



# GoldenTigers

at the  
College of Education

## L.E.A.R.N

Linking Educators And  
Resources Newsletter

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“The purpose of  
education is to  
replace an  
empty mind with  
an open one.”

— Malcolm Forbes

## FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS



During the pandemic last year, Dr. Kelley Brock-Simmons was virtually awarded the Vulcan Award for her excellent leadership and service to the University. Dr. Brandi Worsham was virtually awarded the Ann Austin Johnston Faculty Award for demonstrating outstanding teaching and supporting other faculty members in the pursuit of excellence.

### Promotions

We are proud to announce the promotion of Dr. Kelley Brock-Simmons & Dr. Donna Cherveney. Both faculty members were promoted to Associate Professor on the basis of their commitment to student success, building relationships with students and colleges, as well as collaborative efforts across the University.

### Welcome New Faculty

We are excited to welcome two new faculty members to the College of Education!

**Dr. Julie Carbaugh & Dr. Jillian Skelton** will join our department in August.

**“If your actions  
inspire others to  
dream more,  
learn more, do  
more and  
become more,  
you are a  
leader.”**

**— John Quincy Adams**



Kappa Delta Pi is one of the largest and most prestigious educational honor societies, with more than 40,000 members and 600 chapters around the world. To date, more than 1,200,000 educators worldwide have been inducted. Albert Einstein, George Washington Carver, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Margaret Mead are just a few of the historically known members. KDP was established to foster excellence in education and promote fellowship among those dedicated to teaching.

**The Tau Eta Chapter is preparing for our next initiation.  
This year, the initiation will be held in October.**

**Invitations will be sent to students who meet the following criteria:**

**Undergraduates:**

- At least 24 semester hours completed
- A cumulative grade-point average of 3.00 (on a 4.00 scale) or a grade-point average ranking in the upper quintile (upper 20%) based upon the total previous collegiate record of the student
- At least 6 semester hours of Professional Education courses programmed, in progress, or completed

**Graduate Students:**

- Accepted into the graduate school and pursuing coursework in education
- Completion of 6 semester hours of graduate work in current program
- At least 6 semester hours of Professional Education courses completed, in progress, or programmed
- A cumulative grade-point average on all graduate work of at least 3.25 (on a 4.00 scale) or within the upper 18.75%

**Alternative Certification Students:**

- Hold a baccalaureate degree
- Completion of at least 3 semester hours of the alternative certification program
- At least 6 hours of Professional Education courses completed, in progress, or programmed
- A cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.25 (on a 4.00 scale)

We are excited to recognize our students at **Brenau University** who excel scholastically in the field of education! If you are interested in joining or want to learn more about Kappa Delta Pi, please contact **Dr. Natasha M. Iszard** at [niszard@brenau.edu](mailto:niszard@brenau.edu) or (770) 533-5409.

## Clinical & Field Experience Dates to Know

Sept. 21	Spring 2022 placement applications due
Oct. 21	<b>TEACHER EDUCATION APPLICATIONS ARE DUE FOR SPRING</b>
Jan. 21	Fall 2022 placement applications due
May 21	<b>TEACHER EDUCATION APPLICATIONS ARE DUE FOR FALL</b>

# KAPPA DELTA PI

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INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN EDUCATION

**Congratulations to our new members! The  
College of Education inducted 25 honor  
students during Spring 2021.**



## CLINICAL AND FIELD EXPERICE

Joyce and Kim are working hard to be ready for August!

Joyce is working to place almost 200 students between Field Experiences, Student Teaching and Internships. School systems are ready for face to face in August, so that is great news for us---no more Video Field Experiences!!! She also continues to give students guidance on the phone and through email and share her wisdom as school systems are undergoing many changes due to teacher shortages.

Kim is revising the Clinical Experiences Handbook, the College Supervisors Handbook and making sure all forms in Livetext have accurate information, and email addresses. Updating MOU's with cooperating school systems is an ongoing task for her. She is also working to create ED 100/501 Clinical Experiences Seminar, which will meet three times (8/24, 9/21, and 10/19) and will help students navigate the myriad of forms needed to get teacher candidates to the finish line.

Joyce, Kim and Gefry have been working on making some of our applications Google based and also have been rethinking the Clinical Experiences Website to make it more user friendly and visually appealing---an ongoing process.

## Ed.D. PROGRAM

We are so proud of Dr. Renee Crandall & Dr. Caitlin Kraeling to be the first two students to graduate the Ed.D. Program this past May. We are preparing a few more to finish the Program this summer and attend graduation in December 2021.



Dr. Autumn Dodson remembers the required “research talk” she had with Dr. Kelley Brock-Simmons and the excitement she felt when her dissertation topic was nailed down and she was provided a committee and approval to begin her proposal. Autumn was so inspired by her dissertation topic, “The effectiveness of African American teachers instructing African American students” she set out to write a dissertation AND a book! Autumn has finished her book and became Dr. Dodson in June! Check it out and order one! The book is available on Amazon and Barnes and Noble.





## CONNECTING WITH STUDENTS

Dr. Bromer and Dr. Wilkerson recently had lunch with two Augusta campus graduates, Terry (Diamond) Capers (elementary) and Beverly Lowery (middle grades), to catch up on their many accomplishments as Richmond County teachers. Diamond completed a Master's degree in May and Beverly was selected to attend the highly competitive

GenCyberCamp for Teachers in June. Pictured from left to right: Dr. Bromer, Diamond Capers, Dr. Wilkerson, & Beverly Lowery.

## Dates to Know Women's College

First Day of Class	<b>August 23</b>
Last Day of Add/Drop	<b>August 27</b>
Last Day to drop with a W	<b>October 13</b>
Last Day of Class	<b>November 19</b>
Final Exams	<b>Nov. 20 – Nov. 24</b>
Holidays	<b>September 6 November 25-26 December 20- 31</b>

## Dates to Know Online Students

Session 1 Courses	<b>Aug. 23 – Oct. 8</b>
Session 2 Courses	<b>Oct. 18 – Dec. 3</b>
Full Term Online	<b>Aug. 23 – Dec. 3</b>
Holidays	<b>September 6 November 25-26 December 20- 31</b>