



T.E.A.C.H. TALK

October - December 2017



A Special Message from Division Leadership

Greetings! The fall semester is well underway and all of us at T.E.A.C.H. are hoping that you are having a successful fall semester thus far. We love to hear from our scholarship recipients and encourage you to maintain regular contact with your counselor. If ever you have any challenges during the semester or have questions regarding your scholarship you are encouraged to call your scholarship counselor. In most cases we can provide sound advice and assist you with arriving to a solution. Even if you are having the best experience we'd like to hear about it! Share your story with us and let us know how receiving a T.E.A.C.H. scholarship has benefited you.

Early registration for spring begins in November. Be aware of registration dates at your college/university to allow sufficient time for processing any required documents on your behalf. We are so ecstatic to have you as a part of our scholarship program and look forward to providing support on your educational journey as you work to increase your knowledge and continue the work you are doing in the early care and education community.

Best Regards,

Kimberly Bynum
Scholarship Manager



What's New

➡ Gardner-Webb University has been added as a higher education partner with the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® NC Bachelor Degree, Birth-Kindergarten Licensure, Practicum Only and the Early Care and Education Community Specialist Scholarship Programs.

➡ T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® NC is proud to announce two new scholarships for early educators who would like to renew their CDA Credential Certificates:

- ➡ The CDA Certificate Renewal Scholarship
- ➡ The CDA Renewal Course Only Scholarship.

Check them out here:

<http://www.childcareservices.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/CDA-Renewal-FAQ-081517.pdf>



Semester Reminders

- Registration for Spring 2018 begins soon (as early as October at some schools).
- Contact a T.E.A.C.H. counselor if you need an adjusted or renewal contract for Spring 2018 semester.
- Pre-authorization request forms need to be submitted at least 2 business days prior to registering for class.
- Send in a copy of your class schedule and contract addendum to request your Spring 2018 stipend (T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Associate Scholars model only).
- Remember to submit tuition and book reimbursement claim forms within 30 days after the close of each semester.
- Sponsoring centers, please submit release time

- claim forms for all eligible employees within 30 days after the close of each semester.
- Remember that reimbursements, bonuses and stipends can take 8-12 weeks to be mailed out.
- Please pay invoices in a timely manner. Past due balances may affect future scholarship activity.
- Promptly submit grade reports at the end of each semester.
- Update your username and/or password for your online portal with a T.E.A.C.H. counselor if it has changed since you have started Fall 2017 classes.
- Graduates please send a copy of your degree.
- Contact a T.E.A.C.H. counselor within 10 days of any employment changes.
- Please sign and return all CRIB agreements (if applicable) within 15 days of notification.

Sponsor Spotlight

My name is Pam Byrd and I have been the director of Wescare Center for Children for over 15 years. Wescare is a 4 star-licensed child care center, owned by First Wesleyan Church and has been in business since 1975. We are a Christian facility located in Troy, NC and serve children from 6 weeks to 5 years old.

Wescare requires our employees to obtain an Early Childhood Associate degree and T.E.A.C.H. enables them to do that while working full time. We have been using the T.E.A.C.H. program at our facility for many years and our employees have been so grateful for the program. T.E.A.C.H. has made it possible for our facility to earn the points in education needed to maintain our star rating with the DCDEE. Our teachers are given paid time off with the release time received from T.E.A.C.H. for taking classes to help them complete their assignments. They would not be able to afford these classes if T.E.A.C.H. did not pay for the majority of the cost of books and tuition. In exchange, our center receives educated teachers to care for our children by putting into practice what they have learned.



Recipient Spotlight

My name is Terry Whitworth. I am the proud owner of Kids Cabin Family Child Care Home in Cherryville, NC. I have owned and operated my in-home daycare since 2004. I am very blessed to work in a profession I love!

As a mother, I have always spoken of the importance of education to my children. Now, because of T.E.A.C.H., I am able to lead by example. I feel as if I am a good role model because both of my sons are enrolled in college.



I started taking childcare classes early on and had to stop because of finances. Thanks to T.E.A.C.H., I was able to go back and will be receiving my Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education in December, 2017, from Cleveland Community College. My T.E.A.C.H. counselor, Tomonica, has really taken the time to walk me through everything. Everyone I have dealt with at T.E.A.C.H. has been very patient with me and wants to see me succeed. Having a T.E.A.C.H. scholarship is one of the best things that has ever happen to me!

Did You Know?

- ➡ Did you know that you do not have to wait until the end of the semester to be reimbursed for most out of pocket tuition and textbook cost?
- ➡ Did you know that you could be reimbursed for textbook rentals as well?
- ➡ Did you know that some community colleges/universities start registering for Spring 2018 as early as October?
- ➡ Did you know that you could receive the Federal PELL grant and T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Program scholarship at the same time to assist in reducing out of pocket expenses? Click here for more information on the federal pell grant <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>
- ➡ Did you know the \$300 T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® NC Early Educator Contract Renewal Incentive Bonus (CRIB). *Applies only to recipients on the Associate, Bachelor, B-K Licensure and Master's Degree models.* <http://www.childcareservices.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/CRIB-FAQ-2017.pdf>



Congratulations & Acknowledgements

This section is dedicated to our Spring and Summer 2017 graduates. What you have accomplished is no small task. We are so proud of you. Take a Bow!

Associate Degree Graduates

Sherry Bahraini
Robin Harris
Jackie Simmons
Malika Belmaizi
Alyssa King
Jessica Singleton
Cynthia Branson
Katie McClure
Cheryl Taylor
Crystal Bumgarner
Laura McKoy
Meagan Taylor
Kimberly Carter
Mia Newton
Telita Thorpe-Higgins
Altabia Cunningham
Nerissa Newton
Carolyn Tripp
Eliza Fuller
Samantha Noah
Tricia Young
Kamilah Gray
Vickey Phillips



Sherry Walker
Billie Greer
Breanna Shaw
Heidi Woodard
Sharon Dixon
Ronda Harrington
Miriam Rico-Tapia
Malesa Balzer
Yolanda Crews



Bachelor's Degree Graduates

August Hall
Renita Harvey
Dena Harward
Joyce Simpson

Master's Degree Graduates

Yasmine Bines
Brandy Martin
Krista Turner
Mary Callaghan Cato
Christine Somerville
Takiyah Warren
Julia Ashcheulova
Alexandra Shreve

We acknowledge: CDA Certificate holders

LaKeisha Brown
Angela Phillips
Altabia Cunningham
Latisha Talley
Shemika Graham
Sherley Toth-Buecher
Paula Martin

B-K License holders

Tambra Fitch
Selena Kornegay



Administration Credential holders

Maggie Cook
Iva Martin Mitchell



Your Voice Matters

Self-Advocacy:

The skill and ability to effectively identify and communicate your needs and wants to others.

Being able to advocate for yourself is the first step in being able to advocate for others.



Meet Your T.E.A.C.H. NC Team!

Edith Locke
Division Vice President

Marsha Baldwin
Scholarship Counselor II

Amy Duffy
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Scholarship Counselor III

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NCPREK Outreach Coordinator

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Scholarship Counselor III

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Administrative Assistant II

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Administrative Assistant II

Cindy Villani
Scholarship Counselor II

T.E.A.C.H. NC Team Member Spotlight

Counselor: Marsha Baldwin

Position: T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® NC Counselor II

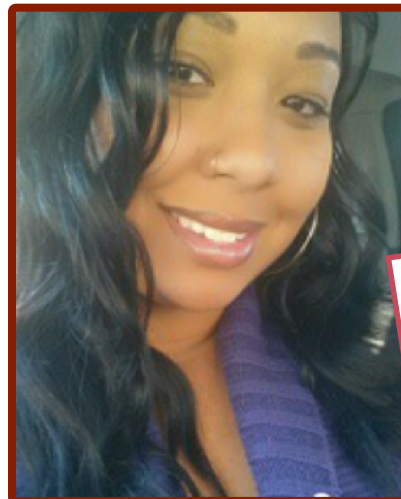
Education: Bachelor Degree in Child Development from East Carolina University

Experience in the classroom: 4 years

Years at T.E.A.C.H.: 5 years

Primary counselor for recipients who attend:

- Bladen Community College
- Brunswick Community College
- Cape Fear Community College
- Central Carolina Community College
- Nash Community College
- Robeson Community College
- Sampson Community College
- Southeastern Community College
- Stanly Community College



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