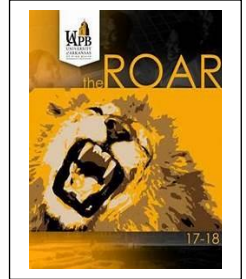




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### The Efforts of a Butterfly

A butterfly must come out of its cocoon before it can fly. Breaking through its cocoon allows the butterfly to generate the life-giving fluids that move from its body to the butterfly's wings that makes it stronger and able to fly. The effort of pushing through the cocoon makes it possible for the butterfly to grow and develop.

Life gives us opportunities to grow stronger. Whenever we are faced with difficulties, we have the chance to grow and develop into the person we were created to be. In this difficult time, break through, spread your wings and fly. You can do it!

### UNIVERSITY UPDATES

- Courses taught online for the remaining of the spring 2020 semester.
- Mid-term grades will be posted on blackboard by April 6th.
- Students move their personal items out of the dorms by April 3<sup>rd</sup>
- The School of Education Graduate School continues to accept applications for enrollment.



### Words of Wisdom

"Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he or she has overcome while trying to succeed."

**Booker T. Washington**

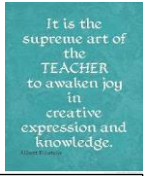
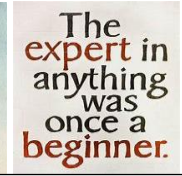
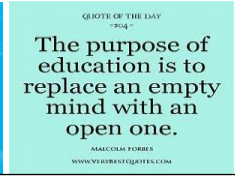
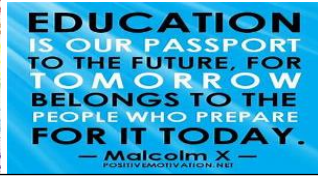
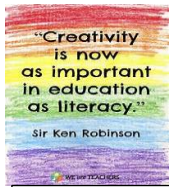
### A Word about Grades & Grading for Faculty and Students

Grades seldom tell the whole story. We would like to think that grades represent what students actually know and have learned. Most students are concerned about grades and try to do their very best to meet grade requirements to pass their courses.

There are other students who seem not to care about grades and wait to the very last minute to get their work done or submit their assignments on time.

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### A Word about Grades & Grading for Faculty and Students (continued from page1)

In light of this, it is important to say a few words about grades and grading during the coronavirus outbreak.

**Students.** It is important for students to step-up and do what is needed to pass all of their courses. Most students were passing prior to courses going totally online. Quite a few other students were failing. These students were failing because they did not complete earlier assignments. The School of Education hopes that its students will not take advantage of the current situation and make excuses as to why they are unable to do their coursework. Remember, it is a student's choice as to whether he or she will cheat him or herself out of a quality education. This is the time for students to do right by themselves and make all passing grades in their courses.

**Faculty:** It is important that faculty show that they are compassionate and able to work with students who are earnestly attempting to pass their courses. Because of internet concerns, some faculty have made adjustments to their assignments and grading scale. It is the School of Education's desire that all students have an equal opportunity to pass their courses. Assigning an Incomplete grade (I) is not a solution or an act of compassion and should be a last choice. Please review grading guidelines and policies related to assigning incomplete grades. In times like these, faculty should not want to leave students tangling. Students should know, when the semester ends, their academic status.

### Education Graduating Seniors

Education seniors who are scheduled to graduate this May can breathe easy, provided they have met all of their graduation requirements outlined in their particular plan of study; even if UAPB does not have spring graduation ceremonies.

Student Teachers will meet requirements for the Arkansas Standard Teacher License upon completion of their student teaching courses. They may apply for their teacher license; however, their transcripts must be stamped complete with UAPB seal and their application fee of \$75 must be paid before it is approved by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.



"Wait and See," is the state of Upward Bound summer program session. With the possibilities of public schools extending their students' stay-at-home time, there is a great chance that UAPB Upward Bound program may go virtual. We can be assured that Ms. Tenita Gragg will keep us posted on this situation.

### Video Conferencing Etiquettes

The other day, I had an online Zoom conference meeting. I overslept and hurriedly got on the call. When the message said, caller now entering the meeting, my picture instantly appeared on the screen. I looked like the cat just pulled me out of the dumpster. I quickly typed in a message explaining that I had technological difficulties and would use the call in number.

This experience made me think about video conference etiquettes. Here are some simple guidelines, I would like to share: (1) **Dress to Impress.** Pay attention to your appearance; (2) **Make sure your background is clean.** Pay attention to your surroundings; (3) **Mute your device, until it's time for you to speak.** Pay attention to the noise and sounds other may hear in your background; (4) **Think about your body language.** Pay attention to yawning with your mouth open or how you are chopping on your chewing gum. Try to be still and attractive.





## HEALTHY TIPS

The situation with coronavirus is evolving rapidly; however, there are hygiene best practices you should follow in order to limit your risk to all kinds of diseases and infections:

1. Wash your hands regularly,



2. Try not to touch your face and eyes.



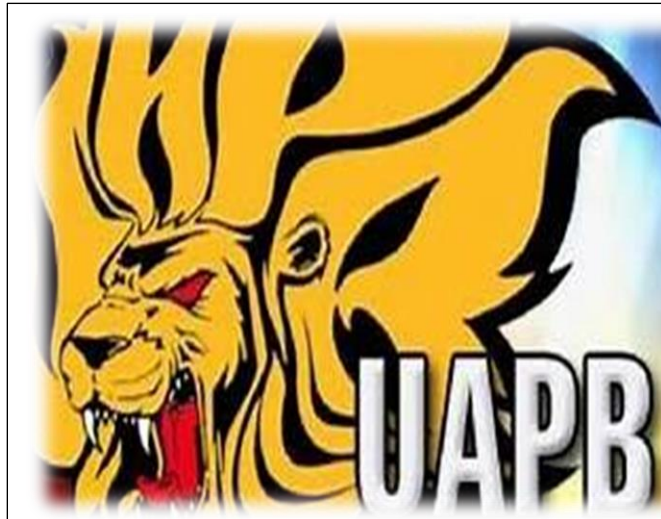
3. Cover your cough and sneeze in the bend of your arm.



4. Practice social distancing.



5. Avoid sick people if possible.



## Newsletter

Greetings!  
This newsletter is the School of Education attempt to stay connected with students, staff, faculty and stakeholders.

We want you to replace your "cabin fever" with thoughts of "Lion Fever."

Want to contribute to the next newsletter? Send your article or comments to Liza Johnson at UAPB [johnsonl@uapb.edu](mailto:johnsonl@uapb.edu)



## VIRTUAL CONNECTION WELCOME TO THE "NEW NORMAL"

Transforming one's life can be a challenge to say the least. Charting new ground can be met with sheer excitement or gloom depending on your personality and situation in life. Nevertheless, the days of yesterday are gone and we must move forward with total virtual connections.

While many may think this situation is temporary, don't be fooled. We will not return to business as usual in its original state. We must learn from this experience.

This is a time of opportunity. A time to think about *re-creation, restoration and resolution.*

It's time to reimagine what education can be in a world wired through virtual connections. We should be refreshing our strength and spirit knowing that we have and will continue to do our best work, regardless of our locations or situations. UAPB is here to stay!

It is time to restore those important relationships that we may have taken for granted or pushed aside. We should bring back those things that are important to us and give back the gifts that God has given us to share with our UAPB family.

It time to strengthen our resolve to love others and show how extremely compassionate we are. We must be steadfast in our efforts to melt away thoughts of defeat or negativity because we are overcomers with the tenacity to be victors.

After all we are the faculty and students of UAPB School of Education where the Golden Lion ROARS! We are the BEST!