

# COE Highlights

## FAU HONORS COE FACULTY, STUDENTS

Four faculty members and two students in the College of Education (COE) were recognized during Florida Atlantic University (FAU)'s 50th annual Honors Convocation on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 4 p.m. at the University Theatre on the Boca Raton Campus. FAU President John Kelly and Provost Bret Danilowicz hosted the event. Len Sperry, M.D., Ph.D., Professor, Counselor Education, and Cristobal Salinas, Jr., Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Educational Leadership and Research Methodology were



Len Sperry, M.D., Ph.D. (above, left), Professor, Counselor Education, and Cristobal Salinas, Jr., Ph.D. (right), Assistant Professor, Educational Leadership and Research Methodology, receive congratulations from Valerie J. Bristol, Ph.D., Dean, College of Education, following Florida Atlantic University (FAU)'s 50th annual Honors Convocation on April 17, 2019. They were selected as FAU Scholar of the Year, Professor, and FAU Scholar of the Year, Assistant Professor, respectively. Pictured at right is Bret Danilowicz, Ph.D. (left), Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, recognizing Lori Dassa, Ed.D., Assistant Professor, Teaching and Learning, for Excellence & Innovation in Undergraduate Teaching during the ceremony.

selected as Scholars of the Year at the Professor level and Assistant Professor level, respectively. Lori Dassa, Ed.D. Assistant Professor, Teaching and Learning, was one of four FAU faculty members who were honored for Excellence and Innovation in Undergraduate Teaching. Michael Zourdas, Ph.D., CSCM, Associate Professor, Exercise Science and Health Promotion, was one of eight finalists for the Distinguished Teacher of the Year Award.

Keishla Pesantes, an undergraduate student majoring in Exceptional Student Education received the University Scholar Award for FAU's COE. Keisha was one of eight undergraduate recipients. The University Scholar Awards are given in recognition of outstanding academic achievement and upon the recommendation of faculty in each of the eight undergraduate colleges.

Michael Correa, an undergraduate majoring in Exercise Science and Health Promotion received the Undergraduate Researcher Award for FAU's COE. Michael was one of nine undergraduate recipients. The Undergraduate Researcher of the Year Awards are based on student involvement in research, inquiry, or scholarly activities. College deans make the final selection from three finalists selected from each college by a committee of faculty, staff and students.

## EXCEED PROGRAM SELECTED AS A FINALIST

The Association of Teacher Education (ATE) selected the Establishing Excellence in Elementary Education (EXCEED) program at Florida Atlantic University (FAU)'s College of Education (COE) as one of three finalists for the Distinguished Teacher Education Preparation award to present at the February 16-20 meeting in Atlanta, Ga., which culminated with the announcement of the winner. "Although we did not win, it was an honor to be a finalist," noted Valerie J. Bristol, Ph.D., Dean and Professor, COE.

The EXCEED program enhanced the College of Education undergraduate elementary education program offered by the Department of Teaching and Learning, beginning in spring 2017. The program improved by adding content courses in mathematics, science and social studies, increasing emphasis on classroom management, as well as enhancing coursework and the student teaching component to incorporate State requirements for the Reading Endorsement. These changes made in collaboration with the Broward County Public Schools and the School District of Palm Beach County, the sixth and 11th largest school districts in the State of Florida, respectively, strengthened the elementary education program.



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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Summer Dissertations due in the Dean's Office by June 19, 2019.
- [College of Education Graduate, Specialists and Doctoral Programs](#) application submission deadlines by department.



## DEAN'S DISPATCH

As I finish my final year as dean, a kaleidoscope of achievements by the College of Education plays across my mind. These accomplishments would not have been possible without the incredible dedication of the faculty, staff, and students of this awesome college. I am especially grateful for my "team" spread across many FAU locations consisting of the Dean's Office staff, Associate/Assistant Deans, Department Chairs, and Directors. And so I bid adieu as dean with a final "TA DA!"

**Valerie J. Bristor, Ph.D.**

Dean and Professor

College of Education



*"I am proud to have led the College of Education in meeting its mission and aspiration of improving the lives of people and communities by becoming a leading resource for research, professional preparation, policy and public engagement."* — Valerie J. Bristor, Ph.D., Dean and Professor,

### COE SENDS FOND FAREWELLS

Leslie Calhoun, M.Ed., Senior Instructor, Teaching and Learning, to retire Aug. 6, 2019. A Florida Atlantic University alumna, she served the COE for 13 years.

Mary Lou Duffy, Ph.D., Professor, Exceptional Student Education and Academy for Community Inclusion Coordinator on the Jupiter Campus, retired on May 10, 2019. She served the COE for 23 years.

Donald J. Torok, Ph.D., FACSM, Associate Dean of Enrollment Management and Broward Campus, retired effective Jan. 25, 2019. He served the College of Education for 25 and a half years, 13 of them as Associate Dean, one year as Interim Chair of the Department of Instructional Technology and Research and seven years as Chair of the Department of Exercise Science and Health Promotion.

### CHAIR CORNER

Valerie J. Bristor, Ph.D., Dean and Professor, College of Education, announced the following faculty members have agreed to serve as Interim Chairs:

**Dale F. Williams, Ph.D.**, Professor, Communication Sciences and Disorders, assumed the responsibilities as Interim Chair effective January 1, 2019. Deena Wener, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, Associate Professor, who served as Chair from 2001-2018 stepped down as Chair to return to teaching, service and research.



Dale F. Williams, Ph.D.  
Communication Sciences and Disorders

Interim Chair



Hanizah Zainuddin, Ph.D.  
Curriculum, Culture and Educational Inquiry

Interim Chair

**Hanizah Zainuddin, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor, Curriculum, Culture and Educational Inquiry, will assume the responsibilities as Interim Chair effective July 1, 2019. Dilys Schoorman, Ph.D., Professor, who served as Chair from 2016-2019, stepped down as Chair to return to teaching, service and research.

The other departments in the College of Education are headed by Paul Peluso, Ph.D., LMHC, LMFT, Chair and Professor, Counselor Education; Robert Shockley, Ph.D., Chair and Professor, Educational Leadership and Research Methodology; Michael Brady, Ph.D., Chair and Professor, Exceptional Student Education; and Barbara Ridener, Ph.D., Chair and Associate Professor, Teaching and Learning.





*Valerie J. Bristor, Ph.D. (left), Dean and Professor, College of Education (COE), receives a portrait signed by COE faculty and staff from Sharon Darling, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Exceptional Student Education, during the May 2, 2019 COE Honors and Award Ceremony. Dean Bristor also was presented the COE Lifetime Achievement Award by Patricia Heydet-Kirsch, Ed.D., Assistant Dean, Accreditation and Assessment. (See top, left photo on page 2.) This award was bestowed for exceptional leadership in transforming education and heartfelt dedication to impacting lives.*

## A TOUCHING TRIBUTE: VALERIE J. BRISTOR, PH.D.

A caring heart. A gentle prod. Support when needed. Valerie J. Bristor, Ph.D. epitomizes a servant leader.

Having served Florida Atlantic University (FAU) for more than 30 years, eleven of them as Dean of the College of Education (COE), Valerie J. Bristor, Ph.D. will be returning to teaching reading and language arts education courses, service and research, effective July 31, 2019. Throughout the years, she has been an inspiration to faculty, staff and students.

Bristor encourages all students to achieve their potential, removing barriers and navigating University channels to ensure their success. One example Bristor recalled was when she attended the Weppner Legacy Reception on Thursday, Feb. 9, 2017. A remarkable Exercise Science and Health Promotion student, Marek Madro, gave a great speech. Afterwards, Bristor chatted with him and learned that he wanted to attend a conference in South Carolina but could not. Bristor offered him the travel support the COE provides students.

As COE Dean, Bristor has guided faculty and staff through constant changes in teacher preparation, forged relationships with the community, national and international partners. (See EXCEED program article on page one). In addition, Bristor has been instrumental in winning major grants for FAU. Her publications and conference presentations have focused on her research interest of reading in the content areas and teacher education.

Under her leadership, the COE ranked No. 77 for the “Best Online Education Programs” in the [2019 U.S. News & World Report national rankings](#). A.D. Henderson University School/FAU High School was named a [National Blue Ribbon School](#) for 2018 based on overall academic performance by the U.S. Department of Education. “Not only have we received exceptional recognition and awards, but thanks to many charitable donations, our accomplishments were made possible and scholarship awards have been made available,” Bristor noted.

The appointment as COE Dean in 2009 followed an extensive national search review of the Search Committee’s report and direct input from individuals. Previously, Bristor served FAU in a variety of capacities. (See sidebar.) Prior to joining FAU in 1988, Bristor was a classroom teacher for nine years in Mobile, Alabama. Bristor began her education at Evangel University where she earned a B.A. in Elementary Education. She furthered her discipline by attaining an M.Ed. at the University of South Alabama and a Ph.D. at Ball State University.

She served as Chair for the American Reading Forum for two terms. She has been the Institutional Representative for the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) since 1995 and for the Teacher Education Council of State Colleges and Universities (TECSCU) where she is also currently serving as the elected Regional 2 Representative since 2013. Bristor has been a fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald House and American/Canadian Cancer Societies and is currently a member of the board of directors for the Broward Education Foundation since 2000.

### VALERIE J. BRISTOR, PH.D. MILESTONES

- 2019**—Returns to teaching reading/language arts education courses, service and research
- 2010 - 2018**—Appointment as Superintendent of FAU Lab Schools (Florida School District 72)
- 2009**—Appointment as Dean of the College of Education (COE) by then Florida Atlantic University (FAU) Provost John Pritchett, Ph.D.
- 2008**—Named Interim Dean, COE
- 2006**—Appointment as Senior Associate Dean, all campuses, COE
- 2002**—Named Associate Dean, Broward Campus, COE
- 2001**—Appointment to Associate Dean, COE, Interim Chair and Professor
- 2000**—Named Interim Associate Dean and Professor, COE
- 1999**—Promoted to Professor
- 1994**—Appointment to Department Chair, Teacher Education, and promoted to Associate Professor
- 1993**—Named Assistant-to-the Chair, Teacher Education, and granted tenure
- 1988**—Joined FAU as Assistant Professor, Teacher Education, and taught undergraduate and graduate reading/language arts education courses

### VALERIE J. BRISTOR, PH.D. ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS

- 2019**—Finalist for the national Association of Teacher Educators (ATE) Distinguished Program in Teacher Education with Barbara Ridener, Ph.D.
- 2017**—Awarded the national [Dr. Shirley S. Schwartz Urban Education Impact Award](#) for COE’s Department of Teaching and Learning’s collaborative program Establishing Excellence in Elementary Education by The Council of the Great City Schools with Barbara Ridener, Ph.D.
- 2016**—Recognized in “Legacymakers: 100 Women of Distinction at Florida Atlantic University.”
- 2014-2017**—Awarded American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) Networked Improvement Community (NIC): Meeting the Demographic Imperative.
- 2006**—Nominee for the President’s Leadership Award, FAU
- 1997**—Finalist for the COE Distinguished Teacher Award, FAU
- 1994**—Recipient of the University Teacher Incentive Program Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching, FAU.
- 1991**—College Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, COE, FAU
- 1990**—Outstanding Achievement Award, FAU.

## FAU LAB SCHOOL DISTRICT AWARDED GREEN RIBBON



The [U.S. Department of Education](#) announced Florida Atlantic University (FAU)'s [A.D. Henderson University School \(ADHUS\)](#) and [FAU High School](#) as a [2019 Green Ribbon School District Sustainability Awardee](#) on May 22, 2019. The FAU Lab School District was the only one in the state of Florida and one of only 14 districts across the country to receive this coveted distinction.

This national recognition was given based on ADHUS and FAU High School's innovative efforts to reduce environmental impact and utility costs, improve health and wellness and ensure effective sustainability education. "This incredible recognition by the U.S. Department of Education acknowledges our school-wide commitment to sustainability," stated Sherry Bees, M.Ed. Principal/Director, ADHUS/FAU High School.

## ADHUS/FAU HIGH AWARDS



Principal/Director Sherry Bees, M.Ed., congratulates District Teacher of the Year Jenny O'Sullivan, (left) and District Related Employee of the Year Cesar Carnero.

Sherry Bees, M.Ed., Principal/Director, A.D. Henderson University School (ADHUS)/Florida Atlantic University (FAU) High School honored Jenny O'Sullivan, Elementary STEAM, as the 2019 District Teacher of the Year for Florida Atlantic University (FAU) School District #72 and recognized Cesar Carnero, Custodian, as the FAU District Related Employee of the Year. The awards were presented during the College of Education's Honors and Awards Ceremony on Thursday, May 2, 2019, at 1:30 p.m. in ED-119 in the Education Building on the Boca Raton Campus.

## COE RECOGNIZES FACULTY/STUDENTS AT HONORS AND AWARD CERMONY

Florida Atlantic University (FAU)'s College of Education (COE) held its annual Honors and Award Ceremony on May 2, 2019 in Room 119 of the Education building on the Boca Raton Campus, recognizing the achievements of COE faculty and students. During the ceremony, Patricia Heydet-Kirsch, Ed.D., Assistant Dean, Accreditation and Assessment presented Bristor with the COE Lifetime Achievement Award (see page two) and recognized the honoree for Excellence & Innovation in Undergraduate Teaching (see FAU Honors article on page one).

Valerie J. Bristor, Ph.D., Dean, COE, presented faculty awards to the COE Honorees of the Year, including the Scholar of the Year at the Professor and Assistant Professor levels, who were also honored at FAU's 50th Annual Honors Convocation (see FAU Honors article on page one), the

Researcher of the Year at the Professor and Assistant Professor level and Distinguished Mentor of the Year (see recipients below). The selection of the COE Distinguished Teacher of the Year was announced. Bristor also presented students at the undergraduate and graduate level the Dr. Rosanna Gatens Student Award for Outstanding Community Service and the Dean's Award (see page six), as well as recognized the Undergraduate Researcher of the Year.

The Chair of each department presented Outstanding Undergraduate and/or Outstanding Graduate awards for their respective departments. A.D. Henderson University School/FAU High Awards were bestowed (see sidebar below, left). Deborah Shepherd, Associate Dean, Office for Academic and Student Services, acknowledged donors and scholarship recipients. Retiring faculty were also recognized.



Among the faculty Valerie J. Bristor, Ph.D. (above, right), Dean, College of Education (COE) recognized during the COE Honors and Awards Ceremony on May 2, 2019 are: Ali A. Danesh, Ph.D. (above, left), Professor, Communication Sciences and Disorders, as the COE Researcher of the Year at the Professor level and Michael A. DeDonno, Ph.D. (above, middle), Assistant Professor, Educational Leadership and Research Methodology, as the COE Researcher of the Year at the Assistant Professor level. Tricia Meredith, Ph.D. (above, right), High School Research, A.D. Henderson University School/Florida Atlantic University High School, was recognized as the COE Distinguished Mentor of the Year by Bristor. Michael Zourdos, Ph.D., CSCS, Exercise Science and Health Promotion, who was not present, was selected by the COE Student Achievement Council as the 2019 COE Distinguished Teacher of the Year.

## FACULTY AWARDS

Valerie J. Bristor, Ph.D., Dean and Professor, College of Education, announced the following awards for spring 2019:

**Melanie M. Acosta, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor, Curriculum Culture, and Educational Inquiry, has been awarded, along with two co-authors, the [2019 Outstanding Article in the Journal of Teacher Education](#), by the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) during the AACTE 71st Annual Meeting, Feb. 22-24, 2019 in Louisville, Ky. The award recognizes exemplary scholarship published in the AACTE's official journal. At the time the article, Why Seek the Living Among the Dead? African American Pedagogical Excellence: Exemplar Practice for Teacher Education, was submitted, Acosta was at the University of Alabama. She joined Florida Atlantic University in August 2018.

**Yash Bhagwanji, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor, Curriculum, Culture, and Educational Inquiry, received the Nietzel Distinguished Faculty Award from the University of Kentucky. His obligations included serving on dissertation committees and providing public lectures during the spring 2019 semester. He delivered lectures relating to rethinking early childhood education by integrating more place-based and experiential learning.

**Nancy Brown, Ed.D.**, Associate Professor, Curriculum, Culture, and Educational Inquiry, received an Excellence in Education Awards from the Committee on Teaching about the United Nations (CTAUN), based on her book, "Internationalizing Early Childhood Curriculum: Foundations of Global Competence." The award was presented on April 5, 2019 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

**Cristobal Salinas, Jr., Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor, Educational Leadership and Research Methodology, received the 2018-2019 Vice President's Diamond Award/Faculty from the Division of Student Affairs. This award recognizes outstanding individuals who have provided exemplary service for the advancement of student success at Florida Atlantic University (FAU). Salinas also received the Equity and Social Justice Scholar Award during the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in American Education, May 28 - June 1, 2019 in Portland, Ore.



Melanie M. Acosta, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor



Yash Bhagwanji, Ph.D.

Associate Professor



Nancy Brown, Ed.D.

Associate Professor



Cristobal Salinas, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor



## A FOND FAREWELL: EXERCISE SCIENCE AND HEALTH PROMOTION

The [Department of Exercise Science and Health Promotion](#) (ESHP) in Florida Atlantic University (FAU)'s College of Education (COE) transitioned to FAU's Charles E. Schmidt College of Science (COS) effective June 1, 2019. "I believe this will be a very productive realignment of programs and faculty," stated Bret S. Danilowicz, Ph.D., Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs in his May 13, 2019 announcement to FAU Deans. Valerie J. Bristor, Ph.D., Dean and Professor, College of Education (COE) added, "It has been a privilege working with the faculty, staff, and students of ESHP during the department's rapid growth and development over the last decade."

"Reassigning ESHP to the COS is consistent with a growing national trend wherein higher education views exercise science/health promotion programs as an applied science," noted Michael Whitehurst, Ed.D., FACSM, Chair and Professor, Exercise Science and Health Promotion, citing the department's basic and translational research as evidence. "Importantly, ESHP is at the center of a global interest in attempting to identify cost effective interventions to reduce chronic disease and ballooning health care costs associated with lifestyle choices."

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***"EXERCISE is Medicine."***

*— Motto of the Department of  
Exercise Science and Health Promotion*

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Exercise Scientists in ESHP disseminate research that addresses major health issues stemming from physical inactivity and mentor a growing number of ESHP students. Under the guidance of four principal investigators, ESHP students apply basic and clinical science techniques to conduct advanced research in ESHP's Exercise Biochemistry Laboratory. The four principal investigators in ESHP are: Whitehurst, Ed.D., FACSM; Chung-Jung Huang, Ph.D., FACSM, Associate Professor; Michael Zourdos, Ph.D., CSCS, Associate Professor; and Andy Khamoui, Ph.D. Assistant Professor.

Presently, ESHP has a combined student enrollment of nearly 2,000 students, pursuing [interdisciplinary bachelor and master's degree programs](#). The undergraduate program is designed to prepare students for careers in diverse fields, such as physical therapy, sports medicine, cardiac/pulmonary rehabilitation, corporate fitness, medical school, allied health, coaching (strength and conditioning), country club fitness and other industry positions, and is nationally endorsed by the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) and the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA). The graduate program offers a choice of three tracks of study (strength and conditioning, exercise physiology and health promotion) and prepares graduate students for continued research and doctoral studies or advanced careers in clinical, corporate, commercial and/or community physical fitness and wellness education.

In addition to Whitehurst, Huang, Zourdos, and Khamoui, ESHP faculty comprise of Robert Zoeller, Ph.D., Professor; Sue Graves, Ed.D., FACSM, FISSN, ACSM CEP; Associate Professor; Tina Penhollow, Ph.D., MCHES, Associate Professor; Michael Hall, Ph.D., Associate Professor; Ian Pyka, M.S., CSCS, Instructor; Chris Boerum, M.S., M.B.A., Senior Instructor; Laura Canteri, M.S., Instructor; and Michelle Papania, M.S., C.P.A., Instructor. ESHP staff includes Nishant Visavediya, Ph.D., Coordinator of Research Programs, who oversees the day-to-day operation of ESHP's Exercise Biochemistry Laboratory; Peggy Donnelly, Program Assistant; and Denise Merrill, Senior Secretary.

ESHP also offers students the opportunity to join the ESHP Club to make personal and professional connections, participate in community events and attend local seminars/conferences within the field. The internship program, the final requirement for the bachelor's in ESHP, allows students to explore or clarify professional goals, acquire new skills and develop professional contacts in their chosen field. Graduate Teaching Assistantships are available competitively to graduate students officially admitted into the master's in ESHP to assist with research and to teach undergraduate courses.



Michael Whitehurst, Ed.D., FACSM

Chair and Professor  
Exercise Science and Health Promotion

### A Historical Perspective of an Emerging Discipline

**2019**—FAU Provost approves moving Department of Exercise Science and Health Promotion (ESHP) to the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science.

**FAU recognizes ESHP as one of the fastest growing majors at the University**

**2015—present**—ESHP research includes animal models of cancer and Alzheimer's disease, a well-equipped exercise biochemistry laboratory with numerous collaborative research programs within and outside the University.

**2010—2015**—ESHP hires young scientists whose research agenda address health behaviors and lifestyle disease with cellular/molecular based laboratory studies to evaluate the effects of exercise on inflammation and muscle wasting/damage associated with obesity, high intensity exercise and cancer. ESHP enrollment soars with more than 1,200 undergraduates and 50-60 graduate students.

**2009**—ESHP returns to FAU Boca. The program doubled again with more than 900 undergraduates and 40-50 graduate students. Undergraduate students routinely use the ESHP major as a pre-professional degree program to gain access to graduate studies in physical therapy, occupational therapy, physician assistant and medical school.

**ESHP enrollment doubled to more than 400-500 undergraduates and 35 graduate students.**

**1997—2005**—ESHP hires new faculty emphasizing both basic science and health behavior to support a growing interest in how exercise is "medicine" and how routine daily choices can leverage health behaviors that lead to a reduction in the occurrence and severity of lifestyle diseases (i.e., cardio vascular disease, diabetes, neurodegeneration).

**1995**—ESHP moves from FAU Boca to FAU Davie to join the new "Health Sciences" department formed by several other science based degree programs.

**1995—2000**—ESHP hires several faculty whose skill set reflects an emphasis in basic science, which allows ESHP to explore the underlying cellular adaptations associated with the beneficial effects of exercise.

**1990—1995**—ESHP establishes a 400 hour internship as the undergraduate major capstone course wherein students acquire specific skills in community, non-profit, hospital and human performance settings (now have 130 plus affiliation agreements across the United States).

**1990**—ESHP faculty launched supervised community based clinical exercise program that continues today.

**1986**—ESHP B.S.E./M.S. programs approved (less than 150 undergraduates/20 graduate students) with three faculty.

## FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

### College of Education

#### *Our Mission*

The mission of the College of Education is to use research and scholarship to prepare and support teachers, leaders, counselors, speech language pathologists, and exercise and health professionals to improve the lives of people and communities.

#### *Our Aspiration*

As researchers, scholars and educators, we aspire to be a leading resource for research, professional preparation, policy, and public engagement in local, state, national and international communities.



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## HONORS AND AWARDS: COE STUDENTS

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Valerie J. Bristor, Ph.D. (above, right), Dean, College of Education, and Rosanna Gatens, Ph.D. (left), congratulate the recipients of the Dr. Rosanna Gatens Student Award for Outstanding Community Service: Gabriella Lagomarsino Hanna (center, left), Exercise Science and Health Promotion, at the undergraduate level and Benjamin Ocellin, Curriculum, Culture, and Educational Inquiry, at the graduate level. During the COE Honors and Awards Ceremony on May 2, 2019, Bristor presented Krista White (top, left), Exceptional Student Education, the Dean's Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Student and John E. Critelli (middle, left), Educational Leadership and Research Methodology, the Dean's Award for Outstanding Graduate Student. She also recognized the COE Undergraduate Researcher of the Year Michael Correa (bottom, left), Exercise Science and Health Promotion, who was also honored at Florida Atlantic University's 50th Annual Honors Convocation on April 17.

*“The Dr. Rosanna Gatens Student Award for Outstanding Community Service honors Rosanna Gatens, Ph.D., who promoted human rights and justice in society during her service as Director of Florida Atlantic University’s Center for Holocaust and Human Rights Education.”*

— Valerie J. Bristor, Dean and Professor  
College of Education

## Q & A: COE GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Thinking of applying to a graduate program after graduation? The College of Education offers a variety of master's, specialist and doctoral degrees. For more information on areas of specialization, majors or areas of study and combined degrees, visit the department websites below or email the contacts.

### DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION SCIENCES & DISORDERS

**M.S. Speech Pathology and Audiology**  
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### DEPARTMENT OF CURRICULUM, CULTURE, & EDUCATIONAL INQUIRY

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**M.Ed. Instructional Technology**  
**M.Ed. Educational Psychology**  
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