



# Institute for Education *Nov. newsletter*

## The Madison St. News: Adrian College, 2024

### A Message from Dr. Kyle Griffith:

*Director of the Institute for Education*

"Sometimes it is easy to get locked into a perspective and lose sight of what is going around you. I am truly blessed to have the opportunity in this new role to see the great things going on in the Adrian College Teacher Education Department as a whole. From a two time junior student author, a freshmen musical sensation, students from across the county visiting, combined with hearing from the state of Michigan lead the progress we continue to make for the sake of students; the AC/TED program has much to celebrate!"

*-Dr. Kyle Griffith*



*Let's Celebrate the*

### Annual MTTC Bell Ringing

Let us celebrate the AC Teacher Education students who have passed their MTTC (Michigan Test for Teacher Certification) this week. Throughout their years within the program, they have studied hard, practiced their craft, and have set aside countless hours in preparation for this moment. Adrian College and members in and around its community are extremely proud of them, and cannot wait to see what journey awaits them next! Congratulations- it was well-earned!



*Congratulations*



## Professor & Staff Spotlight:

*Help us welcome the newest team members of the AC Teacher Education Dpt.!*



### Jodi Buzzby

Professor Jodi Buzzby began her tenure in the Teacher Education Department in mid-September. She recently retired from 31 years in public education, serving as a first through third grade teacher, literacy coach, and elementary principal. She is currently teaching TED 204, TED 205, and TED 407. Personally, Professor Buzzby has two daughters, one of whom is a physician assistant and the other of whom is currently a student teacher in a first grade classroom in the Grand Rapids area. She loves to travel, read, and be outside when she is not working. Professor Buzzby is excited to begin her tenure at Adrian College!



### Kloey TenBrink

Kloey TenBrink is the new coordinator of clinical partnerships and certification officer within the Teacher Education department! Ms. TenBrink loves to travel, cook and spend time with her dog, Milo. Ms. TenBrink expressed her excitement in taking over as coordinator of clinical partnerships, saying, "I am so excited to work with you and support you in becoming an amazing educator! If you have any questions about clinical placements or requirements needed to become a certified educator please let me know or stop by my office in Valade 115!" Welcome, Ms. Kloey TenBrink!

*Welcome!*



## “Careers In Education:” Countywide Program Visits AC/TED

Over fifty students from the Lenawee Intermediate School District’s Careers in Education program visited the AC/TED program in October. Students kicked off the day with a talk with Dr. Docking, then engaged in stations that gave them a look into some key areas of the programs. Students got a taste of the clinical process by doing evaluations, writing lessons, reflecting on what makes a great teacher and had some fun competing for golden bone trophies in the “BULLDOG OLYMPIC” games. Games consisted of a “bark off,” a “doggie mess pickup” race, “Dog Bowl Bone Toss,” and a “Dog gone STEM” challenge.

Students worked up an appetite at the “BULLDOG OLYMPIC” games, and satisfied their cravings at the Ritchie Dining Hall with a wide assortment of items to choose from. Following lunch, they toured the beautiful Adrian College campus. Before departing each student received an Adrian College bag of souvenirs from the visit with the highlight being a fashionable bucket hat that they all sported in a team picture.

Adrian College is proud to have a statewide agreement for all Career and Technical Careers in Education (CTE) programs, with the LISD’s program being one of them. This agreement offers (6 credits) to AC/TED for the successful completion of the CTE Careers in Education course. Check out some pictures from the event below!



## Dr. Gina Garner of The Michigan Department of Education Visits AC/TED

As the AC/TED faculty plan and prepare for accreditation, a visit from Dr. Garner, the head of Higher Education programs for the state of Michigan, was much appreciated. Dr. Garner offered many insights from the numerous accreditation visits she has made around the state of Michigan and beyond. The AC/TED faculty gained greater understanding, and a sense of pride as it reflected around the great accomplishments of our students. The visit ended with Dr. Garner joining us for Bruiser’s Birthday party at Ritchie Dining Hall and a group pic with our faculty team, Dr. Garner and the star of the show: BRUISER!





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## *Bourk's* Night of Music!

At a packed CAINE Student Center patio, AC/TED's own Billy Bourk kicked off the "Gone Forever" tour for the AC/TED peers, Baseball teammates, and his family/friends/fans. With only a few weeks under his belt at AC as a freshman, Billy stood tall and proud showcasing a blend of cover songs and his original hits. Cider and donuts went fast, as the crowd swelled and energy grew with each song he sang. The crowd clapped in unison during "Wagon Wheel," and tuned into the final song in which Billy shared an inspiring tale of losing a loved one and the impact it has had on him and his family. Adrian College is blessed to have such talent as what Billy has to offer, and we can not wait to see what the music industry has in store for AC's own Billy Bourk!



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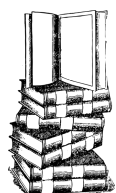
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## Adrian College TED Author Releases Second Children's Book

Less than a year after the release of her first book titled, "The Ghost Goat," AC TED student Jillian Molnar, a junior majoring in Secondary English Education, recently released her second children's book titled, "Mr. Bow's Great Escape." Molnar was able to share her story with the Lenawee Voice, Adrian's own WLEN 103.9, and at the AC 2024 President's Dinner. When asked about how it feels to have two books out in just under two years, Molnar said, "It feels amazing to have the chance to inspire so many young minds and be someone that they can look up to."

She also designed her own book layouts as well as both wrote and illustrated her books. While she has ideas brewing for a third book, Molnar plans on taking a short break to ensure she keeps her grades up as well as has time to spend with her parents and younger sister, Claire, who also attends Adrian College and is a sophomore majoring in Elementary Education.

"My main goal in life is to inspire students," Molnar said, in regards to both her teaching and writing career. "I want to help students uncover what sparks their creativity and passion, and understand that every one of them is valuable and hold a key component of making the world a better place."





## S'Mores Night

### AC TED S'More Night 2024

A long standing tradition continued on strong as students and faculty gathered for the annual fall s'mores by the firepit outside the CAINE Student Center event. As always, it is a great opportunity to meet students and faculty that they may have met yet, and of course devour a perfectly-created s'more. Check out some pictures of the event below!



*Remember:*

LAUGH S'MORE,  
WORRY LESS!



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