

Teacher Preparation News

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*If you have news that would be useful to teacher candidates, email edprep@semo.edu by 12:00 noon on the **Friday** prior to the publication date to have it included in the next newsletter. ***Some newsletter hyperlinks are not compatible with iPad*** Follow this link for past newsletters <http://semo.edu/education-health/edu-prep/news.html>.*

Thursday, May 7: Zoom SMSTA Professional Development Meeting

SMSTA (Southeast Missouri Student Teachers Association) will host its first Zoom PD meeting on Thursday, May 7 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. (an email will be sent with code). **This meeting is OPEN TO ALL, BUT EMAIL ribohannon@semo.edu to be sent the ZOOM code to join.**

Agenda for the meeting:

1. WELCOME TO OUR FIRST ON-LINE PD! (SMSTA members may earn 2 pts. for this.)
2. Norms for attending a ZOOM PD including:
 - a. How to be an Interactive Member during the Presentations
3. OUTSTANDING ORGANIZATION AWARD 2020
4. Introduction of Speakers:
 - a. Leigh Ragsdale, Jefferson Elementary Principal, Cape Girardeau, MO
 - b. Helen Nichols, Special Education Teacher, Grades 6-8, Bayless, Afton, MO
 - c. Ashley Gettinger, Kindergarten, Bloomsdale Elementary, St. Genevieve, MO
 - d. Molly Oiler, Grade 5, Hillsboro, MO
5. Q and A
6. Graduation cords, stoles, etc. UPDATE: May 18, if campus opens to faculty
7. Adjournment
8. STAY SAFE and HELP OTHERS DO THE SAME!

EESE Department Faculty Member Graham to Retire

Congratulations to Ann Graham on her retirement from Southeast MO State University. Mrs. Graham has 12 years of experience in the Exceptional Child Education program at Southeast and has taught all our education majors throughout the years in her EX 390 Psychology and Education of Children with Exceptionalities course.

New EDvolution Center Newsletter

Click on this [link](#) for the new EDvolution Center Newsletter.

New EDvolution Center Tech Tips

Have you been looking for a way to easily create interactive videos for your students? If so, Edpuzzle is what you are looking for!

[Edpuzzle Tutorial Video](#)

Student Teaching Placements

Students who have been approved to student teach in the fall will be notified via email from Chalk and Wire regarding their placements. All placements made by May 1 will be sent out that day. Another round of notifications will go out May 15. Hopefully, final notifications will be sent out by June 1, but that is dependent upon when the last

placements are finalized. Students do not need to contact the placement office asking when their placement will be posted. We have no way of knowing when an individual placement will be made. That is dependent upon when the personnel at area schools are in contact with us.

Updated MoCA Testing Information

Due to the continued testing centers closure, the date in which revised MoCA exams were to begin has been postponed from August 1. The following revised or new MoCA exams will now be released on January 11, 2021:

- Elementary Education 1-6
- Biology 9-12
- Chemistry 9-12
- Physics 9-12
- Earth Science 9-12
- Reading Specialist K-12 (New Assessment)
- School Leaders (New Assessment)

Photos Needed

University Marketing is gathering photos/video clips of our graduating seniors for this year for a video. If you have photos to share of a graduating senior's time at Southeast (including your own, if you are a graduating senior), please share them at this link: <https://semo.edu/sealerts/covid19/commencement.html>.

Be Sure to Check for Video Messages

Be sure to check out the ongoing video messages from your faculty and fellow education majors on the Educator Preparation Facebook page! You can find them at: <https://www.facebook.com/COESEMO>.

Faculty and Advisors Available Through Virtual Office Hours

With the closure of the campus this week, remember that you can still meet with your faculty or your advisor through their virtual office hours. All faculty and advisors are available to talk with you by phone or virtually (Skype, Zoom, etc.) during their weekly office hours.

DESE Suspends Some Requirements

Due to the restrictions and closures of Missouri PK-12 schools in response to COVID-19 and the challenges this has created, DESE is suspending the use of a passing score for the performance assessment for candidates participating in culminating clinical experiences in the current academic term. Education Preparation Programs (EPP) may submit a

candidate's formative scores and/or assess performance based on artifacts as an alternative. EPPs are asked to make use of alternative activities during the culminating clinical experience to continue to support candidates' growth and classroom readiness. Be assured that DESE will rely on an EPP's determination that the clinical experience has been satisfied. Based on an EPP's recommendation and the awarding of semester hours by the EPP's institution, appropriate certification will be issued, provided the remaining requirements, such as an appropriate GPA and a passing score on the exit assessment, have been met.

As a result, Southeast's Educator Preparation Program has devised alternative activities for teacher candidates to complete in order to be able to award semester hours and recommend our students for certification. These alternative activities along with the MEES evaluations that have been completed will determine Teacher Candidate grades as well as be the basis for recommending a student for certification.

The Office of Field Experience sent out communication to Mentor Teachers and Teacher Candidates on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 regarding alternative activities. Teacher Candidates will work with their University Supervisors and Mentor Teachers to complete all requirements for the student teaching experience.

Teacher Prep Student Org Meeting

If any Teacher Prep Student Organizations want to announce any upcoming zoom meetings in upcoming newsletters, please submit your meeting announcement to edprep@semo.edu by 12 noon on the Monday prior to the Tuesday Newsletter publication.

Do you Need Help with Educational Technology?

From the EDvolution Center:

Dean Pujol asks that if you need help with educational technology, you contact the EDvolution Center staff before contacting CSTL or IT to help with the overwhelming number of requests that CSTL and IT are receiving. Jana and Allan will do their best to help you! If they can't, they will help you determine who you need to contact for help. Both Jana and Allan can be reached by emailing jgerard@semo.edu. If you feel that you need "face-to-face" help, they can set up a Zoom meeting with you. Jana's hours are 8-5 (lunch from 12-1) and Allan's hours are 10-1, M-F. Below are some resources you may find useful:

[Remote Teaching Resources](#)

[Podcasting with GarageBand on an iPad](#)

[Screencasting with Screencast-o-matic](#)

[Using the free version of Zoom](#)

[Using the Pro version of Zoom \(for faculty\)](#)

[Apple Professional Coaching \(for faculty\)](#)

Tuesday, August 4: Southern Illinois Reading Council Annual Summer Mini-Conference – Registration is Open!

The Southern Illinois Reading Council Annual Summer Mini-Conference will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2020, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Carbondale, Illinois. Come enjoy professional development featuring a keynote presentation and multiple breakout sessions options. Topics will include current and relevant topics in literacy and education. Register today at the following [link](#)! If you have questions or need more information, contact SIRC President Michelle Mohr at 618-521-0891 or mmohr@steeleville138.org.

Scholarship Opportunities

Please view the following link <https://semo.edu/education-health/scholarships.html> for a list of scholarship opportunities.

Employment and Summer Camp Opportunities

When the Office of Educator Preparation receives notice of summer camp openings, those are listed here: <http://semo.edu/education-health/jobs/index.html>. New full-time positions are now posted at REDHAWKjobs.com.