



KNAPP HALL NEWS

May 2021



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Chair's Corner

Welcome to the second installment of our department's new newsletter. A lot has happened since our last May 2020, newsletter. The Knapp Hall News newsletter will be a great document to remind us of what we have accomplished and what we hope to accomplish in the future.

As I write this newsletter message I would like to thank the department for all of its great work. It was nice to have everyone back in the department; Dr. Wong was on a much-deserved sabbatical when I arrived to Berea College so it was nice getting to work with her during the 2020-2021 academic year.

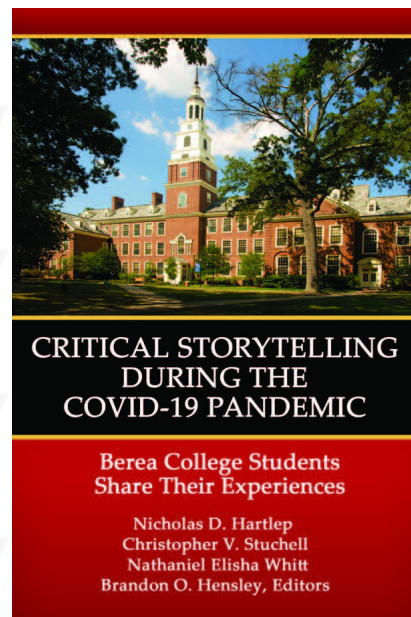
The fact that the department weathered the COVID-19 storm, is a testament of the unit's strength and resilience. Right now, though, I feel tired and in need of restoration. If my colleagues are honest, they may be feeling the same way. As teachers, we give so much to our students, our students' families, and the communities in which we live and learn. I am looking forward to reconnecting with my immediate family, which is mostly time I spend with them at softball tournaments.

Please read the newsletter, relax, rejuvenate, and remain connected to the Education Studies Department now and in the future. The department continues to do great work, for which I am grateful.

Chair's Corner (continued)

Last spring 2020 semester my EDS 150 students and I worked on an edited book entitled *Critical Storytelling During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Berea College Students Share their Experiences*. I am excited to share that the book is published. I would like to thank Christopher V. Stuchell and Nathaniel Elisha Whitt for their assistance with the project. Royalties of the book will be donated back to Berea College.

I close this Chair's Corner by sharing that when we began this newsletter a year ago, we had hoped that friends and supporters of our Teacher Education Program (TEP), including our program completers and Community of Teachers (CoT) and prospective students read and contribute to subsequent issues. I am excited to share that in this issue we have new contributors: Herbie Brock and Dr. Michelle Thornton. I look forward to partnering with you and seeing where the Department of Education Studies goes in the future. If you have any questions, please send me an e-mail (hartlepn@berea.edu). I wish you only the best.



Nicholas D. Hartlep



"Over the course of a year and more, the mind and body grow in ways that are truly unprecedented. With the restrictions on gathering being lifted following distribution of vaccines, I find that my mind and body are feeling at peace with the idea of a social life once more. I will always stand by the power of time, and particularly the power that a year holds. A year gives and it takes away, ebbing quite like the tides. I can only hope that with each year, I continue to impact the world in the most beneficial ways that I can. This book has carved a place into the many tales that will be told about COVID. It is a testament to resilience."

Christopher V. Stuchell

"It feels surreal that I wrote my chapter over a year ago; so much has changed internally and externally. This book serves as a measurement of that change. It reflects the thoughts and emotions that the students at Berea College felt during a time of unprecedented chaos as the pandemic unfolded. Each page is a testament to the resilience and authenticity of each student as they learned to live - and survive - amidst a pandemic."

Nathaniel Elisha Whitt





Congratulations Graduates!

December 2020

Erin Boyd

Education Studies with P-5,
Elementary Certification

Kandy Escobedo

Education Studies, General Curriculum

Isaiah Esham

Education Studies with 5-9
Mathematics Certification

Caroline Heberle

Education Studies with P-5,
Elementary Certification

Karina Jimenez

Education Studies with P-5,
Elementary Certification

Katie Murphy

Education Studies with P-5,
Elementary Certification

Roy Sanchez Delgado

Mathematics with 8-12 Certification

Cherokee Smiley

Music with P-12 Certification

Sydney Tillett

Education Studies, General Curriculum

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Tanner Crowe

Education Studies, General Curriculum

Ashley Hacker

Education Studies, Psychology, English

Jennifer Johnson

Education Studies, General Curriculum

Josh Johnson

Music with P-12 Certification

Jacob Keibler

Health and Human Performance with
P-12 Certification in PE and Health

Eliza Lavin

Education Studies, General Curriculum



CLASS OF 2021

Congratulations,!

Congratulations, Spring 2021 Graduates!

"There are no life decisions that are mistakes--that would require a duplicate universe to compare outcomes to. Every life has ups and downs. Every decision has consequences, some positive and some negative. Make the best decisions you can and embrace the outcomes."



Dr. Saderholm



Congratulations Spring 2021 Graduates! You graduated during a global pandemic! The EDS Department sends you hearty congratulations. I know you all will go on to do amazing things in the field of education and that you will help the world become a better, kinder, more beautiful place. Stay in touch please! Celebrate this accomplishment!

Nicholas Hartlep



Congratulations, grads! We are so proud of all you have accomplished and remember we are here for you for now and always. I wish you much success and happiness!

Dr. Maggie Robillard

Dear 2021 Graduates,



A hearty congratulations. You all persevered, sacrificed and endured under the most challenging of circumstances. As the saying goes, your accomplishments will be "one for the record and history books." We wish you all the best in your post-Berea educational adventures and journeys. Stay in touch, be safe and be well!

Dr. Penelope Wong

You should be proud of your accomplishment in a year that was filled with obstacles that you may never see again. Kudos to your tenacity and perseverance, always keep learning. Congratulations.



Dr. Julian Viera

Congratulations! You did it! Berea admits students of "great promise." Remember that whatever you do in your life, we at Berea think you are great!

Lisa Rosenbarker

Interview with Ashley Ferrell-Needham

Lisa Rosenbarker



1. Where do you teach and what grade?

My name is Ashley Ferrell-Needham and I teach 2nd grade at Kingston Elementary School in the Madison County School District. Next school year I will be moving to 5th grade.

2. How was it to be new to the profession and teach during the pandemic?

This year had its challenges but it was also really good. I think it was easier to be a first-year teacher during a pandemic because I did not have a lot of routines that I had to change. I had to be very adaptable this year. We went back and forth between the 3 options many times. It was very hard because I like to plan and you had to live day by day. You had to only get enough stuff ready for one week because you did not know which option you would be next week. Whenever you started to feel comfortable, things changed again.

I had to rely on my team a whole bunch in order to figure out what worked for them during the school closure of the previous school year and what was required of me as a teacher.

I still had to be observed by my Principal and my mentor teacher and all of the requirements of teachers were still expected. It was difficult to navigate them during virtual learning and I remember just wanting those who had to observe me to observe me in person.

3. What is an important lesson that you have learned from your students this year?

The most important lesson that I have learned from my students is to be resilient and to speak up for what is important. They had so many changes to their life during this school year that we all had to be adaptable.

4. What words of encouragement do you have for Berea College certification students?

You and your students are learning together: give them grace and give yourself grace. Do not feel like you have to work all of the time. Give yourself a time that you will leave school because the work will always be there.

5. What is something else you would like to say about your first-year teaching?

Something that I learned during my first year of teaching is that it is so important to build a relationship with your students and their grown-ups. We had to build our relationships virtually and I had to be in constant communication with their grown-ups. Being able to build those relationships early-on has made this whole year so much smoother for me. I feel like I could reach out to my kids' grown-ups about anything and whenever and from experience that is the same for them reaching out to me.

Also, another that that I have learned is do not be afraid to ask for help. Whether that is from your team, other teachers, or even your students' grown-ups. I reached out to the grown-ups about items needed for our classroom and for their input on how our input on how our virtual classes were going. Their feedback was important and changed the way our class ran for the better. Also, they were all very happy to help get items such as paper towels and water bottles for our room.

I have been very blessed during my first year of teaching and I am very ad that I have to send these students on to the next grade but I know that I did my best to make sure that they are as prepared as they could be for their 3rd grade experience.

Interview with Kandice Green

Lisa Rosenbarker



1. Where do you teach and what grade?

I am a 1st grade teacher at Westside Elementary in Harrison County; West is Best!

2. How was it to be new to the profession and teach during the pandemic?

Being new in a profession during a pandemic definitely came with its unique challenges, whether that be juggling virtual instruction to fit the needs of all students or doing your best to adequately instruct in-person students simultaneously with the virtual ones. There were many times when I thought I had figured out the puzzle, but then a million different pieces of that same puzzle would shift due to the never ending change that the pandemic seemed to thrive on. The puzzle shifted more times than I'd like to admit, but I have grown and learned a ton, both on my own and with the help of my team!

3. What is an important lesson that you have learned from your students this year?

This year my students taught me the importance of resilience in despite of one's circumstances. Many of my students are low-income or are in a foster home situation. Some were even being passed around from aunt, uncle, and grandmother during this course of the school year to make virtual learning work. Not being in-person was more challenging for them than any of us could ever imagine. However, despite all of those challenges my student's positive outlooks and attitudes continued to shine through. My students supported one another, grew, and problem solved even though they were a computer screen away. That's what I would call real strength.

4. What words of encouragement do you have for Berea College certification students?

You are on the verge of doing great things and the challenges Berea presents to you are definitely the ones that will best prepare you! You will be stronger and wiser from the experiences you have at Berea ♥

5. What is something else you would like to say about your first-year teaching?

Your journey starts your first year! Don't forget to ask questions, reflect, modify, and grow as you continue your path of educating and inspiring. You will fail at times, but that only means you're trying something new! Oh, and do not forget to stay in touch with your peers! That will always be a safe support system for you to bounce ideas off of or make hard decisions! Trust me, you'll need an outside perspective from time to time from someone who understands your dilemmas! One more thing; do not work too hard; take breaks!

Beyond the Classroom: Joining KEA-SP

Dr. Maggie Robillard, Faculty Sponsor

As we look ahead to next year with great excitement about being together again, we encourage you to join our Kentucky Education Association-Student Program (KEA-SP) organization. This is an opportunity to participate in our local community, advocate for education in Kentucky, and get to know other top students!

Our KEA Officers for 2021/22 are already planning ways to make the coming year great. We hold monthly meetings with interesting guest speakers, participate at the state level to represent the profession of education in Frankfort, and support community events at our local schools, such as fall fairs and spring flings. It is a great way to go beyond what you are learning in your classes and make an authentic difference in our community.

There are three easy ways to connect with Berea KEA-SP:

(1) Join our Facebook Group, Berea College KEA to find out about the latest events and to share interesting ideas about education with students, graduates, faculty, and staff.

(2) Talk with one of our 2021/22 executive officers to share ideas for events or ask questions,

- Hayley Tippitt, President,
- Cameron Brown, Secretary
- Chaney Greer, Diversity Chair
- Mici Berry, Student Advisor

(3) Join KEA-SP officially at [KEA.org](https://www.kea.org). Just click on the blue button at the top-left corner of the home page and choose “aspiring educator.” Fill out your information and submit to gain all the benefits of membership at no charge to you. Everyone is welcome!

See you in the fall!

Dr. Robillard

Social Emotional Learning and Service-Learning During a Pandemic

Dr. Michelle Thornton

This past year and a half have been quite the learning experiences for all, but the Berea College students have demonstrated great resiliency and determination to not only continue their studies, but have continued to show their passion for teaching. With the local public school operating virtually the majority of the school year, health and human performance (HHP) majors wanted to provide some normalcy to the local elementary students. HHP majors took on the role of creating daily morning video announcements that emphasized the school's 7 Habits of Leader in Me framework, providing a sense of connectedness with the school for the students. The Berea College students also worked with the Gear Up grant at Berea Community



Schools to build relationships with the elementary students by creating weekly challenge videos in which the elementary and college students could participate. The [Super Hero Challenge](#) was one such example. Each week, local students would submit their challenge videos for a chance to win a Berea College prize. It was fun to see the students' excitement and see their creative interpretations of the challenges.

Through the creation of these videos, the elementary students expressed a connection with our college students, which ultimately led three health and physical education majors to present their experiences in teaching health and physical education through service-learning at the national Society for Health and Physical Educators (SHAPE) conference this past April. In their presentation, they explained the importance of participating in service-learning courses and building a platform for the local students and for themselves as pre-service teachers. A copy of their presentation can be found at this link ["Utilizing Service Learning in Health Education."](#)

Habit 1: Be proactive, I'm in charge of me.

Habit 2: Begin with the end in mind, have a plan.

Habit 3: Put first things first, work before play.

Habit 4: Think win-win, I win, you win, we win.



Habit 5: Seek first to understand then be understood, listen before you talk.


Habit 6: Synergize, together is better.

Habit 7: Sharpen the saw, balance tools.

HHP 362 TEACHING & EVAL IN HEALTH & PE

- Focused on Social-Emotional Learning
- Connecting everybody and making them feel safe and secure
- Habits videos that addressed Leader in Me:
 - Superhero pose challenge
 - Challenge videos (10k steps, cup song, hiking, etc.)
 - A holiday video
 - Halloween themed videos
 - Shannon Johnson Elementary School PE Videos





Overview of 2020–2021 Teacher Education Program Candidates

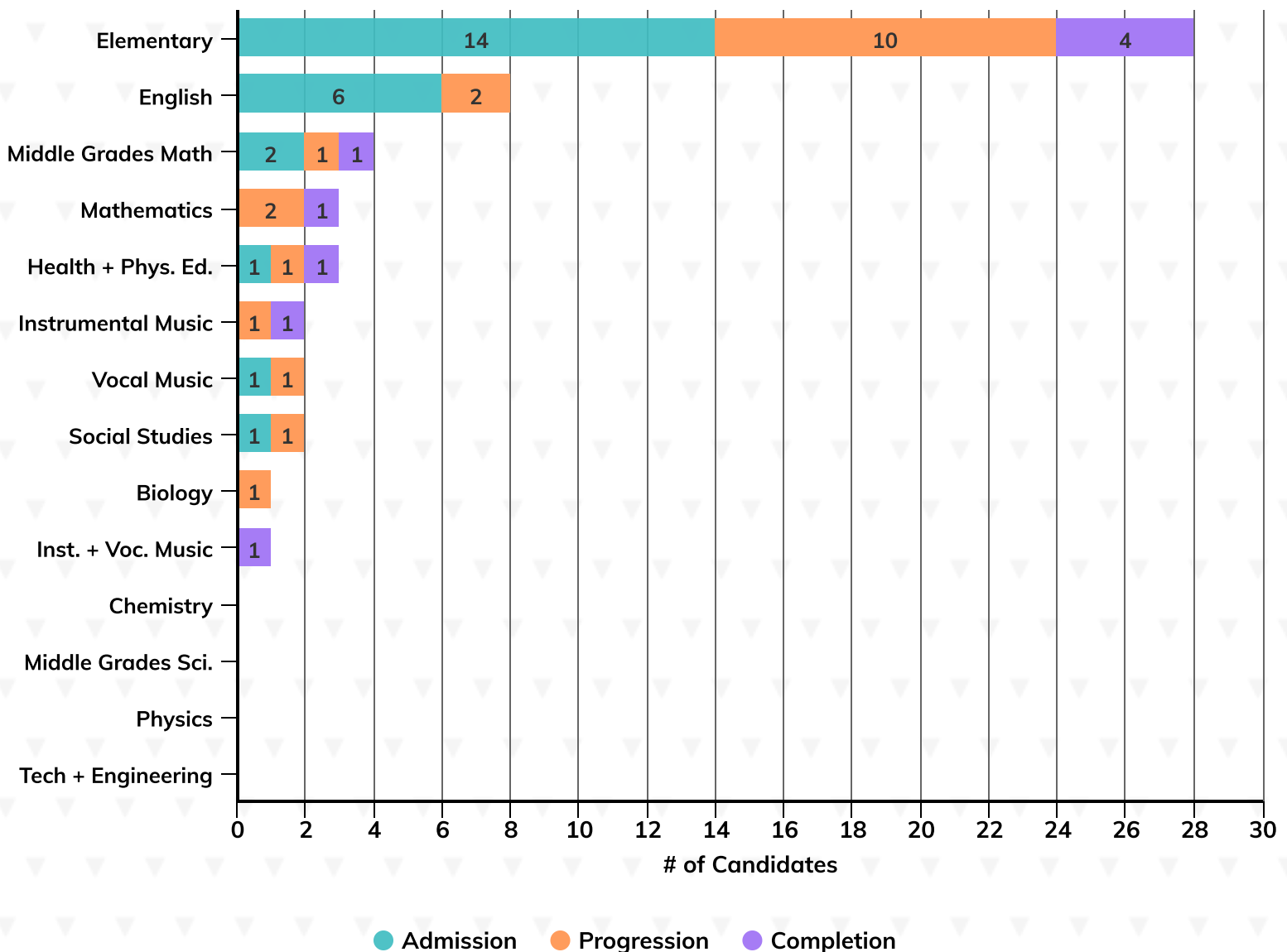
Shelby Williams

For the 2021 newsletter, I thought it would be interesting to provide an overview of our candidates by looking at three stages: admission, progression, and completion.

Admission	Progression	Completion	Total
25	20	9	54

It has been a good year for the Teacher Education Program as we celebrate the accomplishments of 54 teacher candidates! Twenty-five candidates met the state and program requirements for admission, 20 candidates continued to make progress on their coursework and clinical field experiences, and 9 candidates graduated and met the state requirements for their Kentucky teaching certificates! Additionally, 10 candidates (in the progression stage) were approved in Spring 2021 to complete their student teaching experience in the 2021–2022 academic year.

Certification Areas by Stages



Teacher Education Program: Alumni Spotlight

Herbie Brock, Class of 2008 Social Studies Education, 8-12 Teacher Certification



Photo caption: Herbie and his wife, Courtney with the RCHS Educators Rising chapter pose for a photo during a visit to the Education Department at Western Kentucky University.

Herbie Brock is currently teaching, coaching, and mentoring students in Rockcastle County which is just south of Berea. He currently teaches AP World History, AP US Government, and Intro to Special Education (dual credit through ECU) at Rockcastle County High School. He is also the coach of the Academic Team which won its first two District Championships in over twenty years in 2020 and 2021, however, he is most proud of his work as sponsor for Educators Rising.

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Herbie's primary professional goal is to encourage as many compassionate and community-minded young people to consider teaching, so he created a chapter of Ed Rising at his school, which is the national "future teacher club". The club holds yearly state and national level conferences where students demonstrate skills useful in the classroom. Through the club and informal mentorship, Herbie has created a pipeline of former RCHS students who are currently pursuing teacher certification. From here, he plans on continuing to introduce the field to his high school students each year in hopes of creating a tradition of guiding his students to become awesome and enthusiastic new teachers year-after-year. He is also ecstatic to announce that his former high school student, Caroline Coguer has finished her student teaching and will begin teaching AP World History at Campbell County High School this fall. Caroline is the first of Herbie's Ed Rising students to become a teacher, but he assures everyone that there are many more awesome young people like Caroline on their way to their own classrooms from RCHS!

Announcements

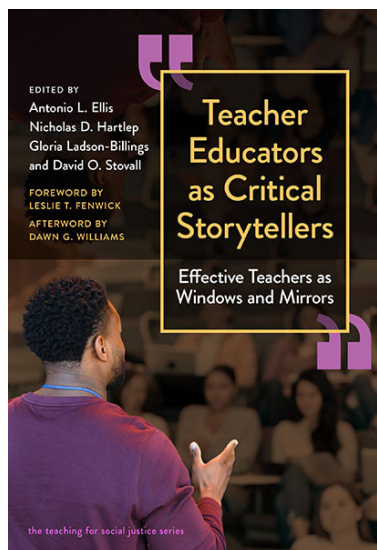
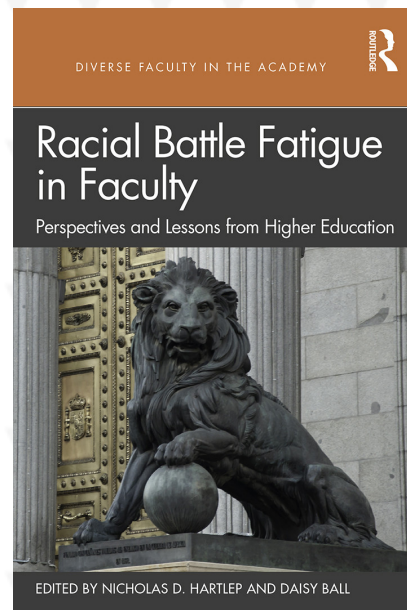


Liza DiSavino and Nicholas Hartlep each receive national book awards!

Liza DiSavino's book on early Kentucky ballad collector Katherine Jackson French (*Katherine Jackson French: Kentucky's Forgotten Ballad Collector*) won the Kentucky History Award from the Kentucky Historical Society. A good deal of the book focuses on Dr. French and her relationship with Berea College.

In addition, the book garnered a 5-minute feature piece on NPR's ["All Things Considered."](#) broadcast nationally in January of 2021.

Nicholas Hartlep's book *Racial Battle Fatigue in Faculty: Perspectives and Lessons from Higher Education* was named a 2021 Outstanding Book by the Society of Professors of Education.



New Book Released!

Our department chair, Nicholas Hartlep, recently published his book *Teacher Educators as Critical Storytellers: Effective Teachers as Windows and Mirrors*. Read a description of the book at the [Teachers College Press](#).

Shelby Williams Leaving for Eastern Kentucky University

The Education Studies Department would like to send its well wishes to Shelby Williams who will be leaving Berea College for Eastern Kentucky University. Williams' new position will be Data Manager, e-Campus Learning. Williams will be missed. The Education Studies Department's loss is Eastern Kentucky University's gain.



Media Mention!

The latest edition of the *BC Magazine* has an article that highlights the work of those around campus including the Department's Dr. Penelope Wong, on mindfulness

For more information or to read the mention, click [here](#).



Dr. Maggie Robillard Awarded Tenure and Promotion

The Education Studies Department would like to congratulate Dr. Robillard on her tenure and promotion to Associate Professor.

Dr. Althea Webb Awarded Year Long Sabbatical

The Education Studies Department would like to congratulate Dr. Althea Webb on her sabbatical. Dr. Webb will be on leave Fall 2021 and Spring 2022. Enjoy!

