

Dean's Report for UFC

College of Education

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1. The ribbon cutting event for the Academy for Technology and Innovation (ATI) took place on Thursday September 19th. Governor Youngkin and Secretary of Education Aimee Guidera both spoke at the event, and the Governor cut the ribbon. ATI started its first freshman class of 80 students in August with a STEM focus on computer science and data science. Similar to a magnet schools, ATI draws students from across five different school divisions using a lottery system. ATI will also provide opportunities for College of Education students to complete practicum and internships.
2. The College of Education hosted a team from Clemson University for the onsite visit for the Call Me MiSTER program. The onsite visit is a required step in the development of a CMM program on the Mary Washington campus. The purpose of CMM is to increase the number of diverse teacher candidates on campus and to also increase the number Pell-eligible students. We are in the planning year of a four-year grant funded project (\$1.3 million) from SCHEV.