The Zucker Family School of Education
Spring 2021

The ZFSOE Report
Humanistic United Bold

Teaching Through The Pandemic

"We've created online learning communities in our classes that foster students' active participation."

Dr. SooJoung Kim
Visiting Assistant Professor
What’s happening at The ZFSOE?

The Center for Mathematical Inquiry (CfMI) is a 6 month-long project for math educators to refine their pedagogical practices around mathematical inquiry, student discourse, and problem solving. Participating teachers are paid $2000 each for their contributions to this online consortium funded through the SC Commission on Higher Education.

Online Program Expansion

The ZFSOE has recently expanded its abilities to offer its programs throughout SC using hybrid and online modalities in the following programs:

- BS in Secondary Education
- MEd in School Counseling
- MEd in Literacy Education
- MEd in Educational Leadership
- EdS in Educational Leadership
- Certificate in Student Affairs
It has been a joy to join The Citadel last fall. My wife and I welcomed our second daughter (Isabella) last December, and coming to Charleston has been incredible. Teaching through the Pandemic has challenged us all though. From switching from face-to-face classes to virtual ones overnight, we have pondered what it means to be an effective teacher, counselor, or educational leader. Applying strategies that previously worked in new contexts doesn’t always work; however, remaining student centered in our approaches to teaching and learning will always stand the test of time. That’s why we listened to our students and district partners to create customized learning experiences. Some preferred alternating face-to-face weeks with asynchronous weeks of study, while others wanted a fully online synchronous experience. We take great pride in being the flexible provider of higher education in the Lowcountry.

Alumni Spotlight
Beaufort County School District
Counselor of the Year,c/o 2020
Latoshia Middleton

Student Spotlight
Presented with a scholarship for her outstanding contributions to instructional leadership.
Stephanie Peagler
Beaufort County School District is a technology driven and forward-thinking district where continued education is encouraged by the many opportunities that are provided to its employees. As visionaries, we eagerly sought the opportunity to expand our partnership with the Citadel to include starting a School Counseling Cohort where the participants can earn a Master of Education in Counselor Education. The goal is to grow Professional School Counselors from within our current educators and local residents. The Citadel’s School Counselor Program is accredited through the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) which means the content and quality of the program is of the highest standards. Hence, we can be assured that the participants will acquire the appropriate knowledge and skill set to educate and empower the stakeholders of Beaufort County School District.

Geri Henderson
Director of School Counseling
Beaufort County School District

“We are thrilled that The Citadel has partnered with Georgetown County School District to provide this professional learning series for our Algebra 2 teachers. Algebra 2 is such an important course to help students prepare for college and career readiness. By engaging in this opportunity, not only will our teachers have the opportunity to study, plan, collaborate and implement research-based best practices, but our students will also see increased potential for success in this rigorous course as well as subsequent courses to follow.”

Keith Price, Superintendent
Georgetown County School District
New Cohorts in Educational Leadership!

New cohorts are the lifeblood of our outreach. They permit school districts to grow their own leadership using teachers who understand the cultural dynamics of both the school and district.

Charleston County recently agreed to extend its partnership with the Citadel to include a new masters cohort in Educational Leadership. Both Charleston County and the Citadel paid 25% of these costs each, leaving the select students with only 50% of the tuition costs. In addition, Charleston County will also feature a new cohort for the Education Specialist degree (EdS) in Educational Leadership to create a principal pipeline for years to come.

Hiring Practices

The Citadel has been asked to be a partner in the hiring process in Charleston County, assisting in the development of interview questions and being active members of the interview process for new principals.

“They trust our perspective, understanding that our relationships with our candidates and our observations of their growth positions us with a good picture of their likelihood of success as a new principal” – Dr Lee Westberry, Assistant Professor in Educational Leadership

Terri Nichols
Associate Superintendent of Leadership Development

Trevor Strawderman
Executive Director
As we gear up for March 23, 2021, we are requesting your support for scholarships for our incredible students in teacher education, counselor education, literacy education, and educational leadership. More than any other time in recent history, the costs associated with higher education impede so many from advancing their careers and abilities to serve our school communities.

Please consider supporting our new fund specifically for student scholarships by designating your donation to the Zucker Family School of Education through the “View all Giving Opportunities.”


Stats of Pride

* CAEP accreditation visit with preliminary results indicating a perfect score (March 2021)

* 10% Enrollment growth in Spring 2021 semester

* 100% Praxis pass rates in Counselor Education
  (See full report here!)

* Over 2 million dollars in external annual grant acquisition

Upcoming Dates

**BBQ Blast**
(2020 Homecoming Makeup)
September 9, 2021

**Wall of Fame Ceremony**
Oct 28, 2021

**Education Forum**
Oct. 29, 2021

**ZFSOE Tailgate**
Oct 30, 2021

If you have questions pertaining to these upcoming events or if you would like to RSVP, please reach out to us at:
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