

# Institute for Education Newsletter

Adrian College

*Volume 12,  
Issue 5  
Fall 2021*

## Changes to the Elementary Education Program

The state of Michigan has restructured the certification bands for elementary teachers into two levels: PreK-3 and 3-6. With the changes to the program, the future elementary teachers will now receive two endorsements, one for each of the new grade bands. Michele Stansley, Department Chair of Teacher Education and Coordinator of Associate Teaching, says that these changes will allow the elementary education students to be much more prepared for the content that they will be expected to teach in PK-6 classrooms.

Teacher Education wishes to thank those departments on campus who have partnered with us to educate and prepare our teacher candidates. We also encourage anyone (current students or future students) who are considering a career in teaching to come and talk with us to hear about what we can offer. We have elementary, secondary, and K-12 programs, something for everyone!

## Co-Teaching Presentation

Cooperating teachers from around the districts joined with our current Associate Teachers and supervisors for a training on co-teaching led by Dr. Dawn Milner on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. There they learned about successful co-teaching strategies and had time to make plans to try them out this semester.



## May 2022 Trip

The Institute for Education is holding another trip! In May 2022, the department plans on taking a service-learning trip to the Dominican Republic with the theme of “Empowering Children”. While traveling across the Dominican Republic, students will be gain insight into the issues impacting local children there today. Students will also build sustainable solutions to educational, social, and economic challenges they may face. For more information, contact Dr. Dawn Milner by email at [dmilner@adrian.edu](mailto:dmilner@adrian.edu)

## Fall Event

The Teacher Education department held a fall event where new education students and old could come together and get along. At this event there were s'mores, pizza, and tons of fun as the students and staff came together and relaxed for the evening, forming new bonds!

## New Placement/Certification Officer

Introducing Danielle Gilbert, the new Placement/Certification Officer in the Teacher Education staff. Gilbert has one of the busiest jobs at the beginning of the semester. As Placement/Certification Officer, Gilbert helps find each of the Teacher Education students a field placement where they can work with a mentor teacher in the county. She also receives their Michigan Teaching Test (MTTC) scores and eventually, after their associate teaching is complete, verifies all requirements for them to get their official Teaching Certification. We welcome Gilbert into the new spot in the department.



Follow us on social media!

Instagram:  
@adriancollegeife  
Twitter: @AC\_IFE  
Facebook:  
@AdrianCollegeIFE

## Big Laurel Learning Center

Ever Since Adrian College was founded in 1859, hard work has been a part of the students' daily lives. Through leadership abilities, the college has promoted that students should be involved in activities that promote caring for the humanity. Whether this be in a local or global community, the students of Adrian College have worked hard to provide. In June 2021, the Teacher Education Department held a service-learning trip to Big Laurel Learning Center in Kermit, WV to work with girls in grades 2-6 in the Appalachian area. Six students took part in this trip, Kyla Stimer, Maria Risner, Laurel Krause, McKena Mahoney, Hailey Brower, and Allison Tenhove, along with Dr. Dawn Milner.

This issue comes from the Institute for Education. If there are any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact

Dr. Dawn Milner by email: [instituteeducation@adrian.edu](mailto:instituteeducation@adrian.edu) or by office phone:

517-265-5161 ext. 4625



The group experienced firsthand some injustices towards systems that make and keep people economically poor. Kyla Stimer, a senior majoring in Elementary Education, stated, "It was truly life changing to be able to open my eyes to the socioeconomic and cultural differences that we have in the US."

This camp helped not only open the eyes of our students who went, but also helped them prepare for their own classrooms one day and how they would incorporate their learnings to their own lessons in the future. Takeaways included a better understanding of learning styles and different approaches to teaching, so every student is getting the best out of their lessons. One thing is in agreement though from these students, if an opportunity like this comes again, they fully suggest taking the chance to do it!

Stop by our Little Free Library in front of Valade Hall where you can take a book to read or leave one for the next person.



## Updates on the ECC

Thanks to the help of the student workers, the new ECC should hopefully be experiencing its Grand Re-opening sometime during the Spring Semester!

Michele Stansley, Chair of Teacher Education and Coordinator of Associate Teaching, has been the one overseeing this move of rooms and is happy to say that it is almost done! The main thing that they are waiting for before it is finished is the arrival of the furniture, and then the final touch-ups will be done before the grand re-opening!

“Our hope is that our Teacher Education students will find the space to meet and work with other TED students,” Stansley says when asked about the opportunities of the new room, “We also hope to have a wider variety of materials/books that students can check out to use in their lesson planning.”

## Onward Presentation

Ruth Bengé from the LISD and Beth McCaulley from Hudson School District came in to speak to the Associate Teachers and College Supervisors on September 8<sup>th</sup> about the book *Onward* by Elena Aguilar. The presentation provided information for all on how to cultivate emotional resilience while teaching.



## Book Club Events

### September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Thinking Critically

*Talk to Me* by Kim Beardon

A powerful guide for improving communication and building better relationships. At some point in your life, you’ve probably struggled with words. This book is here to help you find the correct words that inspire, encourage, and move people to action.

### October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Caring for Humanity

*Children Under Fire: An American Crisis* by John Woodrow Cox

John Woodrow Cox investigates the effectiveness of gun safety reforms as well as efforts to manage children’s trauma in the wake of neighborhood shootings and campus massacres, from Columbine to Marjory Stoneman Douglas. Cox addresses how we can affect change.

### November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 – Learning Throughout a Lifetime

*How Children Succeed: Grit, Curiosity, and the Hidden Power of Character* by Paul Tough

This book introduces us to researchers and educators who are using the tools of science to peel back the mysteries of character. Through their stories—and the stories of the children they are trying to help—Tough reveals how this new knowledge can transform young people’s lives.