

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND ALLIED PROFESSIONS
2021 HONORS AND AWARDS

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

PEAK PERFORMER

DR. SHENEEN GARLAND DANIELS & DR. SALLI LEWIS

- B.S., Psychology, University of Alabama, 1994
- M.A. Clinical Psychology, Western Carolina University, 1997
- Ph.D., University of Alabama, 2002

- B.A. Psychology, Loyola University, 1991
- M.A. Clinical Psychology, Western Carolina University, 1997
- Ph.D. West Virginia University, 2002

Drs. Sheneen Daniels and Salli Lewis graduated from WCU's Clinical Psychology Program in 1997. In 2005, they founded the Center for Research, Assessment, and Treatment Efficacy, known as CReATE, located in Asheville, NC. CReATE is a psychological practice, committed to the provision of data-driven assessment and empirically-supported mental health treatment. It is unique practice, having both a Clinical Division and a Research Division.

Dr. Sheneen Daniels is the Director of the Clinical Division for CReATE, managing all clinical and programmatic responsibilities for a team of doctoral-level psychologists, other clinicians, and graduate students. She is a licensed psychologist with over 20 years' experience in the assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of mental health and neurodevelopmental disorders and conditions, having conducted and supervised thousands of comprehensive psychological and neuropsychological evaluations. Dr. Daniels currently holds a position as Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and provides specialized services through the UNC TEACCH Autism Program.

Dr. Salli Lewis directs CReATE's Research Division. The Research Division supports the Clinical Division with a comprehensive system dedicated to scientific literature review, education, and training. Dr. Lewis is responsible for the design and implementation of a number of applied clinical research trials. She is a licensed clinical psychologist, with expertise in the development, transport, and dissemination of evidence-based treatments. She has published extensively in peer-reviewed journals, serves on the editorial board for a number of clinical and research-oriented publications, and has a research appointment at the University of Arkansas. Dr. Lewis provides training, consultation, and professional presentations within scientific, treatment, and educational communities.

Both Divisions of CReATE provide experience, training, and supervision for students currently enrolled in WCU's graduate programs in Psychology. We are honored to receive this award and to be able to continue our close relationships with the faculty and staff at WCU.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

PEAK PERFORMER

TRISHIA CHAPMAN

- B.S. Birth-Kindergarten, Western Carolina University, 2005
- M.A. Birth-Kindergarten, Western Carolina University, 2008

Mrs. Trishia Chapman provided Early Intervention Services to the 0-3 population in WNC prior to teaching preschool in the region for over a decade. In addition to being the Bright Adventures Pre-K Teacher of the year for several years, Mrs. Trishia Chapman was recognized as the Swain County Teacher of the Year for the 2012-2013 school year, competing regionally. For the past three years she has been directing the Swain County Preschool Program. She has provided leadership to new and seasoned teachers in the field, as well as, pre-service teachers. Under Trishia's leadership at Swain County Preschool Program, a Multi-Tiered System of Support has been initiated to provide targeted interventions and enrichment to students who need them. Trishia oversees the School Improvement Plan via NC Star and guides the educational leaders of Bright Adventures in fine tuning the Preschool Program. She began a science program which incorporated ready-to-use STEM activities into the pacing guide of the program. Trishia leads a Parent and Family Engagement Panel each year to incorporate parents' viewpoints in the decision-making process for the Preschool Program. Within the field, Trishia has been a presenter at the Collaborative Regional Education Workshop (CREW) for 2 years presenting on programming devices for Preschoolers and Early Mathematics experiences. She will be a panelist at an upcoming Early Literacy Summit Event for the Western Region. Trishia has served on the Teacher Advisory Council for Swain County Schools for three rotations over her 13 years there and served on the Birth-Kindergarten Advisory Board since 2018. Trishia has brought her experience working with young children and teachers to the classroom at WCU as an adjunct professor in the Birth-Kindergarten Program. Trishia has developed courses for the program in early intervention, authentic assessment, and early childhood history and cultures. Trishia and the Swain Preschool Program have been a wonderful partner of the WCU Birth-Kindergarten Program.

SCHOLARSHIPS OF DISTINCTION

These scholarships are recognized for their high impact on student needs. Each scholarship awards \$10,000 in total, or offers a full tuition scholarship.

Endowed through the generosity of Kathy Courtney and Pat Fearheiley, this annual scholarship provides support to students in The College of Education & Allied Professions and The College of Health and Human Sciences.

Recipient: *Holland Anderson*

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Endowed through the efforts of Parks and Recreation Management faculty Maurice Phipps, Ben Tholkes, and Debby Singleton, this scholarship provides support for students who are majoring in parks and recreation management.

Recipient: Jordan Blow

Parks & Recreation Management

This scholarship honors Dr. Mary Deck's instrumental role in rejuvenating a regional conference for student services personnel dedicated to providing education, renewal, and opportunities for collegiality in North Carolina. This scholarship is made possible through Break by the Lake conference registration fees and private donations and is awarded to a graduate student in the counseling program who has demonstrated commitment to

SCHOOL OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

This fund was established by Jessie Lindsay Hales in memory of her husband, John Donovan Hales. Awards are made to students who have a declared major in education. Preference is given to residents of Swain County.

Recipient: Reah Dingle

Elementary Education

This scholarship has been established by Norman West in honor of his wife Carolyn West. Carolyn's dedication as a public teacher has touched the lives of so many and with this scholarship her legacy will continue.

Recipient: Amy Wilt

Middle Grades Science Education

The Little E.J. Scholarship was created by Blanton J. and E.J. Whitmire, longtime friends and benefactors of Western Carolina University, in honor of their son "Little E.J.". This scholarship provides support to students who have proven themselves to be deserving and who have career potential in the field of special education.

Recipient: Nicole Borges

Inclusive Education

Shannon Smith

Inclusive Education

Hailey McGee

Inclusive Education

Allison Snyder

Inclusive Education

This scholarship was established through the generosity of David Ramsey in honor of his father Joseph R. Ramsey (Joe). Joe, a native of Madison County was the first in his family to attend college, attending WCU after completing service in the U.S. Army. He served in various roles in the Asheville area including principal and Director of Special Education for

Endowed through the generosity of Blanton and Margaret Whitmire, this scholarship provides support for students wishing to teach in early childhood education. Myrtle Whitmire was a beloved public-school teacher in both Macon and Transylvania counties. This scholarship is in honor of her devotion to the teaching profession during her long and illustrious career.

Recipient: Donna Kostiuik

Birth-Kindergarten Education

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Recipient: Taylor Fulgham

Elementary Education

Riley Wolf

Elementary Education

Alyson Poole

Birth-Kindergarten Education

Maya Ellis

Elementary Education

Endowed through the generosity of the Madison family, this scholarship was endowed in honor of Robert Lee and Ella Richards Madison, the university's founder and his wife. The scholarship provides financial support for students who are majoring in education

Recipient: Dustan Jackson

Middle Grades Science Education

Endowed through the generosity of Duane and Wanda Reid, this scholarship provides support to education and business majors. Preference is given to students who are the first in their family to go to college and who are involved in community activities.

Recipient: Riley Terry

Elementary Education

Lucile Reed Edwards endowed this scholarship in memory of her parents, Ed and Bertha Reed. Ed was a Jackson County businessman, and Bertha Henson Reed, a 1908 graduate of Cullowhee State Normal and Industrial School (now WCU) and public-school teacher. The purpose of the scholarship is to provide support for WCU students from Jackson County

Established by Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson, this scholarship is designated to assist education majors in attending Western Carolina University. Potential recipients will have earned at least a 3.0 GPA.

Recipient: Sofi Kiser

Music Education

Endowed through the generosity of Dan and Linda Gilbert, this scholarship assists students from Western North Carolina in obtaining a degree in education. Preference will be given to first generation college students, specifically those who have been active in campus or community religious organizations.

Recipient: Leona Eastwood

Elementary Education

Makayla McClure

Inclusive Education

Kayelea Erwin

Inclusive Education

Established to honor "Pop" and Nancy Goodson, this scholarship provides support to students majoring in education.

Recipient: Kirsten Lugar

Art Education

Established by the family of L. Milton Hauser, this scholarship provides support for students who are majoring in elementary or middle grades education.

Recipient: Allyson Smith

Middle Grades Language Arts Education

Endowed through the generosity of Carol Blankenship in memory of her husband, Bruce, this scholarship provides financial support for students pursuing a college education while working fulltime.

Recipient: Erin O'Connor

Psychology

Endowed through the generosity of Gaither Keener, this scholarship fund provides support to students in the Western Carolina University Honors College. Preference will be given to students who are majoring in one of the disciplines in the College of Education and Allied Professions.

Recipient: Rae Hanes

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