

MEREDITH

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Who's Who

CLASS OF 2013 TEACHING FELLOWS

ZAINAB ABDUS-SABOOR

Home Town: Raleigh, NC

High School: Athens Drive

Anticipated Major: Math, Religion (K-6)

Interests: I love playing basketball, watching movies and discussing religion. I enjoy playing with little children and interacting with them.

Goals as a Teacher: I want to find a new and different way of helping children learn when they have difficulty understanding or processing information.

LAUREN ALLEN

Home Town: Wake Forest

High School: Franklin Academy

Anticipated Major: Chemistry or Mathematics

Interests: I am a strong Christian. I enjoy community service work, especially tutoring and other activities where I get to interact with children. My favorite TV show is "The Office". I love "chick flicks". I really like Math and Science, but history and the arts interest me as well. I played flute throughout high school. I love hanging out with friends and family.

Goals as a Teacher: My ultimate goal is to make a positive life-long impact on my students. I want to not only educate them in my specific subject area, but also be a role model and someone they can come to about any of their concerns. I am very interested in leadership training and would like to incorporate that into the classroom.

AMANDA BEIRNE

Home Town: Bath

High School: Northside High School

Anticipated Major: Math/Science

Interests: I love to play softball and am very active. I like doing outdoor activities and hanging out with friends, but also enjoy being by myself once in a while. I am extremely quiet at first but that is just until I get comfortable. I am very determined and will finish anything I start.

Goals as a Teacher: I want to teach students the required curriculum while showing them it can be fun and how they can use it in their everyday life. I hope to one day become a college professor.

MILLER CHEATHAM

Home Town: Sanford

High School: Lee Christian School

Anticipated Major: Math/Secondary Education

Interests: I love to hang out with my family and friends, go shopping, cook, read and watch movies. I enjoy playing volleyball and doing activities with my youth group. I was also a Girl Scout and love to go camping and backpacking.

Goals as a Teacher: I want to be able to go beyond teaching my students math skills. I want them to be able to see that math can be fun and is nothing to fear. I hope to be able to strike the perfect balance between fun and learning so that all will be able to enjoy.

MAEGAN COBLE

Home Town: New Salem

High School: Central Academy of Technology and Arts

Anticipated Major: Music Education

Interests: In high school I was highly involved in theatre/musical theatre. I am involved in my church children's program as well as the music department. I enjoy traveling and I also play piano.

Goals as a Teacher: I want to be able to provide an outlet. I find it very important for students to be involved in something creative and as a music teacher I want to be the one who encourages that creative growth.

MICHELLE COX

Home Town: Ayden

High School: Ayden-Grifton

Anticipated Major: English; Secondary Education

Interests: I love spending time with my family and friends. I am very involved in my church, participating in the choir, drama team and youth group. I enjoy a variety of sports and going to the beach/mountains. I have a passion for serving and volunteering in my community. I love going on mission trips to Mexico.

Goals as a Teacher: As a teacher, I pray that I can influence one person's life. Each student is a privilege to teach and shape into an educated citizen. Above all, I want to follow God's plan when I am a teacher. I want to view my teaching career as a calling and not just a job. Teaching will enable me to make a lasting impact on many students who then will shine their light for all to see.

MEG CRUMPTON

Home Town: Sanford

High School: Lee County High School

Anticipated Major: Sociology/K-6

Interests: Tennis, soccer, shopping, going out with my friends, working with children, going to the pool and the beach, working as a camp counselor at San-Lee Park in Sanford.

Goals as a Teacher: I want to motivate my students to be all that they can be and never settle for less. I want to strive to be a caring and understanding role model for all children.

SARAH EICHVALDS

Home Town: Holly Springs

High School: Holly Springs High School

Anticipated Major: Music Education

Interests: I love singing, piano, reading and writing. Also, piña coladas and getting caught in the rain.

Goals as a Teacher: I believe that every child, no matter their talent or monetary stability, should be given the chance to experience and learn about music.

I want to give as many opportunities to my students as possible and inspire them to want to learn more and be better people, musicians, etc.

HANNAH HILL

Home Town: Midway Park

High School: White Oak High School

Anticipated Major: Social Studies

Interests: Shopping, reading, interesting books and listening to music.

Goals as a Teacher: To help mold not only national citizens but also global citizens. Also to touch as many children as possible.

MEREDITH HYATT

Home Town: Stanfield

High School: West Stanly High School

Anticipated Major: Chemistry and Secondary Science

Interests: Science, camping, canoeing, outdoor things, running, being with friends and family, cooking

Goals as a Teacher: Teach children to be intelligent thinkers. I don't want them to just memorize facts. I enjoy science, and I want children to understand it as well.

MORGAN JOHNSON

Home Town: West Jefferson

High School: Ashe County High School

Anticipated Major: Spanish and ESL

Interests: I enjoy going out with my friends, laying out by the pool, taking road trips and vacations, spending time with children, studying Spanish language and culture, working with computers and technology, shopping, being creative, and most of all, teaching!

Goals as a Teacher: My goals as a teacher are to: make Spanish-speaking students more proficient English speakers, make English-speaking students more proficient Spanish speakers, create a personal relationship with each student by somehow touching their lives, develop a friendship that reaches beyond the standard teacher-student relationship, gain the trust and respect of my students by trusting and respecting them in return, and to live up to the prestige of my title as a Meredith College North Carolina Teaching Fellow.

COLEY LEDFORD

Home Town: Kinston

High School: South Lenoir High School

Anticipated Major: Mathematics 6-9 Licensure

Interests: Shopping, reading, taking pictures, watching movies, random moments, laughing, eating and exercising.

Goals as a Teacher: To encourage children to want to learn more and to show them that learning doesn't have to be boring...it can also be fun.

HEATHER LOSEE

Home Town: Clayton

High School: Clayton High School

Anticipated Major: Child Development and/or Psychology with K-6 Licensure

Interests: I enjoy spending time at my church. I attend Raleigh First Church of the Nazarene. I sing in the adult choir, play the alto saxophone in the church praise band and work with the toddlers once a month and I love it. Whenever we have a chance to do local missions, I jump at the opportunity. I love spending time with my family and friends, and I thoroughly enjoy my job as a nanny of a two year old. Reading and working out are also hobbies of mine.

Goals as a Teacher: My primary goal as a teacher is to teach in a way that instills a passion for learning within my students. I desire that my classroom feels like a home away from home for my students. I want to create a warm and friendly environment where my students feel comfortable expressing themselves. My goal is to maintain a structured classroom where respect for ourselves, others and one's property is evident. Overall, I want to have a great time teaching and learning.

KATHRYN LYKINS

Home Town: Richfield

High School: Gray Stone Day School

Anticipated Major: Spanish; Spanish & ESL

Interests: Singing, the outdoors, sports, language and culture.

Goals as a Teacher: To effect change by giving others the education necessary to overcome ignorance and circumstance.

ASHLEY MATTHEWS

Home Town: Nashville

High School: Southern Nash High School

Anticipated Major: English/Secondary/High School

Interests: I enjoy shopping, reading and spending time with family. I love to work on yearbook productions and graphics programs. I'm a Christian. I like getting dressed up in heels, cute shirt, skirt, etc. I am outgoing and I LOVE to talk!

Goals as a Teacher: To be respected, yet trusted, by my students. I want to make my class something to look forward to during a typical student's day. Most of all, I want my students to be able to apply the themes within literature in their everyday lives just as my teachers have taught me.

EMILY MC LAWHORN

Home Town: Snow Hill

High School: Greene Central High School

Anticipated Major: Music (K-12)

Interests: I enjoy anything that revolves around music. I also enjoy counseling at summer camps. Through my high school involvement as a class officer and as a co-editor, I have developed an interest in student government and in journalism. I hope to continue developing these interests in college. Photography was the hands on component of my senior project and through that project I have acquired an interest and appreciation for artistic photography. In my spare time I like to read and solve suduko puzzles. I also enjoy spending quality time with my friends.

Goals as a Teacher: One goal I want to accomplish is to be more than a teacher to my students. I want my students to know I care about them not only as a student but also as a person. I want my students to grow and learn academically, but I also want them to mature as a person in my classroom.

SARAH MOORE

Home Town: Garner

High School: Garner Magnet

Anticipated Major: Music (K-12)

Interests: Singing, dancing, acting, swimming, hiking, shopping and dining, going to shows, laughing

Goals as a Teacher: I want to share the joys that music can bring to someone's life with my students. I want

all of my students to have confidence and believe that anything is possible. I hope I can both teach my students music and also make them into upstanding citizens.

MARIA MUNA

Home Town: Fayetteville

High School: Jack Britt High School

Anticipated Major: English/Secondary Education

Interests: I enjoy playing soccer and volleyball. My favorite thing to do during the winter is snowboarding and I love to sing. I play the violin and am learning how to play the piano. I love the beach and being outdoors.

Goals as a Teacher: My goal as a teacher is to impact my student's lives as much as my English teacher impacted mine, if not more. I also want to always balance fun and entertaining activities with mind-challenging, educational activities.

JESSICA MURRAY

Home Town: Spring Hope

High School: Southern Nash High School

Anticipated Major: Math (High School)

Interests: I am involved in church. I like to read in my spare time. I am the youngest of three daughters. My two older sisters are both at UNC Chapel Hill. They are my best friends. I am looking forward to studying abroad!

Goals as a Teacher: I want to efficiently teach students math while teaching them things they will need in life, such as responsibility. I want my students to truly learn the material, not just memorize it for a test.

KATE NOEL NAEF

Home Town: Southport

High School: South Brunswick High School

Anticipated Major: International Relations (K-6 licensure) Gen Ed

Interests: Literature and classics, kayaking, sleeping, eating delicious food, people watching, hanging with my siblings, hiking and backpacking, testing hot sauce, cooking, crafts, community service.

Goals as a Teacher: My primary goals include improving literacy and providing a strong writing foundation in elementary school, and instilling a generally sound work ethic and habit of thoroughness.

I believe an eye for detail and completion as well as polite and friendly interpersonal relations build both confidence and character.

RACHAEL RUFFOLO

Home Town: Greenville

High School: Arendell Parrott Academy

Anticipated Major: Psychology - Elementary Education

Interests: spending time with my friends and family, playing volleyball, going to the beach, doing service work, making photo collages

Goals as a Teacher: To make learning fun, help make a positive impact on our future generations, to serve others.

JULIA SASSER

Home Town: Raleigh

High School: Broughton High School

Anticipated Major: Child Development with a licensure in K-6 grades

Interests: Kids, summer camp counseling, classical rock and alternative music, travel, playing the saxophone, watching sports and coaching kid's sports.

Goals as a Teacher: To be dynamic, to instill in kids a love of reading and learning, to introduce children to a number of different types of people and to teach them healthy and respectful ways to interact with people who are different from themselves.

EMILY SMITH

Home Town: Chocowinity

High School: Southside High School

Anticipated Major: Child Development/Elementary Education

Interests: Spending time with family and friends is very important to me as well as a favorite past time. I love spending time at the beach and on the river. I also enjoy playing and watching sports, especially softball. I have played since I was seven years old. I am also a vivid reader. I read mostly fiction for pleasure, but have also enjoyed reading a few literature selections for English class.

Goals as a Teacher: I hope to teach elementary school in a rural setting. I plan to teach 4th grade. It is a personal goal of mine to reach every student, show them that I care about each of them and prepare them

for the next level. Right now, I can't see myself doing any type of work outside of the classroom. I see myself as a life long teacher.

MARY THOMAS

Home Town: Broadway

High School: Lee County High School

Anticipated Major: Family Consumer Sciences, Fashion Design, 7-12 Licensure

Interests: I have been very involved in church all my life and am hoping to find a church to attend and get involved in in Raleigh. My hobbies are sewing and singing and I am generally a "happy-to-lucky" type of person. I am very excited about going to Meredith and look forward to joining clubs and organizations, like Campus Crusades and the Meredith Entertainment Association.

Goals as a Teacher: As a hopeful Apparel Development teacher, I want to do for my students what my teacher in that subject did for me, which is helping them to find and develop a talent, passion, or just a hobby in sewing. If that isn't their niche, then I would like to help them find what their true passion is in any other area. I desire to be a sort of support system and guide for my students to help them earn their diplomas and any other goals/dreams down the road.

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