Dr. Angela Rhone, Professor, Teaching and Learning, was named 2014 College of Education (COE) Distinguished Teacher of the Year, Dr. Valerie J. Bristor, Dean of the COE, announced on March 25, 2014.

Dr. Rhone received this honor based on her scholarship, research, and publications; classroom teaching; experience; academic counselling; concern and involvement in student activities; and University and community service. The COE Student Achievement Council selects one finalist from among the nominees submitted by students for The Distinguished Teacher of the Year (DTOY) Award.

Dr. Rhone enjoys helping students achieve their goals. She recently mentored a group of students for a project that was displayed at the Fourth Annual Florida Atlantic University (FAU) Broward Student Research Symposium (see article on page 5). She has also served as Director of the Seminar for International Teaching Assistants (SITA) during the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school years. The SITA program helps prepare international graduate students to teach undergraduate students at FAU.

In 2011, Dr. Rhone received high honors when she received the 2011 Faculty Member of the Year Award, which is a FAU Broward Achievement Award. Dr. Rhone teaches undergraduate courses in educational psychology and continues to further her own research on multicultural education. Dr. Rhone is presently working on her research: Factors that affect Academic Achievement of First Generation Haitian and First Generation Jamaican Students in the K-12 System in the United States. With Institutional Review Board (IRB) and Broward School Board approval to do the study, Dr. Rhone has been working with several first generation Haitian and first generation Jamaican students at Plantation High School in Broward county. She is also working with Dr. Victoria Brown, Assistant Provost and Associate Professor, Academic Affairs, and Dr. Eileen Ariza, Professor, Teaching and Learning, on several articles that relate to multicultural education and technology.

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