



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

Fall Form B Due



Please be sure that you have submitted a Form B for the Fall semester. This form **NEEDS** to be submitted ***even if you did not purchase books*** at the start of each semester (not before classes begin) as this is how we determine that this semester was active for you. We are asking for Form B to be submitted as soon as you purchase

books or know that you do not need any, so within the first few weeks of the semester, please do not wait until the end of the semester to submit these forms. **Travel reimbursements will not be processed without this form and we will not be able to approve Spring classes without the Fall form.**

What are you thankful for?

We here at T.E.A.C.H. are thankful for the opportunity to help each of our scholars obtain their education. We enjoy working with each of you on your journey. We are thankful to have so many Sponsoring centers willing to help others get their education. We are thankful that our State leaders have consistently supported education for our workforce by funding

T.E.A.C.H.! Wishing each of you a happy and safe holiday filled with all of the things you are most thankful for!



Recipient Spotlight:



NAEYC is pleased to announce that T.E.A.C.H. Scholar Toni Dickerson has been awarded a Lasting Legacy Scholarship to attend the NAEYC Annual Conference this year!! After completing the online NAEYC conference scholarship application, and sending in the requested documentation, Mrs. Dickerson was awarded the Lasting Legacy scholarship in September. Yesterday at the conference, she was introduced to the other scholarship recipients, meeting with NAEYC Executive staff, sponsors, donors, and other early childhood

education leaders. "I am really excited to go to the conference and represent not only Delaware but Southern Delaware as we have traditionally been underrepresented." Said Mrs. Dickerson.

Toni has been a T.E.A.C.H. scholar since June 2013 and is currently working on her Birth to 2nd Bachelor degree at Wilmington University, while working full time as the Administrator at a Sussex County preschool. Toni also participates in the T.E.A.C.H. Advisory Committee. Having worked in ECE for over 10 years, Toni joined the deaeyc board to become a more active voice for those living downstate. "Centers downstate practically live in an entirely different world, not just socioeconomically, but also in the fact that our "world" is very rural, slow paced, just overall at a different tempo that those living near Wilmington. Centers downstate have different needs than others, especially since public transportation is not a commodity here, so making sure that families are provided the services that they need are sometimes more challenging than considered. I love connecting centers downstate with the services that they need, as well as services that their children need."

Toni and her husband have a 3 year old, who has been in her "school" since she was 6 weeks old. She was diagnosed with hyptonic ataxia at the age of 10 months, and has received services with Child Development Watch since that point. "Our journey through the special needs spectrum of services has helped me see the education field in an entirely different light, and allows me a different perspective for families to reach out to and work with."

T.E.A.C.H. congratulates Toni on her award to attend the NAEYC Conference and looks forward to her continued success both in the early childhood field and with deaeyc.

Counselor Comments

Are you working on the CDA portfolio and need assistance?

Please let us help you. Maria will be setting up CDA portfolio groups in 2018 to help teachers put these together. While doing this she will discuss the process, answer any questions about the PD visit and exam to help our ECE staff be "Credential Ready". If you have a few teachers at your Center that you would like to set up a CDA portfolio group for, please let Maria know. Dates on the statewide cohorts will be available soon.



Would you like to learn more about how we can help you at T.E.A.C.H. or daeyc? If so, please contact our Counselor Maria Staman at 302-764-1500 x 104 or mstaman@daeyc.org "Where no question is too small!"

In your words....

What has the scholarship meant to you personally and professionally?

"It has helped me become more professional."

- Teacher: New Castle County



"It has allowed me to continue my education without the huge financial burden. I am a mother and work two jobs, so education in my budget was non-existent before T.E.A.C.H."

- Director: Sussex County

"It has allowed me to return to further my education. It has always been a goal of mine. Without the program, I would not financially be able to attend. I would be eligible for financial aid, however, I would still need the travel stipend and release time."

- Family Child Care

Owner: Kent County

Follow us!!!

T.E.A.C.H. is excited to be on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) now along with [Facebook](#)! Be sure to follow us on whatever platform you use! We post motivational messages, reminders, updates, and other useful resources!



We also have a private Facebook group for current students only! If you would like to join the group [T.E.A.C.H. Scholars](#) you can request to join!

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Associate's Angles-Attention DTCC-George Campus Students (Wilmington)

We are excited to introduce the new coordinator and counselor at Del Tech-George Campus in Wilmington-Joanne Damming, EdD. If you are a student at the George campus, Joanne is the

contact person to register for classes with each semester. Please make sure that you are scheduling an appointment with her AFTER you have filled out your pre-registration form and discussed your class options with your center administration/director.

If you have questions about the registration process, please see page 9 of the [T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship Recipient Manual](#) for directions.

Joanne's phone number to schedule an appointment is 302-888-5280 (office). Her email is joanne.damming@dtcc.edu. Please remember to not wait until the last day before classes to register. Thank you!

Bachelor's Bits-Wilmington University Students



*Helpful Hints to sending T.E.A.C.H. your course registration....

We have identified the **2 documents** that our Wilm U students can send us each semester once you register for classes so that T.E.A.C.H. can do a streamlined charge approval.

YAY!

1st: In your portal, under *Billing Accounts*, print and send a copy of "**Account Detail for Term**"

2nd: In your portal, under *Registration*, print and send a copy of "**Student Detail Schedule**"

These 2 items together, AFTER, you register for classes, will provide us with the class name, class code, and the tuition information that T.E.A.C.H. needs to ensure that you are properly registered for classes. Thank you for your help and assistance with this. If you have any questions, please call your T.E.A.C.H. Counselor, Maria at 302-764-1500 ext 104.



CDA Corner

T.E.A.C.H. is very excited to share that we have started a CDA Task force! The committee is comprised of the T.E.A.C.H. staff, representatives from DTCC, WU, DSU, Springfield College, and UD, Child Care Aware of America, NCCHS, NDEHS, Telamon, OCCL, St George's VoTech, OEL, DHSS, as well as providers. We met last week to start dialogue on the confusion with the CDA and to look at how we may be able to leverage the CDA to a higher status as it is in other states (including working to have the CDA articulate at all Delaware colleges/universities for college credits). If

you would like more information on this task force, please let us know!

Sponsor Corner

Fall semester is getting close to being over... have you talked with your scholars to see how classes are going? What struggles are you seeing your scholars work through? We are looking for ways to offer assistance such as peer tutoring and would value your input on other resources that may be of assistance to your scholars/staff.



We are also looking at new recruitment options and would like to have some testimonials from our Sponsoring Centers on what T.E.A.C.H. has meant to you as the director/owner. What benefits have you seen from staff who are working on their degree. We know that some staff leave the field once they have their degree, but what about the ones who stay? We also know that many scholars do not renew their contracts with us and we are hoping you may be able to help shed some light on why staff are choosing to not renew and continue with T.E.A.C.H. to obtain their degrees. If you are interested in sharing your story with us, please contact Michelle at [mspencer@daeyc.org](mailto:m Spencer@daeyc.org)

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