

## College of Health, Education and Human Development

### HEHD Staff Spotlight: Amanda Turner



**Name:** Amanda Reynolds Turner

**Title:** Coordinator of Curriculum, Courses, and Classes

**Department/Unit:** PRTM – Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Clemson University

**What is your role within HEHD? Describe a typical day at work.** As the Coordinator of Curriculum, Courses, and Classes, most of my days are spent acting as registrar, enrolling students in courses, and making sure instructors have all of the supplies they need to teach. I am responsible for scheduling approximately 200 courses each academic year in over 20 facilities – this keeps me on my toes. I am also responsible for publishing three catalogs of courses within each academic year. I stay as busy as a bee!

**What do you like best about your job?** The thing I like best about my job is meeting and communicating with our 1200+ members, learning about their lives, and having the ability to enrich their lives through education.

**What's the most interesting thing that has ever happened to you at work?** The most interesting thing that has ever happened to me at work is being featured in this staff spotlight!

**Tell us about your family.** I have been married for 16 years to my husband, Joe. We have three children, Joseph who is two months shy of 16 and 10-year old twins, Sammy and Emily.

**Please list your favorite(s).**

**Hobby:** Couponing

**Book:** The Historian by Elizabeth Kostova

**Movie:** Gone with the Wind

**Electronic gadget:** My laptop

**Vacation destination:** Edisto Island, SC

**Music or musical genera:** Lite Rock

**Previously owned vehicle:** 1992 Volvo 240

**Influential person:** My husband, Joe

**Person with whom you would like to have a conversation:** My great grandmother

**Thing that makes you smile:** The laughter of my children

**Advice received:** My mother always told me to remember that my children are people too – you have to accept them for who they are, not what you want them to be.

**Advice to give:** Be careful what you wish for because you might get it.

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## College of Health, Education and Human Development

### HEHD Staff Spotlight: Angee Pearson



**Name:** Angee Pearson

**Title:** Accountant/Fiscal Analyst III

**Department/Unit:** Office of Distance Education

**Hometown:** Walhalla, S.C.

**What is your role within HEHD?**

My role within HEHD is to handle and process all the accounting (and some human resources) duties that flow through Distance Education.

**What do you like best about your job?**

The best parts of my job are the opportunities I get to work with so many different people within HEHD and across campus...all while doing what I enjoy, number crunching.

**What's the most interesting thing that has ever happened to you at work?**

I can't really think of one interesting thing that has happened to me at work. Every day holds a little something interesting.

**What does it mean to you to be a part of the HEHD family?**

Being a part of the HEHD family can simply mean making a bad day better. I am surrounded in Edwards Hall by many "sisters" who I know truly care about me.

**Tell us about your family.**

My immediate family consists of myself, my headstrong but loving 19-year-old son, and our Chihuahua, Rico.

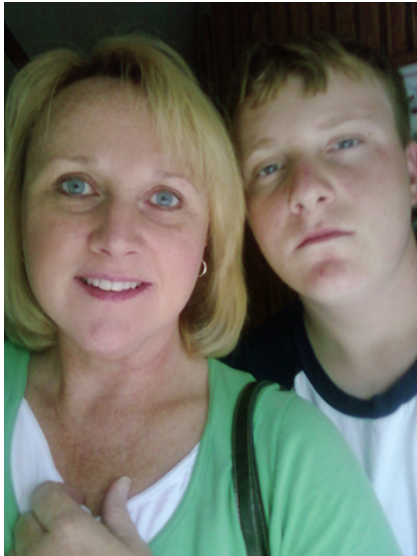
**Please list your favorite(s).**

- **Hobby:** I enjoy researching my family tree, reading and cross-stitching.
- **Book:** I enjoy fiction (Dorothea Benton Frank) and biographies.
- **Movie:** "Love Actually" / "The Hobbit" / "Lord of the Rings" / "Harry Potter"
- **Electronic gadget:** My one and only electronic gadget – my iPod
- **Vacation destination:** Anywhere – just as long as I can go
- **Music or musical genre:** No particular favorites – I enjoy all genres.
- **Influential person:** My dad, Cecil Ray McAlister
- **Advice received:** Trust God!
- **Advice to give:** "Never give advice unless you have walked the walk, because anybody can talk the talk." – Valencia Mackie

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## College of Health, Education and Human Development

### HEHD Staff Spotlight: Angee Pearson



**Name:** Angela (Angee) Pearson

**Title:** Accountant/Fiscal Analyst III

**Department/Unit:** Office of Distance Education

**What is your role within HEHD? Describe a typical day at work.**

My role within HEHD is to handle the daily business transactions for the Office of Distance Education. These would include in part: processing vouchers and invoices; preparing the off-campus enrollment reports at the end of each term; coordinating the salary and stipends for faculty teaching off-campus courses; handling any accounting related issues for the Clemson University offices at UCG; and, preparing and maintaining monthly and yearly reconciliations and budgets for ODE.

**What do you like best about your job?**

The one thing I love most about my job is the people I work with in Edwards Hall and Tillman. They are a super group of people!

**What's the most interesting thing that has ever happened to you at work?**

I know this sounds cliché but every day has something interesting about it. Whether it's completing special projects or catching up

with work colleagues or networking with others across campus, all these make for an interesting day.

**Tell us about your family.**

I have one son, Garrett. He's 15 and has started his freshman year at Walhalla High School. He's all into the FFA and plans on trying out for the wrestling team this winter. I also have two of the sweetest dogs. They are both small mixed dogs. Rico is a two year old Chihuahua mix and Munchkin is a 5 year old terrier mix.

**Please list your favorite(s).**

- **Hobby:** I love to read and cross-stitch in my spare time.
- **Book:** Any book by Dorothea Benton Frank.
- **Movie:** South Pacific
- **Electronic gadget:** I am very techno illiterate. I don't even own an iPod!
- **Vacation destination:** My once a month trips to Edisto Island. Love it!
- **Music or musical genera:** Gershwin, jazz, 70's/80's music.
- **Previously owned vehicle:** 1996 Ford Taurus
- **Influential person:** My late grandpa, John Galbreath. He was a great man of integrity.
- **Person with whom you would like to have a conversation:** Not sure if this is someone living or deceased. But, if it was possible to do so, I would like to sit down and talk with Ronald Reagan.
- **Thing that makes you smile:** The deep belly laugh of my son.
- **Advice received:** Don't sweat the small stuff.
- **Advice to give:** Trust God.

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## College of Health, Education and Human Development

### HEHD Staff Spotlight: Kathleen Grant



**Name:** Kathleen Grant  
**Title:** Program Coordinator  
**Department/Unit:** Reading Recovery / Teacher Education / Eugene T Moore School of Education

**What is your role within HEHD?** Describe a typical day at work. My job is to make sure the CU Reading Recovery Training Center runs smoothly. That might mean setting up classes and working to enroll students from around the state in off-campus courses. It might mean working with grant budgets and Clemson accounting folks. It could mean working with districts around the state to provide support. I plan conferences and professional developments. I am a sounding board for ideas. I support and encourage those working around the state and those in the offices right here in Tillman Hall. I wrestle the endless paperwork and send it crying to parts unknown around campus. I do whatever needs to be done.

**What do you like best about your job?** The PEOPLE!  
 I am blessed beyond measure to work with Bill Fisk, CC

Bates, Susie McGhee, Maryann McBride, and tons of other wonderful faculty/staff here at the School of Education. Also, I love being a part of the CU family. I enjoy working at a place that provides staff the opportunity to be involved and to grow as individuals. Lastly, I enjoy being a part of Reading Recovery (an early literacy intervention) because my work has meaning.

**What's the most interesting thing that has ever happened to you at work?** The day everyone in Tillman Hall had to go to the basement because a tornado had been spotted near the university. It was a bit chaotic but manageable when all the classrooms and offices were evacuated. I have no idea how many were involved but we were packed in the basement like sardines. The students (bless their hearts) kept thinking we, as staff, had the answers to questions about where the tornado was seen or how long we would be in the basement. We didn't know half as much as they did because they were the ones with high tech phones and laptops that could access information. I had a purse filled with tissue, chap sticks, receipts from Wal-Mart, chocolate, and a cell phone that could only be used to make calls. The staff needed the students for information ... not the other way around.

**Tell us about your family.** I have been married to Chad Grant for 16 years. We have three daughters – Alana (14), Kalin (11), Hayden (3). Alana is an athlete, a bright student, and a musician. She plays the Viola. Kalin also plays sports but is more interested in Art, Drama, and Chorus. Hayden is a funny, loving, way too sharp three year old. We share our home with Josie (our dog) and Clem (my beautiful orange cat).

**Please list your favorite(s).**

- **Hobby:** Reading, gardening, volunteering in the community, serving at church, and eating chocolate behind my kids back
- **Book:** Love to read all types of books but my favorite is Christian novels
- **Movie:** I love chick flicks (of course), Disney (who doesn't), and comedies.
- **Electronic gadget:** Blackberry (I just learned to text and I love it)
- **Vacation destination:** Costa Rica & Edisto Island. I want to go to Russia, Africa, and Greece
- **Music or musical genera:** Very eclectic – I like everything from Harry Belafonte to Josh Groban to Journey to Beyonce to Carrie Underwood. I have even been known to listen to Sports radio (but only when they talk about Clemson).
- **Previously owned vehicle:** My first car was a blue Ford Granada. My daddy let me use it to get back and forth to school and work while in high school. I ran that poor thing through hell but it never faltered.
- **Influential person:** My parents. They taught me to be careful with my money, to be a good citizen, to work hard, and to love unconditionally. Oh, and to laugh. My Mama laughs all the time. She radiates joy. I have tried to focus on the blessings in my life and to radiate that joy but I am still a long way off.
- **Person with whom you would like to have a conversation:** Jesus (I have a lot of questions) and/or Mother Teresa (I find her faith and service inspiring)
- **Thing that makes you smile:** My husband's wit, my children's laughter/hugs, my parents' voice on the phone, my dog when she actually returns the ball, and my friends who love me despite how bad I am at

staying in touch.

- **Advice received:** Anticipate your needs (from my mom) and be frugal with your money but not tight-fisted (from my dad)
- **Advice to give:** Being happy doesn't mean everything's perfect. It means you've decided to see beyond the imperfections.

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### HEHD Staff Spotlight: Katie Smith



**Name:** Katie Smith

**Title:** Administrative Coordinator I

**Department/Unit:** Dean's Office

**What is your role within HEHD? Describe a typical day at work.** My main role is to keep Dean Allen on the straight and narrow, and make sure he gets to meetings/events on time with the appropriate materials. I work with a variety of people across campus - including the President and Provost offices, numerous departments, faculty, staff, and students - doing a variety of tasks. There is never a dull moment and no two days are ever the same!

**What do you like best about your job?** Working with Dean Allen, Tracy, and everyone in HEHD.

**What's the most interesting thing that has ever happened to you at work?** Several years ago, I decided to start ending phone calls/messages to my

family and friends with "love ya!" because I wanted them to know how important they are to me, and it became a habit. So, one day after leaving a message for my previous boss on her cell phone, I ended my message with "love ya!"

**Tell us about your family.** I have been married to my husband Roy for 26 years. We do not have any children - just the four legged ones that allow us to take care of them. At this time we have 8 dogs and 7 cats - all rescues! I have two brothers, Smokey (nickname) and Alex, who are my best friends; one niece, Soraya, who is in the Navy; one nephew, Russell, who is in the Air Force Reserves and has two daughters; a step-nephew, Willie, who was in the Marines and also has two daughters, with another on the way; and a nephew David, who, at this time, I unfortunately do not know where he is.

**Please list your favorite(s).**

- **Hobby:** Reading, Walking, Baking, Watching Lost
- **Book:** *The Last Lecture*, *Marley and Me*, anything Stephen King, and just about anything that peaks my interest
- **Movie:** I have several - *Dinner with a Perfect Stranger: An Invitation Worth Considering*, *Dirty Dancing*, *Thelma and Louise*, *A Home of Our Own*, *The Man in the Moon*
- **Electronic gadget:** My Kitchen Aid Mixer (that I have had for almost 30 years and still works!!)
- **Vacation destination:** I would like to go on another Alaskan Cruise and see the Northern Lights. I would also like to go to Hawaii again. And, I would love to travel the USA and visit every state
- **Music or musical genera:** Barry Manilow is the love of my life - besides my husband, and I enjoy almost all music as long as I can understand the words and the music doesn't hurt my ears!
- **Previously owned vehicle:** 1989 Plymouth Acclaim. I now have a 2002 Red Convertible Mustang GT (aka Red Stormy)
- **Influential person:** My mom and my brothers (pictured above (with me behind her) and my brothers), and my BFFs Marcy and Redell.
- **Person with whom you would like to have a conversation:** I would love to have another conversation with my mom. She passed away four years ago after being hit by a drunk driver. I think it would be awesome to meet and talk with President Obama.
- **Thing that makes you smile:** Watching my dogs run and play with each other, the innocence of children, and just about anything that is nature
- **Advice received:** Keep a smile on your face and in your voice
- **Advice to give:** Always remember to say "Please," "Thank You," and "You're Welcome." And, always be the first to say "I am sorry."

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## College of Health, Education and Human Development

HEHD Staff Spotlight: Lynn Christian

### HEHD Staff Spotlight



**Name:** Lynn Christian

**Title:** Administrative Specialist II

**Department/Unit:** Family Outreach, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Management

**What is your role within HEHD? Describe a typical day at work.**  
I am involved in a variety of duties that include:

- Typing and editing correspondence, newsletters, programs, etc. for Extension faculty;
- Maintaining information;
- Assisting state program leader for Family and Consumer Sciences;
- Assisting specialist with preparing material for meetings/workshops or trainings related to specific programs;
- The liaison with the PRTM Business Office;
- Answering the telephone, assisting caller and transferring calls to appropriate specialist or arm of Extension;
- Greeting, assisting, and directing visitors to appropriate location; and
- Scheduling reservations for the Ruby Craven Room.

**What do you like best about your job?** I like the wide variety of tasks and the interaction with so many different people.

**What's the most interesting thing that has ever happened to you at work?** There are too many to list.

**Tell us about your family.** I am the only living member of my immediate family, but luckily, I have several close cousins. I have a cat named Sam, who like most cats, is very independent.

**Please list your favorite(s).**

- **Hobby:** "Junking" and working in my flower and vegetable gardens
- **Book:** I like to read novels. I really don't have a favorite.
- **Movie:** Titanic
- **Electronic gadget:** I am still cell phone challenged
- **Vacation destination:** Anywhere on a cruise
- **Music or musical genera:** 70s and 80s
- **Previously owned vehicle:** 1973 Candy Apple Red Ford Pinto
- **Influential person:** My parents
- **Person with whom you would like to have a conversation:** Sara Palin
- **Thing that makes you smile:** A child's smile
- **Advice received:** Serenity Prayer
- **Advice to give:** Serenity Prayer

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### HEHD Staff Spotlight: Maria Elizabeth Garcia



**Name:** Maria Elizabeth Garcia  
**Title:** Clinical Support Coordinator  
**Department/Unit:** Joseph F. Sullivan Center (on-campus, interdisciplinary health center)  
**Hometown:** Cadereyta Jiménez, Nuevo León, México

#### What is your role within HEHD?

As an interpreter, I provide medical information in Spanish to the Hispanic community, and translate materials for nurse practitioners and professors. I also coordinate, train and supervise student workers and interns; conduct and coordinate lab work; assist with patient procedures; serve as a liaison between the patient and providers; and perform patient intake, including vital signs, histories, and reason for visits.

#### What do you like best about your job?

I like having the opportunity to serve our patients, including faculty, staff, students, and people from different ethnicities and backgrounds. I also enjoy helping provide medical care to the Hispanic community. Many times, these people wait until they have serious complications to look for help because of the language barrier. I especially enjoy when we conduct medical clinics for farmworkers in Marietta, S.C., in partnership with the S.C. Migrant Health Program. I appreciate how these clinics shape the way students see their community and provide compassionate care for the less fortunate.

#### What's the most interesting thing that has ever happened to you at work?

There are two things that I can remember happening to me related to my work. I was a physician in Mexico, and when I came to the U.S., I prayed for four years for a job where I could use my medical skills. I found a person who connected me with people from the Sullivan Center, and although my English was not proficient at that time, the people at the Sullivan Center believed in me and offered me a job. I am thankful because I am able to work in the medical field and help the Hispanic community. The other thing was when I helped the Sullivan Center providers diagnose leukemia in a young Hispanic man more than eight years ago. We referred him to a hospital, and he got the treatment he needed. This was one of the times that I felt that I was placed here with a purpose.

#### What does it mean to you to be a part of the HEHD family?

It means a lot to me to be a part of the HEHD family. Every day we can make a difference in the lives of many people.

#### Tell us about your family.

I am married to Pastor Rolando Garcia, and we have four daughters and seven grandbabies. I enjoy every minute that I spend with them. When we go to a restaurant, all of them want to sit beside grandma, and my daughters say that they look like bees around a beehive!

#### Please list your favorite(s).

- **Hobby:** Painting
- **Book:** The Bible
- **Movie:** Comedies
- **Electronic gadget:** iPad
- **Vacation destination:** Cancun, Mexico
- **Musical genre:** Christian music and instrumental classic
- **Influential person:** My father
- **Advice received:** Think all what you want to say, and don't say all what you think!
- **Advice to give:** Golden Rule: Treat others how you want to be treated.

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### HEHD Staff Spotlight: Melinda Fischer & Jean McKendry

We are highlighting two staff members as part of this installment of the Staff Spotlight, due to their close working relationship in the Center of Research and Collaborative Activities (CRCA). Read on to learn more about Melinda and Jean!



**Name:** Melinda Fischer  
**Title:** Grants Coordinator II  
**Department/Unit:** Center for Research and Collaborative Activities  
**Hometown:** Asheville, N.C.

**What is your role within HEHD?** I am part of the Pre-Award Grant team for HEHD.

**What do you like best about your job?** I really enjoy the opportunity to work with so many different people from so many different disciplines. This position is all about collaboration: with faculty members who want to submit a proposal, grant coordinators in other colleges, departmental and collegiate chairs, and especially with my CRCA coworkers. Each proposal truly is a team effort!

**What does it mean to you to be a part of the HEHD family?** I feel fortunate to have landed in such a nurturing environment with

such supportive co-workers.

**Tell us about your family.** I have been happily married to my husband, Mark, for 22 years. We have three daughters (21, 19 and 13) and a son (11). Our two oldest daughters both attend Warren Wilson College in Asheville, N.C. We also have 15 cats, (don't laugh — we live on a farm in the middle of the Sumter National Forest!), one hound dog, and a puppy. Life is never boring!

**Please list your favorite(s).**

- **Hobby:** kayaking, hiking, gardening and canning
- **Book:** Pride and Prejudice, John Adams, Jitterbug Perfume
- **Movie:** "An Ideal Husband," "Much Ado About Nothing"
- **Electronic gadget:** Kindle Fire
- **Vacation destination:** Costa Rica
- **Music or musical genre:** World Music
- **Influential person:** Eleanor of Aquitaine



**Name:** Jean McKendry  
**Title:** Coordinator of Grant Development and Interdisciplinary Collaborations  
**Department/Unit:** Center for Research and Collaborative Activities  
**Hometown:** Plaistow, N.H.

**What is your role within HEHD?** My role is to work with faculty and staff throughout HEHD to help expand externally-funded research and program development projects and develop collaborative research teams.

**What do you like best about your job?** Meeting with faculty and learning about the wide-ranging research activities underway in the college.

**What does it mean to you to be a part of the HEHD family?** Being new to Clemson and South Carolina, I'm grateful for the warm welcome from HEHD faculty and staff and for the

opportunity to collaborate with supportive colleagues in HEHD who work hard with gracious humor.

**Tell us about your family.** I'm the fourth of five children (two brothers and two sisters) and "auntie" to 10 nieces and nephews. Three siblings still live in or within five miles of my hometown, and the youngest has determinedly held onto the

same phone number we had growing up.

**Please list your favorite(s).**

- **Hobby:** Kayaking
- **Book:** Neal Stephenson's Cryptonomicon
- **Movie:** "Star Trek: The Motion Picture" (first full-length Star Trek movie, the first time I saw it)
- **Electronic gadget:** Garage door opener
- **Vacation destination:** Puerto Rico
- **Music or musical genera:** Acoustic/folk
- **Influential person:** Not one, but many over the years
- **Advice received:** "Don't look back." – Bob Dylan
- **Advice to give:** "Wisdom springs from kindness."

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## HEHD Staff Spotlight: Michalann Evatt



**Name:** Michalann Evatt

**Title:** Assessment and Accreditation Director

**Department/Unit:** Eugene T. Moore School of Education

**Hometown:** Fayetteville, N.C./Spartanburg, S.C.

**What is your role within HEHD?**

My primary role is the oversight of the School of Education's comprehensive assessment system for unit and program accreditation, accountability, and impact reporting to myriad of stakeholders, state and national agencies, and organizations.

**What do you like best about your job?**

What I like best about my job is:

- when data and feedback collected and shared truly informs program improvement and change
- learning about the impact our programs and graduates make in their fields and communities.

**What does it mean to you to be a part of the HEHD family?**

The School of Education, HEHD, and the University have been very good to me as I have grown professionally in the last 10 years in my role in the School of Education. I am appreciative for the support and trust placed in me to oversee such an important aspect of higher education accountability.

**Tell us about your family.**

My husband, Mike, and I have been married 20 years and have two children, Madelyn (10) and Tate (6).

**Please list your favorite(s).**

- **Hobby:** Singing
- **Book:** The Giving Tree
- **Movie:** "A Christmas Carol" (with George C. Scott playing "Scrooge") and "O Brother, Where Art Thou?"
- **Electronic gadget:** Wii
- **Vacation destination:** The beach
- **Music or musical genre:** All genres except country
- **Influential person:** One of the most influential persons I can think of is a colleague who always makes professional decisions not for personal gain but for the welfare of the whole. This person has touched many lives including students, faculty, staff and those beyond Clemson University.
- **Advice received:** From my Mom: "Write thank you notes when you receive any type of gift or someone has done something nice for you."
- **Advice to give:** "You may not always be recognized or rewarded for doing the right thing, but you will be able to sleep at night knowing you did the right thing."

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## College of Health, Education and Human Development

HEHD Staff Spotlight: Micky Ward

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**Name:** Micky Ward

**Title:** Academic Advisor

**Department/Unit:** HEHD Academic Advising Center

**What is your role within HEHD? Describe a typical day at work.**

I assist students who want to change their major into our college. A typical day includes answering a lot of emails from students, helping a parent, working on a special project like Homecoming or Parent's Weekend, and of course meeting with students.

**What do you like best about your job?**

Every day is different. I also love the opportunity to meet new people almost every day.

**Tell us about your family.**

I have been married to my husband, Tom, for 11 years. I have two stepdaughters, Abby (24), and Tess (19) and one incredible son, Charlie (6).

**Please list your favorite(s).**

**Hobby:** Gardening

**Book:** Traveling Mercies by Anne Lamott

**Electronic gadget:** HAHAHA! I don't even know how to text (yet!)

**Vacation destination:** St. John

**Music or musical genera:** I like everything from folk to opera

**Previously owned vehicle:** I'm on my third Subaru station wagon. Love them all.

**Influential person:** My son, Charlie

**Person with whom you would like to have a conversation:** President Obama

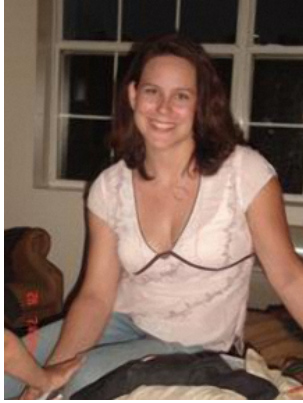
**Thing that makes you smile:** Sunny days

**Advice received: What will you do with this one, wonderful, crazy life?**

**Advice to give:** Be open to possibilities! Copyright © 2014 Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina (SC). All Rights Reserved.

## College of Health, Education and Human Development

### HEHD Staff Spotlight: Rebecca Coffey



**Name:** Rebecca Coffey

**Title:** Administrative Specialist

**Department/Unit:** Public Health Sciences

**What is your role within HEHD?** Describe a typical day at work. I serve as administrative support within the Dept. of Public Health Sciences. My main duties are making departmental purchases, scheduling travel, reconciling the credit card, processing vouchers, and managing the contracts for our internship program.

**What do you like best about your job?** I like the variety of tasks and the interaction I have with the students and faculty.

**Tell us about your family.** I am the proud mother of two children, Lydia, 10 and Benjamin, 8. We enjoy watching football together, reading, travelling, baking, and trivia. Lydia is currently a cheerleader and is an avid softball player. Ben is currently playing football and enjoys Cub Scouts.

**Please list your favorite(s).**

**Hobby:** Reading, Running, and Shooting Pool

**Book:** Outlander by Diana Gabaldon, Gone With the Wind by Margaret Mitchell, and Tess of the D'Urbervilles by Thomas Hardy

**Electronic gadget:** My iPod

**Vacation destination:** Anywhere I haven't been before. I love to travel and see new things.

**Music or musical genera:** I love music and listen to a wide variety of artists and genres. I typically can be found listening to anything from Norah Jones to Korn. My favorite band is Linkin' Park.

**Person with whom you would like to have a conversation:** Robert F Kennedy

**Thing that makes you smile:** My children, the witty sense of humor of my friends, and when the University of Alabama wins a football game

**Advice received:** I don't know if it is really advice, but someone once offered me this bible verse and it has made all the difference in my life. "I say this because I know what I am planning for you," says the Lord. "I have good plans for you, not plans to hurt you. I will give you hope and a good future." Jeremiah 29:11

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# College of Health, Education and Human Development

## HEHD Staff Spotlight: Regina Carroll



**Name:** Regina Foster Carroll  
**Title:** HEHD Chief Business Officer  
**Department/Unit:** HEHD Business Office

**What is your role within HEHD? Describe a typical day at work.** It's my job to manage the business and human resources functions of the college. My position is all about customer service, training, and compliance. Often, my day begins at 7:00 am with a greeting for our building custodian, Ginny. From there, I move from reports, to phone calls, to meetings, to e-mails a-plenty and in no particular order. "Boredom" is a word that's seldom (if ever) heard in my position and I love it! No two days are ever the same.

**What do you like best about your job?** I like the challenges that come from working with a diverse group of faculty, staff, and administrators. I truly believe that I currently have the "dream job" for Business Officers at

Clemson.

**What's the most interesting thing that has ever happened to you at work?** In almost 20 years, there have been quite a few "interesting" moments at work on this campus. I've been chased down for a kiss on the cheek at a departmental Christmas party by a very UGLY masked man who turned out to be my new boss. While very pregnant along with a co-worker in the same office, the entire Business Center dressed up at Halloween as pregnant women (including two men). In the picture, you can't tell who is really pregnant. My office has been "trashed" by co-workers to celebrate my birthday. I've worked in the dark for three days during a power outage. I've watched exploding golf carts outside my window. I've watched it "rain" on one side of the building while it's sunny on the other thanks to fire department exercises where they spray water off the top of the building. I've hunkered down in the fall-out shelter basement of the P&A Building while a tornado passed by. To say the least, working at Clemson can be quite interesting at times.

**Tell us about your family.** My husband, Tracey, and I have been married for 20 years on September 1st this year. We have one son, Todd, who is 12 years old and three horses. We live on a small family farm with a total of eight horses. My husband's parents live right across the road and his grandfather lives next door and I love it! My parents live nearby and we all attend church faithfully at Hopewell Baptist in Seneca. I am actively involved in the choir, sing special music alone and with others, and sometimes teach adult Sunday School classes. I have an older brother, Lane Foster, and an older sister, Janice Foster McLeod.

**Please list your favorite(s).**

**Hobby:** Horseback riding and reading

**Book:** I love to read and don't necessarily have a favorite book. I read a lot of Christian romance and other Christian fiction books.

**Movie:** "Gone with the Wind" would have to top the list but I like to watch all sorts of movies (unless they are filled with vulgarity and foul language) including animated films.

**Electronic gadget:** I'd have to say my laptop computer. Technology is progressing so fast, I'm beginning to feel like my parents did when they introduced VCR's and cell phones. Thank goodness for an almost-teenager in the house to help out the "old folks"!

**Vacation destination:** Myrtle Beach - Lakewood Campground

**Music or musical genre:** Country, southern gospel, 80's rock, pop, easy listening - truly I like most music with the exception of opera and rap.

**Previously owned vehicle:** 1985 Nissan 300ZX - I loved that car!

**Influential person:** My mother AND my mother-in-law.

**Person with whom you would like to have a conversation:** Jesus Christ

**Thing that makes you smile:** Sleeping children, good clean jokes, and a smile on someone else's face.

**Advice received:** The Golden Rule: Do unto others as you'd have them do unto you.

**Advice to give:** Work to live and don't live to work. Life's too short. Enjoy your family while you can. And have fun at work! You spend too much time there not to enjoy it. Make it enjoyable for others when possible.

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## College of Health, Education and Human Development

### HEHD Staff Spotlight: Tequilla Stokes



**Name:** Tequilla Stokes  
**Title:** Administrative Assistant  
**Department/Unit:** PRTM

**What is your role within HEHD? Describe a typical day at work.** The majority of my time is spent managing the Department Chair's schedule. Keeping his calendar updated and managing all of the details that go along with it keeps me busy. I serve as the liaison between him and faculty, staff, students and lately it seems like the whole world. It's a full-time job trying to keep him straight.

**What do you like best about your job?** I get to boss people around. I send out threatening emails which are known as my "Open up a can..." emails. I can translate that for anyone who doesn't know what that means. Actually, I love my job because of the great people I work with. They make me laugh.

**What's the most interesting thing that has ever happened to you at work?** Some of the women in our

department participate in "Secret Santa" for a couple of weeks every December. A few years back, one lady who was participating had to go out of town. When her Secret Santa sent her a dozen roses, she wasn't there to receive them. I decided that they shouldn't go to waste. I carried them around and wore a tiara. Yes, I keep a tiara at work. And had someone take pictures of me doing my usual tasks. I thought this would be a nice (and funny) gift for her. There was a picture of me taking notes from the Department Chair, using the photocopier, sitting at my desk, typing, and entering the restroom, all with me holding the roses and wearing the tiara. Then I decided we needed a picture taken in the business office. I go rushing in and discover that they're in the middle of a meeting with the university auditors. Since I was already there carrying a dozen roses and wearing a tiara I decide to go ahead and have the picture made. One of the auditors clearly didn't want to be a part of it but the other guy sat there in between our two staff people looking at paperwork with me standing behind them and looking over their shoulders -- still holding the roses and wearing the tiara. Maybe that guy uses this story for the most interesting thing that has ever happened to him at work, too.

**Tell us about your family.** I've been married to Ted Stokes for 33 years this June. He's an electrical engineer at Square D in Seneca and also teaches at Tri-County Tech. We have a daughter, Amy (CU Alumni Relations) and a son-in-law, Aaron Gibbs. He is also an electrical engineer at Square D. They have a four-month-old daughter, Avery. We also have a son, Tanner, who works in the field of computer systems & operations (ITC). He is in charge of any electronic gadgets I might have to use.

**Please list your favorite(s).**

- **Hobby:** Music; Decorating; Cats (I have 11); Gardening. Ah the smell of the warm, damp earth at planting time. Every year I think it's a miracle that you can push seeds into the earth and cover them up and in a week or two you've got little plants sprouting up. By early June I'm bringing in baskets of carefully arranged vegetables to share with my co-workers. They're excited about my little miracle, too. By July I'm creeping through the parking lot and tossing cucumbers and zucchini into the back seats of cars whose windows have been carelessly left down. It's a miracle if I can get rid of them all!
- **Book:** *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle* by David Wroblewski
- **Movie:** *Raising Arizona* written and directed by those quirky Coen Brothers
- **Electronic gadget:** Oh please, that's why I have a son.
- **Vacation destination:** I don't like traveling. When I'm off work I want to be at home. In PRTM 101 that's called being a cave dweller.
- **Music or musical genera:** Country; Bluegrass; Folk; Christian music; 60s,70s & 80s music; Showtunes; Movie soundtracks; Almost everything. I love to sing!
- **Previously owned vehicle:** A Jeep Cherokee from 1989-1999. I would pull up to the gas station and ask them to check the gas and fill her up with oil.
- **Influential person:** My new granddaughter Avery. She makes me want to be a better person in every way.
- **Person with whom you would like to have a conversation:** Martha Stewart; I need some decorating advice, and maybe a few tips on the stock market.
- **Thing that makes you smile:** My 4-month-old granddaughter, Avery. She's adorable of course.

- **Advice received:** Never go to bed angry.
- **Advice to give:** Go to bed and get some rest. In the morning you probably won't remember what you were angry about.

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