



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

### Delaware State University now partnering with T.E.A.C.H.!



We are proud to announce that DSU is now an option for students looking to pursue their Bachelor degree while using T.E.A.C.H. scholarship funds! Scholarship opportunities for new bachelor degree students is limited, applications can be found on our website at [-https://deaeyc.org/resources/](https://deaeyc.org/resources/)

DSU offers a Bachelor of Science Degree in Early Childhood Education (B-2nd grade), more information about their degree program can be found here

[-https://cehpp.desu.edu/departments/education/early-childhood-education-bs](https://cehpp.desu.edu/departments/education/early-childhood-education-bs)

Admission information can be found at: [www.desu.edu/admission](http://www.desu.edu/admission)

Campus Location: Dover  
1200 N.DuPont Highway  
(302) 857-6140

### Please welcome Maria Staman, T.E.A.C.H. Counselor

T.E.A.C.H. is pleased to introduce to you our new counselor, Maria Staman. Maria has officially started and is ready to assist our scholars in achieving their goals!

Maria has a Master's Degree of Education in Curriculum and Instruction for Early Childhood Education and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology. Maria is also a part-time adjunct instructor



with Rasmussen College where she teaches pre-service teachers and those currently in the field of early childhood working to advance their education. She has also taught and volunteered in private and non-profit early education classrooms for over 15 years. Together, these experiences make her a great fit for our program!

Maria can be reached by phone at 764-1500 x104 or by email at [mstaman@daeyc.org](mailto:mstaman@daeyc.org)

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### **Fun Fitness & Literacy...**

Training opportunity for August 17th at Sussex Tech, in Georgetown. This year, there are four options: Advocacy/Portfolios, Rock Solid Friendship, Trauma Informed Care, and ASQ 3-ASQSE2. Please have your staff or anyone who may be interested, fill out the last page, and return to Toni Dickerson, via methods listed on the flyer. The cost of the training is \$10.00, payable via Money Order or Check, and does include a boxed dinner, from Calypso Catering.

Please feel free to share with anyone whom you feel may benefit from the training, slots are filling up quickly, as we are limited in the amount of space that we have reserved. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Toni at 302-222-5854.

Click here for the full brochure and registration information - [ELAT Training](#)

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### **In your words....**

What has the scholarship meant to you personally and professionally?

"I appreciate the opportunity that teach has given me to get my degree because I wouldn't be able to afford it without the teach program. Thank you!" ~ Family Child Care Provider, Bear, DE

"I personally would not have been able to afford to go back to school without TEACH. I am thankful for the program as well as my cooperating and supportive employer." ~Teacher, Wilmington, DE

"Without TEACH I would not have finished my Bachelor's degree so quickly. The TEACH personnel have been supportive and helpful throughout this process." ~ Administrator, Newark, DE



T.E.A.C.H. is getting ready to launch video testimonials. Be on the lookout for an email asking you to participate. These videos will be used on our social media sites as well as YouTube and our website!

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### **Colonial School District Job postings**

Prospective employees and current employees, if applicable, can apply for employment opportunities at <http://applitrack.com/colonial/onlineapp> and submit the requested documentation.

Teacher - Early Childhood - Special Education (Pre-K) - John G. Leach School - Posting#906  
Teacher - Special Education Math - William Penn High

School - POSTING#904

Teacher - Special Education - English Language Arts (ILC) - POSTING #905

Teacher - Physical Education - to be determined (Elementary) - POSTING#902

Teacher - Elementary/Educational Technology/Library Media Specialist - Southern Elementary School - POSTING#903

Teacher - Elementary (teaching 6th Grade Math) - George Read Middle School - POSTING#898

Teacher - ESL (English Language Learners - Bilingual - to be determined - POSTING#900

Teacher - Middle Level Social Studies - George Read Middle School - POSTING#901

School Psychologist - to be determined - POSTING#871

If you elect to apply for the above employment opportunity, you must not only complete an employment application and attach requested documents, but also receive a confirmation message for the Vacancy Desired position. If you have questions pertaining to the District's application process, please contact an HR representative at [jobs@colonial.k12.de.us](mailto:jobs@colonial.k12.de.us) or 302-323-2712.

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## **T.E.A.C.H. National and NAEYC want to hear from you!**

T.E.A.C.H. National recently shared this article- [Rethinking Credential Requirements](#) and has asked for all T.E.A.C.H. programs to identify 2 or 3 recipients who are on the pathway to a BA or who have completed the BA. We would like to help you write your stories...about how the BA can or is making a difference in your practice, in your compensation, in your career pathways and in your lives.

Sue Russell (T.E.A.C.H. National Executive Director) states "The article completely ignores what the BA means for lifelong earnings and for women...and for the children of these women, who now have different educational trajectories. We need the voices of our field to speak about this." T.E.A.C.H. National would like to feature some of these stories in our annual report and on the National Center's website. "Our field needs to own the standards we set for ourselves as we aspire to professionalize and reach a more valued place in our society," states Sue. Many of you have shared your stories with us for this newsletter and we would love to have more stories. If you have already shared, please expand upon your experience so we can share many stories with T.E.A.C.H. National from Delaware. Please touch base with Maria if you are interested.



NAEYC has also joined in keeping with the spirit and goals of the collective Power to the Profession initiative, and couldn't agree more with Sue on how critical it is for early childhood educators to be the primary leaders raising their voices in response to this article - and other articles and arguments like it.

In this case, NAEYC wants to lift up educators who have gotten, want to get, or are on their way to getting degrees, inclusive of Associate's and Bachelor's degrees, and who can tell their own compelling stories about what that process has meant for them, their journeys, their families, and their work with children and families.

To that end, they have developed two sets of short questions they would like to ask educators to help draw their stories out so they can be told most effectively, and shared via opportunities such as blog posts; articles; social media platforms; etc. Below are two forms that you can answer based on if you already have a degree or if you are working towards or want to get a degree.

\* [ONLINE QUESTIONS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS WHO ALREADY HAVE DEGREES](#)

\* [ONLINE QUESTIONS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION WHO ARE WORKING TOWARDS OR WANT TO GET THEIR DEGREES](#)

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**Have you applied for Financial**



## Aid?

Have you applied for financial aid? Did you know that you can apply for aid that does not have to be paid back, such as the PELL grant, that can be used in addition to your TEACH scholarship? Any additional funds that you can obtain offset the amount of tuition charged by your school to T.E.A.C.H., which in turn offsets the amount charged by T.E.A.C.H. to you and your employer! We are encouraging everyone to apply for aid, but strongly discourage anyone from taking student loans as that is what we are here to help you achieve - an education without the debt! In order to

apply for FAFSA, you will need tax information. If you are under 25 and not living with your parents, you may need additional assistance to prove that you are independent from your parents so that you do not need their tax and financial information.

Please note that the PELL grant is only giving for 6 years to each student, so if you are thinking that you want to get your Bachelor's degree, you may want to wait until later in your coursework to apply.

T.E.A.C.H. is encouraging students to apply so that we can offer more scholarship to more students, especially those working on their Bachelor degrees, as we have fewer funds allocated for this level!

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## Sponsor Corner

Have you noticed a new form coming in your new recipient packets? T.E.A.C.H. has begun using a pre-authorization form that now requires scholarship recipients to have a conversation with you, the center director or their supervisor, about what classes they are planning to take in an upcoming semester. This form is to be signed by you and returned to T.E.A.C.H. for approval before the student registers for classes.



This is a multi-purpose form as we hope to have your support with your employees who are taking classes, for you to be involved in helping them think about what classes to take, and to include it as part of their annual professional development planning for OCCL and Stars. This is an opportunity to discuss what release time might look like for the semester and what supports the student may need with those classes.

We then want the form back before they register so that we can counsel them as well and help make decisions prior to registering, hopefully avoiding the need to drop or add classes. The pre-authorization form allows T.E.A.C.H. to also look at the number of credits a recipient is planning to take, if they are over their 18 hours for the contract, we will ask you to sign a separate form stating that you approve them taking more hours. We also need to ensure that we have funding for the additional hours and that the student understands the potential additional costs associated with more credits.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions regarding this new form!

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