Celebrating 18 Years of the McGlothlin Awards for Teaching Excellence

McGLOTHLIN CELEBRATION of TEACHING

April 6, 2017

Schedule of Events

2 p.m. Retired Teachers and Alumni Tea with the Dean — Teaching Resources Center in Peters Hall

4-4:45 p.m. Break-Out Sessions
- Alice Watson (2016 Winner), “Adventures in Europe” — Heth 014
- Steven Cregger (2014 Winner), “Teaching to the Head, the Heart and the Funny Bone!” — Heth 022
- Jim Rieflin and Matt Dunham, Salem City Schools, “Using Technology to Harness the Power of Personalization” — Heth 043

5-6 p.m. StoryCorps/TeacherCorps Celebration of Teaching Kickoff Event — Bonnie Hurlburt Auditorium

6:30-7:30 p.m. Awards Ceremony — Bondurant Auditorium, Preston Hall
Jim Rieflin and Matt Dunham, Salem City Schools

“Using Technology to Harness the Power of Personalization”

Jim Rieflin is the supervisor of technology and data administration at Salem City Schools in Salem, Virginia, where he has worked for 17 years. Salem’s technology team focuses on serving teachers and students as they teach and learn with technology infrastructure and end user devices. He previously worked in network administration at several universities and the Department of Energy. He has a Bachelor of Science in computer science from Potsdam College in New York and a Master of Divinity in cross-cultural ministry from Columbia International University in South Carolina. He currently resides in Salem with his wife and has several grown children exploring their worlds.

Matt Dunham is a sixth-grade math teacher at Andrew Lewis Middle School in Salem. He has been teaching in the classroom for five years in addition to three years as an alternative education and homebound instructor. Dunham also serves as the Math Counts coach at ALMS. He received his bachelor’s degree in engineering, science and mechanics from Virginia Tech and his master’s degree in curriculum and instruction from Radford University. Originally from New York, Dunham currently resides in Blacksburg, Virginia, with his wife, Val, and 4-year-old son, Declan.

Steven Cregger (2014 Winner)

“Teaching to the Head, the Heart and the Funny Bone!”

Born and raised in the thriving metropolis of Chilhowie, Virginia, Steven Cregger always knew he was destined to be a performer. Little did he know, his audience would be the students of High Point Elementary School in Bristol, Virginia. Every day Mr. Cregger’s art class is filled with loads of paint and pounds of clay, but also costumes, props, music and laughter. Cregger attended Virginia Intermont College in Bristol, where he received a B.A. in art education, class of 2007. After graduation, he began his standing engagement at High Point, teaching elementary school art, and has been entertaining sold-out crowds ever since. In addition to teaching art, Steven has taught enrichment classes on topics like Appalachian studies, classical art and foreign languages, Shakespeare and oceans and habitats.

Alice Watson (2016 Winner)

“Adventures in Europe”

Alice Watson teaches music to over 675 students at Leesville Road Elementary School in Campbell County, Virginia. She believes children learn best by doing and creates highly engaging lessons in which the children participate through movement, singing and playing instruments. Her lessons incorporate a great deal of technology. Many lessons are cross-curricular, reinforcing general classroom instruction. She strives to not only provide excellent music education for her students, but also to make sure resources are available for all music teachers in the county. Watson has served as a guest conductor for several choral events throughout Virginia and is an active professional musician. She has presented sessions for the National Association for Music Educators State Conference. Watson graduated from Lynchburg College with a Bachelor of Arts in music. She received the honor of Teacher of the Year at Bedford Primary and Forest Elementary. In 2002, Lynchburg College recognized her achievements with the Evelyn P. Bickham Outstanding Undergraduate Alumni Award. The 2016 McGlothlin Award for Teaching Excellence gave her the opportunity to travel to several European countries to gain firsthand experience of their culture and music. Watson lives in Rustburg, Virginia, with her wonderful husband and two fantastic sons.

Martha Ann Stallings, Ed.D.

“Lessons Learned from ‘Educating Peter’”

Martha Ann Stallings, Ed.D., worked for over 25 years in Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS), serving as an elementary and middle school teacher and later in central office administration. While teaching at Gilbert Linkous Elementary, Stallings was featured in the HBO documentary “Educating Peter” as a third-grade teacher in a first-year inclusive classroom. The documentary received the 1992 Academy Award for Short Documentary. In 1998, Stallings received her Ed.D. in school leadership at Virginia Tech. She then moved to the role of supervisor of staff development, where she coordinated the mentoring program for beginning teachers and provided professional development for pre-K-12 educators and staff. In 2005, she became coordinator of inclusive practices at the Virginia Tech TTAC. As a retiree, Stallings stays involved in local schools, where she volunteers in classrooms, tutors after school, chairs the Montgomery County Dialogue on Race Education Issues Group and serves on the MCPS Social Justice Committee.