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### Remembering Corey

By Lauren H.

We had a student named Corey in Friendship Fields. Corey died in September of 2015. He was almost 25. Corey had Spina Bifida. He did Laughing Feet which is a variety show that has people who has disabilities and some without disabilities. And on top of that Corey did track for challenge games. His team was called Sedgwick County Lightning. In Corey's and another student's honor Friendship Fields is going to plant a tree. There is going to be a tree ceremony which will be in the next issue.



Lauren H., Senior



COREY

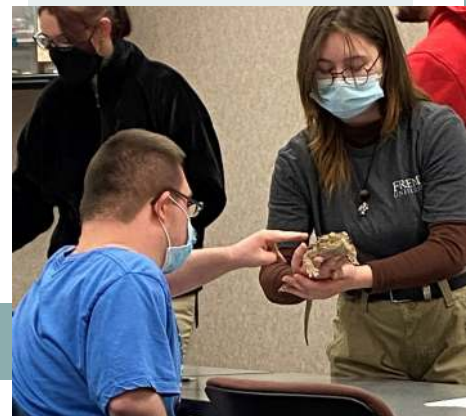


### ZOO SCIENCE

Zoo Science students bring creatures to Friendship Fields once a month. On Tuesday, January 25, 2022, Cory Harris, Head of Education in Animal Care Lab, is showing Ashley R. a ball python snake (above).



Kelly McDonald, a zoo science student, is showing Sammy R. a bearded dragon (below).





Spring 2022  
Schedule of Classes

<u>Understanding the Bible</u>	<u>Ms. Meghan</u>	<u>Monday</u>
<u>Speech</u>	<u>Ms. Julie</u>	<u>Monday</u>
<u>Communications at Work</u>	<u>Ms. Cara</u>	<u>Monday</u>
<u>Leadership Skills (1st 8 weeks)</u>	<u>Ms. LaNier</u>	<u>Monday</u>
<u>Marketing Yourself (2nd 8 weeks)</u>	<u>Ms. LaNier</u>	<u>Monday</u>
<u>Fitness</u>	<u>Mr. Ian</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>
<u>Positive Psychology</u>	<u>Ms. Andrea</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>
<u>8-to-Great (1st 8 weeks)</u>	<u>Ms. Patty</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>
<u>Etiquette (2nd 8 weeks)</u>	<u>Ms. Barb</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>
<u>Research Methods/Study Skills</u>	<u>Ms. Julie</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>

*Turtle, Chicken, Alien, Sloth*

*A group story by Miss Karen's class*

Once upon a time, there was a turtle named Tina. Tina's shell was bright green and she had a brother named Turner. Tina's babies names were Utopia and Grinch.



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The whole family liked to play basketball, football, and baseball. All the turtles knew sign language and they signed A to Z.

A chicken came along and began pecking on the turtle shells. The turtles and the chicken was joined by a sloth who was even slower than the turtles.



The turtles are really jumpy because the chicken is pecking them. They all saw a plane in the air and then it crashed to the ground. Aliens came out of the plane.

They had fried chicken for supper. They took the sloth home for a pet.



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 FRIENDSHIP  
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# THE ARC OF SEDGWICK COUNTY

BY

HANNAH G.



Hi, I am Hannah and I am writing about s Christmas light display. Every Thanksgiving weekend, the ARC of Sedgwick County, Kansas, puts up a huge Christmas lights display.

The lights are up from Thanksgiving until the end of the year. They start working on the lights before Thanksgiving.

There are so many great lights to come see and enjoy with family and friends!



Emma, sophomore at  
Friendship Fields Academy

## How I Arrived at Friendship Fields Academy

By Emma

I heard about Friendship Fields from a teacher at Dunlap transition campus at Chisholm Like Skills. She told my mom and I about the program. I decided I wanted to do the program so my mom and I talked and met with Val Wall to enroll me in the program. Now I'm a sophomore in the program. The program has helped me grow and I'm grateful that I am in the program.



## **Darren Thomas**

**By**

**Alexis Armstrong**

For the last issue of the newsletter, I wrote about Darren Thomas and his love for Wichita State University. His story continues in this newsletter and I am going to tell you how Darren came to Friends University. Darren was born in 1960 and went to public school before special education laws existed to protect the rights of special education students. He finished eighth grade at Hadley and wanted more than anything to go to high school. He would not go to high school until more than 40 years later. He graduated from high school in 2019 at the age of 59. Darren still wanted to keep going. At the time, Dr. Cindy McGilvrey was Darren's high school teacher. She heard about Friendship Fields and thought it sounded perfect for Darren. Dr. William Polite, Darren's brother and caregiver, Dr. Cindy, and Darren visited Friendship Fields. After their tour, Darren said that he would like to go to college at Friends University. During their visit, Darren met the basketball coach. Later, he also met the football coach who gave Darren a jersey. Darren only wears the jersey to Friends home games. After meeting the football coach, and getting a jersey, the rest is history! Darren is now the honorary football team manager and can be seen at every home game, sitting near the end zone and cheering on the team. Dr. Cindy McGilvrey came to Friendship Fields, too, the year after Darren arrived. He attends Friendship Fields on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Friendship Fields Academy on Mondays.





Alexis, senior at Friendship Fields Academy, on the left.

Hannah, sophomore at Friendship Fields Academy, on the right.

Both students write for the newsletter, help with Friends athletic teams, and attend classes every Monday and Wednesday, 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

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