

# Patriot Digest

Faculty and Staff Newsletter for Francis Marion University

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## FMU announces YESCarolina Entrepreneurship winners

Three local elementary school students were named winners of a YESCarolina Entrepreneurship School competition held this summer at Francis Marion University.

Rising seventh-graders Sharia Warren (first place) and Louis Rush (third place) of Henry Timrod Elementary School, and Neva Tanner (third place) of Wallace Gregg Elementary School, were the winners of the three-week enrichment program aimed at teaching students how to start and operate a business. Each student received a cash prize for participating in the program.

Co-sponsored by YESCarolina and the FMU Donald E. Kelley Small Business Institute (SBI), the summer program was held from June 9-23.

Brianna Zhang, a certified entrepreneurship teacher and administrative associate of SBI, and Brenda Savage, the 2006 Entrepreneurship Teacher of the Year, taught the program.

Zhang is an instructor and coordinator for an after-school entrepreneurship program at Wilson High School and recently earned an MBA from FMU.

YESCarolina is the program partner for the National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE) in South Carolina. YESCarolina is a nonprofit organization created to offer South Carolina educators the opportunity to utilize curriculum written by acclaimed business teacher Steve Mariotti, founder of NFTE. Through entrepreneurship education, YESCarolina helps young people



(L-R): Zhang, Assistant Business Professor Joe Aniello, Warren, Business Professor Robert Pugh and Associate Professor of Business Hubert Setzler III

from communities statewide build skills and unlock their entrepreneurial creativity.

From 2003 to 2008, YESCarolina has trained 380 NFTE Certified Entrepreneurship Teachers who have in turn touched thousands of young South Carolinians with innovative entrepreneurship curriculum.

YESCarolina Entrepreneurship School participants:

### Henry Timrod Elementary

Jerome Moses Jr.

Brendaca Rogers

Louis Rush - 3rd place winner

Sharia Warren - 1st place winner

### Theodore Lester Elementary

Adrianna Bacote

Tianna Eldridge

Dayquan Ellis

Shaquita Parker

### Wallace Gregg Elementary

Kendris Brown

Khiarra Miles

Latia Singleton

Neva Tanner - 2nd place winner

Nathan Thomas

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Larry Falck, media production and instructional designer, William E. McLeod, media production and instructional technician, and Brad Wofford, director of instructional technology and electronic media services, recently attended the 2008 Educomm/Infocomm Conference

in Las Vegas. The three learned the latest innovations in digital signage and other audio/visual equipment capabilities.

Gloria Ard of Latta has joined the FMU staff as an administrative associate for the Gail and Terry Richardson Center for the Child.

# FMU staffs Center for the Child

The Richardson Child Development Center will greatly benefit early childhood education throughout the Pee Dee region. This state-of-the-art facility will provide an ideal educational environment for FMU Early Childhood majors to learn and use "best practices" that foster the growth and development of young children. In addition, the outreach programs will allow us to share "best practices" with child development programs throughout the Pee Dee.



Ron Faulkenberry, Ph.D.  
Dean, School of Education

## Jobs on Campus

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-  **Instructor/Assistant Professor of English**
-  **Assistant Professor of English**
-  **Library Systems Technician**
-  **Director of the Center for Entrepreneurship**
-  **Part-time instructor of Biology**
-  **Part-time Spanish instructor**
-  **Reference Librarian**
-  **Assistant Men's Basketball Coach**
-  **Assistant to the Dean for Accreditation Support with teaching responsibilities**
-  **Part-time/Temporary Substitute Teaching Assistants**
-  **Human Resources Assistant**
-  **Part-time/Temporary Teaching Assistant**
-  **Director of Business Development - North Eastern Strategic Alliance (NES)**

Visit Human Resources in  
SAB, Rm 105 or call ext. 1140.

## Meet our teachers

Mary Kathryn Blackmon-Jordan is starting a new career as a teacher at the Gail and Terry Richardson Center for the Child. Jordan grew up in New Zion and resides there with her husband, Wade. After working at the Montessori School of Florence and gaining invaluable experience, she's very happy to have the opportunity to teach at the Center for the Child.

"It's a wonderful opportunity to be involved in a program that will be a model for other schools in the area. I am proud to say that I will be a part of it."

Jordan is a 2005 graduate of the University of South Carolina with a major in psychology and a minor in elementary education.

Traci Moore is a Pee Dee native and will be a teacher at the Center for the Child. She graduated from Coker College in Hartsville in 1999 and has worked with children in Florence School District One and at the Chrysalis Center. For four years, she worked at Greenwood Baptist Church as the weekday early education director.

"I am excited to be a part of a new beginning, to be a teacher for one of the few universities in the Southeast to offer such a unique program." Moore resides in Florence with her husband Gra' and their daughter, Julia Grace.

Stacy Stafford has accepted a teaching position at the Center for the Child. She is an alum of FMU, grew up in Ohio, was a student teacher in New Zealand, and has lived in Florence for the past three years. She earned her bachelor's degree in early childhood education and graduated cum laude with honors from FMU in 2007. Previously a first grade teacher at McLaurin Elementary School, she is currently working towards a master's in instructional accommodation. Appointed as the co-president of the new Center of Excellence P-12 professional organization, she was awarded the Novice Teacher of the Year from FMU.

"I am very excited about this new part in my life and this new role I am taking on. I can't wait to share and trade knowledge because I know that together we can make a difference in the life of each child."

All three teachers look forward to working in an exciting environment at the Center for the Child where children will be exposed to state-of-the-art educational practices.



Blackmon-Jordan



Moore



Stafford