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 various different activities and seminars that they can someday implement into their classroom. Topics included fostering empathy and mental illness in the classroom, different Valentine’s Day related activities, and how to make math more engaging in the classroom. This semester also featured our What I Wish I Knew event with alumni and professors from the Ruth S. Ammon School of Education such as Dr. Mirra, Dr. Mungai, Professor Mack, and Professor McCarthy. This semester we also had current fifth year students visit our members and share their experiences from their grad year at our Fifth Year Talk. Additionally, members engaged in interactive activities, which helped grow the club into a community.

Events

Events: The Future Teachers Association took part in many events this Spring 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.

Spring Events Included:
- What I Wish I Knew
- Science Fair Night (Collaborated with Biology Club, Chemistry Club, and Physics Club)
- School Supplies Drive (Collaborated with NSSLHA)
- Cyclethon for the Mungai Foundation (Collaborated with Pi Lambda Phi)
- Kindergarten Night (Collaborated with Commuter Student Organization, PAWS Web Radio, and Student Activities Board)
- How to Make Math in the Classroom Fun!
- Human Autism Awareness Puzzle Piece (Collaborated with the Bridges to Adelphi Program)
- Fifth Year Talk
- A Trip to Crossroads Farm at Grossman’s
- Apple Smash (Collaborated with Alpha Epsilon Phi)
- Disabilities Lecture (Collaborated with Breaking Boundaries)
- Mental Health Day (Collaborated with Psychology Club and C.A.L.I.B.E.R.)
- Mungai Walk
- PRSOPER (Collaborated with C.A.L.I.B.E.R.)
What I Wish I Knew

The spring semester started off with a Q & A called What I Wish I Knew with faculty of the School of Education and STEP alumni. Members got the opportunity to meet Professors and engage in interactive discussions while learning about what our professors and selected STEP alumni wished they knew before going into the field of teaching. The Meet and Greet took place on March 1, 2017. We had 25 members, 4 professors (Dr. Mirra, Dr. Mungai, Professor Mack, and Professor McCarthy) and 3 alumni (Lauren Jacobson, Maddie Dressner, and Jenna Cavuto) attend the event.

Cyclethon for the Mungai Foundation

This spring we collaborated with Pi Lambda Phi Fraternity for a cyclethon to fundraise money for the Caroline Wambui Mungai Foundation. Members from both organizations came together to ride bikes and overall we raised $45 at the event.

Science Fair Night

This semester we hosted a new event called Science Fair Night in collaboration with Biology Club, Chemistry Club and Physics Club. Here we each demonstrated a fun and interactive science activity that can be implemented into classroom lessons. The activities we had were extracting DNA from strawberries, using cabbage as an indicator, the balancing bird, DIY holograms, and making playdoh.

Fifth Year Talk

This semester we also hosted our Fifth Year Talk event with fifth year STEP students and assistance from Mark Bannick to share stories from their fifth year and to answer any questions members may have had. For the first time we had current fifth year students come to this event instead of alumni to share their experiences. Also members were able to get to know the different fifth year programs better!
Kindergarten Night

Every semester we hold our Kindergarten Night event in collaboration with other clubs on campus. This past semester we collaborated with the Commuter Student Organization, the Student Activities Board and AU PAWS Web Radio for the event. Admission to the event was $1 or a school supply item. All of the school supplies and monetary donations were donated to the Caroline Wambui Mungai Foundation.

Aside from the usual crafts and activities we have at the event every semester, this semester we purchased a photobooth for members to take pictures at and take home the memories they made!

Attendance at the event was much higher than usual. We ended up having 55 people at the event and we were able to raise $100.00 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

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.

Relay for Life: FTA members helped fundraise for the American Cancer Society as a part of our Relay for Life team this year! Together we were able to raise $2,069.24!
FTA Supports Autism Awareness

Human Autism Awareness Puzzle Piece

April is Autism Awareness month and this month FTA wanted to help bring awareness to campus. Our first event for the month was the Human Autism Awareness Puzzle Piece. We collaborated with the Bridges to Adelphi Program on this event to help get the word out to faculty, students and administration to participate in this initiative.

Mungai Walk

In April we also helped host the annual 5K walk with Dr. Mungai for the Mungai Foundation. It was so great to see so many people come out to support and learn more about the meaning behind an organization that we work so closely with.

Apple Smash

We also collaborated again this semester with Alpha Epsilon Phi sorority for our first ever Apple Smash to help increase the amount of money we raised for the Mungai Foundation. Here students were able to hit apples with a baseball bat in order to relieve stress and have some fun at the end of the semester.

Crossroads Farms

This semester for the first time we took a trip off campus to Crossroads Farm at Grossman’s and helped create an educational garden for students that would be visiting from the Valley Stream schools within the coming weeks. Our advisor, Professor McCarthy, also came to the event and helped guide us as to what needed to be done.
Brown and Gold Awards 2017

At last year’s Brown and Gold Awards Ceremony we were lucky enough to be recognized as a Five Star Organization going into this school year and we had also won Advisor of the Year and President of the Year.

This year’s Brown and Gold Awards Ceremony was the most prominent one for FTA yet. We were not only recognized as a Five Star Organization again this year, but we were also selected as the Organization of the Year for the 2016-2017 school year. Our President, Brittany Willoughby, was selected as President of the Year for the 2016-2017 school year for all of her hard work and dedication to

Meet our Newly Elected 2017-2018 Executive Board!

As the semester comes to a close, we’d like to congratulate our new executive board for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year! Our President Brittany Willoughby, Vice President Alessia Merritts, Treasurer Karli Cox, Corresponding Secretary Elizabeth Messina, Recording Secretary Sabrina Davis, Public Relations Chair Sara Cheris, Community Service Chair Kristina Goncalves, and Fundraising Co-Chairs Steven Reiser and Alyssa Paciullo are all so excited for all of the great things that are in store for next year. Thank you to everyone who made this year so successful, we couldn’t have done it without you!

Can’t wait to see what next year has in store!