Welcome back! I hope that your summer was restful, and that you enjoyed doing the things you did not have time to do during the school year.

Our College-wide effort to build strong ties with our K-12 community through partnerships continues to grow. New partnerships have been formed through the efforts of individual faculty through the STEM/STEAM initiative, Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL), and various partnerships through the departments of Elementary, Secondary, and Special Education.

As the School Partnership Network Liaison, I continue to pursue the resources required to support the needs of our partnership schools. In addition, I continue to collect information and determine what faculty are engaging in with our K-12 schools. By doing so, I am better able to connect with the appropriate faculty member or resources to meet the needs of the schools.

You may go to our partnership website and fill out the faculty request for information survey or simply e-mail me at:
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Please describe briefly how you are engaged with our K-12 community.

Wishing you a productive semester,
Barbara Charness

“*The only way to reduce unforeseen consequences is to plan ahead and work daily with partners. We will never be really strategic individually; we can only be strategic collaboratively.*”
Harold Hellenbrand, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

New Partnership Activities

As you know, faculty involvement is critical to this endeavor. In this new school year, three MDECOE faculty will provide services to schools through the three-unit awards granted by the Equity and Faculty Affairs Committee. The three faculty members are: Dr. Joyce Burstein, Dr. Shartriya Collier, and Dr. Tae Chang.
Tae Chang (CSUN Faculty, SED): Dr. Chang will work with the faculty at Bridgeport Elementary School in Saugus, CA. The title of his project is “Using 21st Century Technology.” Dr. Chang will help the faculty create websites and teach them about Cloud-based Technology.

Shartriya Collier (CSUN Faculty, EED): Dr. Collier will be working with the faculty and the community at Carlos Santana Arts Academy (LAUSD), North Hills, CA. The focus of her professional development and training is Teaching the Acquisition of Language through English and Storytelling (T.A.L.E.S), II: Into the Heart of the Community.

Joyce Burstein (CSUN Faculty, EED): Professor Burstein’s professional development will focus on Co-Equal Arts Integration. The school that will receive this training is Lorne Street Elementary School (LAUSD), Northridge, CA.
Highlights of Previous CSUN Faculty Engagement, and Partnership Activities

- Dr. Larry Oviatt: Teaches art lessons and connects art to the core standards in science. This work supports the STEM to STEAM initiative.
- Dr. Kathleen Rowlands: Provides training to teachers in the California State University Northridge Writing Project. Dr. Rowlands is working with the faculty at Julie Korenstein Elementary School and Valley Academy of Arts and Sciences High School.
- Dr. Joyce Marie Brusasco: Presented a workshop at Castlebay Lane Elementary School that addressed how to teach the gifted student.
- Student Outreach and Recruitment Services: Provided fieldtrips for two partnership elementary schools and supported two Family College Nights at Julie Korenstein Elementary School.

Did You Know?

- Our School Partnership Network page has a new look: http://www.csun.edu/eisner-education/school-partnerships-network
  Click on the Community Tab and then the School Partnership link
- There are surveys on the webpage for faculty to tell us about their individual K-12 partnership activities or tell us how they (you!) would like to get involved with K-12 community activities (check out the webpage to see what is possible).
- There are videos from principals, sharing their thoughts on the importance of their CSUN partnerships.
HOW CAN YOU BECOME A PARTNER?

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Opportunities in School Districts Including:

- LAUSD
- Ventura
- Burbank
- Simi
- Oak Park
- Las Virgenes

* Math
* Academic Technology
* Common Core Standards
* Effective Grading
* The Arts
* Physical Education
* Classroom Climate
* STEM

* Leadership Development
* Science/Robotics
* Higher Order Thinking and Questioning

Thanks!

- Pam Sierra-Scherban: Supporting the MDECOE Mapping Project.
- David Moguel: Supporting the MDECOE Mapping Project.
- Steve Graves: Helping to integrate the partnership website surveys into his website that collects the data for the Mapping Project.
- Dianne Philibosian and Craig Finney: Working on the Mapping Project Presentation.
- Ivor Weiner: Meeting to discuss strategies to help engage faculty in CSUN partnerships.
- Ian Carroll: Designing our webpage so it looks great!