Glasgow Teacher Education

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With the semester beginning to wind down, WKU’s Glasgow campus is promoting the success of its education department. Amy Bingham profiles two graduates of the program in this week’s View from the Hill.

WKU Glasgow boasts a 98 percent graduation rate for elementary education majors. I recently talked with two teachers who say the program was key to the success they are now having in the classroom.

“When you finally see that they’re getting something or they even have a little spark of excitement, it makes you say ok this is worth it.”

Adrienne Edwards loves teaching fourth grade math and it shows.

“They’re not gonna care about mixed numbers and fractions unless you make it sound like the best thing ever.”

Teaching is something Edwards always knew she wanted to do.

“I knew from the time I was five years old that I was going to be a teacher.”

Edwards started her college career at WKU’s main campus but finished at the Glasgow campus when her father became terminally ill. “He had been battling cancer for about ten years. I just knew at the time it was the right move. I was able to live at home in Cumberland County and make that commute every day to Glasgow.” Edwards says the supportive staff was a huge factor in her being able to get her degree in three and a half years.. Now she’s living out her dream with students she adores.

“Becoming a teacher, you’re number one priority is just to love your students and everything else will go from there.”

55-year-old Kris Carey had a very different path to his teaching career.

“I worked for Ford Motor company over 20 years and I had the opportunity to take a buyout and go back to college.”

“They paid for my education and gave me a stipend so I could go full time.”

Carey calls the decision to get his teaching degree a no brainer and says WKU’s Glasgow campus was a perfect fit.

“Glasgow worked out great for me, it was a 15 minute drive to Glasgow.”. And now career number two is allowing Mr. Carey to have a real impact on his students. “It’s really the relationship with the kids, I’ve got some great kids. You get to know them very well and make a difference in their lives.

The next step is a masters degree for both Edwards and Carey. WKU Glasgow’s College of Education and Behavorial Sciences has had seven college scholars since 2005. With this week’s View from the Hill, I’m Amy Bingham.

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