Hello Teacher Candidates,

My name is Princess Marfil and I am the President of your Education Students' Council. Holding this position has been an honour and I have loved every second of it! I want to extend a big hello to all Year ones, and I have enjoyed getting to know you and meeting many of you in person. I also extend a big welcome back to Year two! It's great to hear that practicum three went well! We are officially 10 weeks, two AFs, and one practicum away from becoming the teachers we all dream of becoming.

The ESC has been listening to your concerns and we are working diligently to ensure that our time here is worthwhile, memorable, and actionable.

Last year, we listened to the feedback that we could do with more electrical outlets on campus, and responded by fully funding the addition of new tables and plugs in the cafeteria. And when the microwave stopped working, we replaced the old with new!

Our plans for the school year are to run fun Halloween events, Q & A sessions for Year ones, Sports Night, creating a Brand New award for graduating students, and so much more.

We are always around to hear your concerns about how your experience can be enhanced. And while you're here, send me an email at westernu.esc@gmail.com.

Yours Truly,

Princess Marfil
President and CEO
Education Student's Council

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Editor's Note

ESCargot is the monthly newsletter put out by your Education Students' Council (ESC). Find here helpful advice, information about upcoming events, and important bulletins. Check out theteachercandidate.com for our digital version, including advice for new teachers from actual teachers!

Oh yeah, it's called ESCargot because of the ESC. Sorry, small fans.

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Things are heating up at Althouse...

You asked, and we listened. The ESC is proud to announce that new tables, electrical outlets, and microwaves have been added to the Althouse cafeteria for all to enjoy.

Heat up something tasty today, and remember to clean up any spills!

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Meet your 2018-2019 Education Students' Council

L-R: Jane, Sura, Talveen, Miles, Paige, Kevin, Princess, Meghan, Phoenix, Emily, Sam, Mark, Lauren, Colin

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And... Our goals for the year!
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The ESC is excited to announce a complete logo rebrand. Starting in the 2017-18 school year, the ESC began looking to move on from its old logo (an escape key... get it?). After accepting a number of student submissions, the council held a vote and decided on a logo submitted by Jacob Lundgren. Jacob had this to say about his design: “I asked myself, ‘what’s a symbol often associated with being a teacher?’ ... it just so happens that the apple is great shape to work with, so I decided to roll with it.”

The Education Students’ Council would like to thank Jacob and all other entrants for their hard work.

Advice for...

Practicum I

“Be prepared and organized. One of the main things my AE was looking for was organization. I prepared by remembering to bring my practicum handbook and taking notes.”

“Take lots of notes and show that you are observing and absorbing information about the class... during downtimes, ask lots of questions. Ask to observe other classrooms in your school.”

“Put a lot of effort into lesson planning. This includes coming prepared with a physical copy of your plan!”

“A FE I

“Went into my first AFE scared... But I took a step back and realized, this is a learning experience first and foremost... I’m not expected to be an expert on [anything]. That took a lot of weight off my shoulders. Instead of focusing on performing, I started focusing on my learning... and the rest followed!”

“I’d say one of the most important part of the AFE is absorbing as much knowledge and information as you can... and making a strong impression. These are partly designed to help boost your portfolio when looking for a job... be a professional and remember to represent Western and yourself in the best possible light.”

“The nice thing about AFE is you that you had the chance to set it up for yourself. Hopefully, your AFE aligns with something you are passionate about. Be present, helpful, and try to enjoy yourself! Take the skills you’ve learned to your AFE... and take the skills you learn there, to your classroom!”

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from the
Teacher’s Lounge
Real advice from real teachers

“Make sure you love the job.”

“Ask for help, everyone wants you to succeed.”

“Don’t be satisfied with ‘Good Enough’.”

“Get involved with anything you can, but maintain a work-life balance.”

“Sometimes a child needs someone to be hard on them. Set high expectations.”

“Use and expect manners.”

“Your family doesn’t want to hear every story about every student.”

“Get to know the secretary and custodians—they can help you in a pinch!”

“Learn how to use the copier.”

Just because a parent criticizes, doesn't make them right.