



OCTOBER 2025

ASPIRING EDUCATORS

NEWSLETTER



Saint Vincent College



University of Pittsburgh Greensburg

College Connections

We were thrilled to visit both St. Vincent College for the Aspire to Teach event and the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg for campus tours. These experiences helped our future educators explore their next steps in education and teacher preparation.

First year students dove into federal education policies, including Title I, Title IX, and ESSA, learning how each supports equity and access for all students. To better understand how schools operate, Year 1 students examined the organizational structures of our seven sending districts and observed a school board meeting in action.

Year 1 students also had their first hands-on teaching experience by planning, designing, and leading fall crafts and activities with Stanwood Elementary's kindergarten, first-grade, and second-grade classrooms.

Year 1 - Building the Foundation

Our first-year Aspiring Educators had a busy and inspiring month! Students explored Howard Gardner's Theory of Multiple Intelligences, discovering how every learner brings unique strengths and interests to the classroom. They practiced designing lessons that connect to students' diverse learning styles and passions.

To round out the month, students began their journey through the history of American Education, tracing the roots of teaching back to the 17th century and exploring how those early foundations continue to shape modern classrooms.



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

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Year 2 – Teaching in Action

Our second-year Aspiring Educators are officially in their fall practicum placements, spending every Wednesday and Thursday learning from their mentor teachers. During these placements, students are conducting interviews with their mentor teachers, school counselors, and non-instructional staff to deepen their understanding of school roles.



Before entering their placements, students designed their Dream Classroom Layouts, learning how physical space impacts instruction and management. They also completed Community Snapshot Reports, researching their practicum schools' neighborhoods and demographics to better understand the students and families they'll serve.

In the classroom, Aspiring Educators have been busy creating "All About Me" slideshows to introduce themselves to their students. They also have been assisting in small groups, completing read-alouds, designing study materials, and even teaching their first lessons!



In the Spotlight

*Exciting News! . . .
A huge Congratulations to Avery Waszo and Caitlin Haney, who attended the SkillsUSA Fall Leadership Conference! Avery proudly represented CWCTC in the Gold Star Competition and earned third place. Way to go, Avery!!*

Educators Rising Club News

Our Educators Rising Club kicked off the year with great success!

- The **Nothing Bundt Cakes** fundraiser brought in \$1,250. *Thank you to everyone who supported us!*
- Members volunteered at two **Trunk-R-Treat** events (Stanwood Elementary and CWCTC), bringing smiles and school spirit to the community.

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS:

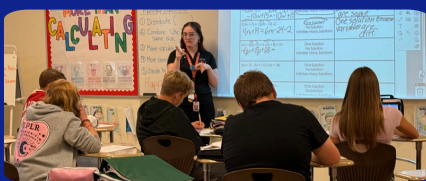
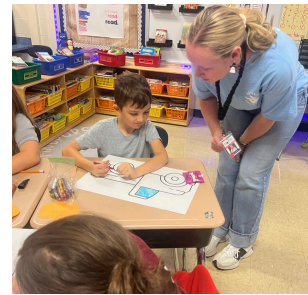
- **Educators Rising Fall Conference:**
Millersville University, November 14 - 8 students attending
- **Reimagining the Teacher Role Summit:**
Harrisburg, November 18 - 4 students attending
- **Coffee Drive-Thru Fundraiser:**
 - November 5 at Stanwood Elementary, in partnership with CPAT
 - Sassy Sips of Scottdale is providing the coffee!
 - *Thank you, Sassy Sips!*

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Learning by Doing: Year One's First Teaching Experience

Our Year 1 Aspiring Educators stepped into the teacher's role for the first time this month! They planned, designed, and facilitated fall-themed crafts and learning activities with kindergarten, first-grade, and second-grade classes at Stanwood Elementary School.

The energy in each classroom was contagious as our students guided young learners through hands-on projects, practiced giving directions, encouraged creativity, and experienced the joy of seeing their lessons come to life.



Inside the Classroom: Year Two Practicum Placements

Our Year 2 Aspiring Educators are out in the field every Wednesday and Thursday, gaining real classroom experience in their fall practicum placements.

Here's where you'll find our future educators making an impact:

Aspiring Educator	Mentor Teacher	School
Gia Allshouse	Ms. Hlavasa	Level Green Elementary
Madi Cramer	Mrs. Victor	Frazier Middle School
Erin Noll	Mrs. Murphy	Fort Allen Elementary
Sydney Valenta	Mrs. Novosel	Sunset Valley Elementary
Avery Waszo	Mrs. Weismann	Trafford Elementary
Harley Wilson	Mr. Martin	Yough Intermediate M S
Natalie Zello	Mrs. Muchoney	Stanwood Elementary