



Spring 2007

“A teacher affects eternity.” —Henry Brooks Adams

Teaching Fellows Visit Schools in the South

Each January UNCA Teaching Fellows and professors spend one week visiting schools and areas of interest in an out of state city. This year students observed innovating programs in schools in Savannah and Atlanta, GA.

The group spent a day observing classes at Marshpoint Elementary School, a pre-K school with an International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme. They also visited the Charles Ellis Montessori School, a public Montessori School, Oglethorpe Charter School, Georgia’s first start-up charter middle school and the Savanna Arts Academy, an international Network of Performing and Visual Arts. They toured Historic Savannah, the Telfair Museum, the oldest art museum in the south, and the Massie Heritage Center.

In Atlanta, they visited Booker T. Washington Comprehensive High School, Georgia’s first public school for African Americans. The school is on the National Register of Historic Places with famous visitors such as South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Rosa Parks, Jessie Jackson and Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.

In addition to the schools visits, students toured the Jimmy Carter Center, Ebenezer Baptist Church and the Martin Luther King Center, the Atlanta Aquarium, saw the Louve Exhibit at the High Museum, participated in a mystery dinner theater at Agatha’s and had dinner at Mojito’s Cuban Restaurant in Midtown.

A total of 38 Teaching Fellows and four faculty participated in this year’s trip.



High Museum in Atlanta



Students visited Colonial Park Cemetery as part of the walking tour of historical Savannah



Pictured left to right: Morgana Heady, Hogan Carringer, Brian Smith, Danny Coleman, Lindsey Cashion and Brittney Pritchard



Maggie Hatling (freshmen) chats with a young student at Marshpoint Elementary—which houses an International Baccalaureate Program

January Workshop and Luncheon Brings Together Current and Future Fellows

On January 27, 2007 the UNCA Teaching Fellows hosted 30 Teaching Fellows Finalists and their families at the annual January Workshop and Luncheon. The workshop provides the opportunity for students who have been selected as finalist for the scholarship to visit campus and learn more about the Fellows program at UNCA. Finalists and their parents are invited to attend a morning of informational sessions on financial aid, campus programs and current issues in education and meet current students and award winning teachers.



UNCA Teaching Fellows at a campus meeting during Discovery

Discovery 2007

On May 14, 20 UNCA freshmen Teaching Fellow joined Teaching Fellows from other NC campuses at NCCU to begin their week long trip known as Discovery. The annual Discovery trip often holds a bit of trepidation for freshmen. They have heard an array of stories ranging from pure horror to surprisingly fun. It is truly hard to explain the trip and one you simply must experience and form your own opinion.



Morgana Heady (left) and Lindsay Cashion (right) man the check-in table during the January Workshop.

Spring Social

On Sunday, April 15, students gathered in the Owen Conference Center for the annual Teaching Fellows spring social. Students enjoyed food and fun—a nice break from the rigors of classes.



Students participating in a lively game of "Swab the Deck"

Fellows Named to Dean's List and Chancellor's List for Spring 2007 Semester

The following Fellows were named to the Dean's List for the spring 2007 semester. The Dean's List is made up of full-time students who have achieved between a 3.5 and 3.99 grade point average.

Virginia Aughe, Jessica Autrey, Rachel Boing, Stephanie Casey, Danny Coleman, Chip Davis, Sadie Ferguson, Claudia Friar, Stephen Haas, Maggie Hatling, Laura Ingersoll, Sam Lambert, Katy Mashburn, Nich Mauriello, Betsy Mosteller, Cassie Papaj, Griffin Payne, Alyssa Ray, Bridget Robinson, Danielle Stanley, Emily Thewlis, Corrie Trotter, Ariel Vetter, and Alex Williamson.

The following Fellows achieved a 4.0 grade point average for spring semester.

Allison Cooper, Morgana Heady, Maggie Henderson, Ashley Hoyle, Stephanie Ledbetter, Mary Catherine Mills, and Claire Wilkerson.

Future Leaders Meet Leaders of Today



Cassie Papaj, (left) senior biology major, with Beasley

NC Teacher of the Year

Diana Beasley, 2006-07 NC Teacher of the Year, presented on Thursday, March 29, 2007 on “Making Connections for Success” to students from the Department of Education and Teaching Fellows. Beasley, a 9-12 biology teacher at Hickory High School, shared her experiences in the classroom and how she tried to make learning a positive experience for every student.

Beasley was also the speaker for the freshmen seminar held that afternoon. She discussed “Learning Styles” and how to apply these principles in the classroom as teachers and life long learners.



Bradley Hardy, freshmen (right) with Howard Dean at a Democratic National Convention meeting in Washington, DC.

Guest Speakers

UNCA Teaching Fellows helped sponsor several campus guest speakers as part of the Distinguished Speakers Series this past semester. On Thursday, March 15, award-winning author Timothy Tyson, *Blood Done Sign My Name*, addressed students, faculty and community members in Lipinsky Auditorium. On Friday, April 21, Teaching Fellows were invited lunch guests with Judge Howard Manning, presiding judge of the Leandro Case and later attended his lecture “The Leandro Case.”



From left to right; Lauren Crozier, Stephanie Casey, Hogan Carringer, Bridget Robinson, Judge Manning and Amber Chapman at Luncheon.



UNCA Teaching Fellows ushers with author, Timothy Tyson. From left to right: Hogan Carringer, Victoria Hicks, Tyson, Brittney Pritchard, Whitney McGinnis and Rachel Prather

Entering Class of 2003

Fellows Receive Degrees

The 2007 UNC Asheville Commencement ceremony was held Saturday, May 12th at 9:00 am on the Ramsey Library Terrace. Ernest J. Gaines, professor of English at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and award-winning novelist and Donald Sultan, Asheville native and prominent contemporary New York artist delivered commencement addresses to an audience of some 5,500 people.

Diplomas were awarded by Chancellor Anne Ponder to the following Teaching Fellows: Allison Routh Cooper, Bachelor of Arts in Literature with 9-12 English licensure, Distinction in Literature, Summa Cum Laude; Stephanie Michelle Ledbetter, Bachelor of Arts in Psychology with K-6 licensure; Bridget Natalie Robinson, Bachelor of Arts in Literature with 9-12 English licensure, Distinction in Literature, Summa Cum Laude; Linda Simthong, Bachelor of Arts in Sociology; Claire Wilkerson, Bachelor of Arts in Psychology with K-6 licensure, Distinction in Psychology, Cum Laude.



Photo by Blake Madden

*Linda Simthong (left) -
A happy graduate*

Senior Research Presentations

Six UNCA Teaching Fellows gave their required research presentation April 16-19. Those students and their research topics were:

- Allison Cooper- "The Effect of Focused Reading on Students Higher Order Reading Skills"
- Stephanie Ledbetter- "The Effects of Science Manipulatives on the Attitude and Achievement of High Performing Fourth Grade Students"
- Morgan Militzer "What is the Effect of Journals on Student's Learning Ability"
- Alyssa Ray - "Can Drumming Affect Reading Comprehension?"
- Bridget Robinson- "Using Picture Books in the High School English Classroom"
- Claire Wilkerson— "Cooperative Learning"

Morgan Militzer said of her research regarding the effects of journal writing, "Although there was not significant enough data to prove students grades were better because of journaling, I found that I learned much more about the students and what they liked through their journals."

Senior Celebration

The entering class of 2003 held their senior celebration on April 20 at the Stony Knob Café in Asheville. This annual event honors students for their contribution to the Teaching Fellows Program, campus and community service.



Tony Wall, Claire Wilkerson, Alyssa Ray, Morgan Militzer, Kathleen Penland.



Left to right; Linda Simthong, Bridge Robinson, Stephanie Ledbetter and Claire Wilkerson receive their cords after the senior breakfast