Hello Colleagues,

There is a lot of news to share with you in this edition of *The Executive*. Our Executive Ed.D. students and faculty have been extremely busy and have been involved in some significant experiences. Inside these pages you will learn more about Cohort VIII's *First Generation College Student Symposium*, Cohort IX’s Fall 2014 poster session, and some of the many accomplishments of our faculty.

Our alumni numbers continue to grow and this fall we will celebrate the Executive Ed.D. Program in Higher Education’s **10th anniversary**!

Cohort X’s class membership has been selected and **15 higher education professionals will be joining our UA family in August!** We are excited to welcome these talented individuals.

I would like to personally thank each of you for being such tremendous ambassadors for our program and for referring such talented colleagues. Please continue to think of us as you encounter professionals looking to earn a doctorate in a 3-year, weekends-only format. Cohort 11 recruiting is already under way!

The biggest change for the upcoming year will be Katy Galloway’s departure as our Program Specialist. Not to worry, Katy will remain on campus! After completion of her master's degree in Higher Education last summer she has been asked to join the Office of the Vice President for Financial Affairs.

We will miss Katy and her tireless dedication to you as individuals and to the Executive Ed.D. Program. Please join me in congratulating her and feel free to drop her a note of thanks and/or good wishes!

Please enjoy this issue of *The Executive* and keep us posted on your professional milestones!

Best regards.

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Dr. Claire Major recently released a new book, *Teaching Online*. In her book, Dr. Major presents instructors with a thoughtful synthesis of educational theory, research, and practice as well as a review of strategies for managing the instructional changes involved in teaching online. In addition, this book presents examples of best practices from successful online instructors as well as cutting-edge ideas from leading scholars and educational technologists. Faculty members, researchers, instructional designers, students, administrators, and policy makers who engage with online learning will find this book an invaluable resource.
Cohort 9 hosted a Poster Presentation as part of their AHE: 640 Organizational Change course with Dr. Karri Holley. The topics presented covered a wide variety of issues related to organizational change in higher education.

Offering Hybrid Classes to Meet the Needs of Nontraditional Students
   Sherry Chance

- Creating a Culture of Critical Thinking: A QEP Analysis
  Ginger Glass

- Missing The Mark: Higher Education’s Response to Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment
  Sharon Height

- Applying the Adaptive Model of Strategy to Problems Associated with English Proficiency Requirements for Undergraduate Admission
  Holly Hudson

- Organizational Theory in a Higher Educational Environmental Perspective of Implementing a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) -
  Mike Mathis

- Addressing Adjunct Faculty Satisfaction Using Herzberg’s Two Factor Theory
  R. Mark Miles

- Institutional Theory and Implications for Higher Education Nursing Programs to Increase National Council Licensure Exam for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) Pass Rates
  Anthony Pennington

- Implementation of Living-Learning Community Guidelines at Mississippi State University: Strategic Planning through the Linear Model
  Jack Purser

- Graduation Rate Improvement through Retention Efforts—
  Christopher Shropshire

- Time to Reconsider: A Systematic Change Recommendation for the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
  Brian Talton
Cohort 8’s Symposium:
First Generation College Students

Cohort 8 hosted a Symposium on First Generation College Students as part AHE 520: The Student in Higher Education with Dr. Jason Garvey. The students provided information on the visibility, assistance, and awareness of issues faced by first generation college students across a variety of functional areas in higher education. The symposium included poster presentations on the following topics:

- Admission: “Working through the process”
  Monica Davis
- Financial aid: “I didn’t know I had to fill out that form”
  Anthony Tillman
- Orientation: “New student orientation and programs”
  John Fincher
- Academic advising: “Academic advising and first-generation students”
  David Spight
- Learning assistance: “Providing Services to Students”
  Peter Tofani
- Counseling: “Drunk, depressed, & disengaged – Prayer versus counseling”
  Valerie Simmons-Walston
- Residence life: “Guiding students and helping them find their way”
  Matthew Kerch
- Campus activities: “A part of the family”
  Amanda Lammers
- Adult learners: “When academics become another part of a busy life”
  Rosanne Short
- Multiculturalism: “A long way from home”
  Jasmine Buxton

The symposium included an overview of the forthcoming edited booklet entitled “First gen students: A case study approach” edited by Ronnie Hebert and Rodney L. Lord and written by Executive EdD Cohort 8 students.

Let us know if you would like a copy of the booklet!
Rhett Brown, was named president of Wingate University on March 18, 2015. For the past 29 years, as both an employee and a student, Brown has been intimately involved in the evolution of Wingate from an emerging four-year college to a thriving university offering master’s and doctoral degrees in diverse fields and disciplines.

In many ways, Wingate University’s story is Brown’s story. As a first-generation college student from rural South Carolina, he could have easily fallen through the cracks of higher education. But Wingate nurtured his development and, according to Brown, profoundly affected who he is today. It’s this personal connection that drives his passion for providing a new generation of students with a similarly transformational experience.

Brown earned a Bachelor of Arts in English in 1989 and a MBA from Wingate University and completed the Doctor of Education at the University of Alabama in 2015.

As Wingate University’s president, Brown’s immediate goals are to focus on strategic planning for developing programs and facilities, fostering a collaborative leadership team, and strengthening the University’s ongoing efforts for resource development and community relations.

Brown will become the 10th Wingate University President on June 1, 2015.

Source: http://www.wingate.edu/about-wingate/naming-of-the-10th-president
Sharon Height (Cohort 9) recently received the Army Women’s Foundation Scholarship.

David Spight (Cohort 8) has been elected as President of NACADA: The Global Community for Academic Advising. Spight will assume this leadership role at the end of the NACADA Annual Conference in October—October 2016.

Rosanne Short (Cohort 8) received Brenau University’s first Forever Gold Award which recognizes individuals within the Adult and Graduate Studies department who go beyond expectations of the job.

Larry Faulkner (Cohort 7) recently presented at the Southern History of Education Society (SHOES) at Mercer University regarding his dissertation research on “The Leadership Development of Dr. Frank A. Rose”. Additionally, Larry was inducted into the Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honorary.

Ben Lion (Cohort 7) recently presented, Navigating Title IX Inclusivity and Religious Beliefs, at the 2015 NASPA annual conference in New Orleans, LA.

C. Matthew Little (Cohort 7) was recognized by Presidents Obama and Clinton for his commitment to AmeriCorps and its volunteer mission. Matthew was awarded an AmeriCorps National Leadership Award in a ceremony at the White House as part of the 20th anniversary of the AmeriCorps national program, sponsored by the Points of Light Foundation.

Dr. Edward Serna (Cohort 7) was recently named Director of Grants Management & Compliance at the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith.

Dr. Lauren Lunk (Cohort 5) was named Executive Director of Retention at Chattahoochee Technical College.

Dr. Rhett Brown (Cohort 3) was recently named Wingate University’s 10th President.

Dr. Michele Campagna (Cohort 3) was named an Outstanding First-Year Advocate by the National Resource Center for the First Year Experience and Students in Transition.

Dr. Anne Edmunds (Cohort 3) was named the Director of Graduate Student Success at St. Mary’s University in San Antonio.

Dr. Cherron Hoppes (Cohort 2) was named Chief Academic Officer and Vice President of Helix Education, a provider of student life cycle technologies and services.

Dr. Austin Lane (Cohort 2) was named Executive Vice Chancellor for the Lone Star College (TX) System. Lane will have responsibility over the areas of vice chancellor of academic affairs and student affairs as well as the office of strategic planning and institutional effectiveness.

Dr. Melanie Miller (Cohort 1) was named Associate VP of Student Services at Florida State College.

Dr. Kimberly Sessions Brown (Cohort 1) was recently selected as an American Council on Education Fellow for 2015-2016.
Please assist us with our recruiting efforts by referring colleagues that you think will benefit from earning an Ed.D. in Higher Education Administration. Cohort X has 15 new members and recruitment for Cohort XI is underway.

Help us find our next Bama family! Please share your experience with those who are ready to take the next professional step and earn a doctorate in Higher Education. You are our best recruiters. The Fall 2016 admissions deadline is **February 15th, 2016.**