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A Message from the Interim Dean:

Dennis M. Kivlighan, Jr.

As this year draws to a close, I am reminded of a Chinese proverb that seems a fitting metaphor for sharing news from your College of Education. "One generation plants the trees, and another gets the shade."

In my first six months as the College of Education's interim dean, I have been learning about the trees that we have and are planting. This includes our high quality academic programs and the depth and breadth of our faculty research. I am also getting acquainted with the long-standing relationships the college has with neighboring school districts and state agencies. Alumni share stories about their collegiate experiences, recall favorite faculty mentors, and explain how the College of Education prepared them for successful careers as educators, administrators or entrepreneurs.

These activities also contribute to my goal to increase active involvement in our efforts to raise private funds to support the goals that are part of the university's Great Expectations campaign. I was fortunate to experience the excitement and enthusiasm generated by the public launch of the university initiative on Oct. 20. "Great Expectations: The Campaign for Maryland" aims to raise a record $1 billion in private support. This is the largest goal ever set by a public institution in the state and the Washington, D.C. area. As part of the university's overall fundraising campaign, Great Expectations, The Campaign for the College of Education expects to generate $20 million in private support. Specifically, Great Expectations will focus on support to:

- Expand scholarships and assistantships for deserving undergraduate and graduate students.
- Attract leading scholars through endowed chairs and professorships.
- Secure endowments for the Maryland Institute for Minority Achievement and Urban Education.
- Establish interdisciplinary research centers to help solve critical issues: child development, special education, school counseling, and mathematics, reading and science.

I am pleased to announce that your College of Education now has its first endowed faculty position. Alumnus and benefactor Jean Mullan '68, recognized that improving literacy in American schools is a complex and challenging issue, one that must be addressed through continued research on reading and motivation.

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. Guthrie 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, tomorrow, and for generations to come. This is a historic moment for the college because Jean's gift helps build momentum for our fundraising initiatives.

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. Kivlighan, Jr.
Interim Dean, College of Education

University's "Great Expectations" Campaign Launched Oct. 20

A brisk 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. Mote'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. Kivlighan, 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 efforts are off to an outstanding start, according to Andrew Sheehy, 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," Sheehy 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. Mullan is a 1968 graduate of the college's elementary education program and was a classroom teacher. Her decision to support the work of the Maryland Literacy 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 Literacy Research Center, Kivlighan said.

The first recipient of The Jean Mullan Professorship in Literacy is John T. Guthrie, 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.*)

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Alumni Achievements Honored at Nov. 16 Awards Ceremony

Interim Dean Dennis M. Kivlighan, Jr. (right), Alumni Chapter President Toni Ungaretti (front row, 4th from left), and Phi Delta Kappa President Sally Shiomichi (back row, 2nd from left) with the College of Education 2006 Alumni Award recipients: (l. to r.) Jon Andes, Patricia Donofrio, Lisa Bender, Charlene Cooper Boston, Richard Duschl, Jean Lokerson, Chris Rasmussen, Jean Mullan, Carl Bryant, Richard Hardy, Scott Jackson Dantley [Not pictured: Stacey Horn, Anthony Marchione, Larry Roper]. (Photo by Lisa Helfert Photography)

Over 100 friends, colleagues, and family members braved the stormy weather on Nov. 16 to join the "Celebration of Achievement" for the 14 outstanding scholars, leaders, professionals, and educators honored that evening at the College of Education Annual Alumni Awards Ceremony.

The Samuel Riggs IV Alumni Center provided a picturesque setting for the ceremony, sponsored by the College of Education, the Alumni Chapter Board of Directors and Phi Delta Kappa. Alumni Chapter Treasurer, Robert Ramin, once again did the honors of emceeing the event. He was joined onstage by hosts Dennis M. Kivlighan, Jr., interim dean, and Toni Ungaretti, Alumni Chapter president.

In his welcome remarks, Kivlighan commented on how important it was for the college to have partnerships in the community and the mutually beneficial rewards these connections yield. "One of our major partnerships is with our alumni and that is what we are celebrating tonight," he said. Through your achievements, "the light that you shine on us at the University of Maryland and the College of Education makes us look even better."

As they received their awards, the honorees expressed gratitude for the impact the university has had on their lives, crediting their success to the impressive education, opportunities, and support they received from their faculty advisors and the college.

Biographies of each honoree are briefly detailed on page 3 of *Endeavors.* Full biographies and photos of each recipient are available on the college's web site: ***www.education.umd.edu/infofor/alumniandfriends.html.***

"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, 2007, 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.

"'Return to Learn' is a terrific way for our alumni and friends to participate in stimulating discussions on topics that are timely and important," said Toni Ungaretti, Alumni Chapter president. "An outstanding program will be offered—the hardest part of the day will be choosing which sessions to attend."

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 Splaine, will speak during lunch. Morning refreshments, lunch, and other activities in the afternoon will be included as part of 'Return to Learn.'

Look for your special "Save the Date and Return to Learn" postcard this January. In the meantime, readers who would like more information should contact Pat Costantino, director of Alumni Relations, at 301.405.5607, or send an email to: *pmc4@umd.edu.*

Dear Alumni and Friends:

Toni Ungaretti

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. Kivlighan, 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 president of the board, 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 and to review the many qualified nominees. What a difficult task to choose from among these 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 Riggs IV Alumni Center on Nov. 16. You can read more about our impressive honorees in this edition of *Endeavors.*

I also am 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 alumnus—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 alumnus, Pat Gronkiewicz, and her husband, Earl. This successful first alumni event tagged to an existing meeting for education professionals sets a great foundation for such initiatives in the future. Thanks Pat and Earl!

Focusing on upcoming events, our board will hold a retreat over the winter to focus on planning future opportunities. Already on the calendar for this spring is the Silver and Gold Anniversary Celebration, which brings back alumni for their 25th and 50th anniversary of graduation, reminding us of the legacy created by these graduates. We will also launch our inaugural Alumni College day with a chance to Return to Learn. Our planning committee has developed an exciting agenda that promises an interesting experience 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 Costantino *(pmc4@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 Sheehy, Darcelle Wilson, Deborah Hudson, Jenniffer Manning-Scherhaufer, Rochella McKoy, and Maria Sian. This team, under Dennis' leadership, strives to make our alumni chapter stellar among its peers on the Board of Governors!

Toni Ungaretti

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

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New Endowed Professorship in Literacy Established

John T. Guthrie, the Jean Mullan Professor of Literacy, shares insights into reading motivation and engagement.

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 alumnus ('68) 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. Kivlighan, Jr.

Guthrie, a professor in the Department of Human Development, is 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 Causey 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

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PROFESSORSHIP IN LITERACY

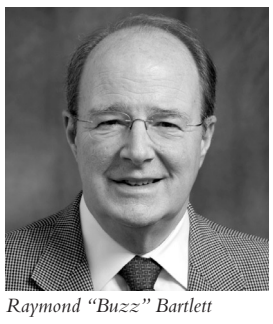
in the college. The University's senior vice president and Provost, William Destler, recognized the establishment of the endowed professorship and Guthrie's appointment at a special luncheon on Nov. 3.

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 physical facilities and library 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.

A luncheon on Nov. 3 marked the public announcement of the Jean Mullan Professorship in Literacy, the college's first endowed faculty position. Professor John T. Guthrie and Provost William Destler discuss literacy research.

Left to right: William Destler, Provost; Jean Mullan, benefactor and chair, Campaign Cabinet; John T. Guthrie, Professor of Literacy; Dennis M. Kivlighan, Jr., Interim Dean, and Allan Wigfield, Chair, Department of Human Development. (Photos by Campus Photo Services)

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



Raymond "Buzz" Bartlett

Raymond V. "Buzz" Bartlett has been appointed Executive Director for Corporate and Foundation Development and Partnerships at the College of Education. Bartlett assumed this new position on Oct. 2, 2006. "Buzz's extensive experience in community relations and education adds depth to the college's efforts to expand relationships and form partnerships with corporate stakeholders and area school districts," said Interim Dean, Dennis M. Kivlighan, Jr. "We welcome him to the College and are looking forward to working with him."

As Executive Director for Corporate and 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—a 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 DC Voice.

"A CELEBRATION OF ACHIEVEMENT" 2006 ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS

Outstanding Leader

Charlene 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 the first African-American superintendent of the Wicomico County Public Schools and the first African-American woman public school superintendent on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Her accomplishments in these roles had a positive impact on student achievement, with student performances on many measures exceeding national and state averages. Boston has received numerous recognitions for her work, including being selected this year as a member of the District Leaders for Citizenship and Service Learning by the Education Commission of the States National Center for Learning and Citizenship. *(Ph.D. ~ Elementary Education, '79)*

Outstanding Leader

Jon M. Andes has demonstrated outstanding leadership throughout his career spanning the last 32 years. During his tenure as Assistant Principal and Principal of Havre De Grace High School, the school was named a National School of Excellence in 1990. In 1991, he was appointed Assistant Superintendent in Personnel in Harford County Public Schools. After naming Andes Superintendent of Worcester County Public Schools in 1996, the System accrued a long list of accomplishments, including consistently high test scores and the recognition of three National Blue Ribbon Schools and six Maryland Blue Ribbon Schools. Andes was named Maryland Superintendent of the Year (2001), and honored with the Maryland Minority Achievement Award (2004) and the National Distinguished Eagle Scout Award. *(Ed.D. ~ Planning and Administration, '84)*

Outstanding Professional Educator

Jean E. Lokerson became known as a strong advocate for improving the education of individuals with disabilities during her 26-year career as a teacher educator. Considered a pioneer in helping educators, employers, and parents understand and address the challenges of a disability, she developed a unique Teacher Educator Team stipend program and worked to strengthen certification standards. Now an Associate Professor Emerita at Virginia Commonwealth University, Lokerson also shares her experience in various leadership roles for several influential organizations, including the Council for Exceptional Children, the Learning Disabilities Association, and the U.S. Department of Education. *(Ph.D. ~ Special Education, '70)*

Outstanding Professional Educator

Larry D. Roper has over 31 years of experience in college student affairs administration. Currently Vice Provost for Student Affairs and Professor of Ethnic Studies at Oregon State University, he is highly regarded as a visionary leader, a skillful collaborator, and the epitome of a scientist-practitioner. Roper was Vice President and Dean of Students at St. John Fisher College and Beaver College. He served as editor of the *Journal of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators,* as chair of the student affairs council of the National Association of State University and Land Grant Colleges, and as a commissioner with the National Commission on College and Universities. He is a former board member of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) Foundation. In 2006, he was recognized by NASPA as Outstanding Dean in the United States. *(Ph.D. ~ College Student Personnel Administration, '88)*

Dean's Award for Outstanding Professional Achievement

Anthony G. Marchione recently retired as Superintendent of Schools after holding leadership positions in the Baltimore County Public Schools System for over 40 years. Throughout his tenure, he focused the school system on three goals—improving achievement for all students, maintaining a safe and orderly learning environment, and using resources effectively and efficiently. For approximately 20 years, Marchione taught leadership courses at the University of Maryland, Loyola College, and Morgan State University. He also designed the course entitled, "Educational Leadership in Baltimore County," which was required of all supervisors and principals, and later established a formal performance review and appraisal process for administrative and supervisory personnel. Since his retirement, Marchione has assumed the role of Administrative Officer, providing leadership to 25 departments of the Baltimore County government. *(Ph.D. ~ Education Administration, '72; M.Ed., '59)*

Outstanding New Professional

Scott Jackson Dantley is the new Dean of the College of Education and Professor of Science Education at Florida A&M University. Prior to this he was Acting Dean of the School of Education at Bowie State University. He participated in several accreditation activities for Middle States and the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), and reviewed for the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the U.S. Department of Education. He is a member of AERA, NARST, AACTE and RAMP and lends his expertise to various advisory and editorial boards. Most recently, he was selected as a member of the Board of Examiners for NCATE. A well-published scholar and presenter, Dantley is currently co-principal investigator on two major grants totaling over $2 million through the NSF and National Institutes of Health. *(Ph.D., '99; M.Ed., '98 ~ Curriculum and Instruction-Science Education)*

Outstanding Scholar

Richard Earl Hardy served over 25 years as Chairman and then Professor Emeritus of the Department of Rehabilitation Counseling at the Medical College of Virginia until his retirement in 1996. He is also co-owner and chief clinical psychologist for the Richmond Headache Center. Widely recognized as an influential force in his field, Hardy held various government and professional appointments with organizations like the American Association for Counseling and Development, the American Psychological Association, and the National Rehabilitation Association. He was also a national chairperson on the American Rehabilitation Counseling Association's Licensure Policy Committee. Hardy conducted research and published extensively on the psychology of stress, the rehabilitation counseling profession, drug use, and rehabilitation programs for specific groups. Throughout his tenure, he secured approximately $6.5 million in grant funds. *(Ed.D. ~ Counseling and Personnel Services, '66)*

Outstanding Scholar

Richard A. Duschl is a Professor of Science Education at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. A significant contributor in his field, his work has led to several new ideas regarding how formative assessment strategies can help learners and teachers make scientific thinking visible. His scholarship has been published in several journals on inquiry science teaching, learning, cognition, and assessment, and received funding support through a number of grants from the National Science Foundation, Duschl is former chair of Science Education at King's College London and editor emeritus of *Science Education* journal. He was a member of the NRC committee that authored the Inquiry Addendum for the National Science Education Standards and currently chairs the National Academies study committee, "Science Learning-Kindergarten through Eighth Grade." *(Ph.D. ~ Curriculum and Instruction-Science Education, '83; B.S. ~ Earth Science Education, '74)*

Outstanding New Scholar

Stacey S. Horn is an Associate Professor of Educational Psychology at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC). Her groundbreaking research on group exclusion and peer harassment in adolescence has been cited in textbooks and published in notable journals like the *International Journal of Behavioral Development, the Journal of Youth and Adolescence,* and *Equity and Excellence in Education.* Horn instructs pre-and in-service teachers at UIC about adolescent development, and is President of the governing board for the Coalition for Education on Sexual Orientation—a statewide coalition working to ensure all schools are safe for all students regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. Her work has received grant support from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the Wayne F. Placek Foundation of the American Psychological Foundation, and various other private foundations. *(Ph.D. ~ Human Development, '00)*

Outstanding New Scholar

Chris L. Rasmussen is an Associate Professor in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics at San Diego State University. He has focused his work on using differential equations as a prototype to investigate how approaches that have been successful at promoting student learning in earlier grade levels can be adapted to the university setting. A recipient of the prestigious Early Career Award (1988) from the National Science Foundation, he has authored student material for a first course in differential equations and is co-editor of a forthcoming book focusing on connecting research and practice in undergraduate mathematics education. His work has been published in various publications, including the Journal of Mathematical Behavior. Rasmussen has also earned high commendations for his work promoting the discipline in his role as Coordinator for the Special Interest Group of the Mathematical Association of America on Research in Undergraduate Mathematics Education (SIGMAA-RUME). *(Ph.D. ~ Mathematics Education, '97; M.A. ~ Mathematics, '94; B.S. ~ Mechanical Engineering, '85)*

Outstanding Professional

Carl Bryant is General Manager of Personnel Decisions International's Washington, D.C. office. He is responsible for leading the company's development activities across the mid-Atlantic region. Bryant brings a wealth of experience to this post, having served as an officer in the U.S. Air Force, director of the U.S. Air Force Cadet Counseling Center, professor of Managerial Development at the Defense Systems Management College, and vice president for Knowledge Management and Applied Technology at the Center for Creative Leadership. An expert coach and instructor, he has taught leadership classes worldwide and was a featured speaker at the 2003 United Nations Leadership Conference in Istanbul, Turkey. Bryant is also an accomplished researcher and published author. He also held a supervisory role in the creation of a new refereed journal focusing on the development of better program managers. *(Ph.D. ~ Counseling and Personnel Services, '84)*

Alumni Teacher of the Year

Lisa Bender is a 19-year veteran teacher of economics and marketing classes at Southern Garrett High School. Her classroom financial literacy initiatives won honors and recognition from the Maryland Banker's Association, her students won the statewide stock market game sponsored by the Maryland Council on Economic Education on four occasions, and she won the state investment competition twice. Bender's Entrepreneurial Heritage Project, which partners business students with local entrepreneurs, led to a nomination by her principal for a national Leavey award from the Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge. She is an active leader in her school system, helped to write state curriculum, and served on the first team to write the standards for the new service learning graduation requirement. Bender was recently named one of seven finalists for the Maryland Teacher of the Year Award. *(M.Ed. ~ Education, '91; M.A. ~ Arts and Humanities-Speech, '90)*

Phi Delta Kappa Outstanding Mentor Teacher

Patricia Donofrio was honored by Phi Delta Kappa for her many years dedicated to uplifting the lives of students through mentorship. Donofrio graduated from St. Joseph's College in Brooklyn, N.Y. with a B.A. in Child Study and a minor in Sociology. She earned a Master of Science in Education from Brooklyn College, then continued her studies at San Jose State College in San Jose, Ca. and Trinity College in Washington D.C., becoming certified as a reading teacher. Donofrio's inspiring career spans almost four decades. She is in her 17th year as a first-grade teacher at Kenilworth Elementary School in Bowie, Md. Among her many roles at Kenilworth, she is co-chair of the School Based Management Team, Grade Level Chair, and PTA liaison. She has also been actively involved with the University of Maryland mentoring program for over a decade.

Distinguished Service to the College of Education

Jean Mullan served as President of the College of Education's Alumni Chapter Board of Directors from May 2002 until July 2006. Under her leadership, the board focused on supporting college initiatives, planning and attending events, and encouraging participation as alumni association members. Mullan also represented the alumni chapter on the Board of Visitors for the College of Education and on the Board of Governors for the University of Maryland Alumni Association. Now President of the College's Campaign Cabinet—a volunteer group of alumni and friends who will work to increase understanding and awareness of the value of investing in the college—Mullan recently designated a second substantial leadership gift to support establishment of the College of Education's first endowed professorship, the Jean Mullan Professorship in Literacy. *(B.S. ~ Elementary Education, '68)*

For full biographies and photos of the 2006-07 alumni honorees, visit: *www.education.umd.edu/infofor/alumniandfriends*

MIMAUE Appoints Stephanie Timmons Brown as First Executive Director

Stephanie Timmons Brown

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 PepsiCo 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 its pursuit of research grants, creative 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 missions 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 25 undergraduates selected annually by 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 Scholar, were honored along with their mentors 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 Boté, Ph.D., a lecturer in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction. She credits Boté'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.

The College of Education Alumni Chapter cordially invites you to…

RETURN TO LEARN

ENJOY a day of discovery and professional development while reconnecting with your classmates and professors.

ENGAGE in invigorating dialogue with faculty and experts in the field of education.

EXPAND your knowledge of issues facing education and professional opportunities.

Join us for panel discussions, guest speakers and special presentations on stimulating education topics. **The date of the event is Saturday, May 19, 2007 at the College of Education.**

As an alumnus of the College of Education, we look forward to welcoming you back to campus for Return to Learn, our inaugural Alumni College.

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Alumni Event at Camden Yards Draws Fans

The Oriole Bird took time to welcome Interim Dean Dennis M. Kivlighan, Jr. to Camden Yards. (Photo by Deborah Hudson)

Dreary 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. Kivlighan, 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.

ClassNotes

1950

Rudolph DePaola (B.A.), Woodstock, Md., is the author of the recent novel, *Wings of a Bullet,* which chronicles the lives of teenagers drafted in World War II.

1966

William S. Talbott (M.Ed.), Baltimore, Md., celebrated 20 years of retirement from Baltimore City Public Schools and is entering his 17th year as an adjunct faculty at Villa Julie College.

1968

Joy Haupt Carol (M.A.), New York, N.Y., is an author, speaker, and retreat/workshop leader throughout the country. Her most recent publication, *The Fabric of Friendship: Celebrating the Joys, Mending the Tears in Women's Relationships,* was just released in fall. She has also worked internationally with the Ford Foundation, UMDP, and Save the Children.

Marjorie 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.

1969

Gwen Kaltman (M.Ed., '69 / B.S., '66), Vienna, Va., is the author of *Help!: For Teachers of Young Children: 88 Tips to Develop Children's Social Skills and Create Positive Teacher/Family Relationships.*

1973

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

Neil Fiore (Ph.D.), Albany, Calif., has written his fourth book, *Awaken Your Strongest Self: Break Free of Stress, Inner Conflict, and Self-Sabotage.*

Helen Elizabeth Summers Holweck (M.A., '73 / B.S., '51), Woodsboro, Md., retired after 30 years of teaching home economics at Mt. Airy Middle School.

1974

Judith A. Lese (M.A., '74 / B.S., '69), 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 grassroots, non-profit organization, The Judith A. Lese Breast Cancer Foundation, which pursues education and a cure for breast cancer.

1976

Marlene Sclar (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.

1980

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

1985

Camellia A. Blackwell-Taffel (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 "Florals, Foliage, and Friendship," the exhibition consists of Japanese-style gouache paintings, hand-pulled original prints, and watercolor paintings.

1990

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.

1992

Suneeta Jagtiani-Rangwain (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.

1997

Samantha (Ferris) Baker (B.A.), Adamstown, Md., is an elementary art teacher at Germantown Elementary. Along with seven of her fifth-grade students, she created the 'Mosaic of Maryland' turtle sculpture for the University of Maryland's 150th anniversary celebration (photo above). The front of the sculpture displays a painted landscape with the words of the state song overlaid. Hexagons on the terrapin's shell feature state icons, including the State House, Ocean City, Baltimore Harbor, Oriole, Black-eyed Susan, and more.

1998

Tracy Tyree (Ph.D.), Tampa, Fla., is associate vice president of student affairs at the University of South Florida.

1999

John C. Hernandez (Ph.D.), Orange, Calif., was awarded the 2006 William L. Thomas Jr. Mentor award at the Maryland reception of the ACPA conference in Indianapolis. He is currently vice president of student services at Santiago Canyon College.

How Many Vowels in "Experience of a Lifetime?" UMD College Student Appears on *Wheel of Fortune*

Elizabeth Hatfield tries her best to solve puzzles while representing the University of Maryland on "Wheel of Fortune." (Photo courtesy of Carol Kaelson, "Wheel of Fortune")

College of Education student Elizabeth Hatfield says taping her televised appearance on the popular game show, "Wheel of Fortune" turned out to be the "fastest 20 minutes of my life." The elementary education major flew to Los Angeles in September to appear as part of the show's College Week series. Wearing a University of Maryland sweatshirt, she proudly introduced herself as a student at the University of Maryland College of Education and a member of Phi Delta Kappa. She was also fortunate that Testudo appeared on the same program along with team mascots from several other schools.

"Everything went so fast, I couldn't believe it," she said. "It was really fun to meet Pat Sajak, too." Coincidently, Sajak happens to live in Annapolis. Unfortunately, the wheel did not spin in Hatfield's favor. While she did not win any money or go to the bonus round, she did receive $1,000 for being on the program. "It was very exciting and a lot of fun," Hatfield said. "It was a once in a lifetime experience."

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Mail this form to: *Endeavors,* Office of External Relations, College of Education, 0227 Benjamin Building, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742 **Or, send an email to:** *Endeavors@umd.edu*

Calendar of Events ~ 2006-07

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 '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*

Thursday, Dec. 21, 2006

College of Education Winter 2006 Graduation

2 p.m.

Cole 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 Interim Dean and learn about our programs. *www.marylandday.umd.edu*

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 dressing 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, outstanding 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 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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