

NEWSLETTER

BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER



THIS MONTH'S MILESTONES

- As a new academic year begins, we were thrilled to welcome students back to campus for an exciting Fall 2026 semester full of new energy, connections, and big opportunities.
- This fall marks an extraordinary milestone as the Sherman Center proudly enters the 20th year of the Scholars Program, celebrating two decades of empowering future leaders and teachers.
- We are also excited to announce the official launch of our new EdFriendly cohort, opening new pathways for collaborative growth and impact within our community.



DON'T MISS OUT



- Family Meeting - Sep 11
- Graduation Application deadline - Sep 15
- Supplemental Application deadline - Sep 30
- Fall Recess - Oct 12

SPOTLIGHT



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HI! I'M COLE AND THIS IS MY FIRST YEAR JOINING THE DISTINGUISHED SHERMAN SCHOLARS. I AM A COMPUTER SCIENCE TEACHER, A MATH TUTOR, AND A WRITING CENTER TUTOR IN TRAINING (TAKING ENGL321 THIS FALL!)

I HOPE TO STUDY WAYS TO APPLY CULTURALLY RELEVANT PEDAGOGY TO COMPUTING EDUCATION. FOR ME, THIS MEANS FINDING METHODS TO MAKE EDUCATION ACCESSIBLE, ENGAGING, AND EMPOWERING FOR ALL STUDENTS; PARTICULARLY, UNDERREPRESENTED STUDENTS IN TECH!

THE MOST VALUABLE LESSON I'VE LEARNED FROM TEACHING IS HOW MANY CLASSROOM VALUES CAN APPLY TO REGULAR HUMAN INTERACTIONS, AND VICE VERSA. TEACHING IS ACTUALLY A SKILL I THINK WE EMPLOY IN EVERYDAY LIFE, WHETHER IT'S THE COMPASSION WE USE IN EXPLAINING SOMETHING TO SOMEONE LOST, OR THE PATIENCE WE USE IN LEARNING HOW TO REACH DIFFERENT PEOPLE. BELIEVING THAT EVERYONE IS CAPABLE OF LEARNING CHANGES THE WAY YOU TREAT OTHERS. FUNNY STORY: I'VE BEEN TOLD I USE MY "TEACHER VOICE" WHEN DEALING WITH IMPATIENT DRIVERS ON THE ROAD.



THOUGH IT'S ONLY MY FIRST SEMESTER WITH SHERMAN, MY TOP ADVICE TO MY FELLOW TEACHING SCHOLARS WOULD BE TO HAVE CONFIDENCE IN YOUR UNIQUE TEACHING STYLE AND IDENTITY. AS WE OFTEN FUNCTION AS ROLE MODELS IN THE CLASSROOM, BELIEVING IN YOURSELF SETS THE STANDARD FOR YOUR STUDENTS' SELF-CONFIDENCE. AND WITH THAT, EMBRACE YOUR IMPERFECTIONS. IF YOU KNOW YOU MADE THE LESSON LAST MINUTE, DON'T FOOL YOURSELF AND PRETEND IT'S TOP-NOTCH PRESENTATION! OUR YOUTH SEE RIGHT THROUGH SO MUCH MORE THAN WE THINK. BRING GENUINENESS TO YOUR CLASSROOM, AND YOUR STUDENTS WILL OFTEN OPEN UP TOO.