Mary Lou Ewald  
Director of Outreach

As the Director of Outreach for the College of Sciences and Mathematics, Mary Lou’s primary responsibilities include: oversight and management of all aspects of Outreach Programs, the Director of AU Science in Motion, Co-PI, AU-AMSTI, and the campus-wide outreach representative for COSAM (WISE Institute, Minors on Campus committee, grant proposal development).

Erin Percival  
Assistant Director of Outreach

Erin’s primary office responsibilities include assisting in management of Outreach programs, management of student employees, and curriculum development oversight. This year she directly coordinated SI, GUTS, AMP’d Challenge, GEARSEF, AU Explore Science EXPO, Science Matters, War Eagle BEST teacher and judges communications, Kidz-sized Science, and South’s BEST teacher facilitation.

In addition to her day-to-day operations, Erin assists Mary Lou in grant proposal development and served on the Climate Change Education Proposal Team for COSAM in 2012.

Kathy Feminella  
Administrative Assistant

Kathy’s responsibilities during the 2012 year included: financial record keeping, coordination of middle school and elementary school Science Olympiad competitions and hospitality coordination for War Eagle BEST.

Sadly, Kathy retired this past October. She left our office after ten years with Auburn University and six years as a member of the COSAM Outreach Staff.

Kristen Bond  
Program Manager (TES)

Kristen joined the COSAM Outreach team in June of 2012 as a part-time, Temporary Employment Services (TES) employee. She learned quickly and assisted Kathy with financial record keeping, payment and procurements, and served as the primary hospitality coordinator for the annual South's BEST competition.

Kristen comes to us with a background in event management and has strong administrative and management skills. We welcome her to our team.
Temporary and Student Employees

Tj Nguyen
Student Program Coordinator

Tj, a senior in mechanical engineering at Auburn University, served as the most senior-level student staff member during the 2012 year. In his fourth year as a member of COSAM Outreach he worked diligently and served in a leadership role. During the fall semester, Tj served as the Technical Director for both War Eagle and South's BEST, a position traditionally held by faculty. He developed curriculum and taught teachers at our annual BEST Teacher-Mentor Workshop in August and managed all technical questions from the 25 teams participating in BEST this past fall.

Donna Raiford
Program Coordinator

Donna joined the COSAM Outreach team as a part-time employee in August of 2012. Her primary responsibilities included: South's BEST hospitality coordination under the direction of Kristen Bond, and War Eagle BEST preparations.

Chelsea Harrison
Student Program Coordinator

Chelsea, a senior in Industrial and Systems Engineering. She worked in the COSAM Outreach office for four years. During her time in the office her primary responsibilities included: Outreach website updates and maintenance, Science Matters Room Director, War Eagle & South's BEST Judge's Assistant, and the coordination of Spring Youth Experiences in Science (Spring YES).

Allison Holt
Student Program Coordinator

Allison is a senior in Software Engineering at Auburn University and has worked in the COSAM Outreach office for four years. In 2012, Allison co-op'd in both the Spring and Fall of 2012. During the summer she served as a Science Matters counselor and assisted in our Summer Science Institute.
Molly Folkerts  
Student Program Coordinator  

Molly, a senior in Zoology at Auburn University, was a valuable member of our program during the 2012 year. Her primary responsibilities included: Science Matters coordination, War Eagle BEST and South’s BEST, GUTS coordinator, and Science Investigations assistant.

Molly graduated in December of 2012 and will pursue a masters degree in Biology at LSU-Shreveport.

Molly McCartney  
Student Program Assistant  

Molly is a sophomore in Industrial and Systems Engineering. In 2012, she served as the judging assistant at both War Eagle BEST and South’s BEST Robotics Competitions. In addition, she served as a Science Matters Extended Care Assistant, and was involved in the Science Investigations and Kidz-sized Science programs.

Allison Tjelmeland  
Student Program Assistant  

Allison, a graduate student in biological sciences at Auburn University spent the Spring of 2012 working as a Science Matters Registration Coordinator and assistant with the Science Investigations program. Then, in the summer she served as a Summer Science Institute counselor and Science Matters counselor.

Lara Stubbs  
Outreach Specialist  

Lara is a recent graduate of the department of mathematics at Auburn University. In her part-time work as a member of the COSAM Outreach team her primary duties included: Science Matters Room Director, Summer Science Institute assistant, and South’s BEST Registration and hospitality.