Kristine Datres is the Coordinator of Field Experience for the Lycoming Education Department. She is very involved with her family. She has two nieces, Kelli and Kerri, who are chiropractors in town at Hands in Health. She also has two nephews, Kyle, who is currently a student and plays baseball at the University of North Carolina and Kory, who is a new father to his first grand nephew, Rhett. Ms. Datres plans to travel and attend Kyle's baseball games in the spring.

Ms. Datres is an alumna from Lycoming College and graduated in 1975. She came to Lycoming College in the fall of 1971 and as a freshman majored in English. She student taught at Williamsport High School and then acquired a job in the Williamsport School District teaching 7th grade English at Curtin Junior High, which is now Curtin Intermediate School. Ms. Datres was the secretary of the Williamsport Education Association, which is the teachers’ union for 30 years. After 34 years of teaching and retiring in 2009, Ms. Datres returned to Lycoming in the fall of 2009. She had been searching for a part-time job to keep herself busy during the winter. Lycoming needed a Coordinator of Field Experiences, who would be able to place students in area schools to fulfill their observation hours and to eventually student teach. From working in the district, Ms. Datres had many contacts in the county schools. She also had many contacts from being a teacher-coach for the PA State Standards, which offered in-service programs to area teachers and administrators.

Ms. Datres was asked “How has the education department changed since you have been here?” She replied, “Although the people have changed over the years, Lycoming continues to have a strong Education Department that provides quality teachers for public and private schools. We enjoy small class sizes and close relationships with our students.”
Updates from Alumnae!

Amy Cline, Class of 2013

Amy Cline graduated in May of 2013 as a psychology major and obtained her teaching certification in elementary and special education. While at Lycoming, Amy participated in choir, chamber choir and was a member of the softball team. After graduation, Amy began her career as a long-term substitute teacher in a second grade classroom at Bermudian Springs School District in York Springs, PA. In October a position opened up in special education. Amy interviewed for the job and is now the second and third grade learning support teacher at Bermudian Springs. In addition to teaching, Amy is the varsity softball coach, “GO EAGLES!” Amy is currently working to complete her masters in Instructional Technology from Wilkes University.

How has the education department at Lycoming College prepared you for your current employment?

“My education promoted my own personal style of teaching. They supported my personal talents, and I did not feel as though I had to fit into a certain mold. I had a personal relationship with my professors. They were encouraging and supportive throughout all 4 years, and I was given valuable advice. I was exposed to current and up-to-date methods of teaching that prepared me for all classroom settings. The principals they taught me allowed me to be innovative and creative within my own classroom.”

Advice for future and current education students at Lycoming?

“Dr. Rogers advised me to get my certification in both elementary and special education. At that time, I had no interest in pursuing a special education certification. Once I had the opportunity to explore that environment my senior year, those students captured my heart. I loved the small group setting, and working one-on-one with children with learning disabilities was very challenging. Dr. Rogers recognized my abilities and potential of being dual-certified, which has resulted in my current position as a 2nd & 3rd grade learning support teacher. Observations are critical. It is important to observe various classrooms and start exploring different grade levels as a freshman. You may open yourself to new possibilities and discover other avenues you may not have considered.”

Upcoming Events for Spring 2016

- Lyco Buddies will be holding a bowling and Valentine’s Day party, dates are still to be announced.
- Sunday, March 20th, SPSEA will hold their annual Easter egg hunt! Festivities from 1:00-2:00 p.m. We will have games and activities for children and their families here in Lycoming College’s彭明顿 Lounge. Activities include; egg dyeing, face painting, sidewalk chalk, crafting, and an Easter egg hunt.
- Sunday, March 20th, KDP is having an induction ceremony at 2:30 p.m. in Honor’s Hall.
- Wednesday, March 30th starting at 4:30 p.m. Lycoming College will have a speaker visiting campus to talk about homeless children.