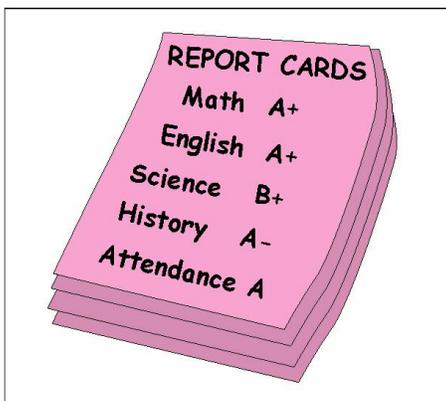




T.E.A.C.H. Monthly News & Updates, January 2017

Grades, Grades, We need your grades!



It is that time again, Fall 2016 semester is over and we have a report due!! Please be sure to submit all Fall (and any previous semesters not in already) grades as soon as possible.

As per T.E.A.C.H. polices, we can not submit charge approvals, renew contracts, or process bonuses without all required paperwork which includes grades.

Good communication helps scholarship recipients make wise decisions!

Joanna Bishop, a T.E.A.C.H. scholarship recipient working toward her Associate Degree in Early Childhood at Delaware Technical & Community College - Terry Campus (Dover) called into T.E.A.C.H. to inquire about the best plan of action for her Spring 2017 semester. She thought she had to take nine credits per semester and was concerned about balancing her work, school and home-life responsibilities. Lynn Jezyk, the T.E.A.C.H. Counselor, told Joanna that she was so glad she called to get the appropriate information and share her concerns. Lynn stated that she hoped that all scholarship recipients would feel comfortable enough to seek out advice and receive accurate information about the scholarship program.



Lynn explained that the nine credit minimum applied to a full year contract not per semester. Scholarship recipients need to take at least nine credits per annual contract year, pass all courses with a C or better and return all required information - grades, forms and payments (if applicable) to be eligible for a T.E.A.C.H. bonus and a bonus or raise from their employer. Lynn and Joanna also discussed how many courses to actually take at one time. Lynn suggested taking it a bit slower in the beginning - maybe one course at a time for the first year or two until Joanna got

used to having schoolwork responsibilities added to her schedule. Joanna thought she might look into an on-line course at DTCC but thinking that only taking one per semester would be best for now. Lynn explained that it would feel more encouraging to take fewer credits and do well verses taking on too much.

Again, having this conversation helped establish a good line of communication between Joanna and T.E.A.C.H. Hopefully she felt more informed and ready to do what she thinks is best for her new school experience.

So, for all scholarship recipients, please feel free to call into T.E.A.C.H. and talk about your concerns and/or to seek accurate information. We are here to help and more than willing to listen and offer advice and resource information. We want you to learn more about the early childhood profession and share your new skills with the children in your care. You do make a tremendous difference in their lives and help set the stage for their future happiness and success in life.



New Facebook Group:

Thanks to scholarship recipient Toni Dickerson, T.E.A.C.H. has created a private Facebook group for scholars only! We hope that this will provide another place for you to chat with other scholarship recipients, get advice, share resources, seek help with classes and network in a variety of ways!

The group is private but is currently open and can be searched for, however, all members must be approved by T.E.A.C.H. and we will only approve current scholarship recipients. The group will be monitored for appropriate content and to offer assistance as needed. If you would like to join [Click here!](#)

In your words....

Here are some quotes from the program evaluations when we asked what T.E.A.C.H. has meant to you personally and professionally...

"It is helping me further my education so I can help the children I care for." FCC Provider, Kent Co

"Makes me feel good to get somewhere in life." Center Teacher, Bear

"The scholarship has been a true saving grace! Without it I would not be able to attend college. Not only does it help me work but also allows me to be a positive role model for my children." Center Teacher, Wilmington

TEACH is asking for release forms in order to use your quotes, if you have not sent yours in yet, please do so asap!



Great Child Development Video

Many of you have (or will take) a child development course that talks about the theorist and various theories surrounding child development. We found this great video that combines what many of love as much as the kids do - Disney movies - and knowledge about Erik Erickson's eight stages of development. Take a minute to watch and enjoy! Share with friends and families to help explain what it is we do!

To watch the Disney Pixar and Erik Erickson video, [click here!](#)

Congrats Fall Graduates!

Wilmington University:

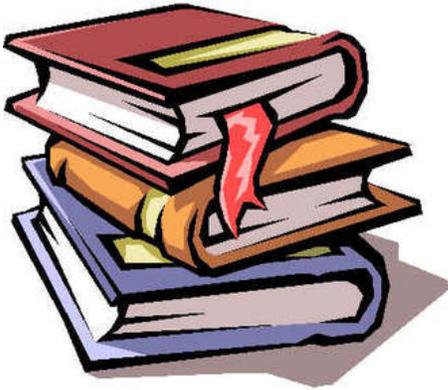
Brittany Wharton
Katira Lawrence
Mariam Banoub
Jacqueline Green
Derricka Lewis

Springfield College:

Megan Burns



If you graduated this fall and we did not list you here, it is because we do not have record of your graduation status so please send it over ASAP so that we can acknowledge your accomplishment and hard work!!



Textbook purchasing options

We know that books can be expensive and that our recipients are early childhood professionals who on average make less than \$10 an hour which can make purchasing textbooks difficult. We hope the information we offer gives you some options to consider and that they are helpful and allow you to find ways to make your textbook purchase more reasonable. If you have any other ideas to share, please contact us. If after trying out our suggestions, you still find it impossible to purchase your textbooks, give T.E.A.C.H. a call or email us. We will want to know what you have tried and

what is preventing you from being able to obtain the textbooks that you need. After evaluating the situation, we can brainstorm together to see if there is anything else that can be done.

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Delaware (T.E.A.C.H.) is no longer purchasing books in advance for scholarship recipients. A decision was recently made to strictly follow the T.E.A.C.H. National (our licensor) model for textbook purchases and reimbursements. The scholarship is set up to reimburse after purchases. This is done to ensure that recipients have a "buy-in" to their education and to help develop a sense of responsibility that includes advance planning (saving up) for future textbook expenses. Once recipients purchase their textbooks, they submit a Form B with receipts copies to T.E.A.C.H. We then process the reimbursement at the end of the semester and send out a check if the balance of their account is in their favor. Our check process takes about 6-8 weeks upon submitting a request as we rely on our state funding each month.

There are other options that we encourage you to look into that can help lower the costs of your textbook purchases. Please have a "buyer beware attitude" and do your best to look into any company that you are purchasing or renting from to make sure they have a good business reputation. T.E.A.C.H. is not endorsing any particular website or company. It is up to you to evaluate whether or not you want to take their advice or purchase/rent their textbooks.

There is a website by Edvisors titled How to Save Money on College Textbooks

[How to Save Money on College Textbooks article can be found here](#)

This website has information on the more popular web sites where you can buy and sell new and used textbooks. It also has resources on places to rent textbooks, looking into buying an ebook version of a textbook and finding free versions of some textbooks.

....for the rest of this article and other suggestions, please visit our website under [Forms for Current Scholars](#)

MLK Day Volunteer Events in Delaware



The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. federal holiday is a

perfect opportunity for Americans to honor Dr. King's legacy through service. The MLK Day of Service empowers individuals, strengthens communities, bridges barriers, creates solutions to social problems, and moves us closer to Dr. King's vision of a beloved community. Explore this site to learn more about MLK Day and how you can participate. To read more from The Corporation for National & Community Service [Click here.](#)

[For a List of Events in Delaware, Click Here](#)



**National Association for the
Education of Young Children**

newsletter just for families? It could be a great resource to share!

NAEYC Families Blog

Did you know that NAEYC has a blog just for families? This month's blog talks about how important it is for children to experience art, specifically the freedom to curious and creative. To read [NAEYC Families Blog, click here.](#) NAEYC also has an entire website and

Sponsor Corner

If your program sponsored a T.E.A.C.H. recipient in 2016, please be sure to complete our evaluation. Your feedback is important to us and is the one way that we can make program improvements! Here is the link to the evaluation - [2016 Sponsor Evaluation](#)



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