

# GRADUATE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

*Oberlin College*

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GTEP has begun! We have had a busy spring getting ready to welcome the first cohort of students.

Rasha Al Sarraj, Class of 2006, joined us two weeks before she became part of the first cohort and worked with Kathy Ganske, Associate Professor of Literacy, cataloguing new books and hands-on materials for the Curriculum Materials Center. Thanks go to the Class of 2007 whose Senior Gift made it possible for us to build this extensive and varied collection.



During the GTEP Commencement Weekend Open House Jeanne Reardon, Class of 1958, former elementary classroom teacher and teacher educator; Kathy Jaffee, OC MAT Class of 1971, teacher in the Oberlin Schools for twenty-five years and now School Liaison and Instructor for GTEP; and Gwenna Corvez, Class of 2003 and member of the first GTEP cohort, found they had many connections.

We also thank Jeanne's class ('58) for designating GTEP as one of the recipients of their 50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion Gift! *For ways you can support GTEP, see our website at [www.oberlin.edu/teachereducation](http://www.oberlin.edu/teachereducation).*



Mentor teachers participated in a four-day workshop in early June to prepare for working with the GTEP students in their classrooms in the fall. At the end of the week they said they are ready and eager to begin their work mentoring GTEP students and also continue their own professional development.

The mentor teachers come from Eastwood, Prospect and Langston Middle School, all of which are part of GTEP's partnership with the Oberlin City School District.

From left to right: Front row, Kathy Ganske, Sharon Blecher and Barb Enos; Back row, Kathy Jaffee, Gail Burton, Alison Bigenho, Lauri Brua, Nancy Monaghan, Angela Padilla, Deborah Roose, Cindy Moroney and Barb Pratt (not shown are mentor teachers Kristi Walter and Vicky Fridenstine)





## **First Cohort of the Graduate Teacher Education Program (2008-2009) Orientation – June 15, 2008**

Back Row: Annamica Ramdeen, Roneisha Kinney, Kathy Jaffee, Jamina Creason, Deborah Roose, Kait Beers, Ximena Puig and Kathy Ganske

Front Row: Leah Jackson, Jamie Bollinger, Gwenna Corvez, Dianne Hurvitz and Rasha Al Sarraj

### **Facts about this year's GTEP students:**

They come from Ohio; Michigan; Florida; Wisconsin; Doha, Qatar; and France & USA.

They graduated from Oberlin College - Class of 2003 (2); Class of 2005 (1); Class of 2006 (2) and Class of 2008 (3); Kent State University – Class of 2005 (1); and Earlham College - Class of 2006 (1).

They have taught or tutored

- English as a Second Language in Japan and to Mexican immigrants
- English as a Foreign Language in Uzbekistan
- Conflict Management to middle school students in Cincinnati
- Experiential Education at an Outdoor Education Center in Ohio
- Through OC programs such as America Reads, America Counts, SITES (Spanish in the Elementary Schools), and Athletes-Helping-Athletes
- Kindergartners at a Waldorf School in Wisconsin
- Theater through Oberlin's Mad Factory
- Suzuki violin
- At-risk children at Tuesday's Child Learning Center in South Carolina
- At a preschool in Mexico
- Third Graders at Chicago International Charter School
- As a TA for "Street Law & American History" class in Cleveland Public Schools



During Orientation, Leah Jackson, Ximena Puig and Annamica Ramdeen work together while Kathy Ganske looks on.



Deborah Roose, Professor and Director of GTEP, and Roneisha Kinney have a conversation during the first summer class.

The GTEP students are taking a full course load this summer plus working with children in local summer programs and learning about the community of Oberlin by being paired up with an Oberlin family.

