



# COE Bear Tracks



*COE Bears Make an Impact and "Leave Our Mark"*

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## **Outreach Activities**

It is hard to believe we are nearing the end of the semester and the end of, hopefully, one of the hardest years we will encounter as educators. Despite these challenges, we have several outreach items to highlight this month as faculty, staff, and administrators continue to build partnerships with P-12 schools and communities. We lead off with news from the Elementary Education Program on the Teacher Placement Day held in West Plains on March 30. The MSU Teacher Education Completion Program and the MSU-West Plains Career Development Department hosted this event focused on students in their final semester of the education program, as well as former graduates seeking employment. Several local school districts accepted applications and held interviews at this event. I'm sure you will join me in wishing our West Plains student teachers good luck in finding their ideal school placement.

In addition, on March 27, Stephanie Huffman presented virtually on the topic of Tech-Healthy Grandfamilies as part of the Springfield-Greene County Library Media Edition. Steph shared how to monitor family's safe use of their digital devices, websites, and social media platforms. This presentation was provided in partnership with *Be A Jewel*, which promotes the welfare and integrity of the community and youth in home and in school. Visit [thelibrary.org/programs](http://thelibrary.org/programs) for a link to the event.

Julie Staats, a member of our Bear in Every Building group, shared that Nixa High School conducted mock interviews for students as a culminating activity in the practice of soft skills. Students had to prepare a resume, dress professionally, and compose questions as they simulated the interview process. Mandy Benedict-Chambers conducted a ZOOM interview with one student on the topic of teaching of the sciences. This student is hopeful of teaching at the high school and college level in the future.

If you have an outreach item, ideas to develop outreach activities, or questions about any of the above highlights, I would enjoy hearing from you.

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