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As summer unfolds, we are thrilled to bring you the latest updates and success stories from the College of Education. From transformative mentorships to groundbreaking career achievements, these stories showcase the dedication and passion that define our community. Your generosity enables us to provide essential services, scholarships, and opportunities that empower our students to excel and make a meaningful difference in the world. Thank you for being an integral part of our mission to advance education, inspire future leaders, and serve families and children.



Mia Ly and HEDCO Clinic's Sibling Support Services

At the heart of our community outreach is the HEDCO Clinic, where our dedicated team provides a range of support services to families, children, and adults facing a variety of challenges. One standout program is the [Sibling Support Services program](#) which provides care for children while their parents and siblings attend appointments, reducing barriers to receiving services. Mia Ly, a student in the Family and Human Services program at the College of Education, interned at the Sibling Support Services program where she honed her observation and assessment skills working with children. Her hands-on experience in this role and work with the UO Basic Needs program has solidified her commitment to social work and community development.

[Read more about Mia Ly in our COE Graduate Spotlight](#)



The Power of Mentorship: Karen Zyskind and Marisa Macy

Mentorship plays a crucial role in the success of doctoral students, as exemplified by Karen Zyskind, a special education doctoral student at the University of Oregon, and Marisa Macy, a UO alumna and professor at the University of Wyoming. Both first-generation college students from bilingual families, Karen and Marisa developed a strong bond after being paired in the [Division for Early Childhood's DECIDE mentorship program](#). Their collaborative work on equitable, trauma-informed practices for diverse children was presented at a national conference and published by Perspectives On Early Childhood Psychology and Education. As a first-generation college student, Karen credits her mentor relationship with Marisa for building her experience and confidence to successfully navigate research publication. Karen Zyskind received support for her doctoral studies from donor funding as a recipient of the 2023-24 Davis Bricker Award.

[Learn more about Karen Zyskind and Marisa Macy](#)



Alumni Spotlight: Barbara Keirnes-Young

Barbara Keirnes-Young, a trailblazer for women educators, has built an illustrious career since graduating from the University of Oregon with degrees in Elementary Education, Special Education, and Educational Policy and Management. Barbara's time at UO was marked by mentorship and support from women professors researching educational leadership, which proved instrumental as she navigated her roles as a single mother and doctoral student. Her career spanned over four decades in Canada, where she served as Provincial Superintendent, Director of K-12 Policy, and Superintendent of the Regina, Saskatchewan Public School Division. Barbara made history as the first woman to hold several significant positions, and she was instrumental in developing a groundbreaking internship program for women aspiring to be principals.

[Read Barbara Keirnes-Young Interview here](#)



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