

Happenings In Education

A WORD FROM THE CHAIR. . .

If you begin at 1920, when Messiah College (then called Messiah Bible School and Missionary Training Home) first began to offer college-level courses, this year marks the school's 95th commencement event. If you begin in 1981, this year marks my 35th!

Calendars don't lie, and in just a few days, our seniors will be leaving us for the world of employment. I wish you well in your job searching and will continue to remember each of you in prayer.

This has been a terrific spring semester in the Department of Education. As you can see from the newsletter there were many exciting happenings. To help wind down the year, I thought I would conclude my portion of the newsletter with some of my favorite "teacher" quotes:

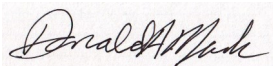
***"The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires."* — William A. Ward**

***"A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his/her influence stops."* — Henry Adams**

***"One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our human feelings. The curriculum is so much necessary raw material, but warmth is the vital element for the growing plant and for the soul of the child."* — Carl Jung**

***"It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge."* — Albert Einstein**

Have a restful summer,



Department of Education, Chair



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Sabbatical → *Mfum-Mensah Style*



I am really enjoying my Sabbatical—staying away from the office and doing other stuff, including a trip to Zambia. The pictures shown here are from that trip. Dean Caroline Maurer traveled with me to Zambia, where the Department of Education is currently working with Evangelical University to develop a program for the institution’s proposed School of Education. The highlight of our trip included visits to public and private school classrooms, government education offices, six schools of education, and about five universities where we had conversations with faculty members and administrators.

We also had the rare opportunity to visit the first special education program in Zambia, the Da Gama School for Special Education that is operated by the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Assisi of the Roman Catholic Church. Similarly we visited the Mindola Ecumenical Foundation in Kitwe—an international institute that approaches peace and reconciliation from diverse and multicultural perspectives.



Three days after we returned from Zambia, I left for Ghana for a three-week trip, where I visited four teachers colleges and interviewed teachers to better understand teacher development and mentoring in distance learning approaches.



I also was in Vancouver, British Columbia, for a week to attend the 60th Annual Conference of the Comparative and International Education Society. I am currently working on a book project, but I will also be using my summertime to attend a conference in Bulgaria if possible.

Hope all is well, and God bless.

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What's Dr. Gaither Been up to?

Professor Milton Gaither was on sabbatical during the fall semester of 2016. He spent the time working on two projects. He updated his 2008 book *Homeschool: An American History* for a 2016 second edition, and he edited a collection of 21 scholarly essays that together constitute the *Handbook of Home Education Research*, also to be published in 2016.

PAPER TIGERS

One high school's unlikely success story.

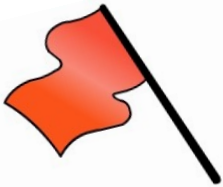
On February 17, 2016, the Teacher Education Program (TEP) partnered with Messiah College Education Association (MCEA) for a showing of *Paper Tigers*. This documentary film showcased how one school helped students overcome “Adverse Childhood Experiences” (ACE) which often precipitate a downward spiral. The showing of this thought-provoking film benefited many Messiah College students who are serving or will serve in schools or other setting with similar concerns. However, students were not the only ones who profited. Along with the approximately 60 Messiah College students and faculty from various departments, there were community members and local church leaders in attendance. Following the viewing of *Paper Tigers*, moderators facilitated a discussion to debrief emotions brought to the surface by this powerful film. Additionally, and perhaps most significantly, the participants brainstormed innovative ways our community can support young, vulnerable students to achieve their full potential. This event was a hallmark of how art and media can foster awareness and inspire joint efforts to improve children's lives.



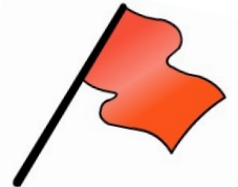


Class of 2016 Farewell and Commissioning

The Department of Education marked its annual Commissioning Service on Wednesday May 4, 2016, in a service to honor graduating seniors. This is the first year that both the Department of Education students and the Teacher Education Program students were recognized and pinned. Alumnus Dr. Jason Beals, class of '98, offered words of encouragement to our graduates, and we enjoyed the musical talents of the Downey Chorus from Downey Elementary School, directed by Michael Kohler. We welcomed graduates, their families, and alumni to this evening of worship, fellowship, and reminiscing. It was a memorable occasion, and we are grateful to all who helped make it so special.

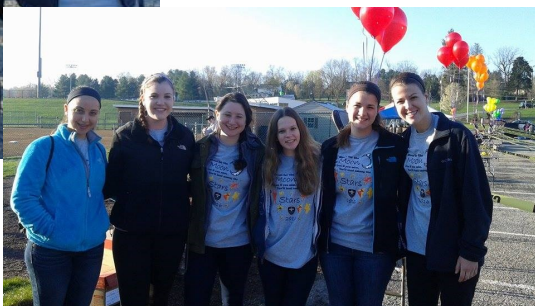


SPECIAL OLYMPICS



Special Olympics will forever be my favorite day of the year because God reveals glimpses of heaven. I am always amazed by the massive amounts of people that come together to support these talented athletes.

~ Jennifer Sayre

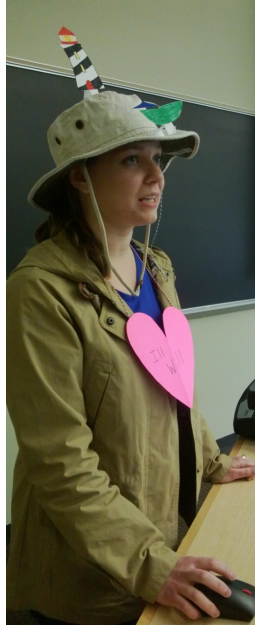


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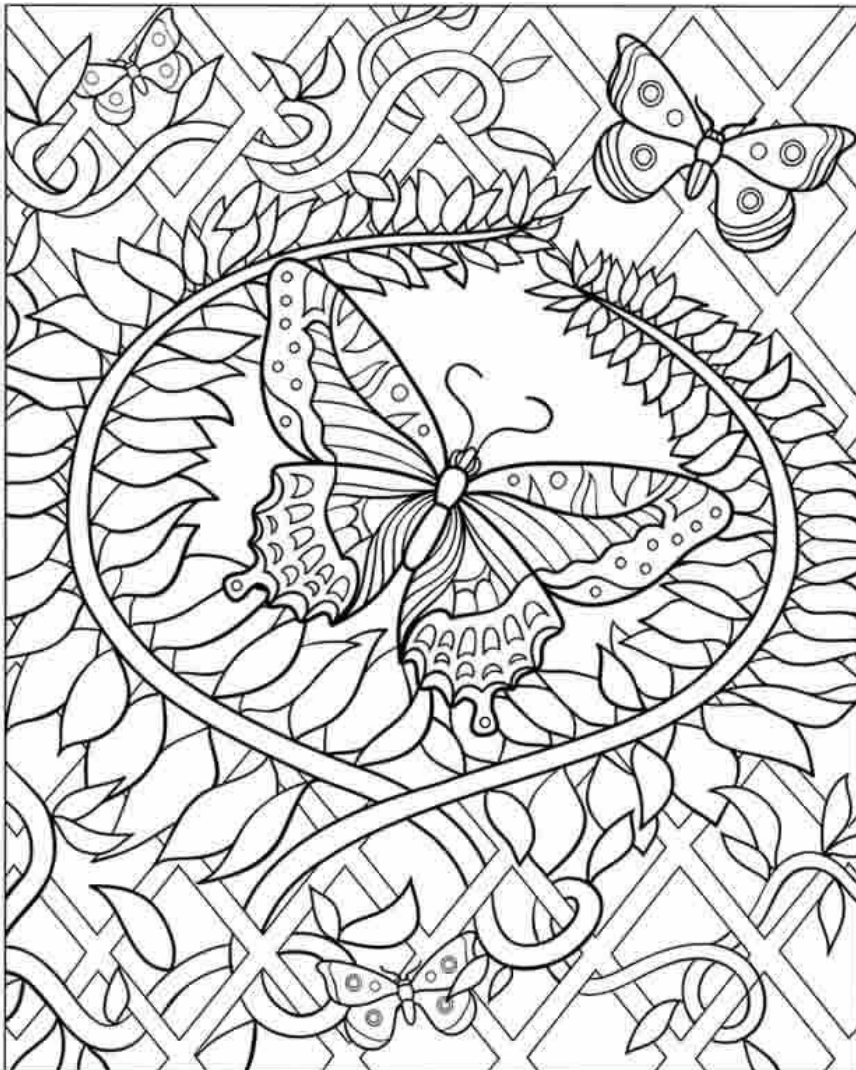
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Inspired by our own Dr. Fischer, who dressed up as a secret vocabulary word, take a bit of time to enjoy finding some words for spring and summer!

Or relax your worried brain with coloring . . .



The Year in Pictures



