

Happenings In Education

A WORD FROM THE CHAIR. . .

Happy May! I decided to share some quotes dealing with graduation. I hope you find them meaningful and helpful.

“If you could only sense how important you are to the lives of those you meet; how important you can be to the people you may never even dream of. There is something of yourself that you leave at every meeting with another person.”

-Fred Rogers

“Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.”

-John Dewey

“To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream, not only plan, but also believe.”

-Anatole France

“There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind.”

-C.S. Lewis

“Now that you’ve graduated, just remember: Bosses don’t usually accept notes from your mother.”

-Melanie White

“Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined.”

-Henry David Thoreau

“You don’t go to university so you can punch a clock. You go to university so you can be in a position to make a difference.”

-Janet Napolitano

“The only way of finding the limits of the possible is by going beyond them into the impossible.”

-Arthur C. Clarke

“So many of our dreams first seem impossible, then they seem improbable, and then, when we summon the will, they soon become inevitable.”

-Christopher Reeve

“Don’t judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant.”

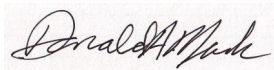
-Robert Louis Stevenson

“The horizon leans forward, offering you space to place new steps of change.”

-Maya Angelou

I wish you all the best in your bright futures ahead.

Blessings to you and your families.



Department of Education, Chair



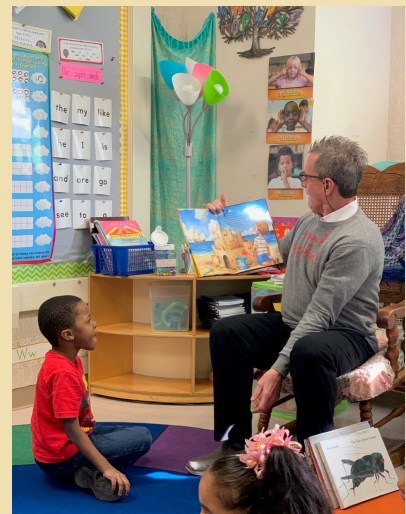
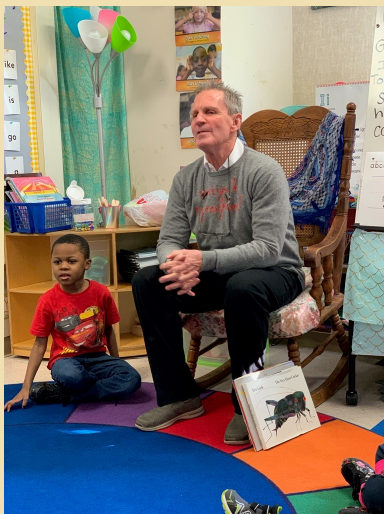
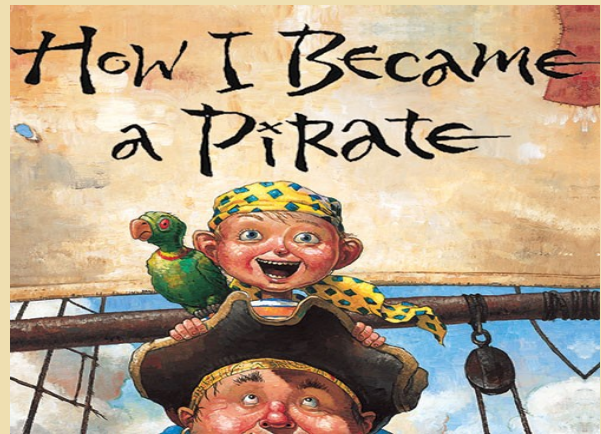
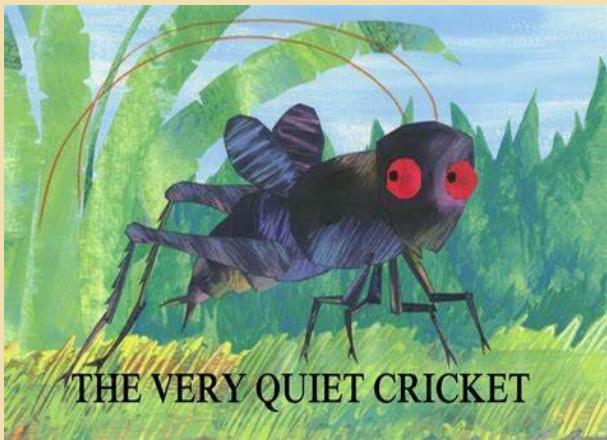
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500 Men Reading Week

Dr. Murk participated in “500 Men Reading Week” by reading to students at Downey Elementary School during the second week of March. He read “The Very Quiet Cricket” and “How I Became a Pirate” to the students.

500 Men Reading Week is a yearly event in Central PA organized by the American Literacy Corporation that is an opportunity for men from the community to encourage literacy and be positive role models for students (<http://www.superreader.org/500-men>).



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T E A M



eSTEAM Saturday was on April 13. The education department partnered with the physics department and the Oakes Museum to focus on movement. Messiah students volunteered as session leaders to teach about animal movement and as group leaders to actively engage with students throughout the day. Migrant education students learned about movement through an animal tracks lesson, live animal observations, and launching paper rockets!

On Wednesday May 1st TESOL/ESL minors presented at their first Undergraduate TESOL Symposium held at Messiah College. Fourteen undergraduates presented for the public on topics such as classroom management, culturally responsive teaching, multicultural literature, math instruction for ELs, understanding the citizenship process, and ways that teachers can lower affective filters, to name just a few.



Alumni Update: Elizabeth Berger

What was your major while at Messiah?

Dual Certification in Early Childhood (PreK-4) and Special Education (N-8) with a minor in TESOL

When did you graduate?

2014

What have you been up to since graduation?

I have been teaching full time in local school districts. My first four years were spent teaching kindergarten in the Northern York School District. This year, I switched to Spring Grove to be closer to home. I am working with 4th graders as an ELA instructor. I received my Master's of Curriculum and Instruction with a concentration in Children's Literature from Penn State University's World Campus. My research focused on the instructional use of trickster tales in literacy and social skills development. I also work part time as the Children's Ministry Coordinator of Messiah United Methodist Church in York. This affords me the opportunity to build relationships and teach in the Christian context, which is very freeing and exciting.

What are your plans for the future?

In May, I will be completing the ASD Endorsement program through Messiah's Graduate Program. In May I will also be beginning a Doctorate of Education in Organizational Change and Leadership through Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

How do you feel Messiah has prepared you?

My time at Messiah allowed me to grow in my faith, confidence, and competence as an educator. I was challenged by caring professors and driven classmates to think critically and persevere despite adversity.

Do you have any advice for current students?

I hope that current students can take the time to network while at Messiah and find a balance between fully enjoying their college experience and working hard to prepare for what comes next.

Favorite memory at Messiah?

My closest friends are my roommates and classmates from Messiah College. We loved playing rec sports and attending the concerts, sporting events, and countless other fun activities that took place on campus.

What did you like about your major/courses?

I appreciated that my courses were relevant and engaging. While four years of college cannot fully prepare you for the first year of teaching, Messiah's undergraduate program enabled me to be as ready as I possibly could to begin work in the dynamic field of education.

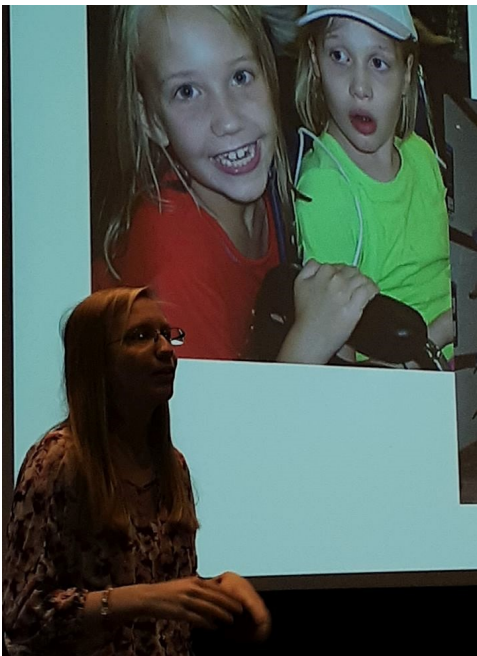
Anna Marie Clark's Honors Presentation



Anna Marie Clark was supervised in this College Honors project by Melinda Burchard, Associate Professor and Coordinator of the Special Education program.



James LaGrand, Director of the Messiah College Honors program with Anna Marie Clark.



Anna Marie shared that her awareness of disabilities began as a child accompanying her parents in service through Joni and Friends International.

Anna Marie Clark is a 2019 Biopsychology Major with minors in Speech and Language Pathology and Disability and Family Wellness. She is President of the Sign Language Club and is active in disability-related service such as volunteer work with Joni and Friends, Uniquely the Same, Special Olympics, and Night to Shine. Anna Marie completed a College Honors project entitled Transition to Employment for People with Disabilities: Closing the Employment Gap. Her research added perspectives of an Occupational Therapist. Upon graduation, Anna Marie has already been accepted into the Doctoral of Occupational Therapy program at University of Pittsburgh.

Claire Marino's Education Department & College Honors Presentation



Claire's topic was "Engaging Inquiring Minds: A Guide for Teaching Elementary Science Through Inquiry." She shared her research about inquiry based learning and created an easy to read guide for elementary and preservice teachers. Claire is shown above with Ariela Vader who supervised her project and Jim LeGrand, Director of the Honors program.

Attention Special Education Certification Graduates!

Now you can **extend your certification** to include grades 7-12 without needing to add a content area certification.

The PA Department of Education has recently changed its guidelines for special education certification in preparation for the return to PreK-12 special education certification coming in 2022. **Messiah College is offering a way for those who have special education certification in PreK-8 to add grades 7-12 by taking two summer 2019 courses and doing a small number of field experience hours.**

What are the benefits of this option?

Extend your special education certification into the high need area of grades 7-12

Discounted tuition: Total cost is \$2645

Convenient- both summer courses are online with field experience done in your choice of settings

Act 48 credits for in-service teachers

Coursework counts toward permanent (Level II) certification for those who have not yet completed their 24 required credits

Schedule and cost for online courses

6/3-7/26- HDFS 311 Adolescent Development (Summer Online) (Cost: \$525/credit, \$1575 total)

7/7-8/17- EDME 537 Transition and Secondary Special Education (Online) (Cost: \$690/credit, \$2070 total)

Discount for summer 2019: \$500 off each course

Total cost: \$2645

To apply:

Students will apply to the Graduate Program in Education as a non-degree student. Contact Sierra Kinslow (skinslow@messiah.edu), Graduate Program Admissions Counselor, to apply.



Fun with ASL



The President of the Sign Language Club, Anna Marie Clark, taught an interactive lesson on American Sign Language to seniors in the Special Education program. Students first learned single signs and phrases commonly used in special education classrooms, especially for children with autism, communication disorders and multiple disabilities. Anna Marie then engaged students in a game to compete with fluency of the ASL signs learned. Anna Marie is a major in Biopsychology with minors in Speech and Language Pathology and Disability and Family Wellness who has also taken special education courses. Some students reported this was their favorite lesson of all four years at Messiah!

- 1) Lindsay Chabak and 2) Olivia Rossi practice the sign for "run".
- 3) Ava Petrosky and Amber Lehman-- Amber signs "sit down" while Ava instead signs "candy" -- HMMM! They might be approaching teaching from different perspectives!
- 4) Rachel Lawrence, Becca Hegman, Bekah Colegrove, Maggie Mancini, and Renee Leib While learning the sign for "clean up", Bekah Colegrove got really into this, looking a bit more like a meme for spending money.
- 5) Maggie Mancini signs "go".
- 6) Anna Marie Clark models "thank you" for the class to practice.

The year in P H O T O S

