“Dadvocate”, Mr. Kurt Kondrich

On Tuesday, October 14, Mr. Kurt Kondrich shared his story of his daughter, Chloe, who was born with Down syndrome and changed his life forever. From a young age, he always loved Batman and Spiderman. He wanted to grow up to save lives and make a difference in people’s lives. This is when he became a police officer. For many years he served different areas as a police officer and helping to save lives. Then Mr. Kondrich married, and had a son. A few years later, they had their daughter, Chloe. Chloe has been such an inspiration to the Kondrich family and they did not let Chloe’s disability define her. When Chloe was born, the doctors told Mr. Kondrich and his wife how bad things would be and all of the things that Chloe wouldn’t be able to do because of having Down syndrome. They had nothing good to say about their new baby girl. After talking to several other families that heard the same information from the Doctors, Mr. Kondrich decided to make a difference. He became an advocate for early intervention for children. He also recently passed a law, The Down Syndrome Prenatal Education Act, or better known as Chloe’s Law. Chloe’s Law states that a mother will be told factual information and ways to support the family who are expecting a child with Down syndrome. All doctors are required to provide the information about Down syndrome and ways to help and better the quality of life for the child. Chloe has changed Mr. Kondrich’s life in a way that he could have never imagined. He now travels around advocating early intervention and sharing his story of Chloe. He wants everyone to know Chloe and how truly inspiring she is.

Spotlight on Faculty!

This semester, Dr. Amy Rogers is teaching Curriculum and Instruction for Middle/Secondary Students (EDUC 339), Literacy in the Content Areas (EDUC 338), and field observations for the pre-semester student teachers as well as observing current student teachers. She is focusing on aligning her courses to the PA Core Standards and sharing with teacher candidates the many changes that are occurring at the state level for the PA Teacher Evaluation System and its alliance to the Charlotte Danielson Model of Evaluation. Currently Dr. Rogers is working with senior, Shannon Bolin, to share their work on the creation of an interdisciplinary curriculum based on the work, The Curse of Caste by Julia C. Collins. Dr. Rogers is also working with junior, Justin Potuck, to share their work on the curriculum related to the Williamsport Water Authority and Mosquito Valley with the Williamsport Water Authority, the Clean Water Institute, the Lycoming County Conservation District, and Dr. Zimmeman. Dr. Rogers is looking forward to building relationships with her students and watching them grow as teacher candidates. She is also looking forward to serving as a mentor for KIPP/YES PREP students! Dr. Rogers is very excited to see the Education Department grow!
Updates from Alumnae!

Melanie Shepheard, Class of 2014

Melanie Shepheard graduated from Lycoming College in December, 2013. She is currently in her first year of teaching at Central Elementary School in the South Williamsport School District. She is a learning support teacher.

Are you an Alum from the Education Department? Please share where you’re at and what you’re doing.

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Briana Wingrove, Class of 2014

“I graduated from Lyco in May 2014 and was hired by the Montoursville Area School District. I am an Itinerant Learning Support teacher for 5th grade at C. E. McCall Middle School. In addition to supporting my students in learning support in a co-teaching setting for Math, Science, and Social Studies, I teach Tier 2 and Tier 3 RtI English Language Arts.”

PECT Changes

The PECT PreK-4 Core and Professional Knowledge exam scores have been changed. The new scores are as follows:

- Module 1 — 197
- Module 2 — 193
- Module 3 — 193

More information can be found at http://www.pa.nesinc.com

ETS Core

There is now an alternative option to taking the PAPA Assessments. The ETS CORE Assessment consists of three tests to assess your basic knowledge in reading, writing, and mathematics. The price and scores are as follows:

- Reading $85 — score: 156
- Writing $85 — score: 162
- Mathematics $85 — score: 150

OR all 3 tests for $135

For more information, go to http://www.ets.org

Sunday, October 26th was the SPSEA annual Halloween Party! Festivities started at 1:00pm and continued until 3:00pm. There were games and activities for young children here in Lycoming College’s Pennington Lounge. Children dressed in Halloween costumes and participated in a “parade of costumes” for a chance to win a prize for several “best costume” categories. Children also participated in different Halloween-themed games and crafts while enjoying some tasty snacks!