



Valerie C. Bryan Appointed Charles Stewart Mott Eminent Scholar in Community Education

Valerie C. Bryan, Ed.D., has been appointed the Charles Stewart Mott Eminent Scholar in Community Education in the College of Education at Florida Atlantic University. Bryan will be providing leadership and scholarship for community education on local, state, national, and international levels.

"Dr. Valerie Bryan has distinguished herself in the academic discipline of Adult and Community Education and is well respected by her peers as well as the FAU and community at large," said Valerie J. Bristor, Dean, College of Education. "We look forward with great anticipation to her future endeavors as the Charles Stewart Mott Eminent Scholar."

As the Eminent Scholar in Community Education, Bryan will collaborate with stakeholders to look for initiatives that will promote advocacy, stimulate research, and provide funding for community education. She will be working with organizations and institutions inside and outside the university to carry out initiatives; including organizing conferences, conducting workshops, and delivering lectures. She is also working on a funded grant with the Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Community Education, the Deaf Service Center of Palm Beach County, the Delray Medical Center, and Area Agency on Aging Resource Center, on a grant for individuals with hearing disabilities. She has collaborated with an interdisciplinary team with the College of Education Department of Educational Leadership and Research Methodology, the College of Nursing, the School of Social Work, and the Palm Beach/Treasure Coast Area Agency on Aging (AAA) on a project for senior adults.

Bryan, professor, Department of Educational Leadership and Research Methodology, worked as a program consultant for FAU's Division of Continuing Education from 1987-89 prior to joining the faculty at FAU's College of Education. Bryan has also served as directors of the Florida Adult and Community Education Network and the Florida Institute for the Development and Enhancement of Adult Learning, both located in Boca Raton, that served all the state of Florida. She has taught at Palm Beach Atlantic College, Lynn University, University of North Carolina, University of West Florida and University of Georgia before coming to FAU. She has been recognized for her accomplishments with through various awards: *FAU Graduate Mentor Award*, 2011; *MACAWARD for The Outstanding Faculty*, 2009; *FAU's President's Leadership Award Program*, 2005-2006; *College of Education's*

Distinguished Teacher of the Year (DTOY), 2006; Clemson University's President's Award, 1993; and North Carolina State Department of Transportation's Outstanding Individual Award, 1984, to name a few.

Bryan holds an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from Florida Atlantic University, a Master of Arts in Teaching from Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina, and a Bachelor of Science degree from Clemson University in South Carolina.

The Charles Stewart Mott Eminent Scholar Chair in Community Education is an endowed position that was established in 1981 at FAU under President Glenwood L. Creech. Today the university holds 17 Eminent Scholar Chair positions. The Community Education Chair is partially funded by the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation.

“Dr. Bryan possesses extensive experience and a research background in community education,” said Robert Shockley, Chair, Educational Leadership and Research Methodology. “She will provide both visionary leadership and exemplary scholarship to her new role.”