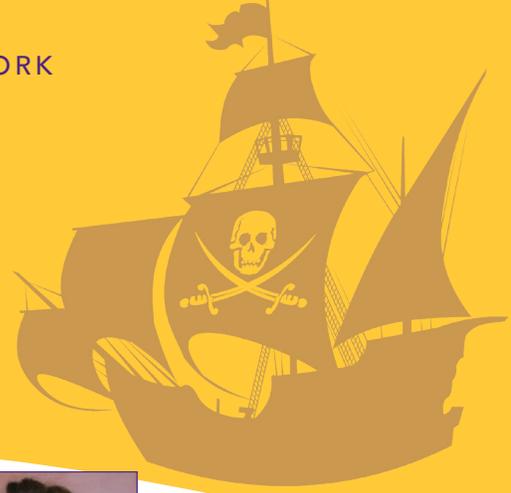


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Upcoming Events & Dates to Remember

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[ECU Diversity Days: MADE Day](#)

April 9, 2021

[Virtual COE Academic Preview Day for High School Junior & Senior](#)

April 30, 2021

[Virtual COE Academic Preview Day for High School Freshman & Sophomore](#)



From the Helm

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



Greetings LCSN partners,

As I'm writing this, ECU has almost completed the first month of our late start spring semester and COVID cases are staying low on a reduced density campus, about one-third of courses are being taught face-to-face, and many faculty and staff are still working from home. We know your situations are just as tenuous and varied depending on the grade level, resources, case counts, and staffing. We are so very thankful for all you are doing to host student teachers/interns in your buildings across the network. Working through video capture permissions and access to learning management systems for candidates has been an added burden to the growing list of your daily COVID challenges. Planning is difficult when so much remains unknown, but like you, we are doing our best to work towards more face-to-face instruction, more students on campus, and more in-office work for the fall semester. I encourage your liaison to join our monthly LCSN Advisory Board meetings via Teams so that we can keep the lines of communication open given what seems like daily changes to our work. In addition to the pandemic, we are reviewing the Governor's DRIVE Task Force recommendations for diversifying the profession, the NC Pathways to Excellence for Teaching Professionals Framework from the Human Capital Roundtable and the Best NC STRIDE recommendations to find innovative ways to ensure our programs are meeting the expectations and challenges for the future of the profession in NC. I can be reached at covingtonv@ecu.edu 252-328-2156 if you have any questions.

COVID Inspired Opportunities:

We have had the pleasure of seeing how our education communities have excelled during these challenging times. Please enjoy these testimonials from a few of our students who have engaged in some COVID inspired opportunities.

At the beginning of the pandemic, I had been working with a first-grade class here in Greenville, NC. I was really enjoying all I was learning from the volunteering and I felt like I was helping to make a difference in students. After summer, I began looking for a way to volunteer with a class again even if it was virtual. I contacted a former teacher who put me in contact with a first-grade teacher working with all virtual students in Johnston County. I volunteered with her class and was able to support their learning through leading reading groups. I have had the opportunity to work with over 12 children individually and in small groups to help them improve their reading skills. We meet virtually for an hour and we practice sight words, reading leveled books, and learning skills great readers need. I have gotten so much out of this volunteer experience and I am getting great experience with students and with virtual teaching. I look forward to my reading groups every day because they are so rewarding.

Tiffany Robertson, SPED Major
James and Connie Maynard Scholar



Collaborate

Must preregister each week @ http://bit.ly/collaborate Tutoring	Academic Success	Grades 3-12 Fridays 1-4 pm Beginning January 21
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• Science
 • Math
 • English
 • Social Studies
 • Career & Tech

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• Resume
 • College applications
 • Scholarships
 • Interview help

Considering current events, I would love to share about my time in Intern II thus far. Not only is my clinical teacher phenomenal but he is teaching me everything he has learned to enhance student engagement and comprehension over his 20+ years of teaching. Additionally, I have been able to participate in community service through social distancing and masked-up. It has been good for my soul to see others rise above the challenges we are facing to help one another. The good in people does not always get highlighted, but I have seen much more goodness at work than evil. It has been beautiful to see, and I am proud of our communities. I've participated in serving in children's ministry at my church, packaging gift bags for the Night to

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Shine event, sorting potatoes at the local food pantry, writing encouraging letters to emergency service workers, and sending coffee, donuts and letters to the teachers at Elmhurst. The College of Education and Education Community of Scholars have provided me with many great opportunities over the past four years, and I am forever grateful for it and I will never take kindness for granted.

Hannah Lawson, SCIE Ed

The Pandemic has allowed me to start an independent “at home learning” site for students K-12 who needed help in the online learning environment whether that was tutoring, planning, or just creating a space for them to focus. I had students in second grade through tenth grade that came for help.

This semester all my classes have been pushed online. I have been at home a lot more than I would have expected for my Junior year. However, this has allowed me to start an Academic Success Ministry at my local church that is offering tutoring, class help, resume writing, scholarship help, college application help, and anything else students need. This is an internship that I created for one of my EC Scholars classes, but it would not have been possible if it were not for the unique circumstances, we are currently in. I am thankful for the opportunities and experiences.

Kristina Whitley, HIST Ed
EC Scholar | Lane Scholar | Honors College '22



Need help with at home learning?



Available for tutoring, planning, time management, or other educational needs for K12 students
Mon, Tues, Fri working out of Marshville, NC
Contact: Messenger on Facebook



Kristina Whitley
ECU History-History Education Major
EC Scholar, Honors College, Lane Education Scholar

Partnership TEACH Virtual Open House

Partnership Teach at East Carolina University would like to invite all our partners to spread the word about our upcoming Open House for Teaching Assistants. There will be six dates offered to engage Teaching Assistants who are interested in becoming teachers. This convenient and affordable offer is one that you wouldn't want to pass by. Please join us during one of our virtual dates listed below:

- March 10 May 4
- March 23 May 22
- April 8

You may also visit our flyer for more information: [Virtual Open House Presentation for Partnership Teach Partners Spring 2021](#)

What's Happening...

(Please click [links](#) below for more information about the events.)

Professional Development & Student Outreach

- March 17 10:00 am [Virtual Education Career Fair](#)**
- March 26 8:00 am [COE Pirates Aboard!: Admitted Students Day](#)**
- Registration Closes ECU Summer 2021 Virtual Clinical May 5 Teacher Training**
(see district administrator for more information)
- May 7 ECU Commencement**
- May TBD Virtual COE Graduation Recognition Ceremony**

“Remote learning is an opportunity unlike any other. Over the past few months, remote learning has grown tremendously. Teachers have learned to... use online platforms to their full potential, and further engage students. Online learning is a valuable tool that, I believe, will be used in classrooms for years to come.”

- Cassidy Concannon, Intern II

LCSN Partnership Counties

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