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A Message from Dr. Kyle Griffith:

Director of the Institute for Education

Quality partnerships play an important role in the development of our students, and this semester has been filled with opportunities to connect our students with valuable experiences outside the college classroom. The Adrian College teacher education faculty team consistently goes above and beyond to build relationships that will endure for the sake of our students. As the teacher education program continues on the accreditation journey, the alignment of these opportunities to areas in which we strive to make continuous improvement will provide quality evidence of our commitment to being the best we can for our students. Stories in this edition will feature students having the opportunity to experience diverse learning communities, support schools and students with diverse needs, giving back to our partners with on campus and off campus student support, and finally the opportunity for our students to partake in a state technology conference held in Detroit, Michigan. We are fortunate to have support from the advancement team and those that made donations to support aspiring teachers to make these opportunities a reality.

As we wrap up another school year, we will continue to celebrate another outstanding graduating class that is ready to serve students and represent the Adrian College teacher education team to the highest degree. Congratulations AC/TED class of 2025!

-Dr. Kyle Griffith



On Monday, March 10th, Professor Jodi Buzzby and her T ED360 students participated in a "Literacy Night" held at Alexander Elementary. They participated in games with the students, held presentations, and volunteered their time to spread a love for literacy among the young minds at Alexander!











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March is...

READING MONTH!

In March, AC T ED student and local children's author/illustrator Jillian Molnar was given the opportunity to be a "visiting author" for March's Reading Month at Whiteford Elementary, Alexander Elementary, and Onsted Elementary to read both of her books, "The Ghost Goat" and "Mr. Bow's Great Escape." There, she was able to not only share her story and passion for becoming a children's author, her love for writing, reading and illustrating, but also had the chance to chat with the students and answer some questions from the young minds she read to!



















Book Signing by Local Author and AC TED Student:

Jillian Molnar was invited back to Alexander Elementary on Tuesday, April 11th, where she had the privilege of hosting a book signing for the school to enjoy. She would like to extend a huge thank you to Alexander Elementary for purchasing copies of each of her books for every classroom, the library, and the office staff. It is great to see local schools around Adrian College support students pursuing their dreams!





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AC T ED Students Visit Jefferson Junior High in Toledo, OH

On Friday, April 11th, students from Adrian College's Teacher Education program had the enriching opportunity to visit Jefferson Junior High School in Toledo, Ohio, as part of their Multicultural Education class. The purpose of this field experience was to provide future educators with firsthand exposure to the diverse realities within today's classrooms.

Each Adrian College student was thoughtfully paired with a 7th grade student, shadowing them throughout the school day. This immersive experience allowed our students to truly see through the eyes of a middle schooler and gain a deeper understanding of the student experience in a multicultural learning environment.

Throughout the day, Adrian students witnessed the critical importance of a culturally responsive curriculum and the need for educators to be attuned to the varied backgrounds, experiences, and learning styles of all students.

The visit served as a powerful reminder of the role educators play in creating inclusive and supportive classrooms.

We extend our sincere thanks to Principal Alexa Kehres and the entire staff at Jefferson Junior High for graciously welcoming our students and making this meaningful learning experience possible.











MACUL Conference 2025

See how the TED 400-level students made an impact at the 2025 MACUL Conference!

This year's MACUL Conference title was, "Humanizing Learning in the Digital Age." Students of T ED 400, who are in their Student-Teaching semester this Spring, engaged in several presentations and informative sessions regarding engaging presentations, spatial learning with virtual reality, customized Desmos activities, "Funky Forms," STEM activities, student engagement with AI, and much more. Overall, attending the MACUL Conference aided in building off of their prior knowledge to become more experienced educators, better prepared for situations inside the classroom, and encourage them to be lifelong learners throughout their teaching career.





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Several T ED students got to celebrate the passing of their MTTC examinations by ringing the bell with their well-earned "MTTC Mallets." This event marks a crucial time in the emerging teachers' lives, where they become certified in their field and prepare to take on a classroom of their own! On behalf of Adrian College and its Teacher Education Dept., congratulations!







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congrats 2025 graduates!

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"Great things come from three things:

- 1) Commitment,
- 2) Hard work, and
- 3) STRONG FINISHES."

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