Happy 2015!!! It seems like yesterday that I started work in this college. Much has transpired over the course of the fall semester and you will read about some of the details in this newsletter. What you may not read is all of the work that went into our SPA reports as well as all the curriculum changes that needed to occur in our degrees as mandated by the Arkansas Department of Education. A wealth of information, planning and coordinated action occurred involving way too many individuals to name. The Council on Professional Education was reestablished along with the Professional Education Faculty group so an organized and concerted effort to get us back on track and up to speed on all of the changes is occurring. Special thanks to Joanna Grymes who is overseeing/leading most of the efforts in this regard including work with our new education accreditor CAEP (Council on Accreditation of Education Programs—formerly NCATE).

We also have a new master’s degree in psychology which has been approved by the state and will be implemented in fall, 2015. In addition we will have a graduate certificate program in dyslexia therapy which is still under review by a few groups. Our intent is to have that available beginning fall, 2015. This 15 credit hour interdisciplinary graduate certificate was developed in response to Act 1294 passed in 2013 requiring schools to hire those specifically educated in dyslexia therapy. The Arkansas Department of Education developed the competencies necessary and set a requirement of 15 credit hours post bachelor’s degree. Three university departments (teacher education, education leadership and communication disorders) over two colleges (Education and Behavioral Science and Nursing and Health Professions) were involved in its creation.

We have had two consultants spend time with us this fall—one consultant focused on an online Ed.D option in educational leadership while the other provided review and feedback on our BS and MS degrees in exercise science. We will have an individual spend time with us in February looking at our Athletic Training program.

The departments have been busy “refreshing” curriculums and courses (including online), establishing or re-establishing program advisory boards, developing career maps or paths of education for students entering our programs including related marketing materials and ensuring we have good data bases for advising, student matriculation tracking and assessment measures through the curriculums and post-graduation. Thresholds for admissions to professional programs are being considered by some areas that don’t currently use entry requirements.

A faculty committee looking at research in the college has surveyed the constituents. More department/college discussion in the spring will likely occur including some programming around topics like building a research bio-sketch. You will note that faculty have traveled this past fall to present some of their work all over the nation. More are scheduled in the spring. A number of manuscripts are in development for publication.

We still have a host of work to complete in the spring but the faculty, staff and department chairs are focused on moving the college forward. Please let me know if there are things you see or hear that need our attention.

Thanks for supporting our efforts. Look forward to hearing from you.

Susan Hanrahan, Interim Dean
College of Education and Behavioral Science
You Make A Difference Award

The Interim Dean has started a new monthly tradition in the College. The You Make A Difference Award recognizes someone who has gone “above and beyond” the call of duty. The recipient could be someone in the College or someone outside the college who has been “impactful.” At this time, the following individuals have been recognized:

July: Ms. Robin Hicks, Executive Assistant to the Provost, Academic Affairs and Research (Office of the Provost)

August: Dr. Joanna Grymes, Associate Professor, School of Teacher Education and Leadership

September: Dr. Julie Grady, Associate Professor, School of Teacher Education; and Director of Rural STEM Education Center

October: Ms. Sandra Hawkins, Instructor, ADTEC; and Interim Director of Education Renewal Zone

November/December: College of Education and Behavioral Science Faculty & Staff have been recognized by the Dean for the work on behalf of the students, the department/unit, the college, and the university

January: Mary Jane Bradley, Director and Staff in the Professional Education Programs

Three College Faculty Nominated

The Wilson Advising Center and SGA collaborated to award the student-nominated and student-selected award, You Made A Difference Advisor Award. This award is presented to one deserving advisor who has demonstrated a thorough knowledge of university policies, procedures, resources, and curriculum requirements, as well as a concern and enthusiasm for student educational outcomes. The College had three nominees this fall.

Dr. Ron Towery, Interim Chair, School of Teacher Education and Leadership

Dr. Joyce Olushola, Assistant Professor, Department of Health, Physical Education and Sport Sciences

Ms. Hollie Huckabee, Instructor, Department of Health, Physical Education and Sport Sciences

Congratulations to these nominees!

Distinguished Faculty Named for Wall of Honor

The Arkansas State University Faculty Association recognized 30 individuals for the Distinguished Faculty Wall of Honor during the association’s annual holiday event held on Wednesday, December 10.

Recognition of distinguished faculty began during the university’s Centennial Celebration in 2009-2010 when the Faculty Association selected the “First 100 Distinguished Faculty.” Every five years the association selects a number of retired faculty, through a well-defined faculty committee nomination process, who have made long-term significant contributions to Arkansas State.

Five distinguished faculty were recognized from the College of Education and Behavioral Science:

Mrs. Nancy Bacot, Ed.S., retired as instructor in teacher education in 2013, concluding a 41-year career that began in 1972. She was highly respected for her success with overcoming life’s adversities, and she brought that passion for success into the classroom to benefit the future teachers she was teaching.

Dr. William G. Chance, Ed.D., joined the College of Education faculty in 1965. His influence and guidance continues today through his countless students who prepared in his classes for their teaching careers. Chance retired as professor of elementary education in 1990 after a quarter century of service. His son, Greg Chance of KASU, accepted his award during the Distinguished Faculty recognition ceremony.

Dr. John M. Enger, Ph.D., joined the faculty in 1976. In addition to his dedicated work in the classroom, he was recognized largely because of his many years of work in the Mid-South Educational Research Association, including a term as president. Through this group, Enger involved other professors in research projects with multi-state organizations and national forums. He was on faculty from 1976 to 2000, and retired as Professor of Education.

Dr. D. Lynn Howerton, Ph.D., joined the faculty in 1974, is credited with helping establish and build the psychology program in its formative years, including setting up the undergraduate teaching laboratory. He also served as department chair for many years. Howerton retired as professor of psychology in 2014, concluding his 40-year career.

Dr. Don Wright, Ed.D., joined the faculty in 1970 and worked closely with area schools on curriculum and administrative issues. He directed the Office of Educational Research and Services for seven years, and then served in Academic Affairs and Research as associate vice president to work on university accreditation. He retired in 1997 with 27 years of service.

Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges

Who’s Who Among Students is an organization recognized on campuses across the nation. The organization aids campuses in honoring students who demonstrate excellence. Arkansas State University joined Who’s Who in 1988.

Three distinguished students were selected from the College of Education and Behavioral Science to join this prestigious organization.

Jameson W. McFadden, B.S. in Sport Management Department of Health, Physical Education and Sport Sciences

Courtney N. Smith, M.S. in Middle-Level Education School of Teacher Education and Leadership
Jennifer L. Walker, B.S. in Middle-Level Education
School of Teacher Education and Leadership

Congratulations to these distinguished students.

Two Education Graduates Inducted

Arkansas State University ROTC
Hall of Heroes 2014 Inductees

Russell D. Harrington Jr., joined A-State ROTC in 1962. He graduated from A-State in 1966 with a bachelor's degree in education and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps in May 1966, where he served as commander of the 561st Medical Ambulance Company in Vietnam. After receiving orders to move his unit to Saigon, he quickly developed and implemented an ambulance evacuation system that supported Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps casualties in the entire Saigon area of operations, operating the largest and busiest medical evacuation landing zone in Vietnam. After Vietnam, 1st Lt. Harrington pursued a highly distinguished civilian career. He recently retired as the president and chief executive officer of Baptist Health, a system of eight hospitals and skilled care facilities. He has held many positions of distinction throughout his career and has earned several notable honors, including being named an A-State Distinguished Alumnus in 1987, and Arkansan of the Year in 2002. He holds the rank of honorary colonel with the Arkansas State Police.

Colonel (Retired) Franklin F. Wise graduated from A-State in 1965 with a bachelor's degree in education. He was an ROTC Distinguished Military Graduate and commissioned as a second lieutenant into the Adjutant General Corps, branch detailed into the Infantry. He served two years as an infantry platoon leader and earned a Bronze Star with "V" device for valor, a Purple Heart and Combat Infantryman's Badge while assigned to C Company, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division in Vietnam. His next 28 years of service in the Adjutant General Corps were served with distinction as he commanded at the company, battalion and brigade levels. Wise served as post commander at Fort Story, Va.; four years as deputy chief of staff, U. S. Army Personnel Command; and three years as chief of staff, U.S. Army Personnel Command, Alexandria, VA. Colonel Wise is a graduate of the Naval War College and has earned many awards and decorations, including five Legions of Merit Medals, two Bronze Star Medals, and four Meritorious Service Medals.

Provost’s Scholar Award Recipients

The following College of Education and Behavioral Science faculty were recipients of the Provost’s Scholar Award Faculty Seed Grants to apply toward their projects.

Dr. Jacques Singleton, Associate Professor in the School of Teacher Education and Leadership, was awarded for his project titled, “Training special education teachers in Belize.”

Drs. Amanda Wheeler and Ashley Thrasher, Assistant Professors in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Sport Sciences, was awarded for their project titled, “The effects of subcutaneous adipose tissue on cooling rates using ice immersion and commercial cold packs.”

Provost’s Faculty Development Award Recipients

The following College of Education and Behavioral Science faculty were recipients of the Provost’s Faculty Development Award for their projects.

Dr. Joyce Olushola, Assistant Professor in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Sport Sciences, for her project titled “Presentation of work and panel hosting at the North American Society for the sociology of sport conference.”

Dr. Gill Strait, Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology and Counseling, for his project titled “Disseminating research generated from the Rising Stars program.”

Dr. Christopher Peters, Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology and Counseling, for his project titled “Disseminating Research Generated from the Forensics and Applied Cognition in Society Laboratory.”

Dr. Joanna Grymes, Associate Professor in the School of Teacher Education and Leadership, for her project titled “An Analysis of State Pre-kindergarten Early Learning Guidelines and Technology-Related Content.”

ADHE SURF Awardees

Congratulations! The following students from the College of Education and Behavioral Science were awarded the 2014-2015 Student Undergraduate Research Fellowships from the Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE).

This is a very competitive program and we are proud to have received three awards this year. Each student will receive a stipend and support for research supplies or travel.

Mr. Kyle Byrnes (Mentor: Dr. Ashley Thrasher) Department of Health, Physical Education and Sport Sciences

Ms. Sky Johnson (Mentor: Dr. Christopher Peters) Department of Psychology and Counseling

Ms. Caraline Vaughn (Mentor: Dr. Gill Strait) Department of Psychology and Counseling

We appreciate the hard work these students and mentors invested in preparing their applications and expect that each student will have an excellent learning experience as they apply their knowledge to answer real-world research questions.
Farewell to Faculty and Staff

Dr. Don Maness, former Dean and Professor in the School of Teacher Education and Leadership, retired December 2014. Dr. Maness joined A-State in 2001 as Associate Dean and served as Special Assistant to the Vice Chancellor for Research and Academic Affairs in 2005-2006. In 2009 he became Dean of the College of Education. He joined A-State from Oklahoma Wesleyan University (formerly Bartlesville Wesleyan College) where he served as Professor of American History and Political Sciences and was promoted to Vice President for Academic Affairs in 1987. He completed his Ed.D. at Oklahoma Wesleyan University with a double major in Higher Education Administration and Educational Administration. He earned his M.A. in American History with a minor in Political Science from Michigan State University. He has presented numerous conference papers and presentations to learned forums, and he remains active in a variety of professional and creative endeavors. One of his many accomplishments included the release of a book in 2010, “Do They Miss Me at Home, Do They Miss Me? Letters from William McKnight, 7th Ohio Volunteer Cavalry: The River Regiment.” Have a well-deserved retirement!

Mr. Kevin Chambers, former HEI Program Coordinator in the Health, Physical Education and Sport Sciences, retired January 2015. Mr. Chambers joined A-State in 1987 as a part-time instructor and in 1988 accepted the position of Recreation Coordinator. He completed his B.S.E. in Physical Education at Arkansas State University.

Presentations

Drs. Joanna Grymes, Joan Henley, Diana Williams, Lina Leatherwood Owens, and Jackie McBride, School of Teacher Education and Leadership attended and presented the following presentations at the Division for Early Childhood Conference in St. Louis, Missouri, October 7-9, 2014.

- “Using Community Demographics to Plan Family Engagement: An Exercise for Pre-service Teachers”
- “Preparing School Administrators for Involving Parents of Young Children with Disabilities”

Drs. Joanna Grymes, Joan Henley, Diana Williams, Lina Leatherwood Owens, Jackie McBride, and Dianne Lawler, School of Teacher Education and Leadership presented the following presentations at the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Conference in Dallas, Texas, November 5-8, 2014.

- “Using Infant/Toddler Early Learning Guidelines for Planning: Implications for Staff”
- “Developing Positive Relationships with Children: Encouraging Self-Control and Perspective Taking”
- “Preparing the Playing Field: Program Administrators and Technology in the Early Childhood Classroom”
- “Why Should Teachers Think Differently about Classroom Management Relevant to Common Core State Standards”

The following faculty and students in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Sport Sciences presented at the Arkansas Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance convention in Little Rock, Arkansas, November 6-7, 2014:

Ms. Katherine Gonzalez, graduate student, presented: “Leadership Qualities Among Athletic Trainers and the Perception that these Qualities Influence being Hired for a Job”

Dr. Andy Mooneyhan, presented two presentations: “Bullying in Education” and “Technology in the PE Classroom”

Mr. Michael Humphrey, graduate student, presented: “Proper Sprinting Technique and Training”

Dr. Dennis Perkey, presented: “Future of Athletic Training Education”

Ms. Agneta Sibrava, presented: “Pilates/Yoga”

Mr. James Hines, graduate student and Dr. Claudia Benavides Espinoza, presented: “High School Sport Pay-to-Play Parent Perception”

Mr. Carl Wise, graduate student, presented: “Fun, Rhythmical Line Dances”

Dr. Blair Dean, presented: “The Learning Connection”

Bullying Conference held at A-State

On September 26, the ASU Educational Renewal Zone (ERZ) hosted the conference, Managing Bullying in Our Schools Without New Programs and Additional Expense. The conference was attended by 139 Northeast and Delta Arkansas educators, administrators, school counselors, and A-State faculty. The highlights of the conference included a keynote presentation by Mr. Ken Trump (President of National School Safety and Security Services), Mr. Tripp Walters (Staff Attorney for the Arkansas School Resource Center), and a panel of local educators with experience managing bullying at their school sites. Dr. Julie R. Grady and three education service cooperatives hosted the event.

Disaster Preparedness Conference held at A-State

The 2014 Disaster Preparedness Conference for PK-12 schools of Northeast Arkansas was conducted on the A-State campus November 13th.

This large gathering of Northeast Arkansas School Administrators and School Emergency Management Committee members and districts’ SROs attended various sessions such as Incident Command: The Schools’ Role in Collaborating with other Responders presented by Dr. Brent Cox, Assistant Professor of Disaster Preparedness Emergency Management in the College of Nursing and Health Professions; Media During Disasters presented by Dr. Bill Smith, Executive Director of Marketing and Communications, University Marketing and Communications; and Dr. Holly Hall, Associate Professor of Journalism, College of Media and Communications; and Ms. Cathy Riggins, Principal, Vilonia Academy.

Dr. Holly Hall, Associate Professor of Journalism, College of Media and Communications; and Ms. Cathy Riggins, Principal, Vilonia Academy.
Middle School presented Reality Check. Dr. Deborah Persell, Director, Regional Center for Disaster Preparedness Education in the College of Nursing and Health Professions provided the conclusion and final statements.

The conference was made possible through the collaborative efforts of A-State’s Regional Center for Disaster Preparedness Education, Education Renewal Zone and Northeast Arkansas Educational Service Cooperative, Crowley’s Ridge Educational Service Cooperative, and Great Rivers Educational Service Cooperative.

**Delta STEM Education**

The Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences and the Arts and the Delta STEM Education Center hosted, “The Science and Engineering Institute @ Jonesboro” on Saturday, October 25, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to noon in Lab Sciences West at A-State. Forty-two students were registered for this second annual event.

Arkansas students currently enrolled in the sixth to tenth grades attended an opening session and two classes:

The Probability class had students find probabilities of winning various amounts (including winning nothing) on a Scratch Board, and then using the probabilities to find the Expected Value of the game. Students then investigated the Arkansas Powerball Lottery using conditional probability, combinatorics, and Expected Value to help understand the mathematics behind the lottery. With this information, students determined the "break-even" point of the lottery: that is, the payout amount at which the lottery's reward is worth more than the risk of playing.

The Spectre of Spectra class allowed students to investigate how we know what elements the stars, sun, planets, and moons are made of, how neon lights work, how a rainbow forms, and other enlightening aspects of spectroscopy. Students made a portable spectroscope to take home from a Pringles can and diffraction grating. Students used their spectroscope to view known elements, drew the spectral lines, interpreted the results, and then identified an unknown element.

The College of Engineering and the Education Renewal Zone (ERZ) provided lunch for students, teachers and faculty at the Student Union Acansa Dining Hall. The College of Education and Behavioral Science provided morning refreshments and A-State string backpacks for the students filled with information about college admission, degree programs, campus life, and other “take-a-ways.”

**The Arkansas Science Festival Thanks You!**

Thanks are extended to everyone who helped make the inaugural Arkansas Science Festival a huge success! With the support of the many volunteers, Expo hosts, event hosts, student and community organizations, speakers, and performers, we reached our goal of bringing science, technology, engineering, and math to over 2,000 people in our community in exciting and educational formats.

We thank the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, the ASU Arkansas Biosciences Institute, A-State College of Sciences and Mathematics, and the A-State College of Education and Behavioral Science for their financial support. We also thank our partners—the Science Festival Alliance, Fowler Center, ASU Museum, Godsey’s Grill, and the Craighead County Jonesboro Public Library.

Thanks to the ASU Delta and Rural STEM Education Centers, Arkansas BalloonSAT, Northeast Arkansas Caledonian Pipes and Drums, Rough Magic Shakespeare Company, Dr. Irina Khramtsova, the Craighead County Youth Leadership Board, Linda Williams of Science Café Little Rock, Arkansas author, Carla Killough McClafferty, Janet Bowman, Snap Crow Legs, and the Arkansas Discovery Network for providing special programming and to A-State Creative Services, the A-State Strategic Communications team, Mary Elizabeth Spence, University Marketing and Communications, P3, KASU, Jonesboro Radio Group, The Sun, and KAITS-TV for publicity and promotion.

To everyone who joined our events—thanks for Celebrating with Us! We look forward to seeing you again in fall 2015!

Amy R. Pearce, Anne Grippo and Karen Yanowitz

**In College News**

**Health, Physical Education & Sport Sciences**

- **Ms. Valarie Hilson** was awarded the Higher Educator of the Year award. She also won 1st Place in the PEM Club Student Group, SuperStars Competition at the Arkansas Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance convention in November.

- **Ms. Hollie Huckabee** was elected as Vice President for the Dance Division of the Arkansas Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance.

- **Dr. Blair Dean** was selected as the representative for Midwest Dairy’s Fuel Up To Play 60 initiative in the public schools.

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**Psychology & Counseling**

- The Department of Psychology and Counseling will no longer be accepting applications for admission to the MSE in School Counseling program. That program will be closed to new applicants until further notice.

- The Department of Psychology and Counseling announces a new Masters in Psychological Science program to be open for admission in Fall 2016. This 36-hour program will provide education in basic and applied psychological research combined with advanced education in core content areas of psychology. The program is designed for graduates of undergraduate psychology programs in the mid-southern region of the United States who desire advanced-level training in psychology before seeking admission to doctoral programs in psychology or before seeking entrance into the labor force as applied researchers or community college faculty. Current faculty teaching in the psychology programs in the department will contribute to this program bringing a diverse range of research interests and experience to students who gain acceptance.

- The CSI: Classroom Student Investigations program, funded by the National Science Foundation (Innovative Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers—ITEST) has been approved for another year. During the program, 7th-12th grade teachers learn a variety of “real life” forensic science techniques, such as robotics, microbiology, forensic entomology, DNA blood typing, and how to analyze trace evidence. At a two-day science camp, teachers then work with students on mock crimes. Teachers and students always have a great time participating in the program.

**Interested?** We are currently recruiting students and teachers for this summer’s institute. The teacher institute takes place June 15-26, 2015, and the student institute takes place June 24-25, 2015. If you have any questions or would like more information about our program, please feel free to: (1) contact our Project Manager, Renee’ Carroll at (501) 492-9274; (2) email us at csi_science2@yahoo.com; (3) visit our website at [http://altweb.astate.edu/csiscience](http://altweb.astate.edu/csiscience); or (4) like us on Facebook at [https://www.facebook.com/ASUCSI](https://www.facebook.com/ASUCSI).

- Dr. John Hall, Professor of Psychology and Counseling and coordinator of the nationally approved school psychology track of the Ed.S. degree program in psychology and counseling, was appointed to the Editorial Review Board for the Trainers’ Forum, the Journal of the Trainers of School Psychologists. The Trainers’ Forum is a peer-refereed journal that features articles relevant to the preparation of school psychologists.

- Dr. Irina Khramtsova, Associate Professor of Psychology, and Ms. Melissa Wilkinson, Assistant Professor of Art, will lead a Study Abroad in Spain in spring 2015. Each instructor will teach a course in their specialty as well as a joint seminar titled, Cultural Experiences in Spain. The program was organized by the ASU Study Abroad office and the Honors College.

- The Arkansas Science Festival is one of 26 partners nationwide selected to participate in “EvalFest: Evaluation Use, Value and Learning through Festivals of Science and Technology,” a National Science Foundation—funded project designed to address how evaluations are used in science festivals. The festival directors—Drs. Amy R. Pearce, professor of psychology, Karen Yanowitz, professor of psychology, and Anne Grippo, associate dean, College of Sciences and Mathematics—will join a community of science festival professionals, advisers and consultants for the five-year project aimed at identifying the best methods to build science festivals and enhance informal science education.

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**School of Teacher Education & Leadership**

Ms. Meagan Rush was selected as the recipient for the Vance Scholarship for spring 2015 semester. Ms. Rush is an early childhood major.

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**Childhood Services**

Ms. Geania Dickey, has been asked to serve on the Advisory Board for the McCormick Center for Early Childhood Leadership. The role of the Advisory Board is to provide strategic guidance to the McCormick Center: reviewing business plans and program concepts; suggesting new directions; and helping maintain commitment to high quality as we implement our training, program evaluation, research, and public awareness activities.

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**Professional Education Programs (PEP) Office**

I think everyone knows the value of our PEP office. Just to give you some numbers from the fall, they completed the admissions process on our students eligible for consideration, oriented 64 students, completed internship placement for 250 students, field placements for 275, got our 103 intern supervisors paid and had a host of meetings, seminars, exit evaluations, among other operational things in the office.

This spring the numbers are even more impressive—245 students oriented, 451 supervisors paid, 75 intern and 450 field placements, and a host of meetings, assessments, reports, evaluations, budget work, and the list goes on. That office completes all of the licensure paperwork including initial licensure and add-ons and had a grand total of 943 processed in 2014. Much assessment data comes from this office including Praxis reports. The office staff is small but their knowledge of their work and the efficiency with which they do it makes it a very impressive operation under the leadership of Dr. Mary Jane Bradley.

Should you have questions about “rules” related to licensure, please feel free to contact her at (870) 972-2099 or email her at mbradley@astate.edu.
Have you Considered a Career as a School Psychologist?

As a school psychologist, you can make a positive, lasting difference in children’s lives. For several consecutive years, “school psychologist” has been listed as #1 among Best Social Services Jobs in U.S. News & World Report’s “100 Best Jobs.”

School psychologists are uniquely qualified professionals, employed in public schools and other settings, who apply expertise in mental health, learning, development, and behavior in their services for children. School psychologists’ many activities include, for example, assessment, counseling, mental health and academic interventions, consultation, program evaluation, and crisis response. School psychologists also partner with families, teachers, school administrators, and other professionals to help children succeed academically, socially, behaviorally, and emotionally.

Undergraduate students with backgrounds in psychology, education, human development, and other social services may be interested in graduate degree programs to become school psychologists. Explore a school psychology career by learning more about the profession and identifying programs for your graduate study.

We hope you will consider joining our great profession! If you have questions or would like to discuss careers in school psychology, please feel free to contact Dr. John Hall, at jhall@astate.edu or Dr. Gill Strait at gstrait@astate.edu

Our program of study is nationally approved. It is designed to lead to state licensure as a School Psychology Specialist/School Psychologist and to national certification as a Nationally Certified School Psychologist (NCSP).

Our program is offered on the Jonesboro campus. Only one course in the curriculum is offered on-line. Most fall and spring courses are offered late afternoon and early evening to accommodate student work schedules. Summer classes are M-Th during the day. The last year of study is a full-time supervised internship that is off-campus. A considerable number of our students have been able to secure paid internships with school districts or educational cooperatives. We have both full-time and part-time plans of study. A number of very successful program graduates have been both general and special education teachers.

Having trouble linking to the websites above? The URLs are:

http://money.usnews.com/careers/best-jobs/school-psychologist

Learning more about the profession:
http://www.nasponline.org/about_sp/spsych.aspx

Programs for graduate study:
http://www.nasponline.org/graduate-education/grad-edu.aspx

Upcoming Events

Bullying Prevention Workshop

The Education Renewal Zone (ERZ), in collaboration with the Center for Community Engagement (CCE), will host a Bullying Prevention Workshop on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at the Arkansas State University Student Union. Topics of discussion:

- Specific bullying prevention strategies for your school
- Elementary and middle school trainings
  - Elementary (8:30-11:30 a.m.)
  - Middle School (12:30-3:30 p.m.)
- Intervention techniques

Professional development hours will be offered! Space is limited and registration is required to attend.

The deadline for registering is February 17th. Please visit our website at http://cce.astate.edu/pbis for registration.

AP Summer Institute

We invite teachers to be a part of the Advanced Placement Summer Institute (APSI), July 14 – 17, 2015 on the Arkansas State University campus.

This year the Institute will offer training in eleven AP and Pre-AP subjects. All classes are arranged for both new and experienced teachers. Please visit our website at:

http://www.astate.edu/college/education/ap-summer-institute/index.dot

For registration please visit our website at:

http://www.astate.edu/college/education/ap-summer-institute/register/
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We in the College of Education and Behavioral Science would like to sincerely thank each and every alumnus and friend who recently made financial gifts. If you would like to be a part of the exciting things that are happening in the College, you can do so by making a donation. Contributions are tax-deductible and provide important support for college-wide initiatives and faculty development. If you would like to help us fulfill our missions, please send your donation to: ASU Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 1990, State University, AR 72467. In the memo line indicate the account name for donation. Please include your name, address, phone, and email address.

- Do you work for a matching gift company? If so, please enclose a completed Matching Gift form from your company along with your gift.
- If you are aware of grant opportunities in which the College of Education and Behavioral Science might become engaged, please let us know in the Dean’s Office by calling 870-972-3057.

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