Our Mission

To prepare and support leaders and researchers in Florida, the nation, and the international community.
Our values lead the way… To distinctively impact our faculty, students, communities, and educational policy, practice, and research.
Academic Programs

- Higher Education Leadership
- School Leaders
- Adult & Community Education
- Research Methodology
- Undergraduate Leadership Minor
Points of Pride

- Graduates in senior leadership positions in districts, schools, colleges and universities, and community organizations
- Over 170 doctoral students (largest PhD program in the University). Over 50 are enrolled in dissertation. The department leads the university in the number of PhD’s granted from 2013 (79)
- Ongoing partnerships: institutional, community, state, national, international
- Department ranked in top 20 by Teachers.org out of 563 Education Leadership Degree granting programs nationally.
- High faculty productivity, scholarship, research, service, and teaching
Faculty Productivity 2016 - 2017

- Published and In Press Books – 4
- Refereed Chapters in Books
  (Published and In Press) – 30
- Refereed Articles (Published and In Press) – 26
- Editorial Board/Journal Reviewer – 30
Department/Faculty Initiatives and Recognition

- Daniel Reyes Guerra – Daniel is the PI for a $6 million Wallace Foundation grant. Seven universities nationally were recipients of this grant. He is also serving as Past President of the Florida Association of Professors of Educational Leadership and has been instrumental in shaping policy initiatives in leadership preparation. He was also last year’s recipient of the FAU’s Presidential Leadership Award. Additionally, Last year Daniel was the AERA SIG Chair for Learning and Teaching in Educational Leadership.

- Mike DeDonno – COE Teacher of the Year and Leading Department Partnership with College of Medicine (MOU)

- Criss Salinas – Criss was the recent recipient of the “Outstanding Young Professional Award” from Iowa State University. His recent article published was just ranked among the Top 10 articles assessed and recorded by Altmetrics for 2016-2017. He was also awarded the Emerging Faculty Leader Academy; NASPA Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education.

- Jennifer Bloom – Jenny was the recipient of the Virginia N. Gordon Award for Excellence in the field of Advising from NACADA: The Global Community for Academic Advising at their annual conference in St. Louis. She was also a recent recipient of the university Graduate Student Advisor of the Year. Additionally, she serves as the director of the Office of Appreciative Advising.

- Deb Floyd – Deb was recently featured in the Chronical of Higher Education. She also serves as the Editor of the Community College Journal of Research and Practice.
Recent Department Initiatives

✓ Maysaa Barakat – She has lead a departmental partnership with CCEI and BalancEd in Cairo, Egypt. This initiative has trained over 4000 teachers throughout Egypt and is expected to train another 6,000 over the next few years. This initiative is an important component of Egypt’s National Strategic Vision 2030.

✓ Meredith Mountford – Meredith has provided outstanding university service as President of UFF and Past-President of COE Faculty Assembly.

✓ Maria Vasquez – Co-Chair of the FAU Hispanic Serving Institution research group. Also, she is serving on the National Council of Measurement in Education (NCME) Committee on Standards and Test Use. Additionally, she is also the AERA CIG Chair for Professors of Research Methodology.

✓ Valerie Bryan – Val was recently Inducted into the Adult and Community Education International Hall of Fame for lifetime contributions to the field.
Leadership Environmental Scan and Opportunities to Impact

- Demographics of leadership in our service region
- Undergraduate Initiatives: University Minor in Leadership
- Strong strategic partnerships in place both internal and external to the university, including international initiatives.
International Impact
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