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CFLE Certification

The Department of Sociology and Family Studies has received approval from the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) to provide coursework leading to certification for students as family life educators (CFLE). NCFR recognizes regionally accredited schools offering undergraduate and graduate degree programs with coursework that includes content covering the 10 family life education content areas required for approval as a Provisional Certified Family Life Educator (CFLE). NCFR approval allows the school to offer its graduates the opportunity to apply for Provisional Certification using the abbreviated application process. There are currently more than 125 universities and colleges throughout the United States and Canada that offer degree programs that have been approved by the National Council on Family Relations as meeting the criteria for the Provisional CFLE credential.

The Certified Family Life Educator (CFLE) program encourages applications from professionals with preparation and experience in family life education including formal teaching, research/scholarship, community education, public information and education, curriculum and resource development, health care, military family support, and ministry. Certified family life educators are required to have a minimum of a bachelor's degree and many CFLEs choose to pursue advanced degrees.

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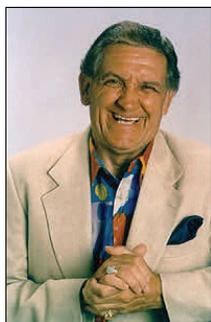


Pell Grant Changes Hurt Enrollment in the South

Enrollment in 47 of 62 two-year colleges across Alabama, Mississippi and Arkansas decreased this past fall, a change attributed to revisions in Pell Grant eligibility. More than 5,000 students in the three states lost their Pell Grants this past year. [Chronicle of Higher Education, February 22, 2013.](#)

Congratulations!

Dr. Lloyd E. Jones, UNA Director of Bands, has been tapped for induction into the Alabama chapter of Phi Beta Mu, The International Bandmasters Fraternity. Dr. Jones is one of only two recipients of this honor in the state for 2013.



Lindsey Film Festival

The Steering Committee for this event did an outstanding job! The membership included Cynthia Burkhead, Jason Flynn, Jeffrey Bibbee, Michael Blair, Bonnie Coats, Brian Ford, Kelly Ford, Charlton James, Greg Pitts, David Shields, Grace Simpson, and Libby Watts-Jordan. There were also many volunteers working with each subcommittee (too numerous to name), and many student volunteers. Special thanks to Cynthia Burkhead and Jason Flynn for serving as co-directors of the festival.

New Faculty Introduction

Chong Qiu received his BS in Chemistry from Tsinghua University, Beijing in 2007. He then moved to the Department of Chemistry at Texas A&M University, College Station. He initially worked on gyroscope-like molecules, and then changed the area of study to aerosol research focusing on two major areas: the formation and aging of soot aerosols, and the impacts of amines on atmospheric particle properties. Chong has successfully defended the dissertation for his Doctor of Philosophy degree in Chemistry on January 11, 2013 and is expected to receive the degree in May, 2013. Chong is now at the University of North Alabama serving as the instructor of analytical chemistry courses in the Department of Chemistry and Industrial Hygiene.

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