

Institute for Education *Jan. newsletter*

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A Message from Dr. Kyle Griffith:

Director of the Institute for Education

"With the start of the new year and new semester, the Institute for Education has many exciting resolutions on its plate. The Teacher Education Department has been working closely with representatives from the CAEP and the Michigan Department of Education as they navigate the accreditation process to assure continued national accreditation. Although this may seem like a daunting task, it has led to many powerful conversations regarding continuously improving as a department for the sake of our STUDENTS. "STUDENTS are the reason we exist," one of the Teacher Education Department mottos, surfaces often as we explore ways to become an even stronger entity for those we serve.

The new year also brings more opportunities to celebrate with our students as they reach the finish line as aspiring teachers. Currently, we have over twenty students completing the final stage as student teachers. We are truly grateful for our local and regional partners in local school districts that open their doors, and/or serve on advisory committees to help build our future teaching workforce. We realize that mentoring and being an advisory member comes with great responsibility and dedication. The final product of an employable, highly effective teacher is truly a celebration that all key stakeholders can relish."

-Dr. Kyle Griffith

2025!



Thanks again to all those that play a role in building our quality STUDENTS into quality TEACHERS!



ACAEM: What's New?

Read below to find out what the ACAEM crew has been up to!!

The AC/TED faculty team is fortunate to have a teacher education student group serving others on the path to meet the needs of aspiring teachers. Senior Kayla Beecherl recently passed the presidential baton off to Caleigh Kosarue to lead new initiatives for ACAEM. AC/TED students have the opportunity to join ACAEM as a paying member that receives benefits through the student affiliation to the Michigan Education Association (MEA). Besides the benefits, ACAEM members participate in service hours, as well create events to honor stakeholders that play a role in their journeys, and take the time to just have some fun!

SAY HELLO TO NEW ACAEM
PRESIDENT, MS. CALEIGH KOSARUE!

"It meant a lot for me to become president, and it has truly been an honor so far. I have been a part of ACAEM since my freshman year, and I knew that this organization was the right fit for me since day one. Becoming president also meant that I could bring more ideas to life and soon hopefully connect more of the ACAEM and TED Department to more of the Lenawee County community."



*Congratulations,
Caleigh!*

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Talent Together:



The first cohort of Talent Together students are getting closer to partaking in their final required internship with mentors in the local districts they serve. Talent Together students are currently employed in a variety of roles in local districts across the State of Michigan. As part of the Talent Together program, candidates that aspire to earn Michigan teacher certification commit to staying in the district that sponsored their efforts to serve as a teacher. This is a unique opportunity funded via legislative funds that is making a difference in the teacher shortage we face in the State of Michigan. We appreciate those AC/TED faculty members and adjuncts that are leading the Talent Together cohort in asynchronous learning, field placements, and MTTC preparation.

**Victory Bells will be...
RINGING!**



As we look forward to the coming of Spring, listen carefully for the sound of the MTTC VICTORY BELL ringing loud and clear across Adrian College. The sixth group of AC/TED students to pass the MTTC is slated to be one of the largest groups since starting the tradition in 2023. If you haven't had the chance to see a Victory Bell event be sure to check one out as families and friends from far and wide join AC/TED MTTC completers to celebrate one of the final steps in becoming a certified teacher ready for employment. Each AC/TED student has the chance to show their gratitude to those that helped them along the way, then strike the bell (located outside Shipman Library) one time for each year they were enrolled at AC. Your ears may keep ringing when the event is over, but your heart will be filled with joy as you witness our STUDENTS celebrate another achievement.



Start the new semester off...

STRONG!



Here are some tips for a successful start to
your Spring 2025 semester!

1

Get ahead early in the semester... don't put work off! Be **PRODUCTIVE!**

3

Make valuable connections in each class and career... new opportunities lie **EVERYWHERE!**

2

Take advantage of all of our wonderful academic resources on campus! Asking for help is better than struggling alone!

4

Don't let setbacks get you down! Obstacles just give you a chance to learn lessons and **GROW!** Stay strong!

Remember...

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

-Nelson Mandela

