Upcoming Events

2013 Literacy in the Park
Featuring “Llama in Pajamas”
Author Anna Dewdney
Saturday, March 16, 2013 – 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
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Using Data to Drive Instruction
Dr. Lynn Fuchs
Tuesday, April 16, 2013 – 1:30 p.m.
207 Bowen-Thompson Student Union
Call 419-372-3894 for more information

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Jonathan Kozol
Friday, April 26, 2013 – 7 p.m.
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Learning That Changes The World
Welcome to the latest edition of *College Insider*, the place to receive the latest news from the College of Education and Human Development (EDHD). Since the last issue, some exciting faculty, staff, and student accomplishments have continued to reaffirm the College’s commitment to growth and innovation.

This semester the College welcomed four new leaders, many of whom have roots here. After leading biomechanical research efforts out of the School of Human Movement, Sport and Leisure Studies at BGSU, Dr. Brian Campbell recently joined the Dean’s Office as the acting associate dean of technology, research and assessment. Dr. Campbell will oversee assessment activities, manage technology initiatives, and serve as the College liaison to the Office of Sponsored Programs and Research. Despite the challenge of ever-increasing competition for grant funding, our faculty produced a 77 percent increase in grant submissions and a 50 percent increase in grant awards in the last year. In order to best equip faculty groups to successfully attain grant dollars, Dr. Campbell and his staff have developed three high-quality Research Learning Communities in the College.

Next, it is my pleasure to introduce Dr. Dawn Shinew, the recently appointed director for the School of Teaching and Learning (STL). She not only brings experience and enthusiasm with her to the position, but Dr. Shinew received her bachelor’s and master’s degree from BGSU. In education for over 25 years and higher education for nearly 15 years, Dr. Shinew will lead STL in innovative teacher education initiatives. Read more about Dr. Shinew on page 7.

In response to changing classroom dynamics, the College has operationalized the Center of Excellence for 21st Century Educator Preparation. The needs of students in K-12 education largely revolve around their interaction with technology, including utilization of mobile technologies, digital textbooks, and online courses. Dr. Savilla Banister has accepted the role of acting director for the center, and is working with schools to pilot new initiatives and to provide pre-service teachers with genuine classroom experiences that increase their competence for delivering high-quality instruction in 21st century environments. Dr. Banister, an associate professor in classroom technologies, has both research and practical experience in integrating technology into K-12 classrooms. As she develops partnerships with K-12 schools and community collaborators, the center will provide professional development for BGSU faculty and students as well as administrators and teachers in K-12 classrooms. The College continues to be proactive in the endeavor to deliver education in 21st century environments.

In early September, Leslie Straka, a two-time graduate of the College, was appointed as the executive assistant to the dean. Ms. Straka will focus on directing special projects for faculty, staff and students of the College as well as on contributing to the College’s outreach to alumni and friends. Ms. Straka will be part of the College’s efforts to increase enrollment and improve retention. Despite downward trends in enrollment in American higher education, the College is pleased to report that student enrollment has remained steady at nearly 5,000 students over the past five years. The College’s retention rate of 77 percent is second highest at BGSU, reinforcing the notion that EDHD students are well supported when it comes to academic and personal issues, and institutional factors. Nonetheless, I recognize that there is always more that can be done to strengthen the connection among faculty, students and friends, and to meet student needs. Look for updates to the College Facebook page, the Student Highlights on our web page, and updates on our building monitors to see just a few of our outreach efforts.

Lastly, the Education Building renovations, totaling nearly $1 million in total investments, have yielded noticeably higher usage of the Education Building’s common spaces by students for studying, relaxing, and congregating. It is a pleasure to see the pride our students take in being a part of the College of Education and Human Development. I welcome alumni and friends to visit all our programs and facilities to personally experience the wonderful progress and activity.
School levy experts offer insight

If you live in Ohio, you are probably familiar with school levies. In November 2011, around the state, more than 180 issues were on the ballot during the general election. Each year, local property taxes generate close to $10 billion for operating expenses for local and vocational schools.

Few know more about school levies than Dr. Kyle Ingle and Dr. Paul Johnson, both professors within Educational Foundations, Leadership and Policy. They have written a series of articles discussing the feasibility of levy success or failure within school districts, the costs associated, and the possibilities for reform with regard to how schools are funded in Ohio.

In one article, “Estimating Resource Costs of Levy Campaigns in Five Ohio School Districts,” they found that from 1994 to 2006, there were 3,433 local school tax issues on the ballots. They also discovered that the conservative estimate places the cost of a school levy at just under $215,000.

Another article, “‘Hired Guns’ and ‘Legitimate Voices’: The Politics and Participants of Levy Campaigns in Five Ohio School Districts,” found that community volunteers, particularly students, can be a great resource because they are not only less expensive but because they are “legitimate voices” that are knowledgeable and in possession of specific skill sets that can energize public support.

One policy recommendation is to amend the constitutional provision in Ohio that prohibits tax revenues from increasing as property values rise in an effort to allow tax revenue growth to be indexed to inflation. This would dramatically decrease the frequency of levy requests throughout the state. This is easier said than done.

Ingle and Johnson are often assisted by Ruth Ann Petroff. Their work has been approved, accepted and appeared in prestigious journals like Educational Administration Quarterly, which holds a difficult 6-10 percent acceptance rate.

If you would like to know more, please email them at wingle@bgsu.edu or pjohnson@bgsu.edu.

Camp Creativity infuses innovative learning

Pictures of the success of Camp Creativity tell a compelling story about the activities of the special program offered through Human Development and Family Studies.

Created by Mary Ann Culver, Camp Creativity exposes elementary age students to alternative methods of learning through the use of themes including nature, art, technology, music and more. This summer, with the help of BGSU students and a number of donors, Camp Creativity provided 25 area students with a memorable week of fun and unique learning.

To learn more or to find out how you can contribute to the growth of the program, email Culver at mculver@bgsu.edu.

Additional photos of Camp Creativity Activities can be found on pages 9 and 10.
BGSU & UT join forces for physical & health education programs

Typically when BGSU and the University of Toledo get together it involves a competitive athletic event with bragging rights or even a Mid-American Conference championship hanging in the balance. That is changing as BGSU Physical Education Teacher Education (PETE) students now have the option to take courses concurrently at both BGSU and UT in order to obtain their Health Education Licensure.

The 48-credit-hour program will require PETE students to complete a minimum of two additional semesters in order to procure the added health teaching licensure. Courses will take place in classrooms on both campuses and also online. Faculty from both programs will collaborate to ensure that course offerings will meet the needs of students at both institutions.

‘A Conversation’ hosts Ed Goren

Developed over the last few years, the Richard A. Maxwell Sport Media Project was designed to provide BGSU students with the opportunity to learn the craft of sports media through internships, workshops and guest speakers. Certainly bringing a 48-time Emmy Award winner and the executive producer of FOX Sports for the past 18 years meets that criterion.

In April, the Maxwell Project put on “A Conversation with Ed Goren.” In addition to essentially starting FOX Sports when the network won the rights to the NFL in 1994, Goren has also worked at CBS and has covered major events such as the World Series, the Super Bowl and the NCAA men’s basketball tournament. The evening at BGSU featured an interview session followed by Goren taking questions from the large audience in attendance in Olscamp Hall.

Autism Puzzle links BGSU as resource

For the second consecutive year, the College has sponsored The Autism Puzzle, a Columbus, Ohio-based program that raises awareness about autism. WCMH-TV in Columbus, the NBC affiliate, hosts the program twice a year, in April and October. The station broadcasts a half-hour special about autism, and also features call-in and “live chat” opportunities to get questions answered by autism experts.

The Autism Puzzle sponsorship allows the college to promote its Online Autism Certificate Program to audiences outside of northwest Ohio. Advertisements are shown during the half-hour program and BGSU’s name is associated with each of additional Autism Puzzle initiatives, which includes a website (www.wcmhblogs.com/autism), a print publication as part of “Columbus Parent” and call-in and live chat components of the TV broadcast.

This fall new faculty member Dr. Kristin Lierheimer was a guest on “Daytime Columbus,” to talk about BGSU’s autism certificate program. She also was one of the autism experts who assisted with phone and email questions. Previously Dr. Mary Murray and Dr. Lessie Cochran had represented BGSU on Daytime Columbus.

For more information about the Online Autism Certificate Program visit www.bgsu.edu/autism.
New School director returns to her roots

How many people can say that they are one of four generations to graduate from the College of Education and Human Development at BGSU? New school director Dr. Dawn Shinew can say just that. Having graduated from BGSU in 1985 and again in 1993, she joined her grandmothers, father and niece as alumni.

After commencement in 1986, she packed up her car and moved to the West Coast in search of a teacher position. At the time, California was one of the few states hiring and she spent seven years teaching in the Pasadena area.

Returning to the state of Ohio in the early '90s, she received her master’s degree, followed by her Ph.D. from the Ohio State University in 1998 in social studies and global education. Shinew then accepted a position within the Department of Teaching and Learning in Pullman, Washington, at Washington State University in 1999. In 2004 she was promoted to associate professor and in 2011 she served as the chair of the department. Now she’s home.

“I’m excited about coming back, but I wouldn’t have accepted the position if it wasn’t a good situation with a great team in place,” Shinew said. “Teacher education is at a time to rethink what we do, to be responsive to the needs of schools, teachers and students, and I’m thrilled by the initiatives that our school already has in place.”

UK trip provides real-life lessons

It is said that the best way to learn something is to experience it for yourself. For nearly a decade now, that is precisely what master’s students within HESA have been doing. In May, 17 master’s-level students and coordinators joined with students from institutions like the University of Oklahoma, Northeastern University and the University of Georgia to spend two weeks learning abroad in the United Kingdom.

Led by Dr. Ellen Broido, the focus of the trip was to challenge the assumptions with regard to how student affairs operate in the United States, and to gain perspective on how things are both similar and dissimilar.

Before flying to London Heathrow Airport, the group engaged in four sessions with the help of Google+, and were required to gain advanced knowledge on how scholars in the United Kingdom approach the topic of student affairs.

Their first stop included visits to the University of Edinburgh and the University of St. Andrews. After that they toured York St. John University, the University of Oxford, the University of Westminster and Birkbeck College, which offers course exclusively in the evening. The group also toured several higher education organizations and got to see the centralized admissions process of the United Kingdom.

It is also worth noting that in addition to the castle and palace that hosted the group, they also stayed in U.S. study abroad sites, several of which are run by BGSU alumni.
Connecting with alumni, friends is important

Alumni and friends are key to the future success of the College and the University. You provide support in many different ways, from speaking on campus and encouraging employers to hire our students as interns or professionals to attending College-based events or financially supporting College initiatives.

Dean Brad Colwell has been taking time to visit with alumni and friends of the College to learn about your accomplishments since graduating from BGSU. We are always happy to hear from you; please remember to contact us with your personal and professional updates. You can stay connected to us through our Facebook page, found at www.facebook.com/BGSUEDHD.

Thank you for your continued involvement with the college as you provide support through annual gifts, scholarship, student support and faculty research. If you would like to know how you can give back to the College and the University, visit www.bgsu.edu/offices/alumni/give/index.html.

As we continue to pursue excellence, we hope to have the opportunity to communicate with you. Feel free to contact the Office of the Dean at 419-372-7401 or edhd@bgsu.edu.

The Creativity Studio was developed a year ago to allow pre-teachers to practice creative approaches to teaching with children. Under the direction of Mary Ann Culver, a traditional classroom was transformed into four areas where the children learn about an artist’s life, different mediums of art technique, science and nature, language arts tie-ins, and music that is both calming and also invigorating! The lessons continued during Creativity Camp, a summer outreach program.

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