Wichita Public Schools Hire WTQP Graduates

Growing Our New Teachers

We are thrilled to share that of the 228 college to classroom new hires in USD 259, 172 are WSU graduates. Building administrators have been thrilled to get the opportunity to hire teachers who have received experience in the Professional Development Schools, especially when they interned in their own building. These teachers are beginning their careers knowing how to best meet the need of students in an urban school district, as well as having an increased understanding of district in initiatives, building expectations and familiarity with district curriculum. Peer Consultants who are serving new educators have also identified many teachers who they see as possible candidates for Distinguished New Teacher awards. The majority of these teachers were involved in the PDS program.

Well done Everyone—USD 259, WSU COED and Students!

Meet New WSU Faculty

Dr. Ashlie Jack
Meet Dr. Ashlie Jack who has joined the College of Education as Assistant Professor of Literacy/Linguistics. Her mantra is “Teaching: We’re not in it for the income; We’re in it for the outcome” (Author unknown).

Dr. Mandy Lusk
Meet Dr. Mandy Lusk, originally from Mississippi. She has taught children and youth with exceptionalities before earning her doctorate at the University of North Texas.

Welcome to Wichita State University!

So You Want to Teach...

High school students who are enrolled in the education class and FEA Club members from USD 259 high schools gathered at North H.S. on Friday, September 28, for the third annual “So You Think You Want To Teach” seminar. An expert panel spoke to the students providing them with educational tips and inspiring words of wisdom to prepare them for a career in education. Each school group performed a “chant” showing their enthusiasm for the profession. Special thanks to Liz Roberts (Kansas Teacher of the Year) for organizing this event. All of the students left fired up and ready to go towards pursuing a career in education.