

College of Charleston

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About Teaching Fellows

"It is more than a scholarship," said Ben, a freshmen Teaching Fellow, "It is a whole program? And it is fun!" At the College of Charleston it is understood that this scholarship comes with expectations and obligations. We have promised the State of South Carolina to assist in attracting and retaining the brightest and best as teachers, to develop Teaching Fellows into teacher-leaders, and to add to the growing pool of SC teachers, young men and women who are able and willing to be outstanding teachers for all of South Carolina's children. This program is set in the context of a liberal arts institution at which students do not enter the Teacher Education Program until the junior year. During their first two years, students take a range of courses that challenge their teaching, teach them content, and add to their development as well-rounded, educated, critical thinkers.

To reach and exceed the State goals, the CofC Teaching Fellows are required to meet every Wednesday afternoon in a committee meeting, All Fellows Event, Professional Development Activity, or Class Meeting. Teaching Fellows is governed by students. The elected Governance Council sets the direction for the program within established guidelines. Every Fellow serves on at least one major committee: Communications, Recruitment and Retention, Greater Community, Our Community or Professional Development. The governance structure affords multiple opportunities for leadership growth and development.

A sample of recent activities shows that Fellows investigated politics in education,



who are now teaching, painted playground equipment, sponsored a talk about structuring school to fit children, and did a workshop on gender differences in the classroom.



A Teaching Fellow who graduates from the College of Charleston is prepared to work in low-performing schools as well as academic magnet schools. Fellows are encouraged into schools as freshmen; they are Lunch-Buddies at our partnership school, tutors at the local high school, and assist in any number of ways in the community. They are required to attend professional conferences, elect to participate in research with faculty, and are supported as they take leadership roles in student government, clubs, athletic programs, and the Honors College.



The School of Education, Health and Human Performance is proud of its Teaching Fellows. To show its support, in our new School Building which opened in Spring, 2007, the Fellows are provided with a large lounge of their own where they can meet, work on school projects, or just hang out. In addition there is a full time director of Teaching Fellows who is available anytime to assist them in every way with class problems, advising, and negotiating college in general. Teaching Fellows as freshmen are part of CofC's Academic Learning Community and take two classes together. They bond as a class of future teachers through study, discussion, and assisting each other.



About the School of Education, Health and Human Performance

The School of Education, Health, and Human Performance at the College of Charleston offers nationally accredited teacher education and

athletic training education programs. We offer:

Bachelor of Science: Early Childhood

Bachelor of Science: Elementary
Education

Bachelor of Science: Middle Level
Education

Bachelor of Science: Physical Education:
Teacher Education

Bachelor of Science: in Special Education

Secondary Education Minors: Biology, Chemistry, Classics (Latin), English, French, German, Mathematics, Physics, History (social studies), Political Science (social studies), Sociology (social studies), Spanish

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Other information about the College of Charleston and our program can be found on our website at www.cofc.edu/~tfellows



At the College of Charleston, the Teaching Fellows Program is about caring for one another as we will care for the children in our classes, seeing them as individuals and providing the support each needs to maximize his or her goals. Come climb to great heights with us.

