



UGA faculty, students making an impact in education on many levels

As one of the largest and most diverse colleges of education in the nation, we take great pride in the impact we have on the practice of teaching, learning, administration and policy at all levels.

The University of Georgia College of Education, as part of a land-grant institution, has a unique role to research important issues and inform the public, especially in Georgia.

In this issue of Education, we explore the future direction of national education policy and research, share an open dialogue on black issues in higher education and highlight some of the exciting research being done by our faculty and graduate students.

This research attracts wonderful scholars from around the globe. Their inquiry and discovery make us internationally competitive. These cutting-edge research efforts drew more than \$19.2 million in external funding in 2005-06, another record year.

Our faculty received grants from such state, federal and private sources as the U.S. Department of Education, National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Spencer Foundation and Carnegie Corporation.

The excellence of our faculty's teaching and research continues to keep our graduate programs highly ranked nationally in the annual *U.S. News & World Report* survey – 21st overall and 14th among public education colleges. In specialty rankings, six of our programs rank among the top five in the nation and three more are in the top 20. That's nine programs out of 10 categories that are ranked among the nation's very best – a true testament to the hard work of our faculty.

Great faculty attracts great students. In this issue, we feature a few of our outstanding students – two who received prestigious major research grants and two more who are, by the nature of their dedication and hard work, representative of our nearly 2,500 graduate students.

The articles in this issue describe a few of the many ways in which we are engaged with the world at large. They also reflect our commitment to expanding partnerships with schools and social agencies, especially in the health sciences.

As the UGA College of Education nears its centennial celebration in 2008, we look back proudly on a century of excellence in the preparation of teachers, counselors, psychologists and other professionals in allied health fields. We continue that commitment today – striving to promote a scholarship of teaching and learning within each of our students.

I hope that you will take a few moments to discover more about what we are doing to help people reach their full potential – either in the following pages or on the web at www.coe.uga.edu.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Louis A. Castenell, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

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