Maynard’s & EHC Move In

Twenty-one new faces showed up on August 21, 2014 to move in to Umstead Hall. This is the second year for the Education Housing Community. Ten of the twenty-one were our Maynard Scholarship recipients and one was an Abernathy Scholarship recipient. The other ten applied to become members of the Education Housing Community. The members of the EHC applied to become part of the community so that they could live with like minded individuals who also want to become teachers.

Move in went very smoothly with the help of some upper class Teaching Fellows and Maynard Scholars. After settling in their new dorm rooms and a trip to Wal-Mart, the Maynard and Abernathy Scholars, the Education Housing Community members and their families attended an Ice Cream Luau behind Umstead Hall. The Luau allowed everyone to get to know one another and to meet faculty and staff from the College of Education.

The students attended a ropes course and team building event on Sunday August 24, 2014 with Mrs. Manning, Mrs. Fisher and Alex. The Freshmen learned to trust one another and work together, which will help them all get along and live together in Umstead Hall.

The Maynard and Abernathy Scholars and EHC members attended their first COAD 1000 class with Mrs. Manning and Alex Dennis on Tuesday August 26, 2014. COAD 1000 was a great experience with some fantastic students, great service learning projects and some fantastic guest speakers.

Fall Seminar Day

On Saturday September 27, 2014 the Teaching Fellows, Maynard & Abernathy Scholars program held its semi-annual “Seminar Day.” The day began with registration and breakfast. Then at 9:00 the 2013 NC Principal of the Year, Dale Cole, spoke about “Teacher Leadership & Teacherpreneurs.” From there students were divided by classes, attending two more seminars. The Freshmen and Sophomores attended a seminar on Teaching Students of Poverty. Then the Freshmen attended a seminar on Programmatic Expectations while the Sophomores attended a session on Diversifying your Resume. The Juniors attended a seminar on the Real World of Teaching and then one on Ethical Expectations of Educators and Social Media.

We would like to thank all of our guest speakers for presenting to our students, especially on a Saturday. The feedback from the Seminar Day was very positive and our students learned so much from our presenters.

On Thursday August 28, 2014 the Freshmen Maynard and Abernathy Scholars and the EHC members attended the Advisor/Advisee dinner at Chill’s on campus. This event allowed each student to meet their advisor for the next four years at ECU and the person that will help them on their journey to becoming a teacher.

We would like to congratulate our Freshmen for completing their first semester of college and we can’t wait to see the successes that they will have over the next four years.
About fifty Teaching Fellows, Maynard & Abernathy Scholars and Education Housing Community members loaded the bus on the evening of Thursday October 17, 2014 for the long, overnight bus ride to New York City. The students were very excited about the opportunity to experience the culture of a “big city” and experience some educational opportunities that will ultimately make them all better teachers in the future. Courtney McNeil, a first year Education Housing Community member commented that, “The New York trip was amazing! I never knew how traveling far away with people you see every day could strengthen relationships. Being a freshman, this trip really showed me that college is more than just being successful in the classroom but creating successful friendships, relationships and bonds!”

The group finally arrived in New York City around 8:00 AM on Friday morning and began their first group excursion to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. The students had time to explore the Statue of Liberty and even climb up to the base of the statue. The real exploration occurred on the grounds of Ellis Island, where the students could walk the halls and rooms where so many of our ancestors waited to enter this country. The ferry ride back to Manhattan allowed the student’s time to take some amazing pictures of the New York skyline. After disembarking from the ferry, the group visited the 9-11 Memorial and had a chance to reflect on the importance of this day in our nation’s history. The student’s then had free time to grab a slice of authentic New York City pizza, explore the financial district or do a little shopping at the famous Century Twenty-One before loading the bus to travel to the hotel.

The students were excited to arrive at the hotel to rest and shower after a long bus ride and sightseeing. Everyone was on their own for dinner but the group met back up at the Empire State Building that evening to ascend to the 86th floor open-air observation deck. The entire city was lit up and the students enjoyed the sights and the sounds. On Saturday the students had free time to explore the city on their own. Most students made their way to Chinatown for some shopping but many were able to visit other attractions and eat some great food. After a day of shopping and site seeing the group attended the Broadway musical, Matilda, before loading the bus for the overnight ride back to Greenville. Daniel Franch, a Senior History Education major commented that, “The trip to NYC was an amazing opportunity that allowed me to visit the Statue of Liberty, Times Square, Central Park, and a Broadway show for the first time in my life. As a second generation American, the trip to Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty made me reflect on how proud and thankful I am my family members decided to move to America from Italy and Poland. This experience gave true meaning to what it means to be an American and gave me a greater sense for the diverse cultures that make up our nation.
Volunteer Connection

Juniors:
- Labeled and packed 448 boxes of pasta at the Greenville Food Bank

Seniors:
- Completed six street cleanups on Elm Street

All Students:
- Homecoming Canned Food Drive
- Holiday Toy Drive

On Friday, October 24th, the Sophomore class of Maynard Scholars partnered with Jarvis Memorial UMC to prepare and serve a meal to locals at the Greenville Homeless Shelter. At 4:00 pm, students arrived at the church to prepare homemade chili, rice, cabbage, and cakes for the homeless shelter. By 5:15, they were on the way to the shelter to set-up and serve. The meal that was prepared was given to 30 people who came to the shelter for a hot meal. After serving, students were able to sit down and eat/socialize with the residents. This community project not only allowed for the Maynard Scholars to serve others, but also allowed for a learning experience that brought about feelings of thankfulness and compassion.

Service Learning & Tutoring

Tutoring is a program requirement for all Teaching Fellows and Maynard/Abernathy Scholars during the spring of their Freshmen year and both semesters of their Sophomore and Junior years. Tutoring and volunteering is a way that we can give back to the community and provides our students with experience working with children.

This semester our Sophomores volunteered at the Little Willie Center and CM Eppes Middle School here in Greenville.

This semester our Juniors worked in local schools, with teachers and classes within their content area. Our Juniors have gained very valuable classroom experience that will help them prepare for their Senior 1 & 11 internships next year.

The section of COAD 1000 for the Maynard/Abernathy Scholars and Education Housing Community is a designated Service Learning section by the university.

As a result our new scholars and EHC members were required to volunteer at the Little Willie Center and complete two service learning projects this semester.

About a dozen projects were completed at the LWC overall and ranged from making snow globes for the children’s hospital to making cards for the troops overseas.

Overall our students have tutored/volunteered over 600 hours this semester! We are very proud of them and we hope this requirement instills a sense of service within our students and future teachers!

Congrats and Farewell

Alex Dennis, our wonderful graduate student will be graduating with a Master’s Degree in Counselor Education from ECU on Saturday, December 20th. Alex, an ASU NC Teaching Fellow Alumni and former history teacher has been instrumental in our program over the last 2.5 years and has shared lots of enthusiasm and expertise with both our students and our programs. Alex has taught COAD 1000, planned enrichment trips, coordinated tutoring assignments and worked with at-risk students during his time working with us. Please join us in congratulating Alex on the completion of his degree and thank him for his time and service with our programs. We wish him the best as he moves to the next step of his career and we will miss him tremendously!

THANK YOU & BEST WISHES ALEX!

Updates...

Our Education Housing Community has been officially renamed to the College of Education Living-Learning Community (COE-LLC) for 2015-2016! Please encourage interested first year students to apply online at www.ecu.edu/educ/llc.

COE Scholarships for 2015-2016 https://ecu.academicworks.com
DEADLINE: January 30, 2015
This year’s Holiday Social was held on December 10th at the Hilton in Greenville from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. This is a required “seminar” for all Teaching Fellows and Maynard/Abernathy Scholars. The event is semi-formal, includes a guest speaker, food, a DJ and dancing. This event gives everyone the opportunity to dress up and get together before the holiday break. Each student was asked to bring a small gift for a toy drive to give to children of families in need.

The speaker for the Holiday Social was Dr. Vivian Covington, Director of Teacher Education at East Carolina University. Dr. Covington spoke about the super power that all of our future teachers have and the responsibility that comes with that super power.

Everyone seemed to have a great time and loved taking pictures in front of the Christmas tree. Happy Holidays everyone!