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MAKING FRIENDS AND CREATING COLLEGE EXPERIENCES



Fun with Mentors

Early in the school year we met our Friends University student mentors and had fun participating in several relay activities. Here we are wrapping up the interns and mentors as fast as we can with TOILET PAPER!

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for more photos of this activity



A NOTE FROM FRIENDSHIP FIELDS

We could not have hoped for more than Friends University wrapping its arms around us and welcoming all of us in this program. We are having a blast. We are having fun with the sports teams, going into classes, eating in the school cafeteria, and having professors come to us to teach us about all kinds of things. Dr. John Taylor teaches us a little bit about

music every week, with Dr. Hetherington in vocal music and Karen Scroggins for art. “Mr.

Max” Burson, the librarian, meets with us bi-weekly, and we love the books and activities he brings to us. Our interns and volunteers are dedicated, loving, and fun individuals who

bring the best to us every week. Thank you, Friends University, for making us Falcons. We love it here.



For more information about Friendship Fields, please contact our director, Valerie Wall, at wall@friends.edu or 316-619-9633.

Friends University Student Research Project

Brooke Stucky's research analyzed the effects of programs like Friendship Fields on the stress levels on participants' families. The study, "Special Needs Adult Programs Reduce Stress in Families," provides interesting results for us and our parents.

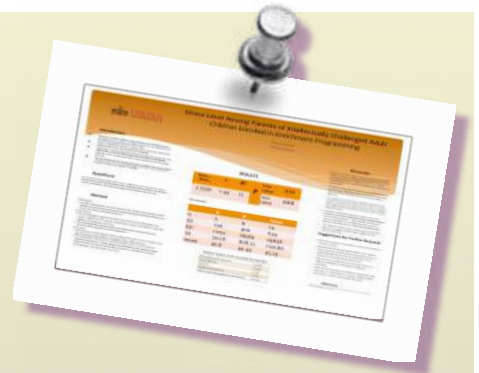
"Special Needs Adult Programs Reduce Stress in Families"

Info, data, and results from the study

- [Research Results in Chart format](#)
- [Literature Review of Research](#)

Programs for Special Needs Adults

- [Friendship Fields at Friends U](#)
- [Next Steps at Vanderbilt University](#)



Read Brooke's comments in the orange area below

Comments from Brooke Stucky

The Friendship Fields students completely change the environment on campus. They get enriching programs and activities while others on the campus get to help! Everybody loves them, including all of the teams, music groups, etc. They are the best students to have on campus because they bring everyone together. It's not a stretch to say they are some of the most popular kids on campus either, probably because they love coming and seeing everyone, and they have such a good outlook on life! The students even threw a surprise wedding shower for me last spring, and it was so special. These people and their families have touched and changed my life, giving me a purpose in life and helping me find a career in which my skills and interests come together.



From Tony Parker (center photo) *"I especially love it when we get together with the athletes. It is fun getting to know them and their sport. I also love to go to their games and cheer them on!"*

FRIENDS UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL GAMES

We love going to the Friends University men's and women's basketball games. The players and coaches include us in so many ways that make the games very special to us. [Click here](#) for more game photos.



During basketball season we spent some fun time with the Friends University women's basketball team. And the men's team included us in fun ways, too!

[Click here](#) to view more photos from this activity.



Winter Formal Dance at Friends

Friendship Fields students participated in the annual Winter Dance at Friends University. The decorations were great, and we enjoyed the music too! All of the faculty and students in attendance were friendly and made the dance very fun for us!

In the pictures above you can see that we had special lighting, too. We dressed up and enjoyed our time at a real college dance.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more photos of this activity,

COMMENTS ABOUT OUR PROGRAM



BASEBALL
Coach Adam Neisius

MEN'S BASKETBALL
Coach Dale Faber

WOMEN'S SOCCER
Coach Brent Hobson

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BASEBALL

Friendship Fields has brought a new dimension to our baseball program....our time spent with those amazing individuals is one of the most rewarding things we do as a team all year. I think it brings true

Coach Adam Neisius



perspective to our student-athletes. We get more out of spending time with the Friendship Fields group then they get from us.

BASKETBALL

In working directly or indirectly with the Friendship Fields group. I consistently notice the

Coach Dale Faber



joy that is associated with this partnership, a shared joy between Friendship Fields members and the Friends University students, staff, and faculty when we interact. It is something all participants will remember for a lifetime.

SOCCER

Friendship Fields has been great for our team in many ways. It's quality time away from the field/workouts that we get to spend with some amazing people. Everyone in the class is

Coach Brent Hobson



always excited to participate in the activities we choose to do that day. This program has been very valuable to the students in the class but also to all the student-athletes at Friends University.