

EDUCATION MATTERS

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Shorter Announces Two Graduate Degrees in Education

Dr. Sandra Leslie, the Dean of the School of Education, is pleased to announce the addition of two graduate degrees, the Master of Arts in Teaching and the Master of Education. Both program concentrations are early childhood education; however, one program leads to an initial teaching certification and the other program prepares students for an upgrade to their T-4 certificate. Also, each degree program includes online courses.

The Master of Arts (M.A.T.) in Teaching Early Childhood Education initial certification program is for students interested in teaching but have undergraduate degrees in areas other than education. The program is 98% online and is accredited by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission. M.A.T. graduates are eligible for a T-5 Georgia teaching certificate. Students interested enrolling in this program should contact the Online Programs department on the Rome campus.

The other graduate program is a Master of Education (M.Ed.) Early Childhood Education. Offered through the College of Adult and Professional Programs (CAPP), the M.Ed. is for students who already have active T-4 certificates. This cohort based program meets on-ground and 49% online. Georgia Professional Standards Commission has approved this program for a certificate upgrade to T-5. Students interested enrolling in this program should contact an enrollment counselor at one of the CAPP campuses (Rome, Riverdale, Gwinnett, and North Atlanta).

If you would like more information about either program, contact Dr. Susan Earwood, Director of Graduate Education, at searwood@shorter.edu or 678-260-3602.

IMPORTANT EDUCATION DATES

Thursday, November 10
SPAGE/SGAE Meeting - 11 a.m. to noon - AH16

Thursday, November 17
Student Teachers'/Cooperating Teachers' Meeting
4:30 p.m.- Room TBA

Friday, November 18
Last Day for Fall Practicum

Tuesday, November 19-Wednesday, December 7
Finals

Thursday, January 5-Friday, January 6
Orientation and Late Registration

Saturday, January 7
GACE Test - Paper based at various sites

Monday, January 9
Classes begin

Thursday, January 12
Fall Practicum Meeting for all Students in
Methods Classes - MANDATORY

Tuesday, January 17
Deadline for ALL Student Bio Sheets -
Dr. Cothran

Thursday, January 19
Faculty Meeting - Chorale Room

Thursday, January 26
SPAGE/SGAE Meeting
11 a.m. to noon - Room TBA

Friday, January 27
Before 5:00 p.m. - Deadline for ALL Student
Background Checks and SPAGE/SGAE
Membership for Insurance - Dr. Cothran

Thursday, February 2
Graduate Ed. Council from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 9
SPAGE/SGAE Meeting - 11 a.m. to noon - TBA

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SPAGE/SGAE Collecting Toys for Tots in November and December

The student education organizations SPAGE / SGAE will be collecting for “Toys for Tots” from early November until Dec. 17. Collection boxes will be available around campus for any new, unopened toys for anyone wishing to contribute.

Cash donations may also be made to any member or to Dawn Tolbert. A collection box will also be placed at the Shorter Hawks home football game on Nov. 12. All donations are greatly appreciated.

My Favorite Teacher



Sallie Samples

Thinking back forty something years is bad, but coming up with my favorite teacher is almost impossible. Which teacher from Pisgah, Alabama is

worthy of being my “favorite?” I thought about Miss Hughes, my first-grade teacher in 1957, who taught me to sit in a desk and keep my mouth shut. Well, actually, she taught me to sit in a desk. I do remember twenty-eight six-year-olds marching around the classroom chanting, “left, right, left, right,” as we moved our legs and arms accordingly. To this day, I think of this exercise in learning when I am asked to turn right or left.

Mrs. McGriff, my seventh-grade English teacher, also is among the top of special teachers in my life. She taught me more of what I do in my everyday life today, i.e., how to fold a letter, how to address an envelope, and how many lines to space in a formal letter. As I remember, she also taught me the consequences of chewing gum in class. I had to write, “I, Sallie Patterson, will never, never, never, under any circumstances whatsoever, chew gum in Mrs. McGriff’s class again,” 500 times...only once.

However, it is Mr. Sam Kenimer who takes top honors as my favorite all-time teacher. Coach Kenimer was the head football coach and taught Business Law and History. I’m not sure why I



Business Law, except that he taught the course and I enjoyed being around him. Beyond being a good teacher, he was always available as a father-figure when my brother and I needed that role model. He always had a kind word to say when things were good and a firm bit of advice when things were not. He instilled a strong work ethic in my life, and encouraged me to give everything my best. I cannot think of one thing that he taught me outside of morals, ethics, and day-to-day life lessons. He was my “go-to” teacher in high school and he is a great man even today and he always will be special to me.



Dr. Wayne Sanders

My favorite teacher of all time was Mr. Frank Irwin. He was my 6th-grade teacher and principal. At the time, the United States was beginning the space race with the Soviet Union. It was an exciting time. Mr. Irwin made all subjects interesting, especially science and math. He did a lot of hands-on experiments, many math activities where we measured things, and was truly interested in each student. In the evenings after dark, he would have us come to the

school at night to look through his telescope at the moon and the planets. He truly was a great teacher.



Stefanie Cash

I had the privilege of studying under an amazing musicologist for three different classes. What I admired most was her passion for students. I have been in many classes with wonderful teachers who had an intense passion for their subject, however, her desire for student success rivaled the intense passion she displayed for contemporary music.