

Member Highlight

Christina O'Connor,
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WHO IS CHRISTINA O'CONNOR?

Christina O'Connor currently serves as the Assistant Dean of Educator Preparation at UNC-Greensboro (UNCG). In this role she oversees UNCG educator preparation programs to ensure such programs are at the forefront of and in compliance with state and federal requirements for educator preparation; at the forefront of and in compliance with state and federal assessment and accreditation requirements for educator preparation; and updated on state and federal policy and legislation pertaining to educator preparation. She also serves as the Dean's designee to the University of North Carolina System Office and North Carolina Department of Public Instruction on issues related to educator preparation and the improvement of clinical practice and lead strategic initiatives and associated district partnerships, including serving as the Regional Director for the NC New Teacher Support Program. She is a former elementary school teacher, literacy facilitator, and principal. Previous roles at UNCG include Program Coordinator for the Wachovia Teacher Mentoring Network, Project Director for Project ENRICH, and Director of Professional Education Preparation, Policy, and Accountability.

WHAT IS AHEAD FOR CHRISTINA?

Christina will be retiring from UNCG later this year, and is in the process of becoming credentialed by the International Coaching Federation as a certified professional coach. Over the years she has gained experience in mentoring and coaching others and has found that this is where her passion and talents intersect. She wants to primarily focus on coaching other women in educational leadership roles. Christina will also continue to serve in a volunteer role as a site visitor for the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation and will continue to serve as a member of the Board of the NC Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

WISDOM FROM CHRISTINA

"I believe that I have advanced in my career because I have always looked for and found ways to make myself more valuable to my organization. Often, this is through learning opportunities. Being a lifelong learner who is always open to and seeking opportunities to add skills or expand your portfolio can be a great way to add value to an organization."



WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT BEING A WE LEAD MEMBER?

"I love the opportunity to connect with and learn from other women in educational leadership. There aren't any other specific spaces that I know of dedicated to women educational leaders, and we need opportunities to share our experiences with one another and support each other."

