

Teacher Prep Academy
Advisory Board Meeting
Feb. 20th , 2023

Presented by IRESA's Cadets!

Saginaw Valley State University - L.I.F.T. Conference

Break Out Sessions Ms. Shyla- I was accepted into SVSU and will be going this upcoming fall. I'm a first generation college student, and I'm really excited! We attended the L.I.F.T Conference and got to break out sessions including: Classroom Community and Brain Development of Young Children.



Read Aloud Competition Ms. Lina - I forced myself to step out of my comfort zone for the Read Aloud Competition. I'd practiced a poem, but was very nervous when I saw the "interrogation style room" I'd be judged in. The SVSU judges were amazing and supportive! I ended up taking the highest score for IRESA's Cadets! I plan to do it again next year.

Welcome Mr. Bond (SVSU's Certification Officer) with an update on Certification Bands!

Central Michigan University

Campus Tour, a Visit with the College of Education, and Lunch!



Ms. Katelyn-

This fall, we visited Central Michigan University's College of Education. We learned about the state of Michigan's new certification bands for teachers.

I've been accepted to CMU, and I'm excited that I will receive my three free college credits for taking Teacher Prep Academy Program at IRESA.

1st Semester - Host Classroom Updates!

Ms. Jenason - I've worked with Kindergarten, 3rd, and 5th graders, and I've loved every bit of it. The best parts have been helping out with the major projects including the Veterans Day paper chain flag and a Halloween party. Being able to help teach these children is very rewarding and I definitely look forward to seeing my students!

Ms. Dalaney- I started out in the 4th grade and enjoyed it, but my favorite host classroom is the gym because that is where I get to work with all age groups and learn different things from them. If I give the same directions to my 3rd graders that I gave my Kindergarteners, they'll think I'm crazy!

Ms. Hannah - I have a special connection with Kindergarteners! Besides my Host Classroom, I help out at breakfast and lunch. Taking Spanish class last year has helped me help my ESL students to improve their English. I can tell they are relieved to have me to communicate with.



Professional Development

Aug: CPR/First Aid/AED/Stop the Bleed **Sam**

For two days in August we met to receive Health and Safety training including AED, CPR, and Stop the Bleed.



Sept: MiRegistry, MiYDA, SafeSchools **Kylie-** For the MiYDA credential a

candidate needs to have 240 in-school hours and 240 out of school working with youth ages 5 to 18. Ms. Katelyn and I have exceeded the hours, and are going to be the first cadets from IRESA to earn our MiYDA Credential. All Cadets are also certified in: FERPA, Mandatory Reporters, Bloodborne Pathogens, Classroom Safety, and Active Shooter.

Dec: Lesson Plans **Dalaney** Each local was tasked with creating a Team Taught lesson plan, and our Hale group planned a gigantic Memory Game Board. The Cadets from the other schools loved playing the game because not only did they learn, but they got active.

Feb: Reading Intervention Strategies & All-Things IEPs **Ms. Hanna D** - Today we have Professional Development @ IRESA where we will be trained by Mrs. Davis about IEPs and Special Education and by Ms. Kennedy in Reading Intervention Strategies!

A Focus on Special Education

IRESA's Special Education PreSchool Ms. Felicity- Last Semester I was able to get the chance to work in the Pre School Special ED classroom. I picked up many skills including sign language, patience, and listening skills. I worked with kids who had low motor skills, hearing impairments ,and low or non-existent communication skills. My favorite part was making bonds with my students - their faces lit up when I walked in, they held my hand, and depended on me.

Mrs. Earl's Hearing Impaired Aalyah: Working with Mrs. Earl in Special Education, I realized that her class was not a classroom, but rather a familyroom. She has inspired me to work in Special Ed as well; to be a teacher like her. I learned many things, how to handle stressful situations, sign language, how to change a "feed" bag, and how to handle extremely stressful times. With all of that in mind, she helped me fall in love with working in Special Education.

Mrs. Davis' Elementary Inclusion Rotation Kylie: While working in Special Education I have noticed that these educators are spread very thin. They truly do everything - in a single day alone I helped out in six different classrooms. Even though I had to be all over the building I still had so much fun, and time to be silly with the kids(I am the one in the olaf suit to the right)



Perspective from Past BAISD Students



Ms. Savannah- We started our school year at Bay Arenac, which is an outstanding site, but quickly realized the challenges facing us as students in northern Michigan. The long bus ride and scheduling for student athletes is nearly impossible and hard to work around. We had to leave Bay Arenac early or skip it on days of events, meaning we'd fall behind in class. Iresa's Teacher Prep has given us the opportunity to explore options for our career paths by getting us right into classrooms in our own elementary building! We now have a completely different perspective on young students and their world. Helping children and giving them hope for their future is the highlight of being a teacher Cadet. Personally, I've gained as much from working one on one with a special needs student, as she's gained from me.



Cadets Out in the Community



Oscoda Career Fair **Hannah** - It was fun to represent our program, and see the interest on the faces of possible future Cadets.

WP - YAC Little n' Big Gig (Morgan)

Early-On Monthly Events: **Dylan**: For the past two years that I have been in the Teacher Prep program, Mrs. McCann has allowed me and my fellow cadets to help her with her monthly Early-on development nights such as. trunk or treat, cookie decorating, & meeting santa and of course I was santa.

Tawas Bay Players **Kyle** - We helped with all-things behind the scenes and working to get the kids on stage at the right time. She also coached the Middle School Ravens Cheer Team.

Book Fairs - Ms. Shyla - I escorted student groups to the Book Fair, helped them with their money counting skills, and helped them pick out books which were grade appropriate.



Where are Cadets needed in our communities? What out of school activities are available for them to earn volunteer hours while working with 5 - 18 year old students? Please email ideas to Mrs. Frank.

