

Internship Academy Newsletter

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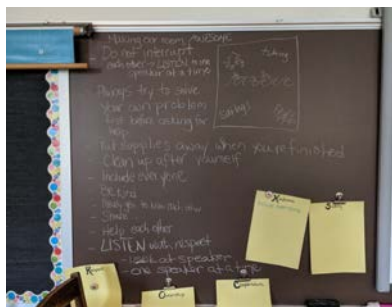
SEPTEMBER IN THE IA

September brings training opportunities for Internship Academy participants. All TiRs, Master Teachers, and interns have participated in co-teaching training. TiRs and Master Teachers also participate in training on the MEES (Missouri Educator Evaluation System).

In their classrooms, interns are co-teaching with their Master Teachers daily. Many are teaching small groups, teaching whole group lessons, engaging students in read alouds, and performing recess and dismissal duties. Some interns are also working in after school programs or tutoring students for a stipend.

Interns are busy planning Integrated Units. The Internship Academy gives interns the opportunity to plan this unit with the specific needs of their students in mind. They also teach it to their class, allowing for the opportunity to intentionally differentiate their lesson plans, analyze formative assessment data, and adjust their instruction as needed. Interns reflect not only on the planning process but also on the instruction of the lesson. This is a key learning experience for interns this year.

The Program Coordinators and Regional Supervisor have visited every classroom in the IA, checking in on the start of the year. Interns are off to a great start!



In the words of our interns...



SHELBY BOSCHERT

Early Childhood Intern
Glenridge Elementary, Clayton

"I feel at home at Glenridge. The staff is so supportive of my growth and I look forward to seeing my students every day. I'm constantly challenging my thinking, learning new strategies, and becoming a better educator. I'm looking forward to the quality teacher I will be in May because of the IA."



TYRIE HILL-THOMAS

Elementary Intern
Summit Intermediate, Nixa

"I am absolutely loving my experience in the IA. My placement here at Nixa Summit Intermediate feels a lot like home. I am so excited for this amazing opportunity to learn and grow through the IA."



JAQUELINE SAUNDERS

Elementary Intern
Willard South Elementary

"Every day I am expanding my skills in teaching. I lead lessons regularly and get immediate feedback from my MT. I am so glad I took a leap with this opportunity and I am thankful to all of the faculty at MSU and Willard South for constantly supporting me throughout this year!"

Key Players in the Internship Academy

Teachers in Residence

The Teacher in Residence, or TiR, is a classroom teacher who serves as a supervisor for all interns placed in a building. TiRs are teachers in the placement district and also represent Missouri State.

They attend monthly stakeholder meetings with district representatives and MSU faculty. TiRs are critical to the decision-making process of the IA. TiRs also guide interns through regular reflections, provide feedback to interns, support interns through the development of their Integrated Unit Plan, and observe the interns in their classrooms.

Master Teachers

Master Teachers are similar to Cooperating Teachers in the traditional student teaching program. Master Teachers host interns in their classrooms for the school year. They model research-based instructional practices, good classroom management, effective parent communication, and all other aspects of teaching. They coach interns as they grow as educators. Master Teachers observe interns teach and provide feedback regularly. Master Teachers are great communicators who take the time to explain the "why" behind what happens in the classroom.

Meet our St. Louis Regional Supervisor



Dr. John Shaughnessy is a retired educator from the St. Louis region. He started his teaching career in elementary school followed by middle school in the Kirkwood School District, and continued teaching middle school in the Ladue School District. After 17 years in the classroom, he spent 13 years as an assistant, associate and head principal at Lafayette High School where he retired in 2017. Since retiring, Dr. Shaughnessy has worked as an adjunct faculty member at Maryville University, board member at Marian Middle School, and administrative consultant. Along with his wealth of educational knowledge and expertise, Dr. Shaughnessy brings a unique perspective to the program as his son is a 2017 graduate of the MSU Internship Academy and now teaches at one of our partner schools in Nixa.



Where are they now?

IA Graduate Spotlight

BRITTANY HUGHES - 2019 IA GRADUATE

My name is Brittany Hughes, soon to be Brittany Yount! Since graduating, I have happily returned to my life as a Boonville Pirate. I am teaching the 4th grade at David Barton Elementary, the same school I attended when I was in Elementary! I am working at a Title I District, where I am surrounded by a positive and supportive staff who do anything they can to better our learning environment. At the moment, there are 19 kids in my class. Each one has given me a lot to learn and a lot to appreciate.

I've done a lot of adjusting already because of new curriculum and different resource availability. The Internship Academy, however, gave me a huge advantage in starting the year off productively and carrying it out with good management skills. I feel that it has prepared me to build healthy relationships with my students from the beginning of the year, and helped me prepare for all the curve balls thrown my way (and trust me there are quite a few). So far we've had a great start and continue to enjoy learning as a class.