Dear University of Alabama Executive Ed.D. Program Alumni, Students, and Friends:

Welcome to the inaugural issue of *The Executive*, an electronic newsletter for alumni, students, and friends of The University of Alabama’s Executive Ed.D. Program in Higher Education Administration. I want to begin by introducing myself.

My name is Dr. Arleene P. Breaux, and I joined the Executive Ed.D. Program as Coordinator this summer after serving in various higher education leadership positions in Arkansas.

Please take the time to look through this edition of *The Executive* to see what has been happening in the Executive Ed.D. Program. As we publish subsequent newsletters, it would be very helpful to have updated information on your professional efforts, job changes, or promotions. Our graduates have much to celebrate, and we want to share your success stories!

We are now accepting applications for the 2013 cohort. Please consider identifying talented individuals on your campus and sharing your Executive Ed.D. experience. **Alumni referrals and invitations to your campuses are always appreciated.** Please take the time to update your contact information and/or refer prospective students by contacting me at apbreaux@bamaed.ua.edu or (205) 348-1169. I look forward to getting to know each of you.

Sincerely,

Arleene P. Breaux, Ed.D.
Welcome Cohort 7

Larry Faulkner
Call Center Manager
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama

Tammy Hamlet
Director, University Events
Florida A&M University

Lee E. Lind
Director, Student Publications
Southeastern Louisiana University

Benjamin Lion
Director, New Student & Parent Programs
Belmont University

C. Matthew Little
Senior Associate Director of Admissions
University of Alabama at Huntsville

Douglas Ruschman
Executive Director, University Communications
Xavier University

Edward Serna
Program Manager, Unmanned Aircraft Systems
Science and Engineering Services, Inc.

James Smith
Associate Dean of Student Services
Troy University

From left to right

Larry Faulkner, Lee Lind, Edward Serna, Douglas Ruschman, Ben Lion, Tammy Hamlet, Jim Smith, and Matthew Little
Under the direction of Dr. Karri Holley, Cohort 6 traveled to Belgium and the Netherlands as part of a comparative international higher education class. The group arrived in Amsterdam June 1st to kick off their tour. The students visited Utrecht University, Lyceum High School, University of Kent, Ghent University, and Leiden University.

Cohort 5 celebrates the completion of coursework and the 2012 graduates at the Cypress Inn.

December Graduates:
- Cindy Green
- Leslie Mann
- Ivan Pulinkala

Congratulations, Cohort 5!

Pictured left to right:
Shelley Caraway, Bryant Faust, Coretta Boykin, Ivan Pulinkala, Cindy Green, David Pugh, Patrick Allen, Leslie Mann, Lauren Lunk, Cathy Rumble, and Gid Rowell.
Dr. Jim Purcell visits the Executive Ed.D. Program

Louisiana’s Commissioner of Higher Education, Dr. Jim Purcell, presented Recreating Higher Education to the Executive students on October 13th. In Dr. Purcell’s role as Commissioner of Higher Education in Louisiana, he oversees and supervises the operations of the Board of Regents’ staff and represents the state’s postsecondary education community at the state and federal level as well as with the general public. Dr. Purcell is actively engaged in implementing Louisiana’s premier piece of higher education legislation—the Granting Resources and Autonomy for Diplomas (GRAD) Act as well as the Performance-Based Funding Formula.

Dr. Purcell holds a B.S. in Public Administration from Auburn University, an M.Ed. in Counseling from the University of Montevallo, and an Ed.D. in Higher Education Administration from the University of Alabama. Our thanks to Dr. Purcell for sharing his time and expertise with our students.

Cohort 7’s Poster Presentations

Edward Serna (Cohort 7) presents his research findings to Dr. Francko, Associate Provost & Graduate School Dean.

Shay Malone of Vanderbilt University and Nathan Copeland of Harding University (Cohort 6).
A distinguishing feature of the Executive Ed.D. program is the unique learning community that develops among its students.

Shonda Jones of Wake Forest (Cohort 6) visits with Larry Faulkner from Blue Cross and Blue Shield (Cohort 7).

Daphne Carr and Ken England of Samford University (Cohort 6) discuss Louisiana's GRAD Act with Lee Lind (Cohort 7).

Dean McLean discusses his advancement efforts on behalf of the College of Education with Executive Ed.D. Coordinator, Dr. Arleene Breaux and a prospective student.

Thank you, Dr. McLean for your unwavering support of the Executive Ed.D. program.
Dr. Stephen Katsinas is the recipient of the 2012 Blackmon-Moody Outstanding Professor Award. The Frederick Moody Blackmon and Sarah McCorkle Moody Outstanding Professor Award is presented annually to a UA faculty member judged to have made extraordinary research contributions that reflect credit on the individual, his or her field of study, and on the University.

Dr. Margaret King is the 2012 recipient of the Teaching in Excellence Award. The award recognizes a faculty member in the College of Education whose teaching accomplishments exemplify the highest degree of academic and professional excellence.

Fall ASHE Presentations

Understanding the Process of Collaboration Within an Interdisciplinary Research Group

Dr. Karri Holley

Constructing an Interdisciplinary Career: Longitudinal Perspectives from PhDs in Neuroscience

Dr. Karri Holley

Crisis on Campus? Hopeful Responses from Ernest L. Boyer Symposium

Dr. Claire Major

Alumni News

Dr. Karen Baldwin (Cohort 1) was named Vice President for Advancement at the University of Alabama. Baldwin has served as interim vice president for advancement since March and served as associate vice president for advancement from 2008 until her appointment as interim vice president.

Dr. Michele Campagna (Cohort 3) published the 3rd edition of Thriving in College and Beyond: Research-Based Strategies for Academic Success and Personal Development, which will be available in fall 2013. The authors are Michele Campagna, Joe Cuseo, Viki Fecas, and Aaron Thompson. Campagna is currently Executive Director for the Center for Advising and Student Transitions at Montclair State University (NJ).

Kennesaw State University has announced that Department of Dance chairman Dr. Ivan Pulinkala (Cohort 5) will serve as Interim Arts Dean until a permanent replacement is selected through a national search.

Dr. Andrea Word (Cohort 3) and a faculty colleague were awarded a $1.1 million grant by the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of English Language Acquisition. The grant will support second language instruction training for Huntsville City School teachers and administrators over the next five years.

Did we miss something? Want to share an update? Please send your news to Katy Galloway at kgalloway@bamaed.ua.edu. We want to hear from you!
Dr. Peter Hlebowitsh has been named the 10th dean of The University of Alabama College of Education, succeeding Dr. James McLean, who is set to retire at the end of the year.

Hlebowitsh is currently the department executive officer of the department of teaching and learning at the University of Iowa, a position he has held since 2008. Additionally, Hlebowitsh has held teaching posts at Iowa, the University of Houston and Long Island University.

Hlebowitsh holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education, a Master of Arts in curriculum theory and development and a doctorate in education, all from Rutgers University.

In his current position at the University of Iowa, Hlebowitsh is responsible for promoting his department’s graduate programs, sustaining a top-flight teacher-education program, managing the fiscal planning of the department, and having an active role in staffing assignments, grant and research management and course design.

Since 1996, Hlebowitsh has helped secured more than $1.45 million in curriculum and development grants. His accomplishments at the University of Iowa also include the development of a Teacher Leader Center that provides extra classroom support to teacher education candidates, work on a summative performance assessment mechanism for the pre-service teachers and the design of various grant-getting incentives for faculty.

Hlebowitsh will assume the dean’s duties on Jan. 1, 2013.

Dr. Philo Hutcheson is professor and head of the Educational Leadership, Policy, and Technology Studies Department at the University of Alabama. He was president of the History of Education Society in 2011-2012, and in the spring of 2011 he received the College of Education Teacher of the Year Award at Georgia State University, where he was a professor from 1992 to 2012.


He is completing a manuscript on the 1947 President’s Commission on Higher Education and has a book contract with Routledge Press to write a history of United States higher education.
Recruitment

Fall Recruitment is underway! We need your help identifying talented individuals as we continue to build a strong and reputable program. Please help us with our recruiting efforts and refer those you think will benefit from an Ed.D. in Higher Education Administration.

Please share your experience with those who are ready to take the next professional step and earn a doctorate in Higher Education. The fall 2013 admissions deadline is **February 15th**.