



# ALUMNI UPDATE

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## A Message from the Dean

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As we finish our fall semester, we want to commend all of our December graduates for their diligent work as they finish their studies and prepare for new careers in schools across Kentucky and beyond.

We are excited to recognize three current teachers, Kathy Theis of Clays Mill Elementary, Tiffany Brown of Ashland Elementary, and Ethan Robinson of East Jessamine High School, as our fall Asbury University Educators of the Month. We thank them for being positive influences in our Kentucky students' lives.

The School of Education has started our first cohort of dual credit education students at East Jessamine High School. These students embarked on this journey with our Introduction to Education course that has allowed them the opportunity to learn about a career in education while earning college credit at the same time. We are thrilled to be able to share the importance of teachers with these students as they prepare to make decisions about majors for their college careers.

We look forward to next semester and the blessings it will bring. Thank you for your support of the School of Education.

## Know someone interested in the Education field?

The Asbury University School of Education offers a variety of teacher education programs including bachelor's degrees for our undergraduate and Adult Professional Studies students, and graduate programs for both certified teachers and those pursuing initial certification.



With high passing rates of graduates on the PRAXIS exam, our alumni are sought after by employers. To ensure quality for the public, the School of Education is nationally accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) and is accredited at the state level by the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB).

Regardless of the path you're on, our mission remains the same: to facilitate the preparation of professional educators who embody world-class academic excellence, spiritual integrity, and servant leadership.

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: Steve Crump '98



Challenged by Prof. Roy Lauter '64 to change his degree from Business to Elementary

Education on a mission trip to Jamaica, Steve Crump did just that. He has never regretted the decision. As the Head of School for Sarasota Suncoast Academy, this wide mission field in the public sector gives him the ability to speak into the lives of kids and families, helping them make connections and providing them with community.

As the first signee for AU Basketball, he found that community is important to him. Rules and discipline learned at Asbury also contributed to Crump's success. These are qualities he instills into his students today. Cooperation, Assertion, Responsibility, Empathy and Self-control (CARES) are the core values that Sarasota Suncoast Academy students work toward each year. Seeing their growth in these areas is what keeps Crump going.

When asked what advice Crump would give, he replied, "Find what you enjoy. Find mentors — people that are good at what you want to do and latch onto them from a relationship point. Emulate them and their Christ values. Have a sense of humor and enjoy life."

# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS



## Partnering with Local High Schools

Starting this Fall, Students from local a high school can now take introductory education courses through Asbury University's School of Education. This is a pilot program that may extend to other schools and districts in the future.

## National Tutoring Week

Asbury's peer tutors make a big impact on campus as they work one-on-one with students on writing, course-specific work and academic coaching in the University's Center for Academic Excellence (CAE).

During the 2018-2019 academic year, there were 2,926 appointments in the CAE; in an average week, the 41 CAE student workers will see around 144 appointments.

According to Dr. Corrie Merricks, director of the CAE, peer tutoring is a collaborative effort which offers growth to both the tutor and tutee.

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**FACULTY SPOTLIGHT:**  
*Barbara Hamilton '92*

Barbara Hamilton '92, Assistant Professor of Middle and Secondary Education, has enjoyed teaching English and Beginning French for more than a decade in both public and private schools. A certified Reading Specialist, she is currently pursuing her doctorate in Literacy, Culture and Language Education at Indiana University.

Hamilton enjoys the opportunity to invest in future teachers just as she was invested in by professors like Prof. Roy Lauter '64 and Dr. Bonnie Banker. "It is such a privilege to build into these students both academically and spiritually during these formative time in their lives." Her hope for her students is that they understand what a sacred time and space we are in here at Asbury — that God has called us here "for such a time as this" to impact our world as part of a grand story He is telling through us. These students are joining a long line of educators impacting the world through one school, one classroom and one student at a time.

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## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT:

### *Owyn Howard '20*

Following in family footsteps wasn't always a given for Owyn Howard. In fact, coming from a family of teachers made him want to resist being one himself. That is until he had his writing classes with Dr. Devin Brown and he worked as a counselor at the YMCA, mentoring students. Then everything changed. An English Education major,

Howard will be certified to teach junior and senior high school upon graduation. High School appeals to him because those students have had more "experiences and time to develop opinions". After graduation, his dream is to go out west to teach English and poetry, as well as to coach soccer and marry his best friend.