

The Chalkboard

WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY TEACHING
FELLOWS

2009 FALL RETREAT



Freshmen and Sophomore Teaching Fellows at Ripley's Aquarium of the Smokies

It's that time of year again! School is back in session, and to kick-off the annual Freshmen-Sophomore Retreat WCU Fellows enjoyed a weekend of fun! Beginning on Friday night, we enjoyed a picnic on campus at the Picnic Pavilion. The picnic provided an opportunity for sophomore mentors to get to know their freshman mentees. While at the picnic we ate delicious barbeque, visited, and played games. The weekend continued early Saturday morning when we loaded two buses and traveled to Gatlinburg for the day. We visited the Ripley's Aquarium of the Smokies before having lunch. After lunch, we visited Ripley's Believe it or Not Museum in downtown Gatlinburg, followed by a round of mini-golf. After a long day of fellowship and fun, we were exhausted and headed back to Cullowhee.



Playing games at the picnic

PARIS TO COPENHAGEN



On July 9, 2009, a group of Western Carolina Teaching Fellows flew into Charles De Gaulle International Airport in Paris, France. The annual Europe Trip was underway with twenty-two Fellows in the group of jet-setters. The nine-day tour began in Paris, where Fellows visited the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, and the Louvre—and that was only the beginning! After Paris, the group traveled through Brussels, Belgium to Amsterdam, where they enjoyed shopping at the historic flower market, visiting various art museums and learning how to make wooden clogs. Continuing on their odyssey, Fellows stopped for a night in Lubeck, Germany. Next was a ferry ride over the Baltic Sea to Denmark. While in Denmark, the group walked up the Round Tower, which is the oldest observatory in Europe, and had an encounter with Hans Christian Andersen's Little Mermaid. Fellows did some shopping in downtown Copenhagen while others ventured to Hamlet's Elsinore Castle.



THE DISCOVERY EXPERIENCE

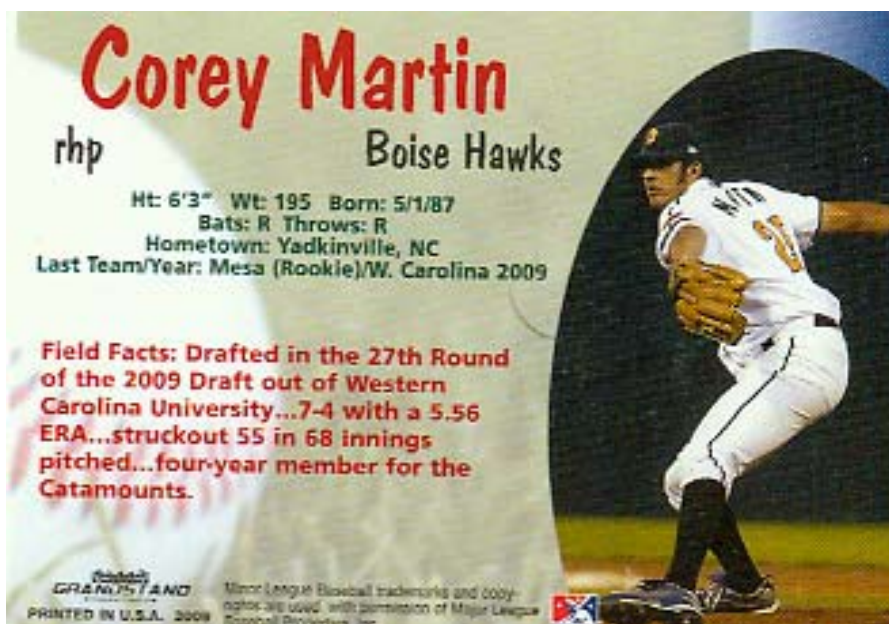
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Discovery Trip—two words that can create a myriad of emotions within any Teaching Fellows Office across the State. The first summer enrichment that Fellows experience, Discovery is an annual trip across North Carolina made by rising Sophomore Fellows from all seventeen Teaching Fellow campuses. While on the journey, Fellows discover what it is about our state—and more specifically, the North Carolina School Systems—that is so amazing.

Teaching Fellows from the graduating class of 2012 went on the annual week-long enrichment program this past May. Fellows were randomly assigned to buses, which enabled them to network with Fellows from the other Teaching Fellow campuses. They also spent time touring schools and local businesses, making new friends, and establishing future job contacts. Western Carolina University sophomore Aaron Boyles stated, “Even though I was really glad Discovery was over at the end, I still had a good time and I feel like I have a much better understanding of where I would like to teach.”

Discovery offers Fellows who are fresh from their first year of college a chance to see school systems in various counties throughout North Carolina. By visiting classrooms, universities, and the local businesses that provide support to their communities and schools, Fellows also learn about the workings of each system and how they interact with one other in what could potentially be their future workplaces.

ONE FINE FELLOW



Martin's playing card

Corey Martin, a senior Teaching Fellow at Western, was drafted to play minor league baseball for the Boise Hawks. Martin is a Physical Education major and a native of Yadkinville. He played baseball for the Catamounts throughout his college career. Martin is presently completing his student teaching in Waynesville, North Carolina at Junaluska Elementary School.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

August

1-Jennifer Bumgardner
3- Erica Anderson
7-Jonathan Sale
8-Brittany Blankenship
10-Jessica Smith
19-Angela Langdon
21-Rebecca Upton
21-Morgan Curtis
22- Laurel Cobb
22-Tripp Lewis
26-Ashley McLendon
28-Greg Carpenter
28-Josh Seay
29-Dana Miller
31-Nathan Bowman
31-Brianna Christopher
31-Cassie Green

September

1- Garrett Fisher
1-Tiffany Wenerd
6-Dustin Myers
11-Rachel Moore
13-Cameron Pierce
18-Aaron Boyles
23- Britney Sidden
28-Wade Redfearn
29-Jessica Masters
29-Kyla Skinner
30-Lauren Griffith

October

1-Lauren Lewis
3-Brad Beaver
4-Taylor Fields
9-Kelly Litfin
10-Nicole Smith
13-Kelly Sherrill
14-Kaylee Smith
15-Tabitha Stinson
16- Brian Walters
17-Matthew Pohlman
18-Joy Pittman
27- Andrew Blair
27-William Freeman



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