

Endeavors

Dear Alumni and Friends:



Toni Ungaretti

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 Alumni Board. Shannon Ambush is a current graduate student at university and a 2006 honors graduate from special education. She received the Goddard Medal for excellence in scholarship and service. Noah Jampol, a 2004 graduate in English education, taught college in upstate New York and is a doctoral student in the Department of Human Development focusing on developmental science.

Thomas Mead Saunders, a 1986 graduate in secondary social studies education, is the principal at Elkridge Landing Middle School in Howard County. He developed a program to train middle level Town Council Advisors for several school systems. Irene M. Zoppi, Ph.D., earned her degree in 2004. Originally from Puerto Rico, Irene is a U. S. Army Reserve Major and a Gulf War veteran. She works with projects at the Maryland Institute for Minority Achievement and Urban Education.

These new members will join our stellar group of current board members: Mary Batcher (B.A. '72, Ph.D. '86, measurement and statistics), Jim DeGeorge (B.S. '68, social studies education, M.S. '71, comparative educational studies), Donna Redmond Jones (Ph.D. '04, curriculum and instruction), Catherine Kern (B.S. '00, elementary education), Carla Malozowski-Kieval (B.S. '00, elementary education), Jody Olsen (Ph.D. '79, human development), Holly Ponzillo (B.S. '02, mathematics and math education), Darla Strouse (Ed.D. '04, education policy and leadership), Jane West (Ph.D. '88, special education), and Michele Zurad (M.Ed. '88, math education).

These talented board members work with the executive team leadership: Secretary Jennifer Roland (B.S. '01, elementary education), Treasurer Robert Ramin (M.A. '92, secondary education), and Vice-President Carl Anderson (Ed.D. '69, counseling and personnel services). To read brief bios of all the board members, visit www.education.umd.edu/infofor/alumniandfriends.html

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-directing 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

Dennis M. Kivlighan, Jr., was named Interim Dean of the College of Education in June following the announcement that Dean Edna Mora 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, community members, and university colleagues over the last seven years at the University of Maryland," said Szymanski, the 20th dean of the college.

"I am proud of what we have accomplished together." During her 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 grant 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."

Interim Dean Kivlighan assumed his new position July 7. Before coming to Maryland, he served in various capacities in the Department of Educational and Counseling Psychology at the University of Missouri, including as professor and chair, director of training for the Joint Training Program in Counseling Psychology, director of Undergraduate Studies, and director of Graduate Studies. He is a fellow of the American Psychological Association (Division of Counseling Psychology) and a two-time recipient of the Research Award from the Association for Specialists in Group Work. He is also the editor of *Group Dynamics: Theory, Research and Practice*—the official journal of the Division of Group Psychology of the American Psychological Association.

"I am excited about the possibilities and potential for the College of Education as we continue to build on the good work over the past several years of Dean Szymanski and our colleagues," Kivlighan said. (Editor's note: See page 2 of this edition of *Endeavors* for additional comments.)

Kivlighan earned his doctoral degree in counseling psychology with a specialty in group counseling and psychotherapy. He holds an M.S. in counseling psychology from Virginia Commonwealth University and received a B.S. in psychology from the College of William and Mary. Co-author of *Research Design in Counseling*, Kivlighan has also published more than 70 empirical articles. His research interests include examining the group processes and dynamics, the outcome of group and individual counseling and psychotherapy, and using counseling interventions to influence achievement goals and academic achievement.

Calling All College of Education Alumni and Baseball Fans...

If 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 barbecue brisket of beef, kosher 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 O's taking on the Boston Red Sox—there's sure to be a lot of excitement in the park 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 Testudo 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."

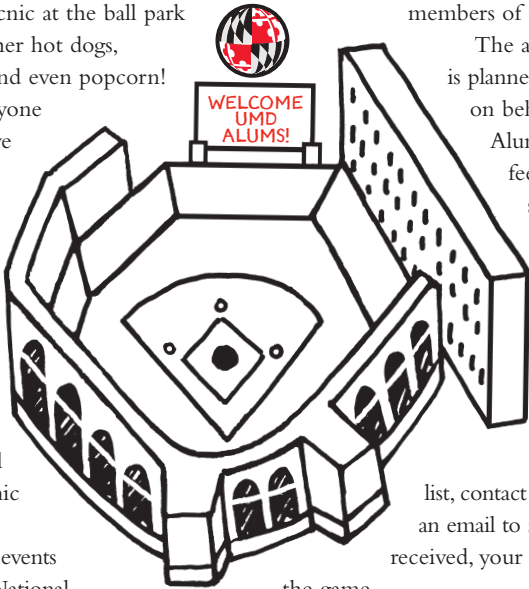
Guests will have the chance to meet the new Interim Dean, Dennis M. Kivlighan, Jr., several college faculty, and members of the Alumni Board.

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 alumnus may bring up to three guests. To place your name on the reservation

list, contact Maria Sian at 301.405.2334, or send an email to msian@umd.edu. Once payment is received, your tickets will be mailed to you before

the game. (Editor's note: See page 6 for additional information.)



Nominations Open for 2006 College Alumni Awards

Nomination 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."

The Nov. 16 awards ceremony, to be held at the Samuel Riggs 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.

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. To be considered 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, send an email to Endeavors@umd.edu, or contact Pat Costantino, Director of Alumni Relations, at pmc4@umd.edu or 301.405.5607.

A Message from the Interim Dean



Dennis M. Kivlighan, Jr.

Dear Alumni and Friends:

It is my pleasure to introduce myself as the new Interim Dean of the College of Education. For nearly 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 attended many 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 first hand that our graduates are proud to be from a program that has been ranked first in the nation for seven consecutive years by *U.S. News & World Report*. Pride in the recognition we receive 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 Edna Szymanski has talked about the campaign in previous edition 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 as 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 distinguished professorship. These commitments serve as cornerstones toward two of our goals for the campaign: to build support for faculty through endowed positions and provide support for the institutes and centers that foster educational research. We are grateful for these early commitments and you will be reading more about these and other generous benefactors in the next edition of *Endeavors*.

I have been amazed to see how far the college has advanced its mission despite dwindling state assistance and rising costs. We continue to seek out sponsored research funds from federal and state agencies that can support our research enterprise. However, to remain competitive with our peer colleges across the nation, we must attract private support to enhance our research, teaching and outreach missions.

Why is this so critical? This college is a dynamic and thriving enterprise where research informs our teaching and outreach—teaching and outreach enable us to produce relevant research. Consequently, an investment in our college is an investment in expanded services for our children today and in the future. I know we will be successful.

This college has advanced significantly under Edna's leadership. As the 21st Dean of the College of Education, I will be leading a college that strives to inspire a vibrant synergy between teaching and learning, between research and practice. I look forward to meeting our alumni, sharing news about alumni events and programs, and listening to suggestions on ways we can engage alumni to be part of the life of our exceptional College of Education.

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

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



Front row, seated l. to r.: Beverlee A. Mitchell, John E. Hurley, Elaine A. Vande Hei, Judith Edwards Johnson, Carol Richardson Lundberg, Kathryn Wolfe Barrans, Charlotte Horsmon Russell, Anne Lindsey Bengel Slater

Middle row, l. to r.: Alise S. Orloff, Patricia McGrath Richardson, Rachel M. Petty, Cynthia C. Jones Shoemaker, Carol H. Hammond, Andrea Boucher, Mary I. Wade, Diane L. Jones, Dorothy Williams Greene, Jean Anderson Bates, Rita Rogers Kearney, Kathleen L. Rosenberger, Elnora C. Williams, E. Jean Wehrly Balcom

Back row, l. to r.: Maureen T. Mulroy, Robert Haas, Nancy Briganti, Juanita Rodriguez, Gwendolyn Baccus, Elizabeth Bikakis, Carl W. Smith, John Knowles, Lynnette A. Whitt, Patricia J. Jamison (Photo: Lisa Helfert Photography)

Toe-tapping tunes and many fond memories filled Orem Hall at the Riggs Alumni Center on May 19 as alumni from the Class of 1980 and the Class of 1955 marked their Silver and Gold Anniversary of graduation from the College of Education with a grand celebration.

Over 60 guests attended the luncheon program where alumni were feted with live music and had a fantastic time performing popular dances from their graduation era. Gold anniversary alumna Anne Lindsey Slater's celebration was two-fold as she also commemorated her 50th wedding anniversary that month.

A number of the 25- and 50-year alumni prolonged their reunion, returning to campus the following evening for the

'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 those 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 Costantino, Director of Alumni Relations, at 301.405.5607, or send an email to pmc4@umd.edu.

Fassinger Named Interim Chair of Counseling and Personnel Services



Ruth Fassinger

Professor Ruth E. Fassinger, Ph.D. has been appointed Interim Chair of the College of Education's Department of Counseling and Personnel Services. She succeeds Dennis M. Kivlighan, Jr., Ph.D., who was appointed Interim Dean of the college in July.

"I am deeply honored by this appointment, because it represents the support and trust of my treasured colleagues in the department," said Fassinger. "My main goal as Chair is to maintain our strength in the traditional arenas in which we excel, while we simultaneously enhance 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 recently serving as vice president for scientific affairs for the Society of Counseling Psychology 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.

Rebecca Oxford Honored as Distinguished Scholar-Teacher

Professor Rebecca L. Oxford, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, is one of six 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 senior 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 Crises: Factors in Failure, Resilience and Success", at 4 p.m., Nov. 9, at the Nyumburu Cultural Center.

A respected scholar and author, Oxford has published numerous books about language learning motivation, learning strategies, and instructional methods. She is also spearheading 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.

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The Bash at Benjamin: A Memorable Evening Celebrating the College of Education’s Past and Future

The mild and sunny evening was a perfect backdrop for The Bash at Benjamin, held at the College of Education on Saturday, May 20. More than 175 guests attended the event to “Celebrate Our Past, Embrace Our Future.” 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.

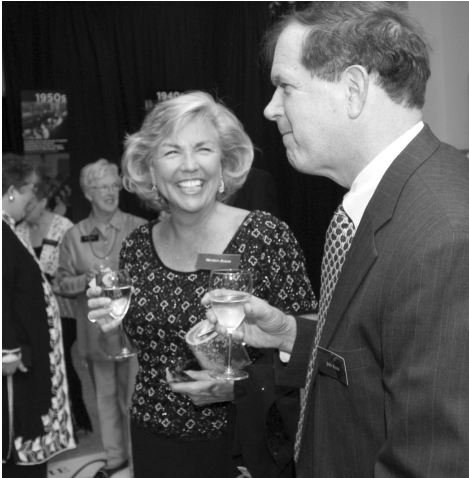
Guests mingled with nine students dressed in costumes reflecting each decade since the college’s founding in 1919. The evening opened with a reception in the lobby of the Benjamin Building, featuring displays of historical photos and artifacts. Many of the photos and artifacts were discovered as part 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 strolled 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 Mora Szymanski, Marie Smith Davidson, 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.



College of Education students clad in period costumes added historical flare to the ‘Bash’ celebration. Left to right: Heather Gorman and Amy Peterson [1930s], Shannon Ambush and Adrienne Dukes [1940s], Lucy Mitzner and Aaron Taylor [1950s], Mindy Levine [1960s], Kristin McKennon [1970s], Phoebe Yung and Megan Kobzej [1980s] (Photo: Campus Photo Services)



Alumni Chapter board member, Michele Zurad, and her husband John, enjoy the festivities at the Bash’s grand reception in the Benjamin Lobby. Guests were surrounded by historical displays of outstanding contributions made by the College of Education over the past 86 years. (Photo: Lisa Helfert Photography)



Emcee Jim DeGeorge, Marie Smith Davidson, Dean Edna Szymanski, and President C.D. Mote brought the program to a close by leading guests in a toast to the College’s success. (Photo: Lisa Helfert Photography)



President C.D. Mote and his wife, Patricia Mote, took the lead on the dance floor at the ‘Bash at Benjamin’ — a celebration of the history of the College of Education, and its future. (Photo: Lisa Helfert Photography)

Fox Lecture – Brain Power: How Understanding Adds Value



Nathan A. Fox

One of the University of Maryland’s most prominent researchers, College of Education Professor Nathan A. Fox, will be the featured speaker at a presentation to be held Oct. 5, sponsored by the University of

Maryland Alumni Association and the College of Education. The title of his presentation is “Brain Power: How Understanding Adds Value.” The lecture begins at 6 p.m. at the Samuel Riggs IV Alumni Center.

Alumni and friends are invited to hear Fox, a professor of human development, discuss how knowledge about brain development can help educators create appropriate curriculum for your children and support policy makers who formulate informed decisions for the education system.

During his 22 years at the University of Maryland, Fox has focused his research on the social and emotional development of infants and young children. His studies have been funded by the National Institutes of Health, which granted him a MERIT award for his work on infant temperament. He is a member of the research network on Early Experience and Brain Development funded by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

Last year, Fox was one of five professors presented with the University Distinguished Scholar-Teacher Award. Fox is the author of more than 100 empirical papers, and his expert insight is often sought by the national media, including the *The New York Times*.

A reception will be held before the discussion. After his presentation, Professor Fox will hold a question-and-answer session with the audience. To register your RSVP, visit: www.alumni.umd.edu. Cost is \$25 for Alumni Association members and \$30 for non-members. For more information, call the University of Maryland Alumni Association at 800.336.8627.

College of Education Welcomes Members of the New Campaign Cabinet

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, Jean 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 private support: funding for more scholarships and fellowships, establishing endowed faculty chairs and professorships, expanding the scope of our interdisciplinary research and enhancing technology.”

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.

“I am pleased to announce the members of the 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 alumnus; 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/Institute for Child Study. 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 its 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 Davidson retired in March 2000 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 assistant to former university president and current system chancellor, William E. “Brit” Kirwan,

chief of staff and member of the President cabinet and Administrative Council.

Jan Pottker is a prolific author of several books, the most recent being *Sara & Eleanor – 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 (Tom) 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.

Rachel 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 Rosenberger earned her Ph.D. from the University of Maryland. She is a long-time supporter and active alumni volunteer on behalf of the her alma mater and the University of Maryland Alumni Association (UMAA). She is a past president of UMAA. She is retired from the Maryland State Department of Education.

To learn more about ways to support the college’s funding priorities, contact Sheehy at asheehy@umd.edu, or call 301.405.0903. For more information about making gifts, please visit: www.urhome.umd.edu/giving/



More than 125 guests were on hand to bid farewell to College of Education Dean, Edna Mora Szymanski, at a July 5 celebration. Among the special guests were 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. Magoon 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's electronic magazine for student affairs professionals.

The Magoon Distinguished Alumni Award was established in honor of Professor Emeritus Thomas Magoon on the occasion of his retirement from the University of

Maryland. Magoon 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 lauded 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.

College Alumni Cordially Invited to Retirees' Association Events

College of Education alumni can make plans now to be part of two upcoming day trips and a cruise to South America sponsored by the College of Education Retirees' Association. Members of the association include retired college faculty and staff.

The association is sponsoring a trip on Nov. 21, 2006, to Radio City Music Hall for the annual Christmas show featuring the Radio City Music Hall Rockettes. As the show is before Thanksgiving, the association has reserved tickets at a discounted rate. The cost for the motorcoach trip, including the show ticket, is \$89 per person with a required deposit of \$40. Departure is 7:15 a.m. with a return by 8:45 p.m.

A second holiday trip will take place on Dec. 9, with a visit to the Sight and Sound Millennium Theatre in Lancaster, Penn., to see "The Miracle of Christmas." The motor coach day trip costs \$104, and includes a family style lunch at the Hershey Farm Restaurant and the show ticket. A deposit of \$20 is required to reserve a seat. Anyone wanting to bring children or grandchildren can purchase tickets at a lower rate.

In 2007, the association will sponsor a cruise to South America, departing March 5 from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Guests will sail on the upscale five-star ship, Insignia of Oceania Cruises, rated by *Travel & Leisure Magazine* in its 'World's Best Awards' as the number three cruise line in the large-ship category. Other ports of call in Brazil include Ilha Grande, Parati, Santos, Itajai, and Rio Grande De Sol. There will also be a trip to Montevideo, Uruguay. The cruise concludes March 16 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The rates are two for the price of one, and include airfare from selected gateway cities. Depending on the type of stateroom, costs range from \$4,398 to \$7,398 per person, and the second person is free. Additional taxes, fees, and transfers are extra. A deposit of \$500 is required to hold a reservation.

There are a limited number of seats available for these popular trips. Alumni who are interested in joining members of the retirees' association for these events should contact Robert Hardy, College of Education Retirees' Association, at 410.730.0781, or send an email to: rhardy@comcast.net.



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 rating 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 10 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. Five 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 10 in the nation. Three of those programs went up in their rankings.

The Special Education department moved up to 7th, it was ranked 8th last year. Educational Psychology moved up from 9th last year to 6th 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 program, 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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ClassNotes

1931
Norma Rowe Carpenter (B.A.), Davidsonville, Md., writes that at age 95 she is enjoying her retirement.

1948
Emory Harman (M.Ed., B.S. ‘47),Greenbelt, Md., was recognized for over 50 years of service as a Lions Club member at a roast in his honor. Actively involved in his community, Harman was named Greenbelt Citizen of the Year in 2003.

1950
Roxie Lee M. Underwood (B.S.), Jackson, Ohio, just completed 26 years as a Jackson City Library board member and secretary. She is serving her seventh year as a member of the Jackson City Shade Tree Commission.

1955
Joan Richardson Hearn (B.S.), Boone, N.C., works with several outreach programs in seven elementary and high schools throughout the county.

1963
John A. Micklos (B.A.), Baltimore, Md., taught history in Baltimore County Public Schools for 35 years before being hired at the age of 70 by Johns Hopkins University as a supervisor of graduate teachers. In April 2006, Micklos was nominated by Gov. Robert L. Erlich to serve on the U.S. Selective Service Board of Maryland.

1968
Juanita Midgette Hepler (B.A.), Pomfret, Md., a library media specialist and technology coordinator at Benjamin Stoddert Middle School, has been selected for membership in Delta Kappa Gamma. Hepler was named in the 2005 *Who’s Who Among American Teachers*.

1970
Genevieve M. Knight (Ph.D.), Baltimore, Md., is a mathematics scholar with an academic career spanning 40 years. She was named the Belk Professor of Science and Technology at Fayetteville State University.

1972
Emily Romaine Johnson-Carter (B.S.), St. Thomas,Virgin Islands, was appointed in August 2005 as superintendent of the St. Thomas-St. John School District in the U.S.Virgin Islands.

1973
Cynthia Mutryn (B.S.), Bethesda, Md., is principal of the Fourth Presbyterian School—a pre-K through fifth grade facility in Potomac, Md.

Robert G. Smith (Ph.D.), Arlington,Va., is the superintendent of Arlington Public Schools.

1974
Jeanne Josephson (M.Ed.), Silver Spring, Md., retired from Prince George’s County Public Schools in 2004 after teaching special needs children for 30 years.

Ronald L. Robeson Sr. (Ph.D., M.Ed.), of Odenton, Md., an educator for more than 42 years, has retired from Prince George’s County Public Schools.


1977
Charlotte Callens (Ph.D.), Chesapeake Beach, Md., is a professor emeritus in the Psychology Department at Prince George’s Community College. She retired from teaching and is currently self-employed, conducting psychological assessment and psychotherapy.

Daniel W. Church (M.Ed.), Annandale, Md., was promoted in the Navy to Senior Ship Transfer Program Manager in November 2005.

1978
Diana Lambert-Aikens (B.S.), principal of the West Gate Elementary School, was named the Prince William County winner of the 2005 Distinguished Educational Leadership Award presented annually by *The Washington Post*.

1979
Charlene Cooper-Boston (Ph.D.), Ellicott City, Md., received her degree in human growth and development, administration and supervision in the area of early childhood education. She has been named interim chief executive officer of the Baltimore City Public School System. Prior to accepting the position, she served four years as superintendent of Wicomico County Public Schools.

1980
Lori Finger Kessler (B.S.), Abington, Md., received National Board Certification for Early Middle Childhood Art in 2004.

1983

Ron Slepitz (Ph.D., M.A. ‘76), Cincinnati, Ohio, has been named the fourth president of Avila University. Prior to this appointment, he served as vice president for student development and special council to the president for strategic planning at Xavier University. Slepitz earned his graduate degrees from the College of Education’s Department of Counseling and Personnel Services. He and his wife, Suzanne, are the parents of two.

1985
Roger N. Davies (M.A.), Manchester, N.H., is recently retired. He writes that he views retirement with an appetite for education as a true gift in living.

1987
Gerard F. Consuegra (Ph.D.), Gulfport, Fla., retired after 27 years in Montgomery County Public Schools, and three years in the Atlanta Public Schools. He currently directs instructional programs for charter schools in Atlanta, Ga., Delray Beach, Fla., and New Orleans, La.

Kenneth B. Haines (M.Ed.), Beltsville, Md., is currently serving as treasurer of the Prince George’s County Educators Association. He is also a member of the resolutions committee, and is working on projects with the Teacher Union Reform Network and the Institute for Teacher Union Leadership to increase community support for public schools.

1988
Jose M. Ortiz (Ed.D.), Arroyo Grande, Calif., was appointed in July 2005 as superintendent/president at Allan Hancock College, one of the Public California Community Colleges. He previously served as the vice-president of instruction at Laney College in Oakland, Calif.

1990
Sharon Fratta-Hill (Ph.D., M.Ed.), Harwood, Md., taught in the state of Maryland system for 30 years, retiring last May from Prince George’s Community College. Fratta-Hill is currently dean of Information Systems Technology for the Graduate School, USDA, in Washington, DC.

1991
Betsey Fuller Hayes (M.Ed.), Sacramento, Calif., is now assistant director of Admissions/California Regional Admission counselor for Texas Christian University.

1992
Kevin Kruger (Ph.D., M.A. ‘81), Odenton, Md., was this year’s recipient of the Thomas M. Magoon Distinguished Alumni Award by the College of Education’s Department of Counseling and Personnel Services, University of Maryland.

1994
David W. Pressley (M.A.), Mars Hill, N.C., a school counselor at North Henderson High School in Hendersonville, N.C., was voted 2005 Counselor of the Year by his peers.

1995
Ryan Imbriale (B.S.), Timonium, Md., has been elected to the International Society for Technology in Education Board of Directors.

1998
Laurie Maita Knab (M.Ed.), Lawrenceville, N.J., who is a National Board Certified Teacher (2002) in the area of Early/Middle Childhood English as a New Language, is currently an adult education instructor at Mercer County Community College Evening School. She has three young sons.

Maria C. Torres-Queral (Ph.D.), Lutherville, Md., was appointed to the Maryland State Board of Education by Gov. Robert L. Ehrlich. She is the first Hispanic appointed to this board.

2003
Irene Kao (M.A.), St. Paul, Minn., has accepted a job at Macalester College as the Assistant Dean of Students.

2004
Tanya Russell Shuy (M.Ed.), Olney, Md., is a senior project officer in the area of adolescent literacy and learning disabilities for the National Institute for Literacy. She is also serving as the co-editor for a special issue of Scientific Studies of Reading.

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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 a cocktail reception for its alumni.



Friday, October 20, 2006 ~ 4 to 6:30 p.m.

Hosted by alumnus, Pat Gronkiewicz '71, '77

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We Would Like to Hear From You!

We’ve been happy to hear from more than 500 of you, but we have more than 36,000 alumni! Please take a moment to fill out this form and return it to the College of Education.

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Spouse _____

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Graduation Year_____ Department/Program Major_____ Degree _____

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Employer _____

Title _____

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Calendar of Events ~ Fall 2006

Following is a list of upcoming events of interest to College of Education alumni and friends. For more information, please contact Director of Alumni Relations, Pat Costantino, '66, '69, at 301.405.5607, or send an email to pmc4@umd.edu. Additional information can be found on the web: www.education.umd.edu/infofor/alumniandfriends.html

Thursday, Sept. 7, 2006

College of Education Alumni Board Meeting

6 p.m.

0308 Benjamin Building

www.education.umd.edu

Thursday, Sept. 14, 2006

Close to Your Heart - Close to Your Home (Base!)

Baltimore-Area Alumni Event:

Alumni Picnic and Baseball Game

5:30 p.m. ~ Picnic

7 p.m. ~ Baseball game: Orioles vs. Red Sox

Oriole Park at Camden Yards, Baltimore

Join College of Education alumni, faculty, staff and friends for a classic night in "Bawlmer" featuring a catered picnic at the ballpark, followed by baseball, when the O's 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 Sian at: 301.405.2334, or send an email to msian@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.

0220 Benjamin Building, University of Maryland

The Institute's celebration of its Fifth Anniversary continues. Fall colloquiums 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 colloquiums, visit: www.education.umd.edu/MIMAUE.

Thursday, Oct. 5, 2006

Maryland Alumni Association Presentation

Brain Power: How Understanding Adds Value

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, artful 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/fitsculptures/



"Tuxudo"

Artists: Judy Gilbert Levey and Daphne Shye (TESOL graduate student)

Sponsor: College of Education

Location: Benjamin Building

Description: Terp in a tuxedo symbolizes success, achievement and celebration.

The cummerbund, bowtie and hatband are in school colors with designs reflecting the state flag. Cufflinks represent Maryland's state flower. Figures emerging from the top hat depict multi-cultural students reflecting academics, school spirit and sports.

Friday, Oct. 20, 2006

Alumni Reception in Ocean City

4 - 6:30 p.m.

Ocean City, Maryland

The College of Education Alumni Chapter will sponsor a reception for alumni attending the various education conferences being held in Ocean City, Maryland. Stop by and meet Associate Dean Donna Wiseman, reunite with friends from the past, and enjoy learning what's new at the College of Education. The event is being hosted by alumnus Patricia Gronkiewicz, '71, '77, at her oceanfront condo. Two sets of tickets for the men's basketball team as well as other Maryland memorabilia will be given as door prizes. Come and join the fun! There is no cost for this reception! For more information, send an email Pat Costantino, Director of Alumni Relations, at pmc4@umd.edu.

Thursday, Nov. 9, 2006

Distinguished Scholar-Teacher Lecture Series

Featuring Professor Rebecca L. Oxford,

College of Education

4 p.m.

Nyumburu 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 Crises: Factors in Failure, Resilience and Success."

Thursday, Nov. 9, 2006 (Tentative)

College of Education Alumni Board Meeting

6 p.m.

0308 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/infofor/alumniandfriends.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/CollegeHistory



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