JANUARY 2024 BOARD REPORT

ATU PINNING CEREMONY

On Wednesday, December 6, I was invited to speak at the pinning ceremony for the graduating seniors of Arkansas Tech University's College of Education. I shared with them "Six Tips of Practical Professionalism" to assist in their transition from college to their classroom! I'm so excited for what the future holds for each one of them.



Discovering Your Potential: A Journey to Personal Excellence Capri Bell Salaam, 2023 Arkansas Teacher of the Year

EDUCATORS RISING

I was invited to be the keynote speaker at a regional Educators Rising conference at Arkansas State University. I loved the theme: Discovering Your Potential! I presented to students who are interested in becoming teachers. We discussed discovering their potential and providing them with personal and professional growth strategies and tools.

CELEBRATING OUR ASPIRING TEACHERS

During December, I surprised a few aspiring teachers in their classrooms to celebrate and congratulate them on their graduation! Students were so proud to tell me about their amazing teachers.



GUEST READER

I was invited by Kassadi Seidenschnur, the Library Media Specialist and a 2024 ATOY Semi-Finalist, to read to some of the elementary students at Hurricane Creek. I read the book *To Catch an Elf* and made sure my sweatshirt matched the holiday theme!