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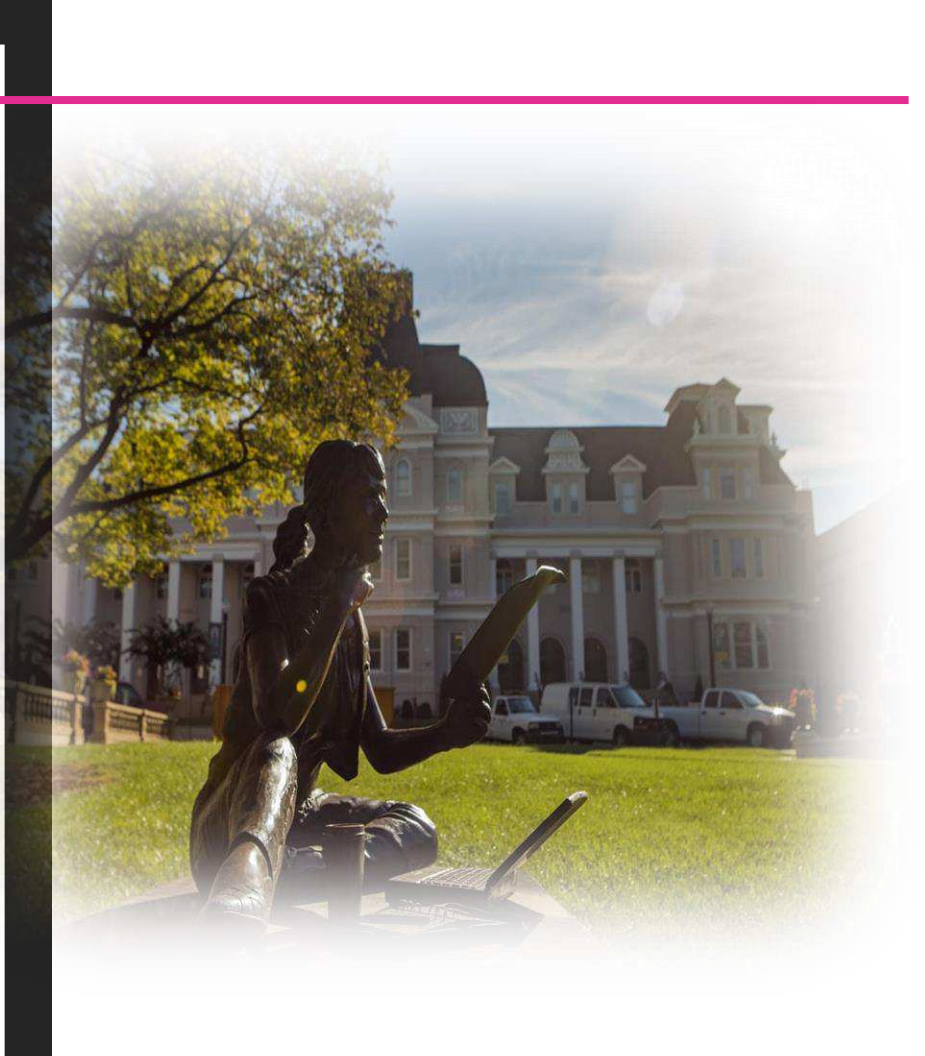
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**“Education is not
the learning of
facts, but the
training of the
mind to think.”**

-Albert Einstein



ESOL ENDORSEMENT PARTNERSHIP WITH GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOLS

To support local elementary school teachers in our community, Brenau University is currently partnering with the Gainesville City school district to train its faculty to teach English to Speakers of Other Languages. The ESOL Endorsement program offers three online courses: applied linguistics, cultural learning for bilingual ESOL, and methods and materials. This partnership offers an opportunity for candidates to add ESOL expertise to their teaching certification. In doing so, Brenau's ESOL Endorsement Program can help teachers support English language learners to reach high levels of academic achievement and success in the school setting. If your district is interested in Brenau's completely online ESOL Endorsement Program, please have your officer for federal programs reach out to Dr. Kelley Brock-Simmons at kbrock-simmons@brenau.edu.

“A good teacher can inspire hope, ignite the imagination, and instill the love of learning.”

- Brad Henry



COE TEAMS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL THERAPY AND THE SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY IN MOULTRIE, GEORGIA

In June, Dr. Laura Cantu, Assistant Professor of Education, traveled to Moultrie, GA with a few College of Education students in partnership with the Physical Therapy Department and the School of Psychology.



The Brenau University COE raised funds to participate in the Moultrie Farm Worker Family Health Program this summer. For two weeks, students and faculty from several universities set up temporary clinics at camps and schools in south Georgia. The College of Education students helped migrant farm workers and their children. They worked alongside psychology majors at the schools in the mornings and worked where needed to assist medical teams at night. They also read books to children, played educational games, and drew pictures. If you would like to participate next year, please contact Dr. Cantu at lcantu@brenau.edu.



Pictured: Kia Shields, Ed.D. student

FIELD AND CLINICAL EXPERIENCES

SEPT. 21 – Spring 2023 Field Experience, Internship, and Student Teaching Application Deadline

OCT. 21 – Teacher Education Applications are due

Fall 2022 Academic Calendar

Official First Day of Session	Aug. 29
Session 1	Aug. 29
Session 2	Oct. 17
Last Day to Drop Without Penalty	
Full-term	Sept. 2
Session 1	Sept. 2
Session 2	Oct. 21
Last Day to Withdraw with a “W”	
Full-term	Oct. 19
Session 1	Sept. 21
Session 2	Nov. 9
Last Day of Classes/Final Exams	
Full-term	Dec. 2
Session 1	Dec. 2
Session 2	Oct. 14
Final Exams	Dec. 5-9

Observed Holidays

Labor Day	Sept. 5
Day Class Fall Break	Oct. 13 & 14
Thanksgiving Holidays	Nov. 23-25
Reading Day (Day Program)	Nov. 30
Holiday Break	Dec. 19-27
Summer/Fall 2023 Graduation Application Deadline	Sept. 15
Spring Graduation Application Deadline	Jan. 15
Winter Commencement Ceremony	Dec. 16

Mrs. Kim Davis is pleased to announce that 182 students have been placed in clinical experiences for this upcoming fall semester. Fourteen student teachers have been assigned to schools across the state. We also have over two dozen students busy with internships.

We are excited to welcome our new Clinical Supervisor, Dr. Faith Simpson. Our team of clinical supervisors are experienced educators who also have administrative experience.

ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES

Section 504 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

Brenau University is committed to complying with all applicable requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and other applicable federal and state laws. Brenau does not discriminate in violation of these laws in its programs and services to all admitted students.

The Office of Accessibility Services assists qualified students with disabilities and learning differences in obtaining a variety of accommodations and support services, directed by the University's Disability Service Provider (DSP). More information about the accommodations process and procedures can be found on the Office of Accessibility Services Intranet Site: <https://intranet.brenau.edu/learning-center/office-of-accessibility-services/>

The University's Disability Services Provider coordinates the University's efforts in complying with federal, state, and local laws such as Section 504 and ADA, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

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FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

The College of Education is excited to share some great news about our faculty.

Dr. Billi Bromer was promoted to full Professor of Education. She has taught at Brenau for 16 years. She continues to work with our online students and offers academic advising.

Dr. Lisa McCoy has been promoted to Chair of Graduate Education Programs.

Dr. Brock Simmons remains Director of the Ed.D. program, but also is now the special projects coordinator, and Interim Director of Accessibility Services.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Brenau Alumni and current M.Ed. student, Beverly Lowery, was selected for a \$1000 scholarship for teachers who are continuing their education. The scholarship luncheon was presented by the Richmond County Retired Educators Association. Beverly is pictured with her Principal, Dr. Adkinson.

Beverly was also selected to attend the National Science Teaching Association's conference in Chicago. This was a premier science and STEM education event, where educators shared valuable ideas and experiences. The conference focused on developing scientific literacy in the STEM classroom, equity, and assessment. The exhibitor workshops featured the latest teaching tools, materials, and technologies available that Beverly will be able to utilize in her classroom in the upcoming school year. Congrats Beverly!

College of Education goes to Panama

In May, Dr. Kelley Brock-Simmons led a service-learning project that included five Women's College student ambassadors: Keren Kapwadi, Sarah Nolan, Imani Ternes, and Annabeth Vandiver. They traveled to a small public school, Loma Bonita, in the Coclé Province of central Panama.



The students were also able to experience a boat tour that allowed them to discover the diverse ecosystem of Panama.



The goal of this study abroad trip was to introduce Brenau students to a new culture in an authentic and meaningful way. Brenau students demonstrated teaching methods while engaging students in Pre-K – 9th Grades in an age and developmentally appropriate instructional activities.



Brenau students gained knowledge and skills that expanded their multicultural and global understanding. The school was located in a remote part of the country, far away from any common amenities that we are accustomed to. The children were extremely appreciative and one little girl stated "I will never forget you" in Spanish. The most noteworthy take away from the trip were the new friendships that were formed. The College of Education is hopeful to repeat this type of study abroad experience for students.