



NEWSLETTER

FRIENDS
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CELEBRATING A SUCCESSFUL YEAR WITH FRIENDSHIP FIELDS

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THANKS TO OUR FRIENDS AT FRIENDS

On behalf of all our program participants, I want to thank all of you for welcoming us into your Friends University "family." We have had such a good time learning, laughing, and loving among all of you. We have enjoyed so many wonderful things this year, and I would like to list a few:

- ★Professors came in and taught us some lessons
- ★We went to the winter dance
- ★International Students came to tell us about their countries
- ★We went into Professor Maccarone's amazing Science Lab
- ★We learned a ton about music from Dr. John Taylor
- ★Mr. Max made learning fun in so many ways

- ★We went to the chili tasting and voted
- ★We ate in the Casado Campus Center where Waleed and his staff are SOOOO nice to us
- ★We hung out with several sports teams, ballet students, music students, and so many more and love them all
- ★We had some amazing interns who helped us every week
- ★We attended a baseball game, basketball games, a concert, a track meet, and so many other events

We are so lucky to have all of you in our lives. Thank you, Friends University, for another wonderful year. See you next fall!

--Valerie Wall, Director

OUR
FAMILIES
SHARE
THEIR
SUPPORT

MADELINE
MCCULLOUGH
--Tanner's Mom--

LISA
SHERRARD
--Todd's Sister--

LISA
HERREN
--Lauren's Mom--

MADELINE
MCCULLOUGH



When Tanner graduated from Northwest, I wondered how I would explain to him that although his brother and all his cousins and everyone he'd ever known had gone to college after high school, he wouldn't. I worried about how that would affect him. The minute I heard about Friends University's Friendship Fields program with Val Wall at the helm, I knew it would be the perfect fit for Tanner. "Tanner," I said, "next fall, you're going to college." He was absolutely thrilled and his excitement for the program has not diminished. The two days a week he spends at Friendship Fields serve as anchors in his schedule. Friendship Fields is what he "does." When people

ask he says proudly, "I go to college at Friends University." What a godsend this program has been for a young man who loves people, getting out, doing things, and being like everyone else he knows—a college student.

LISA SHERRARD



Friendship Fields is one of the greatest blessings we received in 2015. Todd, my brother, who recently moved to Wichita, really wanted to attend a college. Friendship Fields allows him to do just that, and it's the highlight of his week. The staff and students have done an incredible job welcoming these young adults into the campus body. Each week he tells us of all the "Friends' friends" he has met in class and at the Cassado. Thank you for

this unforgettable experience. It is one that touches so many hearts and dreams.

LISA HERREN



Friendship Fields provides so many opportunities that are life-changing for young adults with special needs. This amazing program gives them real-life experiences gained in a collegiate atmosphere they wouldn't otherwise be able to experience. It provides opportunities for college students at Friends to interact with our students—to learn from them and with them. It allows the Friendship Fields students some opportunities to gain confidence by leveraging their skills to help other FF students who have different skills.

FRIENDSHIP FIELDS: OUR YEAR IN REVIEW



We love to be together, and we love eating! Here we are enjoying a meal at Abuelo's between games.



The 2015-2016 school year has been a great success for our participants, volunteers, students, mentors, and staff.

These photos show many of the fun and educational activities we have enjoyed.

In April Dr. Paul Uhlig visited to present information about the medical profession. Since we were learning about the field of medicine, we all dressed up as doctors!



Thank You!

See You Next Year!

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