

COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY TEACHING FELLOWS SPRING 2020

SOCIAL EVENTS

This year the Coastal Carolina Teaching Fellows went above and beyond being an average cohort. Along the way, we made lifelong friendships and memories. We grew closer like a family, spending time together outside of the classroom. We have dedicated committee leaders who set up these social and community events that has brought so many of us together... these are a few memories.



The Sophomore cohort went out to eat with at the time, the new Freshman Fellows to get to know interest that they may have outside of school. The veteran students of the Teaching Fellows are always eager to help the freshman fellows have an easier time transitioning.

Here we have some fellows who have just completed Senior Fellow, Tyler Tuncy's Zumba class. As you can see these fellows are worn out from the class, but it is all smiles because of how much fun they have with Tyler and how good of a time his class is.



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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

Spring 2020 has been a fantastic semester so far, and our phenomenal Professional Developments have made it even better. In January, Assistant Principal Clay Cook from Pleasant Hill and Sampit Elementary spoke about the importance of



Lastly, we have no other than the Chauncey hanging out with a couple of our Fellows working the Concession Stands. Working Concessions stands at our football and baseball games made fundraising a blast. Our fellows even got to hang out and take a picture without school mascot!

-Mason Bell

BUSINESS MEETINGS

This Spring 2020 semester has been a time to also relax, unwind, and reconnect at our business meetings! First, we now have added food to our business meetings because we feel that this allows us to not only retain information for ourselves, but to also fellowship with one another and enjoy a hot meal. For our January Business meeting we practiced a meditation exercise which was helpful for a lot of us. We watched a video that consisted of deep breaths, listening to the sounds around us, and focusing on positive energy. There was great feedback about how effective meditation was and we even were suggested to keep this going! In February, we focused on reconnecting with one another and at our tables everyone had to write a fact about themselves. Each Fellow was required to pick a card and guess who the fact was written by. It was such a fun game and it gave everyone the opportunity to learn something new about a fellow!

-Ajzahn Brown

staying within the teaching profession. In his engaging presentation, Cook shared his own personal experiences in school and how he was labeled as a "troubled" student. He eventually ended up in the teaching profession and saw so much of his self in his students. This fueled his passion to stay in the education field and change lives. He inspired each and every one of us to not be afraid of being who we are in the classroom. For our February meeting, we had the opportunity to hear from Senator Greg Hembrey, a native of Horry County, about the Education Reform Bill. The Education Reform Bill promises to improve the teaching profession in a variety of ways such as class size reduction, pay increase, and even a Bill of Rights for educators. The Fellows asked great questions about how this bill could potentially affect their career and their students as well. Overall, it has been a productive semester for Professional Development!

-Ajzahn Brown

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Coastal Carolina Teacher Fellows program serves all communities. We serve our school community by participating in the Graduate Program Open House and Teacher Recruitment Fair. We serve other communities by working with our partnered student teacher schools.

One event was Carvers Bay High School Elementary Night in Georgetown County. We played relay games with the kids at a basketball game. Lastly, we help our living community in Conway through Fostering Hope. We made decorated goodie bags with hand sanitizers, nose tissues, socks, and soaps inside.

-Abby Quenneville

FRESHMAN COHORT 2023



Cohort Representatives, Camryn Finley and Nick Gallagher, believe that their cohort is special because their cohort has fewer people which allows them to be able to create close friendships with each other. They say, "we have truly become the best of friends." Much of the cohort have attended Trunk-O-Treat and Pizza and Professors in Chanticleer Hall. Both events have given them opportunities that other universities do not offer. This cohort has 16 people and the majors consist of Early Childhood, Elementary, one Middle Level, one Special Education, and two MATS (History and English). They say majority of their cohort chose education because they are very passionate about the field and they want to make a difference in the future generation of students. Next semester, they hope to learn how to effectively be teacher leaders and begin to start their journey towards the goal to becoming a teacher leader. They also want to become more confident in the placements and be able to deal with different

situations that occur in the classroom setting. This cohort encourages the next generation of Teaching Fellows to choose Coastal as their institution because Coastal Teaching Fellows offer a support system like no other. The representatives said, "The directors at Coastal are there for you whenever you need them. They really care about you and want you to be successful in all that you do. They want you to become the best possible teacher and person that you can possibly be."

SOPHMORE COHORT 2022



Cohort representatives, Kyndal Hodge and Grier Bethea, believe that their cohort is special for many reasons. They both stated, "The 2018 cohort of teaching fellows is also currently the largest group of teaching fellows, so we work hard to use our number to make a large, positive impact on the program and the community." At the beginning of the year, this cohort was given the opportunity to mingle with the new Teaching Fellow cohort. They have hosted a welcome week event at King Street Grille for the freshman fellows. This cohort has a variety of majors including Early Childhood, Elementary Education, History MAT, Music Education, Math MAT, and Special Education. This cohort is the largest at Coastal consisting of 20 people. Much of this cohort chose the

field of education because they wanted to make an impact in the future generations. All of them are passionate about learning and want to make a difference in their students' lives. Next semester, they hope to grow as educators through their sophomore experience trip. They believe this is a great opportunity to bond with each and gain a rich experience in education. This cohort strongly believes that the next generation of Teaching Fellows should choose Coastal as their institution because the experiences, opportunities, and professional developments provided here are like no other. The cohort representatives said, "The directors of our institution are constantly looking for ways to help us grow as future educators and challenge us to push our limits daily. This program is rigorous, but so worth the investment."

JUNIOR COHORT 2021



Cohort Representatives, Grace Snuffer and Kennedy Lewis, believe that their cohort is special because the President and Vice Presidents of Coastal's Teaching Fellows are part of their cohort. Also, this group is involved in many other organizations around campus and they hold leadership positions in these organizations. The cohort of 2017 has hosted a Freshmen Welcome Week potluck, where each junior brought a dish to share with the freshmen. The representatives said, "This created a space to build relationships and communication between new fellows and older fellows." This cohort has 16 people in it and their majors consist of Middle Level, Elementary, Early Childhood, Special Education, and MAT (History, Math, and English). When asked why each of you chose education, the majority said to make an impact in the lives of students and make a difference in future generations to come. Next semester, this cohort hopes to maintain high grades and do more than just the requirements for Teaching Fellows. They want to

be available to guide the sophomore and freshmen fellows. They said that the next generation of Teaching Fellows should choose Coastal as their institution they replied with, "Our program has a close family feel, and our program allows for opportunities that students would not have the chance to be involved with outside of Teaching Fellows. This institution allows us to be in a classroom for 120 hours over the first two semesters of being here. This program has cohort-based classes to improve each cohorts' ability to work with each other and create the long-lasting relationships throughout life."

SENIOR COHORT 2020



Cohort representatives, Katrina Gallo and Gabrielle Ouellette, believe that their cohort is special because they love spending time with each other. They said, "Our cohort's bond is definitely what sets us apart from the other cohorts since we are a smaller group." This cohort went on a New York City trip, where they got to experience diverse cultures in a classroom and compare it to the classrooms here in South Carolina.

They also hosted a Game Night event for the freshman cohort during welcome week. This allowed for the senior cohort and the freshman cohort to bond. This cohort consist of 12 people with different majors. The majors include Music Education, History MAT, Early Childhood, Middle Level, and Elementary Education. One of the cohort members said this when asked why they chose education as their major, "Education is so much rewarding and it is the career that

gives out something that cannot be bought or sold by others!" Next semester this cohort wants to attain as much knowledge as possible to bring into their future classrooms. This cohort believes that the next generation of Teaching Fellows should choose Coastal as their institution because the Teaching Fellows experience at CCU is so personal. The directors and advisors will be there for you through thick and thin. There are so many amazing people at CCU, you will 100% make friends that will last a lifetime.

BEHIND THE SCENES

PICTURED IS THE SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE, EACH HAVING A PART IN PUTTING THE GAZETTE TOGETHER... ABBY QUENNEVILLE, AJZAHN BROWN, BLAIR GASQUE, CAITLIN HINNERSCHITZ, LINDLEY STILL, MASON BELL, AND TESS HUMOWITZ

