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Big Laurel Summer Service Trip

Since 1859, Adrian College and its students have been known for leadership and hard work. Our college prides itself in Caring for humanity and the world through making socially responsible decisions, providing service to local and global communities, and interacting positively with persons of diverse cultures and backgrounds.

This year the Teacher Education Department at Adrian college will be carrying on tradition by sponsoring a Summer Service Trip to the Big Laurel learning center located in Kermit West Virginia from June 4th – 11th.

Students will provide outreach, environmental education, and summer enrichment through games, guidance, and hands-on activities for children in the Appalachian area in grades 2 – 6.

Intertwining with all six ribbons of excellence, this will be a great way for students to give back and experience different situations outside of the classroom.

Our students will see first-hand some of the injustices in this world and the systems in place that make and keep people economically poor. They will also learn about social, emotional and trauma informed care from a practical perspective.

This trip will be a valuable way to help students understand the needs of others and experience more of what happens in our country. It is truly a win-win situation for the College and we are proud to be helping out for a just cause.

Phi Epsilon Kappa

Phi Epsilon Kappa is a professional fraternity on campus designed for those who will be pursuing careers in the fields of, physical education, health, recreation, dance, human performance, exercise science, sports medicine, and sports management. The national chapter was founded April 12, 1913. Here at Adrian College, the Theta Epsilon chapter was established April 24, 2016, by Dr. Debra Berkey who was the past president for the national council, the chapter of Western Michigan University, Epsilon Alpha. This semester the chapter held a field day event for the Special Olympics. It was a big success for the chapter. Next fall Phi Epsilon Kappa hopes to host more events to provide more service opportunities. Kathy Conway has been the faculty sponsor since the chapter was founded in 2016. During a normal school year, Phi Epsilon Kappa would take groups of students to SHAPE Michigan and SHAPE America National and State conferences.

What is Privilege?

The Teacher Education Department held a virtual event February 19, 2021 with Little Minds Big Changes. A duo of two moms, Kayla DeWalt and Ashley Gooding, want to give parents a tool to have a non-sugar coated, honest conversation with their children when they are at a young age. The two created What is Privilege? A book for kids that does a fantastic job of explaining hard topics. The book goes over defunding the police, non-binary, LGBT+, people of color and so much more. The way to learn from this book is more than just its pages. Each topic has a QR code to be scanned to take you to their website, helping explain more in depth tools and information. Kayla’s family is biracial, so a big motivation in this book comes from wanting to spread awareness of privilege and make a world a better place. What is Privilege? Is not intended for bedtime story usage, but as a resource in a personal library to help educate children. It definitely is a good parenting tool as well as a classroom tool.

Thank you to Ashley and Kayla for sharing their book with us here in the TED of Adrian College!



Adrian College Cadet Teacher Recruitment Event

This year, the Adrian College Institute for Education had the pleasure of hosting its first ever Cadet Teacher Recruitment event. The Cadet Teacher Recruitment was a virtual event where many Teacher Education Department staff members as well as Lenawee Intermediate School District High School Seniors and Juniors made an appearance. At the event, staff and admissions counselors spoke to interested students about the benefits of attending the institution.

Event mediator, Professor Jessica Sword, hopes that the students who decide to attend this event “learn more about the amazing Teacher Education program that we have here at Adrian College.” At this event, students meet and engage with professors in the department to answer any questions they may have as well as provide them with information as they start to decide what they will be doing after their high school career.

The Cadet Teacher Recruitment was an event open for students in Lenawee County. However, Sword states that the department hopes to expand this opportunity in the future by allowing more students outside of the county to join in.

Are you interested in getting your own students involved? Would like to provide them with the opportunity to get connected to Adrian College TED staff and faculty? Contact Professor Jessica Sword at jsword@adrian.edu to see what we can do for you! There is currently no set date for our next Cadet Recruitment event, however, we do intend to hold it in person for Fall 2021!

Are you an Adrian College TED student and would like to be a part of promoting our department at an event such as this? Email Professor Sword and find out how you can do so!

Growth Mindset Webinar

On February 3, faculty, students, and staff participated in a virtual webinar to explore the benefits and uses of a growth mindset. Topics included:

- Understanding the basics of neuroscience and its foundation to a growth mindset.
- Identifying mindset and growth mindset behaviors.
- Explaining the benefits of a growth mindset.
- Identifying common misunderstandings.
- Applying a growth mindset lens to our work.

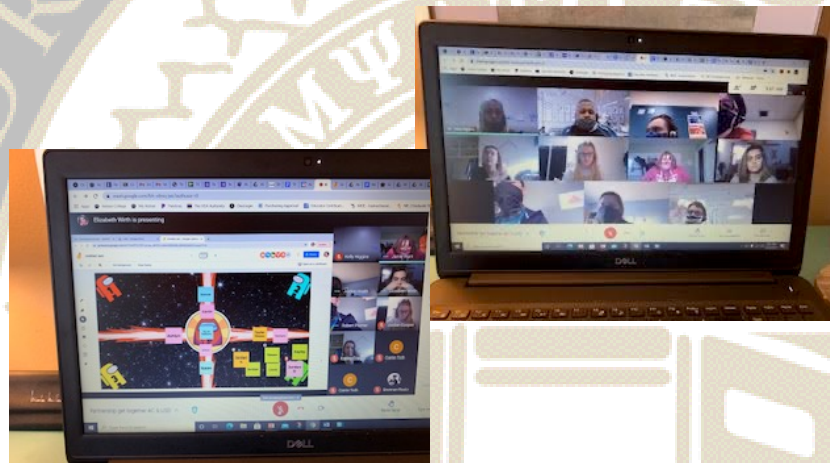


Partnership Even with LISD

Several students from Adrian College’s Teacher Education Program worked with Dr. Dawn Milner to partner with Kelly Higgins and the LISD Special Education Transition Program for students ages 18 - 26. Considering the current state of the pandemic, it has been difficult for the LISD students to get the peer interaction that they need. The AC students, Jordan Cooper, Elizabeth Wirth, and Kayley Craig collaborated to create activities that would be fun and provide an opportunity for interaction between both groups.

The Adrian College students worked hard to get ready for the event, trying to create relevant and engaging activities. After planning and organizing for a few weeks, the two groups got to meet virtually. While on Google Meet, they played a Kahoot where they got to get to know each other better. Questions were written about each student, asking their favorite colors, foods, and more. After that, they played a virtual rendition of four corners that was “Among Us” themed.

The virtual meet-up was a huge success, and everyone had a great time. Students were laughing and showing their competitive sides during the virtual games. The partnership was beneficial to both groups. LISD students were given the opportunity to interact with peers, despite the challenges of COVID-19, and practice some technology skills. Additionally, Adrian College Students got the chance to be creative and work with students with disabilities.



Health Endorsement Program

Adrian College is now offering a Health Education Endorsement course for all secondary educators in Michigan who may need to have this course completed. This course will be offered in May as a summer term, as well as in the Fall and in the Winter.