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ACCREDITATION UPDATE

Congratulations to the SPA reports submitted and to everyone who worked so hard on them. Programs that submitted reports include: Computer/Technology, Hearing Impaired, Principal, School Psychology (2), Science (11), Special Education (3), Superintendent, and TESOL. Thank you for all your time and effort.

FACULTY/STAFF SPOTLIGHT: DR. TIFFANY WILD

Dr. Tiffany Wild

Dr. Tiffany Wild is an assistant professor in the Department of Teaching and Learning with research expertise in visual impairments, science education, and engineering education. She oversees the Program in Visual Impairment along with program manager Danene Fast.

Dr. Wild indicates that the Data Summary Reports have enabled faculty to make changes to improve the program. Overall, the data suggests interns are prepared. They saw an opportunity for growth in learning and teaching of the literary braille code because the licensure testing now requires a transcribed braille sample. Two improvements that have been made in the program are:
1.   Students must now pass a comprehensive braille transcription test
2.   Additional coursework in teaching braille has been added. Assignments are now required to be submitted in braille

Dr. Wild hopes that additional practice will allow the interns to be successful in licensure examinations and, more importantly, teaching their students braille. She also hopes that the additional teaching methods will help interns improve lesson plan development on the edTPA.

edTPA UPDATES

Refreshed handbooks and templates are available in each program Buckeye Box. Please make sure students are using the updated materials.

Thank you to the participants of the latest edTPA forums. Upcoming forums will be Wednesday, October 29th from 3:30 - 5:00 pm and Friday, October 31st from 10:00 - 11:30 am in Ramseyer 016. Please send one representative from each program to at least one of the forums.

Candidates now have access to edTPA in Tk20. Please remind candidates to read the instructions for each task and to enter their authorization key into Tk20. The authorization key must be submitted before the portfolio can be scored.

Unit Student Teaching Supervision Training

Thank you to those who attended the first training on the use of the Unit-wide student teaching assessments. Representatives from Agriscience Education, Music Education, Special Education, and Middle Childhood Education provided positive contributions to the discussion. Training for spring student teaching placements will be held on January 23, 2014 from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Lunch will be provided.

State Educator Preparation Conference (OCTEO)

OCTEO is a non-profit, state-wide umbrella organization that brings together five Ohio teacher education organizations. The Fall 2014 Ohio Confederation of Teacher Education Organizations is October 15-17 at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Dublin, Ohio. Students are $25, individual registration is $150, groups of 5 or more are $100 per person. For information: http://www.ohioteachered.org/conferences.php

Unit Policy Updates

Student Removed from School

As a reminder, when an Ohio State student is removed or is no longer visiting a school building, we cannot explain to the principal or district personnel why the student has been removed. This is a student privacy, i.e., FERPA limitation.
We need to remind district personnel that, due to FERPA, they cannot discuss with one another the reasons for the removal.

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