WELCOME!

Exceptional Education Department

Extracurricular Opportunities
Getting Involved

- Getting involved makes your college experience more well-rounded and more enjoyable.

- Getting involved helps you further develop your knowledge and skills, and build your resume.

- You are encouraged to get involved in the wonderful opportunities across campus, but consider specifically getting involved in opportunities related to your field.

- We have a number of opportunities that are specific to Exceptional Education and/or the School of Education.
Student Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)
CEC - Overview

- An international organization that is dedicated to improving the field of special education
- Promotes professional development for special educators

[CEC](#) (informational video)
CEC - What is Involved

- We design events to help you!
- Past events have included:
  - Administration Panel
  - Spread the Word to End the Word
  - Certification Requirements
  - Incorporation of Technology in the Classroom
  - State and National CEC Conferences
- All of our events include professional development, food, and fun!
CEC - Benefits

- Multiple opportunities to network
- Strategies that you can incorporate into your field placements and future classrooms
- Additional experience and practice
- Opportunities to get more involved with your major and the community
- Food and fun! 😊
CEC - For More Information

- E-mail us at: buffalostatescec@gmail.com
- Check in with our faculty advisors:
  Dr. Patti, pattial@buffalostate.edu
  Dr. Doody, doodykr@buffalostate.edu
- Find us and like us on Facebook
- Come join our next meeting!
Best Buddies
Best Buddies - Overview

- The mission of Best Buddies is to establish a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

- At the college level, Best Buddies matches college student volunteers in one-to-one friendships with persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
Best Buddies - What is Involved

- **College Buddy**
  - Commits to a year long one-on-one friendship with an adult with a disability
  - Contacts buddy once a week via phone, text, or email
  - Meets with buddy twice a month

- **Associate Member**
  - Participates in chapter events, meetings, and group outings
  - Is not matched in a one-on-one friendship

- Activities include: potlucks, game nights, parades, Polar Plunge, baseball games, Dave & Buster’s outings, bowling, Zumba, and more!
Best Buddies - Benefits

- Develop mutually-rewarding friendships
- Positively impact the life of an individual with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD)
- Help people with IDD become part of mainstream society
- Increase leadership and professional skills
- Food and fun! 😊
Best Buddies – For More Information

- E-mail us at: bestbuddiesbsc@gmail.com
- sommerlc@buffalostate.edu
  doodykr@buffalostate.edu
- Check in with our faculty advisors:
  Mrs. Sommerstein, sommerlc@buffalostate.edu
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International Professional Development Schools (IPDS) Travel and Service Learning Experiences
IPDS – Overview

- IPDS runs a number short-term, faculty-led learning experiences in other parts of the world, specifically designed for education majors

- Trips include:
  - Chile
  - Dominican Republic
  - Germany
  - Italy
  - Zambia
  - and more…
IPDS – What is Involved

- Each program has a unique set of experiences
- Components include:
  - hands-on work with children
  - cultural activities
  - language learning
  - collaboration with university students in the host country
  - research
  - ... and more
IPDS - Benefits

- Develop...
  - cross-cultural understanding
  - second language skills and knowledge of language learning
  - teaching skills

- Strengthen your resume and set yourself apart

- Have a life-changing experience!
IPDS - For More Information...

- [http://schoolofeducation.buffalostate.edu/teach-and-study-abroad](http://schoolofeducation.buffalostate.edu/teach-and-study-abroad)

- Follow links to IPDS Experiences from Buffalo State’s PDS website

- Look for e-mails, flyers, and other notices
Other Opportunities
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- Exceptional Education Department Awards/Scholarships
- Club HOLA (Hour of Latino Awareness)
- Kappa Delta Pi (KDP)
- Elementary Education Club
- Professional Development Schools (PDS) Consortium

(These are just a few – there are many more!)
For more information...

- Pay attention to Blackboard and e-mail announcements
- Look for flyers and bulletin boards
- Stop by the Exceptional Education Office anytime to ask for a contact person for something you are interested in
- Ask your advisor or an education faculty member
- Check out the School of Education or Exceptional Education Department webpages
Questions
What questions do you have?

Our question for you... turn to your neighbor and discuss...

What are two opportunities you heard about here today that you would like to look into further?