Spotlight on Faculty!

Marlene M. Cauley is the supervisor for elementary and special education here at Lycoming College. She observes students in classrooms throughout Lycoming County during their pre-student teaching and student teaching semester. She also conducts a weekly seminar with student teachers to discuss current educational trends and guides them through their experience. Mrs. Cauley has her B.S in Health and Physical Education from Lock Haven University and her M.Ed. in Special Education from Mansfield University. Mrs. Cauley pursued a career in education due to her outstanding experience with her teachers throughout her school years. After 33 years of teaching for the Intermediate Unit and Williamsport Area School District, Mrs. Cauley retired. Mrs. Cauley’s favorite subject to teach was math, which she taught for the last 20 years.

Although she retired, she wanted to continue to stay connected with education because she enjoyed her teaching career. In the fall of 2011, Mrs. Cauley started working at Lycoming College. While supervising, Mrs. Cauley enjoys meeting quality local teachers that mentor our students, watching student teachers develop relationships with their students by taking ownership of their classes, and getting to individually know and watch each student teacher grow into colleagues. In her spare time, Mrs. Cauley can be found at the gym at least four days a week. She loves to travel and to experience new sights and cultures. She has a passion for photography, which the students discover throughout their student teaching semester. Mrs. Cauley’s piece of advice for current students in the education department is to be able to take constructive criticism and to work to improve within those areas because in the end it will make you a quality educator.

Upcoming Events for Fall 2016

- Tuesday, October 4th at 7 p.m. at the Community Arts Center the departments of Criminal Justice-Criminology, Economics, Education and Sociology-Anthropology will present a film by Michael Moore called Where to Invade Next. Tickets are free, and it’s open to the public!
- Monday, November 28th at 7 p.m. the Education Department along with the Political Science Department will host a guest speaker, Congressman Tom Marino.
- SPSEA will host their Halloween party on Sunday, October 30th from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.
- Jody Lantz, Executive Director & ESL Instructor at Thrive International in Williamsport, will talk to the current student teachers on Wednesday, November 16 at 4:30. She will share strategies for teaching English language learners.

Fall Semester 2016 Student Teachers

This semester, the Education Department has 7 student teachers completing their professional semester in the local school districts. The student teachers are located at Williamsport Area High School, Montgomery Elementary School, Montoursville High School, Curtin Intermediate, and Cochran Primary School. This semester’s certifications include a range from early childhood education, special education and high school education. Good luck to all of the student teachers!
Updates from Alumnae!

**Erica Spero, Class of 2016**

Erica graduated in May of 2016 as a psychology major with the dual certification in early childhood and special education. Erica is currently a special education teacher at Union Mill Elementary School for first grade. Erica started her search for a teaching position by interviewing at the Penn State Job Fair. After the job fair, she personally contacted a few schools. A lot of schools reached out to her, and Erica chose the best fit! Erica eventually plans to further her degree in education, but at the moment she is not sure what direction she wants to go.

**Involvement while Lycoming College**

While at Lycoming College, Erica was involved in Women’s Lacrosse, GDS, vice president of Student Pennsylvania State Education Association (SPSEA) and secretary for Kappa Delta Pi.

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

Erica feels that Lycoming College has prepared her for her employment in many ways. First, she feels it made her ready to interview for current teaching positions. She feels that Lycoming has provided her with a wealth of knowledge and has established a foundation to be a successful teacher. Lastly, Erica feels she is by far the best dressed special education teacher out there!

**Advice for future and current education students at Lycoming?**

“Put yourself out there; if you fail... guess what, you just learned a lesson on your own. I could not tell you how many times I taught a lesson that didn’t do well, but then I came out of it 100 times smarter and wiser. Ask questions from the seasoned veterans; they have a lot of knowledge and ideas they can share with you. Lastly, you are about to or are thinking about entering the best profession out there! I may come home tired and go to sleep at 9, but everyday I wake up excited to go back and do it again! Someone wise told me, “Think about the most valuable thing you have, and now think about if someone else were holding it in their hands. That is how all parents feel when they send their children to school!”

**Samantha Raup, Class of 2016**

Samantha graduated in May of 2016 as a French major with certification in French K-12 and English 7-12. After graduation, Samantha applied to and was accepted to the Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Program. In October 2016, Samantha will begin teaching English grades 9-12 at Cheikh Oumar Foutiyou Tall High School in Saint–Louis, Senegal. Samantha plans to get involved with her school’s English club after she gets settled. Samantha plans on furthering her degree by pursuing a Master’s and eventually a PhD in something French-related, most likely literature.

**Involvement while Lycoming College**

While at Lycoming College, Samantha was in Alpha Xi Delta, Club Franco, Dance Club, and Student Pennsylvania State Education Association (SPSEA).

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

“The education department at Lyco has prepared me for my current employment in terms of time management skills, educational skills, and research skills. They have also prepared me quite well for interviews.”

**Advice for future and current education students at Lycoming?**

My advice for current and future education students at Lycoming is to listen to the Education staff, even if you don't like what they're saying; get things done before or on time (especially clearances); observe as much as you can, even though it can be inconvenient; and have as much fun as possible! Though it's incredibly, almost unbearably cliché, I feel like I have to include that it goes by so fast! Before you know it, you'll be student teaching and then graduating. Know that the Lycoming Ed Department is incredible and that you've chosen well.