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Jenny Penney Oliver Chair for Counselors and Student Support Personnel



Dr. Jenny Penney Oliver (1955-2013), a former Foundation for Excellence trustee, was a longtime University of Georgia College of Education faculty member, serving in the Dean's Office and the Department of Counseling and Human Development Services for more than twenty years. Reared and nurtured in the town of Wallace in the eastern North Carolina coastal plain, she attended North Carolina State University and Kansas State University, and from the latter institution received a Ph.D. in 1991. Perhaps due to her upbringing in that small town impacted by powerful figures in her life such as her mother, Dovie Logan Penney, or the family caregiver Hattie Gavin, she accrued an intrinsic interest in societal issues of race, culture, diversity, equity and the implication of these factors in the education that children receive. She devoted her professional life to teaching, service and research related to expanding the understanding of these issues among the people of her community, state or nation. In her personal life she was devoted to service to her community and let no opportunity pass to participate.

The *Jenny Penney Oliver Chair for Counselors and Student Support Personnel* was established in 2013 and first awarded in 2014. The Chair is given in even-numbered years, for a two-year term.