
GROWING THE TEACHING *PROFESSION*





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FUTURE TEACHERS AT DIVISION AVENUE HIGH SCHOOL



Home of the Blue Dragons



Presenting

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Recognizing Impact of Former Teachers

- This semester we wrote letters to our former teachers who made a lasting impact on our futures.
- We were tasked with corresponding with a teacher who inspired, challenged, or supported us in a meaningful way.
- We shared the powerful influence these educators had on us, both in and out of the classroom.
- Our teachers develop and inspire future generations of educators.

Recognizing Impact of Former Teachers

“Your class was always a source of fun and relaxation in my slightly chaotic freshman year. You always put a smile on my face no matter how bad my day was going. It’s hard to believe I’m getting ready to graduate and become a teacher myself, but you have been such a large inspiration to me and my choice to go into education. I hope to bring the same joy and excitement to the classroom that you brought to me.”

Our Former Teachers Responded

We received heartfelt responses from teachers across the district!

“Thank you for reaching out to me! It was such a nice surprise to hear from you. I'm glad you remember our time together so fondly. I do as well! It's not often as a Kindergarten teacher that we hear from students that we had so long ago.”



Our Former Teachers Responded

“I was so excited to receive your letter today. It was so nice to hear from you. I always wonder how my past students are doing, and I am glad to hear that you are doing well.”



Our Former Teachers Responded

“What a nice surprise it was to receive your letter! I am honored that you thought of me, and I am thankful for your kind words. I think it’s amazing that you are taking the Future Teachers class. Time has flown by! It seems like only yesterday that you were a fourth grader.”



Voices From the Field

We will be hosting guest speakers from within the district to expose students to different roles and perspectives.

Our most recent guest speaker was Division's own Assistant Principal, Mr. Fazio, who shared insights on classroom management and establishing clear classroom procedures.

This initiative strengthens connections between Future Teachers and role models within the District.



Voices From the Field

- Another recent guest speaker was our Director of Science and Technology, Mr. McDermott, who shared insights on interview skills, lesson planning, and what it takes to be a great teacher.



Student Feedback

- *“The guest speaker helped me understand what it takes to be a teacher.”*
- *“It was really interesting seeing a director’s viewpoint.”*
- *“Yesterday’s discussion will influence my future classroom because I am now more informed on how to present myself at a future job interview.”*



Hands-On Experience

We were matched with teachers at Summit Lane Elementary School and were able to visit the school and observe/assist.



Teacher Feedback

“This was a very special activity for my second graders... Overall, I felt that this was very positive experience for everyone involved. I'm looking forward to working with these future teachers in the coming months.”





Student Feedback

“I wish we could’ve stayed longer!”

“I really enjoyed it and I can't wait to go back in March. I do think once a quarter observations would be good for future iterations of this class. Our group worked well together and the teacher was talking us through the things she was doing.”



Liked by drziro_ips and others

dahsdragons Mrs. Illiano's Future Teachers class had an amazing time visiting Summit Lane Elementary today! Students had the opportunity to observe some incredible educators in action and get hands-on

Student Feedback

- *“After this experience I definitely want to be an elementary school teacher.”*
- *“I loved being around the kids and interacting with them. I feel like seeing a real classroom dynamic is one of the best ways to get experience. I felt really excited to be there.”*



We'll Be Back!

We look forward to planning and delivering a full-period lesson at Summit Lane this March.



Lesson Planning and Delivery

- As we prepare to teach lessons at Summit Lane, we practiced writing formal lesson plans meeting New York State Learning Standards.
- We also practiced delivering the lessons, with a focus on proper business attire, professional demeanor and tone, effective body language, and classroom presence.



Oh, the Places You'll Teach!

- Northside Elementary is celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday with an exciting event called "Read Across America."
- We will learn how to conduct a read-aloud lesson with questioning techniques.
- We will then read a Dr. Seuss book to elementary students using these skills.



E-Portfolio

- **Our culminating project will be the creation of an e-portfolio reflecting the professional standards and documentation expected of current LPS teachers, preparing students for real-world expectations.**
- **Topics covered will include teaching philosophy, resume, class communications, sample lesson plans and more!**



FROM FUTURE TEACHERS TO ACCOMPLISHED TEACHERS