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Education Majors Learn Life Lessons



BC education majors recently participated in a teaching practicum in area schools. Pictured are (Front row-from l. to r.) Barbara Stephens, TEST Club advisor, Jenna Powell, Amanda Shephard. (Back row-from l. to r.) China Bagging, Chrissy Lowe, Roderick Moore. Not pictured are Crystal Allen and Sandreka Alford.

Education majors at Bainbridge College received real world learning when they taught in area schools for their TEST Club teaching practicum.

The TEST (Teacher Education Service & Training) Club introduces teacher education majors to the decision making process for education and the inner workings of classroom education and promotes a better understanding among BC's education majors concerning the choices to consider prior to admission to a four-year college.

Decide on career early

"This program gives BC education majors an opportunity to step out of everyday life and into the classroom," noted Crystal Allen. "Most people who decide to go into the teaching profession have never had 'in-school experience.' This program gives them an opportunity to see if teaching is really what they want to do in life."

Classroom experience helped Chrissy Lowe make an important career decision. "This program helped me decide my specialty. I originally wanted to teach physical education but, after working with the students, I now want to teach science."

Amanda Shephard knew she wanted to be a teacher all her life, but even her classroom experience helped determine her area of specialization. "After teaching students how to perform an experiment on

acceleration and seeing how much they got out of it, I've change my specialty from English to math and science."

Still others reinforced their desire to teach. "My experience gave me the drive to pursue this field and be a role model for African-American children," said Roderick Moore.

Experience pays off

Jenna Powell saw benefits from her participation. "You won't know how you'll react until you're in the classroom and putting what you've learned into practice."

"All of the teachers I observed allowed me the opportunity to interact with the students in the classroom," Allen said. "I read the book 'Stella Luna' to a first grade class, taught a math lesson to a kindergarten class, and helped organize a game teaching students how to use money at a store."

Important field

Moore feels that the decision to pursue a teaching career shouldn't be taken lightly. "It's one thing to learn about teaching in the classroom, but it's completely different when you're standing in front of a classroom of twenty little children expecting you to teach them something. You have little children depending on you to give them direction and knowledge in life."

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Alcohol Awareness Day Set for Sept. 4

According to the Core Institute, an organization that surveys college drinking practices, 300,000 of today's college students will eventually die of alcohol-related causes such as drunk driving accidents, cirrhosis of the liver, various cancers, and heart disease.

The tragic statistics have prompted the Office of Student Affairs at Bainbridge College to sponsor an Alcohol Awareness Program for students and the community on Thursday, September 4 from 12:30-3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. in the Student Center. Admission is free and open to the public.

Educational materials will be on display and available for visitors. Speakers from the Georgia State Patrol and participating student organizations will address the students about alcohol abuse, drinking and driving and what people can do to prevent these problems from happening. Refreshments will be served at 12:30 and 5 p.m. and musical entertainment will begin at 6 p.m..

"Although we're a dry campus, we feel it's important to educate our students about

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NEWS FLASH

WIA Case Manager Berley Hadley and Assistant Registrar Horace Taylor attended the MAP/MRO (Minority Affairs Program/Minority Recruitment Officers) Conference at the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta. Student representatives attending were Trina Escobar, Tonya Hughes, Demetrius Sheffield, and Krista Thompson. Participants were given an opportunity to look at programs offered in the health sciences. The keynote speaker Dr. Therman Evans of Therman Evans Enterprises addressed minority health care issues.

2003-2004 BC Faculty



Row 1 (from l. to r.): Nita Widener, Dr. Margaret Smith, Peter Lee, Mary Grimes, Ray Norton, Megan Campbell, Tatyana Pashnyak, Lori Hancock, Dr. Roger Ivey. **Row 2 (from l. to r.):** Tom Frieling, David Sellers, Dr. Carol Adams, Donnie Fordham, Dr. David Byrd, Jerry McNease, Dr. Stan Webb, Nancy Kin, Shirley Beck, Dr. Clifford Brock. **Row 3 (from l. to r.):** Dr. Lugenia Dixon, Doris Carmichael, Hope Toole, Jenna Miley, Barbara Stephens, Joe Miller, Connie Snyder, Dr. Eldon Eckard, Dr. Carol Sinclair, Shelia Ramer, Patti Lord, Dr. Jennifer Hobgood, Michael Kirkland. **Row 4 (from l. to r.):** Greg Loyd, Carlise Womack, Cynthia Davis, Scott Lord, Dr. John Vanzo, Dr. Bob Dubay, Don Huskey, Dr. Rob Gingras, Martha Mitchell, Ben White, Dr. Karen Hill, Wynton Hall, Barry Reynolds, Dr. Bill Snyder, Ann Brannen.

Lessons continued

"A lot of people think that all you're doing is playing with the kids, especially in the early grades," Powell said. "People don't see the prep time that goes into preparing a lesson plan, grading papers, and getting organized outside of the classroom."

Although they feel teaching is not an "easy field," they recommend it to those who can make a difference.

"I think more men need to get into the teaching profession," Moore noted. "In some of the classes I worked with, most of the children had few male role models in their lives. Men don't realize the influence they can have on a child's perspective and life."

"This program taught me that teaching is more than a career," said Sandreka Alford. "It is a job of patience, love, understanding and discipline. I grew to learn that a teacher isn't just a person, but a role model in a child's life."

Did you know that BC offers classes on the Web, during lunchtime and the weekend, and in Blakely, Cairo, Colquitt and Donalsonville?

Ski Trip Planned for January

A ski excursion to Gatlinburg, Tennessee will start off the new year for the Student Government Association sponsored event schedule.

From January 29 - February 1, students will enjoy a round trip chartered bus, ski and ice skating packages, a tram and two nights lodging.

Registration is \$95 for students and \$140 for non-students and is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Sign up is available in the Student Affairs Office and payment should be made to the Business Office. Space is limited so interested students should sign up as soon as possible to avoid inconvenience.

For more information, please contact Student Activities Director Leigh Jones at 229-248-2508, e-mail her at ljones@bainbridge.edu, or visit the Student Affairs Office in the Student Center.

UPCOMING CAMPUS EVENTS

Sept. 1	College Closed
Sept. 4	Alcohol Awareness Day 12:30-3 p.m., 5-7 p.m. - SC
Sept. 16	Midterm - A
Oct. 8	Last Day of Classes - A
Oct. 9	Final Exams - A Registration - B
Oct. 10	First Day of Class - B
Oct. 13	Midterm - Regular
Oct. 31	Midterm - B
Nov. 26-30	College Closed
Dec. 6, 8, 9	Final Exams - Regular, B
Dec. 22 - Jan. 2	College Offices Closed

Alcohol Abuse continued

the dangers of alcohol abuse," said Student Activities Director Leigh Jones.

Among the statistics cited by the Core Institute:

- Drinking and driving has been reported by 60% of college men and 50% of college women who are binge drinkers.
- 75% of male students and 55% of female students involved in acquaintance rape had been drinking at the time.
- Between 75% and 90% of all violence on campuses is alcohol related.
- Alcohol is a factor in 66% of student suicides and 60% of all sexually-transmitted diseases.
- 159,000 of today's first year college students will drop out of school next year for alcohol related reasons.
- Almost one-third of college students admit to having missed at least one class because of their alcohol use.
- Nearly one-quarter of students report bombing a test or project because of the after-effects of drinking.

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