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At the College of Education, learning and real-world impact go hand in hand. From faculty insights on parenting in the digital age to student-driven public health initiatives across Oregon, our discoveries make a difference for many lives while also creating opportunities for our students. Read on to see the latest happening at the College of Education and how donor support makes the difference.

This newsletter contains discussions and references to suicide, which may be distressing for some readers. If you or someone you know is struggling, please seek support from a mental health professional or contact a crisis helpline.

When Ducks Give, We Build a Legacy of Learning



Ducks Give is Live - Thursday, May 15th, 2025

For ten years, your gifts have empowered the **College of Education** to make a lasting difference through **Ducks Give**, the University of Oregon's annual day of giving. Each scholarship awarded and student supported through Ducks Give builds a legacy that reaches far beyond campus—shaping schools, strengthening communities, and transforming families for generations to come.

Last year, our community raised over **\$133,000** and led the university with the **highest number of gifts** across all academic areas. It's proof that **when College of Education Ducks come together, we soar**. This year, that support is more important than ever as we expand scholarship and professional development funding—ensuring more students can access education without financial barriers.

A gift of \$5 helps unlock over \$94,000 in challenge gifts when we reach 165 donations. Your generosity helps shape the future of education.

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THIS IS OREGON

PODCAST



How to Parent Digital Kids

Insights and Tips



JEN DOTY, PH.D.

Associate Professor, Counseling Psychology, Family and Human Services



Navigating Parenting in the Digital Age: This is Oregon Podcast features Associate Professor Jen Doty

From social media to screen time, parents today face new challenges in raising digitally savvy kids. College of Education Associate Professor and Family and Human Services Program Director, [Jen Doty](#), recently shared expert insights on the *This is Oregon* podcast, offering practical tips to help parents guide their children through the digital world with confidence and care. A recipient of the Andrea Nicholson Wiggins Faculty Outreach Fund to support outreach in the Latine community, Doty works closely with students like [Delilah G.](#), MS '25, Couples and Family Therapy, a recipient of a COE scholarship award this year.

[Explore the story on the 'This is Oregon' Podcast](#)

"Scholarship contributions allows first-generation students like me to reach our goals and to achieve what no one else in our family has done before. Your gifts alleviate the stress we feel and will ease the burden that our families experience. Thank you will never be enough!"

-Delilah G., MS '25 Couples and Family Therapy



Prevention in Practice: UO Doctoral Student Vivian Koomson Advances Suicide Prevention

Vivian Koomson, a doctoral student and scholarship recipient in Prevention Science at the College of Education, is making a powerful impact in the field of suicide prevention. Vivian brings over thirteen years of teaching experience and a deep commitment to enhancing mental health among young people. As a research assistant in the UO Suicide Prevention Lab, Vivian works under the guidance of Professor [John Seeley](#) to support suicide prevention coalitions across Oregon. These coalitions, funded by the Oregon Health Authority, receive technical assistance from Vivian and her colleagues to develop tools for data collection, analyze trends, and prepare progress reports that guide ongoing, community-based prevention work. Vivian also played a key role in evaluating the [Sources of Strength](#) program in Oregon schools and co-presented findings and recommendations to stakeholders in summer 2023. In addition, she supported the [Adi's Act Pilot Project](#), collaborating with schools to implement state-mandated suicide prevention strategies in all Oregon school districts.

Vivian's dedication to public health, data-driven solutions, and community well-being reflects the core tenets of the College of Education and underscores the importance of scholarships in enabling talented individuals to pursue and excel in these vital fields.

[Learn more in Vivian's COE Student Spotlight](#)

"As an international student with limited resources and opportunities to work outside the university, I sometimes face shortages. The College of Education Scholarship lessens my financial burden, enabling me to focus on my academic work. This scholarship is such a relief!"

-Vivian Koomson PhD '25 Prevention Science, COE Scholarship recipient

Coffee N Conversation

with Dean Laura Lee McIntyre



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Coffee N Conversation: Interview with Professor John Seeley

During the College of Education's recent Coffee N Conversation interview, Professor and Associate Dean for Research [John Seeley](#) discussed his research on the growing need for suicide prevention strategies and the role of human connection in therapy. Seeley, who works directly with doctoral students including Vivian Koomson, is an academic expert in emotional and behavioral disorders, school-based mental and behavioral health intervention, suicide prevention, and substance abuse prevention.

[Discover more in John Seeley's interview](#)

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