

# SEIDEL SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

## **Center Expands to Become Eastern Shore Child Care Resource Center**

SU's Lower Shore Child Care Resource Center has been a valuable ally to child care centers in Wicomico, Somerset and Worcester counties for nearly 20 years. Its footprint – and name – have expanded. After winning a \$274,500 grant from the Maryland Family Network (MFN), the SU-coordinated entity became the Eastern Shore Child Care Resource Center (ESCCRC) and earned the right to coordinate coverage for the entire Eastern Shore after MFN redistricted to make the Shore one district instead of its previous two.

The grant allows the ESCCRC to maintain a robust offering of training opportunities throughout the Eastern Shore. The ESCCRC offers support groups, conference opportunities and professional development in specialty areas presented by professionals from the ESCCRC, SU and the school systems of all eight counties on the Eastern Shore.

“The center has been an invaluable community connection for SU and a benefit to those in child care in the area,” said Dr. Laurie Henry, dean of the Samuel W. and Marilyn C. Seidel School of Education. “The assembling of resources on the Eastern Shore into one entity will only further the outreach efforts and allow the ESCCRC to be a greater asset to those in our area by providing access to high quality child care to the communities and families who need it the most.”

## **Seidel School Earns National Accreditation and Recognition**

SU's Seidel School of Education earned accreditation from the Association for Advancing Quality in Educator Preparation (AAQEP). The AAQEP accreditation period is for seven years, and the process includes internal investigation, peer review and accreditation board evaluation. AAQEP is a membership association and quality assurance agency that provides accreditation services and formative support to all types of educator preparation

providers – like SU. It promotes and recognizes quality educator preparation that strengthens the education profession's ability to serve all students, schools and communities equitably.

Additionally, the Seidel School's Elementary/Intermediate Classroom Program (one of three undergraduate programs in the country) and the Master of Education Reading/Literacy Specialist Program (one of seven in the country) earned National Recognition by the International Literacy Association for outstanding preparation of literacy professionals. Institutions that earn ILA National Recognition demonstrated that their literacy professional preparation programs are exemplary and adhere to a rigorous set of standards. This recognition also confirms that teacher candidates are well prepared and ready to meet the challenges of today's classrooms.

## **Students Create SU 'Virtual Field Trip' for Special Education Students**

As Wicomico County Public Schools continued its efforts to ensure student inclusiveness, Dr. Andrea Suk's Inclusive Instruction for Secondary Teachers class in SU's Seidel School of Education helped to ensure no student is left behind. When contacted with a request to create a guide geared toward high school students in special education and with disabilities who may want to know more about SU, Suk's students jumped at the opportunity.

They developed a “virtual field trip,” allowing those high school students to “see” campus with information about accommodations they may need, like opportunities through SU's Disability Resource Center and the accessibility of the campus shuttle. Those using the tool see a map of campus with informational videos on what being an SU student is like, from classroom design, to what a residence hall looks like, to recreational activities.



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is made from trees

Ride a bike  
Go to the Carnival  
Go Swimming

STEM  
Fairy Tales Problem Solving  
The Three Little Pigs