Bullying Prevention Summit Draws a Dedicated Audience

The Bully-Free Florida Network held a very successful Bullying Prevention Summit at UCF on Saturday, February 27. It was attended by over 90 students and teachers from area middle schools, high schools, and colleges. The goal for the summit was to help schools create anti-bullying clubs and strengthen existing clubs and programs. To do this a successful club from Hagerty High School was invited to help train the prospective clubs. Additionally, number of other individuals and organizations conducted informative workshops including our own Dr. Judy Levin.

The goal of the Bully-Free Florida Network is to bring Florida organizations, researchers, professionals, and practitioners together to build a bully-free Florida. Please contact Dr. Phil Koger if you have an interest in this issue and would like to work with us.

It’s a Connor

While UCF students flocked to the beaches or learned from their internships, faculty took a little time off or caught up, and staff enjoyed an efficient work week and easy parking, one of our faculty members decided to try something different.

At 10:15 pm on Tuesday, March 8, Taylar Wenzel gave birth to Connor James Wenzel, coming in at 7 lbs., 12 oz. and 21 inches. Both mother and son are doing well.
How the Education Universe Is Expanding

David N. Perkins, Carl H. Pforzheimer Jr. Research Professor from Harvard University recently wrote an article in the Educational Leadership journal entitled, “Lifeworthy learning.” This article included six “Beyonds” that illustrate how the education universe is expanding.

"Beyond content to 21st century skills and competencies.” A contemporary education is not just about the facts or even the conceptual understanding of content. It is also about critical and creative thinking, collaboration, communication, citizenship and even more.

"Beyond local to global perspectives, problems, and studies.” It’s not just one’s own nation and neighboring nations. In today’s world, the culture, economics, and politics of any nation might come to influence any other, and world-scale problems like global warming touch us all.

"Beyond topics to content as material for thinking and action.” Knowledge offers a lens through which to understand past and contemporary events so that we can engage the world with more insight and impact.

"Beyond the traditional disciplines to renewed and extended versions of the disciplines.” Current themes (ecological diversity, energy supplies, the complex character of democracy in various nations, and so on) are often in the foreground.

"Beyond discrete disciplines to interdisciplinary topics and problems.” It’s been said that every world-scale problem has an interdisciplinary character.

"Beyond academic engagement to personal choice, significance, commitment and passion.” In many settings, students have opportunities to pursue themes that resonate deeply for them.


Coe and Hood Publish Article in NCTE Journal

Dr. Yolanda Hood and Dr. Vicky Zygouris-Coe recently published a co-authored an article in Voices in the Middle, the flagship journal for middle grades of the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE). The article encourages “the use of the mystery and suspense genre in YA literature as a tool for fostering authentic inquiry and investigation in grades 6 through 8.”

The article, titled Fostering Authentic Inquiry and Investigation through Middle Grade Mystery and Suspense Novels can be found online.
UCF Science Education Reaches a National Goal

The Physics Teacher Education Coalition (PhysTEC) is pleased to announce the newest inductees into The 5+ Club, a group of institutions that has graduated five or more highly qualified physics teachers in the last academic year. The great majority of institutions graduate less than two physics teachers a year, and the most common number of graduates is zero. In their 2014 report, the American Association for Employment in Education found that the teacher shortage in physics is number one among 59 education fields.

The 5+ Club institutions are national leaders in addressing the severe nationwide shortage of secondary physics teachers. This year PhysTEC is proud to recognize the following:

- Brigham Young University (17)
- Illinois State University (10)
- Stony Brook University (8)
- Arizona State University (6)
- Boston University (6)
- University of Central Florida (6)
- Middle Tennessee State University (5)
- Rowan University (5)
- Towson University (5)
- University of Arkansas (5)
- West Chester University (5)
- Western Michigan University (5)

Promethean Training Comes to the MIRC

A training for the Promethean Interactive Whiteboard Systems is being offered on Friday, April 15, 2016 from 9:00am—3:30pm in the MIRC Gallery.

This will be a full day of information, tips and tricks on how to use these boards and much of the software associated with them. In order to participate you will need a laptop with the ActivInspire software loaded (instructions on downloading ActivInspire will be given via email to attendees).

A general agenda is below. To attend, please RSVP to Dr. Lee-Anne Spalding (spalding@ucf.edu) by April 1, 2016.

Spots are limited so RSVP now!

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This Week in HAPPY Hour: ART, Math Tech, Advocacy

"The Marriage of Art to STEM: STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math)" will be held from 4:30—6:00pm on Tuesday, March 22, 2016, in TA130 on the Orlando campus. Presenters: Carolyn Hopp, UCF College of Education and Human Performance Faculty; Tracey R. Morrison, UCF CREATE - Center for Research and Education. This workshop is geared toward all students.

"How to Use the Promethean Board" will be held from 4:30—5:30pm on Wednesday, March 23, 2016, in Curriculum Materials Center (ED 194) on the Orlando campus. Presenter: Pamela Jaggernauth, Senior UCF Library Technical Assistant Supervisor. This workshop is geared toward all students.

"Beginning Teacher Advocacy: Walking the Tightrope During Your First Year" will be held from 4:30—5:30pm on Thursday, March 24, 2016, in TA 130 on the Orlando campus. Presenter: Susan Kelly, ESE Doctoral Student. This workshop is geared toward all students.

Last Week to Sign Up for the Leadership Enhancement Program

The deadline is fast approaching! The Office of Diversity and Inclusion is currently accepting applications for the 2016-2017 Leadership Enhancement Program. Signed and dated applications should be sent to the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, 12424 Research Parkway, Suite 169, by 12:00pm, Friday, March 18, 2016.

Please download the application and instructions from the website. For more information, contact Stefanie Campbell by phone at 407-823-0524 or email at Stefanie.campbell@ucf.edu.
### Calendar of Events

**MARCH**

- **March 22**  🌟 HAPPY Hour Presents: The Marriage of Art to STEM, 4:30—6:00pm, TA 130
- **March 23**  🌟 HAPPY Hour Presents: How to Use the Promethean Board, 4:30—5:30pm, TA 130
- **March 24**  🌟 HAPPY Hour Presents: Beginning Teacher Advocacy, 4:30—5:30pm, TA 130

**APRIL**

- **April 1**  18th Annual Literacy Symposium, 8:30am-4:00pm, Education Gymnasium and TA
- **April 2**  UCF ADAGE Gifted Conference, MIRC
- **April 8**  Spring STEM Day, 10:30am—2:15pm
- **April 15**  🌟 Promethean Training; 9:30am—3:30pm, MIRC
- **April 16**  UCF Spring Football Game, 7:00pm
- **April 26**  Last Day of Classes
- **April 27**  CEDHP and STLL Faculty Meetings, 9:00am, MIRC, GCR

🌟 = New Item This Week