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### Dean Steps Down July 31st

Valerie J. Bristor, Ph.D., Dean and Professor, College of Education, bids adieu as dean and returns to teaching, research and service, effective July 31, 2019. Bristor stated, "I am proud to have led the COE 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  
College of Education

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"When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed." — Maya Angelou

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Among the 2018-2019 College of Education students, who received scholarships thanks to the generosity of donors, are (from left): Natalie West, a graduate student in the Department of Teaching and Learning pursuing the M.Ed. Elementary Education plus Certification; Taylor Irvine, a graduate student in the Department of Counselor Education (CE), who earned both the M.Ed. and Ed.S. in CE with specialization in Clinical Mental Health Counseling in spring 2019; and Leila Shatara, a doctoral student in the Department of Educational Leadership and Research Methodology working on the Ph.D. in Educational Leadership with a specialization in School Leaders K-12. Serena Kron (not pictured), an undergraduate student in the Department of Exceptional Student Education (ESE) majoring in ESE with ESOL Endorsement received the COE Advisory Board Scholarship this past academic year.

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So how do scholarships help recipients achieve their academic goals? Several scholarship recipients shared their response:

*“...thanks to many charitable donations, our accomplishments were made possible and scholarship awards have been made available.”*

*-Valerie J. Bristor, Ph.D.  
Dean and Professor,  
College of Education*

Serena Kron, an undergraduate student majoring in Exceptional Student Education (ESE) with ESOL Endorsement, shared that the COE Advisory Board Scholarship she received meant a lot to her because the board members, who funded her scholarship, were supporting her education as a preservice teacher going into the ESE field. Without the financial stress, she was able to concentrate on her classes, she said.

Natalie West, a graduate student pursuing the M.Ed. Elementary Education plus certification and assisting the Director of Development assigned to the COE, expressed her gratitude to donors for providing the gift of education through the scholarship she was awarded. “Scholarships relieve the burden of student debt,” noted West, who served eight years in the U.S. Army, having risen to the rank of Captain. Just as teachers impact future generations by helping students reach their potential, donors impact students’ lives by providing them the opportunity to pursue their degrees.

Taylor Irvine, who graduated May 2, 2019 with both a M.Ed. and Ed.S. in Counselor Education with specialization in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, expressed that she is immensely grateful for the scholarship she received. A graduate assistant in the Office for Academic and Student Services, Taylor stated the scholarship allowed her to devote more time to her studies, rather than get another job. As a result of her diligence in her coursework, she has been accepted into the Ph.D. in Counseling, beginning fall 2019.

Leila Shatara, a doctoral student working on the Ph.D. in Educational Leadership with a specialization in School Leaders K-12, divulged that several different types of scholarships she received over the past two years has helped her to focus on research and writing her dissertation. In her role as a Graduate Research Assistant, Leila assists faculty in the Department of Educational Leadership and Research Methodology with research projects. Without scholarships from donors and the assistantship to offset the cost of tuition, Leila, who has 20 years experience in public and private education, would have had to take on full time work and forgo research opportunities.

For more information about scholarships offered by the College of Education, visit <http://www.fau.edu/education/students/scholarships/>. To explore ways to give, contact Jorene Jameson, Ph.D., Director of Development, College of Education, at [jameson2013@fau.edu](mailto:jameson2013@fau.edu).

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The College of Education (COE) at Florida Atlantic University prepares educators and educational professionals to serve six public school districts. The COE's six departments offer 41 undergraduate and graduate programs. The academic departments include Communication Sciences and Disorders, Counselor Education; Curriculum, Culture and Educational Inquiry; Educational Leadership and Research Methodology; Exceptional Student Education; and Teaching and Learning.

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There is a variety of ways to fund scholarships:

*“Alumni and donors fund scholarships for a variety of reasons. Many options are available. Consider giving and making a difference in the lives of students in the College of Education.”*

— Jorene Jameson, Ph.D.,  
Director of Development  
assigned to the  
College of Education

**Setting up an endowment.** An endowed scholarship provides perpetual awards based on the earnings of the endowed fund. It is a wonderful way to leave a legacy for oneself, a loved one or even a friend. “The minimum is \$25,000, which can be paid over five years,” noted Jameson.

**Giving a one time gift.** An expendable scholarship does not accrue interest and will be awarded based upon the available balance. (For example, an expendable scholarship with a balance of \$1,000 could provide up to \$1,000 in assistance.)

**Funding a renewable gift.** An expendable scholarship can be renewed on a yearly basis.

**Matching funds.** Through two new sources, the COE is able to access matching dollars for scholarships from the Florida Prepaid Scholarship Foundation:

- The [Take Stock in Children®](#) (TSIC) program awards scholarships to students in their program. Through a new partnership with Florida Atlantic University (FAU), four-year scholarships, covering full tuition and dormitory expenses, will be awarded to TSIC’s graduating students who attend FAU. Donor funds are matched dollar for dollar so that a full scholarship can be funded by a donor for 50 percent of the cost.
- The [Kelly/Strul Emerging Scholars Program](#) supports first-generation students. This scholarship pays for full tuition and fees for four years. A donor can support a scholar for \$12,500 per year, which covers all expenses including living on campus.

**Gift planning.** An estate gift may be arranged through a will. Other ways of planned giving are available as well.

Consider helping COE students reach their full potential. Contact Jorene Jameson, Ph.D., at [jjameson2013@fau.edu](mailto:jjameson2013@fau.edu) or 561-287-1272 regarding funding scholarships or visit <https://fauf.fau.edu/education/> to make a donation.

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# SDPBC Chief of Schools Named 2019 COE Distinguished Alumni



Keith R. Oswald, Ed.S., was named the 2019 College of Education Distinguished Alumni. Having earned the Master's of Education and Education Specialists degrees in Educational Leadership from Florida Atlantic University's Department of Educational Leadership and Research Methodology in the COE, he now serves as Deputy Superintendent and Chief of Schools for the School District of Palm Beach County, the 10th largest school district in the nation.

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"The COE is proud to honor an extraordinary alumni for all that he has accomplished since graduating from FAU," remarked Valerie J. Bristor, Ph.D., Dean and Professor, College of Education. "We look forward to continuing to work with Keith Oswald in future collaborations between the COE and the SDPBC."

*"There are no words to express the gratitude I have for Florida Atlantic University (FAU) and the FAU faculty for the years of insightful learning they provided me."*

*-Keith R. Oswald, Ed.S.*

*Deputy Superintendent  
and Chief of Schools,  
School District of  
Palm Beach County*

Oswald is a veteran educator, serving the SDPBC, the 10th largest school district in the nation. He attributes his success to the insightful learning he was provided while earning the M.Ed. in Educational Leadership and Ed.S. in Educational Leadership he received in 1996 and in 2001, respectively, from FAU's Department of Educational Leadership and Research Methodology. "With the knowledge I gained, my leadership story expanded, allowing me to contribute to students, teachers, schools and the communities that support the Palm Beach County School District," noted Oswald.

Oswald began his career in the School District as a teacher at Barton Elementary School after receiving a B.S. degree in Exceptional Education and Elementary Education from State University College at Buffalo in Buffalo, N.Y. During his tenure with SDPBC, Oswald has been privileged to serve as a teacher, Assistant Principal, Principal at South Grade Elementary School and Boynton Beach High School; Restructuring Administrator, Assistant Superintendent, Area Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer.

As Deputy Superintendent and Chief of Schools, Oswald assists the Superintendent in all activities designated by the Superintendent, works closely with the Superintendent as a strategic partner, and assists in providing administrative coordination and supervision of work and personnel of all schools and academic departments. He ensures that quality academic programming and initiatives are offered to all students as part of the mission to increase academic achievement, graduation rates, and follow through on the District's Strategic Plan long-term outcome of post-graduate success.

Throughout his time with the District, Oswald has been active in many nonprofit agencies in Palm Beach County, serving as a Board member for Prime Time Palm Beach County, the United Way of Palm Beach County and the Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County. In June 2019, he joined the COE Advisory Board.

For more information on degree programs offered by the COE, contact an advisor at the [Office for Academic and Student Services](#). To explore ways to give, contact Jorene Jameson, Ph.D., Director of Development, College of Education, at [jameson2013@fau.edu](mailto:jameson2013@fau.edu).

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