Congratulations!

Congratulations to Brooke Berning-sophomore, Stephanie Rush-sophomore, who were named Patton College Student Ambassadors!

Congratulations to all the candidates admitted to selective admissions - Aaron Shaffer, Alexandra Mielke, Alyssa Smith, Brooke Berning, Carissa Trunzo, Cassandra Daugherty, Emily Swain, Emma Jarvi, Erin Lambert, Gia Pinzone, Hannah Longauer, Hannah Richardson, Jennie Pagliuca, Kalah Saunders, Kalee Nielsen, Katharine Regas, Kelsey Kiley, Kourtney Morgan, Kyle Wagner, Madison Adams, Madison Baumer, Madison Kill, Makinsey Campbell, Marion Walker, Marissa Boros, Mason Acheson, Meredyth Vaughn, Molly Szado, Nicole Kromalic, Paige Kamlowsky, Samantha Bullock, Samuel Frayer, Sarah Cydrus, Sierra Cottrill, and Stephanie Rush!

Kalee Nielsen, a sophomore studying moderate to intensive educational needs, brought I Am That Girl, a national organization about improving women’s self-esteem, to OU last year and is preparing for the group’s inaugural meeting in November.


Photo (above): The students in Dr. Landmark’s class, EDTE 2010, were participating in a “brain break” during a student-led presentation on ADHD.

Teaching/Advising

Dr. Ottley and Ms. Bates are embedding aspects of globalization into their spring courses on Adaptations for Learners with Special Needs in Early and Middle Childhood Settings.

Dr. Jane Skon (Reading), Laura Wentworth (Early Childhood), Perianne Bates and Bridget Stephens (Special Education) are collaborating and developing the course EDEC 2900, Educational Interventions in Diverse Societies. The course has now begun, and candidates are preparing intervention lesson plans to address reading comprehension and written language issues in a Belizean school in San Narciso, Belize. The four instructors, one technical adviser, and twelve teacher education candidates will be in Belize from January 1st-January 9th, 2016.

Photo (left): Dr. Oswald and her students at Spaghetti Dinner. The Ohio University Student Council for Exceptional Children (SCEC) chapter supports students and adults with disabilities in the greater Athens, Ohio area. Fundraisers have included a variety of activities to support efforts of schools and agencies providing services to individuals with disabilities. On October 23rd SCEC held a spaghetti dinner at Christ the King University Parish. Money was raised to purchase materials for the sensory room at Alexander Elementary in Albany, Ohio. A donation of 250.00 dollars was made to support this initiative.
Program Development:

Two new online endorsement programs for licensed teachers are under development:
- Pre-K Special Needs Endorsement
- Transition to Work Endorsement

Photo (above): On November 11, 2015, all faculty members of the Special Education program attended an all-day meeting to discuss and complete an alignment of the CEC standards with program assessments.

Research/Scholarship

Grants
Dr. Ottley received an internal grant from the Gladys W. and David H. Patton College of Education for initiating a newly proposed Pre-Kindergarten Special Needs Endorsement Program. This grant will provide five teacher candidates with $1,000 scholarship per year to complete their online Pre-Kindergarten Special Needs Endorsement program.

Dr. Sparks and Dr. Ottley are collaborating to submit a Mini Grant proposal for the purchase of assistive technology materials. The project includes demonstrating the use of these materials to the public through three webinars. Through this project, teacher candidates and practitioners will be able to borrow these materials for use with individuals who have disabilities.

Dr. Ottley submitted a grant to Ohio University’s Research Council to learn about the perceptions of families who raise children with prenatal alcohol exposure and to provide intervention for their children.

Conferences/Presentations
Dr. Gut and Dr. Beam presented a research paper co-authored with Ms. Jinghong Cai entitled “Modeling, and Supporting Co-Teaching and Co-Mentoring Relationships in a Higher Education STEM Program” at the University of New Mexico Mentoring Conference, Oct. 21, 2015.

Dr. Landmark, with her colleagues from the University of Cincinnati and California State University-Long Beach, presented a poster on their research about practitioner knowledge and skill for transition planning with culturally and linguistically diverse youth with disabilities at the 19th International Division on Career Development and Transition Conference in Portland, OR, during the first week of November. She was also a panelist member for a session on developing a research agenda geared toward early career scholars.

Dr. Ottley, with her research colleagues, gave four presentations at the International Conference of the Division of Early Childhood in Atlanta, Georgia. The presentations focused on the use of professional development systems that incorporate coaching on the instructional practices of teachers and developmental outcomes of children.

Ms. Stephens, Dr. Landmark, and colleagues across the region planned and attended the Southeast Ohio Disability Consortium conference, “Reframe, Refresh, and Remind,” on November 13, 2015. Dr. Landmark facilitated a table talk on self-determination. Ms. Stephens also facilitated the organization of this conference.

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**Publications**


**Leadership/Service**
Dr. Ottley was elected as Treasurer for the Ohio Division of Early Childhood organization, when she participated in the Subdivision leaders group at the Division of Early Childhood’s International Conference in Atlanta.

Ms. Bates was nominated to serve on the Provost’s Award for Teaching Excellence Selection Committee, a position with a 3-year term.

**Information for Parents**
Do you teach students with disabilities who are between the ages of 12 and 20 years? Would you like their parents to be more knowledgeable about transition? Would you like an undergraduate teacher candidate help you conduct transition assessments and draft the transition portions of the IEP? Dr. Landmark is seeking 15 parents to be co-learners in her Career Development and Transition Planning for Learners with Special Needs course in the spring. Please contact Dr. Landmark (landmark@ohio.edu) for more information.

We welcome your input. For the next issue, we would like to hear from you. When you email, please briefly describe your activities based on who, what, when, where, why and how. We appreciate you – Ohio Proud and Patton Proud!

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**News from Alumni**
Cy Vierstra, owner of the Union Ridge Wildlife Center, obtained his B.A. degree from Ohio University in 2010 and M.Ed. in 2015. He was recently recognized for his work with Union Ridge Wildlife Center in Vinton, Ohio, an educational and rehabilitation center for wild animals.


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