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As a College of Education donor, your support enables us to provide vital resources and opportunities for our students. Every day, College of Education students are training to make a difference in the lives of families and children through service-oriented careers.

Student success is paramount to our mission and to the communities we serve. We are thrilled to share with you a highlight from our student community as well as donors who are passionate about empowering students to reach their full potential.

Student Spotlight



Brittany Grenbemer, BS '23 UOTeach Masters Student

Brittany Grenbemer is a master's student in the UOTeach Elementary program. Growing up as the daughter of an educator, Brittany says that she has been passionate about education for as long as she can remember. She received support from both the **Donald & Dorothy Carlson Parr Memorial Scholarship** and the **Walker Educator Diversity Scholarship**.

Brittany shared that the courses she has taken have adequately prepared her with applicable context area knowledge, a deeper understanding of the sociocultural context of learning, and what it means to be a culturally responsive educator.

"I believe that education is one of the highest forms of activism, and this belief has fueled my desire to make a tangible difference in the lives of students. From the completion of the UOTeach Master's and licensure program, I want to pursue a career in teaching and coaching upper elementary students in a Title 1 school, as I am passionate about using my experiences to provide a sense of consistency and commitment to students who may otherwise lack stablility." -Brittany Grenbemer, UOTeach Master's Student

Donor Spotlight



Jane Squires, Ph.D. & Paul Kaplan, M.D.

Jane Squires, Ph.D. '88 Special Education, is Associate Professor Emerita of the College of Education. Throughout her career at the Center on Human Development and the Special Education Early Intervention Program at the UO's College of Education she has developed and conducted research on assessments and intervention tools to assist in optimizing children's developmental outcomes and wellbeing while working with countless graduate students along the way.

Jane and her husband, Paul Kaplan, M.D., recognize the impact College of Education students have in ensuring positive and healthy outcomes for the children and families who receive early intervention services. Confident these graduate students will assist countless families throughout their careers, both Jane and Paul are passionate about funding their success through academic scholarships at the College of Education.

"Education opened wide vistas for us. We hope to pass it on to help others obtain advanced degrees, have meaningful careers in education and research, change the lives of young children ad families. We hope our gifts help students achieve their highest dreams, loftiest goals, and make our schools and neighborhoods better places for everyone."-Jane Squires, Ph.D & Paul Kaplan, M.D.



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Doctoral student Erick Njue recently shared with the College of Education why he is excited to make a difference in the field of special education. Erick is the recipient of the Hill Walker Legacy Scholarship, a



competitive award for students with the potential to make a significant impact as researchers, leaders, or practitioners for children and youth with emotional and behavioral disorders.

> Click to watch Erick Njue's Interview

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