



HESA's Welcome Back Social

The Higher Education Student Association (HESA) held a Welcome Back event at Amber Ox on Jan. 26. There were a variety of topics discussed relating to graduate assistantships, potential internships, job opportunities, etc. It was the first time many of the M.Ed. students had seen each other since the break and was a fun time for all! In total, 15 students attended and HESA hopes it sets a tone for other events this semester!

ALUMNI *in the* SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Williams in the United Arab Emirates



Dr. Jobila Williams M.Ed. '07, Ed.D. '13 currently serves as the Chair of the Interdisciplinary Studies (IDS) Department at Zayed University in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. The IDS department is one of four in University College. Working at one of three federal institutions in the country, she has the pleasure of overseeing courses that have been mandated by the Prime Minister's Office in connection to strategic goals for Emirati education: 1. The Quest for Happiness, 2. Methods of Scientific Research and

Development, and 3. Fundamentals of Innovation and Entrepreneurship. It is great to see our alumni impacting higher education around the globe.

A New Position For Dr. Peters

Dr. Brian Peters M.Ed. '10 started a new position at NC State as Associate Director in Academic Advising Programs & Services. He will co-lead an office of 22 advisors who help students select a major, be successful in higher education, and find a successful career post-graduation. In addition to managing the day to day workings of the advising unit, he will be doing campus-wide assessments to improve advising on campus.



STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS



New Publication for Yi Hao

Yi Hao, a doctoral candidate, recently co-authored an article published in *Innovative Higher Education*. In "Are They Worth it?: Master's Degrees and Labor Market Outcomes," the authors used the 2013 *National Survey of College Graduates* to explore annual earning potential, primary work activity and education-job match of STEM bachelor's degree holders and master's degree completion. The results of their work illustrated that there is a considerable pay gap between men and

women with the same level of education in the STEM workforce. Find more information [here](#).

New HESA E-Board

Pictured are the newly elected executive-board for HESA 2019. From left to right: Ashley Dustin - Director of Programming
Haley Naiser - President
Jenny Fam - Director of Communication
Alexis Michalos - Vice President

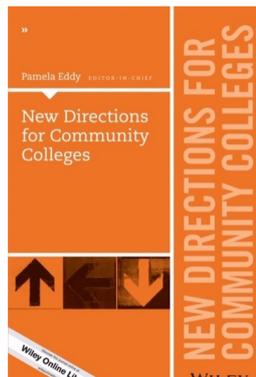


Congratulations on your new positions!

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

Eddy Assumes Editor-in-Chief Role

Many congratulations to Dr. Pamela Eddy, Professor of Higher Education, for her new role as the Editor-in-Chief for *New Directions for Community Colleges* (NDCC)! Dr. Eddy is a renowned and award-winning researcher who dedicates herself to issues in the studies and practices of community colleges. Dr. Eddy's passion, knowledge, and scholarship demonstrates the leadership she has provided and will continue to provide to the field. According to Dr. Eddy, "Taking over the reins of NDCC is an honor. The legacy of the founding editor, Dr. Arthur Cohen, positions the journal well in the field. I am especially excited for the ability to help shape the conversation on and about the nation's community colleges." NDCC has a publishing record of over 40 years and offers research findings and best practices from both leaders and researchers to inform the landscape of policy and practice.



Dr. Eddy's New Article

Dr. Pamela Eddy recently had an article published with School of Education alumna Tehmina Khwaja Ph.D. '05. The article is titled "What Happened to Re-Visioning Community College Leadership? A 25-Year Retrospective" in *Community College Review*. The article focuses on determining if the gender discourse has changed in community colleges since previous research in 1992. The article can be found [here](#).



A New Digital Publication

[Wren's Nest](#) is a digital publication of the [William & Mary Ed Review](#), with an emphasis on applying scholarship beyond the classroom. Wren's Nest features practitioner-

oriented pieces, book reviews, interviews, policy briefs, alumni perspectives, opinion pieces, and personal reflections by School of Education students and alumni. In concert with William & Mary's 326th Charter Day, see [Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#) of our exclusive interview with President Katherine Rowe. Follow us on Twitter [@wrenst_wm](#) for more.

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