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ASPIRING EDUCATORS

NEWSLETTER



Program Overview

The Aspiring Educators Program is proudly housed at Hempfield Area School District's Stanwood Elementary, located just across the street from Central Westmoreland Career & Technology Center (CWCTC). As part of this program, students have the unique opportunity to earn college credits through Seton Hill University, with all tuition fully funded by Central Westmoreland CTC. This partnership enables students to start their educational journey toward a degree in education while still in high school.

All students are up to date with their clearances and TB tests and have already begun assisting teachers and spending time in classrooms at Stanwood Elementary. They even helped with a schoolwide fire drill and created a Kindergarten Bulletin Board displayed in the main hallway!

Year 1 – Building the Foundation

Our Year 1 Cohort includes 18 juniors and 2 seniors from seven sending districts: Hempfield Area, Penn-Trafford, Norwin, Southmoreland, Mount Pleasant, Yough, and Belle Vernon.

These students have begun their first Seton Hill University course, SED 110: Foundations of Education. They have explored topics such as:

- Professionalism in the classroom
- Bias in education
- Equity vs Equality



The Aspiring Educator students also attend one of our ten sending School Districts. Instructors: Mrs. Cesario & Mrs. Crist.

Year 2 – Growing as Professionals

Our returning Year 2 Cohort includes seven seniors beginning their fourth Seton Hill University course, SED 240: Parent and Family Conferencing.

- Philosophy of Education
- Bias & Equity in School Communities
- Building Classroom Culture
- Designing Classroom Environments

To prepare for their Fall Practicum, students created “All About Me as an Aspiring Educator” projects and emailed them to their mentor teachers, practicing professional communication.



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In the Spotlight

Exciting News! . . .

Aspiring Educators Avery Waszo and Erin Noll were recently featured on NBC News, discussing the teacher shortage and how CWCTC's Aspiring Educators Program is helping to address it.

We are incredibly proud of their professionalism and leadership in representing our program and future educators across Pennsylvania.

[Watch the video here](#)



Educators Rising Club News

Our Educators Rising Chapter has officially grown, welcoming all Year 1 students as new members! This month, we held elections and are proud to announce our 2025-2026 Officers:

- President: AVERY WASZO
- Vice President: ERIN NOLL
- Secretary: NATALIE ZELLO
- Treasurer: GIA ALLSHOUSE



UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS:

- **Trunk or Treat:** Stanwood & CWCTC (October)
- **Educators Rising Fall Conference:** (Millersville University, November 14) - 8 students will attend
- **Reimagining the Teacher Role Summit:** (Harrisburg, November 18) - 4 students will attend
- **Nothing Bundt Cake Fundraiser:**
 - Cakes are \$7 each with pickup on November 18th
 - To order, please email: abby.cesario@cwctc.org
 - or mikki.crist@cwctc.org