

INSTITUTE FOR EDUCATION

Newsletter



Aspiring Educators of Michigan

A new club has started in the Teacher Education Department called Aspiring Educators of Michigan. The club, facilitated by Jessica Patterson, Professor in Teacher Education, will provide future educators with opportunities to volunteer in the community, collaborate with other future teachers, as well as advance knowledge within the field of Education. The club is open to anyone who is a part of the Adrian Teacher Education program and meets the professional disposition requirements. Club President, Jordan Cooper, Junior, hopes that this club will allow students to get more involved on campus and more specifically in their program. "This will provide AC TED students the opportunity to get to know other students with differing content focuses and grade levels," Cooper says. The hope for the future is that the group will continue to grow and that everyone in the Teacher Education Department will want to be a part of this local chapter of the Aspiring Educators of Michigan.

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TED 101's Bulletin Board

With a new year, the bulletin board has been changed as well. This year, the TED 101 students, taught by Jessica Patterson, Professor in Teacher Education, chose the theme "Every Piece Matters". This is demonstrated as sections of puzzle pieces that come together to form the Teacher Education Department. Students were divided into eight different groups to create the board and allowed them to get to know each other and more about the program.

"The biggest thing I took away from the project is that the title couldn't be more true," says Evan Simonis, first year student in the TED 101 class. "If one piece isn't doing their part it makes the other pieces struggle a little more or makes their job harder." The project is displayed on the first floor in Valade Hall right near the Teacher Education department.



February Book Club

Crossing Boundaries

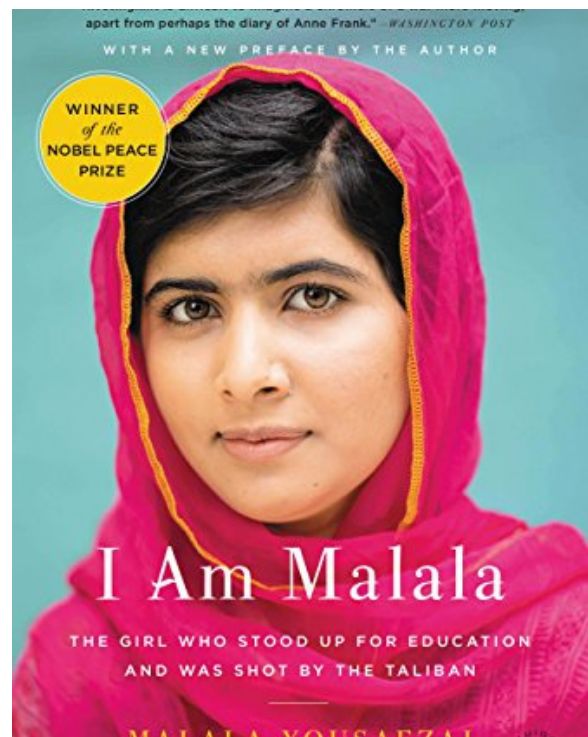
I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai

This is a remarkable tale of a family uprooted by global terrorism, of the fight for girls' education, of a father who, himself a school owner, championed and encouraged his daughter to write an attend school, and of brave parents who have a fierce love for their daughter in a society that prizes sons

Adding Pre-K

A new addition has been added to the program! Introducing a pre-k area for children to learn. Looking to serve children from ages 2.5 - 5 years old, there is much to prepare. Selina Doan, Director/Lead Teacher of the Baby Bulldog Center, is in charge of this new addition and has spent many months making sure everything has been prepared and ready for this opening.

Due to this new addition, families will be given the opportunity to keep their child enrolled in the same program from infancy to the time the child is ready to begin kindergarten. Teacher Education students will also be able to work with the children, and this is especially helpful for the students looking to go into Early Childhood Development. This allows an on-campus experience for students to complete field hours.



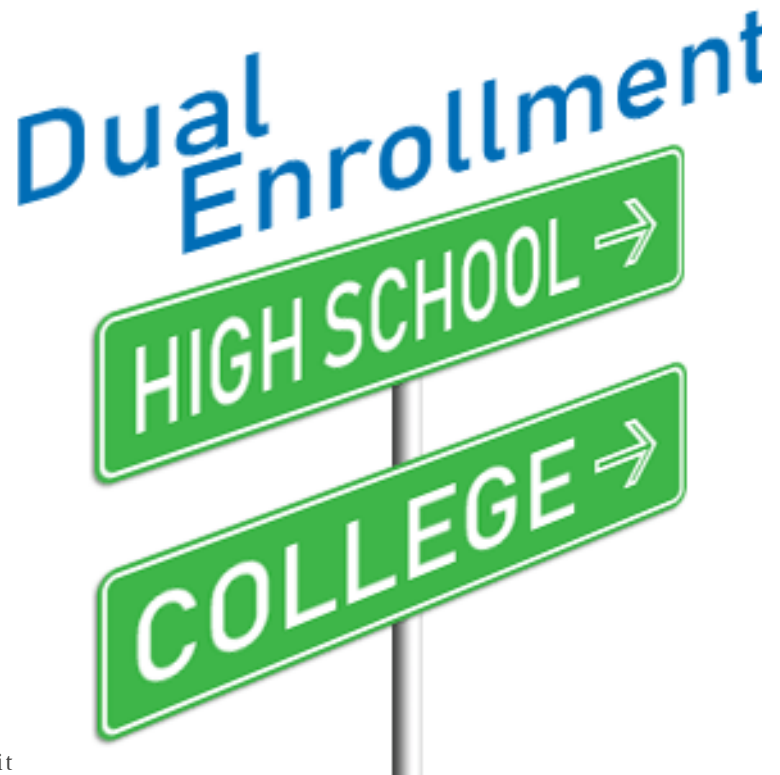
Dual Enrollment

Adrian College has the ability to allow high school students the chance to earn college credit and take coursework that will count towards an education degree should they decide to come to Adrian College. Thanks to this wonderful opportunity, it allows students to get a feel for what college classes are like and what it's like to be on campus. For future TED students, this can be a big help as well. Future TED students can get credit up to 9 hours (taking 3 courses potentially) and earn a certificate called "Future Educators Exploration" which can help out in the future and look great on resumes.

Michele Stansley, Chair of Teacher Education, Coordinator of Associate Teaching, Professor, says "We are excited to work with Lenawee Now to be able to set up and offer this certificate program. We think it will really be meaningful to future teachers. We hope that many students will consider this a great opportunity and take advantage of what we are able to offer here at Adrian College." If students have questions, they can reach out to Dr. Stansley at mstansley@adrian.edu or Dr. Milner (dmilner@adrian.edu)

Associate Teachers Accept Jobs for January

Some Associate Teachers have been offered jobs and start this month at their new places. Some Associate teachers offered jobs were Alexa Clark, who was hired at Morenci Elementary as an elementary special education teacher, Jacob Emery was hired full time at Dearborn Schools. Erika MacDonald is working at Madison Schools as a long term substitute, Ashley Talpas is at Sheffield-Sheffield Lake City School District at Brookside high School, and Hannah Monroe is at South Maple Elementary: Gaylord Schools as a kindergarten teacher.



Re-Opening the ECC

The new ECC is officially finished and ready for it's grand re-opening! The furniture has completely come in and it is ready to go for TED students to use and collaborate with other students.

