

Your weekly news & updates

Today's Highlights

- Your Voice Matters | 2021 Top 21 Goals for the College of Education
- Faculty and Staff End of Semester Meeting | **December 17 2-4 PM**
- Return to Spring Semester
- Innovation and Research | **NEW FACULTY Innovation Chat and Chew and NEW Graduate Student Innovation Chat and Chew**
- Innovation Mentions-Mitcham, Blankenship, Roberts, Shelton, Rowley and AERA Call for Proposals
- K-20 Partnerships | Congratulations to **Dr. Vivian Wilson, FAMU DRS**
- Social Media and much more...

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STRIKE Forward with News, Updates and Information

Strategic Initiatives

FAMU College of Education | Top 21 Goals in 2021

Dean Watson wants your input for our top 21 goals for the 2021 year. We are leaving 2020, celebrating our accomplishments and pushing forward for a new year.

Do you have any goals in mind that align with our exceptional leadership goals outlined by President Robinson and Provost Edington?

Here are five guiding ideas!

1. Increase faculty scholarship and research.



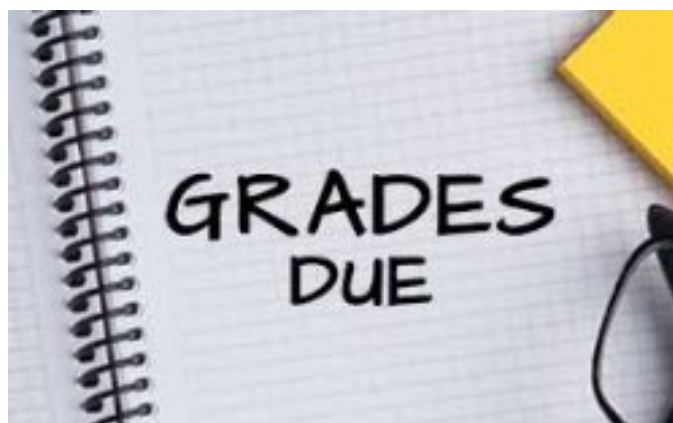
2. Enhance professional development with staff.
3. Increase meaningful engagement with dean's office, department chairs and faculty.
4. Recruit an increased number of undergraduate students.
5. Develop a new non-certification based major for our college to increase innovation.

Please share your thoughts here: [Open Ideas](#)

Trust

Grades are due, December 15

Faculty grades are due before 5 PM on December 15th. Faculty are welcome to enter grades prior to the final deadline. Please ensure all course items align with the course syllabi and graded assignment details.



Winter Break | Letter from HR

Please review this informative letter regarding faculty and staff leave over the winter holiday.

[Review HR Letter here.](#)

Reminder: Time to Certify Graduation Approvals in iRattler!

Building Sanitization | COE and DRS Remote Working

- COE Gore Educational Complex December 17
- FAMU DRS | December 22

Please work remotely on these days. Our college office and DRS campus will be physically limited.



Training and Development | Office of Instructional Technology and Academic Affairs

Please watch for upcoming dates and training opportunities to prepare for next semester.

- HyFlex Demo | Training This Week
- Expertise Panel for Faculty | Topics include, sanitization, building maintenance, and technology updates
- **COVID-19 Faculty Training | Coming Soon**



Reminder!

Share Your Questions and Comments

Press **RETURN** or **ENTER** on your keyboard to share your question/comment with the presenters or with



TYPE your question in the Q&A box located at right of your screen to pose to presenters.

TYPE a question or comment to fellow participants in the Group Chat box by clicking on the word bubble icon on bottom of your

Recruitment and Retention

Institute for Education Sciences | Recruiting and Retaining Teachers Introduction in Partnership with REL Midwest

The College of Education seeks to review and adopt ways to integrate recruitment strategies. We are looking to put together a video to inform practice similar to this one included. If you have ways to increase recruitment and retention, we would welcome hearing from you. Please contact Committee Chair, [Dr. Rebecca Blankenship](#) with ideas and information.

Innovation in Research

Launching Research and Innovation Chat and Chew!

Faculty Sessions

2nd Wednesday
Monthly
Kick Off | January
13
4-5 PM
[Zoom Faculty Registration Link](#)

Graduate Student Sessions

2nd Wednesday
Monthly
Kick Off | January
13
5-6 PM

[Zoom Graduate Registration Link](#)

CHAT AND CHEW!

**INNOVATION AND RESEARCH FACULTY
DIALOGUE WITH
DEAN WATSON AND ASSOCIATE DEAN
PRICE**

2ND WEDNESDAY MONTHLY
STARTING JANUARY 13

FACULTY 4-5 PM

ZOOM ID | 977 5512 9810

GRADUATE SCHOLARS 5-6 PM

ZOOM ID | 914 1037 2466

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Dr. Michelle Mitcham | ACE Network and Stetson University

Congratulations to Dr. Michelle Mitcham on her statewide presentations.

Dr. Michelle Mitcham Represented the ACE Women in Higher Education Network, Florida Chapter at the recent annual meeting. This meeting happened on December 4th.

Dr. Mitcham also was a featured speaker at Stetson University and highlighted women, bullying and microaggressions within higher education. The event happened in October 2020 and was entitled, Courageous Conversations: Women Experiencing Microaggressions & Bullying in Higher Education



WIDA Professional Development Course Completion School Leaders: Ensuring Equity for Multilingual Learners



Drs. Rebecca Blankenship, Serena Roberts, and Ms. Temecia Shelton have completed and received a professional development certificate through the WIDA Consortium. The 7-hour professional development course was designed to help

educators 1) create new or enhance existing school language policies and programs within current school improvement processes, 2) apply principles of data literacy when making decisions about school structures and programs for language learners, and 3) build structures to ensure educator collaboration while maintaining authentic and culturally

responsive family partnerships.

The trio will use content of the course to enhance and inform the ongoing services provided to our ELL students as well as instructional support services to our faculty and staff at Sabal Palm and FAMU DRS.

The State of Florida is a member of the WIDA Consortium which provides assessment, instructional, and support to students, families, educators and administrators with high-quality, research-based tools and resources, dedicated to language development for multilingual learners.



Coping while Cooped: Strategies for Managing Anxiety- COVID-19 Edition

Please listen to a very helpful podcast from **Dr. Alishea Rowley**. This is a very needed topic for this time in our lives. Dr. Rowley has multiple helpful listening sessions available.

[Listen here.](#)

AERA Education Research Service Projects Program | Call for Proposals

2021 Call for Proposals
Deadline: January 8, 2021

The American Educational Research Association (AERA) is currently accepting proposals for grants up to \$5,000 to support research service projects that address educational needs in local communities.



2021 Call for Proposals

The American Educational Research Association invites proposals for the 2021 cycle of Education Research Service Projects (ERSP) initiative. AERA's Education Research Service Projects initiative encourages education researchers to offer their pro bono expertise to educational organizations, institutions, or other community groups that have identified and expressed a need for such assistance. The ERSP initiative provides small grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 to defray direct costs involved in these projects. The program welcomes applications from education researchers who seek to provide research skills, knowledge, methods, and related services to educational entities that have noted their need for research-informed assistance.

The ambition of the ERSP program is to connect education research with educational needs prevalent in local communities. Education Research Service Projects aim to engender a culture of service that responds to deep and significant needs whether or not they receive high-profile public attention.

ERSP awards allow education researchers to contribute their time and expertise and thereby to serve the public good. These awards are not intended to include advocacy activity on behalf of the research entity.

The proposal deadline is Friday, January 8, 2021. For more information, please see the Call and Guidelines. Applications must be submitted through the AERA online application portal. If you have questions about the ERSP program, email edresearch@aera.net.

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Science Thursdays with Brookhaven Lab! Open Invitation

Science Thursdays with Brookhaven Lab!

Looking inside Cells with X-ray Nanovision

Join students and educators in a live virtual conversation and Q&A with Brookhaven Lab's Biochemist Dr. Tiffany Victor as we discuss BNL's use of X-rays for cell imaging, technology, application and potential career paths for science enthusiasts.

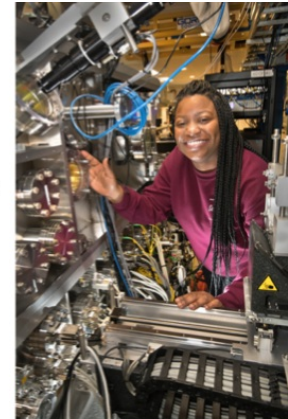
Date: Thursday, December 17, 2020

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Zoom

webinar: <https://bnl.zoomgov.com/j/1610363703?pwd=Z04va1l0TmthU2duQS95V2dlTDJFUT09>

To learn more about Dr. Tiffany Victor please follow this link, <https://www.bnl.gov/newsroom/news.php?a=117024>.



Click directly on the image to attend this meeting. Or visit directly here:
<https://bnl.zoomgov.com/j/1610363703?pwd=Z04va1l0TmthU2duQS95V2dlTDJFUT09>

K-20 Partnerships

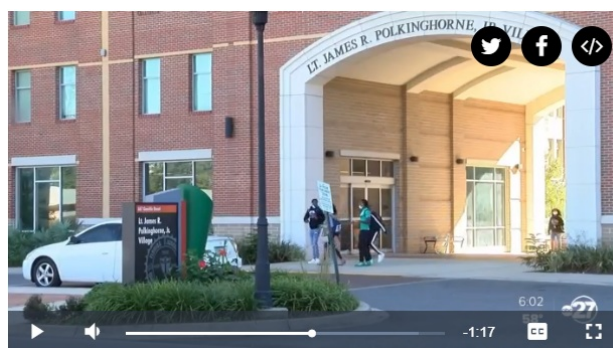


Dr. Vivian Wilson Appointed to Leon County Library Advisory Board | FAMU DRS

Congratulations to **Dr. Vivian Wilson**, associate professor of English at FAMU DRS. Commissioner Nick Maddox recently appointed her for a continuation as a county advisory board member. Dr. Wilson is a phenomenal educator and is involved and engaged in K-12 education as well as Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated.

In the News: Dr. Rebecca Blankenship Gives a Research Partnership Update

WTLX reporter, [Jada Williams](#), recently interviewed **Dr. Rebecca Blankenship**, associate professor of elementary education and director for the ESOL program. The news story covered the changes in education based on Governor DeSantis new executive order. Jada shared, "The Florida A&M University College of Education is also stepping up, with a newly formed partnership with LCS that



allows students who need extra help to get it directly from FAMU students. "They're the students slipping through the cracks. At this point, we have at FAMU done some mitigating," said FAMU College of Education professor Rebecca Blankenship. "With our English language learning students through virtual tutoring that our students do with them.

Professor Blankenship said students living in low-income communities and those who are learning English as a second language are struggling the most.

"These are the creative solution we're working on to make sure all of our students, no matter their socio-economic status, their linguistic status, residential, are meeting the needs of as many children as we can at this time," said Blankenship.

Leon County Schools will have to submit its Student Intervention Plan to the Department of Health by Dec. 15."

WTXL News Interview | Dr. Blankenship

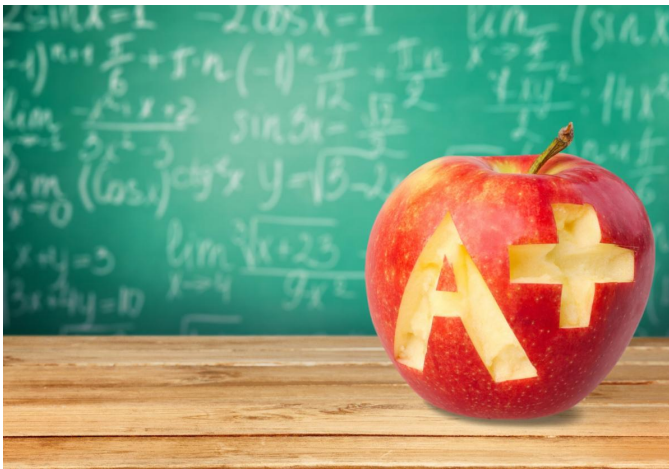
Students in Need | Florida McKinney- Vento Program

The Florida McKinney Vento Program is available for students with a need for emergency assistance. Please read more about this opportunity.

Read the document [here](#).

Engagement

Apple Pinning Ceremony A Celebration to Remember



Excerpt from Dean's welcome "The history of The Apple Pinning Ceremony holds a rich and deep presence in the College of Education. The Apple Society is meaningful to our college and is essential as we send out new professionals and enhance our current graduate professionals. The inaugural Apple Pinning Ceremony was created by members of our own faculty in Secondary Education, Technology and Foundations, Educational Leadership and Elementary

Education departments. After this monumental ceremony, we will take special time to recognize one of the founders of the Apple Society, Dr. Marion Smith. We welcome her friends and supporters and ask that you stay tuned through this outstanding program to hear her special tribute.

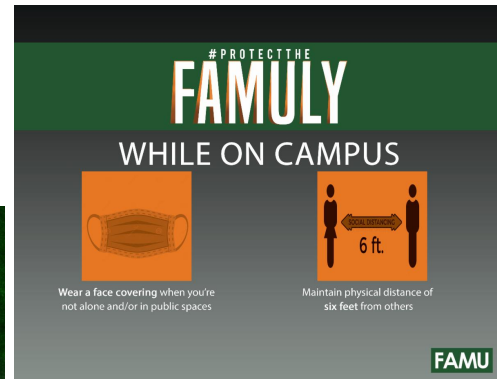
The first ceremony was held under the breezeway of the College of Education in the Gore Educational Complex between the elevator and the C building. Eventually, we migrated to the Winter Wood Theater for two years. Finally, we held the ceremony at the Bethel AME Church until we returned to the Grand Ballroom on FAMU's campus under the leadership of former Interim Dean, **Dr. Patricia Green Powell** (*there was an unintentional error in the program that noted Dean Watson*). This year was phenomenal, we heard an outstanding speech from **Mr. Byron Morrison**, 2012 alumni member that left a great impression. We also had a special presentation for **Dr. Marian Smith**, former faculty member and chair in the College of Education."

View the full Apple Pinning Program [here](#).

University News

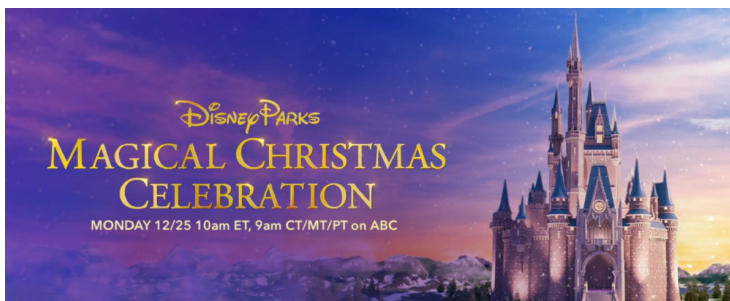
FAMU Commencement | Watch Again

Watch a recap of our phenomenal FAMU graduation ceremony! We have a great group of scholars who have stepped into their professional lives.



Commencement Recap

For Your Winter Break Enjoyment!



Jingle Jangle Movie on NETFLIX (featuring **FAMU** Grad Anika Noni Rose)

See: <https://www.netflix.com/title/80232043>

Ma Rainey's Black Bottom on NETFLIX (last triumphant performance of Chadwick Boseman)

See:

<https://www.theguardian.com/film/2020/dec/13/ma-raineys-black-bottom-review-viola-davis-chadwick-boseman>

FAMU Gospel Choir performs at the “Disney Parks Magical Christmas Celebration” airing on ABC at 10 am ET on Christmas morning:

<https://attractionsmagazine.com/wake-up-christmas-disney-parks-magical-christmas-celebration/>

“Disney Parks Magical Christmas Celebration” musical performances include:

- Hosts Tituss Burgess & Julianne Hough – “It’s The Most Wonderful Time of the Year”
- Becky G – “Santa Claus is Coming to Town” and “Feliz Navidad”
- **Florida A&M University Gospel Choir – “Joy to the World”**
- Jon Batiste – “It’s All Right” from “Soul” and “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas”
- **Keedron Bryant with the Florida A&M University Gospel Choir – “Someday at Christmas”**
- Maddie & Tae – “Holly Jolly Christmas” and “Christmas (Baby Please Come Home)”
- Tituss Burgess – “This Christmas”
- **Tori Kelly with the Florida A&M University Gospel Choir – “Let It Snow”**
- Trevor Jackson – “The Christmas Song”

Break!

(for now...)

OUR COLLEGE OF EDUCATION WEEKLY
NEWSLETTER IS ON PAUSE THROUGH JANUARY 11



HAVE A RESTFUL HOLIDAY BREAK! HAPPY NEW YEAR 2021!



Watch a Recap | COE Forum II on YouTube

Our COE forums are full of student updates, special guest speakers, alumni friends, and campus opportunities. Please watch this incredible recap of the COE Forum Homecoming Edition. Prepare for later



this week as we engage in our final forum of the semester, with special guest speaker **Mr. Brandon Okpalobi!**

Support our College and Share with a Friend!

A little gift goes a long way!



S | STRATEGIC INITIATIVES -The FAMU COE will align closely with the university vision and mission to implement programs designed to increase academic achievement across undergraduate and graduate programs. Increase the teacher pipeline by partnering with our local districts and those across the state.

T | TRUST - The FAMU COE will build trust and offer transparency to our internal campus community and external school and community partners. We will build programs and engage others with truthful and meaningful practices.

R | RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION - Recruitment and Retention | The FAMU COE will tackle the national and state teacher shortage crisis and implement new strategies to recruit and retain teacher education majors. We will grow our graduate programs and be proactive in identifying

the needs and gaps in state certification and test achievement. We will create pathways for gains from our education candidates and follow them into successful careers.

I | INNOVATION AND RESEARCH - The FAMU COE will create innovative and immersive learning experiences for our learners will promoting a solid research agenda and providing rich research expertise. We will provide rich teaching and learning with immersive technology for undergraduate and graduate programs.

K | K-20 SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS - The FAMU COE will work closely as a key partner with FAMU DRS and surrounding county schools to identify the needs of the educational community and utilize our faculty, staff, and students to meet those needs.

E | ENGAGEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY, THE STATE AND THE NATION - The FAMU COE will increase the number of privately funded scholarships to support our students and faculty by promoting our programs and creating forums for exposure and visibility.

CHEERS TO 2021!

Happy New Year!

May your year be filled with exciting
new opportunities!

