



Academic Affairs Newsletter

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NEW FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Lieutenant Colonel Michael D. Snyder is the Chair of the Military Science Department and is responsible for the ROTC program. Mike is from Augusta, Georgia, and attended North Georgia College - one of the Army's Senior Military Colleges. He also received a master's degree in administration leadership from Central Michigan University. LTC. Snyder brings 24 years of US Army experience that includes diverse leadership positions and multiple assignments in the US (AK, GA, LA, KS, and KY) and overseas (Germany) including operational deployments to Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kosovo and a combat tour in Iraq. He is a graduate of the US Army's Command and General Staff College and prior to moving to Florence, LTC. Snyder was stationed at Fort Leavenworth, KS, where he was selected by General Patraeus to stand up the US Army's Information Operations Proponent's Concepts, Experiments and Exercises Division. For the past three years, LTC. Snyder has been writing and testing future concepts for the Army that included exchanges with NATO, Israeli, Canadian and United Kingdom militaries to share operational lessons learned. LTC. Snyder has been selected by the Army to lead 22 ROTC Cadets from across the US on a Cultural Immersion Internship to Guatemala this coming summer. Mike is accompanied by his lovely wife Marianthe, and they have four children: Lydia - Kilby 2nd Grader, Marilyn - Kilby Pre-K, Creighton - Kilby Pre-K, and Eleanor 8 months.

PRORATION UPDATE

At a recent conference in Birmingham, David Perry, Finance Director for the Governor's Office, spoke on the financial status of the state. He indicated that individual tax collections have risen somewhat and they are waiting to see if that is a trend. If so, it would help slow the need for proration but if not, proration would be announced in March. Even with increased collections, it may not be enough to avoid some level of proration. We should know more in a few weeks.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION NEWS

Dr. Quinn Pearson, Professor of Counselor Education, will be the recipient of the 2011 Association for Adult Development and Aging (AADA) Journal Award. The AADA is a division of the American Counseling Association.

Dr. Matt Green, Associate Professor of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, was recently elected to the Board of the Southeast Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM). ACSM is the largest sports medicine and exercise science organization in the world with over 20,000 members.

COLLEGE OF NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH NEWS

Ms. Vicki Pierce has been selected to receive the first ever Judy Bonner Nurse Educator Student of the Year Award from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. Ms. Pierce is a doctoral student in nursing education at the University of Alabama.