

Teacher Seminars Still Going Strong!

There is still plenty of time to catch some informative education seminars this semester. March seminars will be held on the 10th and 11th. Our final seminar and Ice Cream Social will be held April 7th. If you haven't had a chance to attend any this year, and these dates work for you, we'd love to see you there. Remember that you can also go to our website to see videos of past seminars.

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Attention Future Teachers

Teachers of Tomorrow Scholarship Available

Requirements:

1. Be accepted to Grand Rapids Community College.
2. Successful completion of a minimum of 15 college credits.
3. Have an established **college** GPA of 2.8 or higher.
4. Have an academic code that indicates education as your career goal.
5. Plan to be enrolled at GRCC for the fall semester with at least 6 credits.
6. Submit a completed GRCC Foundation scholarship application and **unofficial** copy of your transcripts to Financial Aid by March 15th. These applications are available from Financial Aid, 1st Floor main.
7. Submit the following to Staci Dever in Room 308 Main by March 15th:
 - A completed Teacher of Tomorrow Scholarship application form
 - A 500 word, double spaced essay on the following topic: *"What are three qualities of an effective teacher?"* Use examples from your personal experience that illustrate each of those qualities. This essay will be evaluated on both qualities of content and mechanical accuracy.
 - Two letter of Recommendation.
 - Your resume indicating your teaching major(s)/minor(s) and the grade level you plan to teach.

For More Information, Contact: Staci Dever, Room 308 Main, 234-3380



Principal Carrie Tellerico of Martin Luther King Leadership Academy shares her thoughts.



Students watch the video on the community school concept.

Basic Skills Exam

Some of you may have taken the Basic Skills Exam already, but for those of you who haven't, here is some important information.

"You may take the Basic Skills test ... as early in your college program as you wish. State-approved teacher preparation programs may require students to pass the Basic Skills test before entering the program. Contact the academic advisor...at your institution to find out the program requirements." The Education Department here at GRCC encourages all education majors to take this exam. You may take it more than once.

If you still wish to take it this spring, late registration is by March 27 (there is an additional fee). Otherwise, you may register on June 5 for the July 18th exam. Late registration for that test date is June 26, again with an additional fee.

Please visit www.mttc.nesinc.com for additional information or check with your intended transfer institution.

Dear TOTS Recipient,

The Teacher Education faculty at GRCC hopes that this year has been one of personal and academic growth. We also hope that your TOT scholarship has helped you in some small way along the pathway to becoming a teacher.

For those of you who will be returning to GRCC next year and are interested in another scholarship, **you must reapply** this semester to be considered for a scholarship for the 2009-2010 academic year. As a returning TOTS recipient you must meet the following conditions and submit the following documents:

1. A resume, indicating your teaching major(s), minor(s), and grade level you plan to teach.
2. A two-page, double-spaced essay in which you will: "Reflect upon your growth as a future teacher during this academic year. Use examples from both your coursework and personal experiences to illustrate your commitment to the teaching profession." This essay will be evaluated on both qualities of content and mechanical accuracy (sentence structure, grammar, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling).
3. Please include two letters of recommendation from people other than family members who have knowledge of your commitment to the teaching profession. They could be former professors, job supervisors, volunteer supervisors, or even your pastor.

For those of you who are transferring at the end of this year, we ask you to keep in touch with your Teacher Education professors here at GRCC. We like to share in the success stories of our graduates.

Remember, *"Those who can, do; those who understand, teach."*
(Lee Shulman)

Sincerely,
The TOTS Scholarship Committee

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