



Spring 2011

Watson School of Education

# First Years of Teaching Newsletter

## BT Professional Development Day: Join Us May 10th!



On February 17, 2011, 9 of this year's 18 Promise of Leadership Award recipients shared successful strategies they are currently using in their classrooms. POL winners led the sessions during our second Beginning Teacher Professional Development Day!

Session topics ranged from Scaffolding to 21st Century Skills, Interdisciplinary Learning to Reading Comprehension Strategies. Dr. John Fischetti once again

shared a keynote at lunch titled "Leadership for the Innovation Age: Part 2" as a follow up to his keynote delivered during the November session.

The final BT Professional Development Day is scheduled for May 10, 2011. The day will feature the last round of concurrent sessions presented by this year's Promise of Leadership Award winners. Topics will include Student Engagement, Classroom Management, Global

Perspectives, Collaborative Learning and many more! POL recipients will also be formally recognized on this day for their success and contribution to this year's sessions. BTs can still register for the final session! Go to: <http://www.uncw.edu/ed/teach1/>

### INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

BT PD Days	1
Ed Lab Update	2
Take One!	2
Technology 101	2



Have you registered to be a part of the First Years of Teaching Support Program? Check us out on the web:

[www.uncw.edu/ed/teach1](http://www.uncw.edu/ed/teach1)



Dr. John Fischetti shared his keynote at the Beginning Teacher Professional Development Day.

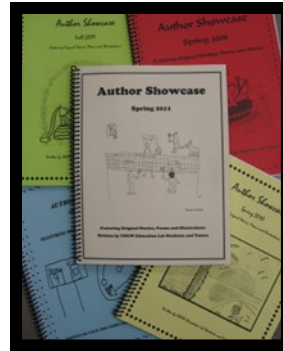


UNCW First Years of Teaching Support Program  
Check us out on Facebook!

## Watson School Ed Lab Update! ~Brian Brinkley, Director

The Betty Holden Stike Education Lab serves children in the Wilmington area with tutoring services for reading, math and special education. Each semester, the Ed Lab publishes Author Showcase, a book of original writing by Ed Lab students and their tutors. Great stories, interesting non-fiction articles, and thoughtful poetry fill the volumes that have been published over the years. Unique illustrations, drawn by the authors, accompany most pieces, as well. To celebrate each author's contribution, the Ed Lab invites everyone

to read their story to an audience of parents, grandparents, friends and tutors. The Lab is often decorated in a theme selected by the authors. Pirates, Hawaiian Luau, and 'Who Let the Dogs Out?' are recent choices. After all of the authors have shared their writings, each author can sign books for adoring fans at our Author Signing. The event is a highlight for students and an authentic opportunity to write, revise, edit and publish. Consider how you could host an Author Showcase in your classroom.



## Take One! Is it for YOU?

*Take One!* is offered by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards to all teachers, including induction or pre-service teachers. The program can be used as a form of professional

development, or as a way for licensed teachers to take a first step towards the National Board Certification process. Teachers prepare and submit one pre-selected entry from any of the 25

current certificate areas of National Board Certification. A teacher can later transfer the score that he/she receives on the *Take One!* entry for up to two years if they decide to pursue National

Board candidacy. To learn more about *Take One!* visit the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards website at [www.nbpts.org](http://www.nbpts.org).

## Technology 101: New Web Resources

You can use the following web resources to make your instruction more engaging for students. Have you tried any of these web resources? **MyFakeWall.com** This site allows students to create a Facebook page, add background information, wall posts, etc. The site is not affiliated with Facebook or any other social network-

ing site. It simply provides a template for students. Create a Facebook page for characters, historical figures, scientists—the options are endless! **WallWisher.com** This site is an online notice board—imagine a wall of virtual post-it notes! Teachers create the wall and post a question

or assignment. Then, students are able to access the wall via url and use “post-its” to post their ideas or responses. **Zooburst.com** This site is a digital storytelling tool that allows students to create their own 3D pop-up books! Students can add text, images and audio, then

turn the pages of their pop-up books. **LiveBinders.com** This site allows students and teachers to create virtual 3-ring binders! Organize your tabs by subject, topic, theme, etc. Students can add links, images and video, as well as upload documents to their binder!