T.E.A.C.H. TALK
January - March 2020

Semester Reminders

T.E.A.C.H. NC wants to ensure your academic success so we have included an abbreviated recipient checklist in this section of semester reminders. “Semester reminders” is our way of calling your attention to some of the more important aspects of the scholarship process. These items can be those that can pause or delay your scholarship process. If you need further explanation on any of these items please feel free to contact your scholarship counselor.

Recipient Checklist:
☐ Send in your signed contract to activate your scholarship. This document MUST be received before any scholarship activity can occur.
☐ Send us a completed W-9 with your name, address and social security number. Remember to sign and date this document.
☐ Send us your Request for Permission to Release Information. You must check one of the boxes, granting or denying us permission to release personal information. Remember to sign and date this document.
☐ You MUST send your Form B with itemized receipts for tuition and book if applicable every semester. You should be able to access itemized tuition statements from Self Service or Web-Advisor. Itemized book receipts should be obtained from the bookstore or your online purchaser.
☐ If you receive an invoice please make sure it is paid on or before the due date. If not, this may cause a “pause” to your scholarship. If you are not able to pay the invoice in full please call our office to discuss payment options.
☐ Send us your unofficial transcript at the end of each semester. Please make sure your identifying information and the schools identifying information are on the document. Please DO NOT write or highlight on the document itself.

Recipient Spotlight

My name is Kelci Bradner and I am a 32-year-old Pre-Kindergarten teacher. I am employed with The Jordan Child and Family Enrichment Center located in Wake County. My journey began about 7 years ago when I started at the Jordan Center teaching in the toddler room. What I originally thought would just be a “stepping-stone” in my career path, quickly turned into a great love for children and the profession of education. I was aware that with my undergraduate degree in an unrelated field of education, I would need to put in a great deal of effort to pursue this dream. As a newly married young adult, I sought out resources on what I would need to become a licensed teacher for the state of North Carolina. After a great deal of research and assistance from my colleagues, I found the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® program and scholarship opportunities. After being accepted into the education department through The University of NC at Pembroke, I was accepted as a T.E.A.C.H. scholarship recipient.

The T.E.A.C.H. program, along with The Jordan Center, supported me throughout my entire Birth-Kindergarten program at UNC-P. My T.E.A.C.H. counselor checked in on me often, supporting me through each obstacle and milestone. The T.E.A.C.H. scholarship allowed me to obtain the coursework required to be a licensed teacher, along with offering me time outside of my classroom to complete assignments. Fast forward four years, two babies of my own, and three classrooms later and here I am finally a licensed teacher! The journey was not easy, but I know I could not have accomplished my goal without the assistance of the T.E.A.C.H. program. I am forever grateful for this amazing organization and am super excited to continue my passion of teaching within such an amazing profession!
Congratulations and Acknowledgments

This section is dedicated to our Fall 2019 graduates. We are so proud of you. What you have accomplished is no small task and all your hard work paid off!

**Associate Degree Graduates**
- Erica Grosskopf
- Edith Shankle
- Erin Brown
- Melissa Griffin
- Maria De Lugo
- Anna Trull
- Natasha Johnson
- LaJewel Jeffries
- Tiffany Grace

**Bachelor’s Degree Graduates**
- Yolanda Russell

**Master’s Degree Graduates**
- Roderica Johnson
- Mireilla Thompson
- Nickie Sighter
- Mary Lewis
- Roberta Dupont
- Mackenzie Ratledge
- Catherine Decker
- Tiffany Tazwell
- Christina Gnizak

Please note that the recipients recognized in this section have provided documentation showing proof of their certificate or degree prior to the date of publication. If you received your certificate or degree for the Fall 2019 semester and your name was not listed above, please send in documentation as soon as possible and we will be sure to recognize you in the next issue of T.E.A.C.H. Talk.

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

**Name:** Christie Warren  
**Position:** Administrative Assistant II  
**Education:** Associate Degree  
**Years with T.E.A.C.H.:** 1 year  
**Primary Duties:** Processing check requests, invoices, payments, daily correspondence, faxes, file maintenance and filling information requests

Did You Know?

At this year’s “Think Babies-Think Tank and Celebration,” Child Care Services Association (CCSA) was the state level organization that won the 2020 Outstanding Baby Advocate Award. CCSA was chosen because of its “outstanding leadership and advocacy to advance opportunities for babies, families and their early educators through groundbreaking research and innovative, evidenced-based programs that have made North Carolina a national leader in early childhood education and an inspiration to states across the country.” On hand to accept the award on behalf of CCSA was Marsha Basloe, CCSA President, Mary Martin, VP of Systems Development and Research, Allison Miller, VP of Compensation Initiatives (Child Care WAGE$ and Early Educator AWARD$) and Edith Locke, VP of Professional Initiatives (T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® NC Scholarship Program).

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

**Edith Locke,** Division Vice President  
**Amy Duffy,** Program Manager  
**Kimberly Bynum,** Program Manager and Primary Counselor for recipients on our:  
- Master’s Degree, LITL, and Preschool Add-On Scholarships.

**Pam McGowan,** Scholarship Counselor III and Primary Counselor for recipients attending:  
- East Carolina, Fayetteville State University, Stanly Community College, Shaw University, UNC-Greensboro and Western Carolina University.

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Tomonica Rice-Yarborough, Field Based Outreach Coordinator and Primary Counselor for recipients attending:
- Alamance Community College, Catawba College, Durham Tech Community College Elizabeth City State University, Greensboro College, Guilford Tech Community College, UNC-Chapel Hill, UNC-Charlotte, UNC-Wilmington, and UNC-Pembroke.

Pending Primary Scholarship Counselor for recipients attending:
- Beaufort Community College, Bladen Community College, Cape Fear Community College, Central Carolina Community College, Coastal Carolina Community College, College of the Albemarle, Craven Community College, Edgecombe Community College, Fayetteville Tech Community College, Halifax Community College, James Sprunt Community College, Johnston Community College, Lenoir Community College, Martin Community College, Nash Community College, Pamlico Community College, Pitt Community College, Robeson Community College, Rockingham Community College, Sampson Community College, Sandhills Community College, Southeastern Community College, Wilson Tech Community College, Vance-Granville Community College and Wayne Community College

Felica Olds, Scholarship Counselor II and Primary Conuselor for recipients attending:
- A-B Tech Community College, Blue Ridge Community College, Caldwell Community College, Catawba Valley Community College, Cleveland Community College, Davidson Community College, Gaston Community College, Isothermal Community College, McDowell Tech Community College, Mitchell Community College, Montgomery Community College, Piedmont Community College, Randolph Community College, Richmond Community College, Rowan-Cabarrus Community College, South Piedmont Community College, Southwestern Community College, Surry Community College, Tri-County Community College, Western Piedmont Community College and Wilkes Community College

Mildrianne Best, Scholarship Counselor III and Primary Counselor for recipients attending:
- Barton Community College, Brevard Community College, Central Piedmont Community College, Gardner-Webb University, North Carolina Central University, University of Mount Olive Community College, and Wake Tech

Kathy Thornton, Quality Control Systems Coordinator and Primary Counselor for recipients attending:
- Appalachian State University, Haywood Community College, NC A&T State University, and Winston Salem State University

Schquita Battle, Administrative Department Manager and Primary Counselor for recipients attending:
- Community Specialist Recipients

Christie Warren, Administrative Assistant II

Monica Livingston, Administrative Assistant II