The Center for Science Education is closing its doors as of 12/31/15.

We are all saddened by this. However, let us celebrate the successes and the people who accomplished so much over the years. Please write them notes and tell them how much you appreciate them.

I want to publicly thank the entire CSE team. They include:

- **Brian Banks**, Program Administrative Assistant: hired in 2001, Mr. Banks was responsible for complex financial transactions, assisting all our programs with general administrative support, and coordinating facilities maintenance issues. He hopes to transition to a people oriented position. Many, many students thank him for his cheerful manner and willingness to help them. We will miss his singing!

- **Blanche Burch**, CRA (MSM), Manager, Programs & Research: hired in 2000 as our first office manager, Ms. Burch managed all of our pre- and post-award sponsored research administration, finance & budget activities, equity plans, hiring, and college/grant progress and annual reports. In addition, she was the first line supervisor for our program administrative assistant and student workers. Blanche was the central glue that kept us all sane. Her office was often the center of conversations that resolved conflicts and led us forward.

- **Drew Kohlhorst**, Ph.D., Assistant Director for Curriculum Development: Hired in March 2012, Dr. Kohlhorst directs the NSF-funded STEM Talent Expansion Program. He coordinates curriculum development and program assessment / evaluation of Center-based programs. Drew will continue his work with me and we hope to create a restructured GLUE/HUES program.

- **Andrea Neal**, Assistant Director for Outreach. Hired in 1998 Ms. Neal currently directed undergraduate student development programs such as HUES and has directed our PREP program for high school students since 1999. She has been the mainstay support and go to person for thousands of college students. She always has the students development and success at the heart of each move. She challenges them, mothers them and pushes them to try new things and ideas. Ms. Neal will continue some of her great work with the EPIC program in the School of Medicine.

- **Jordan Rose**, MPH: Hired in 2000 to direct outreach programs for the CBN, Mr. Rose stayed with us when CBN transitioned to leadership at Georgia State University in 2002. Jordan rose quickly to Assistant Director for Outreach. He was the program manager for our PRISM GK12 grant, and led our outreach team in strategic planning. During fiscal year 2012-2013, we received partial salary support from President Wagner and Provost Sterk for Mr. Rose to work as managing director for the Atlanta Science Festival. Jordan has been central to our team. He will continue with the Atlanta Science Festival and will be working with the EPIC grant in the School of Medicine.

- **Danielle Willis**, Communications Specialist. When Danielle joined us in 2013 after she graduated from Emory, we only had a bit of temp funds. But her superb planning of our communications strategies allowed us to continue her with grant funds on an NSF grant. She will continue with that program until the grant ends. Her cheer, peace and optimism make us all smile everyday.
Others…

- **Cathy Quinones-Maeso, PhD** SURE Director, Dr. Catherine Quinones who transferred to the School of Medicine after 15 years of service to the Center for Science Education. She was our organizer, our tact censor, our rock at the Center and we still miss her.
- **Molly Embree, Ph.D.** Post-Doctoral Fellow & SURE Director: Hired in March 2013, Dr. Embree replaced former SURE Director, Dr. Catherine Quinones for two years. Molly was the most organized person ever. She developed great new curriculum for SURE. She is currently at Agnes Scott College.
- **And there are lots more…**

The Center for Science Education (CSE) promoted access, interest and participation in STEM careers. Our programs bolstered science literacy and provided hands-on research and curriculum development experiences for students and faculty at the precollege, college and postgraduate levels. Through our student and curriculum development activities, we integrated research and education and helped students explore the vast array of careers open to individuals with a solid background in science.

The heart of the ECCSE mission was to improve science education at all levels. Our center supported and enhanced programs in the college, the graduate school, and in the health sciences. We worked with faculty and future faculty to develop and improve courses, to integrate research into the curriculum, to try new pedagogy and to acquire funds for new courses and laboratories. We worked with students through seminars, workshops, and career resources. We identified research and internship opportunities and provided much of the funding and programming for undergraduate research. We supported women and minority students who remain underrepresented in careers in science, technology and mathematics. Our work in these areas included special programs for undergraduates, as well as outreach efforts with metro Atlanta public school teachers and students.

I want to publically thank the entire CSE team who has made this essential work possible.