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SRG Partners with the COE Dean's Council on Diversity



Our College's Dean's Council on Diversity (DCOD) seeks to partner in a more visible way with staff through working with SRG! SRG Chair

Bobbie Ray formally represents the SRG on the Council, but other staff are members and more are welcome!

Proposed is a regular column in the SRG newsletter, alerting staff of events and seeking their input and involvement in our college's diversity work. Also proposed is staff participation in diversity professional development. A sub-committee, chaired by Cathy Dickson, has been identified to work with Bobbie and the DCOD in getting more details and specific plans for moving forward.

Stay tuned, and we hope you will get involved!

-- Bobbie Ray, Language & Literacy Education and Jenny Penney Oliver, Ph.D., Counseling and Human Development Services

SRG is working with the Dean's Council on Diversity to explore opportunities for all staff to participate in a diversity workshop. Mimi Sodhi, Assistant Provost of the Office of Institutional Diversity, has agreed to conduct several interactive sessions beginning this summer. "Diversity in the Workplace" will have an impact on staff as they are often the front line representatives to potential students and other constituents. This will be the beginning of a professional development series that will follow with additional training in Spring 2010. All staff will be encouraged to attend one of these sessions.

The Diversity Training Committee consists of Cathy Dickson (chair), Heather Bailey, Kay Bernales, Arkedia Raines and Annelie Klein.

Ad-Hoc Committee Established for Staff Orientation

At the beginning of this year, the SRG established an ad-hoc committee for the creation of a staff orientation package. I am heading up this committee. Over the winter, our group plans to put together a sort of clearinghouse that will help new staff members in the College of Education to find their way through the maze of paperwork requirements and resources. This effort will also be helpful for those who are working with new-hires and who may be asked for assistance from time to time. Though this program is just getting underway, I feel that everyone in the COE will benefit greatly

from having a central resource for completing departmental paperwork and answering questions for our newest staff members.

Andrew Robison, Georgia Center for Assessment





Toys for Tots 2008

The past couple of years DeAnna Palmer has been the coordinator of this project. She purchases toys on sale after Thanksgiving, has them available for faculty, staff and students to purchase for their convenience, which has helped to increase donations. The College of Education would like to thank her for her gracious work. The goal is to try to make as many unfortunate children as possible have a great Christmas. Thanks to everyone's dedication and help, we donated

two hundred and twenty-three (223) toys. Also we would like to thank everyone on campus who collected and contributed toys. Special thanks: To DeAnna Palmer for her dedication and creation of a toy store in Aderhold Hall for the benefit of so many! And, to Amanda Cole, who chaired the committee for the Staff Representative Group. Ms. Cole works in the department of Elementary and Social Studies. She enjoys helping and making people smile.



United States Marine pictured in Ms. Palmer's Aderhold "Toy Shop".



COE Beats Georgia Tech in November 2008 Food Drive

November 2008, SRG sponsored the Beat Georgia Tech Food Drive for donations to be made to the Northeast Georgia Food Bank in Athens. Due to the weakening economy the focus was to help as many people as possible. The football fan rivalry helped promote the collection and challenged more people to

give. The College of Education collected twelve thousand and sixty-three hundred (12,063) pounds of food. According to the food bank this fed nine hundred and eighty (980) people. The College of Education should be proud of the food they collected and all the people they helped! Amanda Cole, Chair of Food Drive



Announcements:

Dean Andy Horne will meet with COE staff to discuss the 2008-2009 SRG survey results.

The meeting will be Friday, May 8, 2008 from 10:30 to 11:30am in room G23 Aderhold. **SRG is asking all staff to please plan to attend.**

COE Staff Awards will be held June 5th, from 12:30pm to 2:30 pm, in the Fireside Lounge of Rooker Hall. The theme of this years program will be "Pool Party." Come dive in for some great food and fun with all the COE Staff!

