Registration is now open to join Coleman's Run as it partners with Autism Speaks U: Liberty on its 2nd annual walk/run 5k to increase autism awareness and support Autism Speaks!

Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 13 at 9a.m.

Whether you are an avid or recreational runner, a walker or someone who loves kids, everyone is welcome to participate!

http://Events.AutismSpeaksU.org/Liberty
Message from the Dean

This semester we pause to remember Dr. Pauline Donaldson, who served as Dean of the School of Education 1991-1998. Education faculty attended the memorial service for Dr. Donaldson, who passed away on February 2. As Barbara Sherman stated, “Pauline was a standard bearer, a dedicated Christian servant who expected the best of herself and those about her, and she motivated us to rise to her expectations.”

“Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord.” Matthew 25:21

Elementary Education update

In February, Drs. Michelle Goodwin (Associate Dean for Licensure Programs), Andrea Beam (Director for Secondary Programs), Deanna Keith (Director for Special Education), and Professor Esther Alcindor (Director for Elementary Education) traveled to Richmond to attend targeted discussion forums concerning the revisions for the Approved Program and Teacher Licensure Regulations for Virginia. The Liberty University School of Education is excited to participate in these types of events that influence the way we prepare our candidates for teaching and learning in the 21st century!

Our School of Education leadership team, Dean Karen Parker and Associate Deans, Drs. Beth Ackerman, Scott Watson, and Michelle Goodwin, will travel to Orlando, FL. Feb. 26-Mar. 1 to give two presentations at the annual conference for the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE). They will also participate in training and workshops for the purpose of maintaining the national accreditation of the School of Education programs. Professors Ackerman, Alcindor, Goodwin, and Maddox will also present on April 19 at the ACEI Institute for Global Education Diplomacy in Washington D.C.

We are proud to announce the following six attendees that have been chosen to represent the School of Education at the Teachers of Promise (TOP) Institute in March in Richmond: Dana Dunn, Chelsea Bauerle, Leah Holloman, Andrew Napierkowski, Jeremy Peterson, and Jermaine Johnson.

The Teacher Recruitment Fair takes place on March 25 and will be a great time to come to campus to meet prospective employers! Please RSVP for the Teacher Recruitment Fair today at www.liberty.edu/careers by clicking “Career Fairs.”

Please join us on the Liberty University campus for Commencement Exercises May 10 and 11! Come celebrate and enjoy your success!
Pi Sigma and Greater Lynchburg Professional Chapters of Kappa Delta Pi

KDP chapter events are designed to promote awareness of current educational trends and provide relevant topics of interest for future educators. Chapter events allow the Pi Sigma Chapter to interact and receive input from future and current members of the society as the Chapter strives to fulfill the Ideals of the Honor Society: Fidelity to Humanity, Science, Service, and Toil.

Pi Sigma Chapter Meetings
- February 28, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. in DeMoss 1113
- March 28, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. in DeMoss 1113

Pi Sigma Chapter Deadlines
- B. Sherman Scholarship Applications: TBA
- Dues/Banquet Tickets: April 15, 2013, by 3 p.m. in TE 121
- Honor Cord Ceremony: Spring Semester only during the Initiation Banquet
- Initiation Ceremony & Banquet: April 23, 2013, time and location TBA

Other Chapter Activities
LCA Professional Points Activities: Sign up sheets on KDP bulletin board (various dates available)

Adopt A Class International: School supplies will be sent to Liberty University Alumni David Benedict, Oasis International School, located in Ankara, Turkey. Supply list will be distributed at chapter meetings.

March 25, 2013: Literacy Alive "Books and Balls" at Linkhorne Elementary School from noon-3 p.m. Contact Dr. Kristina Dewitt for more information on Pi Sigma KDP and Dr. Russ Claxton for more information on the Greater Lynchburg Professional Chapter of KDP.
The American School Counselor Association (ASCA) designated Feb. 4-8, 2013 as National School Counseling Week with the theme *Liberty and Learning for All!* If you would like to get copies of proclamations, posters, certificates, press releases, and more to celebrate our entering into the next era of school counseling, visit ASCA’s website at www.SchoolCounseling.org.

If you are not familiar with ASCA SCENE, let me strongly encourage you to join. You can get to the link through ASCA’s web site noted above. Membership is free and you do not have to be a member of ASCA to join the blogs, build and share personal profiles and practice materials, build your network of school counseling colleagues, and obtain the latest professional, ethical, and legal information related to professional school counseling.

A few reminders—please read the School Counseling Program Handbook and view the video in the online advising guide at: http://www.liberty.edu/academics/education/graduate/index.cfm?PID=14634. Also, please remember that all core counseling and school counseling courses must be successfully completed prior to internship and to take EDUC 661 as early in your program as possible and as your first intensive.

If you are interested in advanced licensures such as licensed profession counselor (LPC) and national voluntary credentials (e.g., NCC, NCSC), we will cover what this involves in EDUC 661 as part of professional identity development. If you just can’t wait, I can absolutely understand since I, too, get very excited about additional learning opportunities. To identify the requirements for your state for LPC visit your state’s Board of Health Professions website and read through the package of materials. You generally need a few additional post master’s degree courses, a number of clinical hours and supervision hours, specific experiences during accrual of clinical hours, and an exam (e.g., NCE or NCMHCE). To understand what is needed for national credentials visit the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) at www.NBCC.org.

Please let me know what you are up to! I so enjoy hearing from you. I look forward to getting to know each of you in the months ahead! Remember it is a great time to be a professional school counselor making a positive difference in the lives of our most valuable resource—our children!

*Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven. And, whoever welcomes a little child like this in My Name welcomes Me. (Matthew 18:4-5)*

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A Legacy of Literacy in St. Thomas

Annyce Maddox delivered two suitcases of books, pencil sharpeners, and prize box give-away items to St. Thomas on Nov. 21. She traveled to the school with her husband and two children (2nd grade and 3rd grade). “It was an amazing experience! We were honored at the Thanksgiving day program and enjoyed watching each grade perform for the audience of parents” said Maddox. As of today, A Legacy of Literacy, the group that was formed in honor of Dr. Jill Jones, has delivered 10,024 books to many different local and international destinations!!

School of Education Yokohama Trip

This summer you can experience Japan and receive graduate credit. The School of Education is sponsoring a trip to Japan from June 22-29, 2013. There are spots still available if you act now!

You may be wondering, “Is it worth it to go on this trip to Japan?” You will gain a broad perspective on the Japanese culture and educational system. This will also shape how you view your own education system. It enlarges your worldview and enhances your ability to be a global educator.

You will experience:
Japanese culture
Visit a variety of Japanese Schools
Visit unique cultural and historical sites around Yokohama, Japan
Stay at the historic Grand Hotel in Yokohama
Earn Graduate Credit if enrolled in EDUC603

EDUC603 is a study of the Japanese system of education in a specific cultural setting with a particular reference to administration and curriculum development and educational opportunity.

Due to class registration deadlines and logistics for the trip we may not be able to make this opportunity available again. Make an investment in yourself and broaden your horizons by participating in this trip.

Contact Connie McDonald cmcdonald2@liberty.edu if you have any questions about the trip. Contact educ@liberty.edu with questions about how the course, EDUC 603 Comparative Education, may fit into your degree completion plan.
Faculty Publications and Presentations


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SECOND SEMESTER

Mar. 8, Friday
Spring Vacation begins after last class
Mar. 11 - 15, Monday-Friday
Spring Break
Spring Intensives
Apr. 1, Monday
Easter Holiday
No Classes
Apr. 5, Friday
Last day to withdraw from a UG class with a "W"
Apr. 10, Wednesday
Annual Assessment Day
Apr. 30, Tuesday
Last day of classes
Last day to withdraw from a GR class with a "W"
May 1, Wednesday
Reading Day
May 2 – May 7, Thursday-Tuesday
Final Examinations
May 8, Wednesday
Residence Halls close at noon
May 10, Friday
Baccalaureate Service
Spring semester ends
May 11, Saturday
Commencement,
May 17, Friday
Final grades due

SUMMER SESSION
May 13 - Aug. 16