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October 18, 2020
ECU Fall Open House

November 4, 2020
iTeach Day - Recruitment Event

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College of Education Preview Day

December 4, 2020
ECU Commencement
(virtual)



From the Helm

by Dr. Vivian Martin Covington, Assistant Dean
Undergraduate Affairs and Educator Preparation



Greetings LCSN partners,

It goes without saying, we are working in trying times. From the quick shift in the spring to remote only instruction, to shelter in place orders all summer, to working to reopen schools in some fashion for fall – it has been one challenge after another. At ECU we have felt each and every one of those same challenges as well as we worked to open to in person, on campus double occupancy living and face-to-face instruction only to revert to all online instruction with about 750 students left living on campus in single-occupancy rooms. Yet, we persisted, and we are open for teaching and learning. Like you, we have had to “pivot” many times, regroup, fail before we succeeded, yet we knew we had to do it and so we did. As Pirates we earned our “undaunted” tagline in 2020, and we look forward to spring with new hope and optimism. Whichever way we end up teaching in the spring, we will be better prepared and wiser for having worked to problem solve last spring, summer and this fall. You are not alone. We are with you, and we continue to be so grateful for your support of our students’ learning in these most difficult of times. Best wishes for smooth end to your fall semester and a restful break, which you have most definitely earned. I can be reached at covingtonv@ecu.edu or 252-328-2156 if you have any questions.

Partnership TEACH Spotlight Moment *Motivated and Ready*

By James Kuras, Director of Undergraduate Services



Cameron Bates’s passion for teaching was fueled by a desire to become successful at an early age. Facing tough economic times, Cameron

was laid off from his job and needed a new career path. Seeing how much his daughter loved pre-school and the impact teachers had on new generations, Cameron became a parent volunteer. He enjoyed working with children so much that it forged a new career for him.

In 2009, Cameron began taking classes at Craven Community College. While he knew he wanted to make a difference, Cameron was unsure of which degree to pursue but knew he wanted to work with children. After examining several majors, Cameron connected with a Partnership Teach

Coordinator at Craven Community College, who encouraged him to pursue a degree in Elementary Education. Ultimately, Cameron became a double major in Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education. Of course, there were struggles along the way, but Cameron believes that the mentorship and support provided by his Coordinator gave him constant encouragement. While working as a Teacher’s Assistant in Craven County Schools, Cameron would see other educators that graduated from ECU. The pride they exhibited and professionalism in their work, convinced him that attending ECU was the right choice. On his quest to continue his education, Cameron started noticing ECU Pirate banners in teachers’ classrooms throughout Craven County. When he spoke with teachers who graduated from the College of Education at ECU, they never had one thing negative to say about

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Scholarly Success

by Dr. Dionna Manning, Director of ECOS and ELLC



**All photos taken prior to COVID 19.*

The Education Community of Scholars and Living Learning Community welcomed 44 freshmen and mentors to campus early August for the Fall semester. The students started the semester living in Gateway Hall and exploring campus but were quickly shifted to remote learning opportunities. Even though this semester looks a little different

for our students, the students have remained optimistic and have worked hard to adjust to college classes and to continue giving back to our local community. The students have designed

and donated more than 500 Words of Encouragement goody bags for local educators as well as partnered with other local organizations through service opportunities including providing virtual tutoring opportunities, writing support letters, and developing and participating in various donation drives. We are proud of our ECU pre-service educators and cannot wait to have them back on campus and in classes again soon.

Partnership Teach Spotlight Moment continued from front

their experience and pride in being a Pirate. It was clear by looking around that they were still very connected with their alma mater. He knew he had to do it, Cameron was all in and ready to go! It was essential for Cameron to finish his education without sacrificing time with his daughters. Partnership Teach allowed him to do both while completing his general education courses at Craven Community College. When asked how he would describe Partnership Teach, he answered, “Convenient, motivating, and challenging.” Cameron said that he would recommend Partnership Teach to others who wanted to get a degree in education while trying to motivate them just as he was by his Partnership Teach Coordinator.

Cameron completed his BS in Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education. He is currently teaching at Vanceboro Farm Life Elementary School.

ECU’s Partnership Teach seeks to grow educators close to home. Cameron Bates is a perfect example of a “homegrown” teacher ready to positively impact the lives of children in his county. He is just one of the many students in Partnership Teach who will fill classrooms in eastern North Carolina.

Office of Professional Development and Student Outreach

by Catrina Davis, Lead Coordinator

We are excited to present the following virtual recruitment events! Join us on October 18, 2020 to virtually explore ECU academic and campus resource offerings during **ECU’s Fall Open House**. Gear up on November 4th to change the future and become a teacher as we present our virtual **ECU iTeach** event! Also, on Friday, November 13th meet faculty and staff from the ECU College of Education and learn more about Educator Preparation programs at ECU during **ECU College of Education Virtual Preview Day!** Please feel free to reach out to Catrina Davis (DAVISCA@ecu.edu) for more information regarding any of the events. We look forward to seeing you!

What’s Happening...

in the College of Education and the Office of Educator Preparation

Oct. 18	2p – 6p	ECU Fall Open House
Nov. 4	6p – 8:30p	iTeach Day
Nov. 13	1p – 2p	College of Education Preview Day
Nov. 16		Classes end
Dec. 4	Virtual	ECU Graduation Recognition

LCSN Partnership Counties

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