



The ED Spread



Farewell to Mrs. Blenis Our Director of Teacher Education



After 15 years of dedication to FIT Mrs. Blenis is going to retire! What better way to describe how much Mrs. Blenis means to the department than to have her students describe how they feel? This is for you Mrs. Blenis! Everyone will miss you so much!

Mrs. Blenis' dedication to the field of education and her students is something that will inspire me for the rest of my career. ~Justin Williamson

When I switched majors to education, I did not expect to have such a smooth transition and approachable adviser. Mrs. Blenis has been phenomenal - not only to me, but everybody in the education department. Best of luck in retirement! ~ Lenny Bernas

"You have been the best (and only) advisers I have ever had at FIT! I know that you will be just as productive in your retirement pursuits. Good luck! You will be missed." ~ Jessica Richardson

"When I thought I wasn't going to be able to continue my education past my AA, it was Mrs. Blenis that I turned to. She was incredibly supportive, generous with her time and ideas, and most of all, seemed to genuinely care about me, my education, and my future. I will never forget that and am forever grateful!" ~Sheila Norris

Mrs. Blenis is my role model. She is everything that I hope to be. I want to be as loved and respected as she is in our field. ~ Courtney Treubert

Mrs. Blenis has always been willing to help no matter how busy she may be. She will truly be missed by all! ~ Courtney Williams

Mrs. Blenis is a huge role model in my life and I wouldn't be where I am today without her guidance and advice. She has always had my back and put others before herself. I'm going to miss her and I wish her the best of luck in everything she does. ~Kelsey Clayton

An inspirational role model who builds great teachers through love, passion, and hard work! ~ Crystal Woodard

In the last 2 years I have gained more than just an academic advisor. I have gained a role model, someone I can look up to, someone I can count on during difficult times, someone I can trust, and a second mom! ~ Victoria Savosh

I love Mrs. Blenis and I consider her as a second mom to me. Whenever I had a question about school or just need someone to talk to, she was always there for me, and I'm very appreciative of that. ~ Melissa DiTucci



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Passing the General Knowledge test is required before registration of the Junior Sequence of Education Courses (EDS 3033, 4051 & 3095), and seniors must pass the FTCE Professional Education and Subject Area Tests before graduation.





The Wall



Kelsey Clayton (top left), Melissa DiTucci (lower left), Courtney Treubert (top right), and Crystal Woodward (lower right) left their hand prints on Mrs. Blenis' wall as they wave goodbye to their last days being FIT students. Both Melissa and Courtney will be graduating with a Mathematics Education degree. Kelsey and Crystal will be graduating with a Science Education - Biology Degree! Congratulations for the amazing job these last four years! Mrs. Blenis couldn't be prouder!!!



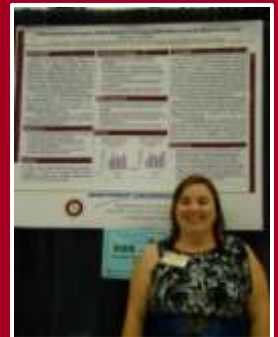
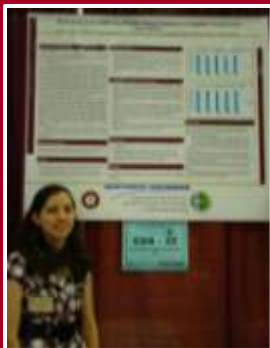
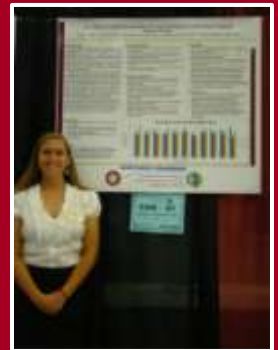
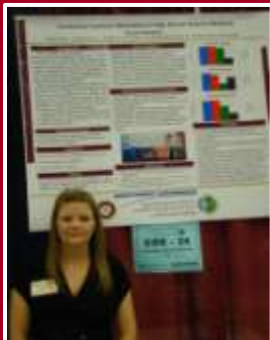
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College of Science Student Research Design Showcase

Seniors seeking a Bachelor of Science degree presented their research projects in the Northrop Grumman Engineering & Science Student Research Design Showcase in the Clemente Center. The goals of the Showcase are for students to develop, conduct, and implement a research project in their major field of study, and analyze and present the findings of their research at the Showcase. The titles of their projects are: Crystal Woodward (top left): "Increasing Academic Motivation in High School Students", Kelsey Clayton (top right): "The effect of Hands-On Activities On Learning Gains of High School Students", Melissa DiTucci (lower left): "Motivating Low-Achieving Middle School Students to Complete Assignments", and Courtney Treubert (lower right): "Instructional Strategies Affect Student Success with Mathematical Word Problems."





Awards! Awards! Awards!



On April 12th during the 2012 Honors Convocation, Debra Blenis received Instructor Emeritus, for fifteen very successful years at FIT! Marina Batista received the outstanding graduate award for the department. Congratulations!



On the night of The Athletics Award Banquet, our very own Kelsey Clayton received Varsity letters for Cross-Country and for Track & Field as well as the FIT Female Sportsmanship Award. Congratulations to one of our seniors, graduating with so many achievements!



During the Greek Life Honors Convocation Justin Williamson (left) received an award for his hard work and dedication to the Greek community from 2010 to 2012. Lenny Bernas (right) received the New Member of the Year Award from Pi Lambda Phi. Congratulations to these two amazing Frat guys!!!



During the Engineering & Science Student Design Showcase, Crystal Woodard (left) won Best of Student Showcase. Victoria Savosh (right) received the Clemente Center Employee of the Semester Award! Way to go girls! Always making the department super proud!



Need a place to study for Finals? Don't forget the Library!



As we approach the end of the semester, please note the following adjustments to the hours of operation for the Evans Library during the months of April and May. Once again, the Evans Library will be burning the midnight oil during the last week of classes as well as finals week! Here is a listing of adjusted Library hours for April 30 through Memorial Day.

Dates	Hours
Monday April 30 – Thursday May 3	8:00a.m. - 2:00a.m. (Yes you read correctly!)
Friday May 4	8:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.
Saturday May 5 – Commencement	Closed
Sunday May 6	Closed
Friday May 7	Summer Hours begin
Monday May 28	Closed for Memorial Day

Please check the library's web site, www.lib.fit.edu, or fitforum for any changes in this schedule. See you at the Library!

Cheryl Davis
Information Advocate, Education and Interdisciplinary Studies
Evans Library

AMAZING NEWS!!!!



Graduation was still 3 weeks away when our four seniors signed teaching contracts with Brevard Public Schools! They've got the skills! Mrs. Blenis likes bragging about the 100% hire rate for the last five years! Way to go girls!

Justin Williamson, a sophomore Mathematics Education major, performed with Florida Tech's Concert Choir when they presented *Choral Collage: An Evening of Modern Choral Favorites* on Friday, April 13th. Justin is a tenor in the choir and sang a solo, *Being Alive* from *Company*. Mr. & Mrs. Blenis reported that he did a marvelous job and performed with such emotion. Great job!





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In class...



In the Methods & Strategies for Teaching Middle and High School Science class: we had four “generations” of teachers gathered together for professional development and support: the sophomores were observing, the juniors were teaching, the seniors were critiquing and the 1st year teachers were advising. While the juniors (Courtney Williams and Victoria Savosh) were implementing their 45-minute integrated lesson plans, the others were given specific classroom student behaviors and asked to play the role of a student in the class. This allowed the “teachers” an opportunity to apply real classroom management strategies while teaching and to practice withitness. Although there were times the “students” got a little out of control, it was a valuable experience and helped the “teachers” gain confidence in classroom management.

Keeping up with our Alumni



During the month of May, Mrs. Blenis had many visits from our Alums! Christine Pollard, Chemistry Ed '11, was one of them! She is very excited that she is expecting and can't wait to be a Mom! Kyan Robinson, Mathematics Ed '09, also came by and had a blast reminiscing with Mrs. B!





Sheri Scoville-Sanders, General Science Ed '01, came by with her whole family: children Kristina and Logan, and husband Ryan. Mrs. Blenis had a lot of fun with Kristina! GREAT NEWS: Josh Horst, Earth and Space Science Ed '03, was just named Police Officer of the Year!

“To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe.”

~Anatole France

DEPARTMENT CALENDAR

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	
 May			1	2	3	4	Graduation! 5	
	FINAL EXAMS →							
	6	7 Summer Classes Begin (1 st 6-week term)	8	9	10	11	12 Armed Forces Day 	
	13 Mother's Day 	14 Summer Classes Begin (8, 9, & 11-week terms)	15	16	17	18 Last day to withdraw from a class with a final grade of W, 8-, 9- and 11-week terms	19	
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
27	28  Memorial Day	29	30	31				
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