



## INSTITUTE FOR EDUCATION *NEWSLETTER*

### NEW FACULTY INTRODUCTION:

Meet Dr. Kyle Griffith. Dr. Griffith grew up in the city of Adrian and was the first in his family to attend college. He started his post-secondary education at Sienna Heights obtaining a Bachelor of Arts focusing on Social Studies & English, then a Masters of Arts for Secondary Education. He also has obtained a Masters of Science in Intercollegiate Athletic Administration from Cal U of PA, and a Ed.D. in Educational Leadership at North Central University! He has been a teacher, principal, assistant superintendent and superintendent in Lenawee County for 32 years. He is a father of 24 year old triplets and a 19 year old. He and his wife have been married for 30 years now. Dr. Griffith received the honor of Alumni of the Year in 2017 at Sienna Heights University. He has also worked with the mayor of Adrian, Italian government officials and Italian artists to locate over 100 Italians that perished in the 1901 Wreck of the Wabash. They had been placed in unmarked graves and had not had a formal service for their families. After 115 years Adrian and Italy came together to honor those lost. Please join us in welcoming Dr. Griffith to the Adrian College Teacher Education Department!



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## RON CLARK ACADEMY

Professor Jessica Patterson took a group of students to the Ron Clark Academy in May 2022. Ron Clark Academy is a life-changing experience for teachers. Being at this school gives them an up close and personal view of how teaching can come alive for students. It

shows teachers and future teachers that learning can be fun. Ron Clark thinks outside the box; learning from him is truly a magical experience. One of the students that attended said, "It is like Disney World for teachers"



## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Shay Stroven completed a Regional Educational Media Center Association of Michigan course as a requirement for TED-408 course, "Tech-up your K-5 content" where she learned about the MI Tech Kids website. The Mi Tech Kids website features task cards for educators which are lesson plans that focus on implementing technology in the classroom. Shay and the other educators in the course were given the opportunity to create their own task cards, which could be featured on the website if they were approved. Her Card was later approved and is now featured on the site under fifth grade science. Shay's task card focuses on the exploration of scientific concepts related to climate! Way to go Shay!

### NOVEMBER BOOK CLUB

Promises & Possibilities: Dismantling the School to Prison Pipeline by Kelisa Wing. Meeting is from 12:00 - 12:45 pm in Valade 107 on November 10th. A few copies of the book are available in Valade 107 FCFS.

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## YOUR STUDENTS, MY STUDENTS, OUR STUDENTS

Lee Ann Jung will be sharing information about Universal Design for Learning and highly-effective classroom strategies for inclusion! Join us virtually Tuesday, November 15th, 2022 from 4:30-6:00 PM!

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### NEW READING SPECIALIST ENDORSEMENT OFFERED

This is a fully online program that prepares candidates who already hold teaching certificates in Michigan, to earn an additional K-12 endorsement. This endorsement provides teachers with specialized literacy knowledge and skills that go beyond that of initial teacher preparation. Candidates will take coursework to strengthen their understanding of literacy content and curriculum; instruction and assessment; and how to organize and implement school and district reading programs and essential leadership, coaching, and core teaching practices. Students must successfully complete all coursework and take and pass the MTTC (092) Reading Specialist Test in order to be eligible to add this endorsement to their MI teaching license.

### BIG LAUREL LEARNING CENTER

Adrian College's Teacher Education Program once again went to Big Laurel Learning Center. This past summer, Dr. Dawn Milner, Professor, Director of Institute for Education, and six students traveled to the center. This experience not only allows the students to earn clinical hours, but provides outreach, environmental education, and summer enrichment through games, guidance, and hands-on activities for young people in Appalachia in grades 2-6. Student Kayla Beecherl said, "For me Big Laurel allowed me to step out of my comfort zone and gain experience in education that would have never been gained elsewhere. Big Laurel was a great way for me to get a taste of lesson planning and teaching as well as form connections with my classmates and Big Laurel campers." We are so happy with how this past summer's experience went and can't wait to go again next year!



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## FUN IN THE EDUCATIONAL CURRICULUM CENTER

Students and Faculty recently enjoyed "Cookies & Conversations" on September 8th, and S'mores on the Terrace on September 28th! During this students and faculty had a chance to get to know each other better while easing into the new semester!



## "COLLEGE TO CLASSROOM" EVENT

On October 14th Associate Teachers heard about the importance of networking and how they can get help on campus with their job search, learned about important financial decisions they'll make as teachers, and had the chance to participate in mock interviews with school administrators from Addison Schools, Blissfield Schools, Tecumseh Schools, and Dundee Schools.

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