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From the Dean's Desk



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Greetings Colleagues,

The primary goal of the School of Education (SOE) is to prepare pre-service educators to become professionals who are competent, constructivist and compassionate.

One of the graduation requirements for undergraduate students majoring in education is to obtain a passing score on the Florida Teacher Certification Examinations (FTCE). The FTCE is composed of three tests: Professional Education, General Knowledge, and Subject Area Exams.

To assist those students who failed the FTCE, we decided to analyze our students' FTCE results to determine their

strengths and weaknesses. Based on this analysis, you (faculty in the School of Education) devised a training program to provide additional test preparation assistance to ensure that our students are able to successfully complete the required FTCE. Thank you for rising to the task.

We have also been engaged in a number of professional activities that include conducting professional development workshops leading roundtable discussions, conducting reading mini-conferences, hosting our Annual Summer Reading Institute, and participating in professional development activities with other institutions. This is part of our on-going commitment to continuous improvement. We Roar!

We are looking forward to American Education Week in November when we will be participating in a number of activities including community service (e.g., participating in a Read-Aloud at Lakeview Ele-

mentary School, Anti-Bullying Awareness at Carrie P. Meek/Westview Elementary Middle School and a Food Drive).

Our interns are doing an awesome job and we look forward to their graduation in December.

This is the final newsletter from the founder and editor of *The Scoop*, Dr. Yvonne Campbell, who will be leaving us at the end of the fall semester. We congratulate her and wish her well as she joins the faculty of Barry University. We are also bidding Dr. Duren farewell as she rejoins the Miami-Dade County Public School System. The SOE will miss these two industrious professors.

As we enter the Thanksgiving season, let us remember to be thankful for all of our blessings.

KEEP ROARING!

Mildred E. Berry
Dean, SOE

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION'S VISION

Continuing the Heritage, Legacy and Tradition of Florida Memorial University: Preparing Constructivist, Competent and Compassionate Educators.

School of Education Community Service Projects

School of Education 2nd Annual Summer Reading Institute

This past summer, the School of Education (SOE) hosted its second annual *Techniques to Excellence in Reading Proficiency* (TERP) Summer Reading Institute. The Keynote Speaker was Skyway Elementary School principal, Dr. Linda Whye.

The primary goal of the Institute is to bring together practitioners and researchers in literacy education to share their best practices with K-12 teachers while providing the teachers with a 3-day summer professional development program. A secondary goal is to make

Florida Memorial University more visible to the surrounding community.

Presenters included professors and or graduate students from Florida Memorial University, Barry University, St. Thomas University, Miami Dade College and teachers from Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

This year's theme was *Fostering Literacy Practices Across the Curriculum: Helping Diverse Learners in the Classroom*.

During interactive, Problem-Based Learning professional development, a total of 56 elementary, middle, and secondary teachers and 12 of our undergraduate students, worked collaboratively to ex-

plore components of effective research-based reading strategies (aligned to state and national standards) that engage diverse learners in achieving positive learning outcomes. Through focused activities presented in a problem-based format, teachers planned for, developed, engaged in, and evaluated their own learning while focusing on differentiated instruction, collaborative learning, and lesson planning in order to create accessible instruction for the achievement and success of all learners.

Dr. Yvonne Campbell is the founder and project director of the SOE Annual Summer Reading Institute.



A word of welcome from School of Education Dean, Dr. Mildred Berry.



Presenter, Dr. Cyd Heyliger-Browne, District Supervisor in the Office of Early Childhood Programs of Miami Dade County Public Schools.



Presenter, Mr. Derek Ford, (FMU Reading Instructor) facilitating an interactive workshop.



Graduate students in the Reading Program presented at the Summer Reading Institute. (L- R) Ms. Mia Harmon and Ms. Portia Jack-

School of Education Community Service Projects

Seventh Annual Reading Mini Conference

The School of Education's Beta Rho Chapter of Alpha Upsilon Alpha (AUA) International Reading Association Honor Society hosted the "Fun-damentals of Common Core Reading Instruction for the Primary Grade Teacher" on Saturday, October 5th, from 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., in the FIU/FMU Auditorium.

The guest speaker was Mrs. Diana Levy, Founder and President of Bookworm Kids, Inc. Mrs. Levy provided children's books

and valuable information on integrating children's literature with Common Core reading instruction. In addition, our own Dr. Yvonne Campbell presented "Aligning Classroom Instruction to Common Core State Standards." Several of our Graduate Reading Program students also demonstrated lessons related to the English/Language Arts Common Core Standards.

Attendees included teachers from both Miami-Dade County Public Schools and Broward County.

The teachers in attendance were provided with a continental breakfast by Thompson's Hospitality and they received bags of goodies sponsored by the FMU Barnes and Noble Book-store. Pictures are complimentary of Shaun E. Smith Jr., FMU's student photographer.

Dr. Althea Duren is the Chapter Advisor of the Beta Rho Chapter of Alpha Upsilon Alpha (AUA) International Reading Association Honor Society.



Guest Speaker and Presenter, Dr. Diana Levy (left) and Reading Program graduate student, Ms. Ashley Donaldson (right).



Presenter, Mr. Vivinx Pierre, Graduate Reading Program student.

School of Education Women's History Month Author's Brunch

The 2nd Annual School of Education Women's History Month Author's Brunch titled "Getting to the Core of Young Children's Writing: An Emphasis on the Standards from Perception to Publication" was held on Saturday, April 6, in the Albert E. and Sadie B. Smith Conference Center.

More than 100 people attended this professional development event advertised via the Miami Dade County Public

Schools' Office of Early Childhood Programs. Featured speakers were children's book authors, Cheryl Dusek and Carolyn Edwards, and keynote speaker DeShaunda Gooden Warner, Pearson Education Early Elementary Product Manager.

Miami-Dade and Broward County early childhood and elementary teachers and other faculty and staff in attendance were enlightened by the authors' description of the writing process as related to the development of their books and how

those skills could be used to shape the thinking of the youngest of writers, i.e., the students in their classrooms.

Mrs. Warner engaged the teachers in discussion with questions and statistics from her presentation on "Curiosity, Creativity, and Craft: Cultivating Non-fiction Writing in the Early Grades," which delineated innovative technologies and techniques to integrate writing in the content areas of the early elementary curriculum.

Dr. Althea Duren is the Project Director of the Annual Author's Brunch.



Children's book author, Dr. Carolyn Edwards



Keynote Speaker, DeShaunda Gooden Warner



Children's book author, Cheryl Dusek

Publications

Congratulations to the following faculty whose peer-reviewed papers were accepted for publication:

Bonefant, J. (in press). Using the cross-cultural adaptability inventory (CCAI) to assess new generation learners' attitudes towards multicultural education & diversity. *Review of Management, Innovation & Creativity*, 6(20).

Duren, A. & Januszka, C. (2013). Family literacy practices: Traditions and transitions. In M. S. Plakhotnik & S. M. Nielsen (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 12th Annual South Florida Education Research Conference* (pp. 27-34). Miami: Florida International University. Retrieved from http://education.fiu.edu/research_conference/

Das, A. K., **Jerome-Raja, A.**, & Sharma, S. (in press). *Young Children with Disabilities in India: Essential Competencies of Early Childhood Educators*. In Dimitriadis, S. (Ed.). *Diversity and Inclusion in Early Years Education: Issues, Perspectives and Practices from the International Experience*. Sage: New Delhi.

Awards

Congratulations are in order for **Dr. Tamar F. Riley** who was awarded a Henry C. Mc Bay Research Fellowship, through the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) 2013 Competition. Dr. Riley's research is entitled: *Identifying the Perceived Supports for Effective Leadership in Special Education: Recommendations for High Quality Mentoring*. The amount awarded is \$ **12,000**.

Presentations

Dr. Mildred Berry:

1. Participated in a Lunch Panel Discussion on June 1, 2013 at the 12th Annual South Florida Education Research Conference held at Florida International University on the topic: *What can South Florida Colleges of Education Do to Improve K-12 Education?* Panel participants included Sara S. Malmstrom, Dean of the Graduate School, Keiser University, Craig A Mertler, Dean, Ross College of Education, Lynn University, Susan Neimand, Director, School of Education, Miami Dade College, Isaac Prilleltensky, Dean, School of Education and Human Development, University of Miami & H. Wells Singleton, Dean, Fischler School of Education, Nova Southeastern University.
2. Conducted a workshop, *Science Education for Global Citizenship, People, Food, Energy and Sustainability*, at the Florida Association of Science Teachers (FAST) Conference on October 25, 2013 held at the Miami Airport Convention Center.
3. Led the *Colleague to Colleague Roundtable Discussion on Multicultural Education— Not Just Race and Ethnicity* on October 23, 2013 at the Florida Association of Colleges of Teacher Education (FACTE) Pre-Conference in Estero, Florida. The Conference was hosted by Florida Gulf Coast University.

Drs. Althea Duren & Cynthia Januszka presented their paper, *Family literacy practices: Traditions and transitions*, at the 12th Annual South Florida Education Research Conference (SFERC) held at Florida International University on June 1, 2013.

Drs. Tamar Riley, Annamaria Jerome-Raja, and Yvonne Campbell presented their paper, *Recruiting and Retaining Effective Special Education Leadership: Recommendations from Emerging Minority Leaders*, at the the 36th Annual Conference of the Teacher Education Division (TED) of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida on November 8, 2013.



SOE faculty presented at the TED Conference of the Council for Exceptional Children in Fort Lauderdale on Friday Nov. 8, 2013. (L-R) Drs. Tamar Riley, Yvonne Campbell and Annamaria Jerome-Raja.

Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Conference Report by QEP Director, Dr. Abdoulaye

FMU faculty members involved in the initial implementation of our QEP – Fostering and Applying Critical Thinking Skills at Florida Memorial University FACTS@FMU) presented their best practices in teaching critical thinking skills at the 33rd International Critical Thinking Conference in Berkeley, CA. The annual conference provides participants from around the world the opportunity to improve their understanding of critical thinking, as well as their

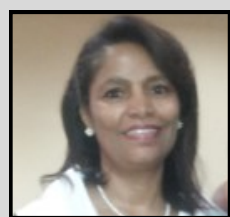
ability to foster it more substantively in the classroom.

The FMU presentation titled “Critical Thinking in the College Classroom” was led by Dr. Jeffery Swain, **Mr. Augustus Henry** and **Mr. Derek Ford** during concurrent sessions. The presentations provided three demonstrations of innovative ways in which critical thinking can be implemented in the college classroom. The first demonstration used

the eight elements of thought in an English Literature course to generate in-depth discussion of poetry. The second showed that students can use the elements of thought to explain and monitor their own learning experience. The third demonstrated assignments that reinforce usage of the intellectual traits, the intellectual standards, and the elements of thought.

Other Activities

Drs. Yvonne Campbell & Annamaria Jerome-Raja served on the Lynn University Outstanding Poster Presentation Award Sub-Committee at the 12th Annual South Florida Education Research Conference on June 1, 2013 held at Florida International University.

School of Education Bids Farewell to Two Professors

Dr. Yvonne Campbell, Assistant Professor of Reading and Graduate Reading Program Coordinator, will be leaving us at the end of the fall semester. We congratulate her and wish her well as she joins the School of Education faculty of Barry University. We are grateful for her many contributions to the School of Education. Good luck with the next step in your career Dr. Campbell. The SOE will miss you!



After 12 years at Florida Memorial University, Dr. Althea Duren, Assistant Professor of Reading Education, will join the Miami-Dade County Public School System as Secondary

Guidance Counselor. We are grateful Dr. Duren for her many contributions to the School of Education. Good luck with your new endeavors Dr. Duren. The SOE will miss you!

THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

The School of Education (SOE) has been training high quality teachers for nearly a century. The SOE, which traces its history back to 1915, currently supplies one of every four of South Florida's black teachers.

The School of Education is very cognizant of the pivotal roles that the entire University family plays in helping to produce highly qualified teachers. The School in collaboration with the University seeks to ensure that our graduates are capable of providing quality instruction to K-12 learners in a global diverse arena through this hemisphere.

We invite those that are interested, who have a passion for teaching and learning, to become a part of our program as we continue the History, Legacy and Tradition of Florida Memorial University: Preparing Constructivist, Competent, and Compassionate educators.

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

-Nelson Mandela

Faculty Profiles

Annamaria Jerome-Raja, Ed.D



Dr. Jerome-Raja is an Assistant Professor of Exceptional Student Education (ESE) and ESE Graduate and Undergraduate Program Coordinator at Florida Memorial University. She is also the co-director of Project Preparing Leaders to Execute Effective Actions in Special Education (PLEEASE) that trains local special-education leaders. The Project PLEEASE is funded by a \$1.25 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education, through the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS). Each project participant will earn a master's degree in Exceptional Special Education (ESE), with a focus on leadership. The grant provides full funding to train 50 ESE leaders over the next five years.

A native of India, Dr. Jerome-Raja brings with her a multicultural perspective of teaching and professionalism to the School of Education. Her experiences include working with children with mental retardation, autism, and cerebral palsy ranging from early intervention to postsecondary programs both at the clinical and classroom level. She graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Mental Retardation (BMR) from Osmania University and a

Master of Arts (MA) in Applied Psychology (in India) and obtained her Doctorate in Exceptional Student Education from Florida International University (FIU).

Dr. Jerome-Raja actively participates in the community offering professional development workshops for teachers in the local schools. She also serves as the Dade Director for South Florida Tamil Sangam (Indian cultural organization). She has been married for 17 years to Jerome and is the proud mother of Natasha and Nathan.

Thelma C. Lawton, Ed. D

Dr. Thelma C. Lawton is an Associate Professor of Mathematics Education at Florida Memorial University where she also formerly served as Director of Freshman Studies. She serves on many University committees and as advisor to the Florida Memorial University Chapter of Future Educators of America. She previously held the positions of mathematics professor at Seminole and Valencia Community Colleges in Orlando, and supervisor of mathematics interns at the University of Central Florida. She has also taught mathematics courses in the public school systems of Indiana, South Carolina and Texas.



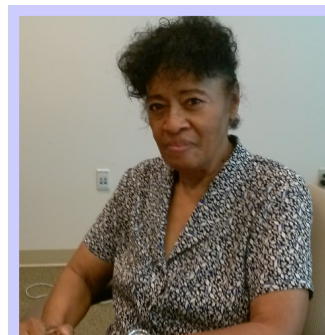
Dr. Lawton earned the Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics from South Carolina State University in 1971; the Masters of Science degree in mathematics education from Indiana University; and the Doctor of Education degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Central Florida. She did additional studies in mathematics at the University of Notre Dame.

Dr. Lawton has published and presented mathematics papers at state and national professional conferences. Among her works are; *Barriers to Successful Implementation of Mathematics Programs*, *Problem Solving Strategies for Mathematics*, *Math Strategies for the CLAST*, *Coping with Math Anxiety in a Post Secondary environment*, *Barriers to successful Implementation of a Refocused College Algebra Course*, *Mathematics Across the Curriculum*, *"The Great Connection" Mathematics and Other Content Areas* and *21st Century Challenges for HBCU Alumni*. Her article entitled *Using Talking Characters to Improve Online Learning* was published in the *Journal of Education, Information and Cybernetics*. Dr. Lawton's Dissertation was entitled *"Effectives of Graphing Calculators on Student's Confidence and Performance in College Algebra"*

Dr. Lawton is active in several civic and professional organizations, which include Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., The Union of Black Episcopalians, the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, American Mathematics Association, and the Florida Council of Teachers of Mathematics. She is very active in her church, Holy Family Episcopal, where she currently serves as Senior Warden, The Episcopal Church Women, and has served as Sunday school teacher. Thelma has concentrated her efforts toward working with the youth and the elderly in her church and community.

Thelma is a native of Georgetown, South Carolina, where she still has strong family ties. She is the proud mother of two, Althea Katrice and Henry Carlos III, and she also has two grandsons Maurice Robert Thompson III and Carlos Malik Thompson.

Dolores J. Lewis, Ed. S



Dolores J. Lewis is a native of Mississippi where she received her B.S. degree in Elementary Education from Tougaloo College and M.S. and Ed. S degrees in Reading from Jackson State University. Additional studies were done at Tennessee State University in Nashville, Tennessee.

Mrs. Lewis is an Associate Professor of Reading in the School of Education. Her tenure at Florida Memorial University spans 20 years during which time she has served as a coordinator of Reading in addition to teaching Reading. Her services beyond the classroom include, but are not limited to, coordinating *Mentoring Through Music*, an initiative that offers support services for retention of students by faculty and staff mentors.

Although many past experiences of Mrs. Lewis have been at the administrative level of a freshman division and programs for freshman retention at Tougaloo College, her first love is teaching. Her passion is developing innovative approaches, techniques and tools that she designs to motivate students and engage them in learning in creative ways.

Our Undergraduate Students

Uphiffani Cammon



Uphiffani is a Miami native and a graduate of Miami Carol City Senior High. She is currently a senior majoring in Elementary Education. She joined the Lion's Family in the fall of 2011 and is a member of the Ambassador Chorale.

With an older sibling, Uphiffani is the youngest of six grandchildren. Growing up, she did not spend much time around younger children. It was not until she later began to help raise her niece that she discovered her great passion for teaching. She is highly motivated and anticipates graduating in spring 2014. She plans to pursue a master's in Reading and to teach for a significant number of years. Her long-term career goal is to become a principal in the Miami-Dade County Public School district. Keep on ROARING Uphiffani!

Allegra Jackson

Allegra grew up in Hollywood, Florida, and graduated from Everglades High School. She was a very active and playful child and hence became an athlete in middle and high school. She ran track in 8th grade at Olsen Middle School & played basketball and flag football at Hollywood Hills High School & Everglades High School. As the quarterback, her team earned its first district title in 2008 and a trip to the semi-finals. She is also a skilled pool player.

Although she enjoyed her first two years at FMU with an initial major in Elementary Education, she always felt that there was something missing. Half-way into her sophomore year, Dr. Mobley helped her discover the missing link and channeled her passion for sports and athletics into her current major - Physical Education - learning through movement! She is now a senior completing her internship at Lake Stevens Middle School. She looks forward to teaching her own students after she graduates in May 2014. After that, she plans to pursue a Masters in Reading. She ROARS!!!



Kevin Magee



Kevin was born and bred in Glasgow, Scotland where he completed his high school education. He enjoys his classes at Florida Memorial University because he finds them very interactive and focused. He also appreciates the beautiful campus and the friendliness of everyone at FMU.

Kevin is currently a freshman majoring in Physical Education. He is an avid soccer player and member of the FMU men's soccer team. His career goal is to become a physical education teacher. He ROARS!!

Abigail Moore



Abigail hails from the beautiful island of St. Maarten, Netherlands Antilles where she has been teaching pre-school for almost 7 years and also worked with babies in a nursery for 2 years.

Abigail is a senior at Florida Memorial University majoring in Elementary Education. She comes from a family of educators. Both her parents and two of her aunts are teachers. She also has two cousins who are studying to become teachers. She is currently an intern at Carol City Elementary and loves every minute of it. Her long term career goal is to become owner and director of a daycare and pre-school. She is a ROARING Lion!!

Gerardo Schoeller

Gerardo Agustin Schoeller was born in a little Argentinian city, San Nicholas – where his father still lives – and attended elementary school there. Later he moved to Buenos Aires with his mother and older sister and continued to live there for most of his life. After high school he studied systems engineering for two years in Universidad Tecnológica Nacional (UTN), Buenos Aires.

He played various kinds of sport throughout his life but eventually settled on two sports that still bring good and happy memories. His first love is Artistic Gymnastic in which he became regional champion several times over and National Sub-Champion at the age of 12. His second sport is soccer, which he says he has played from birth and will never stop playing it. His love of sport caused him to change his major to Physical Education. Soccer brought him to the United States to play for Florida Memorial University.

Gerardo is currently a full-time sophomore student majoring in Physical Education. He looks forward to becoming a Physical Trainer and Soccer Coach. He likes to work with little kids and wants to use sport as a medium to develop their health, intelligence, values, and personality. Gerardo says, "I have so much to give, I just need time and more experience here in the US to start changing little things in this world." He considers himself an honest, patient and relaxed person. Like Anne Frank, Gerardo believes that despite everything, people are good at heart. He ROARS!!



Just don't give up trying to do what you really want to do. Where there's love and inspiration, I don't think you can go wrong.

Ella Fitzgerald

Our Undergraduate Students

CONGRATULATIONS!

The following Education Majors have either passed one or all of the Florida Teacher Certification Examinations (FTCE):

Fall 2013 Internship/Associate Teachers

Name	Major	School
Gillian Eliston	Elementary Education/ESOL K-6	Carrie P. Meek-Westview K-8 Center
Jalessa Henley	Elementary Education ESOL (K-6)	Carrie P. Meek-Westview K-8 Center
Karen Holmes	Music Education (K-12)	Orchard Villa Elem/Andover Middle
Allegra Jackson	Physical Education (K-12)	Lake Stevens Middle
Abigail Moore	Elementary Education ESOL (K-6)	Carol City Elementary
Princena Speight	Elementary Education ESOL (K-6)	Bunche Park Elementary
Tatyana Warren	Exceptional Student Education (K-12)	Linda Linton K-8 Center
Wilena Woodley	Secondary English ESOL (6-12)	Booker T. Washington High

Spring 2014 Internship/Associate Teachers

Name	Major
Nicole Davis	Middle Grades Mathematics
Howard Cuervo	Physical Education (K-12)
Revonne Melvin	Elementary Education ESOL (K-6)
Guetney Clermont	Elementary Education ESOL (K-6)
Uphiffani Cammon	Elementary Education ESOL (K-6)
Tavarous Faniel	Elementary Education ESOL (K-6)



Tavarous Faniel

The best angle from which to approach any problem is the try-angle.

Author Unknown

The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack of will.

Vince Lombardi

Our Graduate Students

Awards & Achievements

Students in the Graduate Exceptional Student Education Program (Project PLEEEASE)

Frederica J. King: It is an honor and a privilege to congratulate Ms. Frederica J. King as West Miami Middle School's Teacher of the Year. Ms. King's dedication to her students and her profession are evident in the beautiful words that were spoken by her coworkers at a faculty meeting. Ms. King is a wonderful example of the phenomenal teachers that represent West Miami Middle School. It is the selfless, passionate drive for her craft and the success of her students that has earned her this prestigious recognition! You ROAR!!!

Angela Obregon: Congratulations to Ms. Angela Obregon who is serving in a new position as the program coordinator for the FIU Project Panther LIFE: Learning Is For Everyone at the BBC campus. This Project is a post-secondary transition program and a collaboration between Florida International University, Miami Dade County Public Schools and Parent To Parent of Miami, Inc. Students from ages 18-22 with intellectual disabilities who graduate with a Special Diploma attend the university auditing classes, participating in job shadowing, job internships and social and sports activities around the campus. She is very excited about this new opportunity that will enable her to provide support to students with disabilities in an inclusive environment. The following link provides you with detailed information about the Project:

<http://education.fiu.edu/pantherlife/>

We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act, but a habit.

-Aristotle

Spring 2013 Graduation



Students graduating from the Master of Science in Reading Program pose with Reading faculty after the Spring 2013 Convocation Ceremony. (L-R) Roanna Richardson, Venita Everett, Cassandra Holmes, Dr. Idriss Abdoulaye, Stephanie Jean-Jacques, Dr. Althea Duren and Dr. Yvonne Campbell.

Alumni Reflections

Kareem Thompson, M.S



I began my journey during the fall of 1998 at Florida Memorial College, majoring in Varying Exceptionalities (ESE K-12). Although only a little over an hour from my hometown of Delray Beach, Florida, I found it a little difficult to be away from home. I can remember shortly after being dropped off to my dorm room at Brown Hall by my mother, I placed my portable headset on and cried my eyes out as I listened to the lyrics *Jesus be a Fence* by Fred Hammond. This song carried me throughout the semester.

You see, I was the first in my family to attend college. With no real push by others with college experience, I needed and found Jesus to be a fence all around me. While at Florida Memorial College, I developed leadership, character, and a will for service by participating in the UNCF/Pre-Alumni Council, Student Government Association, Gospel Choir, Future Educators of America, and more. During 2001-2002, I served as the Student Government Association President. I received several recognition awards such as Who's Who Among Colleges and Universities, American Scholar, National Pre-Alumni Council "Regional Director" of the Year, Florida Memorial University College of Education "Senior of the Year", Student Government "Cabinet Member of the Year" and Student Support Services 2nd Place Mentor of the Year. I completed my studies in the fall of 2002 and in May 2003, as I walked across the stage, my family's history was re-written as I became the first college graduate in the family.

Prior to completing my degree at FMU, during May of 2002, I was offered a fulltime job as an administrator at the elite St. Andrew's School in Boca Raton, where I served as Assistant Director of the Summerbridge Program. The program provides academic enrichment for highly motivated middle school students. This experience became the impetus for my school administrator dream. In June 2006, I graduated from Nova Southeastern University, with a Masters of Science Degree in Management and Administration of Educational Programs. During 2005, I started working for the School District of Palm Beach County at Congress Middle School in Boynton Beach Florida, as an Exceptional Student Education (ESE) teacher and ESE coordinator. During the past several years I have worked as an ESE Compliance Resource Teacher, Response to Intervention/Inclusion Specialist, Graduation Coach, and Compliance Specialist.

I have continued to receive several awards and recognitions. Recently I was recognized by the Praise & Worship Experience Magazine as the 2012 Black Educator of the Year. I also received the 2013 Community Leader award from the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Omicron Delta Zeta Chapter. I further received the 2012 Special Educator of the Year award from the Palm Beach County's Council for Exceptional Children (CEC), Chapter 200. I will be representing CEC Chapter 200 as their 2012 Marjorie Crick Teacher of the Year nominee, aspiring to become the 2013 Florida CEC Teacher of the Year and will represent the State of Florida at the National CEC conference in April 2014.

This August I was offered a once in a lifetime opportunity to return to Congress Middle School as an administrator where I am currently serving as 6th Grade Assistant Principal. Much of what I have become I owe to Florida Memorial University. As so eloquently stated by the late Dr. Robert Ingram I will continue to "Roar, Roar, and Roar some more", educationally that is!

Read more about Mr. Thompson's CEC Chapter 200 award at:

[http://www.palmbeach.k12.fl.us/agenda/Wednesday,%20October%2017,%202012%20School%20Board%](http://www.palmbeach.k12.fl.us/agenda/Wednesday,%20October%2017,%202012%20School%20Board%20Meeting)

Leadership, Character, Service

The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Halloween Spirit



Dr. Tamar Riley during an information session with FMU 101 students



EDU 203 student "LT" aspired to be a viking for the day!



Reading graduate student and kindergarten teacher, Ms. Stephanie Pierre in a fabulous Snow White outfit.

A well-developed sense of humor is the pole that adds balance to your steps as you walk the tightrope of life.

William Arthur Ward

Announcements



Congratulations to Mrs. Angela Williams on the birth of her first grandchild Nathan Alexander Cherilus!

GRADUATE STUDIES

The School of Education Offers Four Programs at the Master's Level:

- Computer Education Technology
- Elementary Education/ESOL
- Exceptional Education/ESOL
- Reading

For more information, contact the Director of Graduate Programs, **Dr. Tamar Riley** at:

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Save the Date!

American Education Week

Date: November 18—22

Theme: *Raise Your Hand for Student Success*

American Education Week was first observed during the week of December 4-10, 1921 but is now always celebrated the week before the week of Thanksgiving. It facilitates an excellent opportunity to celebrate public education and honor people who make a difference in public school education. This year's theme emphasizes the importance of providing every child a quality education.

Five ways the School of Education will be raising a hand for student success:

- Round Table Discussion on Current Educational Issues
- Anti-bullying Campaign
- Read-A-Loud Program
- Old-Fashioned Sock-Hop
- Participating in the FMU Thursday Weekly Worship Service

Message from Editor

So long, farewell ...

This issue of *The Scoop*, signals the end of an intrinsically rewarding experience for me as founder-editor. Saying “goodbye” is not easy. As I reflected on the poem “People come into your life for a reason, a season, or a lifetime” (anonymous), it dawned on me that my season has ended at FMU but warm memories will remain in my heart for a lifetime. I will miss each of you who touched my life during the past three-and-a-half years. But alas, it is time to begin a new chapter in my life.

I am deeply grateful to Dean Berry for the opportunity to bring yet another of my initiatives to fruition. I was privileged and honored to have had Dr. Althea Duren serve as co-editor (one of the best) earlier and Ms. Deborah Smith as contributor. Ms. Smith has done some memorable interviews for *The Scoop*. Thank you ladies!

I am further indebted to each of the faculty, staff, and students who sacrificed their time and effort to submit their contributions to *The Scoop* (sometimes under difficult circumstances and short notice).

I am leaving *The Scoop* in the capable hands of its new editor, Dr. Annamaria Jerome-Raja and wish her the best of luck. Vaarwel! (Farewell!)

Some Memorable Moments ...



The Scoop

THANKSGIVING

We give thanks with grateful hearts
 For health, family, friends,
 For the beautiful teaching and learning environment,
 For luscious trees, the greenery, our lake, our family of iguanas,
 For being part of the Lions Family,
 For the lives of each of our faculty, staff and students,
 For great new leadership,
 For opportunity to Roar, and Roar, and Roar some more!!!!
 For every other blessing in our personal lives,
 We give thanks.



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