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No Small Matter

The Nebraska Early Childhood Workforce Commission (with the Buffett Early Childhood Institute) is developing a statewide comprehensive implementation plan to advance and elevate Nebraska's early childhood workforce around three critical areas: qualifications, funding, and public commitment. This plan will not be successful without input from the professionals for whom policy decisions impact directly... Early Care Providers and Educators in the field (Birth-3rd Grade).

The Buffett Early Childhood Institute, in partnership with Nebraska AEYC, Nebraska

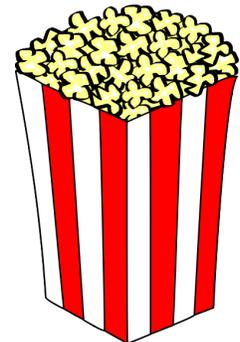
Extension, and the Early Learning Connection, invite early care and education providers to screen the newly released, feature-length documentary, "No Small Matter". "No Small Matter" is the first feature documentary to explore the most overlooked, underestimated, and powerful force for social justice in America today- Early Childhood Education.

Through poignant stories and surprising humor, the film lays out the overwhelming evidence for the importance of the first five years, and reveals how our failure to act on that evidence has resulted in an everyday crisis for American families, and a slow

motion catastrophe for the country.

After screening the film, participants will engage with a facilitator in a roundtable discussion of important issues facing the early childhood workforce.

Go to <https://buffettinstitute.Nebraska.edu/our-work/early-childhood-workforce-commission/no-small-matter> to view the movie trailer and register for a screening near you!



Congratulations!

Congratulations to these current T.E.A.C.H. recipients who made the Fall 2018 Dean's List @ the University of Nebraska at Kearney!

Abbie F.

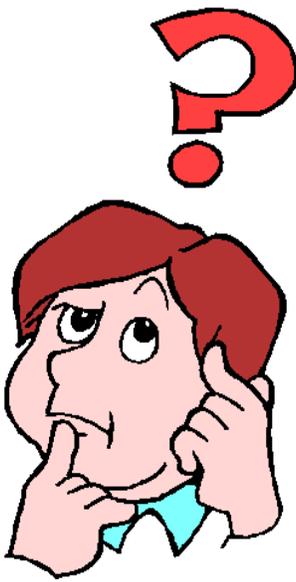
Christyna D.

Students who are on the Dean's List at the University of Nebraska at Kearney must have completed 12 credit hours or more of classes with a 3.5 grade point average or better on a 4.0 scale.

If you have accomplishments that you would like to share, please send me an email, and I'd be happy to include them in future newsletters, too!

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Q & A

Q: Can I complete my practicum hours at my current school during work?

A. This would be up to your college/university.

Q. When will I receive my bonus from T.E.A.C.H.?

A. Once you complete your contract, you will receive your bonus. As a student on the quarter system (MCC & SCC), you must complete four terms and 12 credit hours. As a

student on the semester system, you must complete three terms and nine credit hours. If a co-worker has received a bonus and you think you are due for your bonus, too, contact Julie and she will let you know the status of your contract.

Q. I never received my travel stipend. Why?

A. You receive your travel stipend every term you

are taking a class. However, it is not claimed until we process your college bill. We then deduct your 10% (or 20%) of the cost of your tuition and books out of your travel stipend and send you the remaining amount, or an invoice for what your travel stipend didn't cover.

Q. What is the difference between an AA and an AAS?

A. See below.

AA vs. AAS

The T.E.A.C.H. scholarship requires recipients to get their associate degree first before earning their bachelor degree in case, "life happens". (You will at least have your AA or AAS to fall back on.)

However, if you already know that you are going to keep going and get your bachelor degree, you will want to make sure you are working on the correct associate degree first.

Here's the difference between the two.

AA

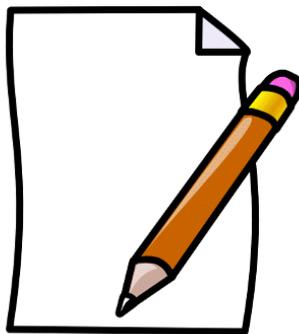
- 1/2 general education courses, 1/2 early childhood electives only
- Getting a bachelor degree next for sure (Can only take classes that will transfer and count towards both degrees)

AAS

- Almost all ECED courses (About five general education courses)
- Can take anything that counts towards degree, including remedial courses
- Designed to prepare you to go directly into the workforce after earning your degree

"The scholarship has been an astounding experience. I feel more important in my personal and professional life. I feel a sense of purpose. Without this scholarship, I don't think I would have a positive direction in my life."

Your Personal Reminder



Getting the Most out of Professional Development

Professional growth is a CRUCIAL part of being a teacher. The early education field is always changing, and to support the children in your classroom, you need to stay current. Make the most of every opportunity that comes your way to help children thrive and succeed.

In our last newsletter, I shared information about being present and building bridges, as well as listening for goals you want to accomplish. Here

are two more.

- Be ready to take notes. Jotting down key points and questions will help you remember them later. Use whatever method works for you: pen and paper, a favorite note-taking app, or taking photos of key slides and group brainstorming notes.
- Find a colleague or a community of learners.

At the beginning of the term, ask your instructor if there will be a way to follow up with fellow classmates. Make connections and exchange contact information with other students during the term. After a few weeks, check in with your new contacts to see how you're all progressing.



2018 Early Childhood Workforce Index Released

The Center for the Study of Child Care Employment has released "The Early Childhood Workforce Index 2018". The index includes an interactive map that allows users to see the current wages and changes over the

last two years in each state. The report also shows the strides made in improving the education and training levels of the early childhood workforce, and provides an updated "About the Workforce" snapshot.

To view Nebraska's state profile, go to <http://cscce.berkeley.edu/files/2018/06/2018-Index-Nebraska.pdf>.



"I have went from being a daycare provider to a childcare provider. I recently have been asked to sit on the Millard Public School Early Childhood Board and feel I am understanding of the needs and content because of my education."

Quarter to Semester Calendar Conversion at Southeast Community College

Aug. 26, 2019, marks the first day of the 2019 Fall Semester at SCC as the college makes the transition from a quarter academic calendar to one that is semester-based.

Students may begin registering for the Fall

Semester on April 8, 2019.

In transitioning to semesters, SCC will hold two 16-week academic terms (fall and spring) and a 10-week summer term. The first 10-week summer term will be in 2020.

The move...

- Will align SCC's academic calendar with four-year schools,
- Will enable a smoother transfer of credits, and
- Will make concurrent enrollment more feasible.

For more information, visit www.southeast.edu/Q2S.





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Upcoming Dates

- February 14th-15th: Julie Out Of Office
- February 15th-16th: Early Childhood Conference in Chadron
- February 18th: Office Closed—President’s Day
- February 23rd: Celebrating Young Children Conference in Omaha
*Julie will be there!
- February 27th: T.E.A.C.H. Advisory Team Meeting
- March 2nd: Child Care Conference in Columbus
- March 9th: ABC’s of Child Care Conference in Holdrege
- March 23rd: Early Childhood Conference in Norfolk
- April 8th-12th: Week of the Young Child
- April 13th: Peru State Early Childhood Conference in Peru
- April 19th-26th: Julie Out Of Office—PLAN ACCORDINGLY!
- April 23rd-24th: T.E.A.C.H. Conference in Chapel Hill, NC
- April 26th: Office Closed—Arbor Day

20 Questions

This month’s section of “20 Questions” features Jessica from Madison County. She is currently a family child care provider in Norfolk. She has been on an Associate Degree Scholarship Model since the Spring 2018 term.

1. Where were you born?
Pender, NE
2. What is something you are proud of? **My kids**
3. If you could meet someone famous, past or present, who would it be?
Helen Keller
4. What is your favorite book? **Anything by James Patterson**

5. What is one of your biggest pet peeves?
Laziness
6. What’s one place you really want to travel to?
Poconos
7. What are your favorite TV shows? **CSI Miami**
8. What’s your least favorite subject in school?
Geometry
9. Do you have any brothers or sisters? **One sister**
10. What is your favorite season? **Summer**
11. Do you have a favorite holiday? **Christmas**

12. What’s your favorite food?
Chicken
13. What kind of music do you like? **Country**
14. What do you like to do in your free time? **Play/travel/camp with my kids**
15. What’s one thing you can’t live without? **My family**
16. Would you rather live in a place that was always hot or a place that was always cold? **Hot**
17. If you had to describe yourself in three words, what would they be?
Loving, Considerate, Giving

18. Do you play, or have your played, an instrument? **Piano**
19. What is your favorite movie?
Pitch Perfect
20. Do you prefer writing in pen or pencil? **Pencil**

Thank you, Jessica, for your responses!

If you would like to participate, please send me your responses to these questions, or create your own!