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CONGRATULATIONS ...

Drs. Havercroft and Jones-Bromenshenkel received the first Hamand Innovation Award in Graduate Education! Their work examining the necessary resources, processes, and market-demands to implement an LBS II program with a Transition Specialist option is sure timely and important. Thanks to the financial support of the Hamand family, the Graduate School is able to bring new distinction and heightened recognition to their graduate programs at Eastern Illinois University.

SUMMER IS COMING TO AN END ...

With the Fall semester right around the corner, make sure to mark your calendars for the upcoming events and important dates.

August 17th: All College Meeting in Buzzard Auditorium

August 18th: New Faculty Orientation

August 23rd: Classes Begin

October 22nd: Homecoming

ACCELERATED POST-BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM ...

This year we have 14 students in the cohort. This program leads to licensure in a secondary content area in 12 months. This year's candidates are earning licensure in biology, business, history, English, and Spanish. Their one-year residencies will begin in August. Pending the completion of all coursework and testing requirements, each will be a fully-licensure teacher in May 2022.

HOMECOMING 2021 ...

Alumni Services is once again sponsoring homecoming! Homecoming Weekend is October 22-23. The College of Education will have their tent at tent city! Come see us at the tent after the parade. For a full list of events and to purchase tickets to the football game visit, <https://www.eiu.edu/homecoming/>

RETIREMENTS ...

Congratulations to Jim Howley and Peggy Brown on their retirements. Jim Howley retired on May 31st and Peggy will be retiring as of Aug 31st. We wish both Jim and Peggy the best and are so excited that they chose EIU to call home!



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

... Anthony J. D'Angelo

NEW FACES ...

This month we welcomed Olivia Koester and Myra Taylor to the College of Education. Olivia Koester is the new Director of Development and External Relations for the College of Education and comes to us from Lake Land College. Olivia started July 1st. Myra Taylor is the new Office Manager for the College of Education. Myra comes to Eastern from Windsor High School. Myra started on July 12th. Both Olivia and Myra's offices are located in the Dean's Suite. Make sure you stop by and say, hello!

MTIEP SUMMER PROGRAM ...

This summer we hosted the Minority Teacher Identification and Enrichment Program (MTIEP) on campus. The program was three weeks long and we had 27 students of color come to campus and complete ELE 2050. They were on campus for three weeks and got to stay in EIU's dorms. Twenty-four of these students completed the intent to enroll and will hopefully be freshmen at Eastern next fall. ISBE is wanting to expand the program next summer and work with up to 80 school districts. A huge thank you to Peggy, Tracey, Stephen, Jay, Katie, LaKayra, Gus, and Shannon!

OTHER HAPPENINGS ...

- Dr. Melissa Jones-Bromenshenkel's (SPE) project, "C2C: Supporting Special Educators in their Transition from College to the Classroom" has been approved for \$30,000 in funding through the Sustaining Illinois Seed Funding Program.
- The COE received a \$500,000 earmark to fund a community-based cohort in Decatur. The Decatur MOU for Special Education and Elementary Education will begin in Fall 2022.
- Twenty-five students were initiated into the Golden Apple Program.
- The Bachelors of General Studies (BGS) Program has been changed to the Interdisciplinary Studies (IDS) Program.
- We are starting our Bachelors of Interdisciplinary Studies (IDS) in the Danville Correctional Center in Fall 2021.

ACADEMY OF LIFELONG LEARNING ...

The Academy of Lifelong Learning has their schedule for Fall 2021. Please see Marita for a booklet, or go to, <https://www.eiu.edu/adulted/all.php>

REDDEN GRANT UPDATE ...

Congratulations to our Redden Grant Recipients.

| Department | Faculty Name | Project Title |
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| CHE | Polydore, Catherine | Making Excellence Inclusive 5th Annual Inclusive Excellence Conference: Together We Rise, Fall 2021 |
| SPE | Jones, Melissa | Incorporating the Science of Reading (SOR) into SPE Coursework |
| SPE | Rosenstein, Amy | Preparing Teacher Candidates to Integrate Emerging Virtual Reality Technology (Oculus Quest 2) in Instructional Programming for Students with Exceptional Learning Needs |
| SPE | Havercroft, Kathryn | Embedding Book Studies and Literature Circles into Teacher Preparation |
| TLF | Bickford, John | Using History-Based Young Adult Literature to Facilitate Students' Understandings of History Literacy and Historical Argumentation |

COUNSELING ...

The Master's Degree in Counseling has been noted as one of the most affordable programs in the US by UniversityHQ. In a moment where student debt can easily exceed the first two years of income, affordability is an attractive element of Master's degree programs. The other is a quality education that affords students the ability to impact the lives of others. Our program has both!

DIVERSIFYING FACULTY IN ILLINOIS (DFI) FELLOWSHIP ...

Congratulations to Nyiah Lane and Brandy Matthews who received the DFI fellowship award. Both students are enrolled in the College Student Affairs graduate program. A big "Thank You" to all the faculty who helped mentor the students that applied for the fellowship!

