

Outstanding Faculty Recipients  
2013-2014 Academic Year

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION  
Dean: Dr. Kenneth Witmer

Literacy: Dr. Sunita Mayor, Chair

**Professor Lisa Gordon, Department of Literacy**

-Professor Lisa Gordon is an outstanding professor in the literacy department with a true passion for preparing future teachers. Professor Gordon is highly energetic, sharing stories from her teaching experiences to help us learn how to implement best practices in teaching literacy. She encourages student collaboration and takes the time to get to know all of her students during class. Professor Gordon is extremely knowledgeable about her subject matter and conveys information in a unique and lively manner. She supplements her classroom instruction with valuable online resources, many she created herself. Professor Gordon also offers specific ideas and strategies her students can use in their classrooms, making her a professor who will impact countless students for years to come.

**Dr. Diane Santori, Department of Literacy**

-Dr. Santori is an amazing professor for various reasons. She brings a lot of experience to the classroom, from both teaching in Philadelphia and working in other elementary school classrooms as well as her time spent with various educators studying their teaching techniques. She always relates what she is teaching her EDR students to things she has done or seen in the classroom. She teaches things that she believes we will benefit from as future educators, giving us ideas and guidance for what to do in our classroom. She really loves teaching, and children, and really believes in everything that she teaches us. It is amazing to see a professor who loves their subject so much.

Professional and Secondary Education: Dr. John Elmore, Chair

**Dr. Paul Morgan, Department of Professional and Secondary Education**

-Dr. Paul Morgan exemplifies true passion for his role as a professor of Honors Education and Change. He conveys information that we may have heard time and time again in a new light. Although his teaching is slightly less conventional, I have always enjoyed the independent mindset of the students that he is after. The atmosphere he creates in and outside the classroom allows us to bring our thoughts and opinions to the forefront. It is as though he is simply guiding our own thoughts to reach new heights of where we want to be. As he always says, what we take from this class is only as much as we put into it.

-I nominate Dr. Morgan because he's just a wickedly cool guy! Upon meeting him last semester I loved that he was so open and willing to accept any of our thoughts whether they were positive or negative. He hears students out and makes his lessons so relatable and important. P Morgz especially makes me happy because I know he has a genuine appreciation for the work we do in his class.

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**Dr. Leslie Welsh, Department of Professional and Secondary Education**

-Dr. Leslie Welsh is an outstanding professor in the College of Education, teaching courses in evaluation and measurement, assessment, and qualitative methods of research. Dr. Welsh is extremely knowledgeable about the course content and has the most up-to-date information about educational law and state policies. Her class is very hands-on and students utilize iPads almost every day to access state websites and other relevant content. Dr. Welsh is highly energetic and keeps her students engaged. She presents complex material in an effective manner, providing visuals and reviewing concepts that students struggle to understand. Her class is extremely organized and prepares future educators for the assessment and data collection involved in teaching.