

*We can neither excuse students nor scold them for not knowing; as educators we must teach them and provide support, insistence, and expectations. – Ruby Payne, “A Framework for Understanding Poverty”*

### Message from Dr. Tammy Pawloski, COE Director

Welcome to Year 3! What a difference a year (or two) makes! Increased funding, increased staffing and increased project management experience have combined to result in more Center of Excellence services for both pre-service and in-service teachers in the Pee Dee Region. Three additional districts have joined last year's seven committed "Partner's"—welcome Clarendon 1, Clarendon 2, and Dillon 3. These districts' investments enable their teachers to participate in COE activities without cost, and, in the case of many activities, to become eligible for honoraria and course or recertification credit. Local teachers have already earned more than \$150,000 for their participation in COE-sponsored activities!

Your COE staff has been busy planning the 2006-2007 academic year. Please be sure to save the fall calendar printed on the back of this newsletter. Yale University's Dr. Fay Brown will be on campus in October for the 2006 Fall Colloquium, which will include a short address, followed by your questions and interactive discussion. This adjusted format is the result of your past feedback.

As the COE continues to grow, your input is important. Please share your needs, so that we can offer activities you believe will be most beneficial. Have a great year!

### Selected 2006-2007 Projects

**Action Research Project:** A study group of twenty 4K-Grade 12 classroom teachers from ten COE Partner Districts met with Dr. Lorin Anderson at the Pee Dee Education Center on July 28. Dr. Anderson, a nationally-recognized educational researcher and scholar, is leading the teacher participants and FMU education students in planning and conducting action research designed to identify strategies and practices that result in improved classroom management that meet the needs of children of poverty.

**Curriculum Development Projects:** These programs are designed to lead teacher teams in the development of standards-based curriculum units that are linked with the revised Bloom's Taxonomy of educational objectives and designed specifically to meet the needs of children of poverty. These units, developed by 3-member teacher teams representing grades K-8, will incorporate activities and materials that engage students in learning activities that reflect appropriate alignment of standards/indicators, instruction, and assessment.

- **Mathematics:** Kicked off this summer with a day-long training session facilitated by Anderson Research Group on the Revised Bloom's Taxonomy; grade level teacher teams will field test the revised math units this year.
- **Social Studies:** Teacher consultants will roll out the K-Grade 8 Social Studies Units developed last year on August 30. All Partner District teachers are invited to attend. *See back calendar for details.*
- **Science:** Unit development begins in September. Grade level teacher teams will meet in large and small group sessions to design science units.

**Health Resource Manual:** The current edition of the Health Resource Manual of community-based resources is posted on the COE website. A revised manual will be available late fall. Dr. Janis McWayne will provide free training and manuals to Partner District schools. Call 843-661-1467 to reserve a training date.

### 2006 Fall Colloquium

#### Dr. Fay Brown



**October 18, 2006**  
**FMU McNair Auditorium**  
**4:00-5:30 pm**

Dr. Fay Brown, Associate Research Scientist at the Child Study Center at Yale University and Director of Child Adolescent Development, will deliver the Fall 2006 Colloquium on Wednesday, October 18 at 4:00 pm in McNair Auditorium.

The colloquium series will feature a new format, including a brief lecture followed by an interactive discussion with attendees. The Fall 2006 Colloquium topic is ***Teachers' Interpretations of Student Behavior and the Influence of Those Interpretations on Student School Success.***

Dr. Brown has written extensively on child development issues, the reading achievement of struggling elementary school students, and teachers' interpretations of African-American students' behavior. She holds degrees from the University of Connecticut and Howard University.

The Fall 2006 Colloquium is free to the public.  
Reservations must be made by calling  
843.669.3391 ext 28 or email [coe@fmarion.edu](mailto:coe@fmarion.edu).

#### Interactive Message Board

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professionals and share ideas, methods and  
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**Tentative Calendar-Fall 2006**

**August 2006**

26	NNPS Training Conference (new members)	8:30 – 3:30	PALMETTO
30	Social Studies Units Rollout	4:00 – 6:00	MCNAIR

**September 2006**

8	Action Research Data Collector Training	9:00 – 12:00	PDEC
19	Science Curriculum Development Project – Taxonomy	12:00 – 5:00	PDEC
20	Science Curriculum Development Project – Unit Design	12:00 – 5:00	PDEC
25	NNPS Training (Continuing Members)	12:30 – 4:45	PDEC

**October 2006**

TBA	Clinical Faculty Work Session	3:00 – 5:00	PDEC
18	Fall Colloquium (Dr. Fay Brown)	4:00 – 5:30	MCNAIR
18	Consortium of Curriculum Leaders	1:45 – 3:00	CEMC (114)

**November 2006**

9	Superintendent Work Session	1:00 – 4:00	PDEC
30	Action Research Mid-Point Work Session	1:00 – 4:00	PDEC

**December 2006**

5	Math Curriculum Project Mid-Point Meeting	12:00 – 5:00	PDEC
6	Science Curriculum Project Mid-Point Meeting	12:00 – 5:00	PDEC

\* Log on to the COE website for the Spring 2007 calendar \*

**COE RESOURCES**

Visit the Center of Excellence website for updates on activities and for links to resources. Begin at the COE homepage, click on "Resources" and then "FMU Center of Excellence Resource Center Catalog" to view a list of books, CD's and tapes available for checkout. You may access the Health Resource Manual, statistics on poverty, and a list of other website links from "Resources," as well as recent PowerPoint presentations including: *Educating Children of Poverty in a Standards-Based World*, *Building Curriculum Units*, *Revised Bloom's Taxonomy*, and *Establishing and Maintaining Positive and Productive Classroom Environments*.

<http://fmucenterofexcellence.org/fmu/resources.asp>

**National Network of Partnership Schools**

\* New 2006-2007 Members

**Darlington**

Lamar Elementary\*  
Darlington Middle  
Pate Elementary

**Dillon Three**

Latta Middle\*

**Florence One**

Briggs Elementary  
Dewey Carter Elementary\*  
Greenwood Elementary

**Florence Two**

Hannah-Pamplico Elem/Middle\*

**Marion One**

Easterling Primary  
Johnakin Middle  
Marion Intermediate  
Marion High

**Marion Two**

McCormick Elementary  
North Mullins Primary  
Palmetto Middle\*  
Mullins High

**Marion Seven**

Britton's Neck Elementary  
Rains-Centenary Elementary  
Creek Bridge High School

**Clarendon One**

St. Paul Primary\*

**Clarendon Two**

Manning Elementary\*  
Manning Junior High\*

**Partner Districts and Participating Districts**

**Partner Districts** are intimately involved with, and contribute to, the activities of the Center. Administrators and teachers in these districts work hand-in-glove with the COE to determine how best to prepare teachers, initially and continually, to teach children of poverty. Partner Districts are each represented by an outstanding teacher that serves with the Center in the capacity of **Clinical Faculty**.

**Participating Districts** are invited to participate in the outreach activities of the Center. Administrators and teachers in these districts benefit from the activities offered and materials developed by the COE, but are not directly involved in the ongoing operation of the Center.

**2006-2007 Partner Districts**

Clarendon School District One	Florence School District One
Clarendon School District Two	Florence School District Two
Darlington School District	Marion School District One
Dillon School District Two	Marion School District Two
Dillon School District Three	Marion School District Seven

**2006-2007 Partner Districts Clinical Faculty**

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<b>Darlington</b>	Lynn Hall	843-326-7666	<a href="mailto:lynnh@darlington.k12.sc.us">lynnh@darlington.k12.sc.us</a>
<b>Dillon Two</b>	Ashley S. Bowen	843-774-1222	<a href="mailto:bowena@dillon2.k12.sc.us">bowena@dillon2.k12.sc.us</a>
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<b>Marion One</b>	Tammy Hudson	843-609-4799	<a href="mailto:thudson@marion1.k12.sc.us">thudson@marion1.k12.sc.us</a>
<b>Marion Two</b>	Cindy Rouse	843-464-7584	<a href="mailto:crouse@marion2.k12.sc.us">crouse@marion2.k12.sc.us</a>
<b>Marion Seven</b>	Nichole Thompson	843-423-1973	<a href="mailto:nthompson@marion7.k12.sc.us">nthompson@marion7.k12.sc.us</a>

**2006-2007 Participating Districts**

Chesterfield School District	Florence Three School District	Lee School District
Clarendon Three School District	Florence Four School District	Marlboro School District
Dillon One School District	Florence Five School District	Williamsburg School District