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## CONGRATULATIONS ...

Dr. Richard Roberts begins his final year as chair of CHE, after serving in the position for 24 years. Dr. Roberts will be returning to the faculty at the end of July, 2022. "It has been my pleasure to serve the department and work with such great faculty and students over the years. My plans are to take a retraining leave in the Fall of 2022 and resume faculty duties in 2023. I look forward to working with students in a different capacity for a few years before retirement."

## ACADEMY OF LIFELONG LEARNING...

Lifelong learners are ready for fall non-credit classes, based on new memberships and registrations in the last 2 weeks. Popular free upcoming classes include the *Embarras River Walk*, *My Eight Years Underwater*, and *The Power of Non-Violent Struggle for Social Change*. Thank you for sharing these opportunities with friends and family! See Program Guide at <https://online.anyflip.com/hevxd/jonf/mobile/index.html>

## SUBMIT AN ALUM....

Do you know a College of Education Alumni making a difference? Nominations are being accepted for the 2021-2022 College Alumni Awards. Deadline is Dec. 1st. Submit an alum at <https://www.eiu.edu/coe/machform/view.php?id=84821>

## EVENTS ...

- The Alumni Association is hosting an alumni reception at Riggs Brewery in Champaign IL. The reception will be September 21st from 5p.m.-7 p.m. To RSVP and see their entire list of upcoming events go to <https://www.eiu.edu/alumni/events.php>
- Join us for Coffee With The Dean on October 11th in the Buzzard Hall first floor Atrium from 9-10. This will be an excellent opportunity for everyone to meet Dr. Laretta Henderson who joined EIU in July of 2020. Come out for a cup of coffee and meet the Dean.
- October 22nd we will be have an Alumni Reception in the Union Underground. Join us for refreshments from 4:30-6:00. Celebrate Eastern by kicking off homecoming with us back on campus!

## HOMECOMING 2021 ...

Alumni Services is once again sponsoring homecoming! Homecoming Weekend is October 22-23. Be sure to visit the College of Education's tent in "tent city" after the parade. For a full list of events and to purchase tickets to the football game visit <https://www.eiu.edu/homecoming/>



*"Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow."*

*... Anthony J. D'Angelo*

**NEW FACES ...**

This school year we welcomed Jessica Zanton, Jeff Cranstoun, Michelle England, Melissa Meiners, Kaye Woodward, Paige Spangler, and Angela Coady.

- Jessica Zanton is a Unit B faculty member within Special Education. Jessica comes to Eastern from Black Hills State University in South Dakota.
- Jeff Cranstoun is the College of Education's new Instructional Support Specialist. Jeff assists the College of Education with instructional technology and support needs.
- Michelle England is a Student Teacher Coordinator. Michelle is from Mattoon and comes to EIU from a K-12 setting. Michelle is supporting our student teachers in the Mattoon, Shelbyville, Greenville, and Metro East Areas.
- Melissa Meiners is the new Director for the School of Extended Learning. Melissa comes from the PK-12 and non-profit settings.
- Kaye Woodward is the Interim Director for the Bachelors of Interdisciplinary Studies. Kaye has come out of retirement to serve as the director until the position is filled. Kaye was the Director for 22 years before retiring in 2011.
- Paige Spangler recently completed her PhD in Counselor Education and Supervision from NIU. Paige will be teaching in the Department of Counseling and Higher Education.
- Angela Coady is in Teaching and Learning Foundations as a Unit B faculty member. Angela comes to us from Villa Grove School District. Angela was a 2005 EIU graduate!

**TOGETHER WE RISE CONFERENCE...**

The 5th annual RISE conference at EIU provides faculty and staff the strategies and tools to support students' academic success. The conference is also designed to raise awareness of the diverse challenges our students face, whether as members of underrepresented groups, as first-generation college students, as non-traditionally aged students, or as students with disabilities. The conference will be held virtually on October 15th, 2021. To learn more go to <https://www.eiu.edu/mei/conference.php?fbclid=IwAR18Zva2QP1VW8gdx4ie dvBJ8JofL5fcsB1-uNXxFzIcT6eTMqI-gcc4F8>

**STUDENTS AND ALUMS DOING GREAT THINGS ...**

- Stephanie Shook(SPE) and Alicia Henning(SPE) received the Elks Scholarship. Alicia Henning also received an additional scholarship to work on her thesis research from the American Council on Rural Special Education (ACRES).
- Alum, Dwayne Reed(TLF), just published a new book titled Simon B. Rhymin'. Simon B. Rhymin' will be in EIU's library so others can have access to Dwayne's book! Mr. Reed has been featured on Good Morning America, World News Tonight, BBC News, The Jimmy Kimmel Live Show, and in The Washington Post and Time Magazine!
- Delta Kappa Gamma, an international women in education society, welcomed new Gamma Chapter member, Alicia Henning (SPE). Alicia is a current teacher in the Charleston School District and a grad student in the Special Education Program.

**PLAY THERAPY CONFERENCE ...**

Counseling and Higher Education is pleased to announce that they will be having a Play Therapy Conference on Friday, November 5, 2021 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the University Ballroom located on the 2nd floor of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The Program will feature keynote speaker Sophia Ansari, LPCC/RTI, Co-founder of Let's Play Institute. The Conference will focus on using superheroes and pop culture in counseling and play therapy.

An effort is being made to encourage graduate students to participate in this conference. Therefore, a special registration fee of \$30 has been established for students enrolled in six semester hours or more of graduate course work. Cost for regular registration is \$60. Contact the Counseling and Higher Education Department for more information or register online at <https://commerce.cashnet.com/cashneti/selfserve/EditItem.aspx?PC=EIUCOUNDEV-3&ItemCount=1>

Find more information at

<https://www.eiu.edu/counseling/continuinged.php>

