



SPOTLIGHTS

MARCH 2021

Dr. Rhonda Amerson (Education) was invited to judge Bleckley County's Teacher of the Year competition. Two of the four finalists are MGA Elementary Education/Special Education graduates, and Dr. Amerson proudly reports she taught both of them.

Dr. Elaina Behounek (Sociology) is serving as chairperson of the University Diversity Committee. She reports that the diversity committee has received several outstanding nominations for the diversity award and looks forward to highlighting the winner in April.

Dr. Paul Gladden (Psychology) co-authored an entry in the Encyclopedia of Evolutionary Psychological Science.

Ms. Courtney Stavely (Psychology) has been conducting a series of positive parenting sessions which are free and open to the community. She recently led a two-part session on challenging behaviors and had 30 people attend. Ms. Stavely hopes parents will learn ways to empathize, manage their own emotions and teach their children ways to handle and express emotions as well. This approach involves learning to use rewards/reinforcements instead of punishment.

It is clear that 2021 is off to a great start for our School - congratulations to all for your creative and passionate work!

- David Biek, Dean