“Thank you so much to all the wonderful graduates of this program who continue to give back to FSU Higher Education and support graduate students…”

Shawna Patterson, Doctoral Student

“I must express my gratitude to the Hardee Center… I recognize that it is with the assistance and support of the Hardee Center that I am able to work towards making substantial contributions to the field of higher education.”

Jessica Lauther, M.S., 2012

“Through your support, the Hardee Center is able to provide graduate students like myself with programming and resources that are truly impactful.”

Joe O’Geen, M.S., 2012

“…A special thanks to the Hardee Center for providing me the opportunity to learn and engage with colleagues…”

Kat Callahan, Doctoral Student
The Hardee Center for Leadership and Ethics in Higher Education supports the academic study and professional development of graduate students in the Higher Education program at Florida State University and promotes the “LifeNet” of students, alumni, faculty, and friends.

The Center sponsors dynamic educational programming, networking opportunities and various resources that both supplement and enhance the graduate student experience. The Center also coordinates all alumni engagement initiatives for graduates of the FSU Higher Education program, as well as, leads all advancement efforts with the assistance of a talented board of directors.

The Hardee Center is named for Dr. Melvene Draheim Hardee, a co-founder of the FSU Higher Education program who was an admired educator, mentor and national leader on issues of gender equality, leadership, values and professional development in the field of higher education.
The Hardee Center for Leadership and Ethics in Higher Education is committed to continuing the tremendous legacy of Dr. Melvene Draheim Hardee. The Hardee Center’s purpose is twofold. The Center supports graduate students in the Higher Education program at Florida State University and also coordinates all alumni engagement and advancement initiatives, while promoting the FSU “LifeNet.” During the 2012-2013 academic year, the Hardee Center saw tremendous growth and prosperity in all of its endeavors. Led by Director, Dr. Mary Coburn, Associate Director, Eddie Higginbotham IV and a newly established Board of Directors, the Hardee Center provided both new and traditional programs to support and fulfill its mission, while taking significant strides in its advancement initiatives. Through the efforts of the Center, a firm foundation has been established for continued growth and development in the upcoming year and beyond.

This document serves as a snapshot of the 2012-2013 academic year and the endeavors of the Hardee Center for Leadership and Ethics in Higher Education.

- Save the Date -

Dr. Melvene Hardee Centennial Celebration
Graduate Panel, Hardee Fellow Induction Ceremony, Roundtable Discussions & LifeNet Alumni Reception and Dinner
Friday, October 25, 2013

2014 Jon C. Dalton Institute on College Student Values
Promoting an Ethic of Care: Student Well-Being as a Priority in Higher Education
February 6–8, 2014

Higher Education Hooding Ceremony & Graduation Reception
Friday, May 2, 2014
Dr. Melvene Draheim Hardee was born in Iowa to Hazle Howe Draheim and Arthur Draheim, Sr. The oldest of four children, she had fond memories of growing up in the small town of Clarion. Dr. Hardee earned a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Northern Iowa, a Master of Arts from Columbia University, and a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago.

Before joining Florida State University, Dr. Hardee served as a visiting professor at the University of Northern Iowa and at the University of Mississippi. From 1945 to 1948, she was director of the communications laboratory and chair of faculty advising at Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri.

In 1948 she became the first coordinator of university counseling and advisement at Florida State University. She married Tom Hardee and they purchased a 95-acre farm near Valdosta, Georgia. In 1958, Dr. Hardee joined with Dr. W. Hugh Stickler and Dr. Raymond Schultz in the formation of the Department of Higher Education. She became a full professor in 1959 and held that position until her retirement from full time teaching in 1985. During that time, Dr. Hardee served as major advisor to 123 doctoral candidates as well as committee member to many more, and supervised the work of more than 120 masters degree students. She was known to all as "The Mentor" and created the "Life Net" for her students, a support network that began during graduate studies and extended into professional careers.

In 1977, Dr. Hardee founded the Center for Studies of Women in Educational Management Systems to identify and solve problems of women who aspired to be higher education administrators through professional development, activities, and resource materials. When she retired in 1989, the center was renamed the Melvene Draheim Hardee Center for Women in Higher Education in recognition of her vision for the center and her advocacy for women.

Dr. Hardee was prominent in the field of student personnel administration. She served as president of the American College Personnel Association (ACPA) from 1962-1964, and a charter member and subsequent president of the Southern Association of College Student Administrators (SACSA) from 1955-1958. In 1986, the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) named its dissertation of the year award in her honor and later SACSA named its Dissertations of the Year award in her honor. In 1987, she was named a Senior Scholar by ACPA. In 1988, she received the Robert H. Schaffer Award from NASPA for her personal inspiration to graduate students, service on doctoral committees, and distinguished record of scholarly achievement.

A person of many interests and unflagging energy, every weekend Dr. Hardee drove the 89 miles to her farm using one of her "High Noon Farm" trucks. She oversaw the production of soybeans, corn, cabbages, watermelon, hay, cotton, and trees. Over the years she terraced and fenced the land, developing waterways and fish ponds. In 1979 Dr. Hardee was named Georgia's Alapaha District "Farm Man of the Year" for conservation practice on what was now a 877-acre farm. In 1989, she received the Alapaha District Conservationist of the Year Award.

Twice a year, Dr. Hardee returned home to Clarion, Iowa where she founded and was part-time curator of a museum housing a history of the state. She established the Draheim Memorial Library in memory of her parents.

"To project the future, ask what students are dreaming."
Fall 2012 Highlights

Hardee Center Board - Your LifeNet

The Hardee Center Board – Your LifeNet was re-established in the fall of 2012 and had its inaugural board meeting on October 11th, 2012. The board is composed of past students, colleagues and friends of Dr. Melvene Draheim Hardee that are committed to keeping her incredible legacy alive at Florida State University. The board significantly influences the growth and direction of the Hardee Center by directing targeted philanthropic activities and acting as advocates for the advancement of the Center.

Recruitment for the Hardee Center Board began in the spring of 2012. Under the direction of Hardee Center Director and Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Mary Coburn, a steering committee worked to identify potential members and began making correspondence. The 24 charter members of the board include former students of Dr. Mel Hardee and other alumni of the FSU Higher Education program who serve or have served in a variety of capacities and administrative levels at colleges and universities across the country. Members range from 1950s to early 2000s graduates.

Dr. Ernest T. Buchanan
Dr. Jim Carr
Dr. Mary Coburn
Dr. Francisco Cuevas
Dr. Richard J. Federinko
Dr. Suzanne Gordon
Mrs. Rachel L. Grahe
Dr. Corey King
Dr. Andrew J. Mauk
Dr. Cheryl D. Lovell
Dr. Barbara Mann
Dr. Phyllis A. McCluskey-Titus

Dr. Lisa Bardill-Moscaritolo
Dr. Rita M. Moser
Dr. David Persky
Dr. Marcia Lou Petty
Ms. Sherrill W. Ragans
Dr. Harry J. Richards
Dr. Carol V. Spring
Dr. Glenn W. Stillion
Dr. Sandra Sullivan
Dr. Nancy Turner
Dr. Terry E. Williams
Dr. George W. Young
Fall 2012 Highlights

Orientation Welcome Luncheon

August 20th, 2012 - The Hardee Center sponsored a luncheon to welcome the 27 new masters and 4 new doctoral students to the Florida State University Higher Education program. During the lunch, new students were given the opportunity to have casual conversations with their assistantship supervisors and members of the Higher Education faculty in order to ask questions and receive guidance as they began their respective programs of study. The centerpiece of this luncheon was a presentation on Dr. Melvene Hardee and the Hardee Center for Leadership and Ethics in Higher Education given by Director, Mary Coburn and new Associate Director, Eddie Higginbotham IV. The presentation also highlighted services provided by the Hardee Center and how students could benefit from the Center and its programs/initiatives.

Hardee Fellow Induction Ceremony

October 3rd, 2012 - Each year, the Hardee Center recognizes the outstanding academic achievement of student in the Higher Education program by honoring them as Hardee Fellows. Hardee Fellows are masters and doctoral graduate students who maintain a 3.8 grade point average and have completed at least 18 hours of credit hours towards their respective degrees. This year, a record number of 52 masters and doctoral students were inducted as Hardee Fellows. These students are recognized during the year’s commencement exercises and are eligible for special travel grants to attend professional conferences.

Doctoral Fellows
- Marilyn Anglade
- Diana Barbu
- Rebecca Brower
- Rachel Bukano
- Kathleen Callahan
- Grady Enlow
- Eric Godin
- Carrie Henderson
- Steven Kleever
- Jonathan Ottley
- Shawna Patterson
- Jean Rettig
- Susannah Shiner
- Bolling Stanley
- Tadarryl Starke
- Paul Stonecipher
- Mackenzie Streit
- Dana Urrutia

Masters Fellows
- Monika Venters
- Glenn Walters
- Jillian White
- Brantley Willett
- Tarnaria Williams
- Yi-Chin Wu

Masters Fellows
- Paige Acker
- Mohamed Barakat
- Matthew Barnes
- Rebecca Bovio
- Nathan Bunch
- Ryan Clingan
- Jessica Dean
- Christian Decle
- Arthur Doctor
- Carolyn Harris
- Kevin Hemer

- Tamara Howard
- Shelby Huffman
- Chanelle Johnson
- Kimberly Kolb
- Jerusha Labady
- Jessica Lauther
- Drew Meehan
- Lauren Meyer
- Samantha Nix
- Joseph O’Geen
- Brittany Philbert
- Kyle Rausch
- Karli Sherman
- Anil Shetty
- Mina Utt
Fall 2012 Highlights

Mel Hardee: The Mentor Panel Discussion

**October 12th, 2012** - In conjunction with the Hardee Center Board’s inaugural meeting and Florida State University’s College of Education Week, the Hardee Center held a panel discussion, titled *Mel Hardee: The Mentor*, to celebrate the life, work and achievements of Dr. Melvene Draheim Hardee. Ten Hardee Board members served as panelists for this powerful event and gave their personal testimonies about Dr. Hardee and the impact that she had on their lives, Florida State and the field of student affairs. The event strongly resonated with those in attendance including current Higher Education graduate students, faculty members, Division of Student Affairs staff and other board members.

Professional Development: Professional Conference Preparation

**October 16th, 2012** - The Hardee Center and Higher Education Student Association (H.E.S.A.) co-sponsored a professional development to prepare masters and doctoral level students to best represent themselves and Florida State University at academic and professional conferences throughout the year. Led by faculty member, Dr. Kathy Guthrie, best practices were shared in the areas of conference preparation and attendance, presenting at conferences and conference follow-up. These expectations and helpful tips were reinforced with real world examples from Dr. Guthrie and dialogue between students on their personal experiences. The professional development proved to be extremely beneficial to students traveling to conferences throughout the year.
Fall 2012 Highlights

Fall Dinner Dialogue Event

November 30th, 2012 - The Hardee Center hosts a Dinner Dialogue series that provided students with the opportunity to interact with faculty members outside of the classroom, as well as, other influential Higher Education professionals. These dialogues surround a topic of the guest’s choice and are typically at an off-campus location with the Hardee Center paying for the meals of the first 25 participants. The event was held at Beef O’Brady’s restaurant. The special guest at the Hardee Center Dinner Dialogue fall event was ELPS Department Chair and Higher Education faculty member, Dr. Robert Schwartz. The fall dialogue revolved around Higher Education governance, policy and accountability. Students in attendance enjoyed casual conversations and enjoyable antidotes from Dr. Schwartz surrounding the topics of conversation.

Thank you so much for your continued support!
-Hardee Center Leadership Team

Director, Mary B. Coburn
Associate Director, Eddie Higginbotham IV
Members of the Hardee Center Board - Your LifeNet
Spring 2013 Highlights

Dalton Institute Keynote Dinner

February 1st, 2013 - Each year, the Hardee Center sponsors a special pizza dinner with a keynote speaker at the Jon C. Dalton Institute on College Student Values that is exclusive to graduate students in the Florida State Higher Education program. The special guest this year was the president of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA), Dr. Kevin Kruger. At this event, Dr. Kruger discussed his journey through the field of student affairs while sharing his insight, wisdom and opinions on current events/hot topics in the field. In addition, Dr. Kruger also gave an insider perspective on NASPA and what was in store for the future of the organization. He also praised the Florida State University Higher Education program for its excellence in the field and the high caliber professionals that it produces. The Hardee Center was proud to help provide this unique networking and professional development opportunity for graduate students.

February 26th, 2013 -
The Hardee Center and Higher Education Student Association (H.E.S.A.) co-sponsored a Dinner Dialogue event with Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs at the University of North Carolina Greensboro and NASPA Foundation Chair, Dr. Cherry Callahan. During the event, Dr. Callahan told engaging stories of her path in the field of student affairs and spoke to her greatest challenges as a leader in the field, the balance between family and career and what happens when your values conflict with your career. She also gave useful tips on how to navigate the field and find things that you truly love. Her story and advice were very inspirational to all in attendance.
Spring 2013 Highlights

Dr. Melvene Hardee’s Centennial Celebration Kick-Off Event

March 18th, 2013 - The Hardee Center, Division of Student Affairs and College of Education hosted the 2013 Florida State Reception University at the NASPA Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida. Over 200 students, alumni, faculty and friends of the FSU LifeNet were in attendance and enjoyed the opportunity to network and re-connect with one another. Updates were given from all sponsoring parties and various students, alumni and guests were recognized for their achievements. As guests enjoyed each other’s company, refreshments and a variety of give-away drawings, they were informed about the Hardee Center’s Centennial Celebration and capital campaign. In efforts to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Dr. Hardee’s birth and support the work of the Center, Hardee Board members committed themselves to lead the charge of raising $100,000 for the Hardee Center Endowment Fund. The celebration was a great success and commemorated the start of the campaign.
Spring 2013 Highlights

Women in Higher Education Celebration Event

March 27th, 2013 - In honor of National Women's History Month, the Hardee Center sponsored an event to celebrate the work and achievements of women in Higher Education. At this event, guests were given the opportunity to gain insight on the important role women play in Higher Education (and at Florida State University), as well as, hear personal testimonies of women in the field. In addition, guests were provided the opportunity to ask any questions about women and women’s issue. The Hardee Center compiled an all-star panel that shared very unique and powerful perspectives based on their experiences and careers. Panelists included Dr. Debra Austin, Dr. Kathy Guthrie, Ms. Sherrill Ragans and Dr. Nancy Turner. Chandra Myrick, Associate Director of Housing at FSU, served as the panel moderator. The event also honored the newly-elected Student Government Association President and Vice President – the first female team in the history of Florida State University.

Hardee Center Coffee Hours Events

Once a month throughout the year -

The Hardee Center sponsored “Coffee Hour” events to each masters level cohort once a month throughout the academic year. These Coffee Hour events were held the hour before each cohort’s required class in the Stone Building. During this event, coffee and fresh baked cookies, a Hardee staple, were served and students had the opportunity to discuss course readings/assignments prior to class or simply catch up with one another. Faculty members occasionally served as special guests at these events.
Spring 2013 Highlights

Higher Education Class of 2013

Hooding Ceremony & Graduation Reception

May 3rd, 2013 - The Hardee Center hosted the 2013 commencement exercises for the Higher Education program and Class of 2013. In the spring of 2013, Florida State University awarded 36 masters degrees and 2 doctoral degree to students within the Higher Education program. The Hardee Center brought together approximately 300 guests including graduates, current students, family members, friends, faculty and members of the Division of Student Affairs to celebrate in this joyous moment for the Class of 2013. The commencement exercises included several keynote speakers and award presentations. The ceremony was immediately followed with a beautiful reception that allowed all graduates and guests to continue the celebration.

Hardee Center Award Winners:

Sherrill W. Ragans
Leadership & Service Award
Kathleen Callahan, Doctoral Student & Kevin Hemer, Masters Student

Peer Leadership Award
Matthew Barnes, Masters Student

Supervisor/Mentor Award
Brandon Bowden, Associate Director of the Oglesby Union
Other Hardee Center Initiatives

Hardee Center Academic Support Conference (ACS) Grants

Each year, Hardee Fellows are eligible to receive Hardee Center ACS Grants. The Hardee Center awarded grants to eight Hardee Fellows to aid in covering their respective conference expenses. Grants awarded totaled $1,280.00.

Congratulations to our ACS Grant recipients!

Mohammad Barakat  
Kathleen Callahan  
Carolyn Harris  
Jessica Lauther

Shawna Patterson  
Paul Stonecipher  
Brantley Willett  
Dr. Tamaria Williams

NASPA Foundation Channing Briggs Small Research Grant

Higher Education faculty member, Dr. Bradley Cox and second year masters student, Rebecca Bovio, were recipients of the NASPA Foundation Channing Briggs Small Research Grant to conduct research that supports Higher Education theory and practice. The Hardee Center is a part of the research team, aiding with participant recruitment, correspondence and data collection.

Hardee Center Publications!

Click here to view our most recent editions of The LifeNet Newsletter!

Higher Education Program Visiting Days Luncheon

February 11th, 2013 - The Hardee Center was the centerpiece of this luncheon, giving students more information on Dr. Melvene Hardee, the FSU LifeNet and services offered by the Hardee Center. The presentation was conducted by Dr. Mary Coburn and Eddie Higginbotham.

Hardee Center Research Symposium

April 18th, 2013 - The Hardee Center sponsored the Research Roundtable on Qualitative Inquiry held in the spring semester. Dr. Linda Schrader, Research Associate Professor in Educational Policy and Evaluation, facilitated this session of doctoral students who presented their qualitative re-search papers developed in her spring semester course - Advanced Qualitative Re-search Seminar (EDF 6476).
## 2012-13 Hardee Center Finances

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The Hardee Center had **48** donors in the fall of 2012 and **45** in the spring of 2013!

Donors were spotlighted in the *LifeNet* newsletter in the semester they donated & contributed approximately $16,500 to the Hardee Center operating fund! That’s **77%**!
GOAL:
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100 Years of Dr. Hardee

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Dr. Melvene Draheim Hardee Center Centennial Campaign. We appreciate
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