

An Interview with Dean Jeanne Lord



As a part of the recent vitalization changes at EIU, Human Services and Community Leadership (formerly FCS, Family Services) is a part of the new College of Health and Human Services. We are excited to welcome the new Interim Dean, **Dr. Jeanne Lord**. I, **Callie Snider**, had the opportunity to sit down with Dean Lord for an interview to discuss upcoming changes, how the Dean got her professional start, and future plans for the College.

Dean Lord got her start as a student at EIU in HSCL (which was *Home Economics* at the time). She graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in 1984 and continued her education into the *Gerontology* (Now *Aging Studies*) Master's Program before graduating in 1986. After receiving her M.A., she relocated to the University of Illinois to begin working on her doctorate degree. Eventually, Dean Lord returned to HSCL as a faculty member (then *Family and Consumer Sciences*) in 2000. During this time, she began as the official coordinator for the *Masters in Gerontology* program. Following this, she served as Associate Dean of the College for the next 10 years prior to being asked to serve as Dean of the College of Health and Human Services.

Dean Lord discussed how excited she is that HSCL is now its own department and is getting recognized individually. She also said that it has been great for the administrative council to come together for the HSCL honors program with health promotions, and both faculty and student research awards. Faculty and staff have been working with community organizations, such as Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center, to create new relationships with the HSCL department, creating new internship opportunities for students, and employment/research possibilities for EIU students. Dean Lord also said the biggest goal for the administrative staff is to create opportunities for HSCL students that will expand their professional start post-graduation. Dean Lord said, "We (administrative staff) have come together and updated the curriculum, preparing students for future professions after college."

HSCL values Dean Lord immensely as she continues to work hard supporting current and future EIU students. We are so thankful to have her support and commitment in both HSCL Ambassadors and the College of Health and Human Services.

Introducing HSCL Ambassadors!

This fall Human Services and Community Leadership faculty selected graduate and undergraduate students to serve in the Department's new student organization, Human Services and Community Leadership Ambassadors (HSCLA). The purpose of creating the HSCLA is to improve students' experiences through engagement in departmental and community service, professional development opportunities, and mentoring relationships. Though they are just getting started they are off and running and have participated in a variety of department and community service events this semester, including but not limited to EIU open houses, homecoming, events at the Charleston Public Library, and volunteering at Hilltop Nursing Home.



HSCLAs pictured clockwise: Dora Tandoh (Treasurer), Jill Bowers (Faculty Advisor), Callie Snider (Co-newsletter editor), Madison Carson (President), Blake Hawkins (Member Chair), Imani Ryan (Co-Newsletter Editor), Tiana Cox (Secretary), Tamra Kuester (Department Service Chair), Abbey Schneid (Vice-President) Not pictured: Ashonti Guy (Community Service Chair)

2019 CFLEC Speaker Series with Dr. Frances Murphy



Human Services and Community Leadership is connecting with the community in a variety of ways, including The Child and Family Life Education Center's (CFLEC) Speaker Series. According to **Dr. Frances Murphy, the CFLEC Coordinator and Onsite Director**, the goals of the speaker series are to provide education for families of children enrolled in the CFLEC; EIU students who are preparing to serve children and families in counseling, psychology, and human services; area child care providers; and interested community members, including CASA volunteers. The workshop on November 8th was titled "Seven Secrets of Guidance & Discipline of Young Children" addressed positive guidance for young children that prepares them for greater independence, decision-making, and social interactions. The spring workshop, "Moneysmarts: Recognizing Teaching moments in early years," will be presented by **Dr. Linda Simpson** at 7pm on April 4th. The CFLEC Facebook page contains more details about upcoming sessions; for any suggestions, comments, or questions, contact cflec@eiu.edu or call (217)-581-7917.



"These are just reminders and applications for our families. For example, we can utilize 'positively-worded statements' of instruction to children such as 'close the door quietly,' instead of, 'Don't slam the door,' to focus on what we WANT the child to do." – Dr. Francis Murphy on the first of the speaker series, *Seven Secrets of Guidance and Discipline*

ILCFR Conference Hosted at EIU

The National Council of Family Relations (NCFR) focuses on the diversity of family issues and relations. The mission of NCFR is "to provide an educational forum for family researchers, educators, and practitioners to share in the development and knowledge about families, relationships, establish professional standards, and work to promote family well-being". The 2019 conference is Intergenerational Relationships: Building Bridges for Diverse Families and will be hosted on April 12, 2019 in the MLK Union. An official announcement for presenter submissions will be out in early to mid-January. Past presenters include university faculty, students, marriage and family therapists, social workers, educators, and policy makers from across the state. For students, the conference provides opportunities to learn about topics related to families, meet professionals from across the state, and stay educated on new research. EIU Professor, Dr. Jacquelyn Frank, is the President Elect for the ILCFR this year. Dr. Frank says "I am very excited about the 2019 conference and it's comprehensive focus across multiple generations of the family. Because the conference will be hosted by EIU this year, it offers EIU faculty and students the opportunity to showcase our institution."

College Research Awards for Spring 2019

Available soon on the College website:
<https://www.eiu.edu/healthcol/awards.php>