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"I feel like I am getting a really good education. The professors are great, and I have enjoyed all of my classes."

► **Melanie Teague**  
**Alexander Central '02**  
Major—Elementary  
Education

Melanie has always wanted to be a teacher and work with young people, so it was only natural that she decided to study at Western where the teacher education program is ranked among the best in the state. She earned a place in the competitive North Carolina Teaching Fellows program, which pays her tuition at Western in return for her commitment to teach a year for every year she received funding.

In addition to her class work, she is involved with Concerned Helpers in Learning Development, a volunteer organization that provides educational services to children in the community.

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