

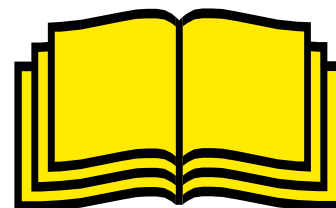


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Phi Gamma Sigma Yellow Pages

Next year, we will be publishing an alumni directory exclusively for Phi Gamma Sigma members. The free directory will offer Phi Gamma Sigma members the options of keeping their information current with the Fischler school, posting class notes and staying in touch with friends and former classmates. Here are a few points of information that you will need to know about the Phi Gamma Sigma Yellow Pages. The Yellow Pages will be distributed to the next graduating class, but will be available to all paid, active members.



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Keeping your information current: There are many ways to keep your information current with NSU. To be featured in the Phi Gamma Sigma Yellow Pages, please click [here](#).

E-mail: Did you know that NSU now has free e-mail for life? Are you interested in having an NSU email account after you graduate? Please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 1-800-541-6682, ext 22118*

*Disclaimer: There is no guarantee that you will have the same email account as you had when you were a student. It is the responsibility of the student to make backups of their files. NSU is not responsible for transferring files to the NSU alumni account.

Your privacy is important to us: The Phi Gamma Sigma Yellow Pages is an optional service and you have the choice to include as much (or none at all) information as you wish. We will not share any information that you do not specifically request us to, and you can opt out of the service at any time.

Save the Date: Commencement 2009



Commencement 2009 will take place on Saturday, June 20th. This is also the date for the 6th Annual Phi Gamma Sigma Induction Ceremony. The Induction Ceremony will be a brunch this year. As always, all new and sustaining members of Phi Gamma Sigma are welcome to attend.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Sixth Annual Institute for Public Policy and Executive Leadership in Higher Education

The Sixth Annual Institute for Public Policy and Executive Leadership in Higher Education (IPPEL) will take place at the Fischler School from July 5-18, 2009. The Institute is ideal for alumni who are seeking advancement in higher education. The two-week institute offers a certificate in executive leadership and will address such issues as:

- Budgeting and financial management
- Fundraising strategies
- Public policy
- Political advocacy, alliances, and coalitions
- The president and governing board
- Legal and ethical issues
- Governance and management

Deadline for Admission: May 1, 2009
Deadline for Registration: May 29, 2009

Fischler School to Recognize Education Leaders at Miami Event

On March 23rd 2009, the Executive team of Nova Southeastern University's Fischler School of Education and Human Services will host an event at the American Airlines Arena to recognize outstanding Leaders in the Miami-Dade and Broward county school districts who exemplify the Fischler School values of excellence and community service.

PGS Accomplishments

★**Marline Campbell, Ed.D. '06**, was promoted to principal of Pine Grove Elementary.

★**Susan Lancaster, Ed.D. '04**, Dr. Susan A. Lancaster serves as the Kentucky Internet2 Applications Coordinator, working with the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE). In this role, she will coordinate efforts to increase the awareness of the teaching and research opportunities offered by Internet2 to the Kentucky P-20 education community.

Dr. Lancaster will have primary responsibility for coordinating program development, awareness, training and professional development programs around educational use of advanced networking tools and technologies. She most recently served as the Assistant Professor of Education for Bellarmine University and spent 30 years in the Jefferson County (Kentucky) Public Schools. In addition, she has served as a technology consultant to various schools in the Louisville area.

★**Daniel Markarian, Ed.D. '07**, recently presented at the Miami Dade County

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PGS Goals and Objectives

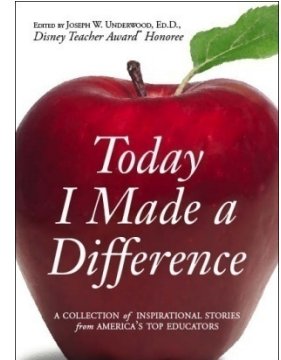
Phi Gamma Sigma strives to:

- ★ recognize professional accomplishments of graduates
- ★ identify significant contributions to education by alumni
- ★ provide a forum for sharing ideas
- ★ provide a leadership forum
- ★ improve quality of education by sharing best practices
- ★ offer opportunities for graduates to network
- ★ encourage the development of communities of learners
- ★ offer special events on timely and important topics
- ★ encourage alumni to remain active in applied research

Council for Social Studies Annual Conference Feb. 6 at the South Florida Rail Road Museum by the Metro Zoo. The topic was "Developing an Effective Novice Teacher Support Program".

Dr. Markarian and GTEP Social Studies have a new syllabus - Nevada School Law for Teachers – which is up for approval. Dr. Markarian is also working on updating Teacher Universe with the Fischler School and seeking assistance. Those interested can visit: <http://www.schoolofed.nova.edu/teacheruniverse/>.

★**Joseph Underwood, Ed.D. '08**, has a book coming out on April 14th entitled "Today I Made a Difference: A Collection of Inspirational Stories from America's Top Educators." This was a collaborative effort from 28 Disney Teacher of the Year Honorees from the Class of 2004.



The group picked Dr. Underwood as the lead author and editor, and is an inspirational look at how teachers affect students, how student affect teachers, and how teachers make a difference in each others' lives.

The book is being published by Adams Media (MS) and will be available "wherever books are sold." Dr. Underwood and his collaborators are hopeful that Colleges of Education across the country will see the value of this book as part of their curriculum for those planning to enter into our great profession.

Dr. Underwood will be speaking at the Athletic Trainers' Association of Florida Annual Symposium on April 17 in Orlando. The Association will be discussing Florida Licensure Law with college student athletic trainers.

Dr. Underwood's students at Miami High have recently entered 7 video Public Service Announcements for the Miami Coalition for the Homeless, theme: Ending Homelessness.

His students have also entered 7 video PSAs for the state of Florida Human Relations. Theme: Discrimination Through the Eyes of Our Youth, and have completed two entries for the Suncoast Emmy Awards for student television production. They entered a copy of their live, ten-minute daily newscast, and a copy of a retrospective look at the history of Miami High - "Legacy: The Story of Miami High."

Phi Gamma Sigma Sunshine Committee

This year, we are working to better connect you to the Fischler School of Education & Human Services and to your fellow Phi Gamma Sigma members. You may have graduated some time ago, or you may feel out of touch because you live out of state. To this end, Phi Gamma Sigma is creating a Sunshine Committee.

The purpose of the Sunshine Committee is to send greetings to those members with birthdays, anniversaries, those who are sick, for sympathy, a new baby, or to a member that no one has heard from in a while.

If you are interested in being part of the Sunshine Committee, please contact Casey Elise at elise@nova.edu.

PGS Profile: Tennell Brewington

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In January 2009, Dr. Brewington (Ed.D.) was featured in an article regarding the charter school that she founded.

Reviving the Lost Art of Penmanship at Family Foundations Charter School

While students today are introduced to cursive handwriting, rarely are they pushed to master the skill.

In many schools handwriting class has been replaced by a keyboarding class. At Family Foundations Charter School in New Castle, however, the lost art of penmanship is being revived and there's research to show that it will help students academically.

Family Foundations Charter School was established four years ago under the leadership of Dr. Tennell Brewington and Sean Moore and serves students in first through fifth grade. One of the first decisions Dr. Brewington made was to include handwriting as part of the school's educational program. She approached Dolores Pulliam, a teacher with more than 40 years in education, to establish a system that would introduce cursive handwriting in first grade.

Dr. Brewington is not alone in believing that handwriting is an important component in education. A study conducted in England showed that students' who had mastered cursive handwriting had superior composition quality compared to compositions created on computer. The study further demonstrated that keyboarded compositions were typically two years behind in development from their handwritten counterparts.

"When students are able to write well, they are able to formulate their thoughts better," Mrs. Pulliam commented. "If a student is struggling on how to simply put together the letters into a word, how will they be able to get a well-written essay on paper?"

Handwriting class at Family Foundations is among the required courses at the school. Current handwriting teacher, Pamela Scott, is quick to note that handwriting is an art form and it takes practice to master. Students must learn the five "S's" of handwriting: size, shape, space, slant, and slope. Mrs. Scott has two more "S's" that she emphasizes in her classes: sloppy, which is not allowed, and speed.

"It is so important for students to develop good handwriting skills," Mrs. Scott said. "But, they also must be able to write quickly. Part of being a good student is to be able to take notes as a teacher is talking, and to have written those notes legibly so that they can be studied later." Students at Family Foundations receive a grade in handwriting class, and the school has introduced an after school club designed to support students who struggle with handwriting. All work must be completed in cursive at the school once a student enters second grade.

Fluency is not only important at lower grades, but becomes essential when students reach high school and must develop essays for standardized tests, such as the SAT. With that in mind, the handwriting class not only works on the art of handwriting, but on essay writing skills, as well. By integrating

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language arts into the handwriting class, students receive more exposure to developing essay composition skills. Those skills are exhibiting in several student essay awards, including one student who received a Ben Carson Scholarship.

While every student isn't as excited as Mrs. Scott about handwriting, she works to help them understand its importance. "When a student isn't doing well in handwriting, we do what is needed to make sure there is improvement. We don't walk away from it and let them go back to printing," she added. The evidence of this lines the hallways of the school where neatly written papers with the loops and curls of penmanship from days gone by are displayed on the walls.

"I encourage every student to use their best handwriting," Mrs. Pulliam said, adding "I always tell them, if you can write well, you can think well."

Family Foundations Charter School is one of 18 public charter schools in Delaware. Public charter schools are mission driven schools that are required to participate in a number of public school mandates, including state testing. Family Foundations Charter School is a superior rated school based on students' 2007-2008 school year DSTP scores. The Delaware Charter Schools Network serves all of Delaware's charter schools and is a non-profit organization striving to serve as a catalyst for systemic change resulting in excellence in public education throughout Delaware.

Obituary Notice

Frederick Campbell Kintzer



Frederick Campbell Kintzer, 91, died Monday, Jan. 12, 2009, in San Luis Obispo. A professor emeritus of education at UCLA, where he taught from 1960 to 1986, Dr. Kintzer remained active in the field of higher education after he retired to San Luis Obispo in 1991. He specialized in community colleges, their administration, and the "middleman" role they play in the education process.

Born in Peoria, Ill., in October 1917, Dr. Kintzer served in the U.S. Army in Alaska during World War II. His early education at Washington State University in 1947 and his doctorate in education, also from Stanford, in 1952.

The highlight of his career in those formative years was his role as organist at the University of Washington and Stanford University chapels. He spent most of the 1950s as a teacher and administrator in Washington state before he transferred to UCLA in 1960. He lived in Santa Monica for the next 30 years.

A devoted traveler and student of world cultures, Dr. Kintzer spent the 1968-69 academic year in Colombo, Sri Lanka, and helped that island nation modernize its educational system. He did the same in 1986 in Kenya.

During his retirement in San Luis Obispo, he swam daily at Sinsheimer Pool, played the piano, and collected beer labels from around the world. He was also a consulting professor in higher education to Nova University.

A man who radiated warmth and happiness, Dr. Kintzer leaves his wife of 66 years, Ruth; son, Fred Jr. and his wife, Maria; daughter Janis Coffman and her husband, Taylor; and grandchildren Alex Kintzer, Katie Kintzer, Simone Coffman Stevens and Cozette Coffman.