The Future Teachers Association

A Semester in Review…

Weekly Meetings: Our weekly meetings enabled our members to grow as future educators by taking part in professor led workshops. Professors including Dr. Kang, Professor McCarthy, Dr. Thornburg, and Professor Cowan who all took part in conducting workshops. Topics included creativity in the classroom, education from different areas of the world, and how to make lessons more engaging and interactive. Additionally, members engaged in interactive activities, which helped grow the club into a community.

Increased Membership!

This semester we saw a huge increase in our membership within the club in comparison to previous years. It was nice to see so many of our members return from last year but we also saw many new faces as well. We were able to achieve over 50+ active members this semester, and they helped contribute to the success of our club!

Events

Events: The Future Teachers Association took part in many events this Fall Semester. Working in collaboration with other organizations to share our mission and spread our name, FTA was able to get more involved with the Adelphi campus and community.

Fall Events Included:
- Meet and Greet Event
- CARe Wash (CALIBER collaborated)
- Mental Illness in the Classroom (Psychology Club Collaborated)
- Education Around the World (International Student Society Collaborated)
- Apple for Your Professor (ODK Leadership Honor Society Collaborated)
- Kindergarten Night (Chemistry Club and Class Government Club Collaborated)
- PROSPER (CALIBER Collaborated)
- Faculty Appreciation Lunch (Collaborated with Alpha Epsilon Phi)
- Food Drive (Collaborated with Phi Sigma Sigma)
- Finkelstein Lecture Guest Speaker (Co-Sponsored)
Meet and Greet

The fall semester started off with a Meet and Greet with faculty of the School of Education. Members got the opportunity to meet Professors and engage in interactive discussions while learning about the mission of our club and each other. The Meet and Greet took place on September 13, 2016. We had 47 members, 5 professors (Dr. Feige, Dr. Thornburg, Professor McCarthy, Professor Blackwell and Diana Schwinge) and 4 alumni (Allison Robb, Maddie Dressner, Stephanie Schmidt, and Jenna Cavuto) attend the event.

CARe Wash

This fall we collaborated with CALIBER for a car wash to fundraise money for the Caroline Wambui Mungai Foundation. Members from both clubs came together to wash cars and overall we raised $284 at the event.

Education Around the World

This semester we brought back our Education Around the World workshop in collaboration with the International Student Society. Joining us were Professor McCarthy and Dr. Thornburg and students were able to learn about different teaching methods in different parts of the world.

Faculty Appreciation Lunch

This semester we collaborated with Alpha Epsilon Phi sorority to recognize the professors of the School of Education for all that they’ve done for their students. Joining us at our event were Professor Blackwell, Dr. Thornburg, Dr. Mungai and Professor McCarthy.
Kindergarten Night

Every semester we hold our Kindergarten Night event in collaboration with other clubs on campus. This past semester we collaborated with the Chemistry Club and Class Government Club for the event. Admission to the event was $1 or a gently used book. All of the monetary donations were donated to the Caroline Wambui Mungai Foundation and all of the books were donated to the Book Fairies in Freeport, NY.

Attendance at the event was much higher than usual. We ended up having 77 people at the event and we were able to raise $112.75 in total. We were very happy with the outcome of the event and were even happier to know that the money was going to be donated to such a great cause and further help us reach our goal for the year of $1,000.

Community Outreach Events

Chalk Up Event: FTA members participated in the campus wide initiative Chalk Up Event, where we “chalked up” the walkway leading up to the Nexus Building on September 28, 2016.

Pen Pals: FTA members wrote letters to the children that are a part of the Caroline Wambui Mungai Foundation schools.

PROSPER: FTA members along with members of CALIBER participated in a mentor program for high-risk adolescent students from various high schools on Long Island who are enrolled in People Reaching for Opportunities to Succeed Personally, Educationally, and Realistically. Members met with students 3-4 a month for the entire semester.