



Institute for Education & Liberal Arts Studies

Fall Newsletter

The Madison St. News: Adrian College, 2025

A Message from Dr. Kyle Griffith:

Director of the Institute for Education

Each new school year brings with it great anticipation as we look forward to the incredible accomplishments Adrian College students will continue to achieve. This Fall, we are once again blessed with the responsibility and privilege of sustaining the lasting impact we have made on students who began their educational journey with us, as well as those who have transferred from neighboring programs to pursue their calling to become teachers. The Adrian College faculty team has embraced this opportunity to broaden their reach and invest deeply in ALL who have chosen the most noble profession of TEACHING.

This year will also be marked by intentional reflection on how we best support our students. The accreditation process has provided our teacher education faculty with valuable opportunities to review, reflect, and strengthen our commitment to continuous improvement. Layers of evidence have been gathered and analyzed to ensure student success. In November, we will receive feedback from the accreditation team composed of educators from across the nation, followed by a site visit in April.

As part of this preparation, the Adrian College faculty has revisited the many victories we have accomplished together. We have much to celebrate this Fall: Dr. Vanessa Morrison, our department chair for Teacher Education, was inducted into the Professor Hall of Fame during convocation with the highest honor bestowed upon our faculty. We also look forward to celebrating our students at the Level 2 Pinning Ceremony and the ringing of the MTTC Victory Bell!

We are proud of our work, but most of all, we are proud of alumni that are now teaching and current STUDENTS as they aspire to teach.

"Students are WHY we exist!"

-Dr. Kyle Griffith



BACK
TO
SCHOOL

Congratulations Dr. Morrison

AC T ED: PROUD HOME OF 2025 PROFESSOR HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE, DR. VANESSA MORRISON!

Congratulations to Dr. Vanessa Morrison as she was inducted into the Adrian College Professor Hall of Fame. As noted in the convocation presentation, this is "the most prestigious honor" a professor can receive. Dr. Morrison has represented the teacher education faculty team as an author, and speaker on innovative educational practices.

Educators across the country and beyond have benefited from her presentations and published scholarly efforts. Throughout her years at Adrian College, Dr. Morrison has served students in many roles including the lead for clinical experiences, department chair, and education graduate studies lead. Following convocation,

Hall of Fame inductee Dr. Morrison met with students to share a message with the focus on being a "good person. In the end that is what really matters."

CONGRATULATIONS!





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Level 2 PINNING CEREMONY

On October 8th, the teacher education department will be celebrating a significant stage for students as they commit to completing the requirements needed to become a teacher. Students attending will have met the “level two” expectations by meeting the standards set by MDE and CAEP (accreditation) with a solid cumulative GPA, disposition scores, and a successful level two interview with teacher education faculty team members.



VICTORY BELLS ARE RINGING:

The MTTC Victory Bell will be heard across the campus November 5th as we celebrate all students that have passed each required portion of the MTTC test in order to be certified and employable as a teacher in Michigan. The passing of the MTTC test has become a rich tradition on campus as families have traveled from across the country to witness the event and celebrate with students as they near becoming a proud member of the teaching profession.



ACAEM Update:

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

“Our chapter is growing, and we hope to have more members join in the future. We have tons of plans this semester, including our annual trip to Carpenter Farms, volunteering at the Boys and Girls Club of Lenawee, and plenty of other social events in the near future. We are also working on new ACAEM and ACTED t-shirts for the members. This semester, our goals are to grow as an organization and connect or give back to our community.”

-Pres. Caleigh Kosarwe





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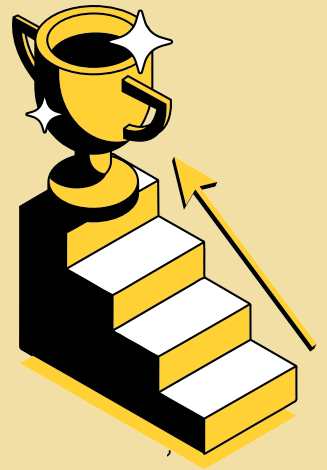
Over 1,000 students from Lenawee, Jackson, Hillsdale, and Washtenaw county made the visit to MIS to partake in STEM activities led by Adrian College students. Professors Gilbert, Schindel, and Griffith worked with a talented group of Adrian College students to create engaging activities including an interactive trail walk, in depth microscope investigation, use of scientific ingredients to create the ever popular slime, the creation of egg drop gravity defying packages, and a lap on the track that led to in depth hands on physics instruction. We are proud of continuing a great tradition in giving back to regional educators and the students we all serve.

PROFESSORS DRIVE MDE AND TALENT TOGETHER INITIATIVES:

Professors Schindel, Buzby, Steele, Swanson, and Gilbert continued efforts over the summer to support opportunities for our students to have continued success. Professor Schindel had the opportunity to partake in the remodeling of the social studies MTTC test. By playing a role in this process, many insights to support our students in passing the MTTC were gathered.

Professor Buzby completed the state mandated dyslexia requirements for the teacher education program which will assure that all courses embed activities around the impact dyslexia has in the learning process. Professor Steele completed the MDE application for renewal of the Adrian College pe/health program to assure our students continue to have the opportunity to be certified pe/health teachers.

Finally, Professors Swanson and Gilbert continued to navigate the Talent Together initiative that supports aspiring teachers from across the state of Michigan as they pursue state certification. We are fortunate to have a dedicated team that is laser focussed on the success of our STUDENTS!



REMEMBER!

“Work hard. be kind. and amazing things will happen.”

-CONAN O'BRIEN