I am excited to share with you a few of the tremendous accomplishments and activities occurring in Teachers College. Our undergraduate and graduate programs maximize learning by having students participate in internships and practicums in various field-based settings. One undergraduate education student recently told me, “I had the opportunity to work with students who have changed my teaching career, before even becoming a teacher.” Our faculty and students are engaged in research that advances educational practices—publishing in top journals and presenting at the most prestigious conferences. The quality of guidance and mentoring our faculty provide our students sets us apart from many other colleges of education.

This past year was significant for the college, especially with the ribbon cutting on our newly renovated Teachers College Building. From top to bottom, the entire interior of the 1968 structure has been updated. Renovations included classroom enhancements, redesigned clinics and labs, technological advancements, improved energy efficiency, and an updated infrastructure with student success as the focus. The building is one we all can be truly proud of, and we are so pleased with the $16.9 million investment by the state in future educators and school leaders.

Please know that we are deeply proud of our alumni. The recognition Ball State receives for providing top quality educational programs is a reflection of your good work at the local, national, and international levels. Contributions from our alumni and friends help us advance our efforts and initiatives. I hope you will choose to support our students and faculty by making a gift to Teachers College this year.

Thank you for taking the time to read about our accomplishments and accolades. I enjoy hearing about your personal successes and accomplishments as well. I can be reached at jejacobson@bsu.edu or 765-285-5251. Additionally, I encourage you to stay connected with Teachers College through our website, bsu.edu/teachers, and Facebook page, facebook.com/BSUTC.

Best wishes,

John E. Jacobson, EdD
Dean

“I feel that the Teachers College at Ball State has successfully prepared me to pursue my passion for teaching. The supportive faculty, excellent curriculum, and real-world immersive learning opportunities have created a meaningful experience for me.”

—Nikki Morrow, ’15
Van Wert, Ohio
Major: Special Education (Mild Interventions)
TEACHERS COLLEGE

- Teachers College graduate programs continue to be ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as among the 100 best in the nation. This year, the college was ranked 86th.
- *U.S. News & World Report* ranked Teachers College's online graduate education programs 11th in the nation overall and second in the nation for veterans.

DEPARTMENT OF COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY AND GUIDANCE SERVICES

- Professor Donald Nicholas received the Dorothy Booz Black Award for Outstanding Achievement in Counseling Health Psychology from Division 17 in the Society of Counseling Psychology of the American Psychological Association.
- Professor Kristin Perrone-McGovern was named a Fellow of the American Psychological Association from Division 17, Society of Counseling Psychology.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

- In collaboration with Michigan State University and the University of Virginia, Assistant Professor Serena Salloum will serve as a co-principal investigator on the Study of Ambitious Mathematics Instruction. Two grants totaling more than $2 million will fund the research from the National Science Foundation (Research on Education and Learning) and the William T. Grant Foundation.
- The master's degree in educational leadership was ranked 12th in the nation as a “Best Buy” by GetEducated.com.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

- In conjunction with its online master of arts degree, the department now offers an on-campus master of science degree for candidates who wish to pursue doctoral studies.
- W. Holmes Finch was named George and Frances Ball Distinguished Professor of Educational Psychology. His expertise is in statistics, measurement, and research methodology.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL STUDIES

- Associate Professor Gilbert Park is serving as a Fulbright U.S. Scholar during the 2014–15 academic year in South Korea. He will join colleagues from Kongju National University in conducting a qualitative research project on the school experiences of multicultural students in South Korean public schools.
- Professor Roy Weaver received the National Association for Gifted Children President’s Award at the national convention in November for his work in establishing gifted education programming in Indiana.

DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

- Professor Patricia Clark was named department chair, having worked in the department for 21 years. She's well-recognized across the state for her leadership and scholarly work. Clark has published 18 articles, authored four book chapters, received more than $2 million in grants, and served on 35 doctoral committees.
- The new bachelor of arts in early childhood education online completion program has grown from an initial 10 students in the fall of 2013 to 60 students this academic year.

DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

- The High Riding Art and Equestrian Summer Camp served 26 campers. Fifteen Ball State students took part in this immersive learning experience in Blackford County. Assistant Professor Ruth Jones served as camp director. This immersive learning project earned a top 2014 immersive learning university award.
- The 2014 Autism Summer Camp served 19 children. More than 25 Ball State students from several disciplines and majors participated in various roles. David McIntosh, the David and Joanna Meeks Distinguished Professor of Special Education, was the camp director.