



Snapshot from the Field

Spring is an excellent time to share all the things that are blooming among our team. It's exciting to celebrate and encourage each other as we shape the field of ECE.

Joanna Aguilar - Creating a spring and fall professional development series for Child and Family Resource Center in Hendersonville on global awareness and equity.

Starr Batts - Accepted submission to NAEYC Publications for an article on Formative Assessment. They loved her article and are working with her to use it in an upcoming publication.

Bryndle Bottoms is now officially Dr. Bryndle Bottoms! Successfully defended her dissertation on April 5th.

Stephanie Bridges - Graduate student pursuing a graduate certificate in Early Childhood Mental Health, Guest Speaker - ASU ECE course on advocacy, leadership, & collaboration

Jessica Burris - Submitted application to ECU Master's Program in Birth-Kindergarten, Leading/developing a PLC in Rowan County

Mistie Cogbill - Attending Cornell University's Bronfenbrenner Center for Translational Research Virtual Summer Institute in June

Mariel Luza Gardner - Providing mentor/evaluator and teacher supports for a first-year Spanish speaking teacher with Crystal Thomas & Justina Vaughn

Rhonda Hamby - Faculty member for a state pilot program introducing coursework to a cohort of 61 students on "Trauma Informed Practice" in EDU 119 through Stanley Community College, Leading online regional PLC

Samantha Hines - Curriculum volunteer for DCDEE's Curriculum & Formative Assessment Review Committee - making recommendations to NC Childcare Commission for Infant-Pre-K

Brooke Hough & Melissa Ledbetter - Accepted submission to 2022 PBS Impact Summit
Title: Sparking Children's Interests: The Key to Engaged Learning

Ashley Meinecke - Successful defense of PhD Dissertation
Proposal Title: "*Intentional Social and Emotional Teaching Practices in Kindergarten through Second Grade Classrooms: A Multiple-Perspective Case Study of K-2 Educators*" final defense scheduled for October 2022 with an intended December 2022 graduation from PhD Curriculum and Instruction Program

Tammy Potts - Leading/developing a PLC in Rowan County

Erica Recchio - Attending NC Early Childhood Family Leadership Conference in April through DCDEE for leadership and advocacy skills

Crystal Thomas, Lindsay Schrenkel, & Stephanie Bridges - Accepted submission to 2022 PBS Impact Summit
Title: Professional Learning Community: Equity in the Field of Early Childhood Education

Justina Vaughan - Accepted submission to 2022 PBS Impact Summit with Dr. Valerie Jarvis McMillian
Title: Family Connections: Integrating Age-Appropriate Literacy Activities in the Home Environment

Jessica Ward - Board member of the non-profit and newly formed B.H. Rowland Foundation

Angela Wilson & Joanna Aguilar - NCAEYC Equity in ECE Circle: A Journey to Cultural Competence with Dr. Valerie Jarvis McMillian and Margo Ford

Angela Wilson - Let's Talk about Racism Conference presenting Let's Talk about Social Justice in ECE, with Dr. Brenda Williamson & Dr. Valerie Jarvis McMillian
-Smart Start Conference 2022 - Let's Talk about Social Justice in ECE, with Dr. Brenda Williamson & Dr. Valerie Jarvis McMillian
-2022 PBS Impact Summit - PBS Rootle Team

Kyle Worley - Attending a study abroad trip through ECU "Exploring Culture and Education Systems" in Edinburgh and London in May

