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Students Share Knowledge and Complete Community-Based Projects

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Each spring semester, we honor the hard work of our student teachers and capstone students with a dinner reception. It is a wonderful time to share stories, bond as friends, and thank the mentor teachers who are critical to the student teachers’ success.

Throughout the year, students have the opportunity to work with the public and share their skills. During the fall 2013 semester, our ECE 110 students ran art activities for the Harvest Festival with families invited in from the community. We had 50 children participating in activities that included pumpkin paintings, macaroni skeletons, and colorful fall leaf sun catchers.

Students engage in lab-like experiences in class.

The Goodwin College ECE Club is designed to provide students with the support and guidance needed to become involved in early childhood leadership. The students in the ECE club are committed to promoting the welfare and education of young children. Our club strives to cultivate fellowship between local community organizations and the Goodwin College student body. We hold an annual scholastic book fair and literacy night and invite families from the community to join us for the evening. This past fall was our 4th annual event; we provided a puppet show and carnival games. Each year, at Christmas time, we adopt a local family and go shopping for items on their wish list. Other events we have been involved with include back to school supply drives, education events in our capital city, and local conferences.

Professor Mansfield received an award for outstanding contribution to the field of early childhood.

Graduation is always a time for celebration. We share in our students’ excitement for their accomplishments!

Graduates Dena Booker and Tiffany Hoxie-Chisholm, presented this fall at the Connecticut Association for the Education of Young Children conference. Their workshop was on graphing skills with young children. Dena was the 2013 Goodwin College Valedictorian, and Tiffany is a 2011 bachelor degree graduate and has earned an outstanding Alumni Award. Both are currently pursuing their masters degrees.