



Moving Forward 90 years and counting

Rowan University College of Education

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Excellence in Educator Preparation

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Announcements

- ◆ Sunday, October 20 Open House
- ◆ Major Praxis Changes Coming: visit our website for details
- ◆ When will you be ready for graduation? As of September 1, 2014, you will be required to have a 3.0 overall GPA for licensure in New Jersey. See your advisor for more information.
- ◆ Homecoming October 18-20 Visit the College of Education tent on October 19 in Lot D from 10:00AM-2:00PM for games, prizes, kids' activities and t-shirt and sweatshirt sales

Cornerstone College

Welcome or welcome back to a new and exciting academic year, and Happy 90th Anniversary to Rowan University! In 1917, 107 residents of Glassboro raised more than \$7000 to purchase 25 acres of land to donate to the State of New Jersey to build a teacher preparation institution. The land included the Whitney Mansion (now known as Hollybush), former home of the prominent local glass-making family. In September, 1923, Glassboro Normal School opened with 236 female students arrived on campus to convene classes under the leadership of first president, Dr. Jerohn Savitz in the original classroom building. Do you recognize this building? Right, today it's known as Bunce Hall, named for the University's second president, Dr. Edgar Bunce. It has now been 90 years of moving forward. Originally a two year program preparing only elementary educators, the program expanded to a four-year program in 1934 and became New Jersey State Teachers College at Glassboro. By the 1950s, the mission and curriculum were expanded; in 1958, the school's name was changed to Glassboro State College,

making the College of Education the founding and oldest College in what is now Rowan University. With all of the unprecedented growth and a changing world, the Rowan University College of Education remains committed to excellence in educator preparation at the undergraduate and graduate levels, always moving forward to meet all challenges. Celebrate with us the 90th anniversary of the founding of Glassboro Normal School, our heritage. Celebrate with us the approach of a second century of meeting the challenges of changes in educator preparation. We are ready to Move Forward under the leadership of seventh president of Rowan, Dr. Ali A. Houshmand and Dean Monika Williams Shealey.



Student Spotlight

The College of Education Dean's Office is pleased to welcome Lindsay Hendricks and Meghan Setser as the 2013-2014 Graduate Assistants!

Lindsay completed her undergraduate degree in Psychobiology at Albright College and is now pursuing the School Psychology program. Lindsay aspires to work with teachers, administrators and parents in developing the most beneficial treatment programs for student success. When she's not working in the Dean's Office or completing school work, Lindsay works at Little Munchkins Preschool where she works with children ages 2-4 years old.

Meghan received her undergraduate degree in Psychology from William Paterson University and is pursuing the Counseling in Educational Settings program. She strives to be an advocate for students in a high school setting while guiding them in their personal/social, academic and career development and assisting them in reaching their full potential. In addition to her GA position and her schoolwork, Meghan volunteers her time in the Disability Services office as an Academic Coach.

Both Lindsay and Meghan assist Dr. Rihab Saadeddine with data assessment, public relations for the COE as well as a multitude

of special projects for the college. Welcome to Rowan University, Lindsay and Meghan!



Left, Meghan Setser
Right, Lindsay Hendricks

Do you know the answer?

What is the theme of the Rowan University College of Education Conceptual Framework?

Assessment Update and Enrollment Data

In education, we live in a world of data-driven instruction designed to inform and help us to improve our practice. In September, 16 SPA programs in the College of Education submitted program review documents to CAEP, the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation, as the next step in affirming our commitment to continuous improvement in educator preparation. Every report is supported by data gathered in our classes and field experiences. Many of our evaluation instruments will be updated to align with revised state and national standards.

Fall 2013 Enrollment	RU	COE
Undergraduate	10,951	2,782
Graduate	1,650	1,092

Faculty Faces



Dr. Joseph Pizzillo is the longest tenured faculty member in the College of Education, having started his career at Glassboro State College in 1971. His is a familiar face in the History of American Education and Characteristics of Knowledge Acquisition classes, and hundreds of students over this 42 year career remember him fondly as a truly caring and supportive faculty member. Dr. Pizzillo says one of his fondest memories as an educator at Rowan comes from teaching summer courses– not only were his courses well attended, the students brought with them a high level of energy and excitement which contributed to a successful and proactive learning environment. When asked what he likes to teach best, Dr. Pizzillo says he strives to teach excellence to his students every day. Outside of the classroom, Dr. Pizzillo remains highly active in conducting workshops in educational policy and school law and the changing perceptions of constitutional law. For leisure, Dr. Pizzillo enjoys walking, swimming and spending time with his grandchildren.



Dr. Nicole Edwards is one of the five newest faculty members and teaches in the Department of Language, Literacy and Special Education. When asked what drew her to Rowan, she replied that she was impressed by both the high level of responsiveness among committee members as well as the evident collegiality and positive interactions she observed within the department. Dr. Edwards also has several goals she would like to accomplish. “I have outlined a tentative research plan for the next several years with several research proposals I am planning to submit to Rowan's IRB this semester. I was also hoping to present in at least one conference this year, and I was very happy that seven proposals were accepted (including DEC, ASHA, and CEC).” When asked what she enjoys doing outside of the classroom, Dr. Edwards immediately turned to her family. She has two sons, Jacob (age 4) and Sean (age 1) whom she loves spending time with. She also enjoys playing the piano by ear, writing, and taking long scenic drives.

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FIT2ECSELL– A Unique Partnership

The department of Health & Exercise Science has partnered with the NJ Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance (NJAPERD), the YMCA, and Horizon to develop FIT2ECSELL (Fit To Excel). NJAPERD has an ongoing advocacy initiative with the acronym ECSELL (Every Child Stronger, Every Life Longer). The HES department, NJAPERD, and the YMCA, as part of this initiative, have combined forces to develop a fitness assessment and education project that it is hoped will eventually include all the schools in the state.

Using FitnessGram 9, a web based program, teachers enter student fitness data, which is stored on a central server.

There are currently 16 schools involved, It is hoped this will increase to fifty schools this year. The server is housed at Rowan University, courtesy of a grant from Horizon. Rowan is the only university in the country to be housing the state server for FitnessGram.

Dr. James McCall and Dr. Peter Rattigan of the department of Health & Exercise Science are working on this project, along with Graduate Assistant Nate Parsley, who will be running the technical help desk for FIT2ECSELL. The ultimate goal of the project is to elicit comprehensive data regarding the fitness of NJ K-12 students and to positively affect their lifelong fitness through assessment and education.

Moving Forward



Virtual Teaching Comes to Rowan.

Candidates can practice and hone their teaching skills with Avatars! Rowan has become a partner with TeachLivE at the University of Central Florida to provide opportunities for candidates to teach lessons to a classroom of avatar students, manipulated in accordance with requested student demographics and behaviors by a graduate student in Florida. It's as real as it gets without being in an actual classroom! Dr. Martha Viator's social studies majors are among the first to use the exciting new technology. This is only one of the ways faculty and candidates are using technology in the process of becoming better educators. Stay tuned for more in later issues of *Moving Forward*.

Do you know the answer? The Learning Community in Action