

# Congratulations! You finished ACB!

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## A Letter from the Pan Man

ACB Folks, this is near the end of Stop One in your Teacher's Journey. Let's look back.

Often, when teacher candidates first embark on their journeys, they find the path murky and difficult. What they haven't realized yet is that these initial obstacles are necessary for them to become empowered, effective leaders in the classroom. Their skills develop as they progress through that dark tunnel. These teachers-to-be need opportunities to exercise their muscles, to make mistakes, to try and fail and try again. They require a compassionate coach who will guide, nurture, discipline, or even scare them. They have to be pushed to develop the necessary determination. Armed with all these, our future teachers can succeed as they advance through the tunnel. And along the way they find new things to add to their arsenal: good tips, strategies, ideas, moving stories. Then, unexpectedly, they can see the light at the end of the tunnel, and they realize they are more confident now. They are stronger than ever. They emerge at the end, ready to take on new challenges.

Whew! You've been there and done that. You have achieved a tremendous success. No kidding!

There is no experience more rewarding than teaching--it's a joy that any passionate teacher understands and celebrates. I feel privileged to have had this opportunity to work with you this semester. I appreciate all your efforts--they made my work meaningful. I am so proud of all of you. You'll soon depart for Stop Two, and I'll be on my way back to pick up others who are just now reaching Stop One. But you'll always be in my thoughts. Stay in touch, and tell me the things you learn in the tunnels beyond.

Sincerely, and with all my best wishes,

Dr. Pan, Your Coach



## Look how far we've come!

Can you believe that summer is already here? This semester has flown by, and we have all grown so much. From that rainy day oh so long ago, we have strengthened our muscles and matured into blossoming young student

## Things to do over the summer!

Take the Praxis  
Exam

Update  
your  
resume

Relax!

## Robbins School Fundraiser



Our fundraiser was extremely successful, and we know that both our cooperating teachers and students greatly appreciated our donations. We were able to raise \$560, which was equally divided amongst all 8 sets of practicum partners. Each set of practicum partners got to decide exactly how they wanted to use their money according to their co-op's wish list. Additionally, Danielle M.'s school supply drive from APO was extremely successful as well! From this school supply drive, we were able to collect over 750 school supplies for our classrooms. This enormous amount of donations was also split evenly amongst all 8 practicum partners, according to each co-op's needs. Special thanks goes out to Val and Allison for organizing the drive, Suzie for organizing the Cheeburger fundraiser and collecting and counting all the money, Danielle M. for running the school supply drive, and to everyone else who participated in this amazing endeavor. It is people like us who will surely make an impact on our students, wherever we are.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has!”



## What are your best memories of the field this semester?

"I have so many wonderful memories of my time at Robbins! One of my favorite memories was from one of my unit lessons about islands and volcanoes. The students absolutely loved getting to "island hop" to all of the different island stations set up around the room. Afterward, I had to answer many questions

on the spot about things that the students were curious about concerning islands and volcanoes. This was honestly the first time that

I really "felt" like a teacher, and I was so excited that the students had taken such an

"I absolutely love my class and co-op at Robbins! They have given me great memories this semester, but if I had to choose one, I would pick going to the Philadelphia Zoo for a class field trip. The students really enjoyed seeing all of the animals and so did I."

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"I think my favorite memory was when we did a water molecule activity where the students acted out the 3 states of matter. It was fun to see them enjoying themselves running around their classroom, but then very satisfying when they "froze" and acted like a solid and it got completely quiet again."

-Allison

"There are so many memories that I made at Robbins with the kids. Just seeing how excited they are when we come each time makes being there worth it. I love when the kids start telling me stories about something that's going on or telling me about a book they're reading. They say some of the funniest things.

One of our lessons required them to write about a place that they would go after reading 'Oh the Places You'll Go.' It was so interesting to read about all the fun places they wanted to go, including Mexico to see family, Paris to go shopping, and even outer space to see a space

## What are your plans for the summer?

"This summer I will be lifeguarding at the beach and helping out with any Sandy relief that is still happening in my town! I'm also flying to England in June to visit my sister and together we're going to travel around Europe. I'm so excited!" -Kathy

"I will be subbing, and then picking up hobbies such as running, playing guitar and piano, and studying for the Praxis possibly." - Val



"I am taking a summer class and waitressing at Jake's, a local place." - Heather

"I am tutoring math at the secondary level and spending the rest of my time as a beach bum!" - Bianca

"I am going to St. Thomas with my family to relax on the beach for a week! Then I am subbing. In July and August I am working as a camp counselor. Any free time I have will be spent with family and friends, making music, crafting, at the beach, and sleeping." -Jessie



## What will you miss most about your class at Robbins?

### Michelle S. and Sabrina

We will miss how our students would come huffing and puffing up the three flights of stairs every morning to Room 307, but despite their exhaustion, they all would still have huge smiles on their faces that indicated that they were ready and eager to learn.



### Susie

I will miss all of the students in my class so much!! It sounds like a cliché, but each of them was so special in their own way, and I don't think I will ever forget any of them. I will also miss my co-op, Mrs. Vasquez. She has been so generous and supportive of both me and Danielle from the very beginning. She has created such an amazing classroom environment for us to work in with the students, and I could not be more grateful to her.

### Jessie

"I am really going to miss getting to know the children and caring for them. We got to learn all of their stories, some very difficult ones. It was so rewarding when, on the last day, each student gave us a card he/she made telling us how much they would miss us and thanking us for helping them and we knew they really meant it. Every student gave us a huge hug. I will really miss those hugs and smiles every morning."



### Ashley

"I will miss my cooperating teacher and learning teacher strategies from her. I will also miss talking to her about her teaching experiences and learning from them. Mrs. Estrada was great!"



## The best advice I've received this semester was...

Advice from Ms. Ayling on taking advantage of the college years: (Michelle S. and Sabrina)

“This idea of a great time that you have right now will NEVER exist again, IN YOUR ENTIRE LIFE. It is ESSENTIAL that you take advantage of it right now, because you will NEVER think like this again. Before you know it, you'll be sitting on the couch, with your husband sitting next to you, watching some stupid dancing with the stars show while your son is making farting noises in front of you. And that, girls, will be your idea of a good time.”

“The best advice my teacher gave me is that being flexible is important. I can tell throughout the day that she is always changing things to fit the schedule. This is really valuable to remember as a future teacher.” -Danielle R

“My first lesson, the All About Me lesson, went badly. The students were not quiet or listening during the activity afterwards and I had to completely take part of it out because they just were not getting it. I was really frustrated and Mrs. Canals reminded me not to give up, but to just learn from it. She said she is still learning and we all have bad days.”

– Jessie

“My co-op said that, especially with the new teacher evaluation, a lot of teachers get upset when they are not rated as Distinguished in every category. She said that it is impossible to be distinguished in every category (and I've looked at the requirements and I agree with her) so don't worry about evaluations and just keep in mind what is important which is student improvement and learning.”

-Allison

# A Letter from the Editors:

Dear Class,

We just wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of you for an incredible semester of ACB. It is definitely one that will never be forgotten. Every single one of you is going to be fantastic teachers and will bring so much to whatever educational path you decide to take.

We also wanted to take this opportunity to acknowledge everyone in their own special way for their hard-work this semester. Of course, we couldn't do this on our own, so as you know, we reached out to the person who knows you the best, the person who slaved with you on those long nights of lesson planning, the person who was able to finish your sentences by the end of the semester, and the person who had your back through this entire experience. See what they had to say about you below!

Allison: Teacher most likely to be remembered as an inspiration for science and technological studies

Val: Teacher most likely to eat her students

Suzie: Teacher most likely to be a "bag lady"

Danielle R.: Teacher most likely to give out the best stickers

Michelle D.: Teacher most likely to be laughing with her students

Kelly: Teacher most likely to have the best handwriting and most organized classroom.

Danielle M.: Teacher most likely to have the most creative and best-decorated classroom

Ashley: Teacher most likely to join her students in the lunch line

Teeny: Teacher most likely to have students taller than she is

Bry: Teacher most likely to run to Dunkin Donuts in the middle of the day

Jessie: Teacher most likely to become a bilingual teacher and love every second of it

Kathy: Teacher most likely to finish all her work before anyone else

Sabrina: Teacher most likely to "abuse the bun"

Michelle S.: Teacher most likely to be found on Pinterest

Bianca: Teacher most likely to bring her dog into school

Heather: Teacher most likely to make her students love coming to school every day

We hope that you will all keep in touch with us over the summer. Thanks again for everything, and congratulations again on all of your accomplishments! Enjoy the break, and make sure you relax, because student teaching is right around the corner! ☺

Lots of love,

Michelle S., Sabrina, and Jessie