faith of Friendship: Celebrating the Joy, Beauty, and Ties in Women’s Relationships, was just released in fall. She has also worked internationally with the Foud Foundation, UMDOF, and Save the Children.

Majorie S. Morton (B.A.), Centennial, Colo., taught in the Department of Defense school system in Japan and has also lived in Germany, Virginia, Montana, California, and Turkey. Morton started a food bank in 1989 that serves 200 families a month.


Ray E. Chapman (B.S.), Elton, Md., is on the school board of Immanuel Lutheran Pre-School and has taught at junior and senior high schools throughout the region.


Helen Elizabeth Simmons Holbeck (M.A., ’73 / B.S., ’71), Woodstock, Md., retired after 30 years of teaching home economics at Mt. Airy Middle School.

Judith A. Lose (M.A., ’74 / B.S., ’70), Silver Spring, Md., received a Governor’s Citation for the State of Maryland for “exceptional work and amazing energy demonstrated throughout the years as a devoted teacher and leader in the community.” She is also president and CEO of the grantee, non-profit organization, The Judith A. Lose Breast Cancer Foundation, which pursues education and a cure for breast cancer.

Marlene Sciar (B.S.), Frederick, Md., is the director of computer training and curriculum development at Landon School in Bethesda, Md. Last spring, she was selected by the International Boy’s School Coalition to be a member of an international action research team to study boys and digital learning.

Marilyn R. Block (Ph.D.), Potomac, Md., serves as the president of MEB Associates and has just published her fifth book on international environmental management systems standards entitled, Effective Implementation of ISO 14001.

Camellia A. Blackwell-Teffel (Ph.D.), Columbia, Md., is a self-employed fine artist/art consultant. Her work is currently being featured until Dec. 18, 2006, at the Slayton House Art Gallery in Columbia, Md. Entitled “Floral, Pelagia, and Friendless,” the exhibition consists of Japanese-style gouache paintings, handmade original prints, and watercolor paintings.

Diane L. Finley (Ph.D.), Largo, Md., is currently a professor of psychology at Prince George’s Community College. She recently received The Society for the Teaching of Psychology’s 2006 Teaching Excellence Award for Two Year Colleges.

Somota Jagnani-Rangraja (M.A.), Spring, Texas, was married in 2001. She is currently a stay-at-home mom with two children and is busy with volunteer work.

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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 Director of Alumni Relations, Pat Costantino ’56, ’69, at 301-405-5607, or send an email to pcost@umd.edu. Additional information can be found on the Web: www.education.umd.edu/infopage/alumniandfriends

Thursday, Dec. 21, 2006
College of Education Winter 2006 Graduation
2 p.m.
Caln Student Activities Center, University of Maryland
(University commencement is on Wednesday, Dec. 20, Comcast Center). www.education.umd.edu/studentinfo/graduation_ceremonies/

Saturday, April 28, 2007
Maryland Day: Explore Our World
The University of Maryland, College Park opens its doors for alumni and their families, parents, prospective students, the business community, and residents of the surrounding Baltimore-Washington Metro area to visit our beautiful campus. Come and enjoy a day filled with learning, exploration, and fun for everyone. Stop by the College of Education tent on the mall to meet the Intern Dean and learn about our programs. www.maryland.edu/gedu

Friday, May 18, 2007
Silver and Gold Anniversary Celebration
6 to 9 p.m.
The Marriott Inn and Conference Center, University of Maryland University College
1957 and 1982 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.

Saturday, May 19, 2007
Alumni College
8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Benjamin Building
College and University alumni, friends and guests are invited to return to the College of Education for a day of discovery and professional development featuring presentations by top faculty, surrounding teachers, and education policy experts at the College. A narrated tour of campus will be conducted after the event.

Thursday, May 21, 2007
College of Education Spring 2007 Graduation
Time: TBD
Comcast Center
(University commencement is on Sunday, May 20, Comcast Center) www.education.umd.edu/studentinfo/graduation_ceremonies/

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 website, 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/CollegeHistory